

## Re: openssh\_config problems

**Source:** <http://www.derkeiler.com/Newsgroups/comp.security.ssh/2003-07/0317.html>

---

**From:** Richard E. Silverman (*res\_at\_goxp.net*)

**Date:** 07/25/03

Date: 25 Jul 2003 04:49:27 -0400

>>>> "JDL" == *Jan De Luyck* <*jdeluyck.no.spam@hou.uwe.spam.bij.u.triennium.com*> writes:

JDL> hello List, I'm looking to implement ssh on our servers (40  
JDL> solaris boxes)

JDL> Due to architectural reasons I'm currently unable to put my ssh  
JDL> identity keys in \$HOME/.ssh - \$HOME is a directory that is  
JDL> rdisted over several servers.

I don't understand your reasoning here. Why is this an impediment?  
Presumably you have one, or a small set, of personal keys, which would be  
the same everywhere.

But more to the point, why put your private keys on these boxes at all? I  
would keep them on a smaller set of machines I log into directly (e.g. my  
desktop), and place only the public keys on the servers. Use agent  
forwarding if you need transitive access to your keys from there.

--

Richard Silverman  
res@goxp.net