

Re: logging in with tunnels but no shell

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john@curioussymbols.com (jdpipes) writes:

*>I'm writing a distributed application at the moment that uses SSH as
>its method of transferring data from computer to computer. I want to
>create a private key that remote computers can use to log in to the
>central server. But I don't want these keys to provide access to a
>shell prompt. I want to provide a tunnel to MySQL, a tunnel to a
>webserver, and perhaps SCP. Can I specify those things as part of the
>authorized_keys section?*

You can specify

command="cat"

there, but I don't know of a way to specify a restriction on tunnels.

(If you decide to support scp, you'll want to allow a more exotic program than "cat." Those have been discussed here already.)

—kyler