

Re: Rhosts authentication with openssh 3.7

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"ludovic LECLERC" <ludovic.leclerc@col.bsf.alcatel.fr> wrote in message news:773f08cd.0311240733.20dc976d@posting.google.com...

> *I know that rhosts based authentication is HEAVILY unsecured but in my
> special case, it would help. I don't like the idea of having a feature
> in a software that disappears one day in a release just because
> someone said "what that f... option ??? still exists ?... ok let's
> blast it !".
> Someone know if there is a patch to restore this option ? (no it's not
> a joke...).> Ok, I know the answer... I'll restore the source code from v3.6. I
> like this job !...
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> thanks
> ludo.*

This didn't just "disappear one day". It's been a screaming "don't do that" issue since the invention of SSH, for years. If you have to run something that is exactly like rsh with .rhosts, then run rsh with .rhosts.

Seriously, it's so much more secure to use tools like "ssh-agent" if you need automatic behavior, I strongly recommend them to you.