

## Re: how to invoke SSH-ADD to read passphrase from a file

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In comp.security.ssh Michael Heiming <michael+USENET@www.heiming.de>:

> *In comp.security.ssh Javed <kjaved@ncs.com.sg>:*

>> *Hi Richard,*

>> *Can you please suggest how should i go for it?*

>> *Our requirement is such that, we want to use public key based*

>> *authantication and that too it should contain the passpharase.*

>> *The problem that i am facing is to automate the whole process.*

>> *As i cant write a script where i can pass the password as one of the*

>> *parameter to SSH therefore i went through the process of using*

> *[..]*

> *Hi Javed!*

> *You perhaps didn't understood what Richard meant? There's no*

> *point in having a pass-phrase on a key if you are storing the*

> *pass-phrase on the system in a text file, it's exactly the same as*

> *if you are using a key without pass-phrase.*

> *If you want to use a passport's but have problems getting*

> *things working, so you only need to enter the passports after a*

> *reboot, check out keychain which eases things up:*

Ops, looks like a combination out of fat fingers + spell-checker,  
should be pass-phrase not passport of course.;

> <http://www.gentoo.org/proj/en/keychain/index.xml>

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mail: echo zvpunry@urvzvat.qr | perl -pe 'y/a-z/n-za-m/'  
#bofh excuse 345: Having to manually track the satellite.