

(Mis)trusting and (ab)using ssh

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[\(mis\)Trusting and \(ab\)Using SSH](#) Tips and Tricks for Pentesters and Sysadmins Herman Duarte <hcoduarte@gmail.com> Bruno Morisson <morisson@genhex.org> Monday, July 2, 12 1

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[In the beginning](#)of times... Telnet r* services (rlogin, rsh) Weak (or no) authentication Communication in clear Monday, July 2, 12 3

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[In the beginning](#)of times... Sniffing Interception Hijacking Man-In-The-Middle ... Monday, July 2, 12 4

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[SSH* features](#) Key agreement (DH) Encrypted communications (C&I from CIA) Multiple authentication options (password, public keys, kerberos, etc...) Channel Multiplexing Port Forwarding VPN ...and so much more! * for this talk SSH==SSHv2 Monday, July 2, 12 6

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[SSH 101- The Basics](#) Session Multiplexing, TCP forwarding, Connection socket forwarding, sftp subsystem, etc SSH User Auth User Authentication (password, Pubkey, etc) Key Agreement (DH), Host auth, Integrity, Transport Encryption, Re-Keying TCP IP Monday, July 2, 12 8

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[SSH 101- The Basics](#) Encrypted Channel Setup User Authentication Client Connection Server Monday, July 2, 12 9

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[SSH 101- The Basics](#) User authentication methods: GSSAPI Host-Based Public Key Challenge-Response Password Monday, July 2, 12 10

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[Password Authentication](#) Encrypted Channel Setup Client Server username, use password OK Password Auth Ok / NOk passwd ssh sshd file Monday, July 2, 12 11

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[If the server](#) is compromised... sshd binary is changed with one that logs passwords keylogger is installed on the server ..the password is compromised! Monday, July 2, 12 12

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[PublicKey Authentication](#) Encrypted Channel Setup Client Server username, use publickey OK Signature Auth Ok / NOk authorized id_dsa ssh sshd _keys Monday, July 2, 12 13

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[What if I](#) have a lot of keys, or login a lot ?? Monday, July 2, 12 15

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[SSH Agent](#) Encrypted Channel Setup Client Server username, use publickey OK Signature Auth Ok / NOk Agent ssh sshd authorized id_dsa _keys Monday, July 2, 12 16

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[What if I](#) SSH into other servers ?? Monday, July 2, 12 17

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[SSH Agent Forwarding](#) No need to copy private key to other servers Key is kept on the original source host Agent is forwarded, using a tunnel Passwordless! Monday, July 2, 12 18

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[SSH Agent Forwarding](#) Client Transport Server #1 Transport Server #2 Connection Connection Interactive Shell Agent Forwarding Interactive Shell Agent ssh sshd ssh sshd authorized authorized id_dsa _keys _keys Monday, July 2, 12 19

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[Control Master](#) Connection multiplexing allows for multiple sessions on one connection It's fast No need for extra authentication Monday, July 2, 12 20

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[Caveat Emptor\(s\)](#) You must trust the server(s) What if the server was compromised ? Can SSH Agent be abused ? Can Control Master be abused ? Monday, July 2, 12 22

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[Help us ObiWan](#) You're our only hope! Monday, July 2, 12 24

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[Freak on aLeash](#) When adding keys to ssh-agent use ssh-add with: -t <secs> to set a maximum lifetime on the identities being added to the agent -c to indicate that identities being added should be subject to confirmation before being used for auth Monday, July 2, 12 25

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[Freak on aLeash](#) ssh-agent queries /usr/libexec/ssh-askpass for confirmation "ssh-add -c -t 3600 </dev/null" makes ssh-add use env var SSH_ASKPASS to query for passphrase Monday, July 2, 12 26

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[But we still](#) need passwords! If you su / sudo, you still type your password... What if we could use the SSH Agent for sudo ? Yes we can! :) Monday, July 2, 12 28

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[Using SSH w/o](#) using SSH (but still using SSH) ssh -W trusted:22 untrusted Open socket to trusted Server... ..through an untrusted Server Monday, July 2, 12 32

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[Using SSH w/o](#) using SSH (but still using SSH) Connect to the socket created ssh -o "ProxyCommand ssh -a -W trusted:22 untrusted" trusted Disable Agent Forwarding Open Socket to trusted via untrusted Just for user and key validation Monday, July 2, 12 33

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[Using SSH w/o](#) using SSH (but still using SSH) Client Transport Untrusted Owned Trusted Connection -W (Open Socket to Server #2) Transport Connection Interactive Shell Agent ssh sshd sshd authorized authorized id_dsa _keys _keys Monday, July 2, 12 34

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[Control your SSH](#) .ssh/config Host trusted1 trusted2 trusted3 ForwardAgent yes ProxyCommand ssh -a -W %h:22 untrusted.server.com Host * ControlMaster no ForwardAgent no PasswordAuthentication no HashKnownHosts yes Monday, July 2, 12 36

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