

OpenSSH

Das neue Zeug

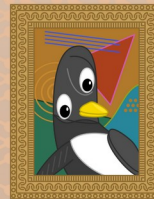
Der Leyrer



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Trigger-Warnungen

- Österreicher
 - unverständliches Deutsch
 - DEnglisch
 - schwarzer, morbider Humor
 - Ich habe Meinungen
 - nicht markierter Sarkasmus
- Hohe Slide-Frequenz
 - Standardvortrag: 45 Minuten Redezeit + 10 Minuten für Fragen
 - 60 Slides

Leyrer

- Der Leyrer / Dem Leyrer sein ...
- „Du Martin“ ist auch OK, Siezen verwirrt mich
- Sammelt alte Hardware (NeXTCube anyone?)
- Kommandozeilen und Linux „Affinität“
- 30+ Jahre in der IT, 40+ Jahre am Gerät
- Erstes Mal auf den CLT



Sven Guckes

Wiederholungs“täter“

(was SSH Talks betrifft)

GPN20: Besser leben mit SSH



<https://media.ccc.de/v/gpn20-8-besser-leben-mit-ssh>



GPN21: Noch besser leben mit SSH



<https://media.ccc.de/v/gpn21-28-noch-besser-leben-mit-ssh>



Lyrische Lesung des OpenSSH Changelogs



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Das neue Zeug

- Dinge, die wegfallen
- Mehr Sicherheit
- Dateien kopieren
(scp, sftp, ...)
- Netzwerk
- Config-File
- Verbesserungen
- Misc ssh(d)

Dinge, die wegfallen

DSA zur Compilezeit deaktiviert

- Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA) – 1991
 - 160 bit private key
 - SHA1 digest
- security level: 80 bits symmetric equivalent



Sun

SPARCstation 20

SPARCstation 20
SUN MICROSYSTEMS

Kein MD5 Support mehr

- Message-Digest Algorithm 5 (MD5) – 1991
- kryptographische Hashfunktion
- 128-Bit-Hashwert
- keine Kollisionsresistenz seit 2004

Mehr Sicherheit

RequiredRSASize

- Minimum RSA key size (in bits)
- The default is 1024 bits.
- User und host-based authentication keys kleiner als das Limit werden abgelehnt.
- BSI TR-02102-1/2025-01: 3000 bit

Post-Quantum Key Exchange

- `sntrup761x25519-sha512@openssh.com`
- Hybrid ECDH/x25519 + Streamlined NTRU Prime post-quantum KEX
- Default seit OpenSSH 9.0 (2022-04-08)

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ssh-agent: pin-required FIDO keys

- allow pin-required FIDO keys to be added to ssh-agent.
- `$SSH_ASKPASS` will be used to request the PIN at authentication time.

Besserer FIDO Support

- better handling for FIDO keys on tokens that provide user verification (UV) on the device itself, including biometric keys
- avoiding unnecessary PIN prompts.

RefuseConnection

- connections are terminated immediately after the first failed authentication attempt
- blocks further attempts from the same session
- mitigate brute-force attacks by disconnecting sources that exhibit repeated failed login attempts

RefuseConnection Syntax

```
sshd_config:
```

```
RefuseConnection yes
```

```
PerSourcePenalties refuseconnection:5 # or 5s
```

RefuseConnection Beispiel

sshd_config:

```
PerSourcePenalties refuseconnection:10
```

```
Match Address 192.168.1.*
```

```
    RefuseConnection yes
```

Match invalid-user

- matches when the target username is not valid on the server

Match invalid-user Beispiel

```
sshd_config:
```

```
# Deny access for specific invalid users
```

```
Match invalid-user
```

```
DenyUsers admin wasadmin wadmin
```

Dateien kopieren

Wechsel von scp/rcp zu SFTP

- scp nutzt nun SFTP anstelle des legacy scp/rcp Protokolls
- Kein „Double-Quoting“ mehr !!!
- Achtung bei Tilde („~“) Pfaden
- „scp -O“ machts wieder „alt“

scp/rcp und SFTP

- **Remote Copy** – Remote Shell
- **Secure Copy** – Secure Shell
- **Secure File Transfer Protocol**
 - resuming interrupted transfers
 - directory listings
 - remote file removal

Double Quoting in scp

- `scp host:* .`
- Wildcard wird über eine remote shell aufgelöst
- Shell-metazeichen müssen double-quoted werden, weil sie sonst remote als shell commandos interpretiert werden
- `scp remote.example.com:"\"rm\" -rf\"
Datei\" \"!\"!\" \" \" \" \" \"$USERNAME\" \"*.doc\" \" \" .`

No Bug-Compatibility

We consider the removal of the need for double-quoting shell characters in file names to be a benefit and do not intend to introduce bug-compatibility for legacy scp/rcp in scp(1) when using the SFTP protocol.



~ Pfade

- POSIX: ~name will expand to the home directory of user name
- "scp host:~user/file /tmp".
- Das SFTP Protokoll kann ~username pfade nativ nicht auflösen
- sftp-server(8) in OpenSSH 8.7 und neuer unterstützt die Protokollerweiterung "expand-path@openssh.com"

Exkurs: Tilde

- Tilde(~): spanisch tilde, von lateinisch titulus, Überschrift, Überzeichen
- POSIX: ~name will expand to the home directory of user name
- Aber warum?

Lear Siegler ADM-3A terminal



SFTP: "copy-data" extension

- allow server-side copying of files/data
- Copy data from one handle to another on the server.
- The server SHOULD allow 'read-from-handle' and 'write-to-handle' to be the same handle as long as the range of data is not overlapping.
- <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/draft-ietf-secsh-filexfer-extensions-00#section-7>

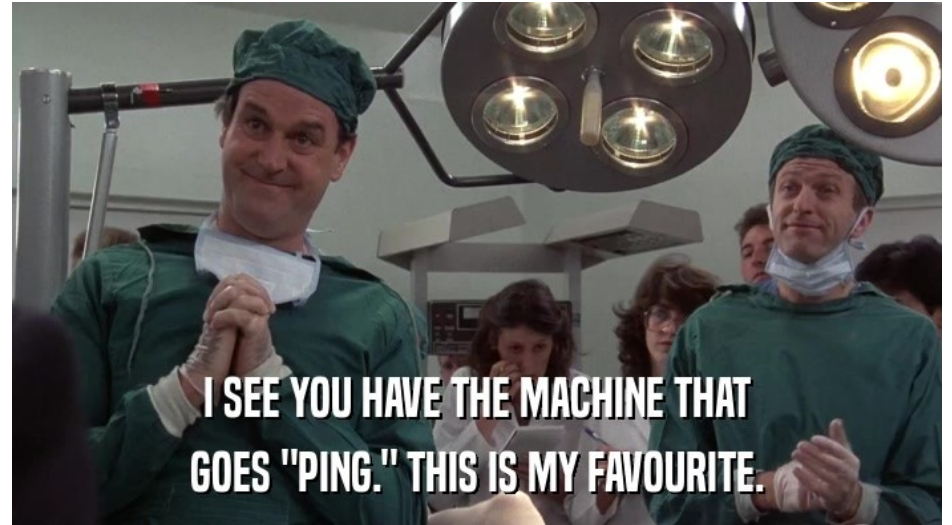
scp remote-to-remote

- `scp host-a:/path host-b:`
- Neuer Default: transfer through the local host
 - avoids the need to expose credentials on the origin hop
 - avoids triplicate interpretation of filenames by the shell
 - allows use of all authentication methods to the remote hosts
- Früher „-3“ Option
- Altes Verhalten: „-R“

Netzwerk

Transport-Level Ping

- SSH2_MSG_PING/
PONG
- advertised using a
"ping@openssh.com"
ext-info message



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Forwarding UNIX Domain Sockets

- `-W host:port`
 - Requests that standard input and output on the client be forwarded to host on port over the secure channel.
- OpenSSH 9.4: Allow forwarding Unix Domain sockets via `ssh -W`

Channel Inactivity Timeouts

- Allows channels that have not seen traffic in a configurable interval to be automatically closed
- Different timeouts for
 - session
 - X11
 - agent
 - TCP forwarding

channels

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Channel Timeout Beispiel

```
sshd_config:
```

```
# Drop Connections after 8 hours
```

```
# monitors all channels separately
```

```
ChannelTimeout *=8h
```

```
# terminate connection after last channel closed
```

```
UnusedConnectionTimeout 1m
```

Channel Timeout Beispiel

```
sshd_config:
```

```
# Drop Connections after 8 hours
```

```
# activity on any channel to reset the timeout
```

```
global=8h
```

```
# terminate connection after last channel closed
```

```
UnusedConnectionTimeout 1m
```

Config-File Verbesserungen

SetEnv: „first-match-wins“

- Erinnerung: ssh(d)_config: Spezifisches zuerst, generisches am Ende
- first-match-wins wie auch andere Direktiven
- Früher: Letzter Wert gewinnt

Quotes in Match

- Processing of the arguments to the "Match" configuration directive now follows more shell-like rules for quoted strings
- including allowing nested quotes and \-escaped Characters

Match host Beispiel

```
Match host web exec "hostname -I | grep -qF 10.10.11."  
    ForwardAgent yes  
    ProxyCommand ssh -p 110 -q relay.example.com nc %h %p
```

Host web

```
HostName web.example.com
```

```
Port 1111
```

Include mit Environment Vars

- "Include" directive can now expand environment as well as the same set of %-tokens "Match Exec" supports.

Beispiele für Tokens und Env

- %h The remote hostname.
 - %i The local user ID.
 - %L The local hostname.
 - %l The local hostname, including the domain name.
 - %n The original remote hostname, as given on the command line.
 - %p The remote port.
 - %r The remote username.
- Arguments to some keywords can be expanded at runtime from environment variables on the client by enclosing them in `${}`, for example `${HOME}/.ssh` would refer to the user's `.ssh` directory.

Jump Host Token

- %j
- expands to the configured ProxyJump hostname
- empty string if not used
- CertificateFile, ControlPath, IdentityAgent, IdentityFile, Include, KnownHostsCommand, LocalForward, Match exec, RemoteCommand, RemoteForward, RevokedHostKeys, UserKnownHostsFile, VersionAddendum

Match localnetwork

- allows matching on the addresses of available network interfaces
- may be used to vary the effective client configuration based on network location

Match localnetwork Beispiel

```
Match Host ctf localnetwork 10.10.12.0/24
```

```
    HostName 10.10.12.4
```

```
Host ctf
```

```
    # External VPN address
```

```
    HostName 134.109.72.67
```

```
    User clt2025
```

```
    Identityfile ~/.ssh/id_cltctf
```


@-Parsing

- Make parsing user@host consistently **look for the last '@'** in the string rather than the first.
- This makes it possible to more consistently use usernames that contain '@' characters.

Identity Managment „Lösungen“

```
ssh pvwauser@account#xyz.com@target host
```

Tags

- Support for configuration tags "Tag" directive and corresponding "Match tag"
- used to select blocks of configuration

Tags Beispiel

```
# For data center hosts
```

```
Match tagged ed_key
```

```
Identityfile ~/.ssh/id_ed25519
```

```
# For AWS hosts
```

```
Match tagged aws_key
```

```
IdentityFile ~/.ssh/aws_key
```

```
# force IPv4
```

```
Match tagged ip4
```

```
AddressFamily inet
```

```
Host webserver
```

```
Hostname web1.lan
```

```
User mario
```

```
Tag ed_key
```

```
Tag ip4
```

```
Host ec2
```

```
Hostname myec2.example.com
```

```
Tag aws_key
```

Misc ssh(d)

sshd -G

- parses and prints the effective configuration
- **without** attempting to load private keys and perform other checks

sshd -V

- version option for sshd like the ssh client has

Exoten

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sshd: Zwei Binaries

- the server has been split into a listener binary, sshd(8), and a per-session binary "sshd-session"
- smaller listener binary
- support for disabling privilege separation and disabling re-execution of sshd(8) has been removed
- log messages will be tagged with "sshd-session" rather than "sshd"

Versionsüberblick

| Linux Distribution | OpenSSH Version |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Alpine Linux 3.21 | 9.9 |
| Debian 11 | 8.4 |
| Debian 12 | 9.2 |
| Debian Unstable | 9.9 |
| Fedora 41 | 9.8 |
| Ubuntu 25.04 | 9.9 |
| OpenSuSE Leap 16.0 | 9.9 |
| RHEL | 8.7 (?) |
| NixOS | 9.9 |

Fragen ?

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Solange man selbst redet, erfährt man nichts.

– Marie Freifrau Ebner von Eschenbach, österreichische Schriftstellerin