

SmartVPSs

How do I create SSH keys on my VPS?

First, create an SSH user and login to your VPS by following [these instructions](#).

Once you've logged into the VPS type this command:

ssh-keygen

Follow the prompts.

Done.

Your SSH keys will live in your **~username/.ssh/id_rsa** directory

If you'd like to set up passwordless authentication you'll next want to

- Create an **authorized_keys** file in your **~username/.ssh/id_rsa** directory.
- Paste your public ssh key (from your computer) into the **~username/.ssh/authorized_keys** file that you just created
- Lock down the permissions so that only your account can read the contents of your **authorized_key** file by running: **chmod 700 ~username/.ssh/authorized_keys**

Done.

You should now be able to SSH into your server without a password from your own computer by running this command: **ssh username@yourvpsaddress.com**

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