



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'ssh-import-id.1'

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NAME

ssh-import-id - retrieve one or more public keys from a public keyserver and append them to the current user's authorized_keys file (or some other specified file)

SYNOPSIS

ssh-import-id [options] USER_ID_1 [gh:USER_ID_2] ... [lp:USER_ID_n]

ssh-import-id-lp USER_ID_1 [USER_ID_2] ... [USER_ID_n]

ssh-import-id-gh USER_ID_1 [USER_ID_2] ... [USER_ID_n]

OPTIONS

-h | --help usage

-o | --output F write output to file 'F' (default ~/.ssh/authorized_keys, use "-" for standard out)

-r | --remove remove keys from authorized keys file 'F'

-u | --useragent U append U to the user agent string

PROTO:USER_ID Protocol can be 'lp' for Launchpad.net, or 'gh' for Github.com

DESCRIPTION

This utility will securely contact a public keyserver and retrieve one or more user's public keys, and append these to the current user's ~/.ssh/authorized_keys file, standard output or any other specified output file.

User IDs can be prepended by a protocol:

- lp: to use <https://launchpad.net/~%s/+sshkeys>

- gh: to use <https://api.github.com/users/%s/keys>

If the protocol is not explicitly specified, then ssh-import-id will read a URL variable

string from `/etc/ssh/ssh_import_id` as installed by your package manager and configured by your system administrator. You can override this locally by exporting the string you want in a URL environment variable. If all of these are empty, then the protocol is assumed to be "lp:", which was the original target implementation of this tool.

Any keys added will be "labeled" with a trailing comment, "# ssh-import-id PROTO:USER_ID".

Revoking keys will first look for lines in the authorized keys file ending with that label.

SEE ALSO

`ssh(1)`

FILES

`/etc/ssh/ssh_import_id`

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