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Setting Up an SSH Console

SSH stands for Secure SHell, and is a secure method to connect to a remote computer over a network. There are many advantages to using an SSH console rather than say the shell facility in the FreeNAS GUI.

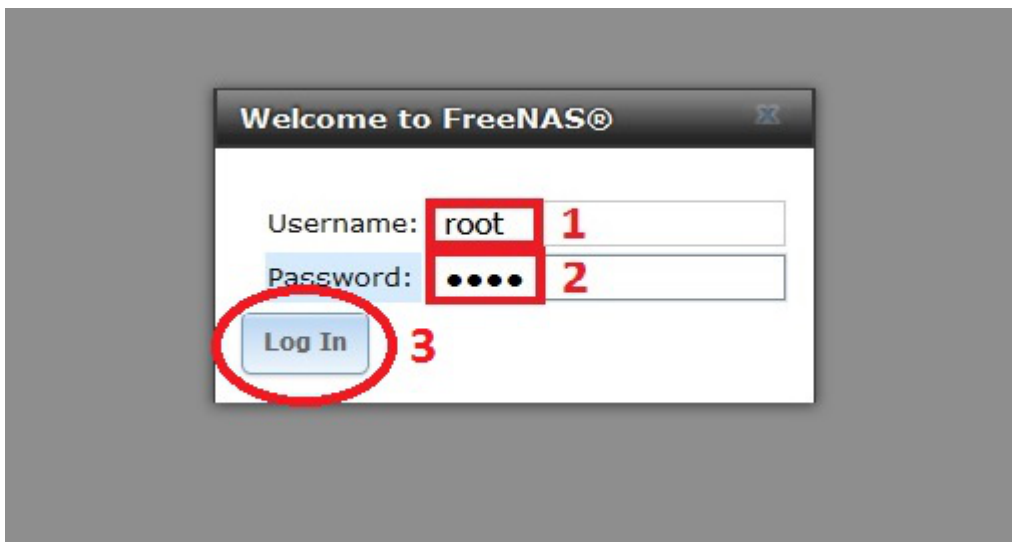
The SSH console is a window that has a scrolling function which means you can go back and view the output in the console. You can also select large bodies of text and copy and paste them. This can be particularly useful when trying to get help from someone as they need to see what you have done. It is also useful when compiling data (i.e. SMART test data).

An SSH console is also very secure in two ways. Firstly it can be configured to require a Public/Private key and a password before you can log in to the session and the server. Secondly the connection between the server and the client is encrypted. This means any information that goes between the two cannot be read directly.

Configure SSH in FreeNAS

Open your web browser and type in the IP address of the FreeNAS web GUI that you noted down earlier (Fester used 192.168.0.58).

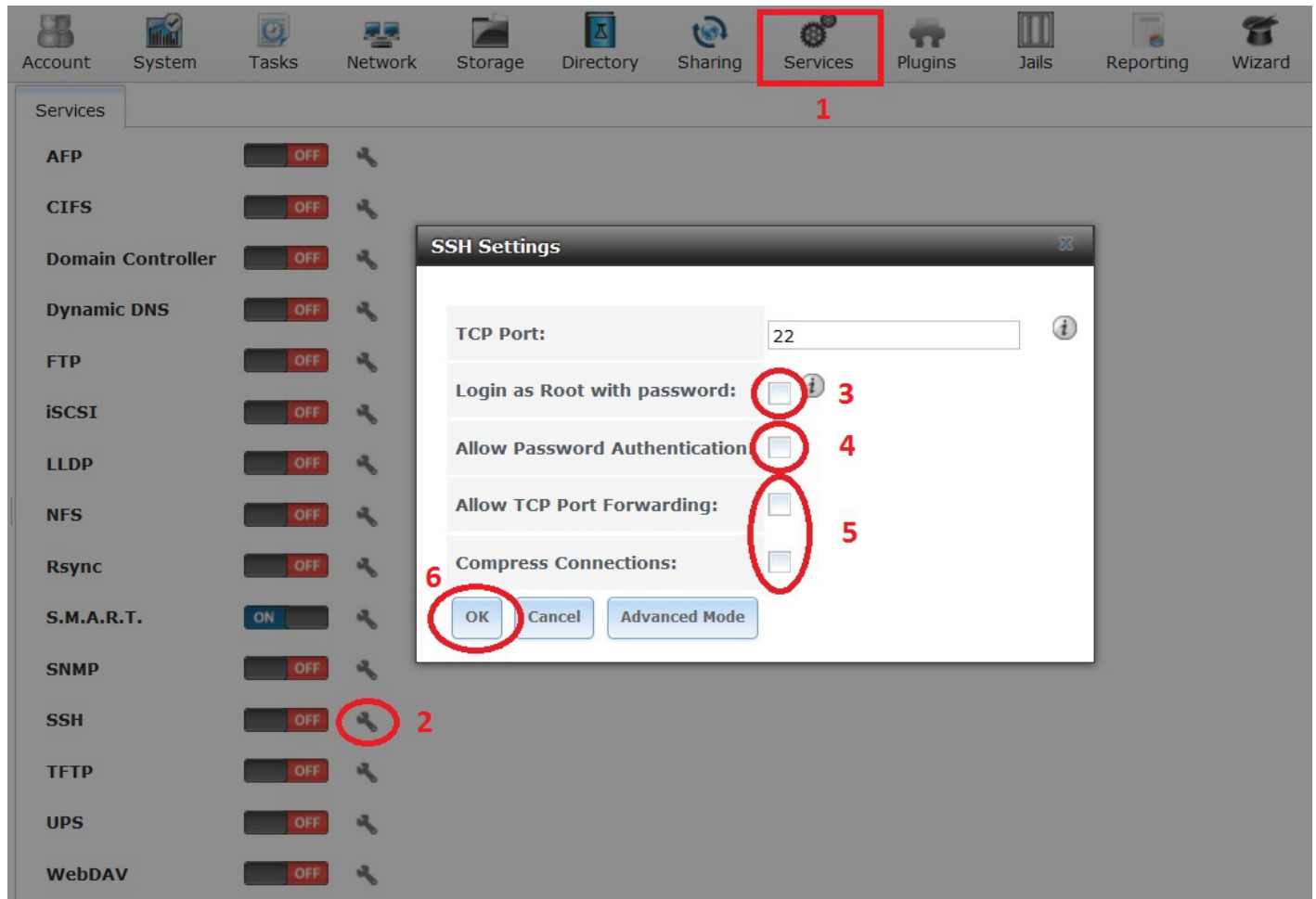
The web GUI will present itself and ask for the login details. Enter the username which is **root** (1) and your password (2) and click the “Log In” button (3).



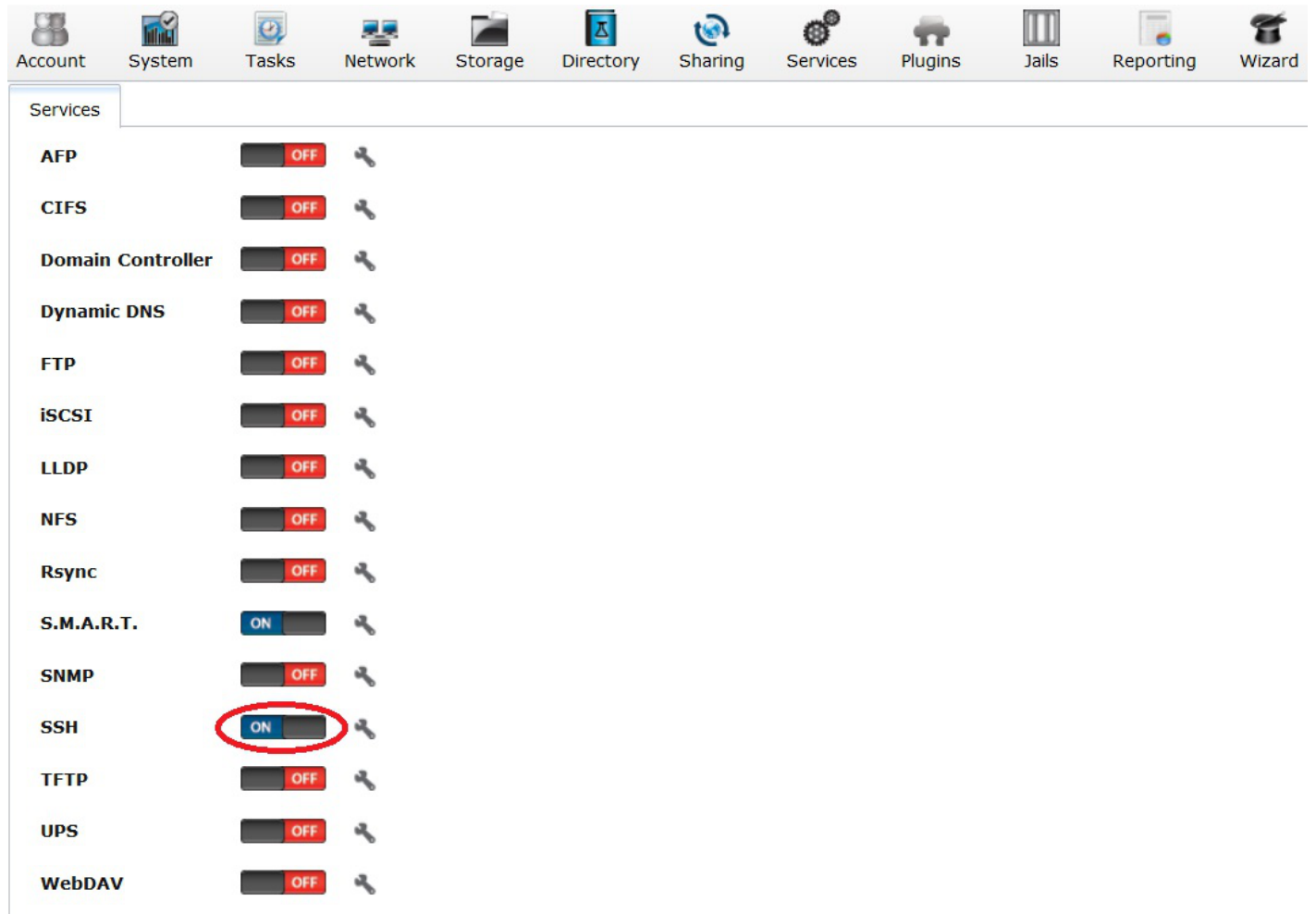
Now you are logged into FreeNAS.

- Now navigate to the “Services” page (1).
- Click on the tiny spanner icon next to “SSH” (2).
- If you do not want the root user to be able to log in using only a password (i.e., if you want to require a public key, or if you don't want the root user to be able to log in remotely at all), uncheck the “Login as Root with password” tick box (3).

- If you want to require public key authentication, uncheck the “Allow password authentication” tick box (4).
- Make sure the remaining tick boxes are unchecked (5).
- Now click the “OK” button (6).



Now turn on the SSH service.



The screenshot shows a 'Services' panel with a list of services and their status. The 'SSH' service is circled in red and is currently 'ON'. All other services are 'OFF'. Each service has a toggle switch and a key icon to its right.

Service	Status	Key Icon
AFP	OFF	Key
CIFS	OFF	Key
Domain Controller	OFF	Key
Dynamic DNS	OFF	Key
FTP	OFF	Key
iSCSI	OFF	Key
LLDP	OFF	Key
NFS	OFF	Key
Rsync	OFF	Key
S.M.A.R.T.	ON	Key
SNMP	OFF	Key
SSH	ON	Key
TFTP	OFF	Key
UPS	OFF	Key
WebDAV	OFF	Key

Specify SSH Public Key For a User

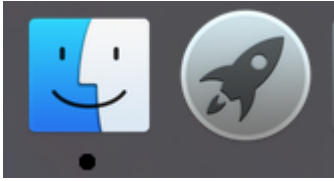
Setting up PuTTY in Windows

Modern operating systems ship with an SSH client installed. Unfortunately, Windows is still not a modern operating system in this regard, so a third-party client will need to be used. Popular clients include [Bitvise](#) and [PuTTY](#).

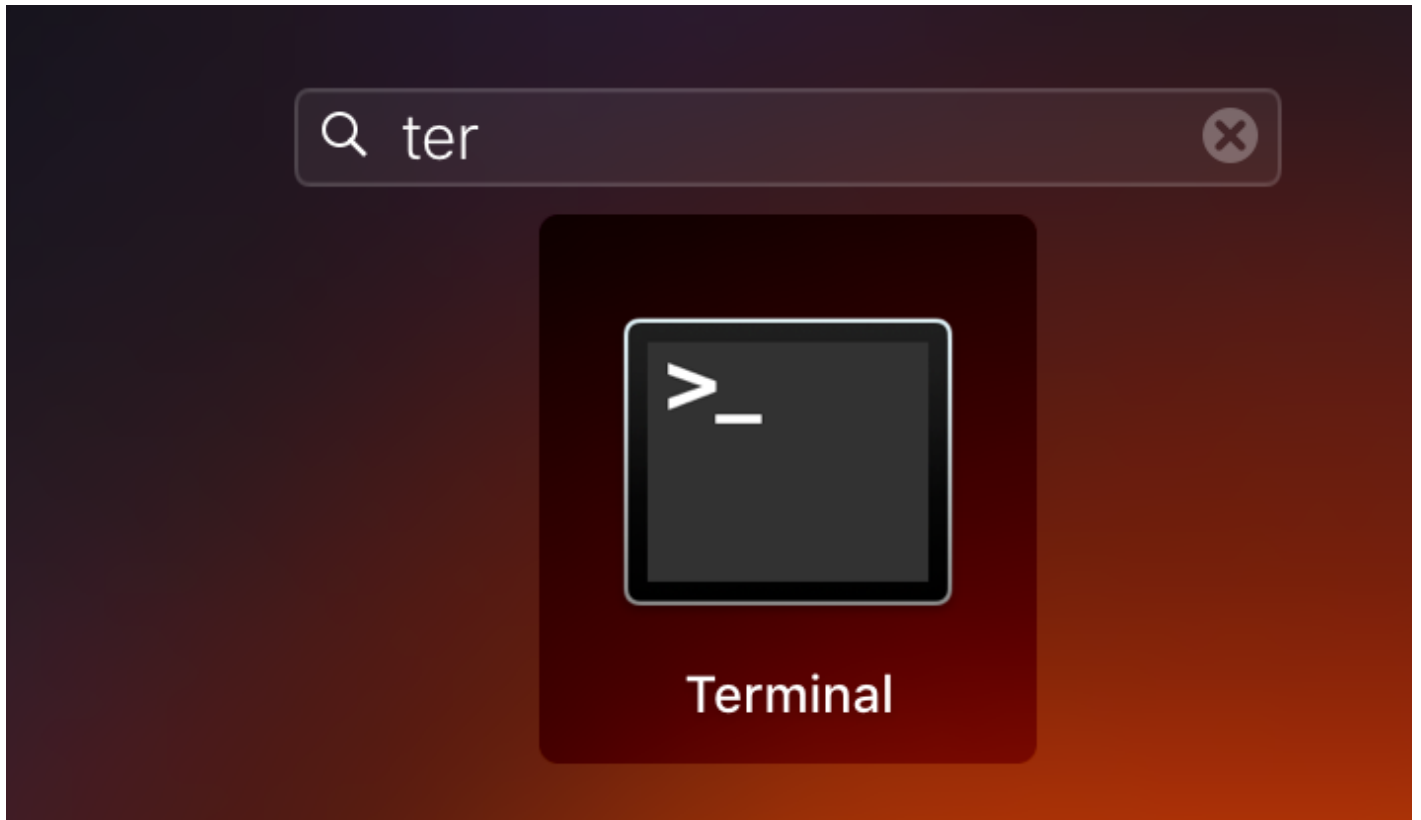
Public Key Authentication in PuTTY

Using SSH on a Mac

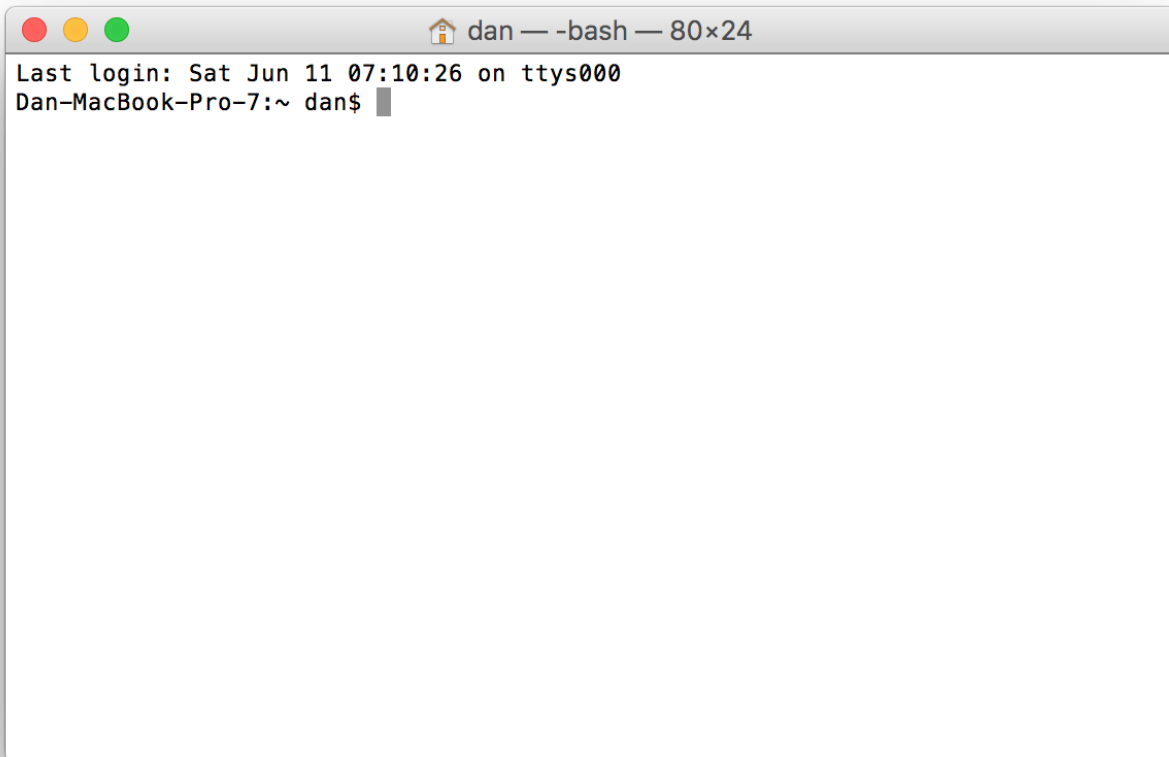
Mac OS X includes an SSH client, but it must be used from the command line. To use it, you'll need to open a terminal window. Start by clicking the launchpad button in your dock (it looks like a rocket):



Begin typing “Terminal” into the search bar at the top, until you see the Terminal icon below:



Then click on the Terminal icon. You'll see a window like this:

A terminal window titled "dan — -bash — 80x24" with a home icon. The window shows the output of an SSH login: "Last login: Sat Jun 11 07:10:26 on ttys000" followed by the prompt "Dan-MacBook-Pro-7:~ dan\$".

```
dan — -bash — 80x24
Last login: Sat Jun 11 07:10:26 on ttys000
Dan-MacBook-Pro-7:~ dan$
```

To connect to a server using SSH, you can simply type

```
ssh user@host
```

Where “user” and “host” are the username and hostname, respectively, that you want to connect to. For example,

```
ssh root@freenas
```

Or you can use an IP address:

```
ssh root@192.168.0.5
```

If you have required public key authentication on your FreeNAS server, you'll need to generate a keypair. To do this, type

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa
```

...and simply accept the defaults. The result will look like this:

```
Dan-MacBook-Pro-7:~ dan$ ssh-keygen -t rsa
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/Users/dan/.ssh/id_rsa):
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in /Users/dan/.ssh/id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in /Users/dan/.ssh/id_rsa.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:ZB0ZFqEWWJuCgEWIyFd/Thk5K0uncH8LT06w0CSdRdk dan@Dan-MacBook-Pro-7.local
The key's randomart image is:
+---[RSA 2048]-----+
|+=+ .. +*.B=      |
|=. o o+o E+.     |
|  . . +oB+o      |
|    ..o=+        |
|   ..+ .S.       |
|  .oo..o         |
|   oo+o o        |
|    ...*         |
|     .+          |
+-----[SHA256]-----+
Dan-MacBook-Pro-7:~ dan$ █
```

The system will prompt you for a passphrase; this is optional. If you enter a passphrase, you will need to enter it every time you use this keypair (i.e., every time you use ssh). If you leave the passphrase blank, you won't need to enter it when you connect to a remote server, but neither will a thief who manages to steal your computer. You'll now need to view your public key, to enter it in the FreeNAS configuration. To do that, type

```
cat .ssh/id_rsa.pub
```

The result will look like this:

```
ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQ=CxoFuJ2Px8sIA0zla1FXjnG+af2kRNhj/FcQ5nh0n6F2LepgX
f/4SQFjx5BwAD88H6/06lTaUAqprxKS4m33SKN7poH6RaeIfbJXwjJ/o0Cx0QbugGAeMKjHOBg4fsHw
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GKgMETj940x5+MFbmBvC9iIMIErGLfWIAQY+8NjosQYfieU5U48oDmDb dan@Dan-MacBook-
Pro-7.local
```

Copy this, all on line line, and paste it into your FreeNAS configuration.

Using SSH on Linux

SSH on Linux works just like SSH on a Mac. Follow the instructions above.

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