

SSH Password Authorization Tweak

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Overview

This feature allows you to enable or disable password authorization for SSH authentication. If you disable password authorization, the system forces users to use SSH keys when they access your server through SSH.

How to manage SSH passwords

Click *Enable Password Auth* to enable SSH passwords, or click *Disable Password Auth* to disable them.

The system uses two keys in the SSH daemon configuration file (`/etc/ssh/sshd_config`) to store password authorization status:

Password Authentication	PasswordAuthentication	ChallengeResponseAuthentication
enabled	yes	yes
disabled	no	no

Warning:

- If you enable this feature, the system restarts the SSH service and disconnect all of the connected users. This includes the `root` user.
- *Password Authorization* settings also apply to the `root` user. Use WHM's [Manage root's SSH Keys](#) interface (WHM >> Home >> Security Center >> Manage root's SSH Keys) to create the `root` user's SSH keys.
- If you disable the *Password Authorization* setting, your users **must** use SSH keys. Use WHM's [Manage root's SSH Keys](#) interface (WHM >> Home >> Security Center >> Manage root's SSH Keys) to create users' SSH keys.

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