

Enable SSH Login Notification on Linux

Learn how to set up SSH login notifications on your Linux system to enhance security by receiving alerts whenever someone logs in via SSH to your server.

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Introduction

Is your Linux server accessed by multiple users? If so, consider adding an SSH login notification whenever someone logs in.

The examples below send an email when someone logs into your server. For this to work, your server must be able to send mail using the `mail` command. You may follow this tutorial to setup Exim with Gmail if your VULTR account is not verified to send mail.

Replace `YOUR_EMAIL_ADDRESS` with the email address that you want to receive login notifications.

CentOS

Open the file `~/.bash_profile` in a text editor.

Append the following lines:

```
IP="$(echo $SSH_CONNECTION | cut -d " " -f 1)"
HOSTNAME=$(hostname)
NOW=$(date +"%e %b %Y, %a %r")

echo 'Someone from '$IP' logged into '$HOSTNAME' on '$NOW'.' | mail -s 'SSH Login
Notification' YOUR_EMAIL_ADDRESS
```

Ubuntu/Debian

Open the file `~/.bashrc` in a text editor.

Append the following lines:

```
IP="$(echo $SSH_CONNECTION | cut -d " " -f 1)"
HOSTNAME=$(hostname)
NOW=$(date +"%e %b %Y, %a %r")
```

```
echo 'Someone from '$IP' logged into '$HOSTNAME' on '$NOW'.' | mail -s 'SSH Login Notification' YOUR_EMAIL_ADDRESS
```



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