



# Manage SSH server

## REST API reference

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# Manage SSH server

## Security SSH endpoint overview

### Overview

ONTAP supports SSH server that can be accessed from any standard SSH client. A user account needs to be associated with SSH as the application (refer the documentation for [api/security/accounts DOC](#) [/security/accounts](#) . Upon connecting from a client, the user is authenticated and a command line shell is presented.

This endpoint is used to retrieve or modify the SSH configuration at the cluster level. The configuration consists of SSH security parameters (security algorithms and maximum authentication retry attempts allowed before closing the connection) and SSH connection limits.

The security algorithms include SSH key exchange algorithms, ciphers for payload encryption, and MAC algorithms. This configuration is the default for all newly created SVMs; existing SVM configurations are not impacted. The SSH connection limits include maximum connections per second, maximum simultaneous sessions from the same client host, and overall maximum SSH connections at any given point in time. The connection limits are per node and will be the same for all nodes in the cluster.

### Examples

#### Updating the SSH security parameters

Specify the algorithms in the body of the PATCH request.

```
# The API:  
PATCH "/api/security/ssh"  
  
# The call:  
curl -X PATCH "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/security/ssh" -d '{ "ciphers": [  
  "aes256_ctr", "aes192_ctr" ], "key_exchange_algorithms": [  
  "diffie_hellman_group_exchange_sha256", "diffie_hellman_group14_sha1" ],  
  "mac_algorithms": [ "hmac_sha2_512_etm", "umac_128_etm" ],  
  "max_authentication_retry_count": 3 }'
```

#### Updating the SSH connection limits

Specify the connection limits in the body of the PATCH request.

```

# The API:
PATCH "/api/security/ssh"

# The call:
curl -X PATCH "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/security/ssh" -d '{
"connections_per_second": 8, "max_instances": 10, "per_source_limit": 5 }'

```

## Retrieving the cluster SSH server configuration

```

# The API:
GET "/api/security/ssh"

# The call:
curl -X GET "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/security/ssh"

# The response:
{
  "ciphers": [
    "aes256_ctr",
    "aes192_ctr"
  ],
  "key_exchange_algorithms": [
    "diffie_hellman_group_exchange_sha256",
    "diffie_hellman_group14_sha1"
  ],
  "mac_algorithms": [
    "hmac_sha2_512_etm",
    "umac_128_etm"
  ],
  "max_authentication_retry_count": 3,
  "connections_per_second": 8,
  "max_instances": 10,
  "per_source_limit": 5,
  "_links": {
    "self": {
      "href": "/api/security/ssh"
    }
  }
}

```

# Retrieve cluster SSH server ciphers, MAC algorithms, key exchange algorithms, and connection limits

GET /security/ssh

**Introduced In:** 9.7

Retrieves the cluster SSH server ciphers, MAC algorithms, key exchange algorithms, and connection limits.

## Related ONTAP commands

- `security ssh`
- `security protocol ssh`

## Response

Status: 200, Ok

Name	Type	Description
_links	<a href="#">_links</a>	
ciphers	array[string]	Ciphers for encrypting the data.
connections_per_second	integer	Maximum connections allowed per second.
key_exchange_algorithms	array[string]	Key exchange algorithms.
mac_algorithms	array[string]	MAC algorithms.
max_authentication_retry_count	integer	Maximum authentication retries allowed before closing the connection.
max_instances	integer	Maximum possible simultaneous connections.
per_source_limit	integer	Maximum connections from the same client host.

## Example response

```
{  
  "_links": {  
    "self": {  
      "href": "/api/resourcelink"  
    }  
  },  
  "ciphers": [  
    "aes256_ctr",  
    "aes192_ctr",  
    "aes128_ctr"  
  ],  
  "key_exchange_algorithms": [  
    "diffie_hellman_group_exchange_sha256",  
    "diffie_hellman_group14_sha1"  
  ],  
  "mac_algorithms": [  
    "hmac_sha1",  
    "hmac_sha2_512_etm"  
  ]  
}
```

## Error

Status: Default, Error

Name	Type	Description
error	error	

## Example error

```
{  
  "error": {  
    "arguments": [  
      {  
        "code": "string",  
        "message": "string"  
      }  
    ],  
    "code": "4",  
    "message": "entry doesn't exist",  
    "target": "uuid"  
  }  
}
```

## Definitions

## See Definitions

href

Name	Type	Description
href	string	

\_links

Name	Type	Description
self	href	

error\_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[error_arguments]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

## Update the SSH server setting for a cluster

PATCH /security/ssh

**Introduced In:** 9.7

Updates the SSH server setting for a cluster.

### Optional parameters

- ciphers - Encryption algorithms for the payload
- key\_exchange\_algorithms - SSH key exchange algorithms

- `mac_algorithms` - MAC algorithms
- `max_authentication_retry_count` - Maximum authentication retries allowed before closing the connection
- `connections_per_second` - Maximum allowed connections per second
- `max_instances` - Maximum allowed connections per node
- `per_source_limit` - Maximum allowed connections from the same client host

## Related ONTAP commands

- `security ssh`
- `security protocol ssh`

## Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
<code>return_records</code>	boolean	query	False	<p>The default is false. If set to true, the records are returned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Default value:</li> </ul>

## Request Body

Name	Type	Description
<code>ciphers</code>	array[string]	Ciphers for encrypting the data.
<code>connections_per_second</code>	integer	Maximum connections allowed per second.
<code>key_exchange_algorithms</code>	array[string]	Key exchange algorithms.
<code>mac_algorithms</code>	array[string]	MAC algorithms.
<code>max_authentication_retry_count</code>	integer	Maximum authentication retries allowed before closing the connection.
<code>max_instances</code>	integer	Maximum possible simultaneous connections.
<code>per_source_limit</code>	integer	Maximum connections from the same client host.

## Example request

```
{  
  "ciphers": [  
    "aes256_ctr",  
    "aes192_ctr",  
    "aes128_ctr"  
  ],  
  "key_exchange_algorithms": [  
    "diffie_hellman_group_exchange_sha256",  
    "diffie_hellman_group14_sha1"  
  ],  
  "mac_algorithms": [  
    "hmac_sha1",  
    "hmac_sha2_512_etm"  
  ]  
}
```

## Response

```
Status: 200, Ok
```

## Error

```
Status: Default
```

### ONTAP Error Response Codes

Error Code	Description
10682372	There must be at least one key exchange algorithm associated with the SSH configuration.
10682373	There must be at least one cipher associated with the SSH configuration.
10682375	Failed to modify SSH key exchange algorithms.
10682378	Failed to modify SSH ciphers.
10682399	Key exchange algorithm not supported in FIPS enabled mode.
10682400	Failed to modify SSH MAC algorithms.
10682401	MAC algorithm not supported in FIPS enabled mode.

Error Code	Description
10682403	There must be at least one MAC algorithm with the SSH configuration.
10682413	Failed to modify maximum authentication retry attempts.
10682413	Failed to modify maximum authentication retry attempts.
10682418	Cipher not supported in FIPS enabled mode.

## Definitions

## See Definitions

href

Name	Type	Description
href	string	

\_links

cluster\_ssh\_server

Name	Type	Description
ciphers	array[string]	Ciphers for encrypting the data.
connections_per_second	integer	Maximum connections allowed per second.
key_exchange_algorithms	array[string]	Key exchange algorithms.
mac_algorithms	array[string]	MAC algorithms.
max_authentication_retry_count	integer	Maximum authentication retries allowed before closing the connection.
max_instances	integer	Maximum possible simultaneous connections.
per_source_limit	integer	Maximum connections from the same client host.

error\_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[error_arguments]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code

Name	Type	Description
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

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