

Dictu_labs_hostkeys

In this lab you will connect to your centos 8 machine, or work together with a colleague. On the other vm (so not your current vm) you will remove the ssh host keys, and create new keys.

Then you will try to connect to that machine and fail.
To reconnect you will modify the known_hosts file.

1. Remove host keys

```
[root@centos-52 ssh]# cd /etc/ssh  
[root@centos-52 ssh]# rm ssh_host_*
```

2. Generate new keys

```
[root@centos-52 ssh]# ssh-keygen -A  
ssh-keygen: generating new host keys: RSA DSA ECDSA ED25519
```

3. On you original vm try and connect

```
ssh centos@centos-52  
@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@  
@      WARNING: REMOTE HOST IDENTIFICATION HAS CHANGED!      @  
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IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE IS DOING SOMETHING NASTY!  
Someone could be eavesdropping on you right now (man-in-the-middle  
attack)!  
It is also possible that a host key has just been changed.  
The fingerprint for the ECDSA key sent by the remote host is  
SHA256:hpNcBPxesDFaVOMn9IenT0nw53I+r2dgcsZG6PrAmYM.  
Please contact your system administrator.  
Add correct host key in /Users/petervanderweerd/.ssh/known_hosts to  
get rid of this message.  
Offending ECDSA key in /Users/petervanderweerd/.ssh/known_hosts:24  
ECDSA host key for centos-52 has changed and you have requested  
strict checking.  
Host key verification failed.
```

4. Either modify known_hosts or delete it.

```
ssh-keygen -R "centos-52"
```

5. Now reconnect

```
ssh centos@centos-52
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```
The authenticity of host 'centos-52 (192.168.4.152)' can't be established.
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```
ECDSA key fingerprint is
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SHA256:hpNcBPxesDFaVOMn9IenT0nw53I+r2dgcsZG6PrAmYM.
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```
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])?
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y
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6. On your remote machine, check the fingerprint!

```
[root@centos-52 ssh]# ssh-keygen -lf /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ecdsa_key.pub  
256 SHA256:hpNcBPxesDFaVOMn9IenT0nw53I+r2dgcsZG6PrAmYM root@centos-52  
(ECDSA)
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