

Some help on SSH keys

Generating SSH keys

```
$ ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C "youremail"  
# you will be prompted for a password - this is not your login password but a new password  
# you can use for unlocking your keypair
```

Setting up ssh keys for passwordless login

1. Generates a ssh key pair on your laptop
2. Need to copy ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub to biocluster.ucr.edu

```
[YOURLAPTOP] $ scp ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub YOURNAME@biocluster.ucr.edu:~/.ssh/mylaptopkey.pub  
[YOURLAPTOP] $ ssh YOURNAME@biocluster.ucr.edu  
[biocluster] $ cd .ssh  
[biocluster] $ cat mylaptopkey.pub >> authorized_keys2  
[biocluster] $ chmod 644 authorized_keys2  
[biocluster] $ logout  
$ ssh YOURNAME@biocluster.ucr.edu  
# should prompt you for your SSH key password
```

On your laptop enable local caching of the ssh key password by doing

```
$ ssh-add  
password:  
$ ssh YOURNAME@biocluster.ucr.edu  
# no password requested!
```

Can edit ~/.ssh/config to setup aliases, preset the user name and simplify

```
$ cat ~/.ssh/config  
ForwardX11 yes  
ForwardX11Trusted yes  
ForwardAgent yes
```

```
Host biocluster  
  Hostname biocluster.ucr.edu  
  User MYUSERNAME
```

Can just use `ssh biocluster` now instead of `ssh MYUSERNAME@biocluster.ucr.edu`

Using Public SSH keys

The public SSH keys from your laptop and one on biocluster can be uploaded to github for easier checkin / checkout authentication via SSH instead of HTTPS