# SSH

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- connect(Host, Port, Options) -> ok [page 17] Start an ssh shell

#### ssh\_sshd

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#### ssh\_transport

No functions are exported.

# SSH

Erlang Module

Interface module for the SSH application

## Exports

start() -> ok | {error, Reason}

Types:

• Reason = term() Starts the SSH application. Require that the *crypto* application has been started.

stop() -> ok | {error, Reason} stop

Types: • Reason = term() Stops the SSH application

## ssh\_cli

**Erlang Module** 

This module implements a CLI (Command Line Interface), for an SSH server. It's used by ssh\_sshd to provide an interactive erlang shell as an ssh server.

Since ssh\_cli uses the group module, the CLI provides full editing just like in the erlang shell, with history (ctrl-p and ctrl-n), line editing and configurable tab expansion (completion).

A full example of how to use ssh\_cli is provided in ssh/examples/ssh\_sample\_cli.erl.

## Exports

```
listen(Shell)
listen(Shell, Port)
listen(Shell, Port, Options)
listen(Shell, Addr, Port, Options)
```

Types:

- Shell = pid() | fun()
- Port = integer()
- Addr = string()
- Options = [{Option, Value}]
- Option = atom()
- Value = term()

Starts a daemon listening on Port. The Shell fun is a function spawning a shell process, containing a read-eval-print-loop using ordinary erlang io (e.g. get\_line/1 and fprint).

The daemon's group leader will be connected to the SSH daemon, so that the io will be sent to the remote SSH shell client.

An example of how ssh\_cli can be used can be found in ssh/examples/ssh\_cli\_sample.erl.

The module ssh\_sshd is implemented using ssh\_cli.

For options, see ssh\_cm:listen.

```
stop(Pid) -> ok | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Pid = pid()
- Reason = atom()

Stops the listener given by Pid, existing connections will stay open.

## ssh\_cm

Erlang Module

This module implements the SSH connection layer.

### **Exports**

```
connect(Host) -> {ok, Pid} | {error, Error}
connect(Host, Options) -> {ok, Pid} | {error, Error}
connect(Host, Port, Options) -> {ok, Pid} | {error, Error}
```

Types:

- Host = string()
- Port = integer()
- Options = [{Option, Value}]

Connects to an SSH server. A gen\_server is started and returned if connection is successful, but no channel is started, that is done with session\_open/2. The Host is a string with the address of a host running an SSH server. The Port is an integer, the port to connect to. The default is 22, the registered port for SSH.

Options are:

- {silently\_accept\_hosts, Boolean} When true, (default is false), hosts are added to the file known\_hosts without asking the user.
- {user\_interaction, Boolean} If true, which is the default, password questions and adding hosts to known\_hosts will be asked interactively to the user. (This is done during connection to an SSH server.) If false, both these interactions will throw and the server will not start.
- {public\_key\_alg, ssh\_rsa | ssh\_dsa} Sets the preferred public key algorithm to use for user authentication. If the the preferred algorithm fails of some reason, the other algorithm is tried. The default is to try ssh\_rsa first.
- {connect\_timeout, Milliseconds | infinity} Sets the default timeout when trying to connect to an SSH server. This timeout will also affect calls later when using the SSH connection.
- {user, String} Provide a username. If this option is not given, ssh reads from the environment (LOGNAME or USER on unix, USERNAME on Windows).
- {password, String} Provide a password for password authentication. If this option is not given, the user will be asked for a password.

{key\_cb, KeyCallbackModule} Provide a special call-back module for key handling. The call-back module should be modeled after the ssh\_file module. The function that must be exported are: private\_host\_rsa\_key/2, private\_host\_dsa\_key/2, lookup\_host\_key/3 and add\_host\_key/3.

As usual, boolean options that should be true can be given as an atom instead of a tuple, e.g. silently\_accept\_hosts instead of {silently\_accept\_hosts, true}.

```
listen(UserFun, Options) -> ok
listen(UserFun, Port, Options) -> ok
listen(UserFun, Addr, Port, Options) -> ok
```

Types:

- UserFun = fun() -> Pid
- Port = integer()
- Addr = string() | any
- Options = [{Option, Value}]
- Option = atom()
- Value = term()

Starts a server listening for SSH connections on the given port.

UserFun is a function that should spawn and return a server upon incoming connections on the given port (and address).

Port is the port that the server should listen on. Everytime a connection is made on that port, the UserFun is called, and the returned process is used as a user process for the server.

Options are:

- {system\_dir, String} Sets the system directory, containing the host files that identifies the host for ssh. The default is /etc/ssh, but note that SSH normally requires the host files there to be readable only by root.
- {user\_passwords, [{User, Password}]} Provide passwords for password authentication.They will be used when someone tries to connect to the server and public key user autentication fails. The option provides a list of valid user names and the corresponding password. User and Password are strings.
- {password, String} Provide a global password that will authenticate any user (use with caution!).

If neither of these options is given, the server will be unable to authenticate with password.

stop\_listener(Pid) -> ok | {error, Reason}

Types:

- Pid = pid()
- Reason = atom()

Stops the listener, given by Pid, existing connections will stay open.

## ssh\_sftp

**Erlang Module** 

This module implements an SFTP (SSH FTP) client. SFTP is a secure, encrypted file transfer service available for SSH.

The errors returned are from the SFTP server, and are often not posix error codes.

### **Exports**

```
connect(CM) -> {ok, Pid} | {error, Reason}
connect(Host, Options) -> {ok, Pid} | {error, Reason}
connect(Host, Port, Options) -> {ok, Pid} | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Host = string()
- CM = pid()
- Port = integer()
- Options = [{Option, Value}]
- Option = atom()
- Value = term()
- Reason = term()

Connects to an SFTP server. A gen\_server is started and returned if connection is successful. This server is used to perform SFTP commands on the server.

For options, see ssh\_cm:connect.

```
read_file(Server, File) -> {ok, Data} | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- File = string()
- Data = binary()
- Reason = term()

Reads a file from the server, and returns the data in a binary, like file:read\_file/1.

write\_file(Server, File, Iolist) -> ok | {error, Reason}

Types:

- Server = pid()
- File = string()
- Data = binary()

```
• Reason = term()
```

Writes a file to the server, like file:write\_file/2. The file is created if it's not there.

```
list_dir(Server, Path) -> {ok, Filenames} | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Path = string()
- Filenames = [Filename]
- Filename = string()
- Reason = term()

Lists the given directory on the server, returning the filenames as a list of strings.

```
open(Server, File, Mode) -> {ok, Handle} | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- File = string()
- Mode = [Modeflag]
- Modeflag = read | write | creat | trunc | append | binary
- Handle = term()
- Reason = term()

Opens a file on the server, and returns a handle that is used for reading or writing.

```
opendir(Server, Path) -> {ok, Handle} | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Path = string()
- Reason = term()

Opens a handle to a directory on the server, the handle is used for reading directory contents.

```
close(Server, Handle) -> ok | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Handle = term()
- Reason = term()

Closes a handle to an open file or directory on the server.

```
read(Server, Handle, Len) -> {ok, Data} | eof | {error, Error}
pread(Server, Handle, Position, Length) -> {ok, Data} | eof | {error, Error}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Handle = term()
- Position = integer()

- Len = integer()
- Data = string() | binary()
- Reason = term()

Reads Len bytes from the file referenced by Handle. Returns {ok, Data}, or eof, or {error, Reason}. If the file is opened with binary, Data is a binary, otherwise it is a string.

If the file is read past eof, only the remaining bytes will be read and returned. If no bytes are read, eof is returned.

The pread function reads from a specified position, combining the position and read functions.

```
aread(Server, Handle, Len) -> {async, N} | {error, Error} apread(Server, Handle, Position, Length) -> {async, N} | {error, Error}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Handle = term()
- Position = integer()
- Len = integer()
- N = term()
- Reason = term()

Reads from an open file, without waiting for the result. If the handle is valid, the function returns {async, N}, where N is a term guaranteed to be unique between calls of aread. The actual data is sent as a message to the calling process. This message has the form {async\_reply, N, Result}, where Result is the result from the read, either {ok, Data}, or eof, or {error, Error}.

The apread function reads from a specified position, combining the position and aread functions.

```
write(Server, Handle, Data) -> ok | {error, Error}
pwrite(Server, Handle, Position, Data) -> ok | {error, Error}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Handle = term()
- Position = integer()
- Data = iolist()
- Reason = term()

Write data to the file referenced by Handle. The file should be opened with write or append flag. Returns ok if successful and {error, Reason} otherwise.

Typical error reasons are:

ebadf The file is not opened for writing.
enospc There is a no space left on the device.

```
awrite(Server, Handle, Data) -> ok | {error, Error}
apwrite(Server, Handle, Position, Data) -> ok | {error, Error}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Handle = term()
- Position = integer()
- Len = integer()
- Data = binary()
- Reason = term()

Writes to an open file, without waiting for the result. If the handle is valid, the function returns {async, N}, where N is a term guaranteed to be unique between calls of awrite. The result of the write operation is sent as a message to the calling process. This message has the form {async\_reply, N, Result}, where Result is the result from the write, either ok, or {error, Error}.

The apwrite writes on a specified position, combining the position and awrite operations.

position(Server, Handle, Location) -> {ok, NewPosition | {error, Error}

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Handle = term()
- Location = Offset | {bof, Offset} | {cur, Offset} | {eof, Offset} | bof | cur | eof
- Offset = int()
- NewPosition = integer()
- Reason = term()

Sets the file position of the file referenced by Handle. Returns {ok, NewPosition (as an absolute offset) if successful, otherwise {error, Reason}. Location is one of the following:

Offset The same as {bof, Offset}.

{bof, Offset} Absolute offset.

 $\{cur, Offset\}$  Offset from the current position.

{eof, Offset} Offset from the end of file.

bof | cur | eof The same as above with Offset 0.

```
read_file_info(Server, Name) -> {ok, FileInfo} | {error, Reason}
get_file_info(Server, Handle) -> {ok, FileInfo} | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Name = string()
- Handle = term()
- FileInfo = record()
- Reason = term()

Returns a file\_info record from the file specified by Name or Handle, like file:read\_file\_info/2.

```
read_link_info(Server, Name) -> {ok, FileInfo} | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Name = string()
- Handle = term()
- FileInfo = record()
- Reason = term()

Returns a file\_info record from the symbolic link specified by Name or Handle, like file:read\_link\_info/2.

write\_file\_info(Server, Name, Info) -> ok | {error, Reason}

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Name = string()
- Info = record()
- Reason = term()

Writes file information from a file\_info record to the file specified by Name, like file:write\_file\_info.

read\_link(Server, Name) -> {ok, Target} | {error, Reason}

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Name = string()
- Target = string()
- Reason = term()

Read the link target from the symbolic link specified by name, like file:read\_link/1.

make\_symlink(Server, Name, Target) -> ok | {error, Reason}

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Name = string()
- Target = string()
- Reason = term()

Creates a symbolic link pointing to Target with the name Name, like file:make\_symlink/2.

rename(Server, OldName, NewName) -> ok | {error, Reason}

Types:

- Server = pid()
- OldName = string()
- NewName = string()
- Reason = term()

Renames a file named OldName, and gives it the name NewName, like file:rename/2

```
delete(Server, Name) -> ok | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Name = string()
- Reason = term()

Deletes the file specified by Name, like file:delete/1

make\_dir(Server, Name) -> ok | {error, Reason}

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Name = string()
- Reason = term()

Creates a directory specified by Name. Name should be a full path to a new directory. The directory can only be created in an existing directory.

```
del_dir(Server, Name) -> ok | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Server = pid()
- Name = string()
- Reason = term()

Deletes a directory specified by Name. The directory should be empty, and

stop(Server) -> ok

Types:

• Server = pid()

Stops the sftp session, closing the connection. Any open files on the server will be closed.

# ssh\_sftpd

Erlang Module

This module implements an SFTP server.

### **Exports**

```
listen(Port) -> {ok, Pid}|{error, Error}
listen(Port, Options) -> {ok, Pid}|{error, Error}
listen(Addr, Port, Options) -> {ok, Pid}|{error, Error}
```

Types:

- Port = integer()
- Addr = string()
- Options = [{Option, Value}]

Starts an SFTP server on the given port. The server listens for connection of an SFTP client.

Options are:

- $\{{\tt cwd}, {\tt String}\}$  Sets the initial current working directory for the server.
- {file\_handler, CallbackModule} Determines which module to call for communicating with the file server. Default value is ssh\_sftpd\_file that uses the file and filelib API:s to access the standard OTP file server. This option may be used to plug in the use of other file servers.
- {root, String} Sets the root for the file system. The given root will be prepended to all paths, after they are converted to absolute paths. (Preventing an SFTP-client to see anything above the given root.)

For more options, see ssh\_cm:listen.

## ssh\_ssh

Erlang Module

This module implements a simple SSH client in erlang, providing an interactive shell to another computer.

### Exports

connect(Host) -> ok connect(Host, Options) -> ok connect(Host, Port, Options) -> ok

Types:

- Host = string()
- Port = integer()
- Options = [Option]

connect starts an interactive shell to an SSH server on the given Host. The function waits for user input, and will not return until the remote shell is ended.(e.g. on exit from the shell).

For options, see ssh\_cm:connect

## ssh\_sshd

Erlang Module

This module implements an erlang shell as an SSH server.

### **Exports**

```
listen(Port) -> {ok, Pid}|{error, Error}
listen(Port, Options) -> {ok, Pid}|{error, Error}
listen(Addr, Port, Options) -> {ok, Pid}|{error, Error}
```

Types:

- Addr = string()
- Port = integer()
- Options = [{Option, Value}]

Create a listener on the given port. (It calls ssh\_cli:listen with shell:start/0 as argument.) An SSH client can be used to connect to the listener and execute erlang commands.

Unix example:

```
1> ssh_sshd:listen(9999, [{system_dir, "."}])
<0.59.0>
```

On a unix shell:

```
bash@balin$ ssh -p 9999 balin
Eshell V5.4.9.1 (abort with ^G)
1 > exit().
Connection to balin closed.
bash@balin$
```

This assumes that the current dir contains a private host key. For options, see ssh\_cli:listen/3 and ssh\_cm:listen/4.

```
stop(Pid) -> ok | {error, Reason}
```

Types:

- Pid = pid()
- Reason = atom()

Stops the listener given by Pid.

# ssh\_transport

Erlang Module

This module implements the SSH connection layer, as described in draft-ietf-secsh-transport-24.

This module should not normally be called by a client application.

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