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See if ssh key uses a pass phrase

I don't quite see an option to ssh-keygen and the lot to check whether a ssh key

It is possible though to create a public key from a private key using ssh-keygen
a password prompt in case you have a pass phrase defined.

In case you know of any option to directly tell if there is a pass phrase, please

Posted by Sebastian Raible at 16:51

openssl rsa -in ~/.ssh/your_private_key will prompt for a password if necessary.

Here I can do:

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#head -n2 .ssh/test  
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----  
Proc-Type: 4,ENCRYPTED
```

If you see this second line ("Proc-Type...ENCRYPTED) you know the key uses an password
Anonymous on Jan 28 2010, 15:12