

# How do I SSH on Mac?

Instructions on how to SSH to a server on Mac.

In the examples here we are setting up the ssh connection to the server `mercury.ucdavis.edu`. We are also using the ssh key stored at `~/.ssh/mercury` you can change these to match the server and key you are using.

1. Launch the Terminal and run the following commands:

```
cd ~/.ssh  
nano config
```

2. It should now take you to a text editor in your terminal. Type the following:

Remember to change the `username` to your username for mercury and the IdentityFile to your private key

```
Host mercury.ucdavis.edu  
    User username  
    IdentityFile ~/.ssh/mercury
```

3. Press `Control + X` and follow the on screen instructions to save your file

You have now set up your ssh connection.

You can ssh to the server by running `ssh your.server.name` in the terminal:  
For example:

```
ssh mercury.ucdavis.edu
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