



# Configuring SSH File Transfer Protocol

Secure Shell (SSH) includes support for SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), which is a new standard file transfer protocol introduced in SSHv2. This feature provides a secure and authenticated method for copying device configuration or device image files.

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## Prerequisites for SSH File Transfer Protocol

- SSH must be enabled.
- The **ip ssh source-interface** *interface-type interface-number* command must be configured.

## Restrictions for SSH File Transfer Protocol

- The SFTP server is not supported.
- SFTP boot is not supported.
- The **sftp** option in the **install add** command is not supported.

## Information About SSH File Transfer Protocol

The SFTP client functionality is provided as part of the SSH component and is always enabled on the corresponding device. Therefore, any SFTP server user with the appropriate permission can copy files to and from the device.

An SFTP client is VRF-aware; you can configure the secure FTP client to use the virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) associated with a particular source interface during connection attempts.

# How to Configure SSH File Transfer Protocol

The following sections provide information about the various tasks that comprise an SFTP configuration.

## Configuring SFTP

Perform the following steps:

### Before you begin

To configure a Cisco device for SFTP client-side functionality, the **ip ssh source-interface** *interface-type interface-number* command must be configured first.

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password, if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ip ssh source-interface</b> <i>interface-type interface-number</i> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# ip ssh source-interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	Defines the source IP for the SSH session.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# exit	Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>show running-config</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# show running-config	(Optional) Displays the SFTP client-side functionality.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>debug ip sftp</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# debug ip sftp	(Optional) Enables SFTP debugging.

## Perform an SFTP Copy Operation

SFTP copy takes the IP or hostname of the corresponding server if Domain Name System (DNS) is configured. To perform SFTP copy operations, use the following commands in privileged EXEC mode:

Command	Purpose
Device# <b>copy ios-file-system:file sftp://user:pwd@server-ip//filepath</b> Or Device# <b>copy ios-file-system: sftp:</b>	Copies a file from the local Cisco IOS file system to the server.  Specify the username, password, IP address, and filepath of the server.
Device# <b>copy sftp://user:pwd@server-ip //filepath ios-file-system:file</b> Or Device# <b>copy sftp: ios-file-system:</b>	Copies the file from the server to the local Cisco IOS file system.  Specify the username, password, IP address, and filepath of the server.

## Example: Configuring SSH File Transfer Protocol

The following example shows how to configure the client-side functionality of SFTP:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip ssh source-interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1
Device(config)# exit
```

## Additional References

### Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
For complete syntax and usage information for the commands used in this chapter.	<i>Consolidated Platform Command Reference, Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7)Ex (Catalyst Micro Switches)</i>
Secure Shell Version 1 and 2 Support	<i>Configuring Secure Shell</i>

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## Feature History for SSH File Transfer Protocol

This table provides release and related information for features explained in this module.

These features are available on all releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7)E3k	SSH File Transfer Protocol	SSH includes support for SFTP, a new standard file transfer protocol introduced in SSHv2.

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