

# ssh aliases

```
cd ~/.ssh
```

Following this, you'll need to create a file called *config*. Here's how to do it with Vim:

```
mcedit config
```

From here, you can now create shortcuts. You can specify the hostname, username, port, and the private key. For a full list of options, please visit the [official docs](#). Here's an example of how to structure the file:

```
Host scotch
  HostName scotch.io
  User nick
```

```
Host example2
  HostName example.com
  User root
```

```
Host example3
  HostName 64.233.160.0
  User userxyz123
  Port 56000
```

```
Host amazon1
  HostName ec2.amazon.com
  User ec2-user
  IdentityFile /path/to/special/privatekey/amazon.pem
```

Now, you can simply SSH into any of these servers with these simple commands:

```
ssh scotch  
ssh example2  
ssh example3  
ssh amazon1
```

If this isn't working for you, trying changing the permissions of the config file like this:

```
chmod 600 ~/.ssh/config
```