

# Shell Access To 2FA-protected IL SSH Server

Two-factor authentication is mandatory to gain shell access to our SSH server `styx.lorentz.leidenuniv.nl` unless you have set up a public/private key SSH authentication for your account. In this latter case, your access will continue to be *passwordless*.

If no public/private key authentication is set up for your account, you will have to complete the extra 2FA step to gain access to the system. Obtain the One-time Code (OTP) either by using an [OTP app on your smart phone](#) or by using an [OTP program on your personal computer](#). Please allow at least 15 minutes between your first 2FA set up and an SSH login session to our server. This time is needed to guarantee synchronization of users secret keys between our Identity Provider and the SSH server.

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