

# Using custom private and public keys in Ezeelogin

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## Can a user use custom private and public keys in Ezeelogin?

**Overview:** This article explains how to use a custom SSH key pair during the Ezeelogin installation by specifying the private key and passphrase options.

**Users can add a custom key pair during installation only. It cannot be changed to a custom key pair after installation.**

**Step 1:** You would need to generate your own 4096-bit RSA Keys using ssh-keygen

```
root@gateway:~# ssh-keygen -b 4096 -t rsa -P <enter-strong-pass> -f /root/test-pvt-key
```

Generating public/private rsa key pair.

Your identification has been saved in /root/test-pvt-key.

Your public key has been saved in /root/test-pvt-key.pub .

**Step 2:** Run the Ezeelogin installation package with the following option.

```
root@gateway:~# sh ezlogin_7.1.6.bin -- -help
```

```
-sshkey : Specify the path of SSH private key to be used.
```

```
Default: generates new key
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```
-sshkeypass : Specify the password (if any) for SSH private key.
```

```
Default: no password
```

```
root@gateway:~# sh ezlogin_7.1.6.bin -- -sshkey /root/test-pvt-key  
-sshkeypass ads*9s798js0sdf9#$2!sdr@@
```

**Step 3:** Complete the installation. The custom public key would be used when new servers are added in and would be visible under **Servers -> Global Key**

The private key cannot be decrypted. To get the private key, a new global key pair has to be generated.

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