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Chapter 1 Overview

PrivX Desktop provides a secure SSH-based environment for connecting to remote systems, transferring files, and managing privileged access.

Chapter 2 Launching the Application

You can open PrivX Desktop as follows:

- Windows: via the Start menu.
- MacOS: via Applications, Launchpad, or Spotlight.
- Linux: via Applications or desktop launcher.



Note

On Linux, you will need to have the following libraries installed before you can launch PrivX Desktop.

- On Ubuntu/SUSE/Debian: `libxcb-cursor0`
- On RHEL/Rocky: `xcb-util-wm`, `xcb-util-keysyms`, and `xcb-util-cursor` (You need to enable the EPEL repository to obtain all the packages.)

Chapter 3 Usage

PrivX Desktop functionality is split under the following tabs:

View	Description
New Connection	Create new connections via Quick Connect . Connect to hosts defined in saved Profiles or Recent Connections .
SFTP (File Transfer)	Securely transfer files to and from remote hosts.
Terminal	CLI for securely performing commands on remote hosts.

3.1 Connecting to Hosts

To make your first SSH connection, provide the remote-host address and user name in **New Connection**→**Quick Connect**. If the SSH server on the remote host is on a port other than 22, also provide that port.

The screenshot shows the 'New Connection' dialog box in PrivX Desktop. The dialog is titled 'New Connection' and has three tabs: 'Quick Connect', 'Profiles', and 'Recent Connections'. The 'Quick Connect' tab is active. The form contains the following fields and options:

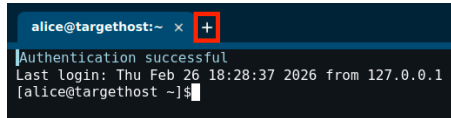
- Host:** targethost.example.com
- Port:** 22
- User:** alice
- Authentication method:** Default Settings (dropdown menu)
- Exclusive connection
- Start with:**
 - Terminal
 - File Transfer

A blue 'Connect' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog.

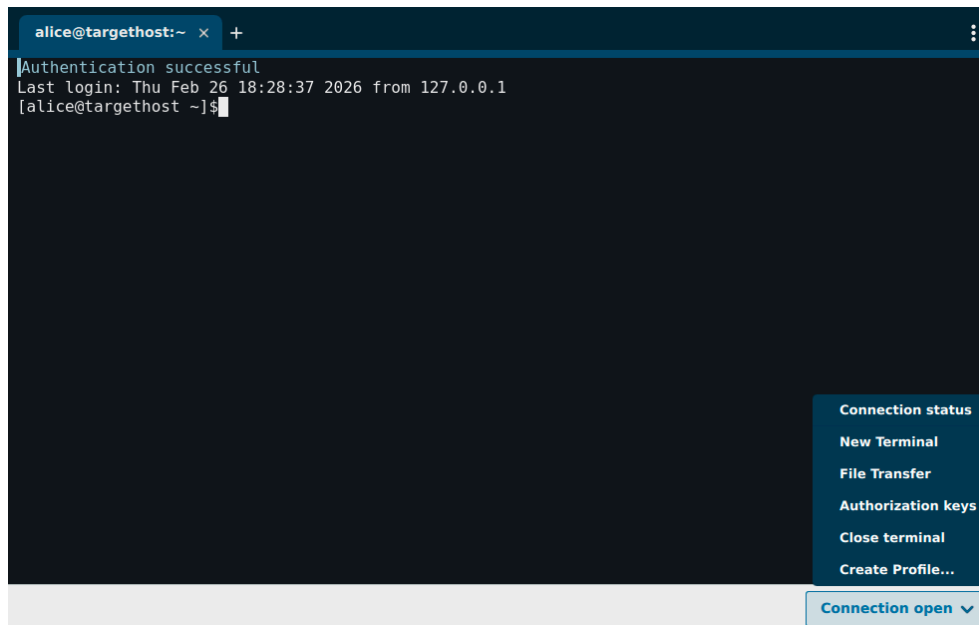
You can choose to **Start with:**

- **Terminal** - Lets you perform command-line actions on the remote host.
- **File Transfer** - Lets you drag and drop files to and from the remote host.

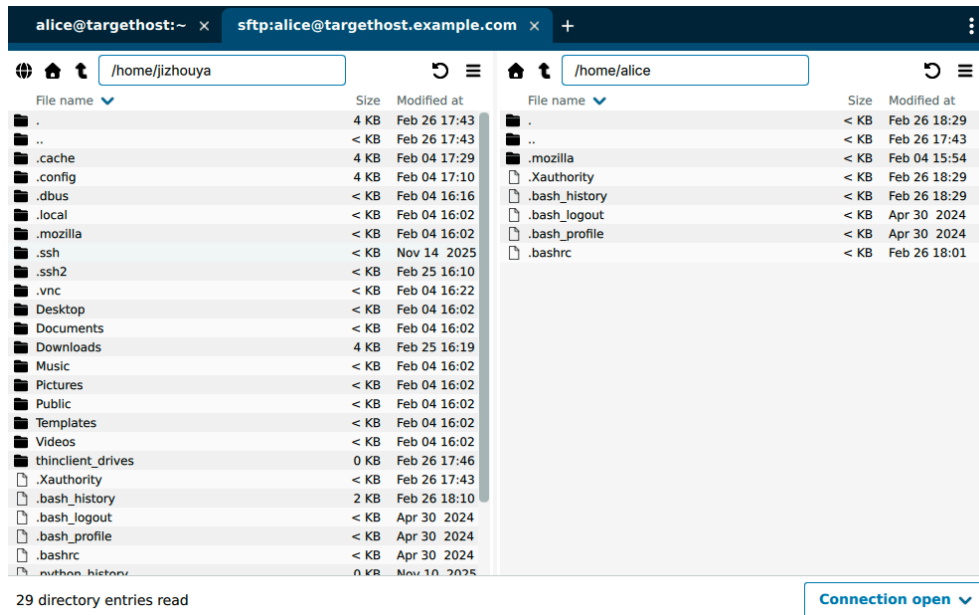
You can have multiple connections open simultaneously. To open additional connections, click + next to your existing connection tabs.



After you have an open connection to a host, you can open additional views to the same host via the **Connection Menu** at the bottom right.



For example, by clicking **File Transfer**, you will open a file-transfer view to the same user and target host.



3.2 Connection Profiles

To simplify repeat connections to a host, you can save its connection information to a profile. There's a few ways to create a profile:

- If you already have an open connection to the host, you can open the **Connection Menu** and select **Create Profile**.
- You can add profiles via settings. To do this, click **#** and select **Configuration**. Go to **Connection Profiles** to add a new profile.

To connect with an existing profile, go to **New Connection** (click +), select **Profiles**, then click the profile you want to connect with.

Chapter 4 Summary

PrivX Desktop enables secure, efficient SSH connections for both terminal and file transfer operations. By following this guide, you should now be able to establish connections to remote hosts, and transfer files to and from them.

For more detailed information, refer to:

- **Tectia Client User Manual** - for advanced configuration and troubleshooting details.
- **Tectia Server Admin Manual** - for server related, advanced configuration and troubleshooting details.
- **SSH Documentation** - <https://docs.ssh.com>