

Using Secure Shell in Mac OS X to Sign onto Idol

Mac OS X comes with a built in version of Secure Shell. It can be accessed through the Mac OS X **Terminal** application.

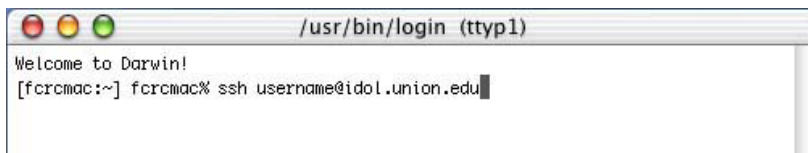
There may be an icon for **Terminal**, which appears as the one below, on your desktop or the dock.



If this icon is not present, you will need to locate the Terminal application. It is generally located in **MacintoshHD:Applications:Utilities**. Once you have found **Terminal**, double click the icon to open the application. You will be brought to a command prompt as shown below. Enter the line

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ssh username@idol.union.edu
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where **username** is your Union College username.



After you have entered your username you will be prompted for your password. **NOTE:** No text will be displayed as you are typing your password - this is a security feature of SSH used to prevent others from obtaining your password.

Once you have entered your password you will be signed into idol. Type **logout** to sign off of idol. Once you have signed off of idol, you can quit the Terminal program.

You may also use SSH in this manner to connect to other Union College machines (dutch, tardis, etc) on which you have accounts.