

OpenSSH 3.1p1 upgrade problem: can't connect

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Kind people,

I was a little nervous about doing an upgrade from 2.2.0p1 to 3.1p1 on my live, colo'd server via ssh before testing it out locally, so I tried updating a local machine with the same configuration, from 2.2.0p1 to 3.1p1. These are both Red Hat 6.2 machines, with openssh and openssl built from source.

I did the basic configure with the same parameters I used for 2.2.0p1:

```
./configure \  
--prefix=/usr \  
--sysconfdir=/etc/ssh \  
--with-tcp-wrappers \  
--with-ipv4-default \  
--with-ssl-dir=/usr/include/openssl
```

It configured and built fine, and telnet shows it's running:

```
[localhost:~] slinberg% telnet 192.168.0.22 22  
Trying 192.168.0.22...  
Connected to 192.168.0.22.  
Escape character is '^]'.  
SSH-1.5-OpenSSH_3.1p1  
^C  
Connection closed by foreign host.
```

But when I try to connect, it doesn't recognize my password – which I'm sure is correct, and I can use to log in normally via TTY on the same machine. I can't connect from localhost either.

When I check /var/log/messages, I see this:

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Mar 7 17:52:43 gorbag sshd[6671]: Disabling protocol version 2. Could  
not load host key
```

No reason is given for why not. In /etc/ssh/sshd_config, I have this:

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HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_key

This file exists and I can read it with a text editor.

I didn't change anything on the machine from the 2.2.0p1 setup, which had worked fine, and worked just fine before I did the install.

I'm at a bit of a loss at this point. Any suggestions about what might be going on, or where I should look next?

TIA.

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