

Re: beginner can't get public key auth.

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In article <m11smvfdmb.fsf@syrinx.oankali.net>,

Richard E. Silverman <slade@shore.net> wrote:

>>>>> "DT" == Darren Tucker <dtucker@dodgy.net.au> writes:

> DT> See `secure_filename()` in `auth.c`.

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>You are mistaken -- read the code again, especially near the comment:

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>Besides, if you had tested it before posting, you would have found

>empirically that those permissions do not matter.

I stand corrected for the current version, however I've seen it happen in the past. A quick look at the cvs commit logs (rev 1.33 if you're curious) shows that it was changed about 2.9.9 and since the the poster's version was unspecified, it *could* have been the cause.

As it turned out, it wasn't, so let me qualify the original statement:

In some versions below 2.9.9 OpenSSH's sshd will check all the directories up to the root.

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GPG key 8FF4FA69 / D9A3 86E9 7EEE AF4B B2D4 37C9 C982 80C7 8FF4 FA69

Good judgement comes with experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgement.