

Re: SFTP keeps changing – What do i do?

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Martijn Bruns wrote:

- > *Hi again all!*
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- > *I've been getting harassments from various people for the last two*
- > *days after installing newer versions of OpenSSH. Especially people who*
- > *like to use batchfiles and batchmode with SFTP are having various*
- > *problems. Basically, they're getting fed up, and me too, with the*
- > *whole thing.*
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- > *1) It looks like SFTP now exits when a command gives an error. You*
- > *have to give a stupid '-' before the command to prevent this. This*
- > *breaks compatibility with older versions, which crap out when you give*
- > *a '-' before the command.*
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- > *2) The output of "ls" is now different. You have to give it an 'ls -l'*
- > *to get the long version.*
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- > *We have to maintain about 200 different hosts. We can't just update*
- > *OpenSSH on all of them every time. Is there something like a*
- > *compilability flags or compile option or something?*

User "rsync -e ssh" instead of sftp. sftp, like the "privilege separation", is a relatively new tool and as you're encountering, is still under development.

rsync is your *friend*: not only will it correctly duplicate things like symbolic links, but it can be set not to copy the files unless they have changed.