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"Darren Tucker" <dtucker@dodgy.net.au> wrote in message
news:c400em\$07n\$1@gate.dodgy.net.au...

> In article <[mfq8c.42369\\$ys7.1710@newssvr25.news.prodigy.com](mailto:mfq8c.42369$ys7.1710@newssvr25.news.prodigy.com)>,
> Michael Favor <no-spam@example.com> wrote:
> > I installed Openssh on a couple of Windows 2000 servers with cygwin,
using
> > instructions I found on this web page:
> [...]
> > That worked fine on some servers, but on one I get an error when I try to
> > connect to it that says:
> >
> > "Cannot initialize SFTP protocol. Is the host running a SFTP
server?"
> > and
> > "Connection has been unexpectedly closed. Server sent command exit
> > status 1."
>
> Sound like the sftp subsystem settings in sshd_config are wrong. Look for
> Subsystem sftp /path/to/sftp-server in sshd_config, make sure the path is
> right and sftp-server exists and is executable.

And why are you using sftp? Wouldn't you be better off with scp, or with an
"rsync -e ssh" combination?