

Re: Error: "Cannot initialize SFTP protocol. Is the host running a SFTP server?" – thanks!

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"Carlo Luciano Bianco" <clbianco@tiscalinet.it> wrote in message
news:Xns94B870319C35clbiancotiscalinetit@127.0.0.1...
> *"Michael Favor" <no-spam@example.com> wrote in*
> *news:mfq8c.42369\$ys7.1710@newssvr25.news.prodigy.com:*
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>> *That worked fine on some servers, but on one I get an error when I try*
>> *to connect to it that says:*
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>> *"Cannot initialize SFTP protocol. Is the host running a SFTP*
>> *server?"*
>> *and*
>> *"Connection has been unexpectedly closed. Server sent command exit*
>> *status 1."*
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>> *The authentication part seems to be working fine, it's only the SFTP*
>> *part that doesn't seem to be working. Any suggestions for how to*
>> *troubleshoot this would be greatly appreciated.*
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> *Such a problem may happen if the server sends "extra" messages after the*
> *login, e.g. warning you that the password is expiring in 2 weeks. If you*
> *connect to that server with an interactive shell, what do you see after*
> *the login? Are there differences with what you see on a server where SFTP*
> *works?*

This was an excellent suggestion. I had been using the very nice WinSCP client, but when I connected to the remote host by using the "SSH" command from the CYGWIN command prompt, I was able to see right away what the problem was. Those "extra" messages provided just the information I needed.

Thanks for the hint, Carlo!

regards,
michael.