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I'm running SSH clients on a Mac OSX to connect to a Unix box. Does anyone have any thoughts on the following:

1) it works ok to connect, but every 30 seconds or so, everything freezes, and I have to wait a while (another 30 seconds). In the meantime, my keystrokes get saved, but it's a pain in the ass when doing real-time word processing (in Emacs) for example. What's going on? Why is it jumpy like that? The host machine is not busy, and I'm on a T1 line at work, so I can't believe it's network throughput or CPU time issues. Maybe I have some sort of parameter set wrong? Has anyone else observed this sort of intermittent pausing?

2) If I open a connection, and don't touch it for some minutes, the host disconnects, leaving me with an unresponsive window – have to close it and re-connect. Is there any tweak that I can use to keep the connection alive? I don't own the host machine, so I wouldn't be able to muck with the ssh server on that side, but maybe there's some trick for making it stay connected?

Thanks in advance!

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