

Putty/OpenSSH on Windows – Crash Port Forwarding

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Hi there,

I've got a Windows OpenSSH server behind a NAT DSL router and I'd like to use Putty's port forwarding feature on an XP client trough the Internet to reach a mail server that sits behind the NAT. The SSH connection is OK, the port forwarding is working fine as I can telnet to the desired port (POP3) but I can't retrieve my mails because the connection always crashes. Even when I try to FTP to a server behind the NAT, I can successfully login but then when I try to list a directory, the FTP connection freezes and a couple of minutes later I receive the world famous time out message, Putty is then in a strange state and I can't exit the terminal Window, I have to kill it.

To me, it looks like Putty can't handle the traffic being requested and simply drops the connection. Anyone has ever deal with this problem, is it a misconfiguration on the serverside ? I had the same problem when my SSH deamon was running on a RedHat 8.0.

Thanks in advance for your suggestions and merry X-mas to all of you,
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