

## Re: Public key authentication impossible w/SSH client on Vista

---

*Source:* <http://www.derkeiler.com/Newsgroups/comp.security.ssh/2007-06/msg00121.html>

---

- *From:* Simon Tatham <[anakin@xxxxxxxx](mailto:anakin@xxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* 21 Jun 2007 09:02:08 +0100 (BST)
- 

Siva <[solletica@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:solletica@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Microsoft, w/both the OpenSSH client for Windows (v 3.81) and PuTTY, I'm unable to change the file permission on the id\_rsa file--used in public key authentication--to something that is acceptable to the client, i. e. user-read only permissions. Instead, the SSH client keeps complaining that the file permissions for id\_rsa, "0644 are too open."

I'm surprised that you say you're having this problem with PuTTY, because PuTTY \_doesn't\_ check the file permissions on the private key file. Exactly what error message do you see when you try this with PuTTY?

--

Simon Tatham "The voices in my head are trying to ignore me. <[anakin@xxxxxxxx](mailto:anakin@xxxxxxxx)> But if I keep talking, I can drive them insane."

.