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Juraj Lutter wrote:

mouss wrote:

I tried with secureCRT and with openssh from a netbsd, debian and centos boxes. same error.

I googled for the error, and it seems popular!

– I don't think it's an /etc/host\* issue, as I was connected to the box multiple times (and I tried from multiple IPs).

– I tried from a vmware hosts with no keys, just to make sure it's not a key issue.

could this be a dns issue? the host is running a "caching" bind. I would prefer not to disable dns lookup, but if this causes trouble...

This seems to be more a /etc/hosts.allow issue.

I found the problem:

fatal: /var/empty must be owned by root and not group or world-writable.

I have created an account and set the home to /var/empty, but this changed the owner of /var/empty. sigh.

I should have found

<http://www.darkknight.demon.co.uk/prdb/unix/ssh.html>

sooner ;-p

thanks to all who responded.

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