

# Re: An ssh Question

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Jonathan Chen wrote:

On Sat, Jul 07, 2007 at 02:52:21AM -0500, Tim Daneliuk wrote:

I have a machine that is my firewall/gateway to a private network NATing non-routable addresses. I can ssh at-will from hosts on the private network to machines out on the net, but when I try to ssh from the firewall machine to a particular address, it just hangs and eventually times out. Verbose output is:

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OpenSSH_4.5p1 FreeBSD-20061110, OpenSSL 0.9.7e-p1 25 Oct 2004
debug1: Reading configuration data /etc/ssh/ssh_config
debug2: ssh_connect: needpriv 0
debug1: Connecting to xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.com [x.x.x.x] port 22.
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What is really baffling is that if I try the exact same thing from, say, a cygwin session on a host on the private network - this works fine. So ... it's not a firewall problem as near as I can tell.

It sure sounds like a firewall problem to me. Why do you think otherwise?

Because machines \*behind\* the firewall can get out to the machine in question, but the firewall machine itself cannot...

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