

## Re: Problems with SSH and X11

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On Sat, Sep 06, 2003 at 05:30:19PM +0200, Mariano Kamp wrote:

```
> mkamp@black:~$ ssh -X rock
> The authenticity of host 'rock (192.168.0.1)' can't be established.
> mkamp@rock's password:
> Linux rock 2.4.18-bf2.4 #1 Son Apr 14 09:53:28 CEST 2002 i686 GNU/Linux
> [...] abbreviated
> mkamp@rock:~$ echo $DISPLAY
> [ void - just one blank line ]
```

I bet you don't have xbase-clients installed on the remote system.

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> Besides that I have another thing with SSH bugging me. Maybe these issues
> are related?
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No, they aren't.

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> When I try to copy something with scp from rock to black, like this:
>
> mkamp@rock:~$ scp foo mkamp@black:.
> mkamp@black's password:
> executing /etc/bash.bashrc
> mkamp@rock:~$
>
> I just get the message that /etc/bash.bashrc has been executed, which is just
> some debug message for me that this file has been executed on rock.
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You shouldn't do it like that. This is a common mistake, but it breaks the scp protocol. Guard the debug message such that it only gets displayed for interactive shells, something like this:

```
case $- in
  *)
    echo 'executing /etc/bash.bashrc'
    # other interactive stuff goes here, if you want
  ;;
esac
```

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> *I am also wondering why I have ssh and ssh2 on my machine.*

You installed them both, probably. ;)

> *Can I remove one of them? How? apt-get remove ssh?*

ssh2 wasn't properly maintained for a long time, is non-free, and has been removed from Debian. 'dpkg --purge ssh2' is probably what you want.

Cheers,

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