

# Re: WTA: Warning: Remote Host Identification

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Atul Tyagi wrote:

By any chance did you change the IP address or the Hostname of the internal server?

No, I did not changed anything.

On 10/31/06, Budi Febrianto <bfebrian@xxxxxxx> wrote:

Dear All,

I have 3 linux server, where 1 server (gateway server) the ssh port open for the public, while the other two is closed, only smtp port is open for public.

This week I manage the servers from mobile with my notebook installed opensuse 10.

First I login to gateway server, then after that I login to the other servers.

But one day, after I successfully logged to the gateway server, and when trying to login to another server, I have this warning.

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@ WARNING: REMOTE HOST IDENTIFICATION HAS CHANGED! @
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IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE IS DOING SOMETHING NASTY!
Someone could be eavesdropping on you right now (man-in-the-middle
attack)!
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It is also possible that the RSA host key has just been changed.

The fingerprint for the RSA key sent by the remote host is  
b4:10:fb:f9:3d:04:b8:86:44:f7:2e:ba:b7:41:82:7c.

Please contact your system administrator.

Add correct host key in /root/.ssh/known\_hosts to get rid of this message.

Offending key in /root/.ssh/known\_hosts:6

RSA host key for abc.xyz.com has changed and you have requested strict checking.

Host key verification failed.

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This mean that my gateway server is under attack, or my others server under attack?

While remote, the connection is bad, I had several drops connections. Can this cause of the problem?

The others server are smtp server, an only open smtp port for public.

Best Regards

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