

CuteFTP - SFTP21 error = #7 (Connection to the server was lost)

## THE INFORMATION IN THIS ARTICLE APPLIES TO:

- CuteFTP® (All Versions)

## SYMPTOMS

When attempting a connection using the SFTP protocol, the following error is encountered:

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STATUS:> Getting listing ""...
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STATUS:> Initializing SFTP21 module...
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STATUS:> Connecting to SFTP server... 192.168.20.135:22 (ip = 192.168.20.135)...
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ERROR:> Connection to the server was lost, and the operation could not be performed.
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ERROR:> The requested operation failed for an unknown reason.
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ERROR:> Can't connect to 192.168.20.135:22. SFTP21 error = #7.
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STATUS:> SFTP21 connection closed.
```

## CAUSE

The remote server may be configured to use the deprecated **SCP** protocol instead of **SFTP**. The **SCP** protocol was superseded by the more comprehensive **SFTP** protocol. CuteFTP does not support the **SCP** protocol.

## RESOLUTION

Contact the administrator of the remote FTP site and ask if they are requiring that users connect using **SCP** instead of **SFTP**. If they are, then before you can use CuteFTP, the remote FTP site will need to be configured to use the **SFTP** protocol.

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