

SFTP21 error = #0 (The file being transferred in ASCII mode appears to be a Binary file. Proceed anyway?)

### THE INFORMATION IN THIS ARTICLE APPLIES TO:

- CuteFTP Pro®, v8.3.2 and earlier
- If you are using CuteFTP 8.3.3 or later, see related [KB article ID 10606](#).

### 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:> The file being transferred in ASCII mode appears to be a Binary file.  
Proceed anyway?
```

```
ERROR:> Can't connect to 192.168.20.135:22. SFTP21 error = #0.
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STATUS:> SFTP21 connection closed.
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### CAUSE

This error is the result of a timeout of an SFTP operation. The first line of error text is irrelevant and should be disregarded. There are two known possible causes for this error:

1. This problem may be caused by a misconfigured firewall.
2. This is a known problem when using CuteFTP versions 8.0.0 through 8.0.7 and attempting an SFTP connection to a server computer running *Titan FTP Server*. This issue was fixed in CuteFTP 8.1.
3. Also see related [SFTP21 error = #0. 0](#)

### RESOLUTION

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1. Check the firewall settings and ensure that port 22 is open and enabled for SFTP transfers.
2. If you are connecting with a server computer running *Titan FTP Server*, **update to CuteFTP 9.2 or greater**.

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