

# 2 ways to fix bad owner or permissions on SSH config

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- Changing the permission on the SSH folder can be the quickest fix and does not require any kinds of commands.
- The problem is primarily caused by permission settings, which should be corrected after altering permissions.
- A few commands to solve this issue are available on the internet, some of which may be really helpful.

SSH is commonly used by network administrators to control systems, and issues such as Bad owner or permissions on SSH config occur seldom.

Fixing this problem is rather straightforward, but it is one of those processes rife with blunders and misinformation from multiple sources.

But what if someone who did not know how to fix this problem encountered it? Here are some fixes that might help you.

## What is SSH used for?

SSH connections have been used to secure a variety of communications and administrative or management duties between a local workstation and a remote host.

Among other things, SSH is used to control routers, server hardware, virtualization platforms, operating systems (OSes), and file transfer programs.

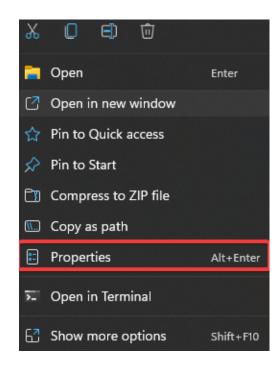


# 1. Change permission

1. Open Windows Explorer and locate your .ssh folder. It is usually located in

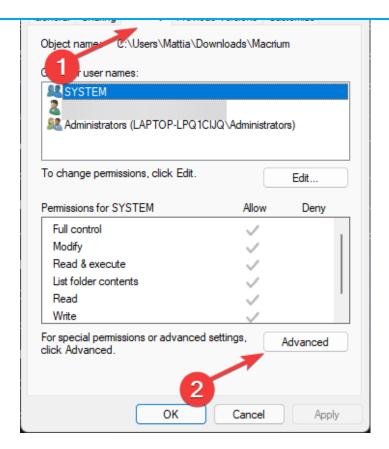
C:\Users\

2. Right-click the **.ssh** folder and click *Properties*.



3. Find and click the **Security** tab and then click *Advanced*.





4. Click **Disable Inheritance**.

For additional information, double-click a permission entry. To modify a permission entry, select the entry and click Edit (if available).

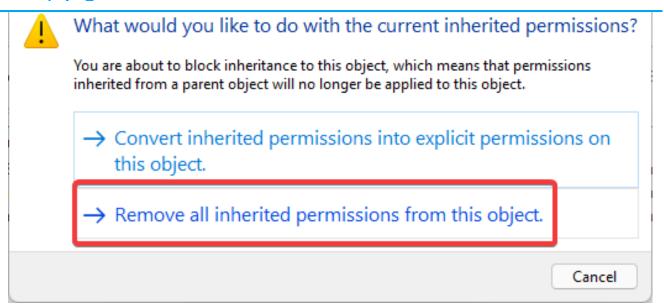
# Permission entries:



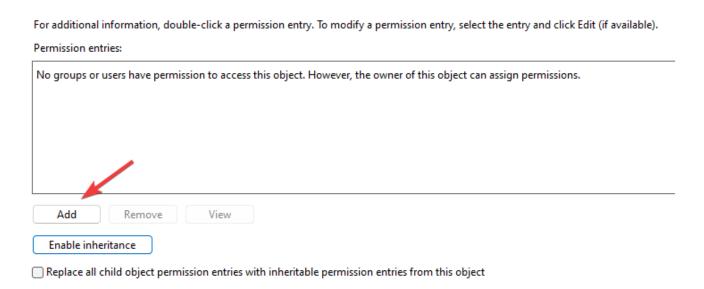
Replace all child object permission entries with inheritable permission entries from this object

5. A warning popup will appear. Click **Remove all inherited permissions from this object.** 





- 6. Click **OK** to close the *Advanced Security Settings* for .ssh window.
- 7. You will notice that all users will be removed. On the same window, click the **Add** button.

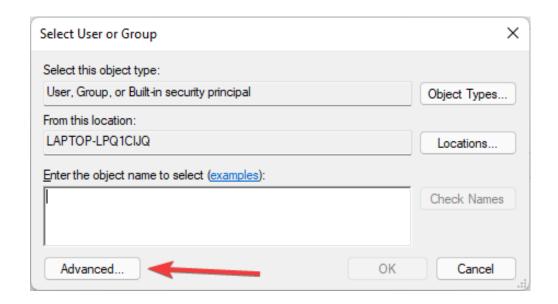


8. Next, click **Select a principal** to bring up the S*elect Users or Groups* window.

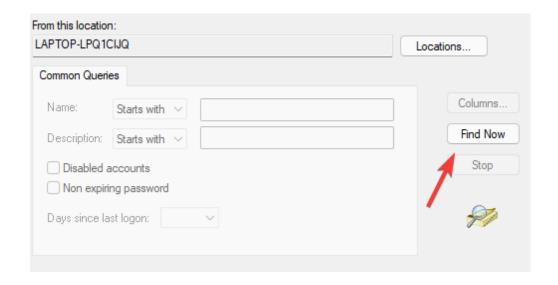


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#### 9. Click Advanced.



10. Click the **Find Now** button. A list of user results should appear.



11. Select your user account.



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## 2. Using commands

1. First, type in

chown \$USER ~/.ssh/config

2. After that, type in

chmod 644 ~/.ssh/config

## What is the difference between telnet and SSH?

Telecommunications and Networks are abbreviated as Telnet, and it is a networking protocol best known for the UNIX platform.

Telnet is credited as being the first Internet, having been created as a method of remote control for managing mainframe computers from remote terminals when the Internet originally opened in 1969.

While there is no official fix for bad owner or permissions on the SSH config problem, many users have reported that removing inherited permissions has worked for them.



The fix for a bad owner or permissions on the SSH config problem can vary in steps depending on the process type.

If you are experiencing ssh\_exchange\_identification connection closed by host issues, read this article.

Let us know whether you were able to fix the bad owner or permissions on the SSH config in the comments section below.