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Mac OS X Remove SSH Known Host

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I've reinstalled Linux on remote server and now trying to connect it over ssh using Mac OS X: ssh user@server1.example.com



But I'm getting an error which read as follows:

Please contact your system administrator.

Add correct host key in /Users/user/.ssh/known_hosts to get rid of this message.

Offending key in /Users/user/.ssh/known_hosts:1

RSA host key for server1.example.com has changed and you have requested strict checking.

Host key verification failed.

How do I fix this problem under Mac OX X?

You need to run the following command to get rid of this problem. Open the terminal and type the following command:

```
ssh-keygen -R server-name
ssh-keygen -R server.ip.addre.ss
ssh-keygen -R 202.54.1.5
ssh-keygen -R server1.example.com
```

```
vivek-gites-macbook: ssh vivek$ cd
vivek-gites-macbook: vivek$ ssh-keygen -R 10.24.116.2
/Users/vivek/.ssh/known_hosts updated.
Original contents retained as /Users/vivek/.ssh/known_hosts.old
vivek-gites-macbook: vivek$
```

Fig.01: Removing /Users/user/.ssh/known_hosts file

Now you can connect to remote host with ssh:

```
ssh user@server1.example.com
```

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