Using PSFTP to download files from to the server

Some activities ask you to download a file from the server to your computer. Before you download the file from the server you will also have to convert it to ASCII (DOS/WINDOWS). Here are the steps.

Login to the server

```
login as: wmorales
Using keyboard-interactive authentication.
Password:
Last login: Thu May 18 20:13:03 2017 from c-7:
Modesty is a vastly overrated virtue.

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wmorales@syccuxas01:~>
```

Crete your file using vi

You can check your file type with the file command to see what the type information is

```
wmorales@syccuxas01:~> file psftpexample.sh
psftpexample.sh: Bourne-Again shell script, ASCII text executable
wmorales@syccuxas01:~>
```

Convert your file to DOS

```
wmorales@syccuxas01:~> unix2dos psftpexample.sh
unix2dos: converting file psftpexample.sh to DOS format...
wmorales@syccuxas01:~>
```

Notice that the file type changed some if you check using the file psftpexample.sh again.

```
psftpexample.sh: Bourne-Again shell script, ASCII text executable, with CRLF lin e terminators wmorales@syccuxas01:~>
```

Rename the file with the .txt extension so it is recognizable by windows.

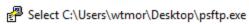
```
wmorales@syccuxas01:~> mv psftpexample.sh psftpexample.sh.txt
wmorales@syccuxas01:~>
```

Open psftp. If you did not install it, you can get it here:

https://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/latest.html



Next you will need to connect to our server using the command open syccuxas01.pcc.edu at the psftp prompt



```
psftp: no hostname specified; use "open host.name" to connect psftp> open syccuxas01.pcc.edu
```

Login to the system with your credentials and if it all goes well, you will be no error messages.

```
C:\Users\wtmor\Desktop\psftp.exe
```

```
psftp: no hostname specified; use "open host.name" to connect
psftp> open syccuxas01.pcc.edu
login as: wmorales
Using keyboard-interactive authentication.
Password:
Remote working directory is /home/inst/wmorales
psftp>
```

By typing the command help, it will list the commands available to use from the psftp prompt

```
psftp> help
       run a local command
       finish your SFTP session
bye
cd
      change your remote working directory
chmod change file permissions and modes
close finish your SFTP session but do not quit PSFTP
del
      delete files on the remote server
dir
      list remote files
      finish your SFTP session
exit
get
      download a file from the server to your local machine
help
      give help
lcd
      change local working directory
       print local working directory
lpwd
ls
      list remote files
mget
      download multiple files at once
mkdir create directories on the remote server
      upload multiple files at once
mput
      move or rename file(s) on the remote server
mν
      connect to a host
open
      upload a file from your local machine to the server
pwd
      print your remote working directory
quit
      finish your SFTP session
reget continue downloading files
      move or rename file(s) on the remote server
ren
reput continue uploading files
      delete files on the remote server
rmdir remove directories on the remote server
psftp>
```

You can list the files to locate the file that you want to download

```
psftp> ls psftp*
Listing directory /home/inst/wmorales
-rw-r--r-- 1 wmorales instructors 99 May 26 11:44 psftpexample.sh.txt
psftp>
```

Use the get command to download the file. You may get and error saying that you are unable to open the file. Sometimes you may not have root permission on your own machine to download file, so change the download directory to something like Desktop or a thumb drive.

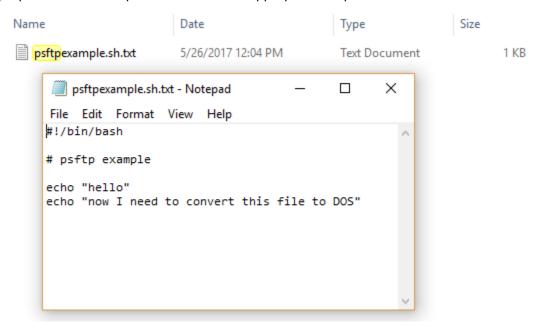
```
psftp> get psftpexample.sh.txt
local: unable to open psftpexample.sh.txt
```

If you get such error, just change to another directory with the lcd command

Once you change the directory to a new one, you should be successful with your transfer

```
psftp> lcd s:\
New local directory is s:\
psftp> get psftpexample.sh.txt
remote:/home/inst/wmorales/psftpexample.sh.txt => local:psftpexample.sh.txt
psftp>
```

If the get command worked successfully, you will find your file in the directory that you specified in the proper text format. Upload this file to the appropriate dropbox.



MAC Users

If you are a Mac/Linux user the process is similar but the software that you use has to be a secure ftp program to allow you to connect to our server.

You can also do it from the command line prompt

http://answers.stat.ucla.edu/groups/answers/wiki/7a848/Using SSH and SFTP in Mac OS X.html

Filezilla is another graphical option, but I am hoping that you master psftp from a command line prompt if you need it in the near future.

https://filezilla-project.org/