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| 153down vote[favorite](http://serverfault.com/questions/253313/ssh-hostname-returns-bad-owner-or-permissions-on-ssh-config)  39 | When I try to ssh to another box, I get this strange error  $ ssh hostname  Bad owner or permissions on ~/.ssh/config  But I made sure that I own and have rw permissions on the file:  ls -la ~/.ssh/  total 40K  drwx------ 2 robert robert 4.0K Mar 29 11:04 ./  drwx------ 7 robert robert 4.0K Mar 29 11:04 ../  -rw-r--r-- 1 robert robert 2.0K Mar 17 20:47 authorized\_keys  -rw-rw-r-- 1 robert robert 31 Mar 29 11:04 config  -rw------- 1 robert robert 1.7K Aug 4 2010 id\_rsa  -rw-r--r-- 1 robert robert 406 Aug 4 2010 id\_rsa.pub  -rw-r--r-- 1 robert robert 6.1K Mar 29 11:03 known\_hosts |

I needed to have rw for user only permissions on config. This fixed it.

chmod 600 ~/.ssh/config

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