How do I manage my dedicated server from my computer?

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This tutorial describes how you can perform remote management of your dedicated server, by means of Remote Administration Tools. **So you can manage your server from any computer connected to the internet and correctly configured according to the following instructions.**

Each dedicated server is connected to the internet through a firewall. The firewall blocks ports for remote management in order to protect your server against hackers. Your server is however also connected to a management network that is not directly accessible through the internet.

You can gain access to the management network via a VPN connection (Virtual Private Network). You need to configure a VPN connection in your Windows 2000, XP, Vista... You received your VPN data in an e-mail of Hostbasket, when your server was activated. **So you need to connect to the management network before you can manage your Windows or Linux server!**

1. [Create a VPN connection in Microsoft Windows XP](#)

2. [Create a VPN connection in Microsoft Windows 7](#)

Manage Windows server

In MS Windows 2000 you use Terminal Services to connect to your server. In Windows XP this is called Remote Desktop Connection. The latter uses the Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP).
If you do want to use Remote Desktop Connection on Windows systems older than XP, then you can download it [from the Microsoft website](#) .
These tools will allow you to work on your desktop, just as if you would be working on your server. You can consult the settings and functions of Remote Desktop on [the support site of Microsoft](#) . For more information about how to establish a connection to your server through RDP, click [here](#) .

Manage Linux server

Use SSH (Secure Shell) with a tool such as PuTTY. [Click here to download PuTTY](#) . To connect to your Linux server via Putty: click [here](#) .
Or you can use the built-in SSH tool of Plesk, [click here for our video demonstration](#) .
SSH gives you your commando line on your server, just as if you would be working on the server.

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