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How do I Logging in remotely from my Desktop into Linux server?

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Q. Ok, I've just order server and they I've installed Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 on my server. Now how do I Logging in remotely from my Laptop or desktop system to Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5? Can you tell me commands I need to type? I prefer to use GUI if possible.

A. You need to use ssh client. Your hosting provider must provide you root password.

ssh (SSH client) is a program for logging into a remote machine and for executing commands on a remote machine.

I recommend using ssh as compare to GUI to save both bandwidth and to avoid security related issues.

Using ssh is a piece of cake. Open terminal or use program such as $\frac{\text{putty}}{\text{putty}}$ and type the following command as shell prompt:

ssh root@server-ip-address

OR

ssh root@www1.mydomain.com

When prompted type the password for root user. Following typical first time session to establish secure connection between your desktop/Laptop and remote Linux server:

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$ ssh vivek@host51.nixcraft.in
```

Output:

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The authenticity of host 'host51.nixcraft.in (202.53.12.22)' can't be established. RSA key fingerprint is 10:cd:8e:3b:59:e4:3d:4c:e2:08:a6:12:dd:dd:dd:d8:74. Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'host51.nixcraft.in' (RSA) to the list of known hosts. vivek@host51.nixcraft.in's password: HIDDEN-PASSWORD
Linux host51 2.6.17-11-generic #2 SMP Thu Feb 1 19:52:28 UTC 2007 i686

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software; the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Mon Apr 9 17:10:27 2007
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Now you can type commands such as

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date
clear
w
top
....
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