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FreeBSD Install and Configure Webmin Web-based Interface (Control Panel)

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Q. How do I install webmin control panel for my FreeBSD server?

A. Webmin is a web-based interface for system administration for Unix including FreeBSD. Using any browser that supports tables and forms, you can setup user accounts, Apache, DNS, file sharing, firewall and so on. Webmin consists of a simple web server, and a number of CGI programs which directly update system files like `/etc/inetd.conf` and `/etc/master.passwd`.

Install webmin

To install webmin, update your ports, enter:

```
# portsnap fetch update
```

Install webmin from `/usr/ports/sysutils/webmin`, enter:

```
# cd /usr/ports/sysutils/webmin
# make install clean
```

Configure webmin

Now, webmin is installed. Start webmin on startup, enter:

```
# vi /etc/rc.conf
```

Append following line:

```
webmin_enable="YES"
```

Save and close the file. You need to run `/usr/local/lib/webmin/setup.sh` script in order to setup the various config files, enter:

```
# /usr/local/lib/webmin/setup.sh
```

Sample output:

```
*****
*           Welcome to the Webmin setup script, version 1.420           *
*****
Webmin is a web-based interface that allows Unix-like operating
systems and common Unix services to be easily administered.

Installing Webmin in /usr/local/lib/webmin ...

*****
Webmin uses separate directories for configuration files and log files.
Unless you want to run multiple versions of Webmin at the same time
you can just accept the defaults.

Log file directory [/var/log/webmin]: [Press Enter]

*****
Webmin is written entirely in Perl. Please enter the full path to the
Perl 5 interpreter on your system.

Full path to perl (default /usr/bin/perl): [Press Enter]
```

```

Testing Perl ...
Perl seems to be installed ok

*****
Operating system name:   FreeBSD
Operating system version: 7.0

*****
Webmin uses its own password protected web server to provide access
to the administration programs. The setup script needs to know :
- What port to run the web server on. There must not be another
  web server already using this port.
- The login name required to access the web server.
- The password required to access the web server.
- If the webserver should use SSL (if your system supports it).
- Whether to start webmin at boot time.

Web server port (default 10000): [Press Enter]
Login name (default admin): [Press Enter]
Login password: [type password]
Password again:
Use SSL (y/n): Y
*****
Creating web server config files..
..done

Creating access control file..
..done

Creating start and stop scripts..
..done

Copying config files..
..done

Changing ownership and permissions ..
..done

Running postinstall scripts ..
..done

```

How do I view webmin?

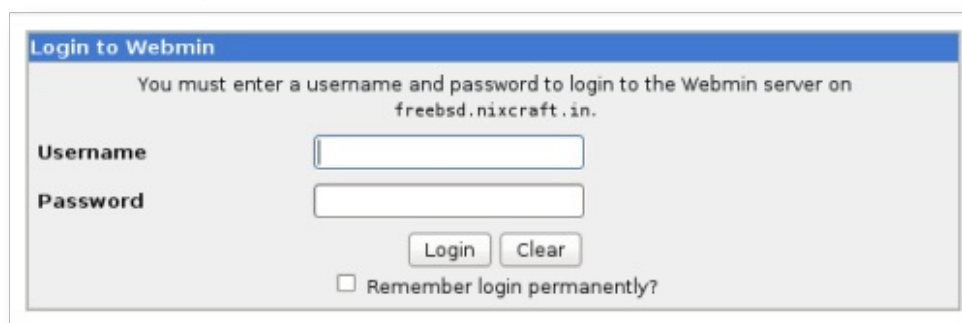
Fire a webbrowser and enter url:

```
https://your-domain.com:10000/
```

OR

```
https://your-server-ip:10000/
```

You should see login html form as follows:



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(Fig. 01: - Webmin in action under FreeBSD)

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