

To connect to the server using SSH, input the following into your terminal from another machine.

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ssh username@ip-address
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You should now be successfully connected to your server using SSH.

Pro-tip: I highly recommend following the steps highlighted by DigitalOcean [here](#) in order to ensure that your server is following security best practices. At the very least, you should not be using the root user to connect to your server.

Installing Docker and Docker Compose

In order to run Nextcloud, we're going to be using a containerization solution called Docker. Essentially, Docker isolates services that you run on your server into something called "containers", that basically act like their own mini-computers within your server. It's kind of like you have several smaller computers within your large server (make no mistake though, these containers can be very powerful).