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# Accessing the Management Console

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## About access to the Management Console

From the Management Console, you can initialize, configure, and monitor your GitHub Enterprise Server instance. For more information, see "[About the Management Console](#)."

You can access the Management Console using the Management Console password. An administrator created the password during the initial setup process for your GitHub Enterprise Server instance.

## Accessing the Management Console

The first time that you access the Management Console for your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, you must upload your license file. For more information, see "[Managing your license for GitHub Enterprise](#)."

- 1 From an administrative account on GitHub Enterprise Server, in the upper-right corner of any page, click .
- 2 If you're not already on the "Site admin" page, in the upper-left corner, click **Site admin**.
- 3 In the " Site admin" sidebar, click **Management Console**.
- 4 If prompted, type your Management Console password.
- 5 Click **Continue**.

## Accessing the Management Console as an unauthenticated user

- 1 Visit this URL in your browser, replacing `hostname` with your actual GitHub Enterprise Server hostname or IP address:

http(s)://HOSTNAME/setup

- 2 If prompted, type your Management Console password.
- 3 Click **Continue**.

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