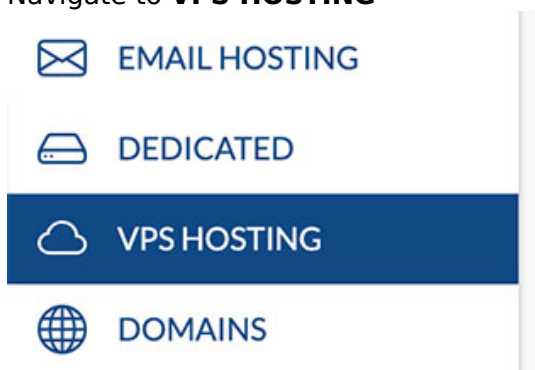# SmartVPSs

How do I SSH into my VPS?

Using SSH allows you to do some advanced (or simple) systems administration on your VPS. You can SSH to your VPS using Windows, Macs, or Linux computers.

In order to SSH into your VPS you'll first need to login to our Dashboard and create an SSH user account.

Create an SSH user account

- Log in to your [Dashboard](#)
- Navigate to **VPS HOSTING**

- Select your VPS: yourvpsname.com
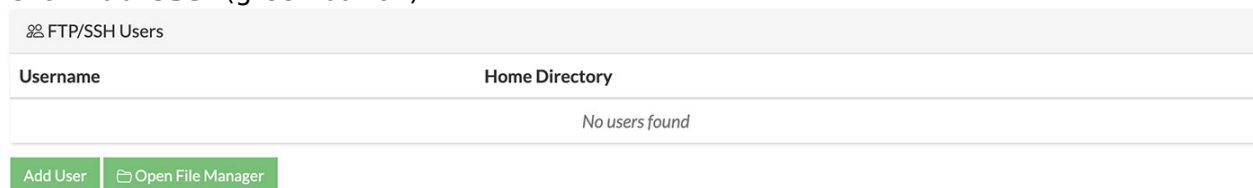 -> Click **Manage** (green button)

- Go to **FTP/SSH Users** or **SSH Users** (depending on the Generation of your VPS)
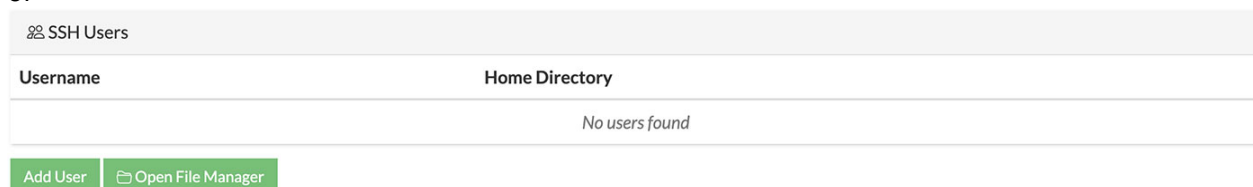

or

- Click **Add User** (green button)

or

- Select a **username** and **password** and **be sure to click the "With SSH/SFTP Access" checkbox!**

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Add User

Username ▢ ✕

Username cannot contain special characters

Password ●●●●●●●● ✓

Home Directory **/home/domains**
(home directory can be changed later)

☑ **With SSH/SFTP Access**

> Note: *SSH/SFTP users are always able to navigate to any directory on the server. FTP accounts - accounts where the SSH/SFTP checkbox is not checked - are always jailed into their home directories.*

Cancel **Save**

- Click **Save**

You now have a working SSH account. **Remember your username and password and follow these Windows or Mac instructions:**

How to SSH using Windows *(Mac instructions are below)*

- Download PuTTY to your Windows computer by right-clicking here http://the.earth.li/~sgtatham/putty/latest/x86/putty.exe and selecting "Save Link As"
- Double-click the putty file that you just downloaded and click the **Run**.
- In the **Host Name (or IP Address)** enter your web site address.
- Click the **Open** button at the bottom of the PuTTY screen.
- At the PuTTY security alert screen press the **Yes** button.
- Enter your SSH username when prompted by the **login as:** prompt.
- Enter your password.

If you enter your password correctly you'll now be on the command line. And you are done! Congratulations! You can now change permissions, use rsync, set up cron jobs, and all sorts of other great stuff!

How to SSH using a Mac

- On your Mac, using Finder, Navigate to **Applications** -> **Utilities**.
- Double-click the **Terminal Icon.**
- The Terminal program is now open.
- Now type into Terminal - replacing "username" with the username you created when you set up the SSH account - replacing "mywebsite.com" with your web site address:

ssh username@mywebsite.com

- Then press enter.
- If has gone well to this point you'll now be looking at warning about the authenticity of this host. Type "yes" on a Mac or click the "Yes" button on the PC when faced with a "Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)?" question.
- You will be prompted for your password. Enter the password for the SSH user account that you created and press enter.
- If you enter your password correctly you'll now be on the command line! Congratulations! You can now change permissions, use rsync, set up cron jobs, and all sorts of other great stuff!

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