

PuTTY

A guide for connecting to Vultr Cloud Compute instances using the PuTTY SSH client for Windows users.

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How to Connect to a Vultr Cloud Compute Instance Using PuTTY

Introduction

PuTTY is an open-source terminal emulator and SSH client for Windows workstations. It provides a user-friendly interface and terminal to connect to instances using SSH. PuTTY supports both password-based authentication and SSH keys for secure connections to an instance.

Follow this guide to connect to a Vultr Cloud Compute instance using PuTTY on Windows.

Connect to an Instance Using the Default User Credentials

1. Open PuTTY from your applications menu.
2. Enter your instance's public IP address in the **Host Name (or IP address)** field.
3. Keep `22` as the **Port** value and **SSH** as the connection type.
4. Click **Open** to connect to your instance using SSH.
5. Click **Accept** when prompted to add the instance's public key to your workstation's known hosts.
6. Enter your username when prompted for the `login as` value.
7. Enter the user's password when prompted and press `ENTER` to log in.
8. View the active user information in your SSH session.

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Connect to an Instance Using SSH Keys

1. Enter your instance's public IP address in the **Host Name (or IP address)** field.
2. Keep `22` as the **Port** and **SSH** as the connection type.
3. Expand the **SSH** group on the main navigation menu to access additional connection options.
4. Expand the **Auth** group and select **Credentials** from the list of options.
5. Click **Browse** within the **Private key file for authentication** field to load your private key.
6. Click **Data** within the **Connection** group and enter the default instance username in the **Auto-login username** field to use with your SSH key.
7. Navigate to **Session** on the main navigation menu and enter a new session name in the **Saved Sessions** field.
8. Click **Save** to store your SSH key, user, and the instance IP configurations.
9. Click **Open** to connect to the instance using the SSH key session information.
10. Click **Accept** when prompted to add the instance's public key to your workstation's known hosts.
11. View the active user information in your SSH session.

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