



PLESK 7 FOR WINDOWS
INSTALLATION GUIDE

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Installing Plesk 7 for Windows

The Plesk 7.0 installation requires Microsoft Windows 2003 Server already installed on your system and configured with static IP-address and QoS Packet Scheduler service enabled. IIS should be installed with WWW and FTP support. Plesk must be installed on NTFS partitions.

In order for your Windows 2003 Server to support SSI, ASP and FrontPage you need to select the respective components during IIS installation.

If you plan to use MS SQL RDBMS support in Plesk, MS SQL Server should be installed and configured to use standard or mixed security mode. If MS SQL Server is not installed, then you could select Microsoft Database Engine to be installed with Plesk and configured with administrator name 'sa' and any password.

Important:

We strongly recommend that you install Plesk on a clean server; specifically, only the above-mentioned operating system components should be installed.

Plesk 7.0 will not work when Domain Controller is installed on the server.

1. Log in as "Administrator" or another user with Administrator's privileges.
2. Change your working directory to the directory where the Plesk distribution resides.
3. Run the installer.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions.
5. When the installation is finished, reboot confirmation will be requested.
6. After reboot Plesk will have started automatically.

In order to complete the Plesk initial configuration, you need to login to Plesk on your host at <https://machine.domain.name:8443/> or <https://IP-Address:8443/>

The default username is "admin" and the default password is "setup".

Both are case sensitive. For security reasons this password should be changed upon initial login.

Upgrading from Plesk 6.5

This section describes how to upgrade your Plesk software using the Plesk Migrator.

Prerequisites

1. You should have a Windows 2003 Server with Plesk 6.5.x for Windows installed
2. Plesk 7.0 for Windows installation file should be stored on a local hard drive, or available from local network.
3. Prior to installing the Migrator, you should enable QoS on network interfaces and make sure that FrontPage 2002 is installed.
4. You should check if there are FTP/FP users with hosting accounts enabled, subdomain or web users, whose names coincide with the server name or are longer than 15 characters. All such users should be renamed via Plesk 6.5 control panel.
5. If you are upgrading Plesk on production servers, please, prior to upgrading backup all your data using the Plesk Backup Utilities.

Installing and Running the Plesk Migrator Utility

Important:

Do not install the Migrator utility into the directories where Plesk 6.5.x is installed or its virtual host directories reside.

Installation of the Migrator utility and the upgrade process must be performed by a user with administrative rights.

Note:

It is recommended that you close all applications prior to installing Plesk Migrator.

1. Run the Migrator utility installer, and install it.
2. Once the Migrator is installed it starts automatically. If you wish to run the upgrade or migration process later, you can close the Migrator window by clicking "Cancel". To run the Migrator, click Start->All Programs->SWsoft Plesk->Plesk 7.0 Migrator, or click the icon on the desktop.

Upgrading Plesk Using the Migrator Utility

Important: During upgrade/migration your system will be restarted twice.

1. During the first run, the Migrator will prompt you to specify:
 - a. Login name and password of a Windows user with administrative rights for automatic login to system after it is restarted. If you do not specify the credentials, you will have to logon manually to the system after it is restarted.

Important: Automatic logon after restart is done from the console. If you are running the upgrade/migration procedure remotely via Remote Desktop Connection, make sure that your Remote Desktop Client supports connecting to console prior to using the automatic logon option. Once the system is restarted, you will need to reconnect to the server console in order to continue upgrading/migration. It is necessary because the Migrator interacts with the user on certain stages, especially during installation of Plesk 7.0 for Windows.

- b. Path to the Plesk 7.0 for Windows installation file. Once you have specified it, you should not remove or relocate this file until upgrade/migration is completed.
2. The upgrade/migration process comprises five stages. The progress at every stage is indicated on the screen.
 - a. At the stage “Analyzing the control panel configuration” the control panel configuration is checked
 - b. At the stage “Backing up the control panel configuration” the control panel data are backed up for subsequent restoration
 - c. At the stage “Uninstalling Plesk 6.5.x for Windows” all hot fixes, patches, utilities and the Plesk 6.5 control panel are deinstalled
 - d. At the stage “Installing Plesk 7.0 for Windows” the Plesk 7 control panel is installed. The installation requires user interaction.
 - e. At the stage “Restoring the control panel configuration” all the data are restored on Plesk 7.0
3. Once the stages “Uninstalling Plesk 6.5.x for Windows” and “Installing Plesk 7.0 for Windows” are completed, the system is automatically restarted.
4. After restart and automatic or manual logon, the Migrator starts and the upgrade/migration progress continues.

5. During installation of Plesk 7.0 for Windows, follow the instructions presented on the screen.

Important: It is recommended that you install Plesk 7 into the directories, where Plesk 6.5 was installed. If you choose to install to other directories, make sure that they are located on the same hard drive, where Plesk 6.5 was installed. Note that once the upgrade/migration is completed, you can relocate the installation directories by means of Plesk Reconfigurator Utility.

6. Once the upgrade/migration is completed, the default license key will be installed for your control panel. To fully use the control panel to your advantage, you will need to install a valid license key. Please, contact sales@sw-soft.com in order to obtain the license key.

Notes:

The Migrator utility disables SSL support for all domains, as we no longer support SSL for several domains hosted on a single IP address.

The system users created by means of FrontPage Administrator software will be no longer connected with FrontPage.

Removing the Migrator Utility

You can uninstall the Migrator after successful upgrade/migration.

Note that copies of configuration files from Plesk 6.5 will remain in the folder

<disk>:\\$PleskBackup. You can remove this folder if you do not think you will need these files.