How to Install Plesk on a VPS — The Complete Step-by-Step Guide 2026

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In short Plesk is a professional, all-in-one control panel (web, mail, DNS) that runs on both Linux and Windows and is known for its powerful WordPress Toolkit. It installs with a single command on a clean VPS and opens on port 8443. Plesk is commercial and needs a license (a trial is available); the license is on the customer.

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Plesk is one of the most established and complete professional control panels, managing websites, email, DNS and databases from an elegant interface, and it runs on both **Linux and Windows**. It stands out for its **WordPress Toolkit**, which makes managing, securing and updating WordPress sites very easy. In this guide from the Hyyat Host team we walk through installing Plesk on a VPS step by step, with the requirements, licensing, first login, key settings, and fixes for the most common issues.

This guide applies to a VPS. If you don't have one yet, Hyyat Host virtual servers are ready for you: fast NVMe storage, full root control, and Arabic technical support that walks with you step by step from order to first login.

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Licensing note: Plesk is a **commercial, paid** panel that needs a license (a free trial is available for a limited time). The license is on the customer; the Hyyat Host team helps you install and set it up on

your server.

What is Plesk and why choose it?

Plesk is a **professional, all-in-one** management suite that suits businesses, agencies and anyone managing client sites. Its key strengths:

- **WordPress Toolkit:** manage, secure, update and clone WordPress from one place — one of the strongest tools on the market.
- **All-in-one:** web, mail, DNS, databases and SSL in a single panel.
- **Runs on Linux and Windows:** rare flexibility among panels.
- **Built-in security:** Fail2ban, firewall and the ImunifyAV antivirus.
- **Extensions, Git and Docker:** broad extensibility for your workflow.

Requirements before installing

Before you start, make sure your server meets the minimum requirements, as Plesk is a bit heavier than the free panels:

Requirement	Minimum	Recommended
Operating system	Ubuntu/Debian or AlmaLinux/CentOS (or Windows)	Ubuntu 22.04
RAM	2 GB	4 GB or more
Storage	20 GB free	40 GB or more
CPU	Single core	Two cores or more
Access	root user	—

Very important: install Plesk only on a clean, fresh system with no other control panel or pre-installed web server. Every Hyyat Host VPS plan lets you reinstall the OS in one click before you begin.

Steps to install Plesk on a VPS

Step 1 — Connect to the server via SSH

Use the username and password or SSH key we provided (replace the server address with yours):

```
ssh root@your-server-ip
```

Step 2 — Update the system

```
apt update && apt upgrade -y
```

Step 3 — Run the official one-line installer

```
sh <(curl https://autoinstall.plesk.com/one-click-installer)
```

The installer downloads Plesk and its components and sets them up automatically; it may take longer than the lightweight panels.

Step 4 — Wait

The install usually takes **15 to 30 minutes** depending on server resources. At the end it shows the panel link on port 8443.

First login and licensing

Open the following address in your browser (use your server address):

```
https://your-server-ip:8443
```

A certificate warning may appear on first login — continue safely. Sign in as `admin` (you set the password in the first step or via a temporary link). Then enter your **license key** — or activate the trial to test it. If you bought the license through Hyyat Host we help you activate it.

The four most important settings right after install

1. **Enter the license or start the trial** From `Tools & Settings → License Management`.
2. **Add your first website** From `Websites & Domains → Add Domain` by entering the domain.
3. **Issue a free SSL certificate** Via the SSL It! extension and Let's Encrypt to secure your site with https.
4. **Use WordPress Toolkit** To install, secure and update WordPress easily.

Common issues and how to fix them

- **Panel won't open on port 8443:** make sure the firewall allows port 8443 and the install finished. At Hyyat Host the VPS firewall allows the essential ports by default.
- **Install is slow or fails:** Plesk needs more resources — use a server with 2 GB of RAM or more and a clean, supported OS.
- **License problem:** make sure the key is valid and matches the server type, or open a ticket and we'll help.
- **Forgot the admin password:** reset it via the command-line tool `plesk bin admin --set-password` or open a ticket.

Plesk's main features in detail

Plesk's strength is its **integration and professionalism**: everything you need to run professional hosting — including the strongest WordPress tools — in one polished interface, with official support and a large community.

- **WordPress Toolkit:** update, clone, secure and stage WordPress sites.
- **Integrated mail:** mailboxes on your domain with spam and virus protection.
- **Multi-level management:** reseller, customer and user accounts.
- **Advanced security:** Fail2ban, firewall, ImunifyAV and automatic updates.
- **Git, Docker and Node.js:** modern development tools built in.
- **Flexible backups:** local or to cloud storage.

Securing Plesk after install

The panel manages your whole server, so its security is a priority. Right after install, do the following:

1. **Enable two-factor authentication** For the admin account — basic protection for the panel.
2. **Enable Fail2ban and the firewall** From the security settings to block intrusion attempts.
3. **Keep automatic updates on** For Plesk and components to patch vulnerabilities as they appear.
4. **Restrict access to port 8443** To your own IP address where possible.

What do you manage daily from the panel?

After install, every task is handled from one graphical interface without commands:

- Creating sites and domains and managing WordPress via WordPress Toolkit.
- Issuing free SSL certificates and renewing them automatically.
- Creating and protecting email accounts and mailboxes.
- Managing databases, domains and DNS records.
- Managing reseller and customer accounts, and backups.
- Monitoring resources and logs and installing extensions.

When should you choose Plesk?

Plesk is the best choice if you want a **professional, all-in-one** panel with official support and powerful WordPress tools, and you manage client sites or a serious production environment and don't mind a paid license. If you're looking for a free alternative, choose **HestiaCP** (mail and DNS) or **CyberPanel** (LiteSpeed speed).

Next step

- Activate the license or try the trial.
- Add your first site and issue a free SSL certificate.
- Use WordPress Toolkit to manage your sites securely.

And if you'd like us to handle installation, licensing and management for you, open a support ticket — we reply within 24 hours at most.

Frequently asked questions

Is Plesk free?

No, Plesk is commercial and needs a license (with a free trial for a limited time). The license is on the customer.

What is Plesk's default port?

Port 8443 over https, with the username admin.

Is Plesk good for WordPress?

Yes, the WordPress Toolkit is one of the strongest WordPress management and security tools on the market.

Which systems does Plesk run on?

It runs on Linux (Ubuntu, Debian, AlmaLinux and CentOS) and on Windows Server.

Does it include mail and DNS?

Yes, Plesk is an all-in-one suite with mail, DNS, web and databases.

Can Hyyat Host install it for me?

Yes, through Hyyat Host VPS management plans; we help with installation, licensing and setup.

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