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## HOW TO: Remotely Administer Internet Information Services 5.0 in Windows 2000

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### SUMMARY

This article explains the various methods that are available to remotely manage Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) 5.0.

Two options are available to remotely administer IIS. To remotely administer IIS over the Internet or through a proxy server, use the browser-based Internet Services Manager (HTML). To remotely administer IIS over an *intranet*, you can use either the browser-based Internet Services Manager (HTML) or the IIS snap-in that is hosted in the Microsoft Management Console (MMC).

**NOTE:** You can also use Microsoft Terminal Services over a network connection to remotely administer IIS.

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### How to Remotely Administer IIS by Using a Web Browser

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#### Enable Browser-based Internet Services Manager (HTML)

1. Log on to the Web server computer by using an account that has administrative privileges.
2. Click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Computer Management**.

The Computer Management snap-in starts.

3. Under **Services and Applications**, expand **Internet Information Services**.
4. Right-click **Administration Web Site**, and then click **Properties** on the shortcut menu that appears.
5. Under **Web Site Identification**, record the number that is displayed in the **TCP Port** box. For example, 2844.
6. Click the **Directory Security** tab, and then click the **Edit** button under **IP address and domain name restrictions**.
7. In the **IP Address and Domain Name Restriction** dialog box that appears, do one of the following:
  - Click **Granted Access** if you want to allow all computers to administer IIS remotely.

**NOTE:** If you want to maintain the highest level of security, this is not recommended.

-or-

- Click **Denied Access** (if it is not already selected), and then click **Add**. The **Grant Access On** dialog box appears. Under **Type**, do one of the following:
  - Click **Single computer**.  
Type the IP address of the computer that you want in the **IP Address** box, and then click **OK**.
  - Click **Group of computers**.  
Type the Network ID and the Subnet Mask of the group into the corresponding boxes, and then click **OK**.
  - Click **Domain name**.  
Type the domain name that you want in the **Domain Name** box, and then click **OK**.
8. When you are finished granting access, click **OK**.
9. In the **Administration Web Site Properties** dialog box, click **OK**. If an **Inheritance Overrides** dialog box appears, click **Select All** to apply the new security settings to the Child Nodes, and then click **OK**.

You are returned to the Computer Management window.

10. Quit the **Computer Management** snap-in.

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#### Use the Browser-based Internet Service Manager (HTML)

1. Start Microsoft Internet Explorer, and then type the domain name of the Web server, followed by the port number that you recorded, in the **Address** box. Click **Go**.

For example, if you recorded a port number of 2844, type a URL similar to one of the following examples:

- If you are on the Internet:

`http://www.microsoft.com:2844`

Note the colon between the URL and the port number.

-or-

- If you are on an intranet:

`http://server name:2844`

where *server name* is the name of the Web server.

-or-

`http://IP address:2844`

where *IP address* is the IP address of the Web server.

Internet Services Manager opens in the browser window. Use the links in the left pane to administer IIS.

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### How to Remotely Administer IIS by Using the IIS Snap-in

1. On a computer on the network, click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Internet Services Manager**.

The Internet Information Services snap-in starts.

2. On the toolbar, click the **Add a computer to the list** button. The **Connect To Computer** dialog box appears.
3. In the **Computer Name** box, type the computer name that you want, and then click **OK**.

The computer appears under **Internet Information Services** in the Tree pane.

**NOTE:** If you do not have Windows Internet Naming Service (WINS) installed, you will be unable to add computers that are not in your local subnet.

4. Expand **Computer name**, where *Computer name* is the name of the computer that you added in step 3.

Use the Internet Information Services snap-in to remotely manage IIS.

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### REFERENCES

For additional information about IIS remote administration, search for **remote administration** in the IIS 5.0 documentation, and then browse the documents returned. If IIS 5.0 is installed, browse to the following Web site:

<http://localhost/iisHelp/iis/misc/default.asp>

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