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Subject: Re: How 2 access to ubuntu in my office  
Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Tue, 13 Dec 2011 10:35:38 GMT  
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On 12/12/11 09:48, DavePoreh wrote:

> On Dec 11, 10:06 pm, Matt Francis<mattjamesfran...@gmail.com> wrote:  
>> If you don't need an X display then PuTTY  
(<http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/>) is a free and relatively  
>> easy to use option for Windows. From memory Ubuntu I think  
>> installations by default don't have an ssh server installed. This is a  
>> help page for a slightly older Ubuntu install than the most up to  
>> date, but it should all still be correct[https://help.ubuntu.com/10.04/serverguide/C/openssh-s  
erver.html](https://help.ubuntu.com/10.04/serverguide/C/openssh-server.html)  
>>  
>> There may be some trickiness getting into your office machine though,  
>> depending on what security is in place at your workplace.  
>  
> thanks Matt. Putty is working just fine.  
> Cheers,  
> Dave

If you want to see graphical output, e.g. from IDL, then you will need an X server. We use NX here (which would be free for you to install on your home system), and vastly preferable to non-optimized X servers such as eXceed due to the inbuilt compression of the X protocol which NX provides.

However, I would not recommend using the full desktop over a home network connection. I don't know Ubuntu so don't know what alternative desktops it provides. We use openSUSE, and most users prefer the reasonably lightweight XFCE desktop for remote sessions.

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