

Re: Logging In to PuTTY

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arbapost@aol.com (ARBAPOST) writes:

> *I just downloaded PuTTY, and upon launching it, I am asked for my
> username, which I supply, then it asks for my Password. I am unable
> to type in any password. The cursor will not move at all or accept
> any typed data. Help...what is the cause?*

The PuTTY FAQ says:

A.7.16 My keyboard stops working once PuTTY displays the password prompt.

No, it doesn't. PuTTY just doesn't display the password you type, so that someone looking at your screen can't see what it is.

Unlike the Windows login prompts, PuTTY doesn't display the password as a row of asterisks either. This is so that someone looking at your screen can't even tell how long your password is, which might be valuable information.

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