

Re: Terminal Services Security

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TS will be encrypted over the internet. If possible it would be more secure to tunnel in through a L2TP VPN connection to the server because L2TP will allow connections only from computers with a valid computer certificate. Having said that I have used TS/RDP over the internet directly many times. Security can also be greatly enhanced if you can configure your firewall to accept connections to port 3389 TCP from only certain IP addresses though that may not be possible if you are going to access from places that you have no idea what the source IP address will be such as hotels. I suggest you also rename the administrator account or disable it from being able to use RDP and instead create another administrator account to use as those that find port 3389 TCP open will try to logon as administrator if your firewall allows a connection from their IP. --- Steve

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- > *Next week i am in need to remotely access my network. The easiest for me*
- > *it to open the firewall for port 3389 to the ipaddress of the server. If*
- > *i set the security on the terminal server to High which should be 128 bit*
- > *encryption is this going to be secure? I understand that the user name*
- > *and password needs to be a hard password to guess. I have only allowed*
- > *the administrator account the right to terminal service in via AD. Is*
- > *there anything else to consider?*
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