## **How to Telnet**

### Introduction

Using the telnet command you can test if a port is open.

### Solution

You can check if a port is open in your network by issuing the *telnet* command.

telnet [domainname or ip] [port]

#### where

- [domainname or ip] is the domain name or IP address of the server to which you are trying to connect
- [port] is the port number where the server is listening

If the port is open, you will see a blank screen. This will mean that connection is successful.

For example

# In Windows Vista and Windows 7 you may need to enable telnet first:

- Go to *Start -> Control Panel -> Programs*;
- Under Programs and features, click Turn Windows features on or off;
- Tick off both *Telnet Client* and *Telnet Server*;
- Click OK.

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