

Installing the RPMSCloud Desktop Link on Microsoft Computers

Introduction

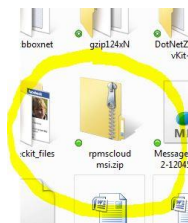
The RPMSCloud is very similar to the RPMS program with which you are already familiar. But it doesn't run on your computer, or your local network.

Instead, this program runs on a server hosted by Joes Data Center. You can read about their secure data center right here. <https://joesdatacenter.com/data-center/> There are two main advantages to running this way. First, your computer doesn't have to be updated with RPMS changes, backed up, or managed much beyond data entry and reports - we take care of all of that for you. Second, you have an instantly available network for any other users in your company that you wish to add, without the trouble of managing a server, their workstations, installations, rights, or security.

Installing the RPMSCloud Shortcut

To install the RPMSCloud shortcut, simply download the RPMSCloud2msi.zip file linked in the e-mail that came with these instructions. An MSI file is a Microsoft Installer file. We put this file inside a compressed zip file, because some folks' browsers won't download MSI files directly for security reasons.

Once you've downloaded the file, you need to find it to open it. To open it, you can double click it in most versions of Windows, and then double click again to run the RPMSCloud.MSI program. On the next page is a picture of what the zip file might look like in your downloads folder.



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rpmscloud.msi	Windows Installer Package	26 KB	No

...to get to this (now rpmscloud2.msi).

To launch the RPMSCloud installation program inside the zip, double click the rpmscloud2.msi, or right-click, then click Open. You may get a warning message or two, depending on whether or not you have User Account Control turned on, and then you will see a couple of small progress windows indicating the shortcut is being installed.

And that's it. There are no prompts in this install asking where do you want to install, or where your data resides, and (somewhat disconcertingly) nothing that says the process is finished. Nearly as soon as you've run the program, the RPMSCloud link will be on your desktop, pointing to the RDP file in your RemotePackages folder, as shown below. To launch the program, simply double click the link.



If for some reason the link does not appear on your desktop (some computers have security settings that prevent the link's creation) click the Windows Search field and type RPMSCloud. This should show the RPMSCloud Remote desktop app. Right click the app, and then click "Open file location". Drag and drop the file to the desktop.

First Time In

The first time you run RPMSCloud from your desktop there will be a couple of things that need to be set up. First, you will see a window asking if you trust the certificate provider www.rpmscloud.com. Check the box to "always trust this provider" so that you won't get that dialog box again when starting the program.

Then the RPMSCloud shortcut will try to log you in to the RPMSCloud network. Since Windows knows it is taking you to a new remote network, it shows you the username it will try to use, and a prompt for the password for this network.



Instead of using your existing network name, you will most likely need to click "Use another account" to input the Network Name given to you by RPMS. Enter the password given as well. Be sure to follow all upper and lower case conventions in the information given to you. Once the RPMSCloud Network Name and Password are entered, **check the box to save those credentials** and always use them for this connection, then click OK. Then you won't have to see that dialog box again.

Once the connection has been made, on many Vista and Windows 7 systems you will see a subsequent window that asks if you want to launch the program. It looks like this:



This is a security dialog box that lets you know the program you are about to run is published by our company, RepSoft, LLC. If you want to avoid seeing this dialog again we can turn it off if you request it, at no charge. However, there are some very small risks involved in turning this dialog off, so you should discuss the pros and cons with either RPMS technical support or your network administrator.

Once you click Run, RPMS will be launched. Enter your password for RPMS (your RPMSCloud network name is pre-loaded) and you will be logged in and ready to operate. Note that if you did not previously have a specific password to get into RPMS, I invented one for you that is your first name. See the e-mail that accompanied this document.

Subsequently, double-clicking the RPMSCloud desktop icon can take you straight away into the RPMS login screen, just like the desktop version of RPMS.