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# VPS

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**Places no trades.** The Setup Check runs on demo and contest accounts only. The full guide has all 18 sheets.

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## *Keeping MetaTrader 5 on when your laptop is closed*

A **VPS** (virtual private server) is a Windows computer in a data centre that you reach with **Remote Desktop**. Use one when **MetaTrader 5** must stay online after you close your laptop. Learn the install on your own computer first (Sheets 08 to 14).

## Why and when

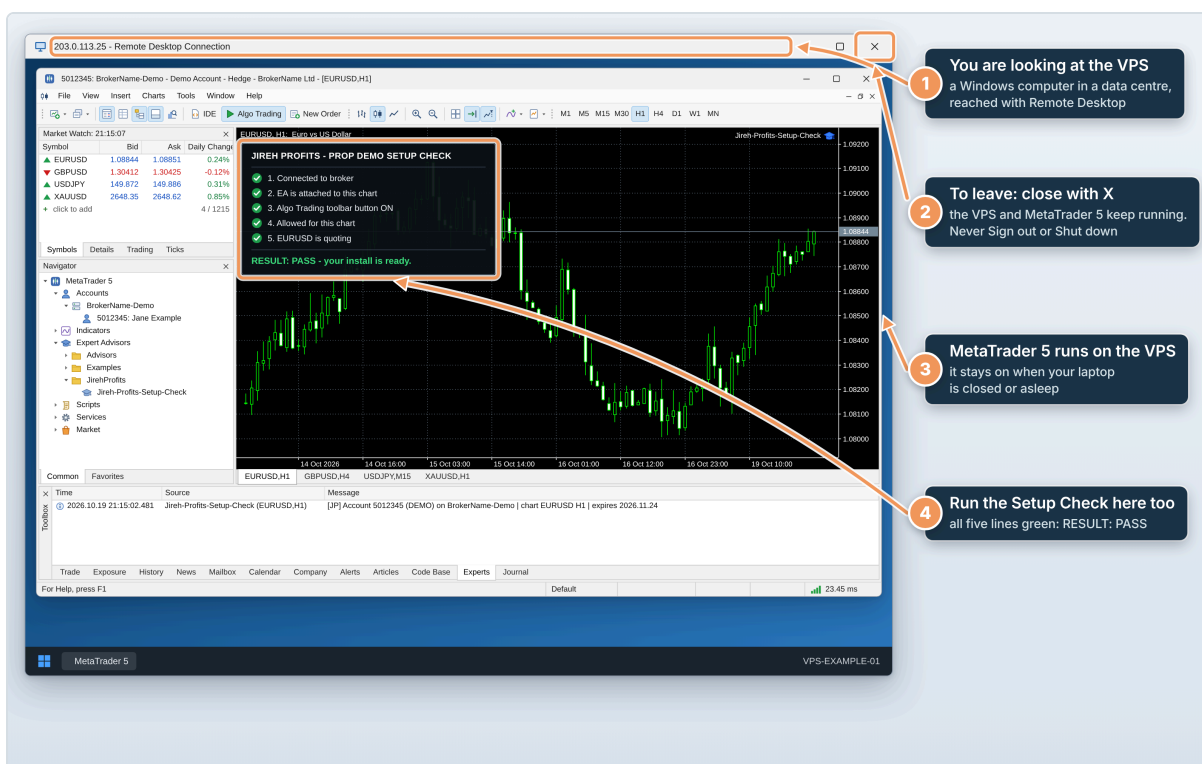
- Laptops sleep, and MetaTrader 5 stops with them. A VPS stays on.
- Move to a VPS when a session must survive a closed lid, or when you run terminals around the clock.

## Choosing one

- **Examples people compare:** ForexVPS, Beeks, and general Windows cloud servers such as Amazon Lightsail. These are examples, not endorsements.
- **Size:** for one terminal, about 1 to 2 vCPU and 2 to 4 GB RAM. For two to four terminals, 2 to 4 vCPU and 8 GB RAM or more, on SSD.
- **Windows:** MetaTrader 5 needs a Windows VPS.

## Setting it up

1. Connect with **Remote Desktop**, using the address, user name and password your VPS provider sends you.
2. On the VPS, install MetaTrader 5 from your broker (Sheet 08) and log in (Sheet 09).
3. Only after the Setup Check has passed on your own computer, put it on the VPS (download it there from the Resources page, or copy it across in Remote Desktop) and repeat Sheets 10 to 14 on the VPS.
4. To leave, close the Remote Desktop window with its **X**. The VPS and MetaTrader 5 keep running. Never choose **Sign out** or **Shut down** on the VPS: that closes MetaTrader 5.



**Picture 15.1** (illustration with example values): A VPS seen through Remote Desktop (address 203.0.113.25 and the name VPS-EXAMPLE-01 are examples). MetaTrader 5 runs on the VPS and stays on when your laptop sleeps; the Setup Check passes there too. To leave, close the window with its X; never choose Sign out or Shut down.

**Keep it secure.** Use a strong Remote Desktop password and keep it in a password manager. Never store passwords in a shared folder, and never email an .ex5 file and an account password together. Keep Windows and MetaTrader 5 updated on the VPS.