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# Towson University's VPN

Virtual Private Network

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## Introduction

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Towson University's VPN allows you connect to the campus network through any computer. It is mainly used for faculty, staff, and students who need to:

- Map to network drives when not on Towson University's network or while on tu-guest
- Use printers they have configured
- Connect directly to a personal (H:) and/or departmental (O:) file share when they are not using Virtual Workspace
- Use Microsoft Outlook to connect to an Exchange account using Exchange protocol when not using Outlook Web Access or Virtual Workspace

**Note:** Students can access files on their H drive via <http://tigerweb.towson.edu> without using the VPN.

## Installing the VPN Client

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1. Open your preferred web browser and navigate to **vpnc.towson.edu**.

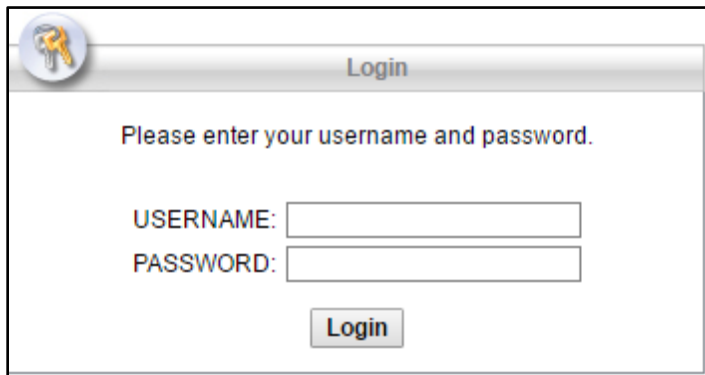


Figure 1

2. Enter your **USERNAME (NetID)** and **PASSWORD** and click **Login**.
3. A **WARNING!** message with appear. Click **Continue**.

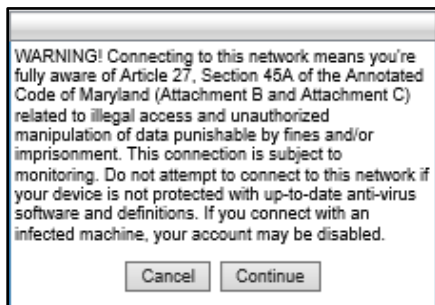
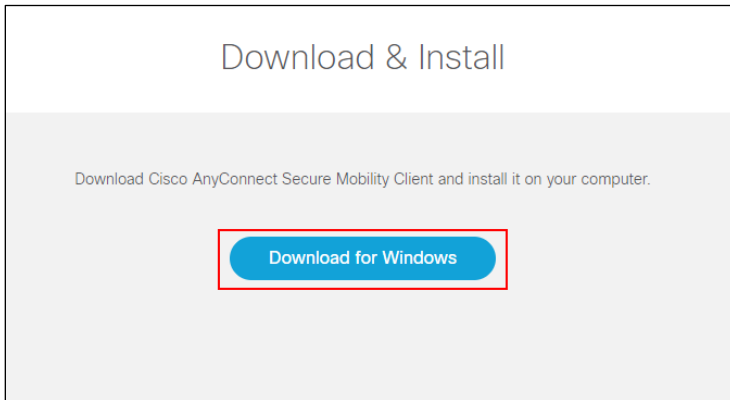
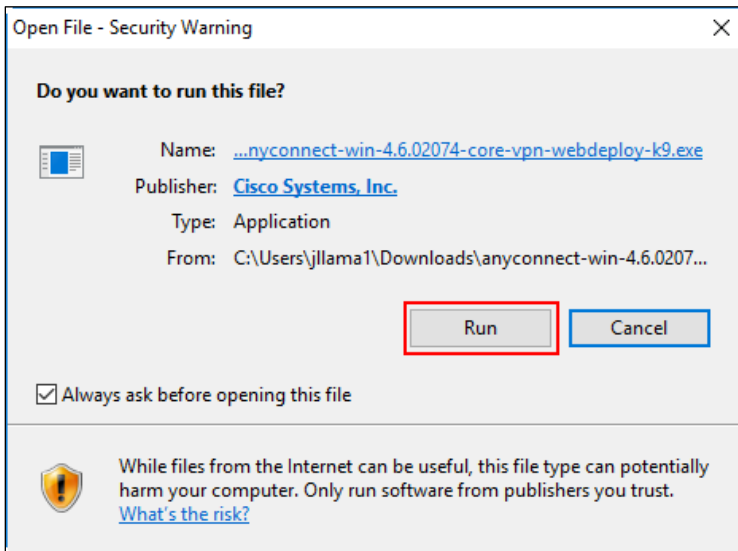


Figure 2

4. The **AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client Download** window will appear, click **Download for Windows**.



5. The file will begin to download. Once downloaded, click the file to open it.
6. An **Open File - Security Warning** dialog box will appear. Click **Run**.



**Figure 3**

7. The **Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client Setup Wizard** will appear. Follow the steps to finish the installation.
8. You are now connected to **Towson University's VPN**. You may close your web browser.

## Mapping your Network Drives

After connecting to Towson University's VPN, you may now map your network drives to your PC.

1. Right-click the **This PC** icon on your desktop.

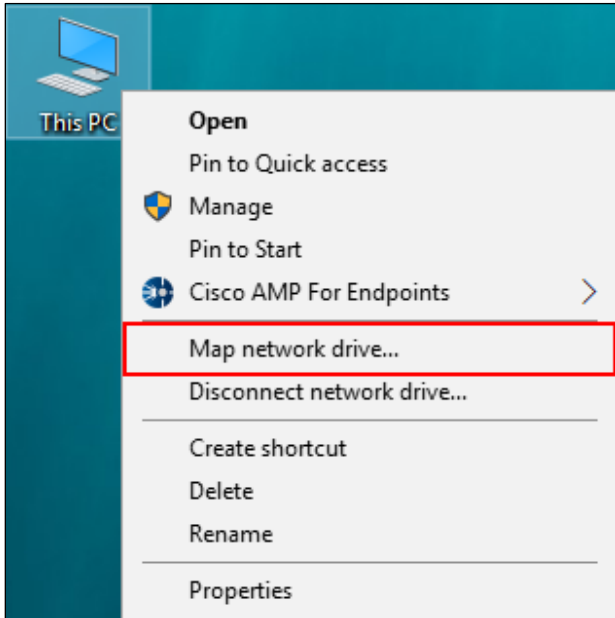


Figure 4

2. Click **Map network drive...**
3. Click the **drop down arrow** beside **Drive:** and select your drive letter.

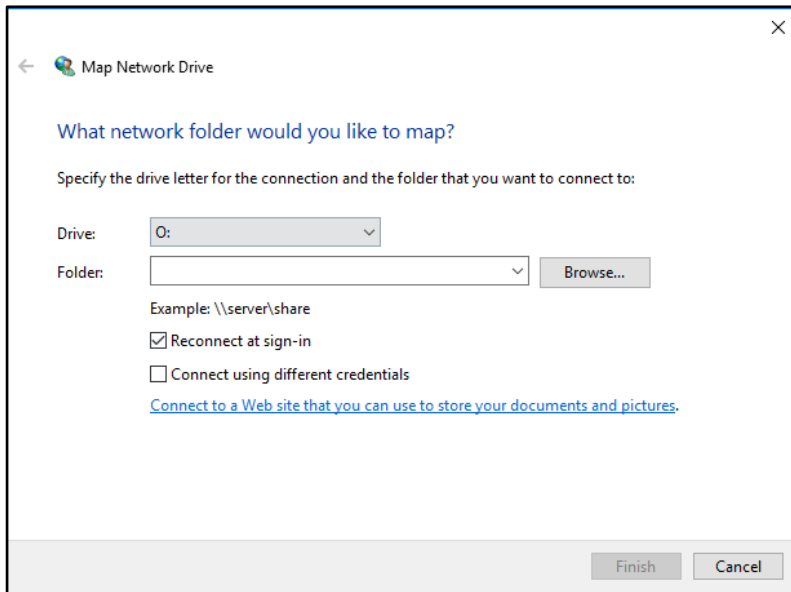


Figure 5

4. Click the text box beside **Folder:** and type in the network drive you need to access:

### **Faculty and Staff**

- H Drive: [\\homeshare\NetID\\$](#) (Replace NetID with your NetID)
- O Drive: [\\deptshare\DepartmentName\\$](#) [Replace DepartmentName with your departmental abbreviation (ex. HR, OTS)]
- Any other drive: [\\customshare\DriveName](#) (Replace DriveName with the name of your drive, this can be located in **My Computer** or **This PC** of your Towson computer)

### **Students**

- H Drive: [\\studentshare\NetID\\$](#) (Replace NetID with your NetID). Students can also access their H Drive, without using the VPN through WebDisk: <https://webdisk.towson.edu/>
- Tigerweb: [\\tigerweb\NetID\\$](#) (Replace NetID with your NetID)

5. Click **Finish**.

6. If you are prompted again for authentication, enter your **Username (towsonu\NetID)** and **Password**.

## **Disconnect from VPN**

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1. Click the **Show hidden icons** button in the bottom right-hand corner.



Figure 6

2. Click the **Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client** button.

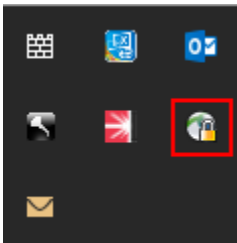


Figure 7

3. The client will open. Click the **Disconnect** button.



Figure 8

4. Click the **Close** button.

## Reconnecting to VPN

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1. Click the **Show hidden icons** button in the bottom right-hand corner.
2. Click the **Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client** button.

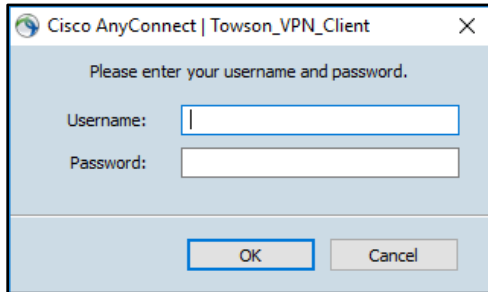


Figure 9

3. Click **Connect**. An **authentication** dialog box will appear.
4. Enter your **Username (NetID)** and **Password**.
5. Click **OK**. A **WARNING!** message will appear.
6. Click **Accept**. You are now reconnected to **Towson University's VPN**.