

Towson University's VPN

Virtual Private Network—MAC

Introduction


When connecting through the VPN server, your computer acts as though it is physically on the campus network.

When Do I Need VPN?

VPN is mainly used for faculty, staff, and students who need to connect directly to a personal (H:) or departmental (O:) file share when they are not using Virtual Workspace and using certain applications that require a direct connection to the Towson campus.

Process Summary

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 The quickest way to access your e-mail through the internet is through <http://outlook.towson.edu>. For full access to your Outlook account and most other off-campus computing needs, use the virtual workspace at <https://virtualworkspace.towson.edu/>.

Using VPN

The VPN client is installed on university Macs. You should not have to install it.

To Run VPN

1. From the Applications Folder, select the **Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client.app** (Fig 1, 1)

Note: If the Cisco folder above is not present, follow the instructions below to install the VPN client.

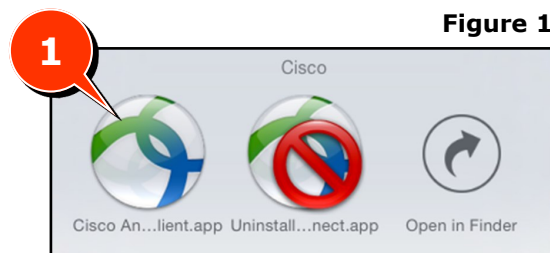


Figure 1

2. In the AnyConnect window, select **Connect** (Fig 2, 1).

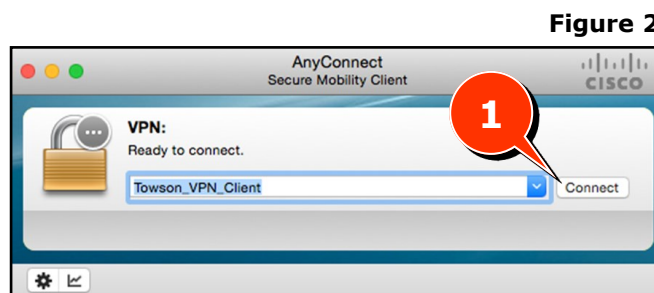
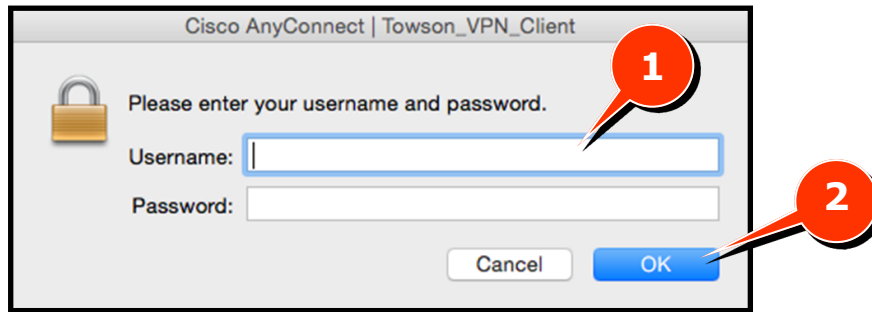


Figure 2

- When prompted, enter your TowsonU **NetID** and **password** (Fig 3, 1) and select **OK** (Fig 3, 2).

Figure 3

- When done using VPN, in the AnyConnect window, select **Disconnect**.

Note: To connect to university resources, including your H: and O: drives, see the self-help document [Connecting To a File Share From A Mac](#).

Installing the VPN Client

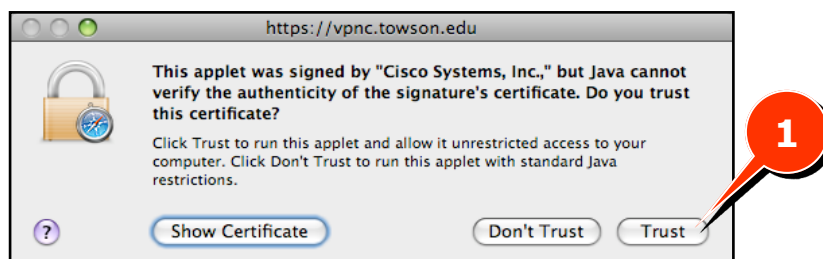
- Open **Safari**.
- Click in the address bar of your browser and type **https://vpnc.towson.edu/** and press **ENTER**.

Note: Do not forget to add the **S** after the http in the address above.

- The Login dialog box will appear. At the Login prompt (Fig 4), type your TowsonU **USERNAME** and **PASSWORD** and then click **Login**.
- Click **Continue** when the "WARNING! Connecting to this network..." pop up window appears.

Figure 4

- A **Security Certificate** dialog box may appear (Fig 5). Click **Trust** (Fig 5, 1). If you do not see this message, then skip this step and move to step 6.

Figure 5

6. Wait a few moments for the VPN client to install.
7. The **Authenticate** dialog box will appear. Click **OK**.
8. Type your TowsonU **USERNAME** and **PASSWORD** when prompted.
9. The VPN Client can be connected and disconnected by clicking on the **lock** icon in the menu bar (Fig 6, 1).

Figure 6