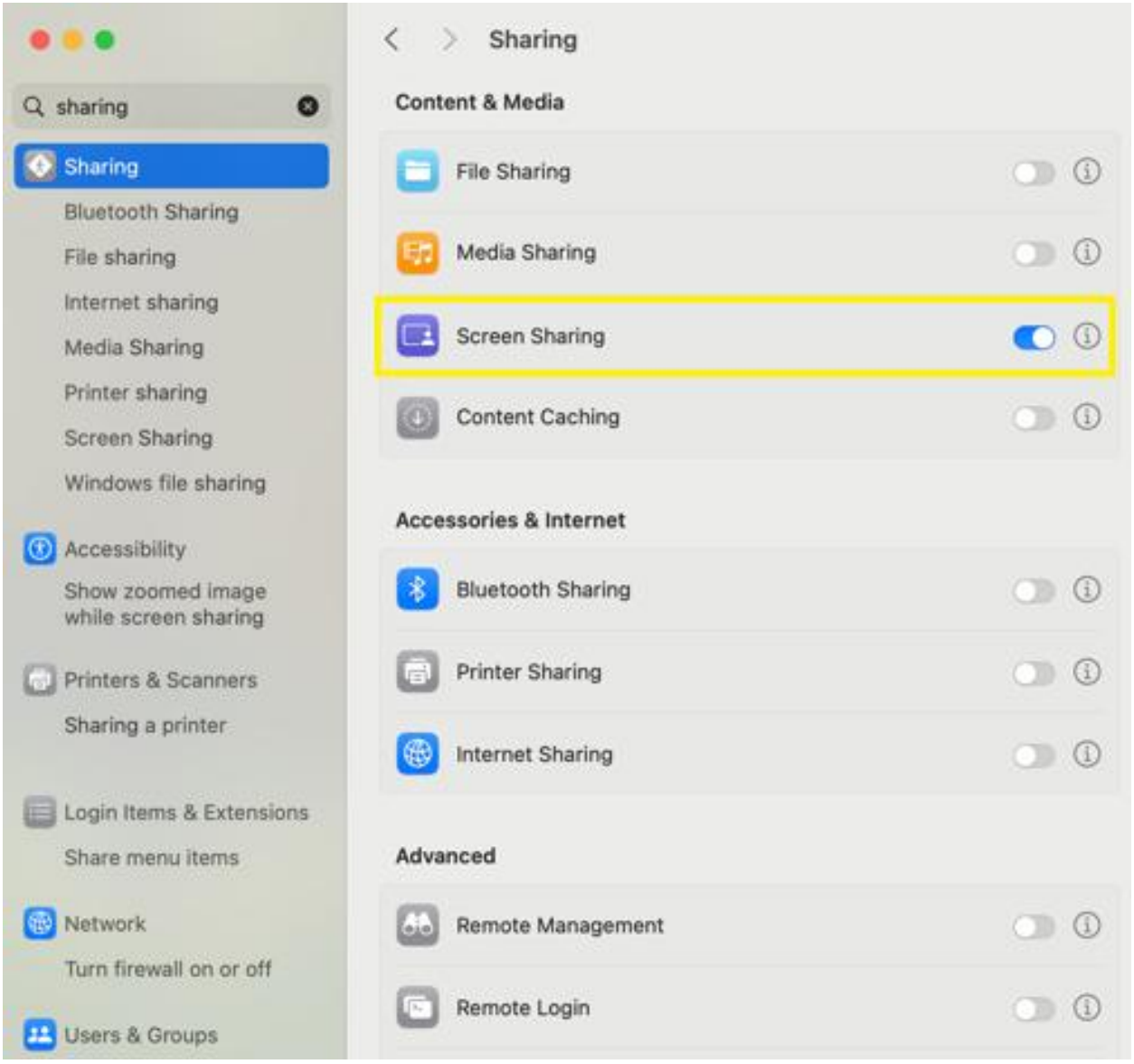
Step-By-Step guide on how to RDP
Ubuntu to Apple MacBook laptop

To remotely access an Apple MacBook laptop from Ubuntu using RDP (Remote Desktop Protocol), follow these steps to ensure both systems are properly configured. This setup allows you to control your macOS device from Ubuntu as if you were sitting in front of it.

Step 1: Enable Screen Sharing on macOS

1. **Open System Settings** on your Mac.
2. Go to **General > Sharing**.
3. Enable **Screen Sharing** or **Remote Management**.
4. Click the **(i)** icon next to the option to configure access.
5. Choose which users can access the Mac remotely.
6. Make note of your Mac's **IP address**.



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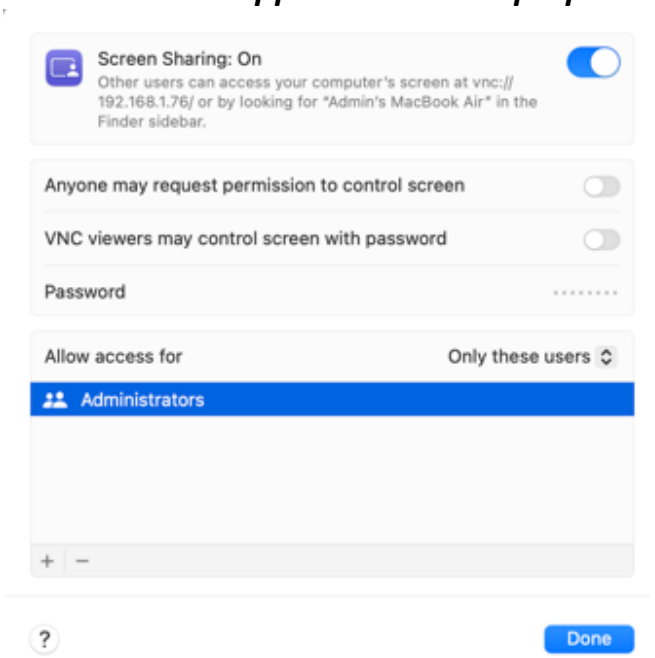
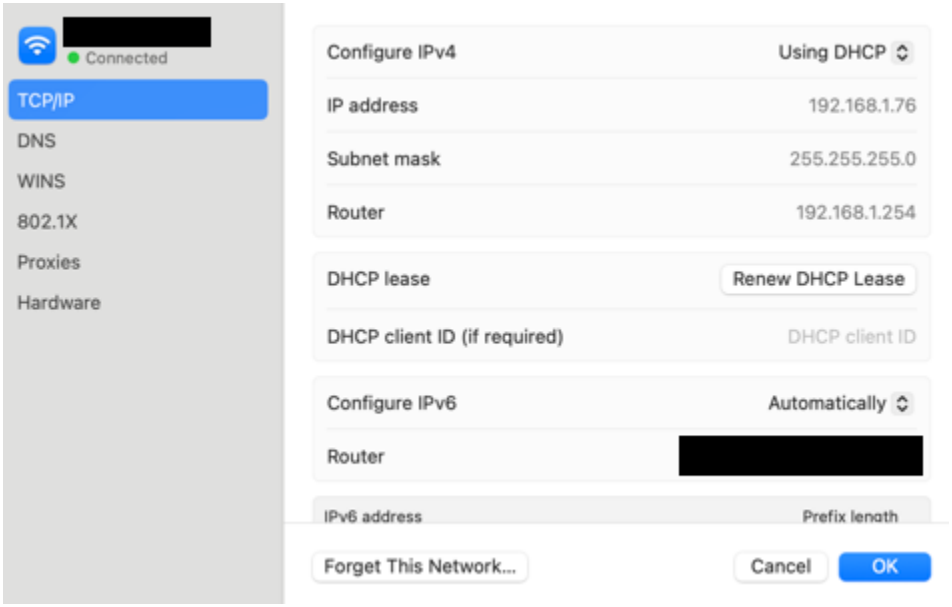


Allow access for specific users



Check the IP Address of the macOS device

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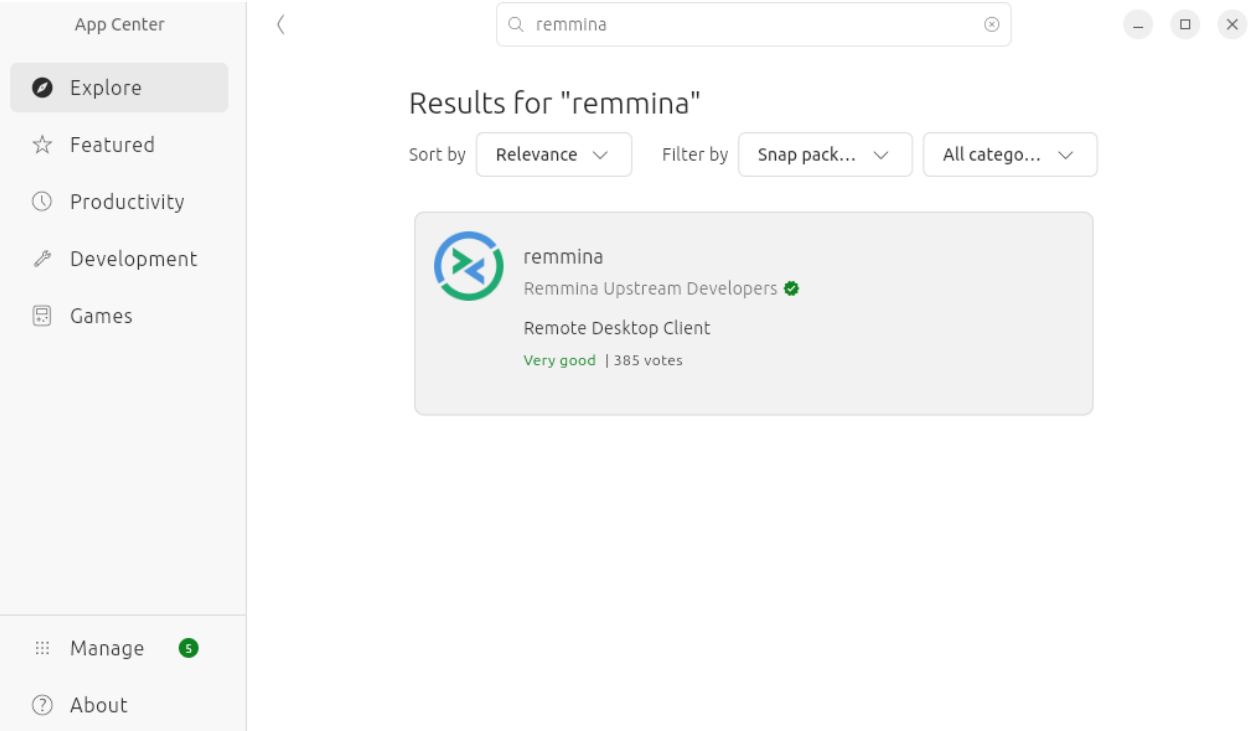
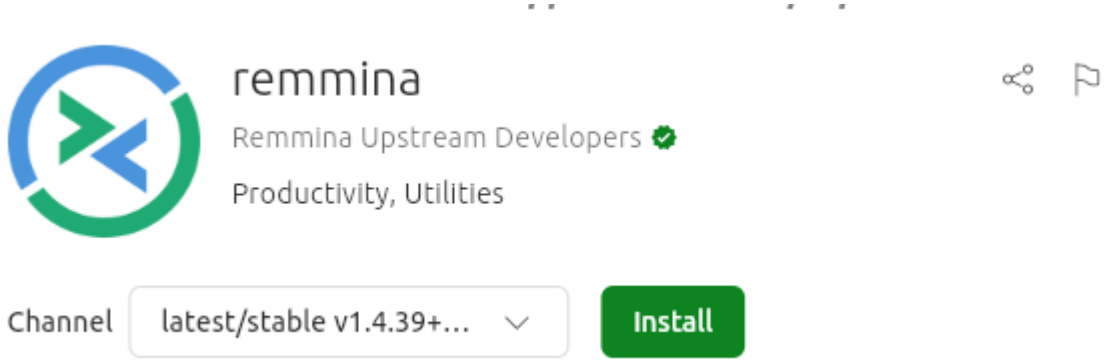
Step 2: Install Remmina on Ubuntu

Remmina is a popular RDP client for Linux and can be easily installed via the **App Center**.



Find Remmina in the App Store. Proceed to **Install**.



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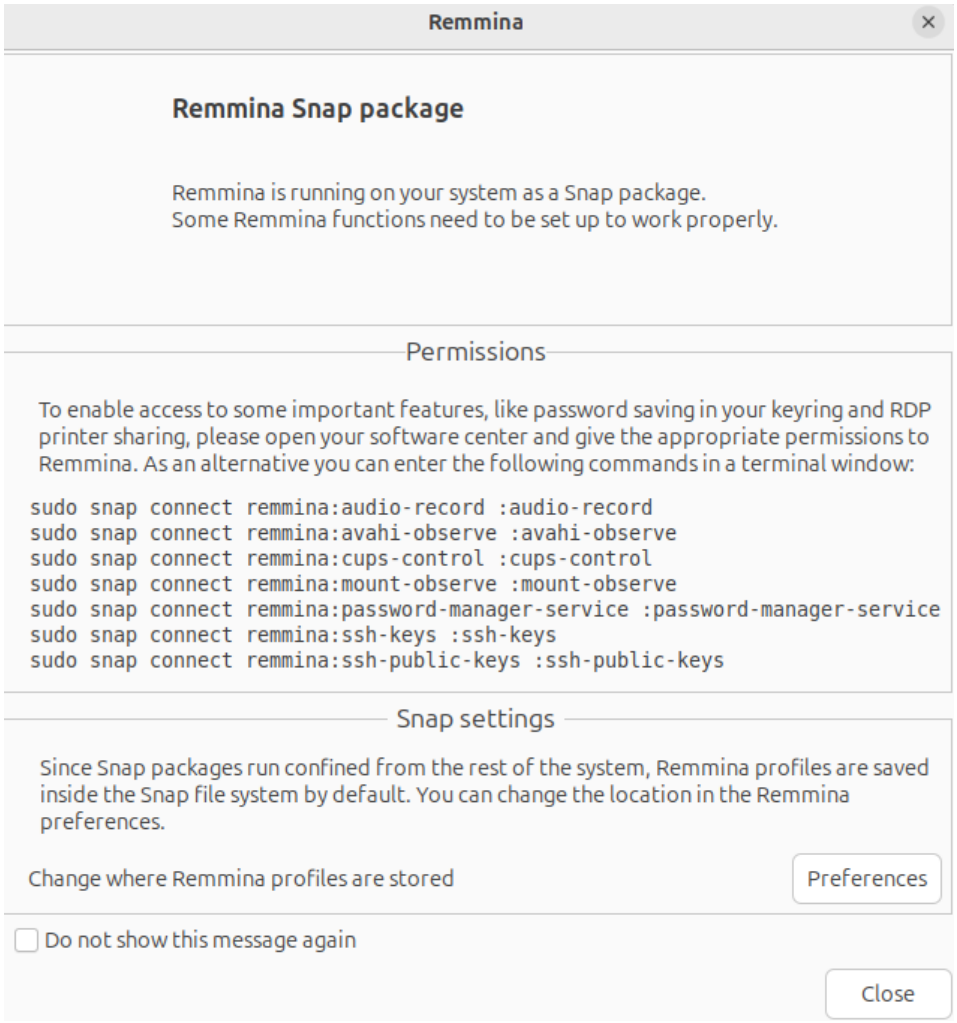
The **Remmina Snap Package** provide this startup page.



As indicated in the startup screenshot above, consider enabling a few important features. Here are the command lines in Terminal for ease of use.

sudo snap connect remmina:audio-record :audio-record
sudo snap connect remmina:avahi-observe :avahi-observe
sudo snap connect remmina:cups-control :cups-control
sudo snap connect remmina:mount-observe :mount-observe
sudo snap connect remmina:password-manager-service :password-manager-service
sudo snap connect remmina:ssh-keys :ssh-keys
sudo snap connect remmina:ssh-public-keys :ssh-public-keys

For the command line, use below to install Remmina. (Ubuntu offers a step-by-step guide --> **Access a remote desktop | Ubuntu**)
sudo apt update
sudo apt install remmina remmina-plugin-rdp

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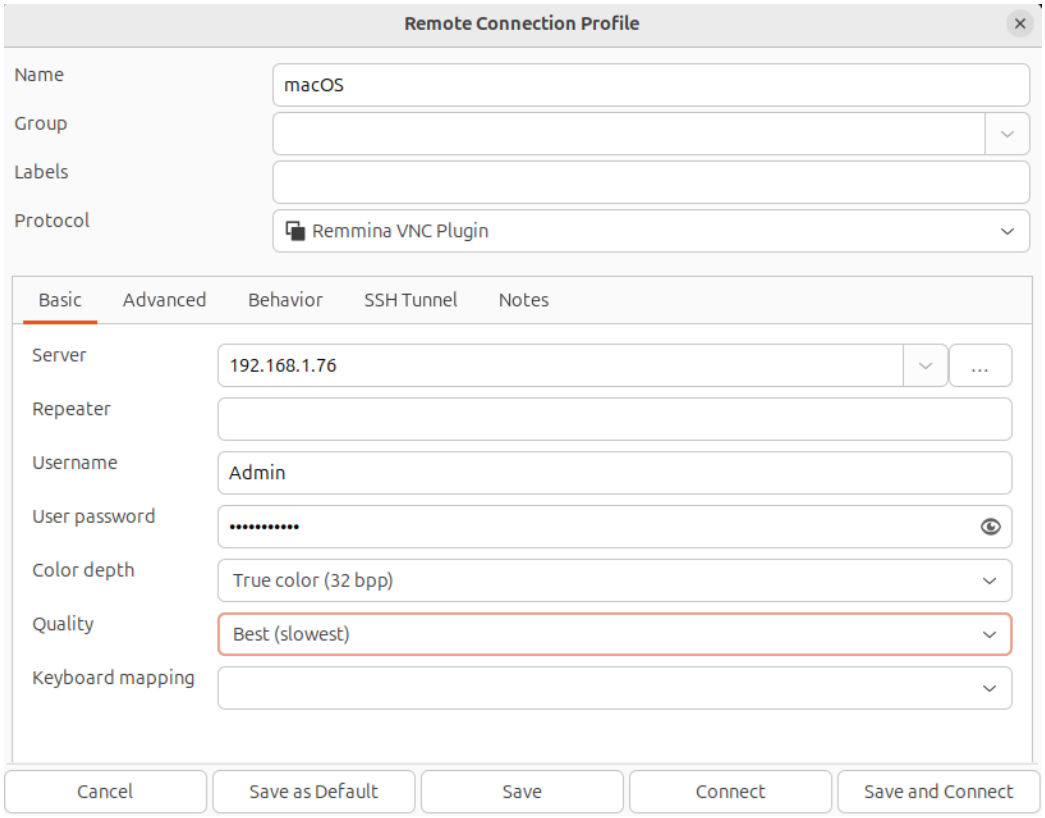
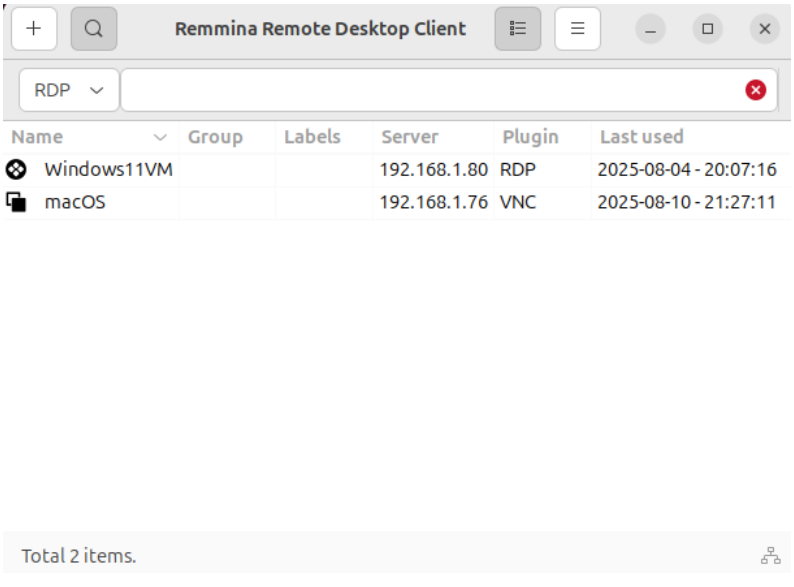
Step 3: Connect from Ubuntu to macOS

1. Open Remmina on Ubuntu. 2. Click the "+" icon to create a new connection. 3. Set the Protocol to VNC. 4. Enter your Mac's IP address. 5. Provide your macOS username and password. 6. Save and connect.





Select macOS

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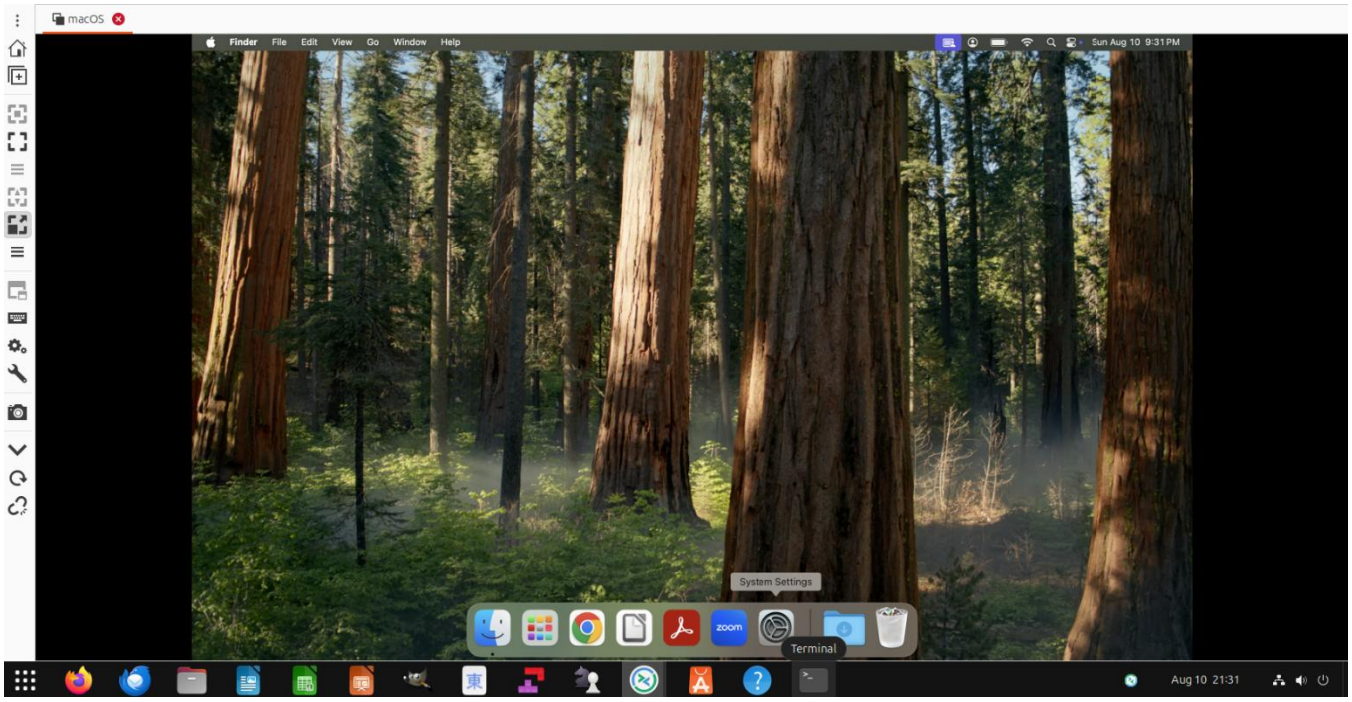

Success!!
This lab was performed in VMware Workstation Pro 17.5. Within the Ubuntu 24.04 virtual machine, Remmina is being used to remotely connect to a macOS device.

Check out my earlier guide on **how to setup a remote desktop connection from Ubuntu to Windows 11**. Ubuntu has a quick guide on how to **access a remote desktop**.