

Connecting to UCvlab

From Microsoft Windows

UCvlabs is a virtual computing environment which hosts a wide range of applications for student use. You will use ucvlabs to run various software without having to install the software packages on your computer.

To access ucvlabs, you will need to download and install the **VMWare View Client** and configure the client to connect to ucvlabs. This document will guide you through the process.

1. Open a web browser (preferably Internet Explorer). In the address bar, type **ucvlabs.uc.edu**, then hit **Enter**.

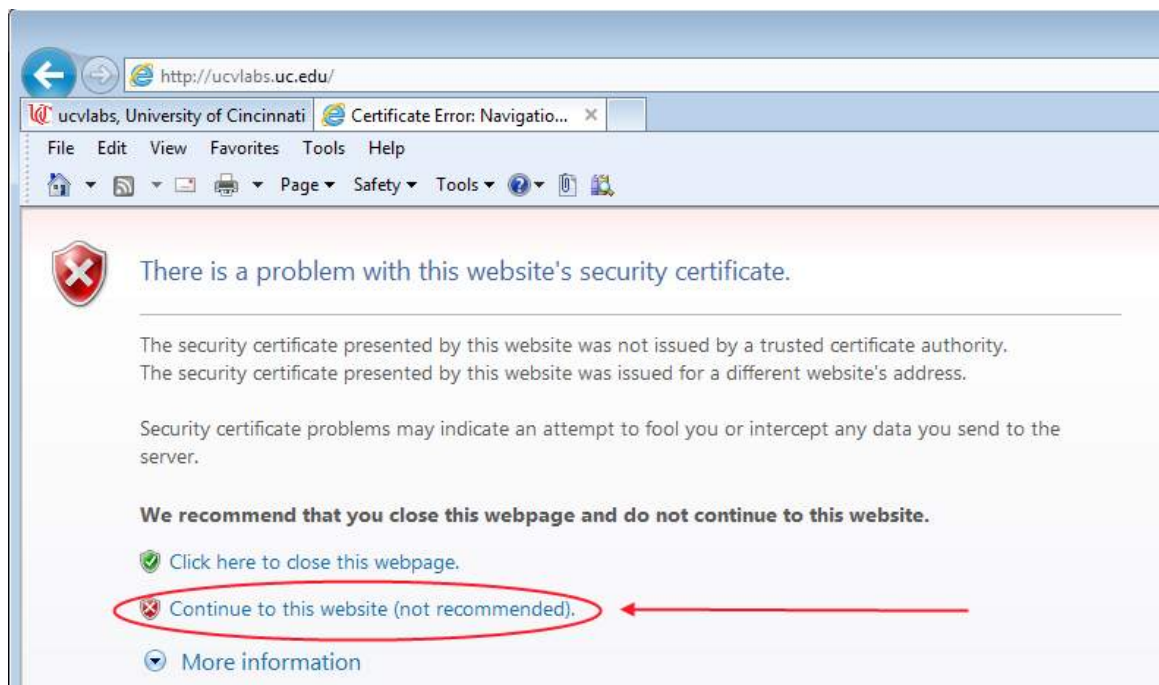


Figure 1

2. You will see a warning as shown in **Figure 1** above. Click **Continue to this website**.

- You will see another warning message as shown in **Figure 2**. Click **Do not show me the warning for this program again**, then click **Allow**.

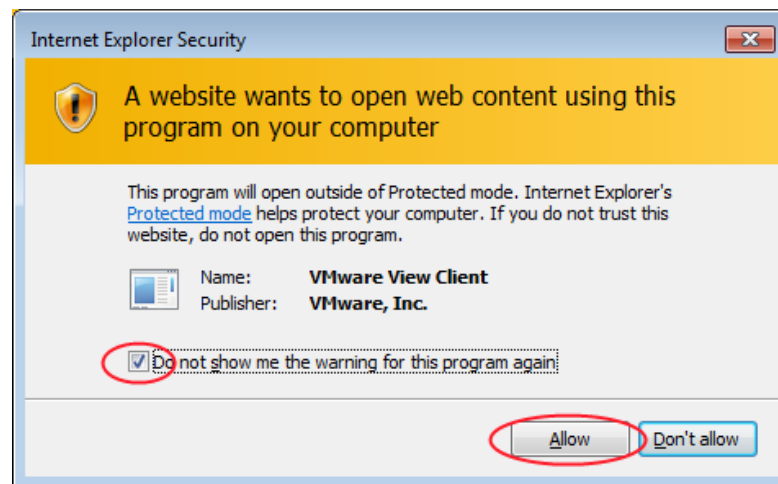


Figure 2

- Your browser should detect that VMWare View is not installed and give you the option to download it. Leave the default client option checked and click **Download** as shown below.

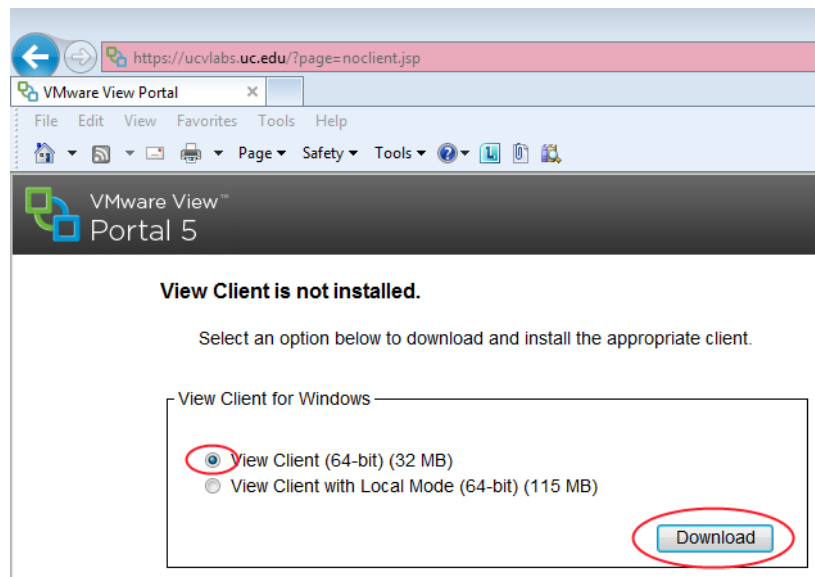


Figure 3

5. You will be prompted to save or run the installer. Click **Run** to start the install immediately.

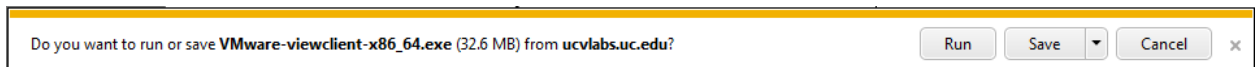


Figure 4

6. When the installer has completed downloading, you will see the **VMware View Client Install Wizard** window appear. Click **Next** to begin the install.

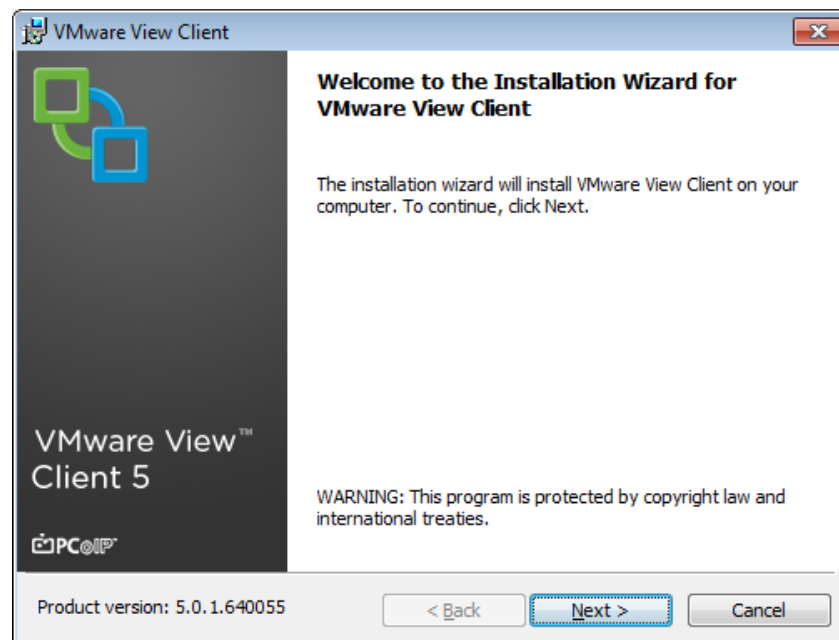


Figure 5

7. On the **End User Patent Agreement** window that appears, click **Next**.

8. On the **License Agreement** window that appears, click **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, then click **Next**.

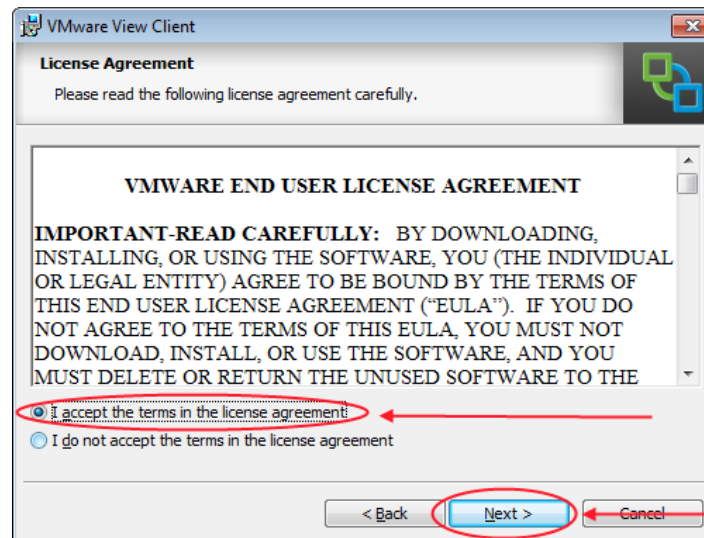


Figure 6

9. On the **Custom Setup** window that appears next, leave the settings at the defaults and click **Next**.

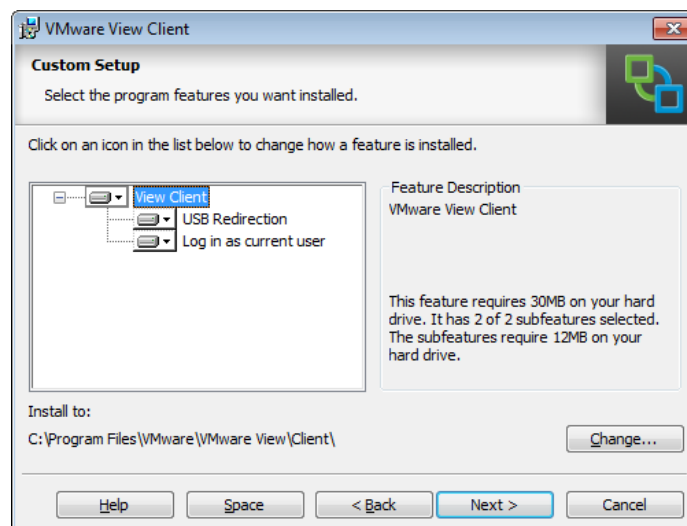


Figure 7

10. The **Default Server** window appears next. In the **Default View Connection Server** text box, type **ucvlabs.uc.edu**, then click **Next** (see **Figure 8**).

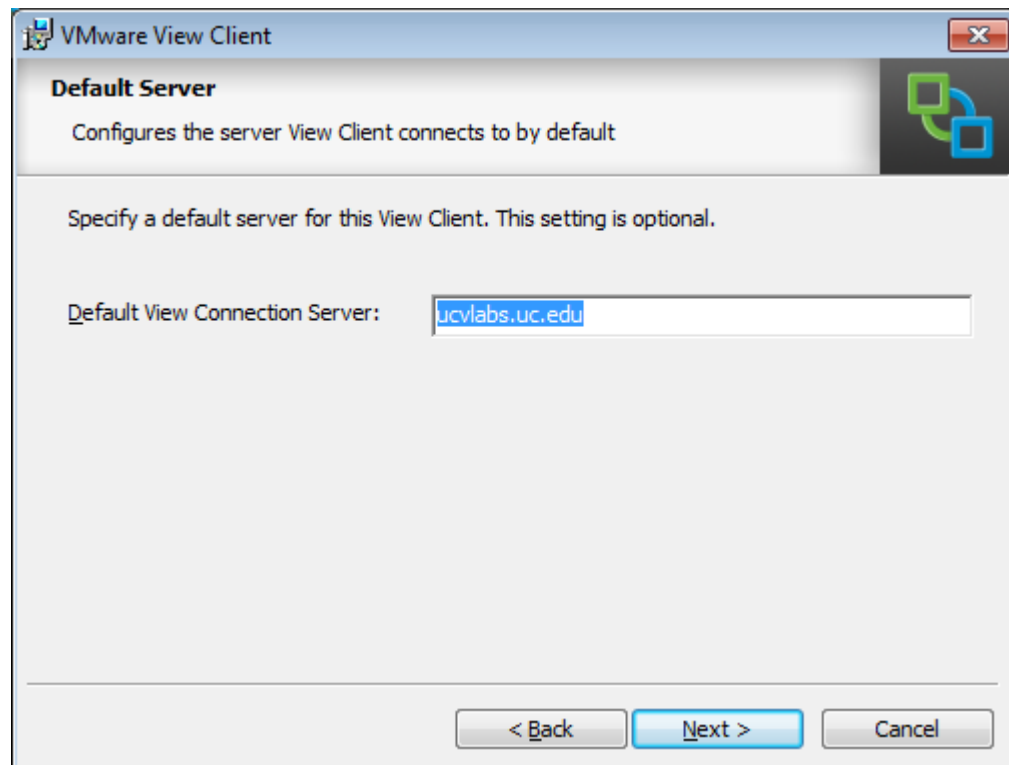


Figure 8

11. On the **Enhanced Single Sign On** window that appears next, leave the default settings as-is and click **Next**.

12. On the **Configure Shortcuts** window, ensure that there is a check in the check box for each shortcut you would like installed (personal preference), then click **Next**.
13. Next, the **Ready to Install Program** window will appear. Click **Install** to begin the install.
14. The install will take up to a couple of minutes to complete. When it has finished, you will see a message saying that the install is complete. Click **Finish**.
15. You will then be prompted to restart your computer. Save any unsaved work you have open, then click **Yes** to restart. You can also click **No** to delay the restart, but you will not be able to access ucvlabs until you have restarted your computer.

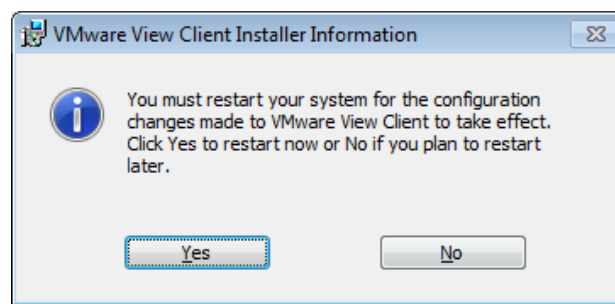


Figure 9

16. After your computer has restarted, click **Start > All Programs > VMWare > VMware View Client** as shown in Figure 10.

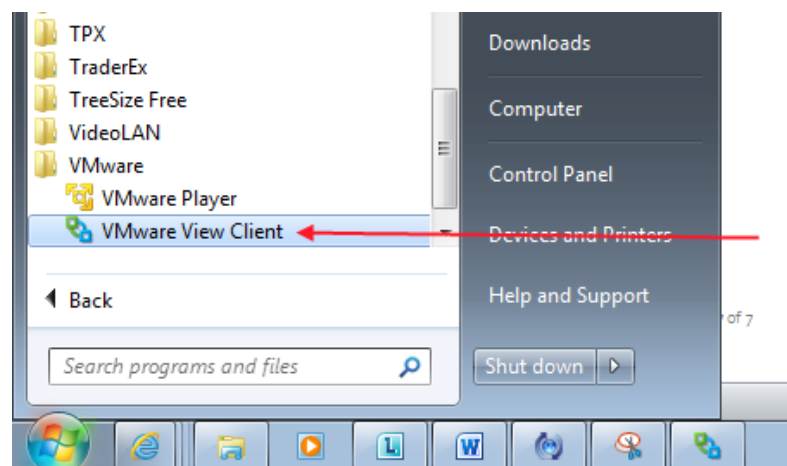


Figure 10

17. Ensure that ucvlabs.uc.edu is listed as the **Connection Server**, then click **Connect**.

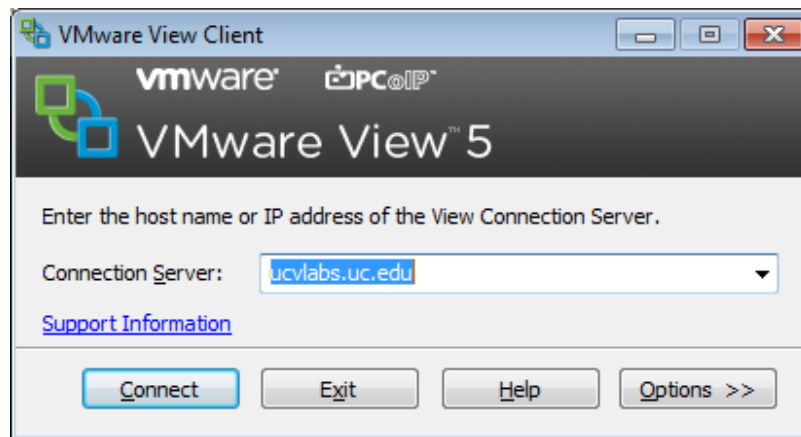


Figure 11

18. A window will appear stating that VMWare View Client can not verify the identity of the server you have contacted. This is fine. Click **Continue**.

19. The next window will ask for your credentials. Type in your 6+2 central signin username and password, then click **Login**.

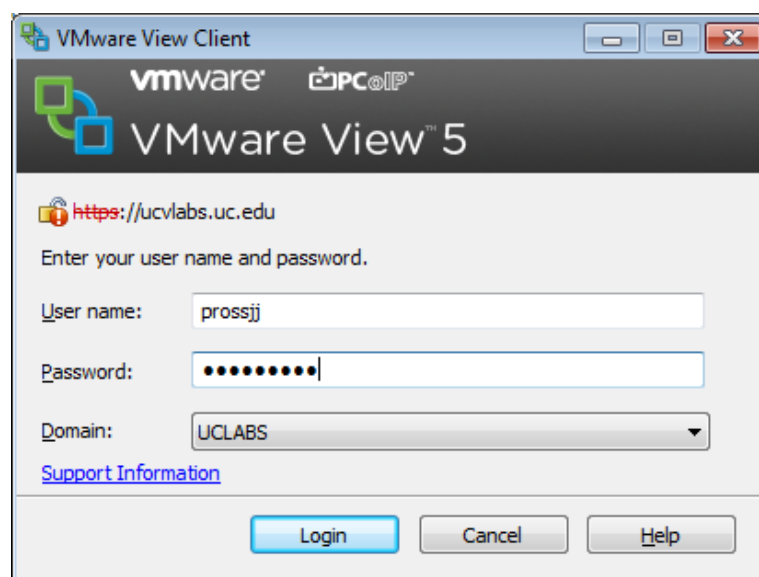


Figure 12

20. The next window that appears will give you the option of showing ucvlabs in full screen mode, multi monitor, small window, or large window. The display type is a personal preference and can be changed once you are connected and viewing the ucvlabs workspace. Choose whichever display you prefer by clicking the drop-down next to **Display** and clicking the display type you prefer.

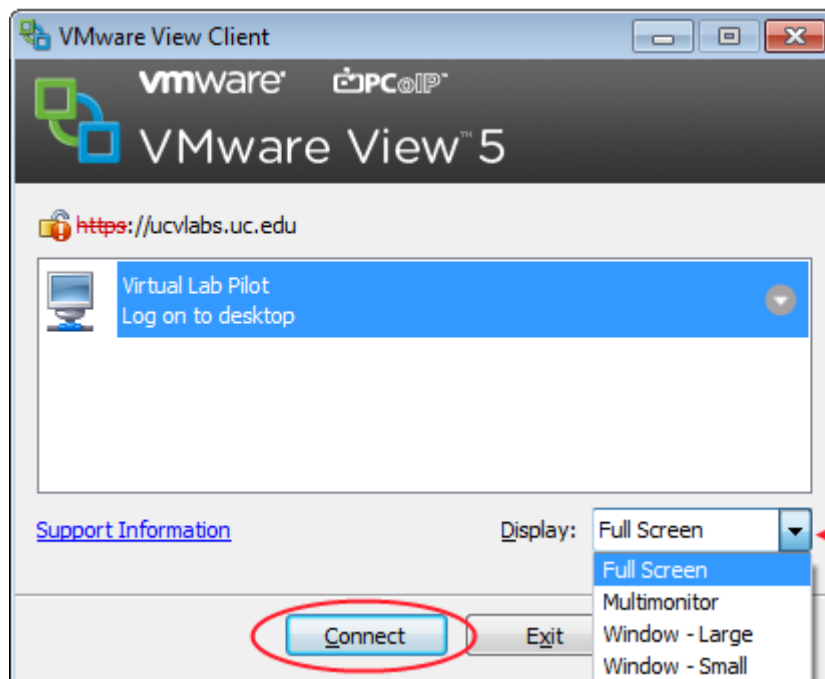


Figure 13

21. On this same window, you may also have the option to choose from different lab environments. Ensure that **Virtual Lab Pilot** is highlighted and click **Connect**.

22. A window will now appear showing you the ucvlabs workspace (see **Figure 14**). You use it in almost exactly the same way you use a regular Windows computer. You can get to programs through either the **Start** menu or by clicking the icons on the desktop. Remember to save your work to your I: drive, which is mapped to your UCFileSpace storage, so you can access it later.

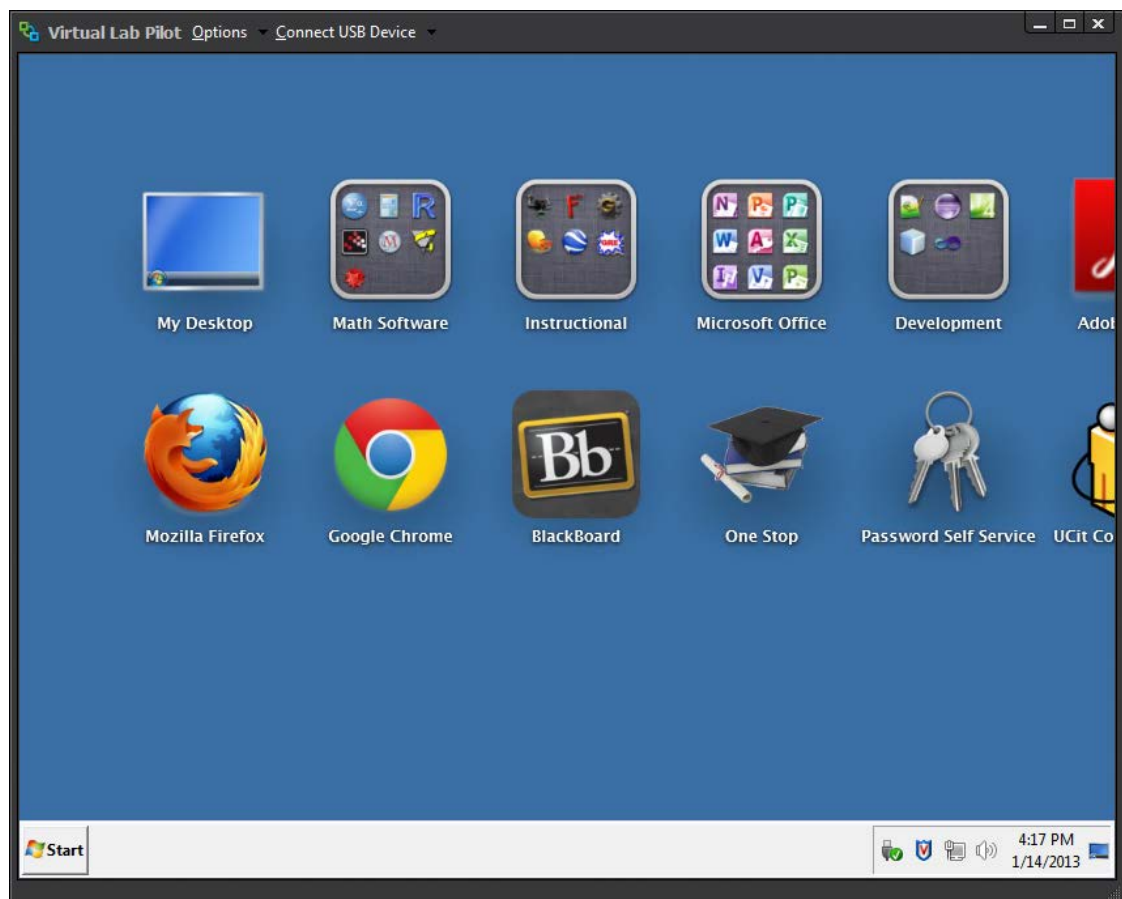


Figure 14

23. When you are finished working, click Start > Logoff to end your session, or click the Exit sign on the desktop. The next time you want to connect, you won't need to install the client – you can start the process with step **16** above.