Getting Started with VPN

A Virtual Private Network client is required to access certain College of Law services, such as the file server that contains your "My Documents" directory for the lab systems. When this program is run, it effectively makes your computer appear as though it is plugged into the on-campus network.

Establishing a Remote Access Account

Firstly, you must establish a remote access account with the university. Currently the web forms required to do so are located at http://www.uc.edu/ucit/access/ucra.html. After reading the information on this page, click the UCRA signup link and complete the form. Please remember to note your remote access login name and password.

Downloading the VPN Software

After establishing your remote access account, proceed to http://www.uc.edu/ucit/access/VPN/VPN FAQ.html and click the link titled "How do I get the VPN client software". Follow the specified link to download the software, which will involve you logging in to UCIT's download server. Read the information on the page, click the checkbox, and then click the button to accept the terms. Then click the "Remote VPN Client" link. Read the information on the page and then click the "Download VPN Client" link.

You will be prompted with three questions. Answer the first question with the response that fits your situation. For the second question answer "My department or college computer resource". For the last question, select "Yes, but was unable to connect".

Download the appropriate VPN software package and save it to your desktop.

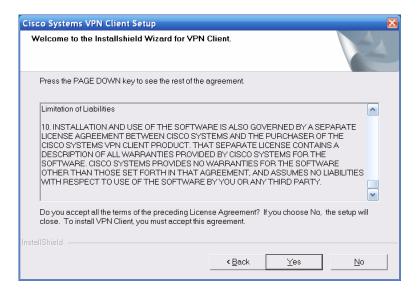
Installing the VPN Software

Double click the installation file, and allow it to decompress (unzip) into the temp directory. At this point you'll see the following:

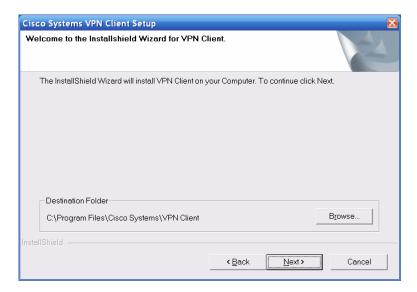


Click "Next".

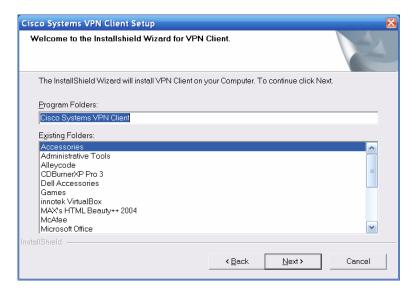
The following will appear. Read the agreement and click "Yes".



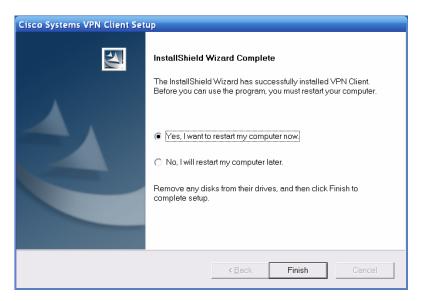
Accept the default installation location by clicking "Next".



Either specify where you'd like the shortcut on the start menu, or accept the default by clicking "Next".



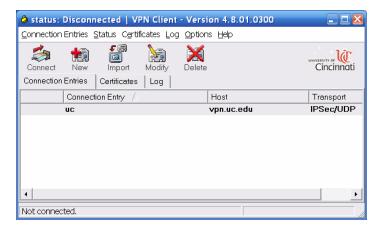
You'll have to reboot before using the VPN program.



Using the VPN Client

Start the VPN client by clicking on the "Start" button and selecting All Programs -> Cisco Systems VPN Client -> VPN Client

When you see the following, click "Connect"



From there enter your remote access user information into the following screen. You may save your login information by clicking the "Save Password" box. In the event you do this, realize that other users of this system will be able to log in on your account, and that any actions they take on UC's network will be attributed to your account.



You'll be prompted with a banner screen indicating that you're logged in.



While logged in you'll be unable to access other computers and networked devices on your home network. To disconnect from UC's network right click on the small padlock icon located on the taskbar to the right of your screen. Select "Disconnect".

