VPN Directions

**Installing the VPN client (first time only):**
Download and install the Cisco VPN client on your home computer, following the directions on this page:

https://kb.wisc.edu/helpdesk/page.php?id=11997

**NOTE!!!** When on the above page, right click on the first link (https://wiscvpn.doit.wisc.edu/) and open it in a new window. That way you have one browser window open with the directions, and the other doing the install.

A - When given the choices of which IP pool to choose, select:
   IP-pool-OffCampus: dynamic IP, split tunneling

B - Type in your NetID and password, and accept any warnings or options, clicking Yes, Ok, or Ignore to them all.

C - Click the **AnyConnect** button **on the left side of the screen**.

D - Click the **Start AnyConnect** link **in the middle pane**.
   - Follow along with any popups that may appear.
     - Firefox:
       o Accept the web site's certificate.
       o Allow the Java applet to run.
       o Proceeding past the last certificate warning.
     - Internet Explorer:
       o Accept any ActiveX installers that appear.

**Say Ok or accept any and all certificates and ignore any warnings.**

E - Once the installer is finished, it will immediately connect you to the WiscVPN server and place an icon in the system tray that looks like:

![VPN icon](image)

Once the VPN client is installed correctly, the installer will have created a program group in the Start menu called Cisco. In the future, just go to the following steps **(Connect with the VPN client:)**.

**Connect with the VPN client:**
1 - To connect to your desktop from home, always fire up the Cisco VPN client (AnyConnect) following the directions on this page:

   https://kb.wisc.edu/helpdesk/page.php?id=12533

1a - For the IP pool choice, use the same one as above:
IP-pool-OffCampus: dynamic IP, split tunneling

1b - Type in your NetID and password and click Ok or Connect.

You will then be connected via VPN and can safely log onto your work computer remotely with the following directions.

**Connect with Remote Desktop Connection:**

2 - Log onto your system with Remote Desktop Connection.
   a - Launch Remote Desktop Connection,
   b - type your IP address in the Computer box,
   c - type POLISCI\YOUR PS LOG IN Name (typically your initial(s) and last name) in the username box
   d - click connect
   e - type your Windows (YOUR PS LOG IN) password when that pops up.

You may have to accept a warning pop-up. Just agree to it/everything.