

Windows OpenVPN Installation

Prerequisites:

1. A Computer Science network userid and password. (This is different from your University userid and password.)
2. A copy of the VPN certificate. Contact the department's network administrator to obtain the zip file containing the cert.

OpenVPN Setup:

1. Download VPN config and cert (saved in the vpn.cs.olemiss.edu.zip file) to an easily accessible location and extract them
2. Download the OpenVPN [Community Client](#) and run the Installer
3. On the "Welcome to the Installer" screen, click Next
4. If Windows Security pops up, select install
5. To install the client, you must accept their License Agreement
6. Start with the default options as they are all that is necessary for this VPN connection, but feel free to add any additional tools you would like
7. For the installation directory, please use the default install path. If you change this, you will need to modify the VPN Config file
8. Clicking "Next" after setting the installation path begins the install
9. If successful, you should be prompted with a Completed screen. Click "Finish"
10. In Explorer, navigate to C:\Program Files\OpenVPN\config and copy your VPN config and cert into this directory Note: If you choose a different install path, you will need to navigate to the "config" directory there
11. Run the OpenVPN Gui that can be found on your Desktop or in your Start Menu by right-clicking and selecting "Run as Administrator."
12. You should be ready to connect to the VPN. Right-click on the new icon in your Taskbar and select "Connect"
13. When prompted, log-in with your CS Domain credentials
14. If successful, the window should disappear and you should get a message from the Taskbar informing you that you're now connected
15. You can now Connect and Disconnect using the Taskbar icon at anytime

While the VPN is active, your workstation will work as if you were plugged into the on-campus network. So, remember while connected you are subject to all University rules and policies. Your connection is logged, and activity can be traced back to you.