Connecting to your Network Home Folder

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Brown is now providing a Network Home Folder for all faculty, staff, and students. The Home Folder provides up to 100GB of network file storage for you to use. The storage also integrates with some CIS services such as our Public Computing Lab computers, and our pilot RemoteApps service.

To access your Home Folder, you can mount it from a Mac or PC, or connect to it via the Web using a separate interface. CIS' Public Computing Labs connect automatically to it, mounting the "Documents" folder directly into the service, so that you don't need to bring your files with you; they will be natively available directly from the Labs. You'll also see a link to the folder on the Mac and PC desktops in the labs.

You will receive quota notices when your Home Folder data exceeds 90GB in size, but you may store up to 100GB of data when needed.

Connect on a Mac

1. If you are off campus, [connect to VPN](#).
2. Open Finder on a Mac (the program you use to browse your files). If you open any folder on your Mac, you will be in Finder.
3. Look for the "Go" menu along to the top of your screen. From this menu, select "Connect to Server".
4. You will be prompted to enter a path (address) for the share. The general format is as follows, italics replaced with your information: smb://files.brown.edu/home/username
5. You will be prompted to log in with your Brown username and password.
6. Your folder will open. You can open files and drag files to and from the folder.
Connect on Windows

1. If you are off campus, connect to VPN.
2. From the Start menu, select "Run" and type `\files.brown.edu\home\username`
3. If your computer is not in Active Directory (AD), you will be prompted to enter a username and password. Be certain to enter your username in the format `ad\username` (e.g., ad\jcarberr).
4. The contents of your Network Home Folder will appear in Windows Explorer.
5. You can make files available to your RemoteApp environment by putting them into the Documents folder.
6. You may create a desktop shortcut to your Network Home Folder by right-clicking on the folder and selecting “create shortcut” from the quick menu. A dialog will appear notifying you that you cannot create a shortcut in this location, but the shortcut may be placed on the desktop. Click Yes. You can also map as a "Network Drive", with the suggested drive letter of "H:".

For more details, see Connect to File Services on Windows.

Web-Only Connection (Mac, Windows, or Linux)

1. Launch a web browser (such as Firefox or Chrome) and visit the address `http://webfiles.brown.edu`
2. Log in with your Brown Username and password.
3. Navigate to your Home Folder by selecting "Isilon Home" in the pulldown window, then clicking the "Home" icon.

For more details, see Access Departmental File Services from the Web.

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