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**Many Brown services are available for use as “on-campus”-only. *Brown's VPN connects you to Brown's network when you are off-campus. You might use VPN to access campus-only resources like library resources or keyed software, or you might just want to secure your internet traffic when you are in public or untrusted wifi.***

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### VPN is **Not** Needed from off-campus to:

- Check your [Brown e-mail](#) or other **G-Suite tools like Google Docs** (uses Google authentication)
- Login to [Workday](#)
- Go to the Brown home page [www.brown.edu](http://www.brown.edu) and most unrestricted Brown websites
- Connect to **most Library resources**
- Login to [MyAccount](#) Portal.
- Use [RemoteApps](#)
- Get to files stored on [WebFiles](#) (files can be uploaded or downloaded one at a time from shared folders and Brown home folder).
- Use [Banner Self-Service](#)
- Log in to [SalesForce](#)

### You **Do** Need VPN from off-campus to:

- Connect to **network file shares** (Like **S:\**, **H:\** and **U:\** Drives, or folders on any University or Department file server.
- **Secure your connection** in a public place such as a coffee shop, airport, or hotel.
- **Install new software** from our [Software Catalog](#), or [using installation tools on Brown-managed computers](#) such as Self Service (Macs) and Software Center (PCs)
- Use some **license restricted Brown software** (Like Stata or ArcGIS)
- Use [Banner Admin](#) (not needed for [Banner Self-Service](#))
- Use [Cognos Analytics](#) reporting
- Use software such as **SSH** (Secure Shell software typically used to connect to **Unix & Linux systems**)

- Start a **Remote Desktop connection to a Brown server** ([Stronghold](#), for example)
- Connect to **FileMaker databases**
- Connect to **some secure Brown University websites** (Like [MyPrint](#))
- **Send MyPrint print jobs** (most other print services at Brown will not work remotely at all)
- Connect to [Tableau Server](#) from Tableau Desktop (not needed to log into [Tableau Server](#) directly)

**\*\*\* If you experience *connectivity problems when using a program or resource off-campus, connect to the VPN to see if you have better results.***

## **Install the Software:**

### **On a computer:**

- [Connect To Brown's VPN](#) (Mac or Windows)
- [Connect to Brown's VPN on a Chromebook](#)

### **On a mobile device:**

- [Connect To Brown's VPN on iOS](#)
- [Connect To Brown's VPN On Android](#)