Get Started with Brown's VPN (Virtual Private Network)
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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 on public or untrusted wifi.

VPN is Not Needed from off-campus to:

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

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](https://www.brown.edu/it/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**

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