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.*

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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](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](#)
- 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](http://softwarecatalog.brown.edu), 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](https://example.com), for example)
• Connect to **FileMaker databases**
• Connect to some secure Brown University websites (Like [MyPrint](https://example.com))
• **Send MyPrint print jobs** (most other print services at Brown will not work remotely at all)
• Connect to [Tableau Server](https://example.com) from Tableau Desktop (not needed to log into [Tableau Server](https://example.com) 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](https://example.com) (Mac or Windows)
• [Connect to Brown's VPN on a Chromebook](https://example.com)

**On a mobile device:**

• [Connect To Brown's VPN on iOS](https://example.com)
• [Connect To Brown's VPN On Android](https://example.com)

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