

# Connect to the VPN before login

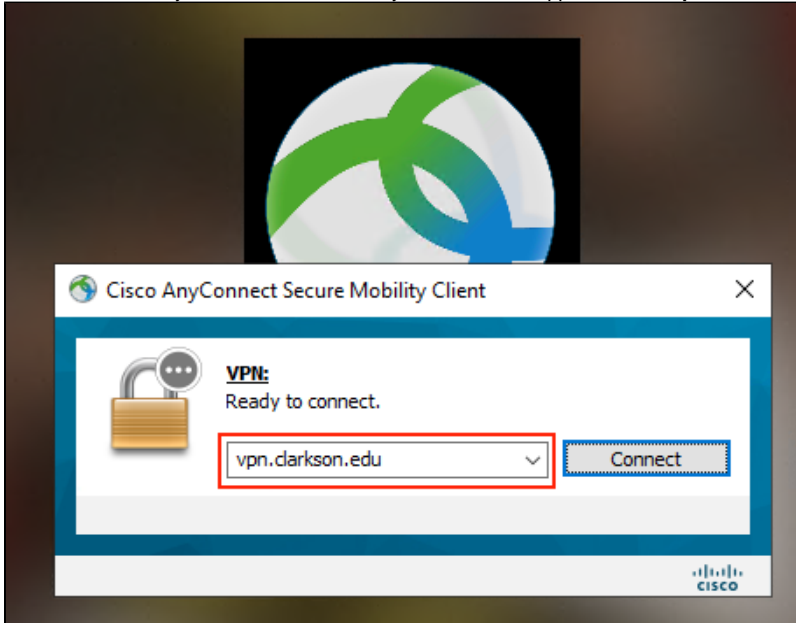
For off-campus first-time logins to a newly-deployed PC, you will need to connect to the VPN *before* logging-in to Windows. It is also a good idea to complete this procedure periodically to ensure your PC remains established in Active Directory.

## Step-by-step guide

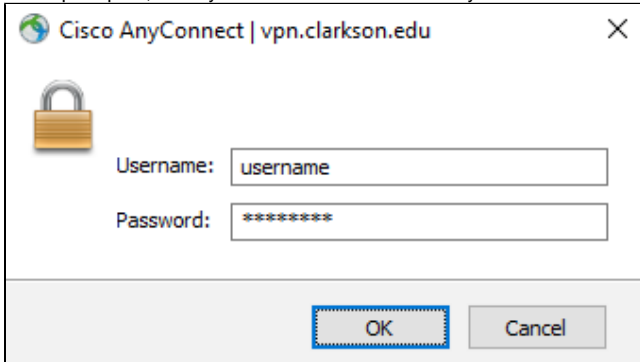
1. At the Windows login screen, press Ctrl-Alt-Del if prompted, then click the following icon in the lower-right corner:



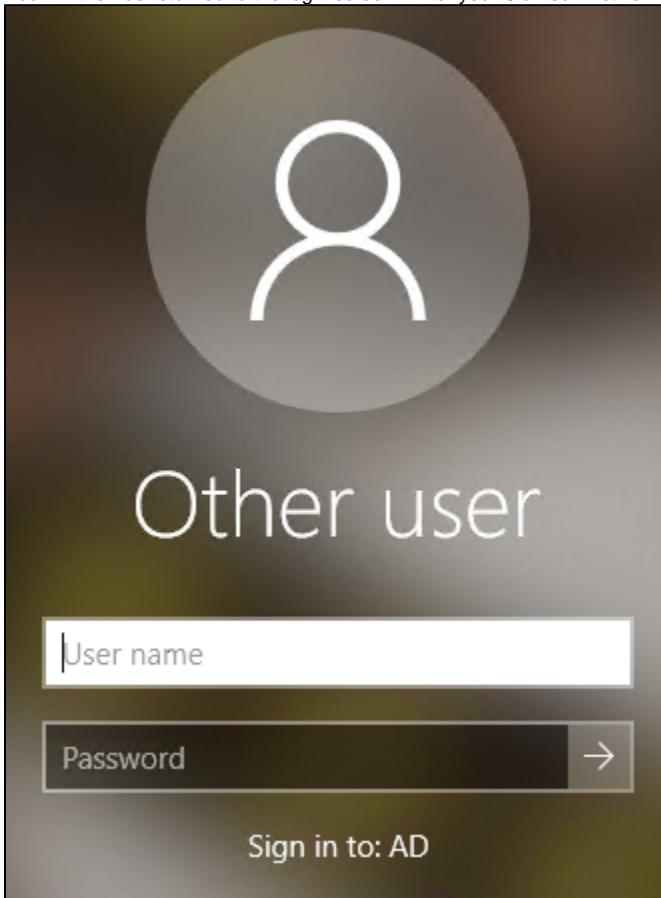
2. When the Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client window appears, enter **vpn.clarkson.edu** and click **Connect**.



3. When prompted, enter your Clarkson Active Directory credentials.



4. You will then be returned to the login screen. Enter your Clarkson Active Directory credentials and submit.



5. You will remain connected to the VPN following the completion of your login. Your profile will be downloaded to the PC, so this process is only required the first time. However, it is also recommended that this process be repeated periodically.



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