Create a VPN connection to the TU/e for MacOS

This How To will guide you in creating a VPN connection to the TU/e and accessing network shared folders. A VPN connection is required when accessing certain university resources when you are not on the TUE network itself.

Creating the TU/e VPN connection

1. Open System Preferences and choose Network

2. Click the button to add a network connection. Select as interface type: VPN
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3. Select as **VPN type: L2TP over IPSec.** Enter any name as **Service Name**, e.g. **TUE VPN**

4. Click the **create** button.

5. Enter as **Server Address: vpn2.tue.nl** and behind **Account Name** your **TUE usercode**
6. Click on **authentication settings** and fill in the Shared secret → **TUe** (capitals are mandatory)

7. Optional: If you wish the connection always to remember your password, you can enter the password in the User Authentication section.

8. For OS 10.7 (Lion) select: **Show VPN status in menu bar**

9. Click the **Advanced** button and choose **Options** from the upper bar. Be sure to select the option **Send all traffic over VPN connection**:
10. Click the **OK** and **Apply** buttons to finish. This concludes the initial VPN setup.

### Activating the TU/e VPN connection

1. In the menu bar on the upper right, click on the new **icon:**

2. Click on **Connect (name of connection)**. The icon status will momentarily show the status **Connecting...** and **Authenticating...**

3. If you did not have chosen for entering your password during configuration, you will be asked to do so now:

4. If the authentication is successful the icon now show the time connected:
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Disconnecting a VPN connection
1. Click the icon and select Disconnect (connection name). That's all!

Note about this How To:
Mac operating systems are supported on a best effort base.
The information in this How To is solely based on input from Mac Users. Do you have any improvements or more How To's to share with us?