SoHE VPN w/ Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client

If you are using a wireless network connection or connecting from home, you will need a secure VPN connection to access the SoHE server and printers. BITS has implemented a new method for connecting via VPN to the SOHE network. The new setup will offer greater security for accessing our network storage from off-campus.

This new method relies on a new version of the AnyConnect VPN client. To get started, follow the steps below:

1. Open a web browser and go to vpn.wisc.edu
2. Select the “SOHE” VPN.
3. In the next window, authenticate using your SoHE logon credentials. These credentials are what you use to access the S: and U: drives or log on to your Windows computer.
4. After authenticating for the first time, the site will install the Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility client onto your machine. Both OSX and Windows are supported. Follow the prompts to install the client on your computer.

If you have an error (and most Macs will), install manually as directed and follow the directions below.

Once you have connected and installed the client the first time through the website, you can launch the VPN from your local computer. The client is installed in the OSX Applications menu or the Windows Start Menu. To launch the VPN client from your computer, follow the following steps:

1. Launch the client from your Windows Start Menu or OSX Application Folder.
2. From the dropdown list of “Connect To” options, choose UW Dept VPN (west campus) and click “Connect.”
   a. If you installed manually, you have to type in the server the first time you connect. Type in “dept-ra-animal.vpn.wisc.edu” and connect. In the future, you should have the proper listing in the dropdown.
3. Choose “SOHE” as your group and use your SOHENNH domain credentials to login.

After connecting via the VPN, you will be able to map the S: and U: drives if you are on a non-domain laptop.

OSX Drive Mapping

Open Finder and go to the “Go” menu. Click “Connect to server” and type smb://files.ad.sohe.wisc.edu/sohe2” This will connect you to the server where it will ask for your username and password. Use your SoHE Domain credential in the form “SOHENNH\username” and password. You can access your user folder in the “Users” folder or map another folder at smb://files.ad.sohe.wisc.edu/sohe2/users/”username”
For Windows 7, go to “Computer” in the Start Menu. Under Tools or in the window, choose “Map Network Drive.” In Windows 8, press the Windows button, search for “Computer” and select the result. In the Computer window, choose the “Computer” button in the upper left-hand corner and proceed. Choose an available drive letter and in the folder box, type \\files.ad.sohe.wisc.edu\sohe2 and check the boxes for “Reconnect at logon” and “Use different credentials.” Click Finish and enter in your “SOHENNH\username” domain credentials. To access your user folder, either click on the “Users” folder in the S: or follow the same steps you used to map the S: drive to map U: to \\files.ad.sohe.wisc.edu\sohe2\users\<username> but replace <username> with your SoHE username.