Using the Network Connector with Microsoft Windows

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Installing and running the Network Connector service on a Windows system requires the use of an account with administrative permissions.

You can launch the client portion of the Network Connector remotely in one of two ways:

- By signing into the Web interface of the Barracuda SSL VPN and launching the Network Connector.
- By running the Network Connector in stand-alone mode.

For both launch options, you must have the Windows client installed on your remote system.

Step 1. Install the Windows client

If you are the administrator you can download the Windows client software from the SSL VPN web interface:

1. Log into the Administrative Interfaces.
2. Open the **RESOURCES > My Network Connector** page.
3. Click **Download Windows Client**. You will be prompted to either *Run* or *Save* the installer.
4. Launch the installer once the installation package downloads, and select all default settings as you continue through the installation. If you see warnings about any compatibility issues during the install, click **Continue Anyway**.

Once installed, the Network Connector is ready for use on the remote system as long as you are logged in through the web interface of the Barracuda SSL VPN.

Step 2. (optional) Install the client configuration file

To run the Network Connector in stand-alone mode, without having to log in through the web interface, you must download and install a client configuration file onto the remote system.

This file is only required for stand-alone mode.

To install the client configuration file on your system:

1. Log in to SSL VPN web interface.
2. Go to the **RESOURCES > My Network Connector** page.
3. Locate the client configuration in the **My Network Connector** section and click **More.**

   When installing the configuration file, you may be presented with various warnings depending on the security level that is configured on your system. Accept the warnings as they appear in order to continue with the installation.

4. Select **Install Client Configuration file**.

Step 3. Launch the Network Connector client

Once the client configuration file is installed, launch the Network Connector client in stand-alone mode:

1. Start the **Network Connector GUI** program. A red network icon will appear in your System Tray.
2. Right-click on that icon and select **Connect**.
3. Enter your authentication information, and click **OK.**
4. The icon will flash while attempting to establish a connection, and will turn green when a secure connection to the protected network is in place and ready for use.

Due to restrictions imposed by Windows networking, the VPN routes are not instantly published when the Network Connector is launched. Expect to wait around 10-15 seconds after launching the client before the routes are published and the Network Connector client is fully usable.