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## How to Establish a VPN Connection Using Barracuda VPN Client for Windows

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After installing and configuring the Barracuda VPN Client, you can initiate a VPN connection with the settings from a configured VPN profile. If you have Single Sign-On enabled, you can also establish the VPN connection prior to domain login.

### Before You Begin

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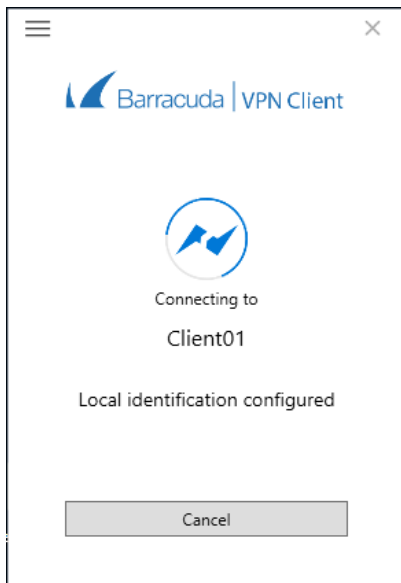
- Configure the Barracuda VPN Client settings. For more information, see [How to Configure the Barracuda VPN Client for Windows](#).
- Create a VPN profile as described in [How to Create VPN Profiles](#).

### Initiate a VPN Connection

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1. Start the Barracuda VPN Client.
2. Select a VPN profile from the **VPN Profiles** list.
3. Right-click the profile and select **Connect**. (You can also click **Connect** after left-clicking the icon in the system tray.)
4. Depending on the profile settings, enter the authentication credentials for server, license, or proxy:
  - If the profile is configured for public key authentication, enter your **Server Password** and **License Password** credentials.
  - If the profile is configured for simple username and password authentication, enter your **Username** and **Password** credentials.
  - If a server password is required, enter your **Server Password** credentials.
5. Click **Connect**.

To monitor the progress of your VPN connection, watch the status messages in the client window.



You can close the Barracuda VPN Client window but keep established VPN connections running in the background by clicking **Close**. You can establish and terminate VPN connections from the **Barracuda VPN Client** icon in the system tray. For more information, see [How to Configure the Barracuda VPN Client for Windows](#).

## Terminate a VPN Connection

To terminate an established VPN connection, select **Disconnect** in the client window. You can then establish a new VPN connection with a different VPN profile. The Barracuda VPN Client forks a background process that keeps running even if you exit the main client. When you terminate an established VPN connection, this background process is also terminated.

Shutting down the client will also disable the Barracuda Personal Firewall. Take that into account, especially if it is the only local firewall that you are using. The whole Windows system must be restarted in order to restart the services.

## Figures

1. client\_connect.png

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