VCEA - Remote Connection

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This documentation is to be used for connecting remotely to VCEA systems using different operating systems and tools.

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By Graphical User Interface

**X2Go**

Ensure this client is what you want to use to reach your target server.

1. Download & install the appropriate **x2goclient** for your machine
   - Windows: x2Go 4.1.0.0 client for Windows
   - MacOS: x2Go 4.1.0.0 client for MacOS
   - Linux: sudo apt-get install x2goclient

2. After installing & opening the X2Go Client, create a **New Session**

3. Configure **Session**
   a. **Session name:** short meaningful name
   b. **Host:** the fully qualified domain name of connection target
   c. **Login:** your username
   d. **Session Type:**
   i. XFCE
   ii. ICEWM
1. Configure Connection
   a. **Speed**: ADSL
   b. **Method**: 256k-jpeg

d. We're still testing various other connection methods, but this has given the smoothest general connection. If you find one that's smoother and provides a better user experience, please let us know, we would be happy to share it!

**X2Go Troubleshooting**

If you have issues re-connecting to a previous session and want to terminate it to start fresh, you can do so by connecting with a different Window Manager.

- **Example:**
  - If originally connected with XFCE, you can connect with ICEWM and when prompted, terminate your XFCE session.
  - Then fully logout/close your ICEWM temporary session.
  - Finally, you should be able to log back in to XFCE with a fresh clean interface.

**Choppy/Slow connection with broken window shading**

- Try disabling compositor
  - Settings
  - Window Manager Tweaks
  - Compositor
  - Un-check: “Enable display compositing”

**NoMachine**

1. Install and launch NoMachine. (The proper version is listed in the info box above)
2. Select New connection, select SSH as protocol, then Continue.

3. For host, type sig1.eecs.wsu.edu, or use one of the other available EECS SSH hosts, and select Continue.

Pro Tip

sig1.eecs.wsu.edu can get quite busy at times. For a list of alternate EECS SSH servers that are currently available, see this KB article.
4. Select **Use the NoMachine login**, then **Continue**.

   ![NoMachine login selection](image1)

   **How do you want to authenticate on the host?**

   - **Use the system login**
     This is the default. Choose this method to use your system password, key-based authentication or another authentication method supported by SSH.

   - **Use the NoMachine login**
     Use a server-specific DSA key and a password. Choose this method if the server is older than version 4 or if you need to use advanced features like guest logins.

   ![Continue button](image2)

5. Leave the options at their default (blank), select **Continue**.

   ![NoMachine connection settings](image3)

   **Choose if you want to connect using the default key or with a new DSA key generated for this server.**

   - **Use an alternate server key**
     Load the DSA key used to connect to this server.

   ![Continue button](image4)
6. Leave options at default (Don't use a proxy), select **Continue**.

7. Leave options at default (if you want, you can change it), select **Done**.

8. Home screen should look similar to this. Select **Connect to ssh1.eecs.wsu.edu**, then **Connect**.
9. Enter Username & Password, select OK.
10. Select **Create a new GNOME virtual desktop**, then continue.

11. Select **OK**.
12. Select OK.

13. Select the desired way to display the menu panel, then select OK.