WATC Virtual Home Computer

How to Connect

WATC is pleased to provide a Virtual Home Computer experience nearly identical to computers students use in WATC classrooms and study areas. This service allows students and faculty to access Microsoft Office 2010 and any degree specific programs commonly found on WATC computers.

To connect to this service please follow these directions:


You can login into the WATC Virtual Home Computer using the Microsoft Remote Desktop Connection that's built into every Microsoft Windows Computer.

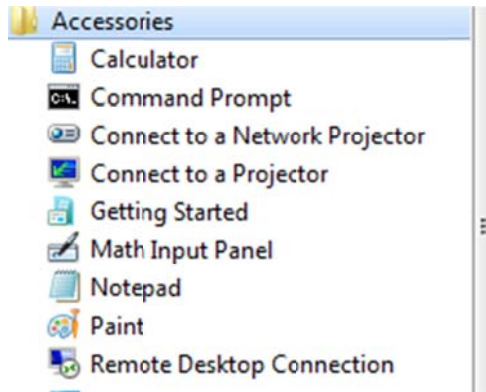If you are using Windows 7 or Windows Vista, the steps to start the remote desktop application are as follows:

(XP users: The process is nearly identical but will look slightly different in the Start Menu. See note with asterisk and picture just after step 3.)

(Mac users: Apple Mac users will need to download a free copy of Remote Desktop 2.1.1 from www.microsoft.com/mac/downloads. Once installed, start the application and proceed to step 4.)

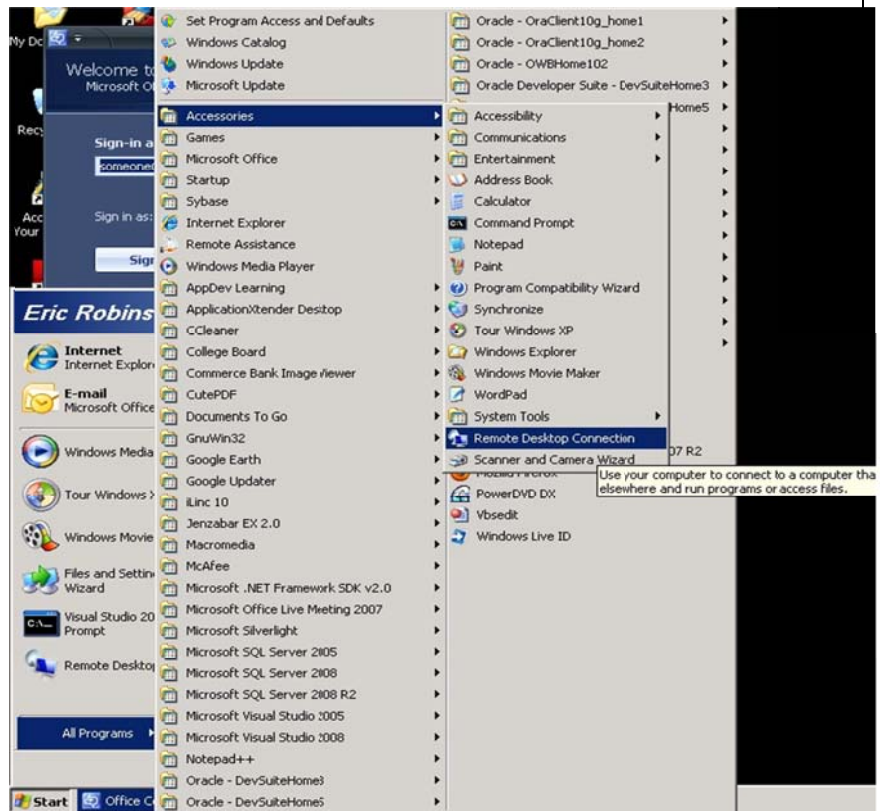|	
1. Click the Windows start button at the bottom left corner of the desktop and then click on "Accessories".	
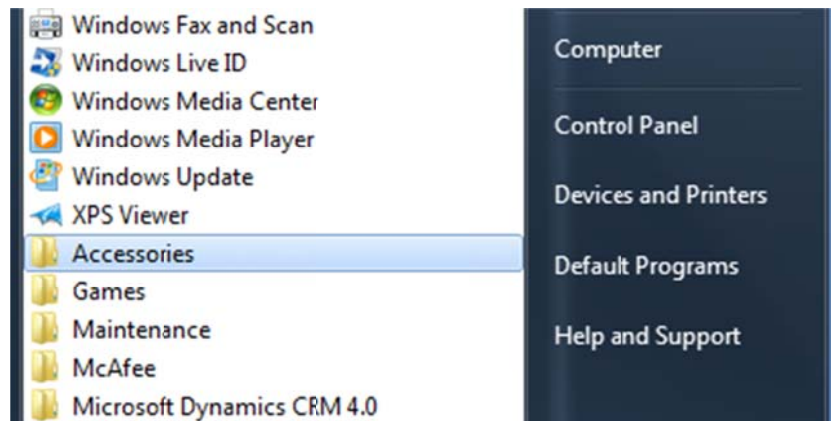
2. Scroll down to Remote Desktop Connection under the Accessories folder.	
3. Click on Remote Desktop Connection.	
*(For XP users: To start the Remote Desktop Application click on "Start" then "All Programs" then "Accessories" then finally "Remote Desktop Connection".	

4. You will see this window if you successfully started Remote Desktop. From here you will need to put the appropriate server that you will connect to in the "Computer" field. This allows you to connect to our school computers for your programs custom desktop environment.
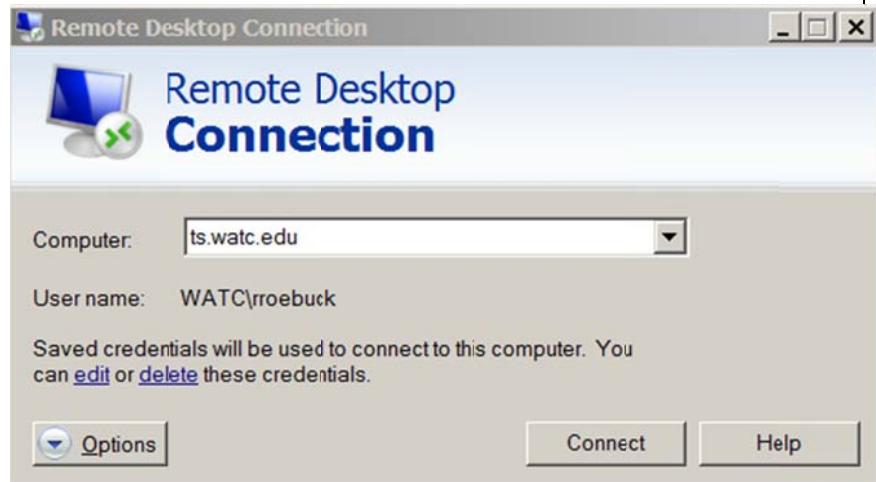
The Computer Names to Use:

Faculty and Staff
"ts.watc.edu"

Health Students:
"health.watc.edu"

Aviation Students
"aviation.watc.edu"

Manufacturing Students
"man.watc.edu"

General Education Students
"gen.watc.edu"

Once you placed the appropriate computer name for your program in the computer field click "Connect".
(See Example on Right)

Remote Desktop Connection

Remote Desktop Connection

Computer: ts.watc.edu

User name: WATC\rroebuck

Saved credentials will be used to connect to this computer. You can edit or delete these credentials.

Options   Connect   Help

5. If you receive a Windows Security box asking for credentials please insert them as follows:
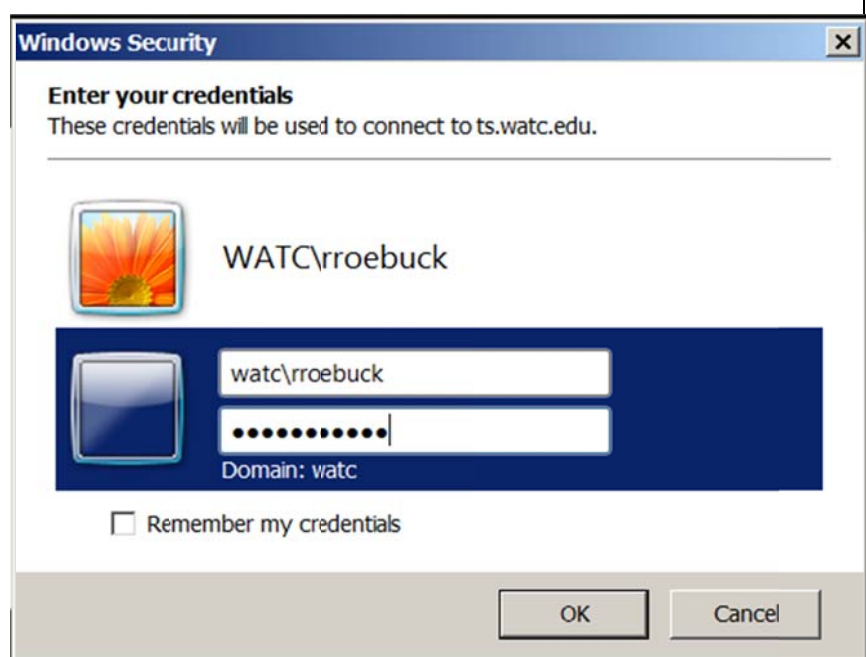
Username:
WATC\(username)

You may need to click on the "New User" icon below the first icon as shown on the right.

Remember your user name should be your first initial and last name as seen in the example on the right. You must put "WATC\" first before your username otherwise you will not be able to login.
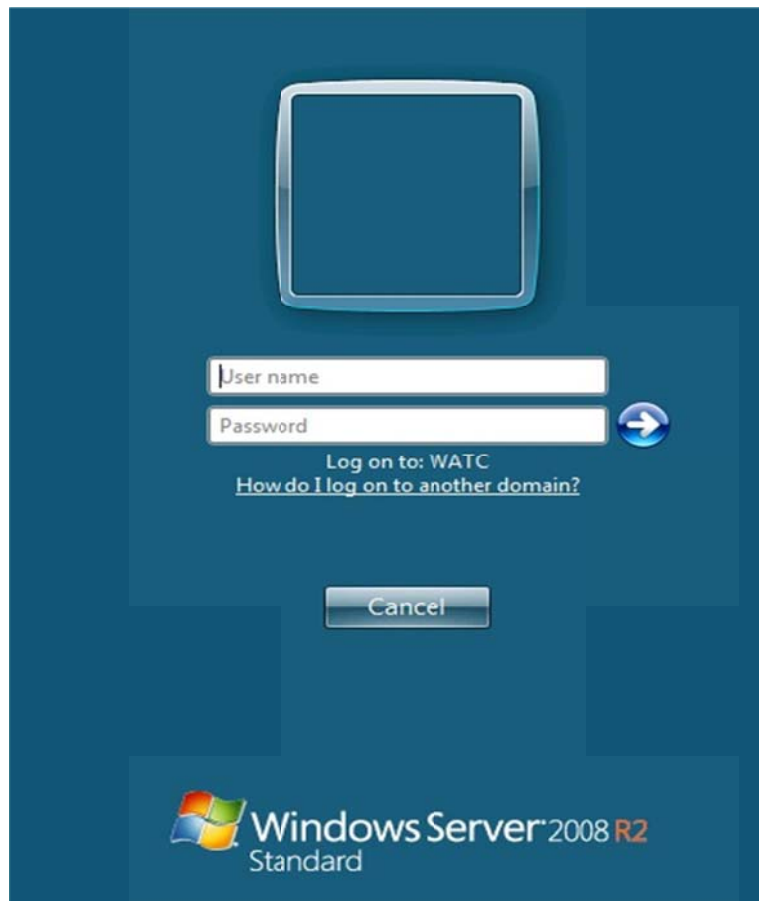
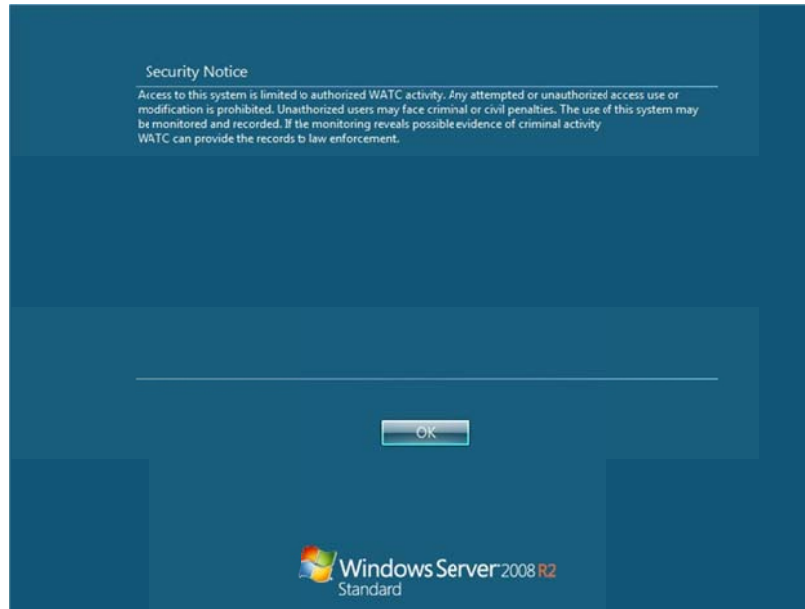**Password:**
(The password you established for all WATC services such as *myWATC* Email, and Library Computer Login.)

Click "OK".

Windows Security

Enter your credentials
These credentials will be used to connect to ts.watc.edu.

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Domain: watc

☐ Remember my credentials

OK   Cancel

6. If you are successful you will see a new screen which will look like the example on the right. Click "OK" again and you may be prompted to login again. From here you will input your username and password. (This time you don't need the "WATC\" before your username.) Once your username and password are entered you will press enter and then you will have successfully logged into the WATC Remote Desktop Connection!

*Note-It may take ~ 2 minutes to login the first time as the server has to build a unique profile just for you. Please be patient. Subsequent logins should only take a few seconds.

Security Notice

Access to this system is limited to authorized WATC activity. Any attempted or unauthorized access use or modification is prohibited. Unauthorized users may face criminal or civil penalties. The use of this system may be monitored and recorded. If the monitoring reveals possible evidence of criminal activity WATC can provide the records to law enforcement.

OK

Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard

User name

Password

Log on to: WATC
How do I log on to another domain?

Cancel

Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard

7. Once logged in you will notice that program specific applications will be available to you as if you were logged in directly to our computers here on campus. As long as you have an internet connection, you will be able to do all school work from this window and all information saved will be stored on your WATC user account.
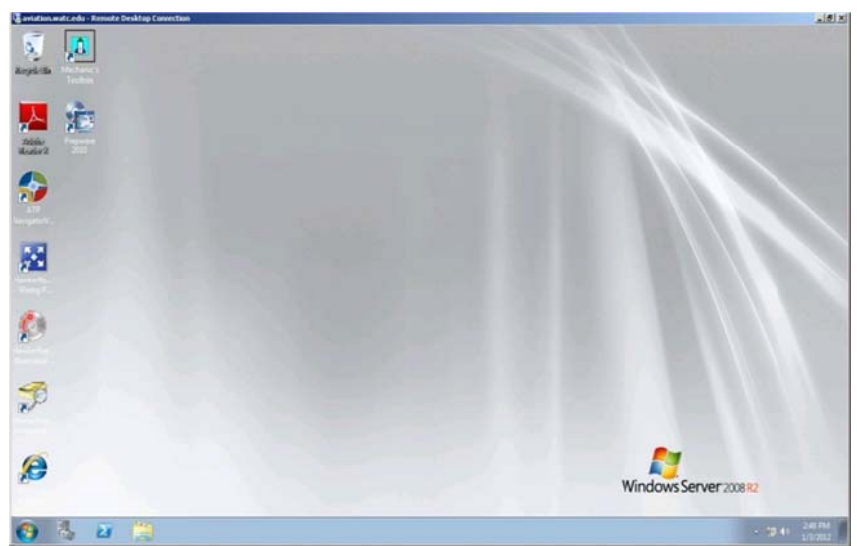
*Note: If you would like to adjust the size of the window that you will be working in through Remote Desktop you may adjust this through Remote Desktop Display Properties. (See Right). After starting Remote Desktop (See Step 4) click the "Options" button to the left of the "Connect" button. Then click on the "Display" Tab. You may adjust the screen to a smaller resolution or you may adjust it up to "Full Screen" which fills your current monitor with the Remote Desktop environment. "Full Screen" is recommended for the best user experience. Once done adjusting the resolution to your liking you may go ahead and connect as usual (Back to Step 4).
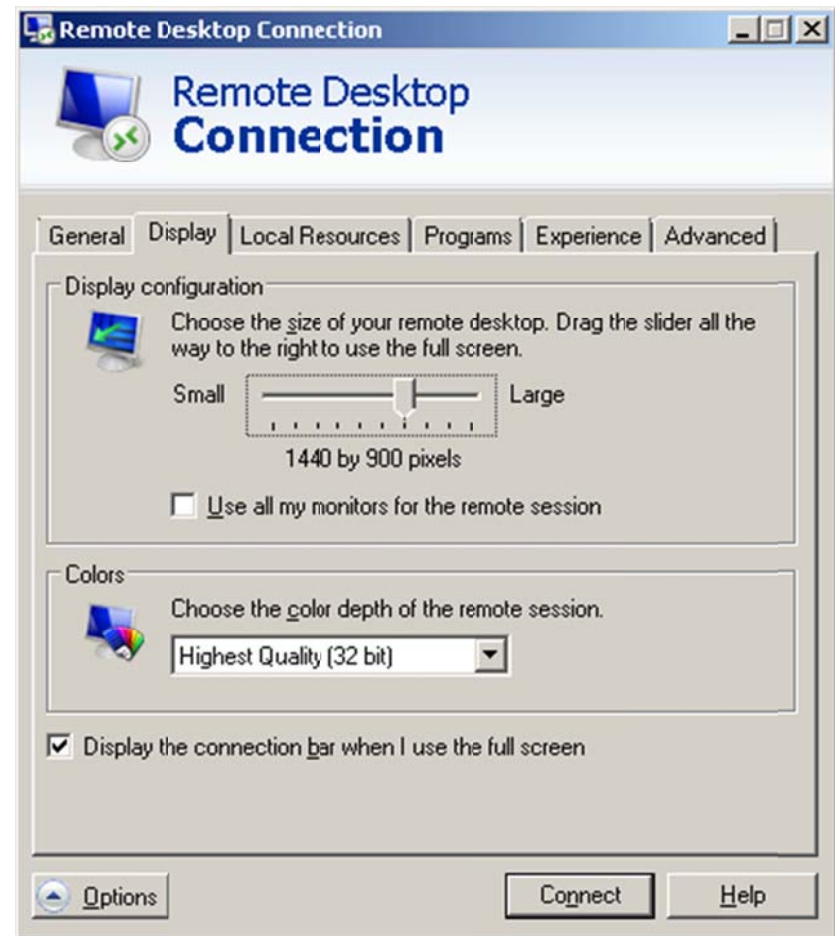
If you experience any issues with the Remote Desktop software on your computer please refer to the Microsoft Remote Desktop FAQ at:

http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-vista/Remote-Desktop-Connection-frequently-asked-questions

If you have any connection problems please contact the WATC IT Helpdesk at 316-677-9906 or email at: studenthelpdesk@watc.edu