UI Anywhere (aka Cisco AnyConnect)

UI Anywhere (aka Cisco AnyConnect) encrypts communications between your computer and university systems helping prevent unauthorized snooping and stealing of sensitive information. UI Anywhere creates a secure Virtual Private Network (VPN) between your computer and University of Iowa networks. Establishing a VPN is critical when computing off campus from home, hotels, airports and coffee shops. We have found that using UI Anywhere also helps us get around some firewall or security issues when trying to communicate to and from K12 schools and University of Iowa servers.

Once installed it is highly recommended you establish a secured connection using UI Anywhere every time you start up or login to your off-campus computer.

The below instructions cover installing AnyConnect on a windows computer or laptop. More detailed instructions from ITS also cover installs for Macintoshes and iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch devices.

I. Installing UI Anywhere
   1. Start a web browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox.
   2. Enter the URL http://vpn.uiowa.edu
   3. On the Login screen for UI Anywhere
      a. Enter your HawkID
      b. Enter your password
      c. Click Login
4. Click AnyConnect Client

5. Click Start AnyConnect

6. Follow the on-screen instructions as the installer may prompt you as it completes the installation.
II. Starting AnyConnect

1. Click the Windows Start button from the bottom left of your screen and choose
   - All Programs
   - Cisco
   - Cisco AnyConnect VPN Client

2. Enter your HawkID and password

3. Click the Connect button

4. Once the connection has been successfully established, the AnyConnect icon will appear on the toolbar.

5. AnyConnect runs in the background and you can go on and use your computer as you normally do.

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