

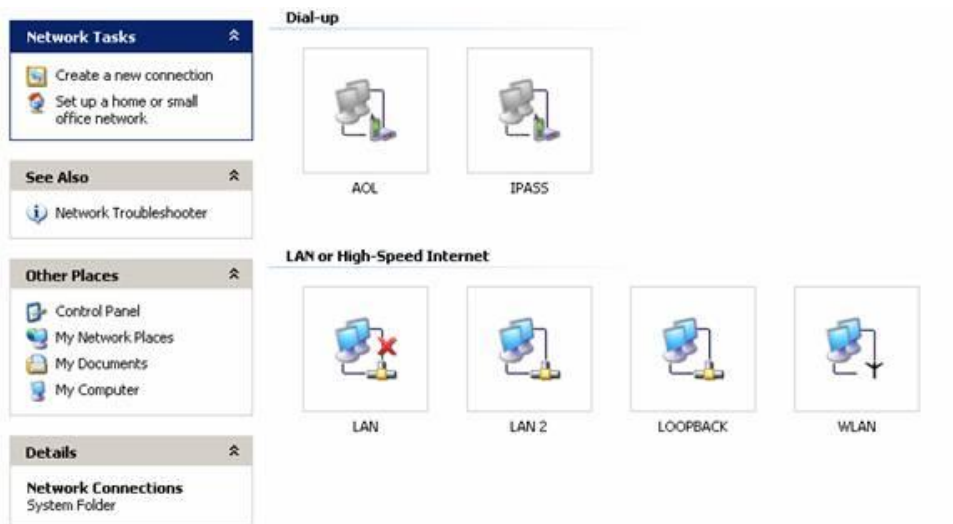
Create a VPN Connection

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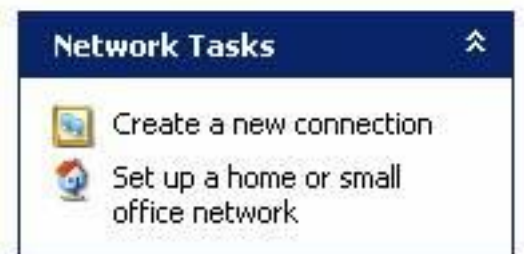
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1. Click Start, and then click Control Panel.



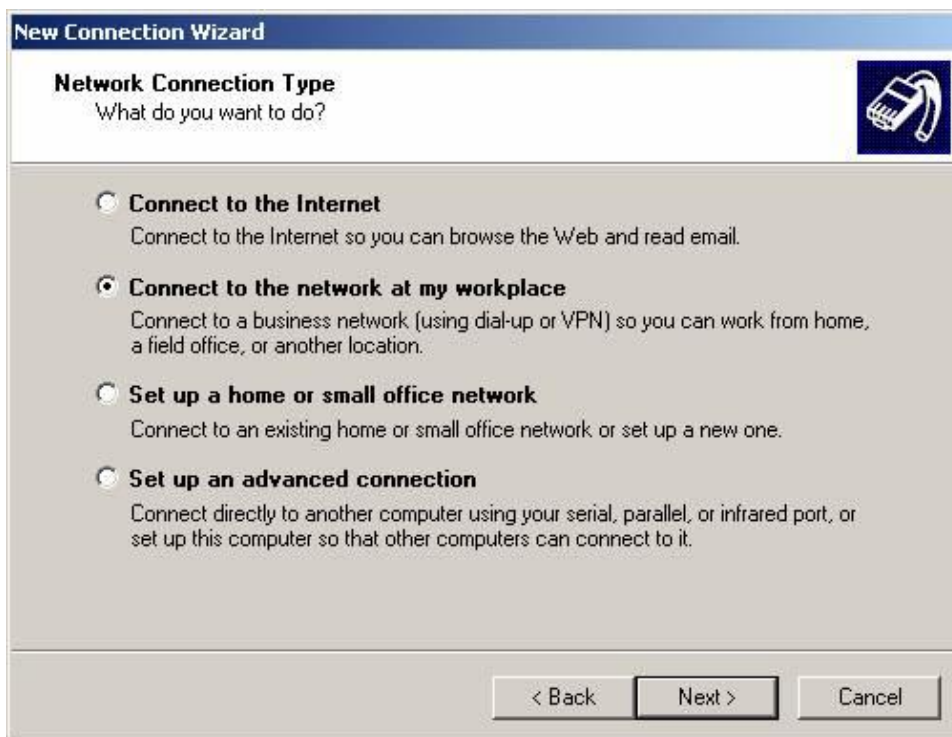
2. In Control Panel, double click Network Connections



3. Click Create a new connection in the Network Tasks task pad



4. In the Network Connection Wizard, click Next.



5. Click Connect to the network at my workplace, and then click Next.

New Connection Wizard

Network Connection
How do you want to connect to the network at your workplace?

Create the following connection:

☐ **Dial-up connection**
Connect using a modem and a regular phone line or an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) phone line.

☒ **Virtual Private Network connection**
Connect to the network using a virtual private network (VPN) connection over the Internet.

< Back Next > Cancel

6. Click Virtual Private Network connection, and then click Next.
7. If you are prompted, you need to select whether you will use a dialup connection or if you have a dedicated connection to the Internet either via Cable, DSL, T1, Satellite, etc. Click Next.

New Connection Wizard

Public Network
Windows can make sure the public network is connected first.


Windows can automatically dial the initial connection to the Internet or other public network, before establishing the virtual connection.

☒ Do not dial the initial connection.

☐ Automatically dial this initial connection:

< Back Next > Cancel

8. Type a host name, IP or any other description you would like to appear in the Network Connections area. You can change this later if you want. Click Next.



The screenshot shows a Windows XP-style dialog box titled "New Connection Wizard". The main heading is "VPN Server Selection" with a sub-question "What is the name or address of the VPN server?". A small icon of a computer with a network cable is in the top right. The instruction "Type the host name or Internet Protocol (IP) address of the computer to which you are connecting." is followed by a text box containing "12.1.2.12". The text "Host name or IP address (for example, microsoft.com or 157.54.0.1):" is above the text box. At the bottom are three buttons: "< Back", "Next >", and "Cancel".

New Connection Wizard

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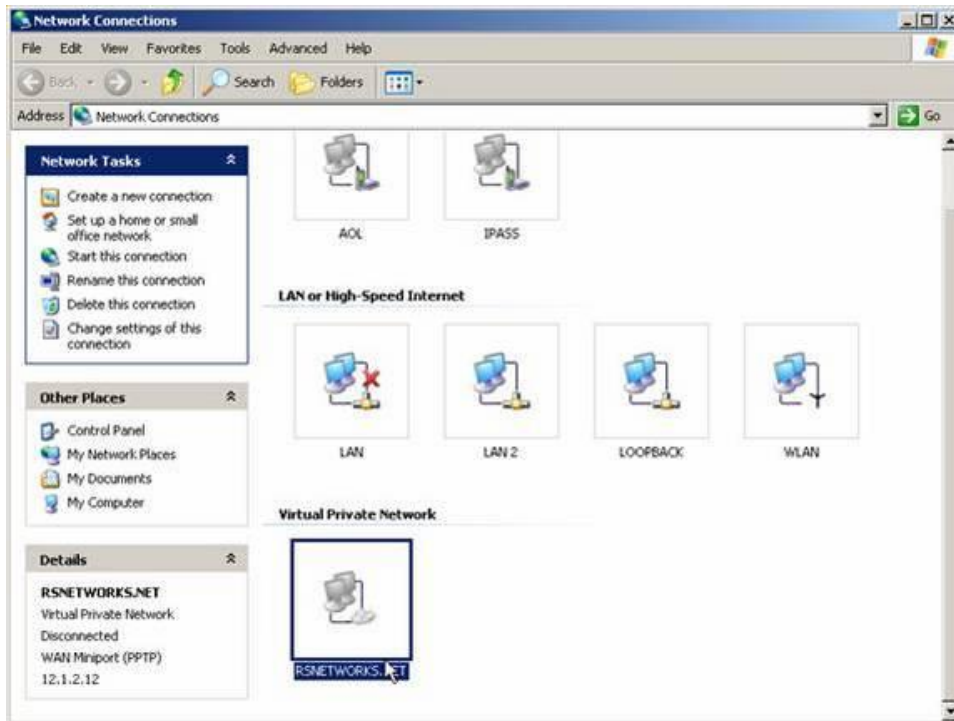
9. Type the host name or the Internet Protocol (IP) address of the computer that you want to connect to, and then click Next.
10. You may be asked if you want to use a Smart Card or not.



11. You are just about done, the rest of the screens just verify your connection, click Next.



12. Click to select the Add a shortcut to this connection to my desktop check box if you want one, if not, then leave it unchecked and click finish.
13. You are now done making your connection, but by default, it may try to connect. You can either try the connection now if you know its valid, if not, then just close it down for now.



Connecting to Corporate

Now that you have your XP VPN client all set up and ready, the next step is to attempt a connection to the Remote Access or VPN server set up at the corporate office. To use the connection follow these simple steps. To open the client again, go back to the Network Connections dialog box.

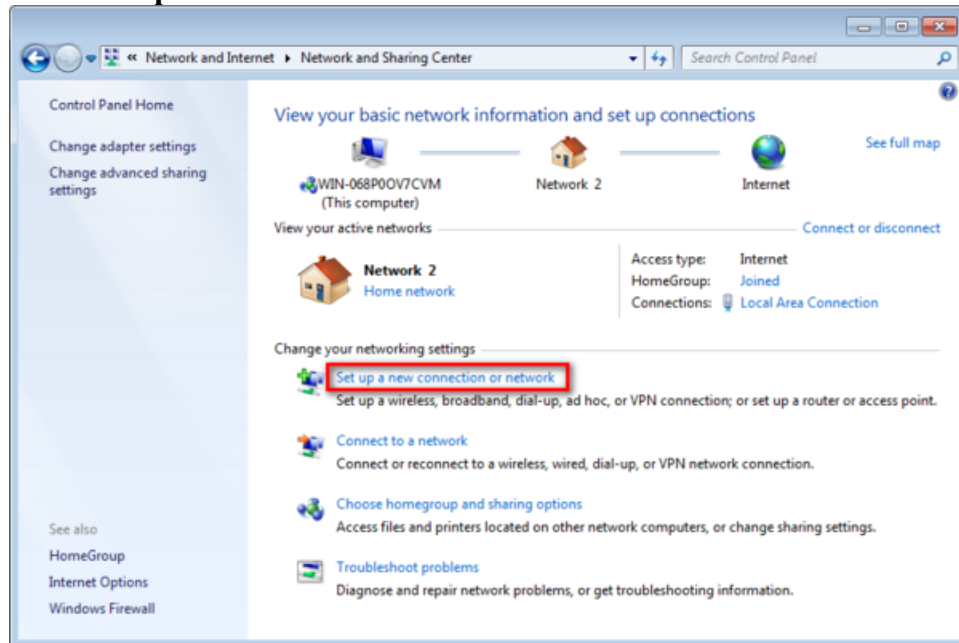
1. One you are in the Network Connection dialog box, double-click, or right click and select 'Connect' from the menu – this will initiate the connection to the corporate office.



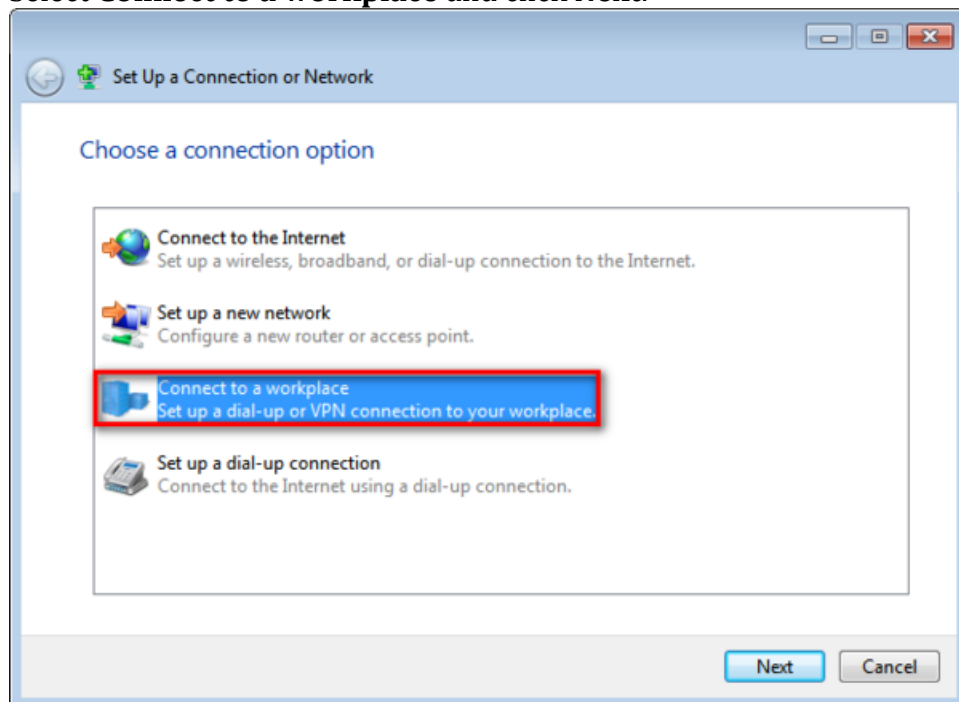
2. Type your user name and password, and then click Connect. Properties bring you back to what we just discussed in this article, all the global settings for the VPN client you are using.
3. To disconnect from a VPN connection, right-click the icon for the connection, and then click "Disconnect"

Using Windows Vista/7

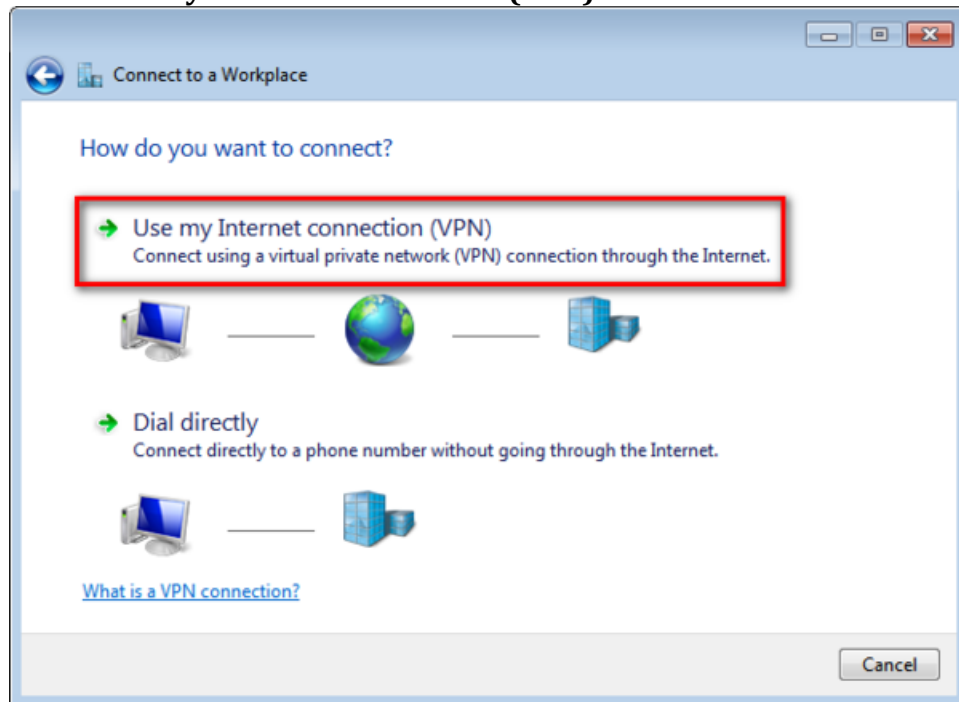
1. Open **Control Panel->Network and Internet->Network and Share Center**. Click **Set up a new connection or network**.



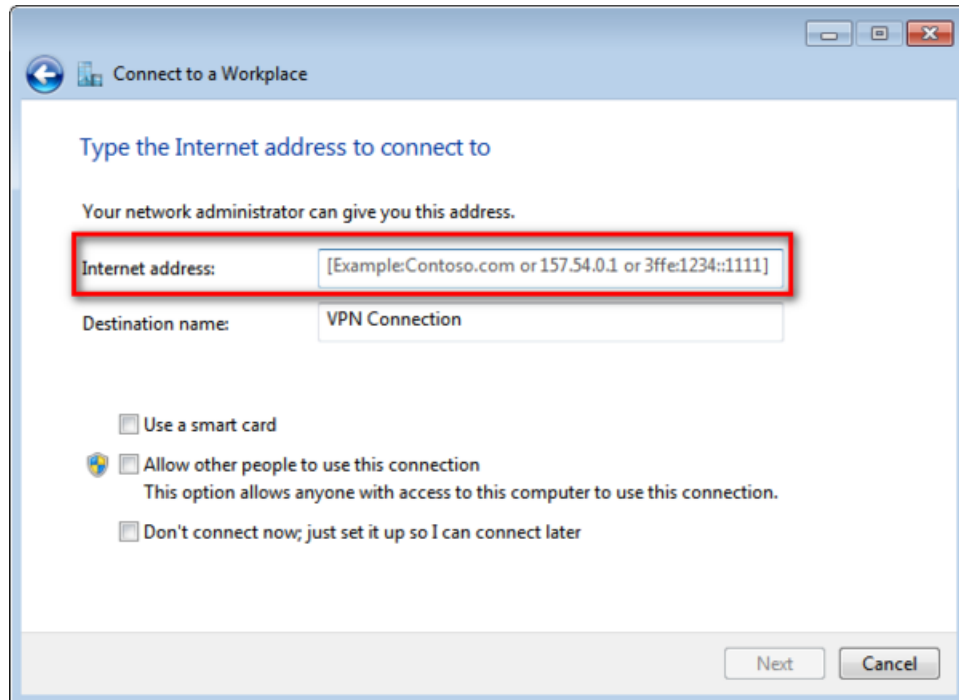
2. Select **Connect to a workplace** and click **Next**.



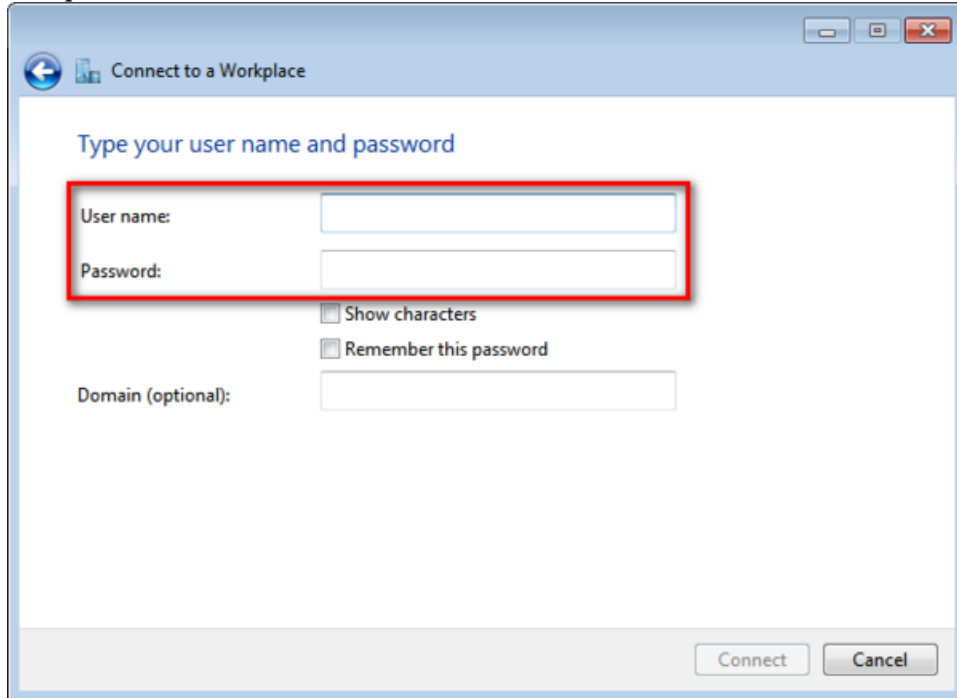
3. Select **Use my internet connection (VPN)**.



4. Type the IP address or computer name where you wish to connect and your connection name under the Destination name field.

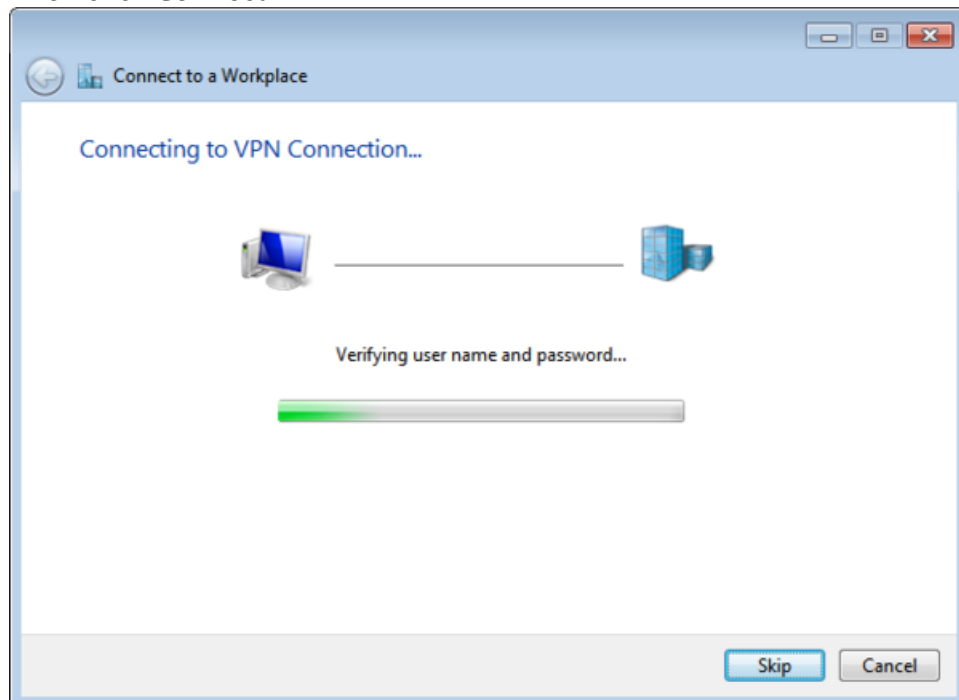


5. Enter a User name and password that has been granted access to the host computer.



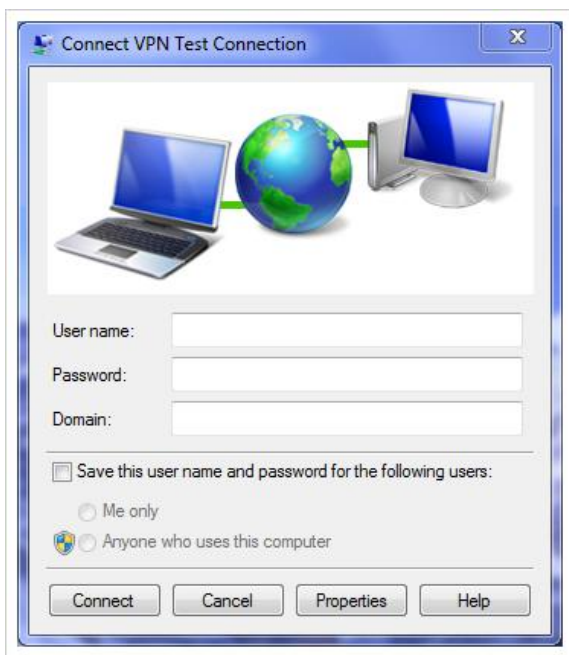
The screenshot shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Connect to a Workplace". The main heading inside is "Type your user name and password". There are two input fields: "User name:" and "Password:". The "Password:" field has a small eye icon to its right. Below these fields are two checkboxes: "Show characters" and "Remember this password". At the bottom left is a "Domain (optional):" label followed by an input field. At the bottom right are "Connect" and "Cancel" buttons. A red rectangular box is drawn around the "User name:" and "Password:" input fields.

6. Then click Connect.





7. To launch it, simply click the small network icon on the system tray at the bottom right corner, and pick the connection we just created from the popup list, and **connect**.



8. Type in your user name and password, and you are on your way connecting your Windows 7 to your company network.

