

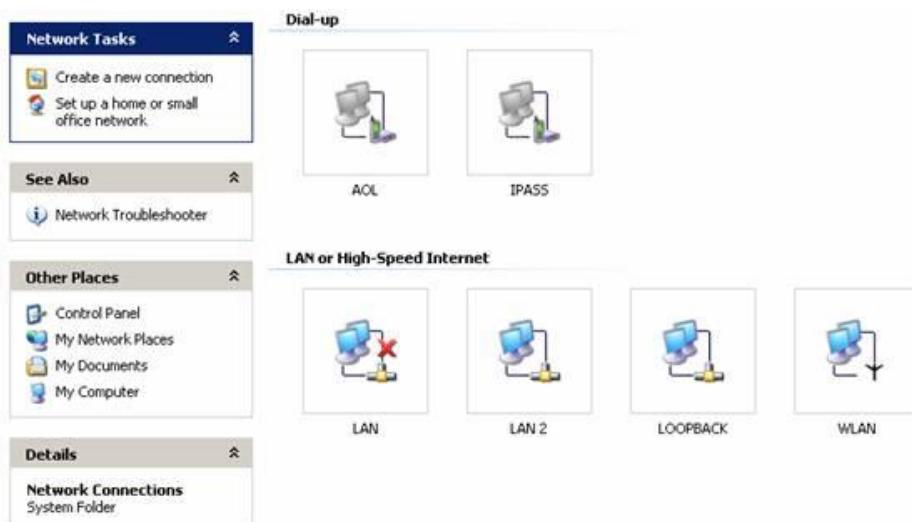
Create a VPN Connection

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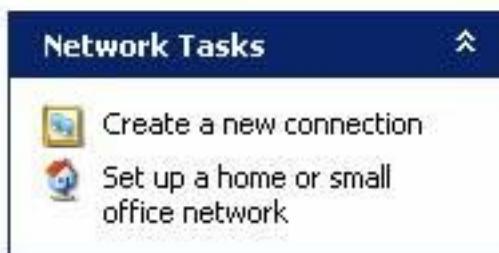
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Windows XP Professional

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.



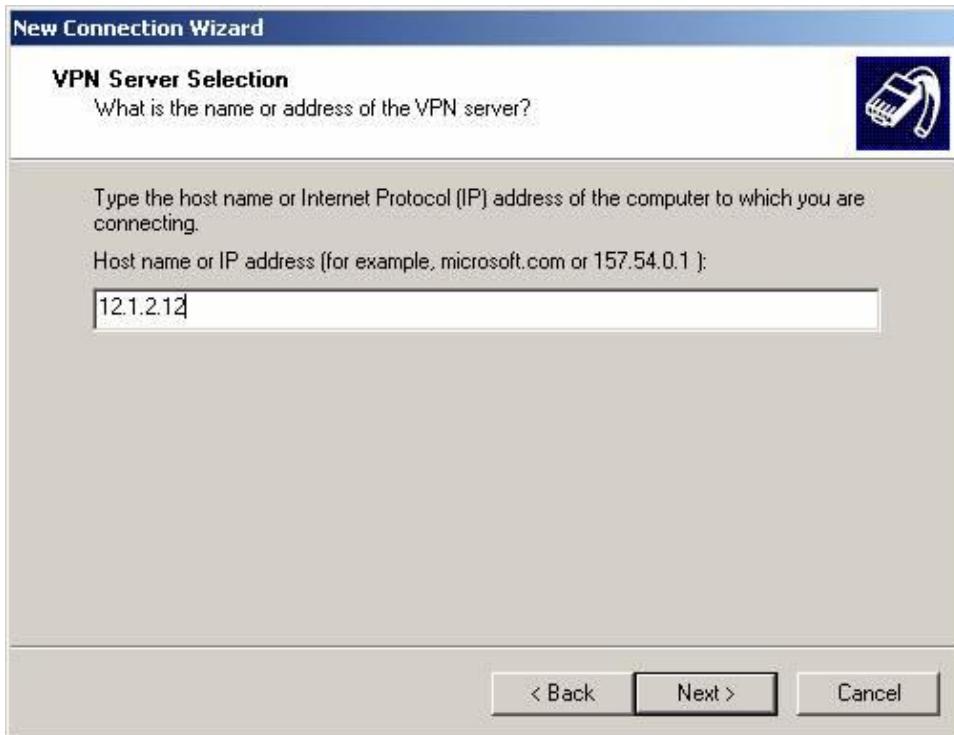
5. Click Connect to the network at my workplace, and then click Next.



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.



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.



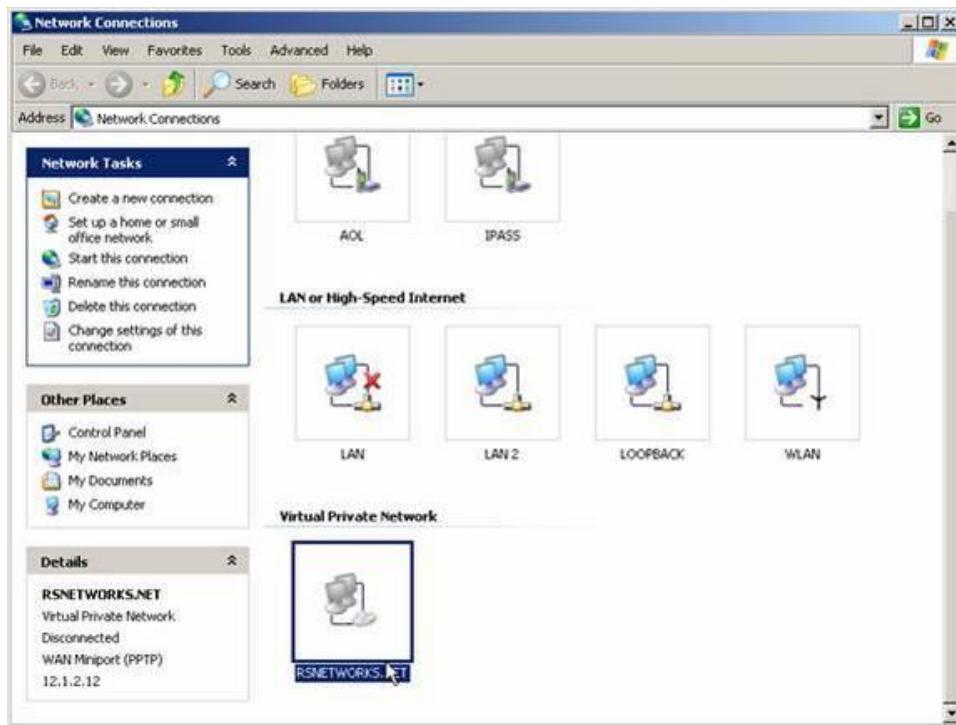
9. Type the host name or the Internet Protocol (IP) address of the computer that you want to connect to, and then click Next.
10. You may be asked if you want to use a Smart Card or not.



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.

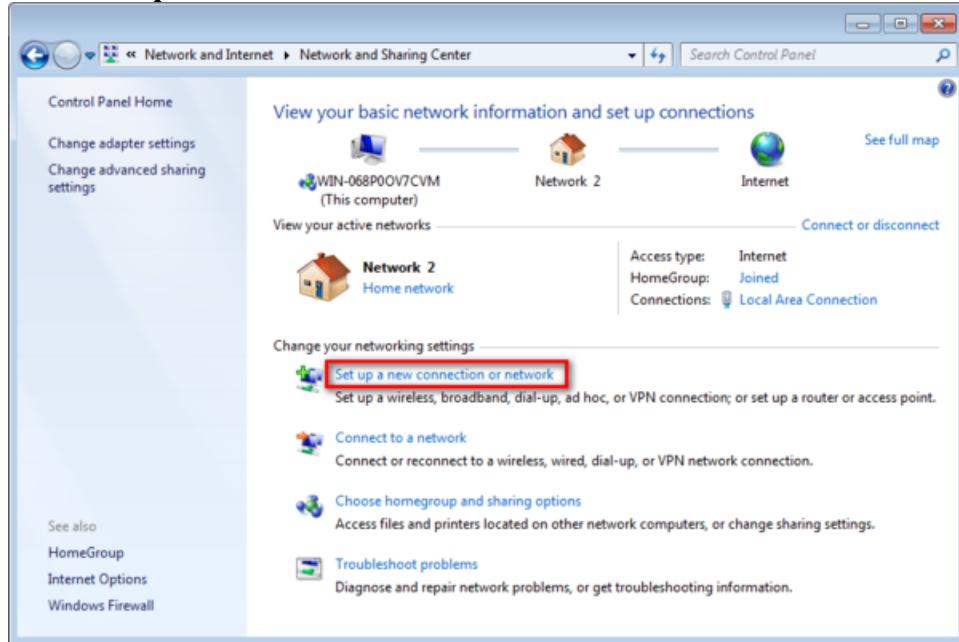
1. Once you are in the Network Connection dialog box, double-click, or right click and select 'Connect' from the menu – this will initiate the connection to the corporate office.



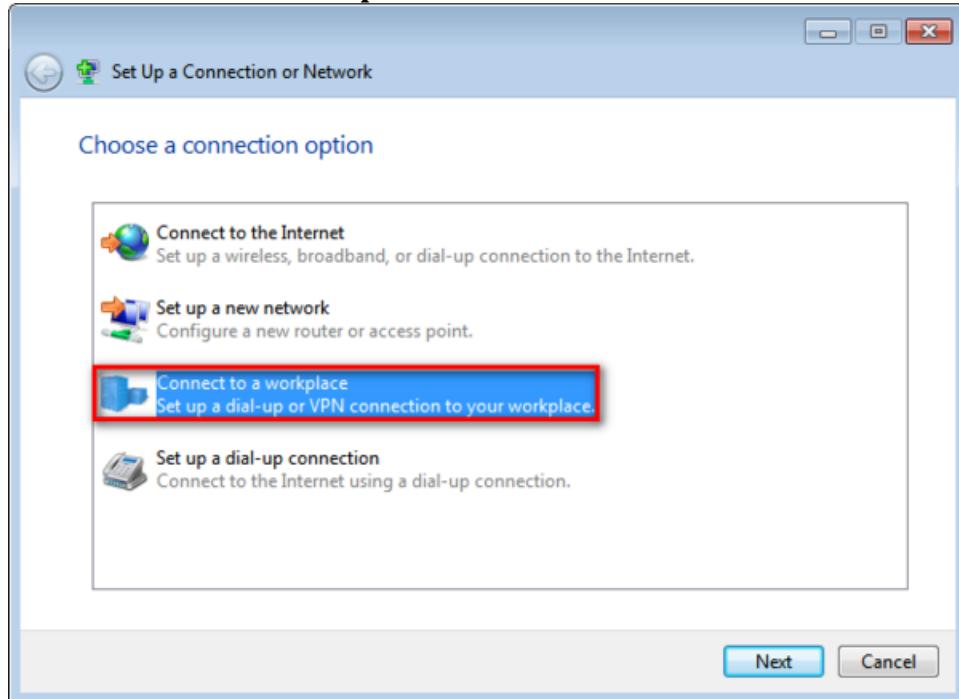
2. Type your user name and password, and then click Connect. Properties bring you back to what we just discussed in this article, all the global settings for the VPN client you are using.
3. To disconnect from a VPN connection, right-click the icon for the connection, and then click "Disconnect"

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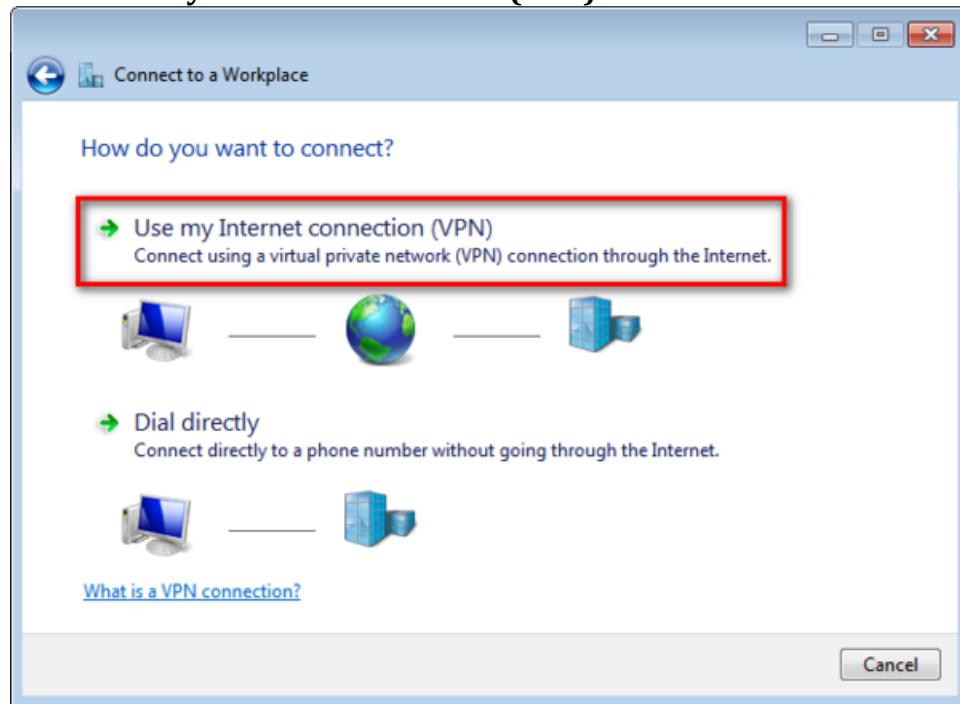
1. Open **Control Panel->Network and Internet->Network and Share Center**. Click **Set up a new connection or network**.



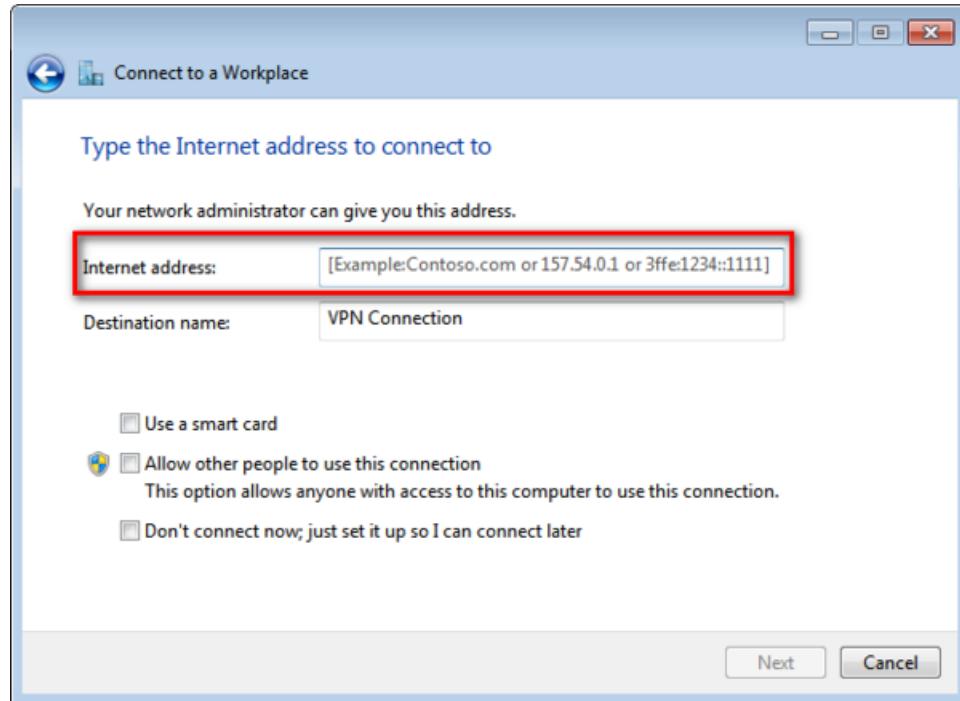
2. Select **Connect to a workplace** and click **Next**.



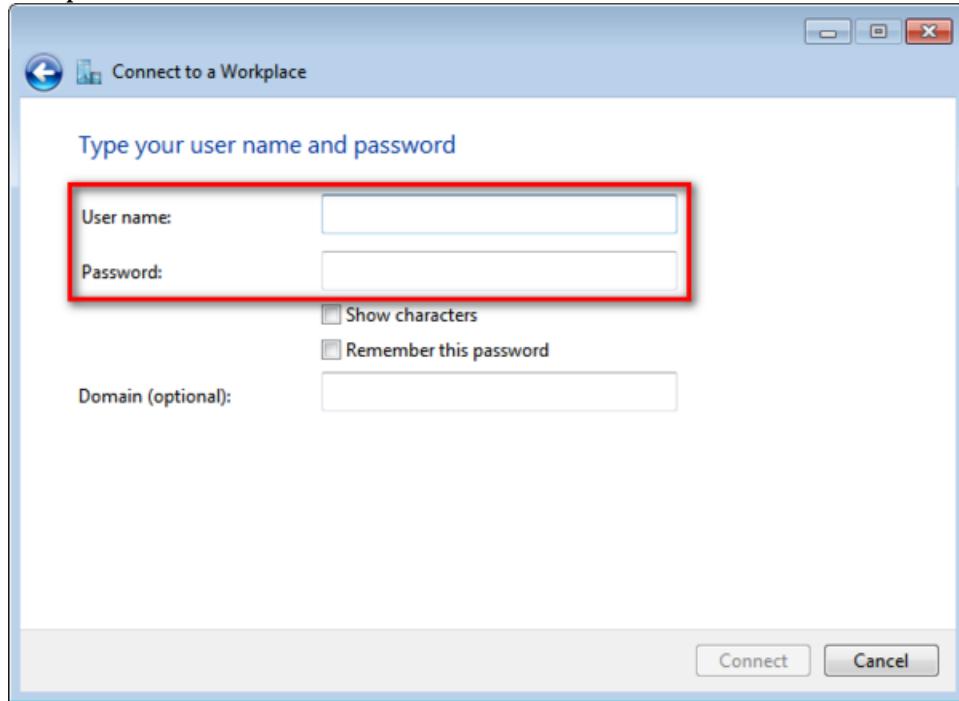
3. Select **Use my internet connection (VPN)**.



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

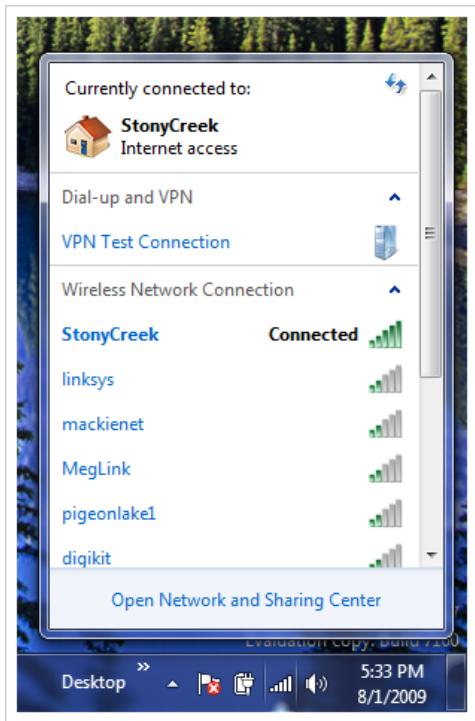


5. Enter a User name and password that has been granted access to the host computer.



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.

