Downloading and Installing Remote Desktop Connection Client

In order to access the UAB IT Windows terminal machines, you will first need to go to the following link and download the Remote Desktop Connection Client for Mac OS X.

To install the Remote Desktop Connection client, open the disk image containing the Remote Desktop Connection Client installer from Microsoft.

1. Run the installer from the disk image.
2. Start the RDC Client program in the Mac’s Applications folder.

Configuring the RDC Client

From the Applications folder, start the Remote Desktop Connection client (or RDC) that you previously installed by clicking on its icon (Figure 1).

![Remote Desktop Connection icon](image1.png)

Figure 1: Remote Desktop Connection icon

After you start the RDC, it will ask you to accept a EULA. Click Accept. Next, it will ask you to register with Microsoft. Click Register Later. The program will start (Figure 2).

![The RDC](image2.png)

Figure 2: The RDC
There are several options in the RDC that you will want to configure before you connect, such as screen size, the availability of your local drives, and your connection speed. To set these options, click the word **Options** in the main RDC window (Figure 2). If you do not wish to configure the client and simply want to use the default settings, skip to “Connect to the Terminal Server.”

**Setting the Size of the Remote Desktop**

![RDC Options](image)

**Figure 3: RDC Options**

The RDC can display the VCL machine full screen or in a window (Figure 3). To set the screen size of the remote desktop, (1) click the
Display tab, then (2) choose your screen size, and (3) select the number of colors you wish to use. If you are using a slower network connection (such as 56K dial-up), using a smaller desktop size and fewer colors will improve your performance.

Accessing Sound, Local Drives, and Printers

Click the Local Resources tab (Figure 4). You can choose whether you wish to hear sounds from the remote computer in the Remote Computer Sound box. By selecting the Disk Drives or Printers check boxes under Local Devices, you can choose to be able to access your disk drives and printers from the remote machine. If these check boxes are selected, any disk drives or printers attached to your local Macintosh will be accessible on the remote Windows XP machine as if they were actually attached to the Windows XP machine.

Figure 4: Local Resources
Setting Connection Speed
Click the **Performance** tab (Figure 5). The **Performance** tab allows you to optimize the RDC for your connection speed. Set your connection speed in the dropdown box underneath the tabs. The five check boxes below the connection speed box can be left at their default settings.

![Figure 5: Performance](image)

Connect to the Terminal Server
To connect, type either **ITIS-TERMSVC** or **138.26.24.225** into the box labeled **Computer:** and then click the **Connect** button.

The Windows login screen will now appear either full screen or windowed, depending on how you configured your RDC client. Type your **BlazerID** in the **User name** field and your **BlazerID password**
in the **Password** field, then click **OK** (Figure 6).

![Windows XP Login](image1.png)

**Figure 6: Windows XP Login**

**Begin Working**

You’re now logged in to the terminal server machine and ready to begin using it. If you checked the **Disk Drives** or **Printers** check box on the **Local Resources** tab (Figure 4), then you will be able to access those resources on the terminal server machine. For example, in Figure 7 you can see my Macintosh's local hard drive 'tibook' is available in 'My Computer' on the Windows XP VCL machine.

![Windows Drive List](image2.png)

**Figure 7: Windows Drive List**