

Connecting to VPN from a non-county computer

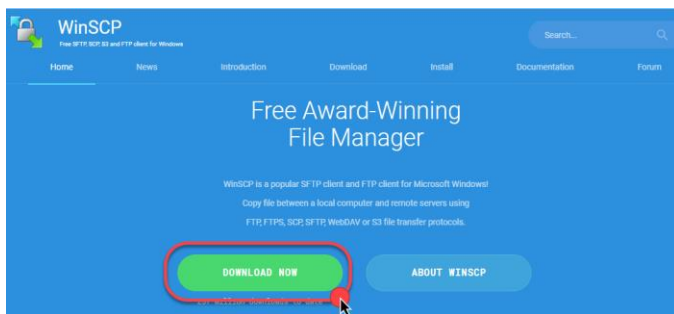
This document will walk users through connecting a non-county computer, such as a personally owned computer (Windows or Mac), to Dakota County's Cisco AnyConnect VPN.

There are two parts to these instructions:

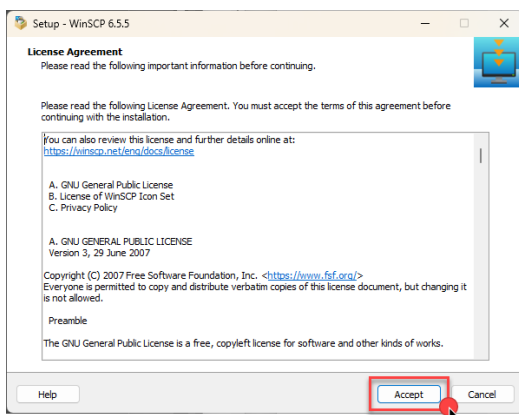
- 1) Initial setup of your non-county computer in preparation to connect to the Cisco AnyConnect VPN
- 2) How to connect to Cisco AnyConnect VPN (page 4)

INITIAL SETUP

1. Navigate to <https://winscp.net/eng/index.php> from any web browser.
2. Select **Download Now** to download the WinSCP installer files.



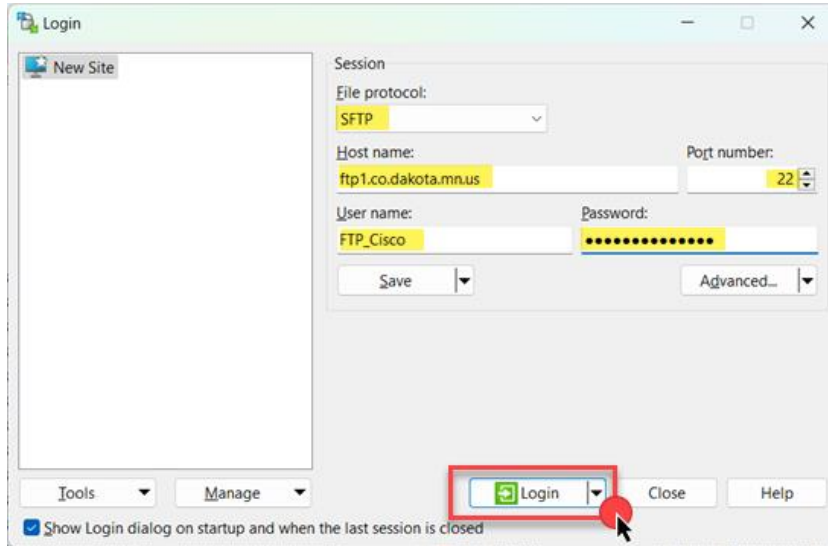
3. **Run** the downloaded WinSCP installer (this may vary by computer - you will find it where you save your downloaded files)
4. **Agree** to the license agreement and follow the steps to get it installed to your machine.



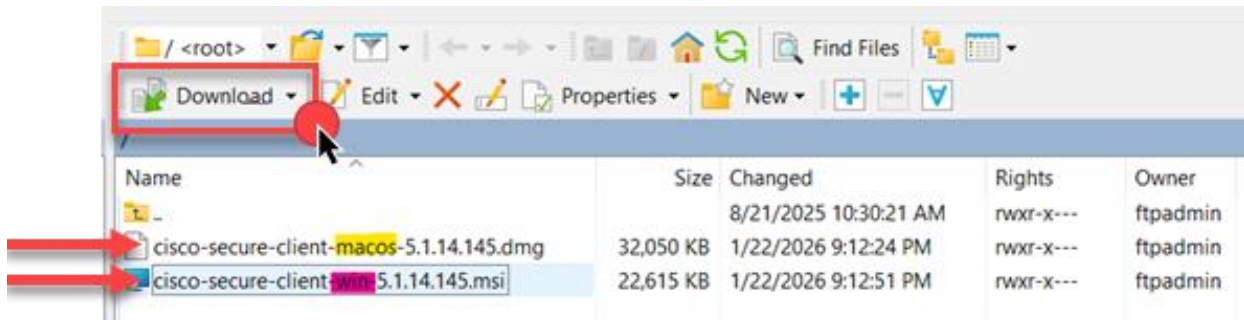
5. Once WinSCP is successfully installed, open the application.

6. Enter the requested information as follows and then click **Login**.

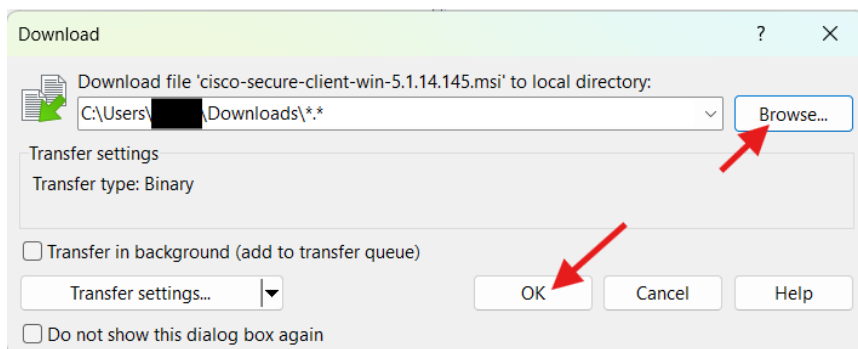
- Protocol: **SFTP**
- Hostname: **ftp1.co.dakota.mn.us**
- Port: **22**
- Username: **FTP_Cisco**
- Password: **CountyFTP2025!**



7. There are two installer files – select the install for your type of computer: Windows or Mac, then click **Download**.

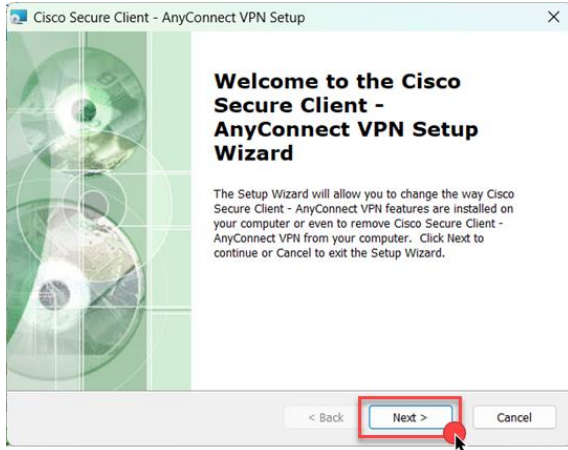


8. Choose where you want to save the application, and then click **OK**.



9. **Run** the downloaded Cisco installer from file path you selected in Step 8.

10. A new window will open for the Cisco AnyConnect VPN Setup Wizard. Click **Next** and follow the steps to install the Cisco Secure Client.

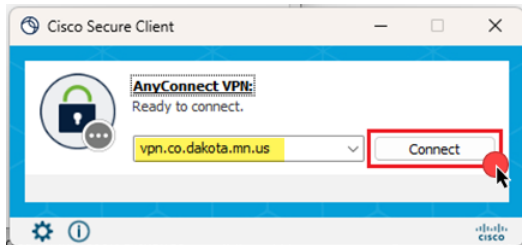


11. Once the install for Cisco Secure Client is complete you can continue to the next set of instructions for connecting.

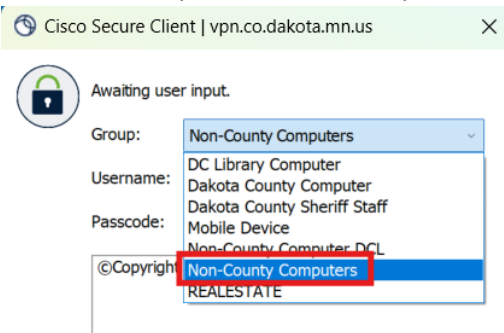
Connecting to Non-County Computer VPN

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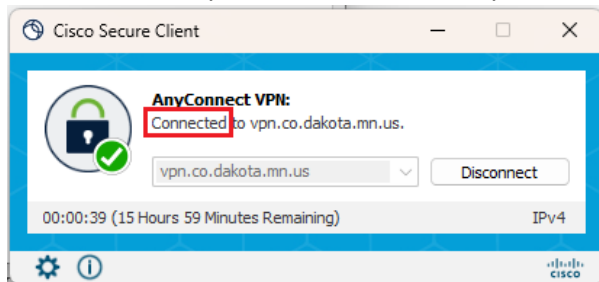
1. Open the **Cisco Secure Client** application on your computer.
2. The Cisco Secure Client box will appear. In the open box, type in **vpn.co.dakota.mn.us** (case sensitive) and click **Connect**.



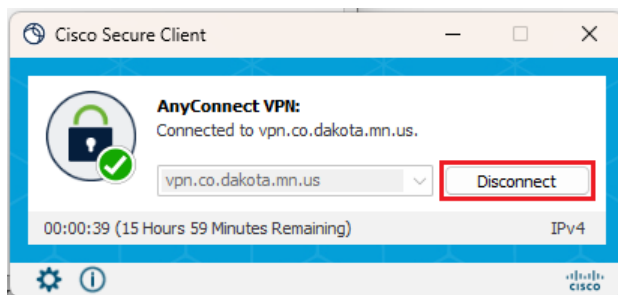
3. When the login box opens, verify that **Non-County Computers** group is selected. Enter your Dakota County username and password and complete the login with 2-factor authentication.



4. When successfully connected to Cisco AnyConnect, your status will say *Connected to vpn.co.dakota.mn.us*



5. To disconnect from Cisco AnyConnect VPN, click on **Disconnect** in Cisco AnyConnect dialogue box.



If you encounter problems connecting to the Dakota County VPN or have any related questions, contact the IT Help Desk at helpdesk@co.dakota.mn.us or 651-438-4346.