



Connecting to Your ITCS Exchange Account from Off Campus [Windows]

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When you are not on campus — at home, for example, or traveling — there are several ways to connect your Windows computer to your ITCS Exchange account. This document explains the methods, provides pros and cons, and provides links to information on using them.

HINT: These methods also work on campus.

All require that you log in using your Exchange/Windows Active Directory password and provide secure connections.

[Outlook Web Access](#)

[Outlook Anywhere](#)

[Virtual Private Network \(VPN\) with Outlook](#)

Outlook Web Access (OWA)

Pros

- best way to connect if you're not using your own computer because it does not require any configuring
- connect using Internet Explorer (preferred) or other web browser
- does not require that Outlook be installed on the computer you're using

Cons

- must be connected to the Internet so you can't work off-line
- cannot sync mobile devices such as PDAs and smart phones without Exchange ActiveSync
- cannot access anonymous or shared calendars

See also

[Outlook Web Access FAQ](#)

[General ITCS Exchange Service information and FAQs](#)

Outlook Anywhere (formerly known as RPC over HTTPS)

Pros

- your Exchange account works just as if you were on campus
- can work off-line and automatically sync your account when you are connected

Cons

- requires Outlook be properly configured on the computer you're using
- special steps required for [configuring a computer when it is not on campus](#)

See also

[Setting Up Outlook Anywhere for Your ITCS Exchange Account \[Windows\] \(S4335\)](#)

[Using Your ITCS Outlook/Exchange Account \[Windows\] \(S4327\)](#)

[General ITCS Exchange Service information and FAQs](#)**Virtual Private Network (VPN) with Outlook****Pros**

- you are fully connected to the campus network and can access other resources
- configure Outlook as if you were [on campus](#)
- your Exchange account works just as if you were on campus
- can work off-line and automatically sync your account when you are connected

Cons

- requires Outlook be properly configured on the computer you're using
- requires that the computer you are using is [configured for a U-M VPN](#)
- must log in twice — first for VPN using your Kerberos (Wolverine Access) password and then for Exchange using your Exchange/Windows Active Directory password

See also[U-M Virtual Private Network \(VPN\)](#)[Setting Up Outlook/Exchange on a Windows Computer \(S4326\)](#)[Using Your ITCS Outlook/Exchange Account \[Windows\] \(S4327\)](#)[General ITCS Exchange Service information and FAQs](#)