

How to gain access to a folder, e.g., H: drive, on the FRES fileserver from outside of the U.J. Noblet Building. This will also work for wireless access (RoverNet).

Open a web browser and go to <http://vpn.mtu.edu>, and enter your MTU ISO username and password (this is what you use to get your MTU email).

Click on "Download standalone VPN client". Save the file to your desktop.

Close the web browser.

Double-click on the file you downloaded, "f5pcsetup.exe", to install the program.

Double-click the new icon named "F5 Networks VPN Client" to start the program.

Click on "Connect", check the "Save Password" option, and click on "Logon".

Now click on the option on the left labeled "get an MTU address", and then click on "Create".

Once you see the "Status: Connected" on the screen, that means your computer is officially on the MTU network, i.e., it is very similar to being in the Forestry building. Minimize the VPN client window to get it out of the way.

You can now Map a Network Drive but you must use the full pathname of our server, for example, `\\kiwi.ffr.mtu.edu\mrbill`, and remember that the username/password it will ask for is your FRES username/password not the ISO information.

If you wish to automate this process a bit, open the VPN client, click on the F5 icon in the lower right-corner of the screen, and then drag the "get an MTU address" on the left part of the window to your desktop to create a shortcut.

Give it a try; I'm pretty sure it works.

JIM

James B. Moore / Systems Administrator
School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science
Michigan Technological University
Email: jmoore@mtu.edu