# VPN User Guide: Own Device

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Own PC/laptop: Windows
These instructions tell you how to setup and install the software required to connect your own/home Windows PC or laptop to the Heriot-Watt (Edinburgh) VPN

Browser choice is important - use either Internet Explorer (IE) or Firefox
- Do not use Windows 10 Edge Browser or Chrome

Pre-Configurations required before logging into VPN
JAVA Configuration Settings
You must be running the most recent version of JAVA on your home PC

You can download JAVA here (http://www.java.com/en/download)

Edit your JAVA security settings

1. Go to the Java Control Panel ( Open System preferences – then open Java )
2. Select the Security tab
3. Click Edit Site List
4. Click ADD
5. Type https://hwvpn.hw.ac.uk in the new row
6. Click OK

Using the VPN
Logging in

1. Open a browser and go to https://hwvpn.hw.ac.uk
2. Click Next

3. Enter your HWU Username and Password
4. Click Log in
5. *If prompted* click on **Allow** to run JAVA

6. Click **Install** at the Secure Endpoint Manager page

- You will now be logged into the VPN. The access option should be **Access: Web**
Navigating your files

1. Click **Student - Filestore**
2. If prompted to run JAVA, select the checkbox and click **Run** or **Allow**

![Image of a computer screen showing Filestore]

Your drives will be displayed in a new browser tab

- Left panel – your local Windows folders
- Right panel – your HW home (H:) drive

3. Click on the C: drive of your own PC, to see your local folders

- You can drag and drag files from your PC to your HW Home drive or vice-versa

![Image of a computer screen showing C: drive]

Log out

- Remember to log out of the VPN when you have finished using it.
Own PC/laptop: Mac

Follow these instructions on how to setup and install the software required to connect your Mac to the Heriot-Watt Edinburgh VPN.

Pre-Configurations required before logging into VPN

JAVA Configuration Settings

You must be running the most recent version of JAVA

You can download JAVA here (http://www.java.com/en/download)

Edit your JAVA security settings

1. Go to the Java Control Panel (System Preferences, Java)
2. Select the Security tab
3. Click Edit Site List
4. Click ADD
5. Type https://hwvpn.hw.ac.uk in the new row
6. Click OK

Creating a Folder for VPN access

- Create a new folder called HW WORK in Documents on your MAC.

This will allow you to access the folder created from your MAC when you connect via the VPN, allowing you to easily drag and drop files from your HW student home drive to your home MAC PC.

Using the VPN

Logging in

1. Open a browser (Firefox preferred) and go to https://hwvpn.hw.ac.uk
2. Click Next

3. Enter your HWU Username and Password
4. Click Log in
5. Click **Allow** for JAVA to run or **Allow and remember**

6. Click **Install** at the Secure Endpoint Manager page

- You should now be at the Portal page - the access option should be **Access: Web**
Navigating your files

1. Click **Student - Filestore**

In the window displayed you can see

- Left panel – your local MAC Folders
- Right panel – your HW home (H:) drive

2. Scroll down the contents in the left-hand panel (if necessary) and select **/Users**
3. Open the **Username** folder e.g. steviep

4. Open **Documents** folder

5. Open **HW Work** folder (this is the Folder that you created before logging into the VPN)

6. In the right panel – open your username folder

- You can now drag and drop files from your Mac to your HW Home drive or vice-versa
Log out

- Click Logout to close the VPN connection