



Off-Campus Access to Mainframe Applications

To access mainframe applications (FAS & APS) from off-campus locations, you will need to be connected to the University network via cVPN.

To download cVPN:

1. Visit cvpn.uchicago.edu and log in with your CNetID and password.
2. You will need to verify your identity using two-factor authentication (2FA) in order to access the cVPN.
3. Upon logging in, your operating system will be detected, such as Windows or Mac, and it will prompt you to download the appropriate AnyConnect VPN app for your computer's operating system.

Once you are connected to the network, you can access mainframe applications by remoting into your desktop or with your laptop and opening HostExplorer.

If you need to install & configure the HostExplorer, see instructions below:

Install & configure OpenText HostExplorer

The University's mainframe systems are accessed with a TN3270 client software called OpenText HostExplorer. Someone with administrative rights to your machine needs to install and configure it before you can access the mainframe. For instructions on how to install and configure HostExplorer, visit answers.uchicago.edu/45437.

Avoid using your mouse while navigating in the HostExplorer window

Since some fields are not underlined, refrain from using the mouse. Navigate through the various text input fields by using the **<Tab>** key (and **<Shift>+<Tab>** keys) instead.

Using the numeric keypad

The "Ignore NumLock state" box needs to be unchecked in Session Properties before you can use the numeric keypad.

Once HostExplorer has been installed and configured, you will see the main login screen. Use your assigned mainframe user ID and password for access.

NOTE: This screen is NOT case-sensitive.