# Connecting to the Virtual Lab from a Chromebook

The following instructions walk you through:

- Downloading and connecting to the GlobalProtect VPN, which is necessary to connect to CSI's network
- Downloading and installing RDP (Remote Desktop Protocol) which will allow you to remotely use one of the available computers in a CSI computer lab.
- Choosing a machine to connect to in a lab

### Section 1: Download and install necessary Apps from the Google Play Store

You will need to download the Global Protect App and Microsoft Remote Desktop App. This process will only need to be done the first time, unless you are using a different device,

- Step 1: Open the Google Play Store, search for "GlobalProtect" and hit Enter
- Step 2: Make sure it is GlobalProtect made by Palo Alto Networks and click Install
- Step 3: After it finishes installing, click the Back button
- Step 4: Search for "Microsoft Remote Desktop"
- Step 5: Make sure it is Remote Desktop 8 (or later) by Microsoft Corporation and click Install
- Step 6: After the installation completes, click Open
- Step 7: Remote Desktop will open and you must Accept the terms of agreement. Click Accept
- **Step 8: Minimize** the Remote Desktop app
- Step 9: Close the Google Play Store

#### Section 2: Connecting to the CSI VPN

- Step 1: Click the Launcher button
- **Step 2:** Click the **UP** arrow to bring up your apps
- **Step 3:** Find the *GlobalProtect* app and click on it to open it
- Step 4: When asked for the portal address, type: slas-vpn.csi.cuny.edu and click CONNECT

You will be taken to the Sign in page

\*Note: You will need to do this each time you want to connect to the virtual lab. The Portal will already be filled in from the first time you entered it.

Step 5: Sign in with your CSI Credentials and click SIGN IN

Note: Format for usernames below:

- Students Use firstname.lastname@cix.csi.cuny.edu and your SLAS Password
- Faculty/Staff Use firstname.lastname@csi.cuny.edu and your FLAS Password

#### Step 6: If you get a Connection request pop-up window, Click OK

You will then be **CONNECTED** to the VPN.

You can now minimize the Global Protect app.

## Section 3: Connecting to a Computer in the Virtual Lab

#### **Step 1:** Open **Google Chrome** and go to the following website:

https://remoteaccess.labstats.com/college-of-staten-island-cuny

#### Welcome to the College of Staten Island's Virtual Lab!

The list of computers on this page are available to use.

- Step 2: Click Connect next to the computer you want to use
- Step 3: You will get a pop-up window for that computer. Click Download
- Step 4: When the download completes, click Show in folder
- Step 5: You will only need to do the next few instructions the first time. After the first time, skip to Step 7
  - Click the downloaded file in your Downloads folder
  - Click OPEN
  - Click Change default...

#### Step 6: Click RD Client

Step 7: Double click on the downloaded file

(If the file does not open in Remote Desktop, click the **OPEN** button and click **RD Client**)

- Step 8: In the Allow access pop-up window, click Allow
- Step 9: On the Certificate can't be verified pop-up window, click CONNECT
- Step 10: Sign in with your CSI credentials and click CONNECT

Note: Format for usernames below:

Students: Use slas\FirstName.LastName and your SLAS Password

Faculty/Staff: Use flas\FirstName.LastName and your FLAS Password

#### Step 11: Click OK on the login screen.

The computer will now automatically login and bring you to the desktop.

Please wait while it loads and then you can use the computer as if you were sitting in a lab.

# Section 4: Disconnecting from a Virtual Lab Computer and the VPN \*VERY IMPORTANT\*

\*Note: When you are done using the computer, make sure you SAVE YOUR WORK!

SAVE IN YOUR EMAIL OR SOME OTHER ONLINE STORAGE (DROPBOX, ONEDRIVE, Etc.) Do NOT save directly onto the computer (Desktop, Documents, etc.) IT WILL BE ERASED!!!

Once you are done using the computer and have <u>saved your work (online)</u>, you must **Sign Out** of the remote computer.

To sign out, follow these steps:

- Step 1: Click the Start Button
- **Step 2:** Click the **User Icon** (your name will show up when the mouse hovers over the icon)
- Step 3: Click Sign Out
- Step 4: Click the Menu Dots button on the computer in Microsoft Remote Desktop and click Remove
- Step 5: On the pop-up, click REMOVE
- Step 6: Close the Remote Desktop App
- Step 7: Click the GlobalProtect Icon in the App Shelf
- **Step 8:** Click the **Green Shield Icon** (Tap to Disconnect) in the middle of the screen to disconnect from the VPN.

You are now completely disconnected.