

Instructions for Macintosh OS X Access to the CFA Computer Lab Server

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Inside the CFA Computer Lab:

1. Connect your laptop to the BU network using one of the spare Ethernet cables located at stations 18-21, borrowing an Ethernet cable from the CFA Computer Lab Help Desk for use at the hub in the classroom, or connecting to the BU wireless network via the Cisco VPN client.
2. On your desktop, click on the Go menu.
3. On the Go menu, select the last option to “Connect to Server.”
4. At the prompt for an address, type the following address for the CFA Computer Lab server: 128.197.107.28 (also known as: cfa-2050.bu.edu)
5. Click on Connect.
6. At the login prompt, enter your username that was assigned to you when you originally registered for a Computer Lab account. Then type your password that you created. If you want to access your class’ shared folder, type in the username and password provided by your professor instead of your personal account’s username and password.

NOTE: If you are having problems reading or writing data to your shared class folder, the problem is likely that you used your own username and password instead of the username and password provided by your professor for the class. To resolve the problem, logout of your account before restarting the process from the beginning.

7. Once successfully authenticated, you will have the option to select which share(s) you would like to mount. Select the share(s) that you want to mount, and you will have successfully connected to the server. You can now work on any saved files on the server as if you were working at one of the stations in the CFA Computer Lab.

Outside of the CFA Computer Lab:

- All steps are the same as above except for step 1. You will need to connect your Macintosh OS X laptop or desktop computer to the BU network via the Cisco VPN client. Otherwise, your computer will not be able to access to the CFA Computer Lab server remotely. **NOTE:** There is no access available from Windows-based computers to the CFA Computer Lab server for security reasons.

If you require further assistance, please ask a CFA Information Technology Office staff member at the Computer Lab Help Desk or by calling 617-353-4763.