Connect to a lab PC using remote desktop

You will need: a laptop/PC and broadband connection at home
Note: this solution works best with Windows but has been tested successfully from Linux. Mac works but the scaling is not great.

The following labs are accessible remotely:
> **1a11** (60 PCs), **1a13** (34 PCs), **2a15** (57), **2a17** (43), **2b41** (16), **2b43** (21), **2Y5** (51), **2Y8** (34)

You can search for a particular bit of software here: http://stir.ac.uk/34u

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These instruction were created using Chrome – other browsers may behave slightly differently.

1. Go to https://configmgr.stir.ac.uk/RDPConnect/default.aspx
2. Select the lab you want to use in the drop down box – hit refresh
3. Pick a PC that is free, click the 'RDP to client' button
4. A .rdp file will be downloaded to the bottom of Chrome (and to your downloads folder)
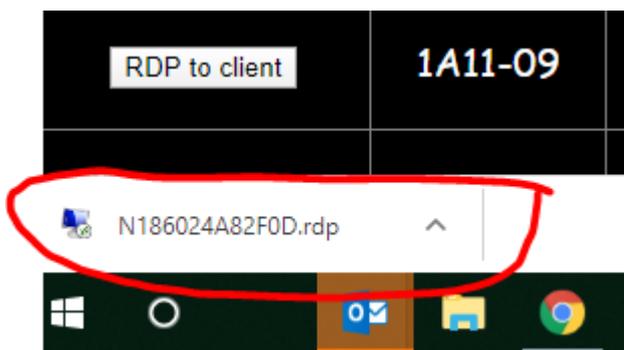
5. Click to open the file. You may see this dialog box – click Connect
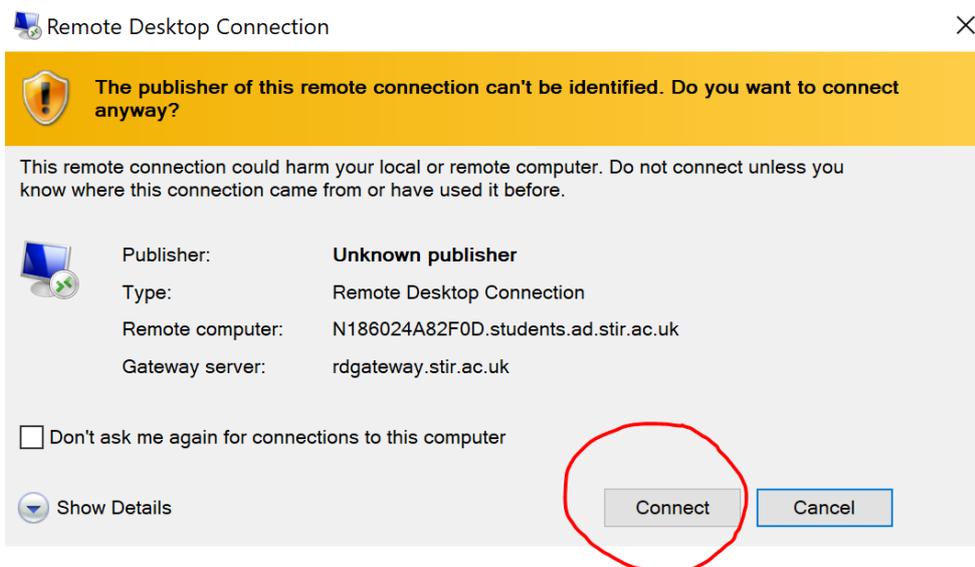
6. In the next dialog box, enter your username and password. Staff and PhD students need to preface the username with STIRLAN\yourusername e.g. STIRLAN\jb1
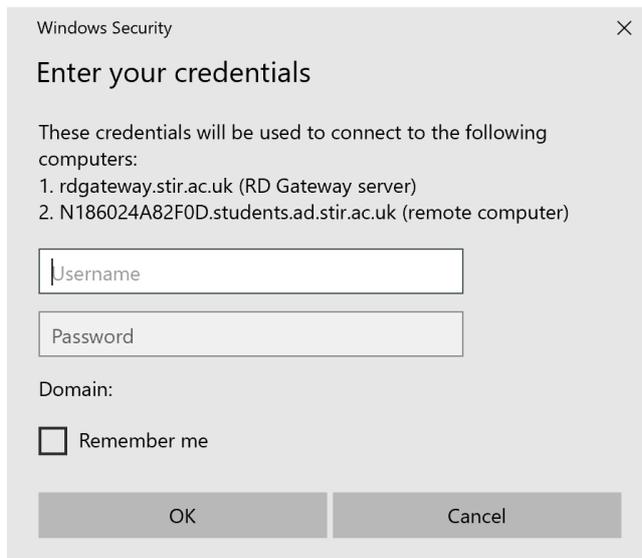
Windows Security ✕

Enter your credentials

These credentials will be used to connect to the following computers:
1. rdgateway.stir.ac.uk (RD Gateway server)
2. N186024A82F0D.students.ad.stir.ac.uk (remote computer)

Username

Password

Domain:

☐ Remember me

OK   Cancel

7. You may see this dialog box – click YES
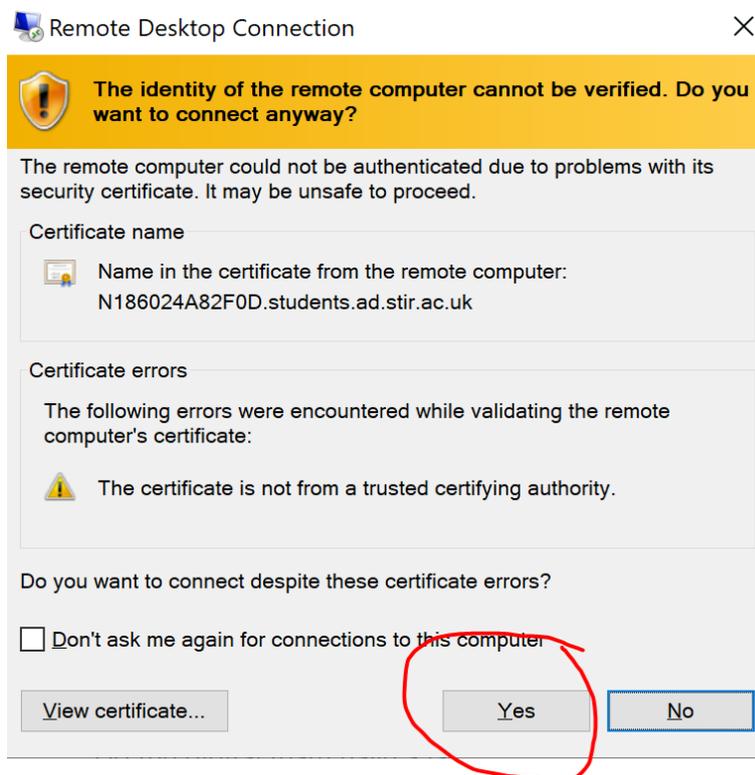
Remote Desktop Connection   ✕

⚠ **The identity of the remote computer cannot be verified. Do you want to connect anyway?**

The remote computer could not be authenticated due to problems with its security certificate. It may be unsafe to proceed.

Certificate name

🔒 Name in the certificate from the remote computer:
N186024A82F0D.students.ad.stir.ac.uk

Certificate errors

The following errors were encountered while validating the remote computer's certificate:

⚠ The certificate is not from a trusted certifying authority.

Do you want to connect despite these certificate errors?

☐ Don't ask me again for connections to this computer

View certificate...   Yes   No

8. You will then be connected to the lab PC – wait while it logs you on. You can now access any of the software on the PC as if you were in the lab.
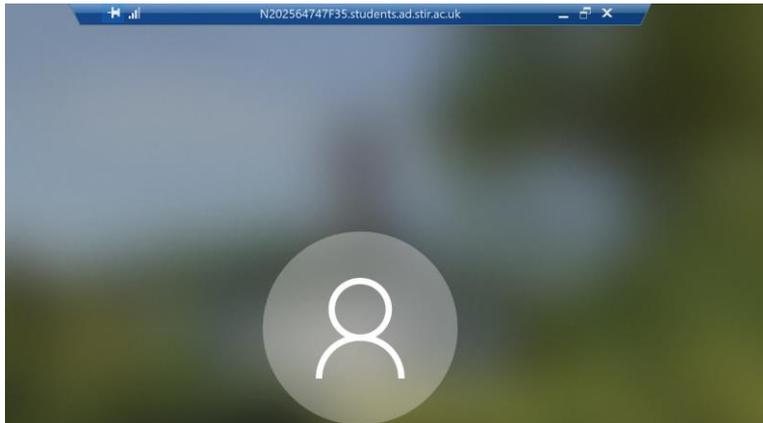
TO END YOUR REMOTE SESSION

CLICK THIS ICON ON THE DESKTOP TO LOG OUT OF THE REMOTE SESSION