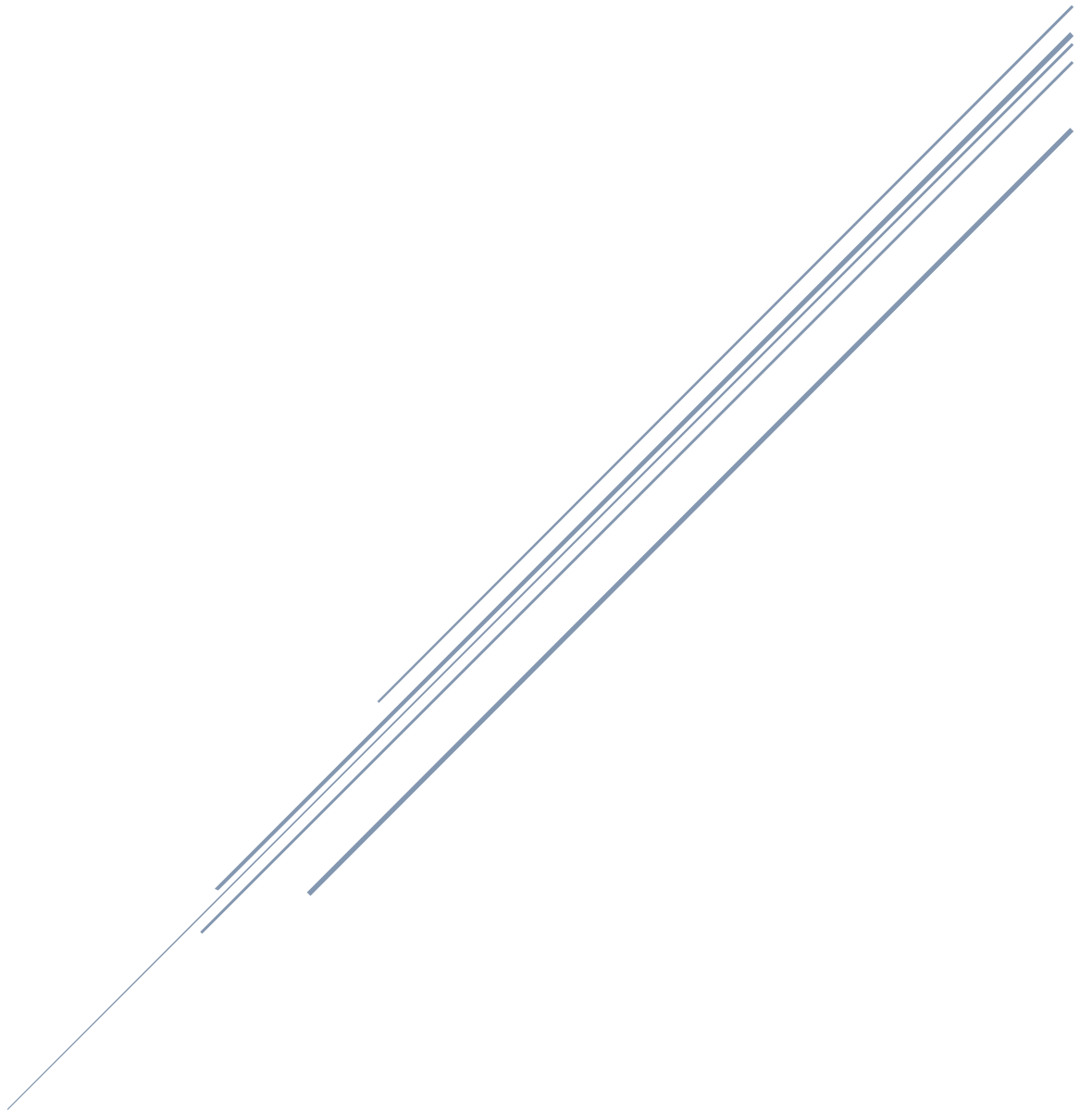


# APSCN VPN SETUP

F5 VPN



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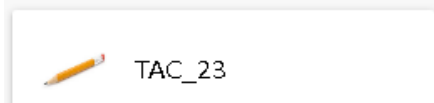
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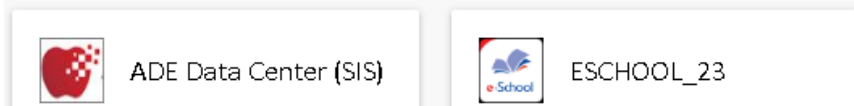
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#### Network Access ▾



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#### Network Access ▾



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#### Network Access ▾



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#### Network Access ▾



## Windows OS F5 VPN Setup

As of October 2018 you no longer have to use Internet Explorer ONLY to set up the VPN. This will work on any browser (except Edge).

1. Go to <https://apscnvpn.k12.ar.us>
2. You will see a **Secure Login** for APSCN and an AUP

Secure Logon  
for APSCN Networks

Username (0000)doe

Password

Please select one of the following options  
Teachers ▼

Logon

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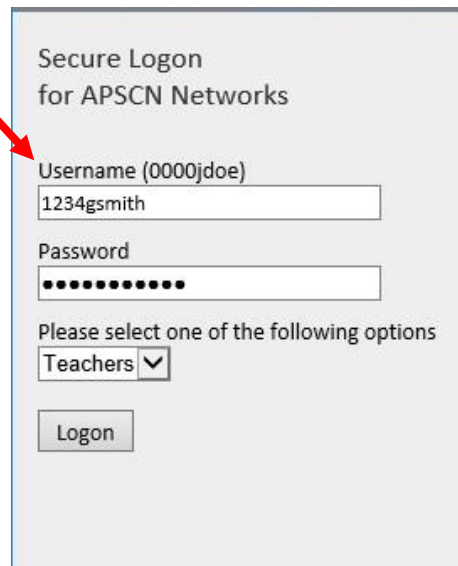
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3. In the window, enter your **username** and **password**.  
Eg. 0000jdoe



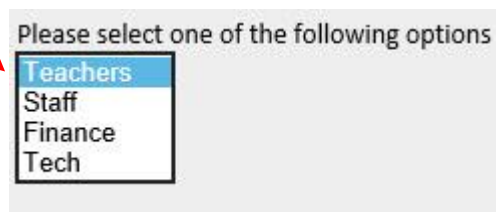
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Password

Please select one of the following options  
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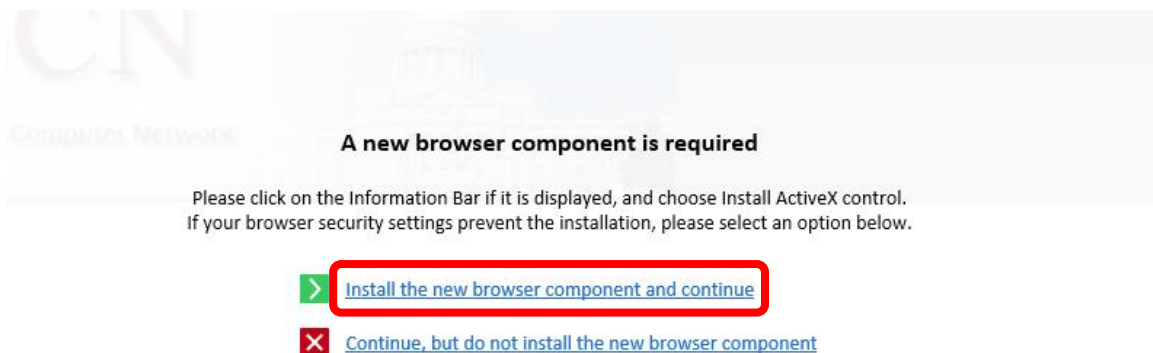
4. Choose your role and **Click Logon**



Please select one of the following options

Teachers  
Staff  
Finance  
Tech

5. If you are accessing this website for the first time on a workstation, you will see a prompt to install a new browser component. **Click Install** to install the new component.



Computer Network

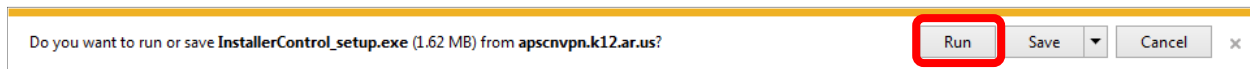
**A new browser component is required**

Please click on the Information Bar if it is displayed, and choose Install ActiveX control.  
If your browser security settings prevent the installation, please select an option below.

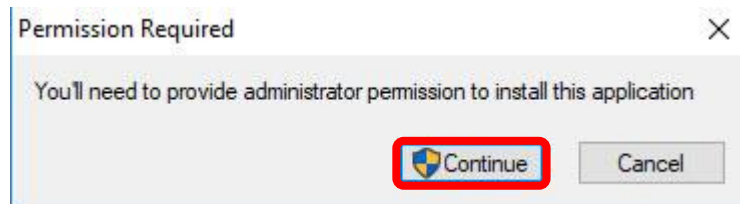
☒ [Install the new browser component and continue](#)

☐ [Continue, but do not install the new browser component](#)

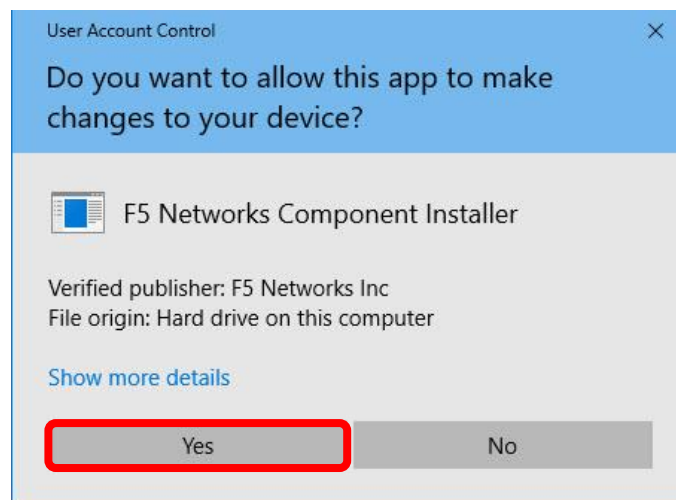
6. After you click install, you will see a prompt at the bottom to run the Installer. **Click Run.**



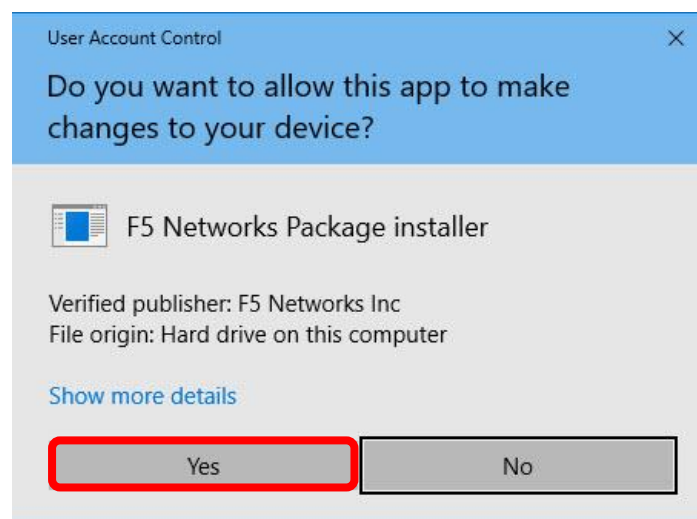
7. If prompted for administrative privileges, **Click Continue** to install the application.



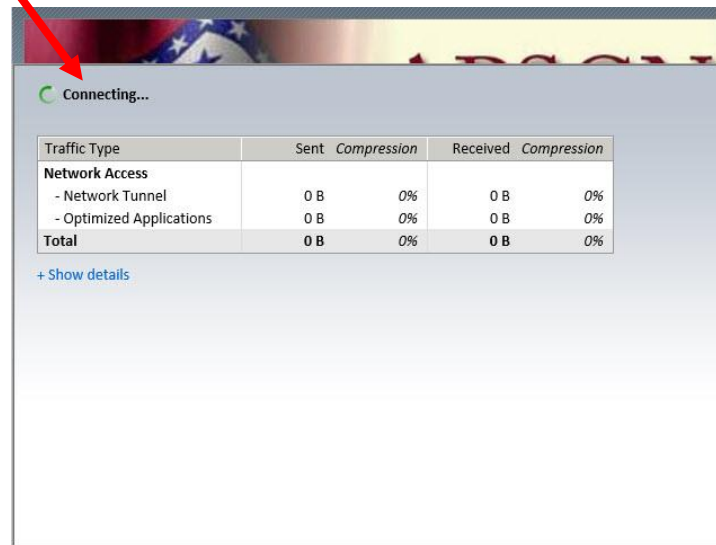
8. If prompted for the F5 Package Installer, **Click Yes**



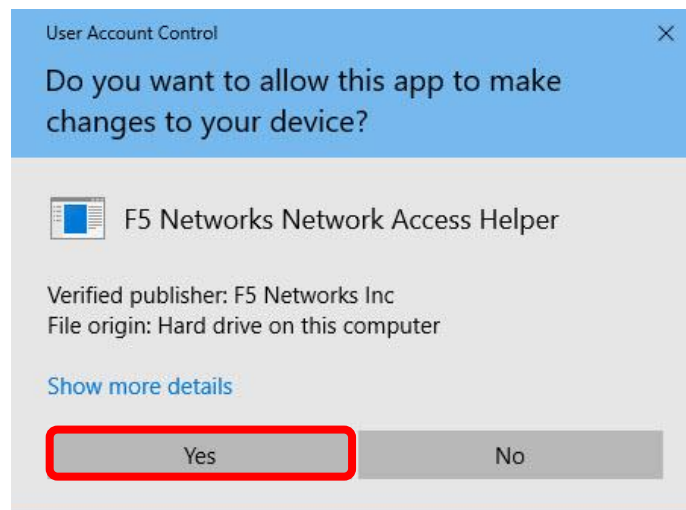
9. if prompted for the F5 Component Installer, **Click Yes**



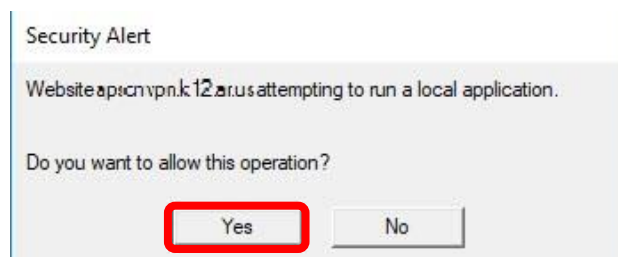
10. The box will appear that connects to the VPN tunnel. It shows the status as you connect to the APSCN VPN



11. When prompted for the F5 Network Access Helper, Click Yes

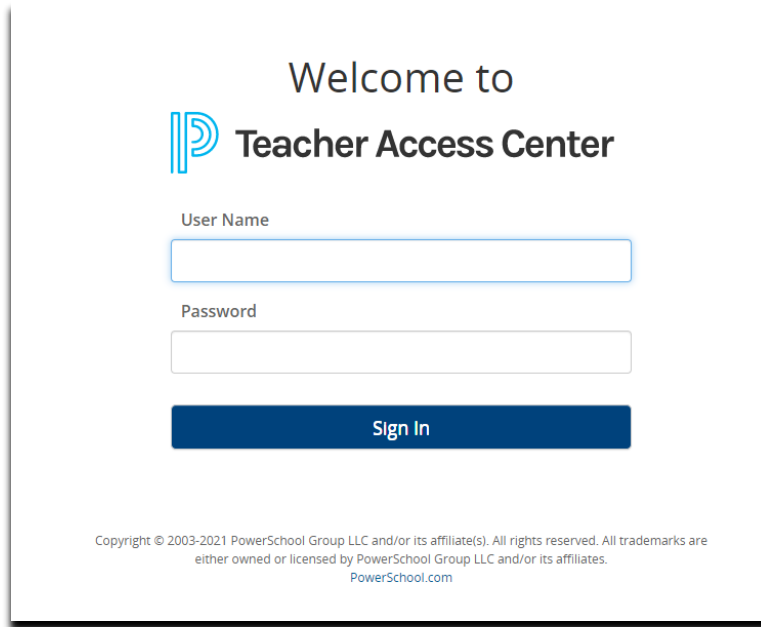


12. A security alert will prompt you to run a local application. Click Yes




**\*NOTE\*** You may see an additional prompt if your default browser is not Internet Explorer.

13. The VPN will bring up the eSchool environment using your **DEFAULT BROWSER**.



The screenshot shows a login interface for the 'Teacher Access Center'. At the top, it says 'Welcome to' followed by a logo consisting of a blue vertical bar and a blue 'P' shape, and then 'Teacher Access Center'. Below this, there are two input fields: 'User Name' and 'Password'. The 'User Name' field is highlighted with a blue border. Below the 'Password' field is a blue 'Sign In' button. At the bottom, there is a small copyright notice: 'Copyright © 2003-2021 PowerSchool Group LLC and/or its affiliate(s). All rights reserved. All trademarks are either owned or licensed by PowerSchool Group LLC and/or its affiliates. PowerSchool.com'.

Welcome to

 Teacher Access Center

User Name

Password

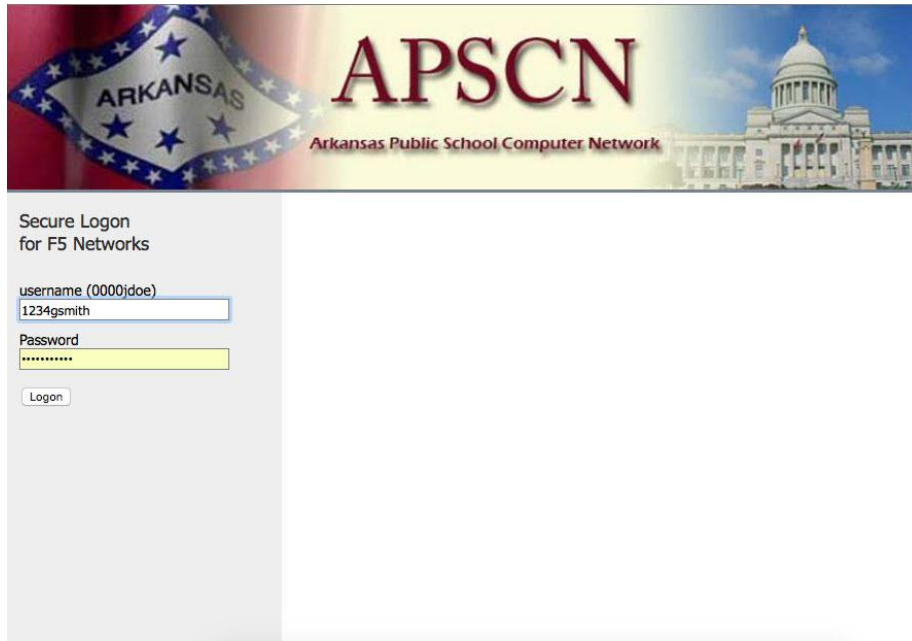
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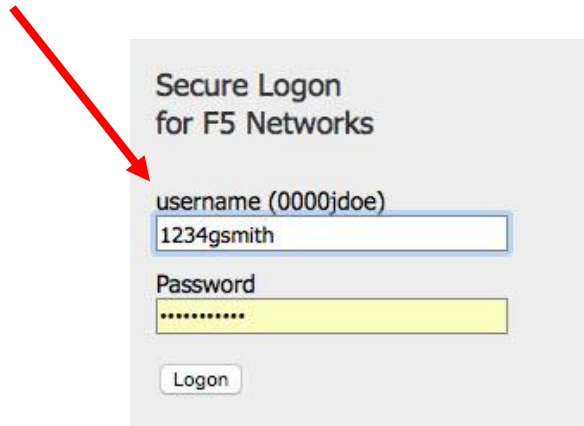
## MAC OS F5 VPN Setup

As of October 2018 you no longer have to use Safari to set up the VPN. This will work on any browser.

1. Go to <https://apscnvpn.k12.ar.us>
2. You will see a Secure Login for APSCN and an AUP

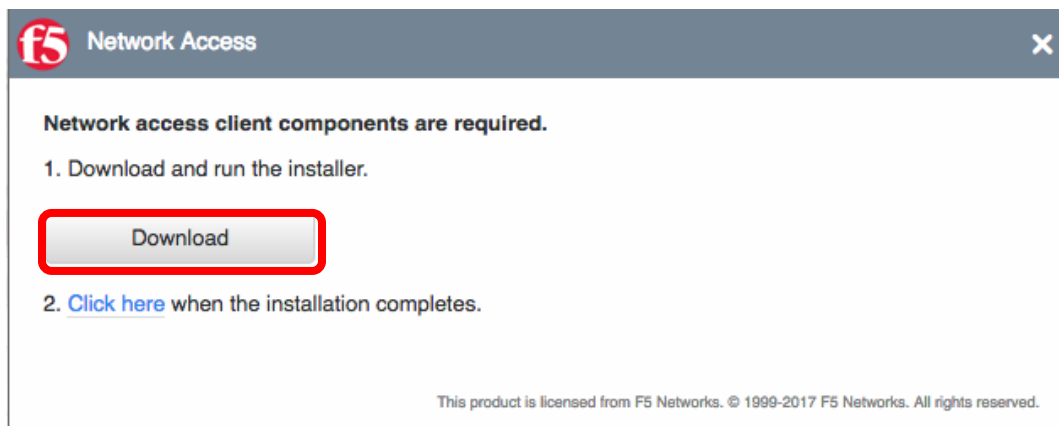
The screenshot shows the APSCN (Arkansas Public School Computer Network) login page. At the top is a banner with the Arkansas state flag on the left, the text "APSCN" in large red letters in the center, and "Arkansas Public School Computer Network" in smaller red text below it. On the right of the banner is an image of the Arkansas State Capitol building. Below the banner is a login form titled "Secure Logon for F5 Networks". The form contains two input fields: "username (0000jdoe)" with the text "1234gsmith" entered, and "Password" with masked characters "\*\*\*\*\*". A "Logon" button is located below the password field.

3. In the window, enter your **username** and **password**.  
**Eg. 0000jdoe**

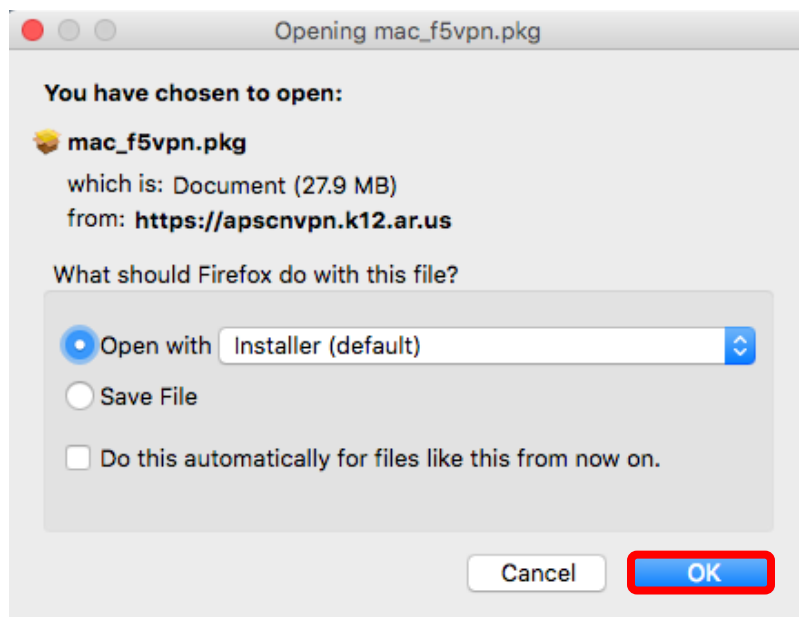
This is a close-up of the login form from the previous image. A red arrow points from the text "Eg. 0000jdoe" in the instruction above to the "username (0000jdoe)" input field, which contains the text "1234gsmith". The "Password" field with masked characters and the "Logon" button are also visible.



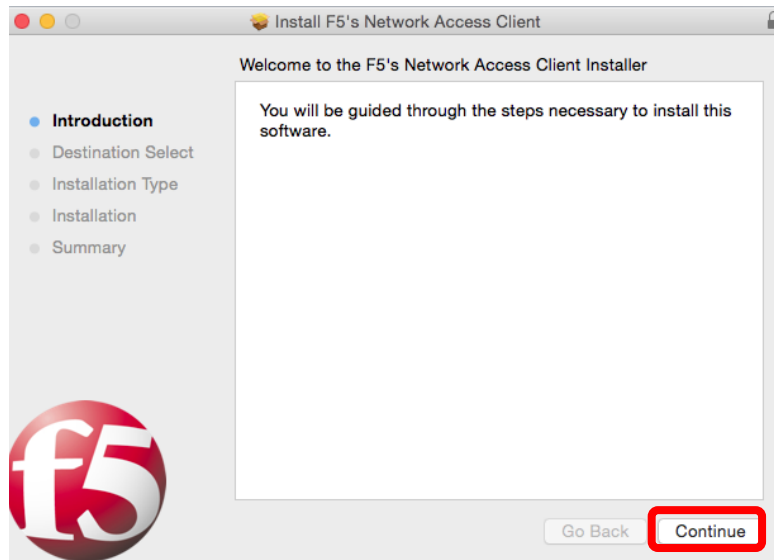
4. If you are accessing this website for the first time on a workstation, it will attempt to start a wizard to download the plugin. **Click on the link to Download**



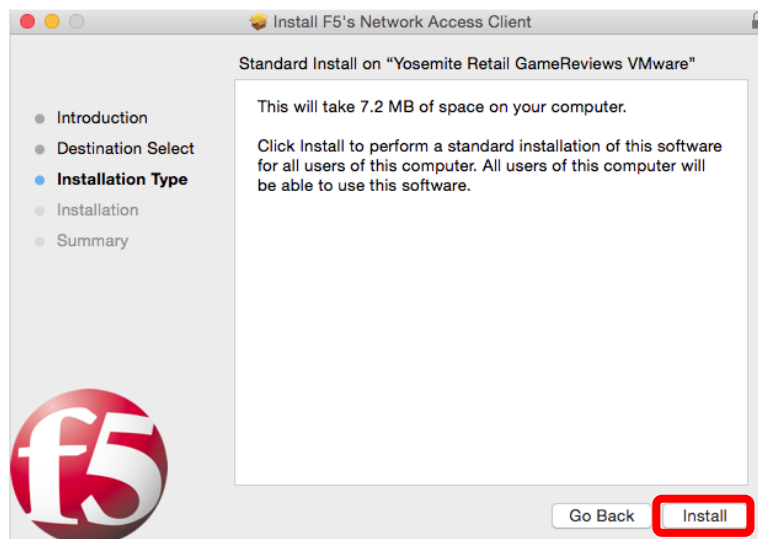
5. When prompted, click **Ok**. (If you choose save file, open your download folder and **Install**)



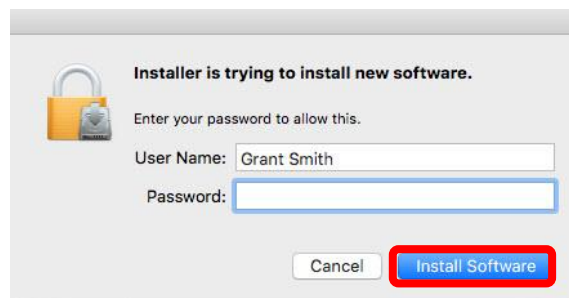
- After the program runs, the F5's Network Access Client Installation Wizard window displays. On the Introduction page **Click Continue**



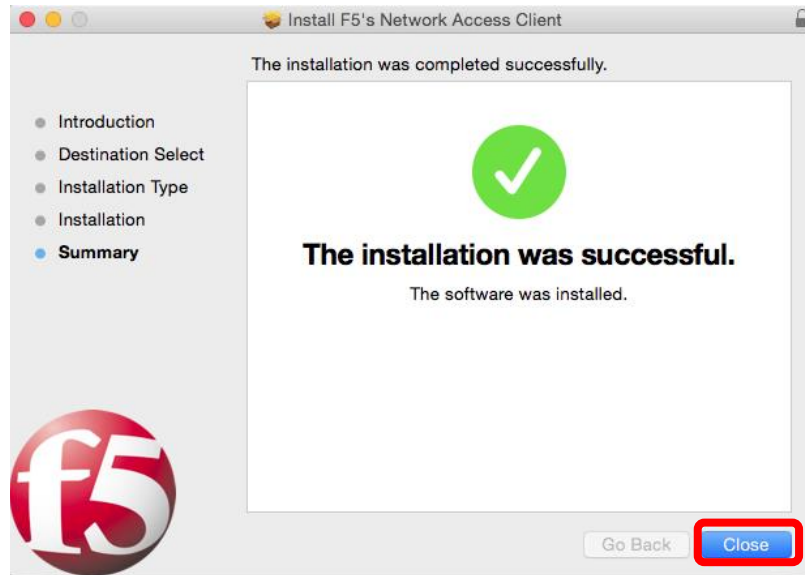
- On the Installation Type page, **click Install**



- If prompted for credentials, enter the **password** and **Click Install Software**



9. Once the installation is complete, **Click Close**



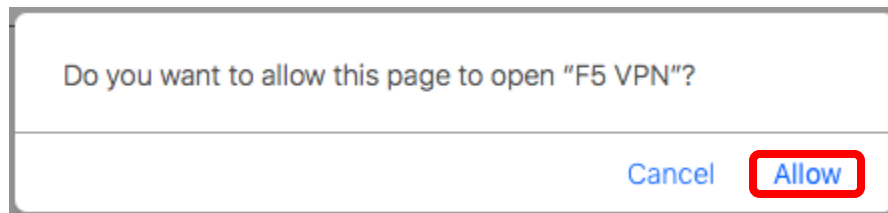
10. You will prompted to open the F5 VPN. Click **Start** to launch the connection



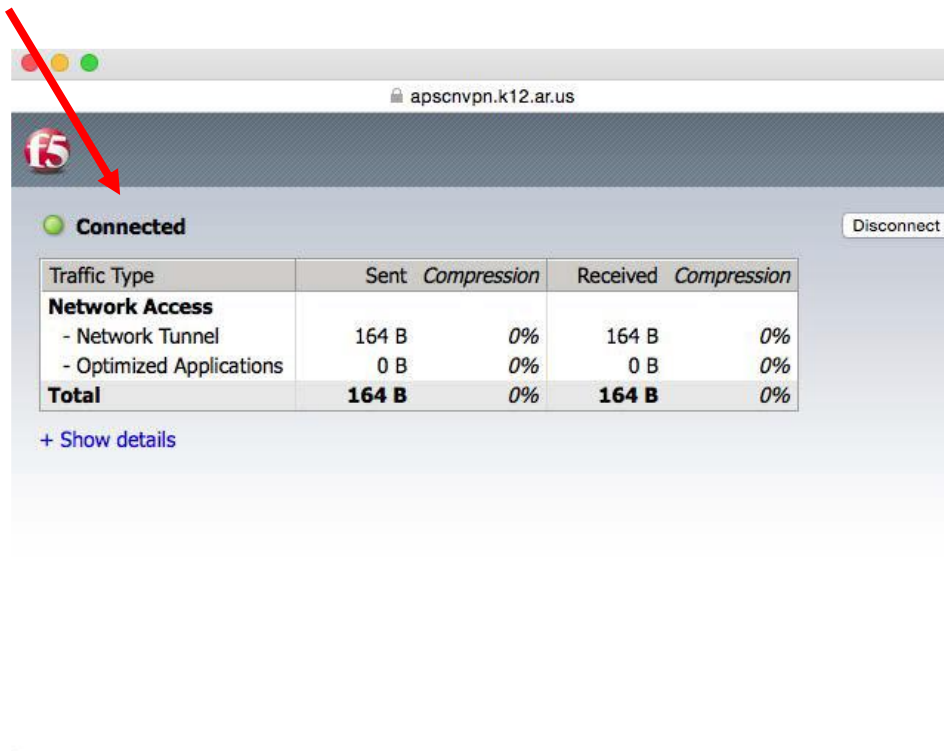
11. You may receive a security warning to allow the VPN to connect. Choose **“Always allow VPN connection from this site”**.



12. Click **Allow** if prompted.



13. Once connected, you can access the environment.

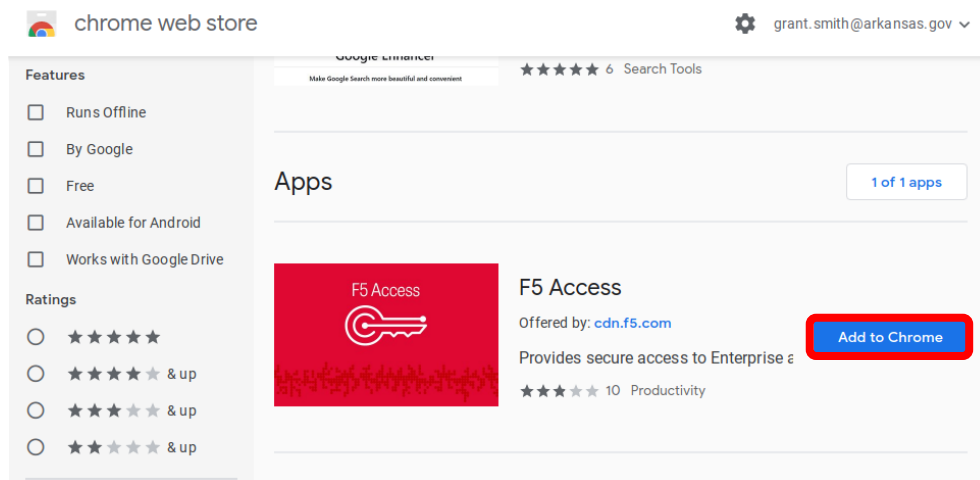


**\*NOTE\*** Open a new tab or browser when connecting to the environment. If you close the connected tab/browser, your VPN will disconnect.

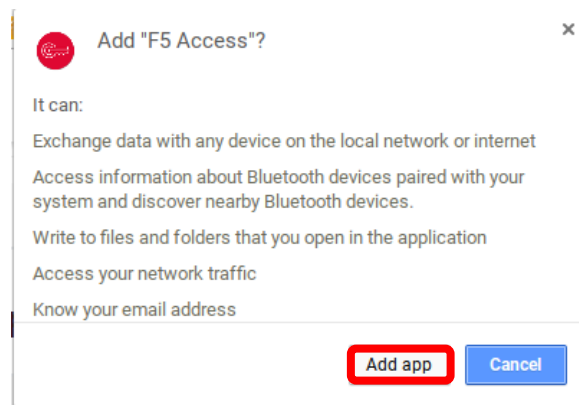
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## Chrome OS F5 VPN Setup

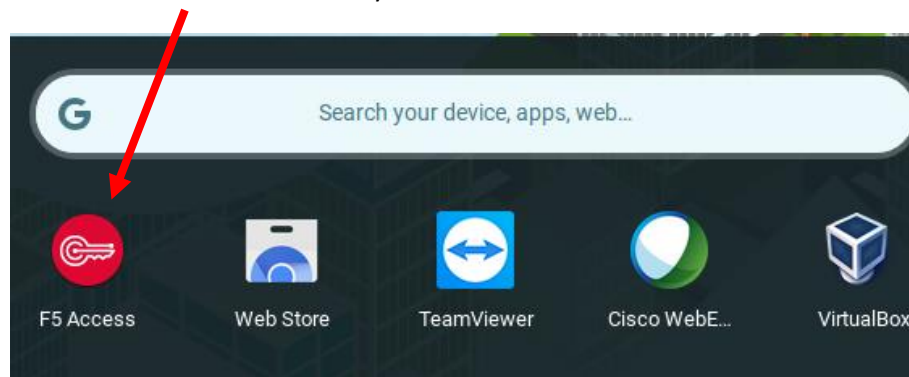
1. Open the Chrome **Web Store** on your Chromebook
2. In the Web Store, search for **F5 Access** and click **Add to Chrome**



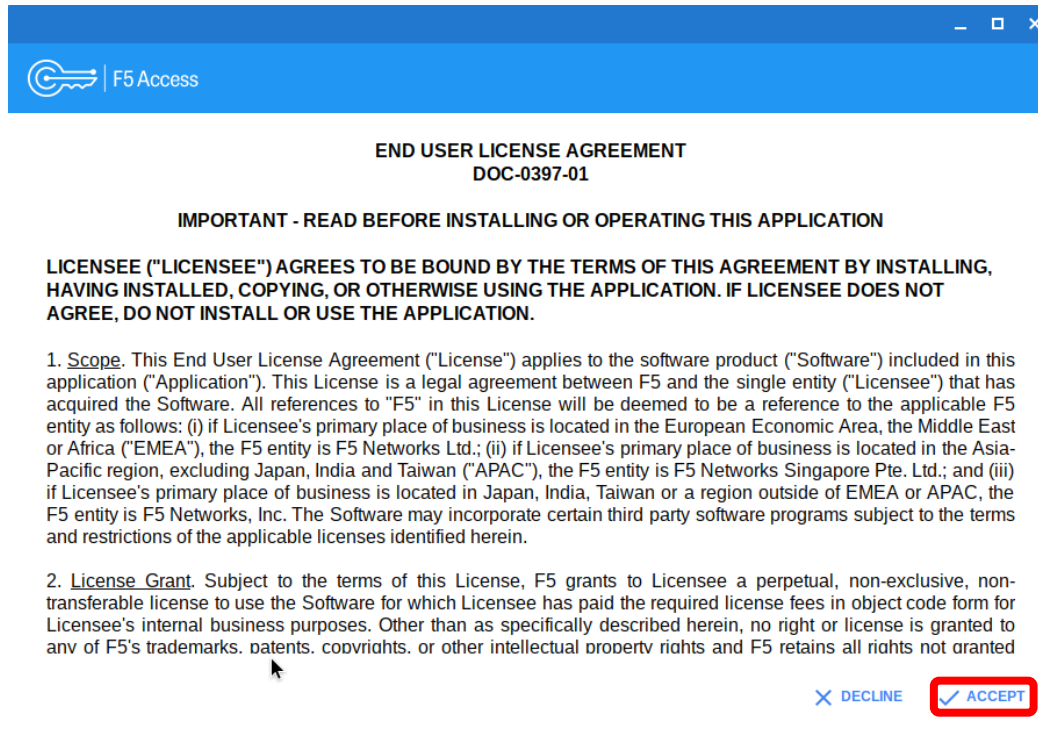
3. Click on **Add app**



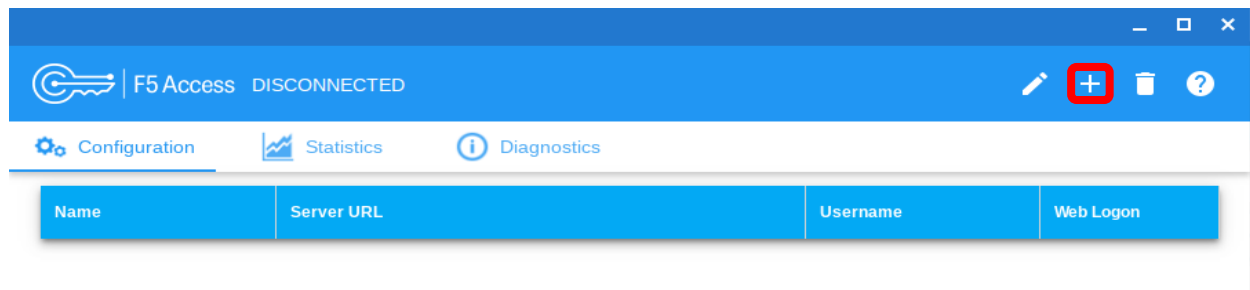
4. You will see a new F5 Access icon on your Chromebook. Click on the **F5 access** icon.



5. On the EULA prompt, click **Accept**

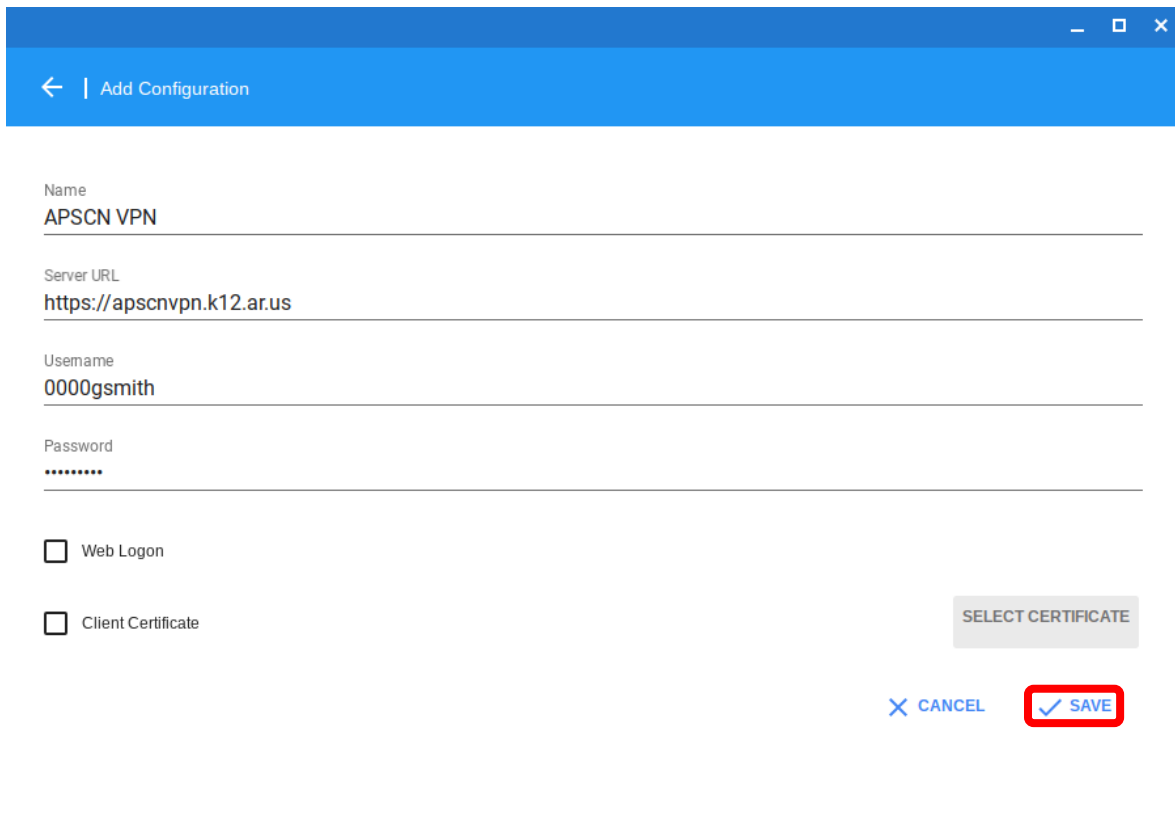


6. Click the plus + icon to configure the VPN



7. Enter in the Following Information. Click **Save** when finished.

- a. Name – **APSCN VPN**
- b. Server URL – <https://apscnvpn.k12.ar.us>
- c. Username – **Your SSO Account login (0000username)**
- d. Password – **Your SSO password**



← | Add Configuration

Name  
APSCN VPN

Server URL  
<https://apscnvpn.k12.ar.us>

Username  
0000gsmith

Password  
\*\*\*\*\*

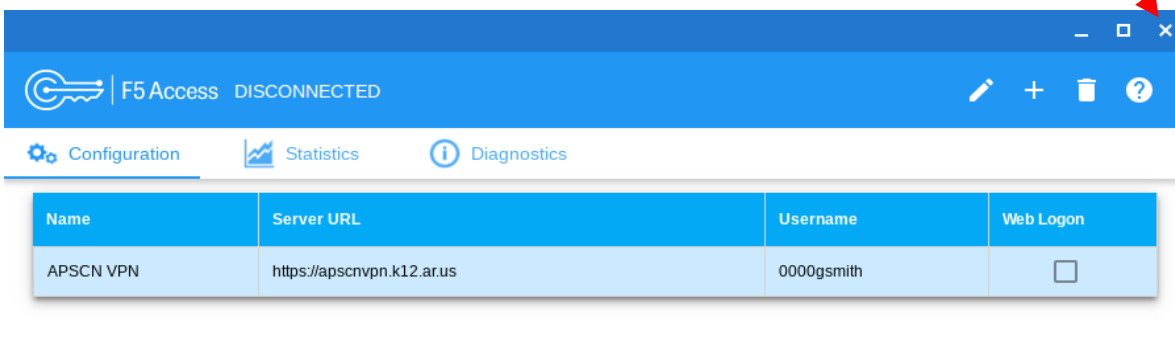
☐ Web Logon


☐ Client Certificate

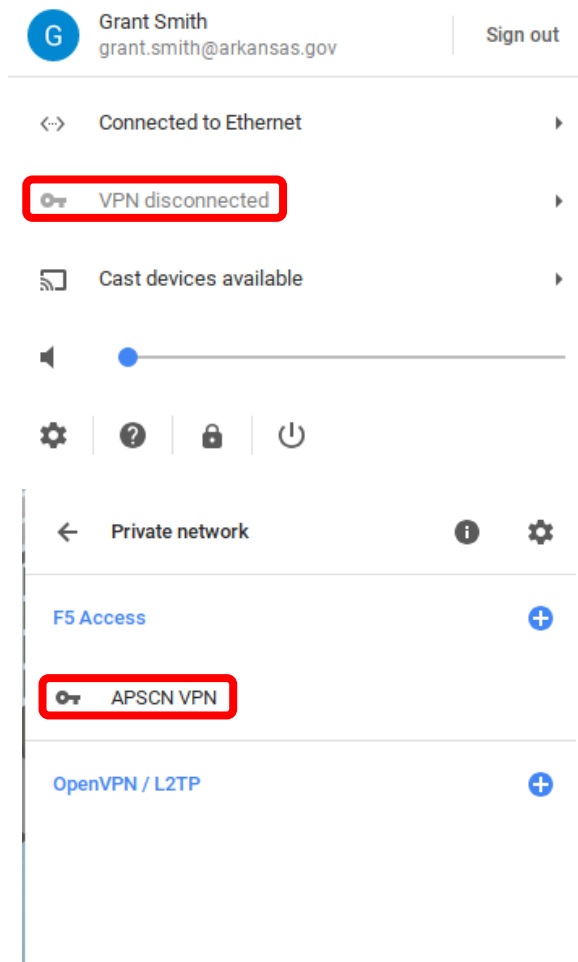
SELECT CERTIFICATE

X CANCEL **SAVE**

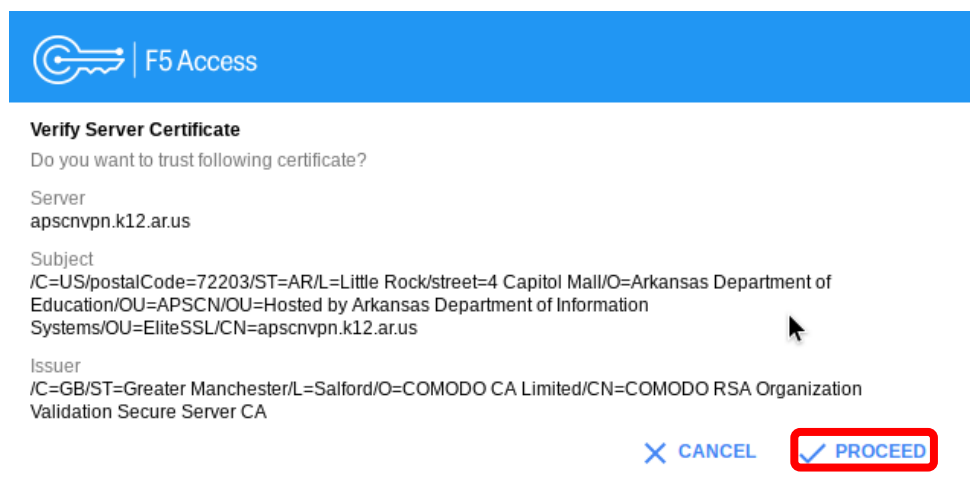
8. You should now see your configured VPN connection. Close out of the configuration screen.



9. Click on your account photo at the bottom right then click on the **VPN**  icon and under F5 Access click **APSCN VPN**

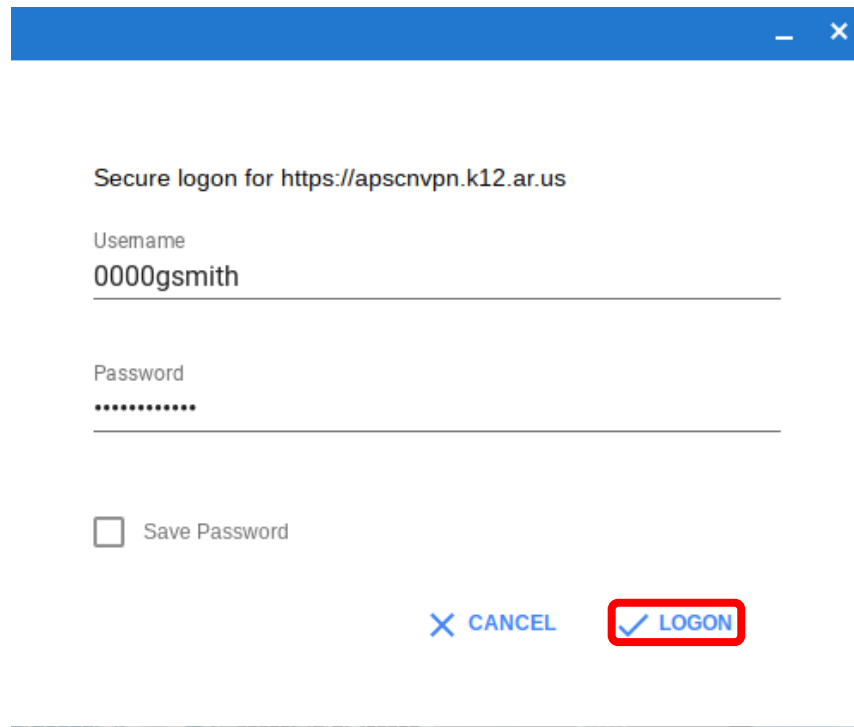


10. You may be prompted to verify the server's certificate. Click **Proceed**.





11. Type your SSO account password and click **Logon**.





Secure logon for https://apscnvpn.k12.ar.us

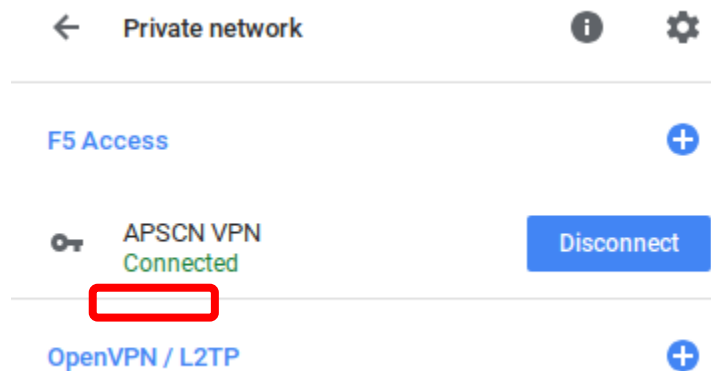
Username  
0000gsmith

Password  
.....

☐ Save Password

 CANCEL 

Once you are connected, you will have access to the eSchool environment.



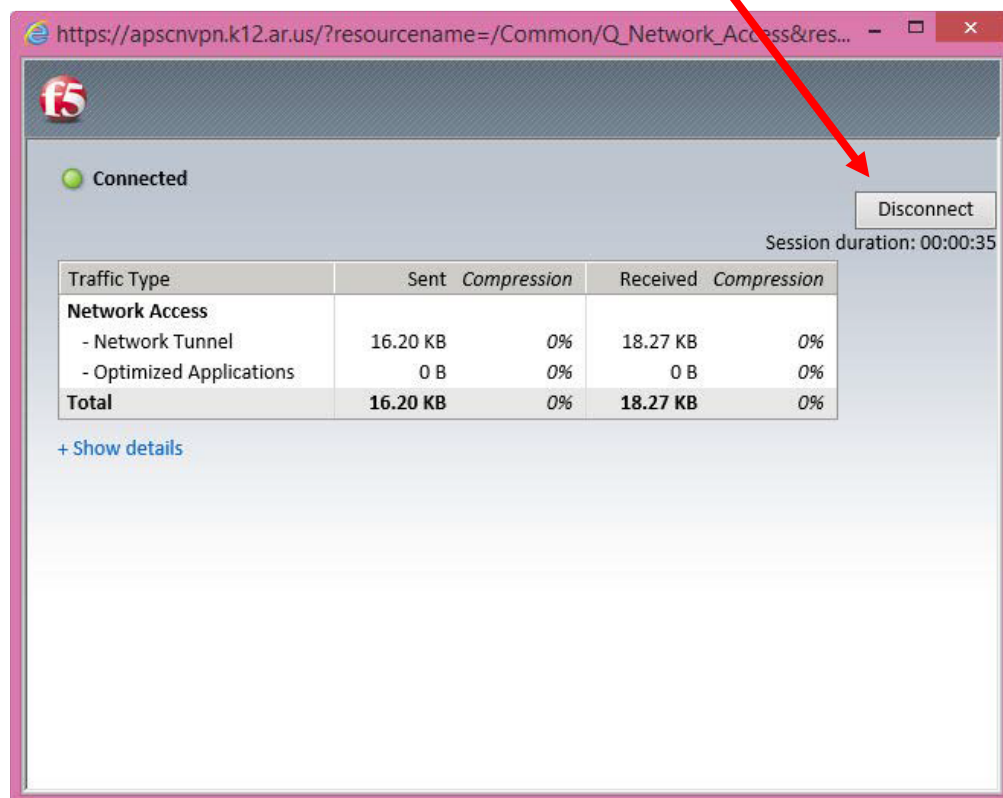
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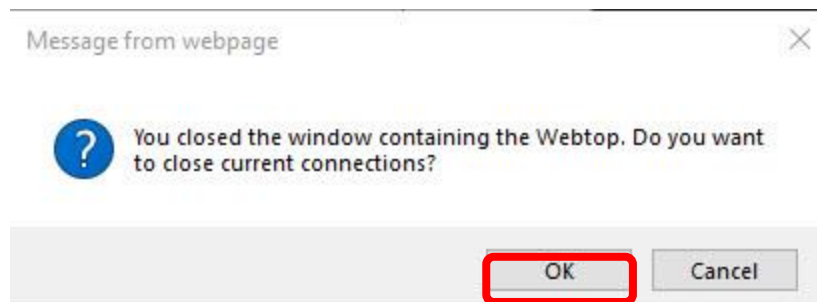
## Disconnecting the VPN

Although there is an Auto Timeout feature enabled, it is important to disconnect when you longer need the VPN.

If you have the Network Connection still up, you can click “**Disconnect**” and it will disconnect you from your VPN as well.

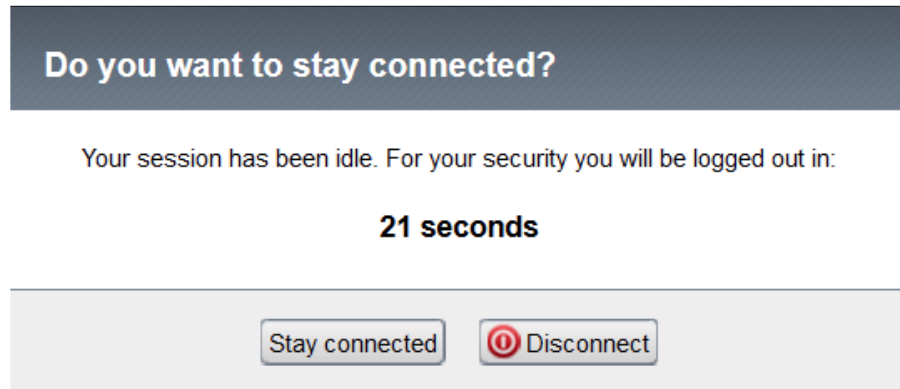


If you close the connecting browser, a message will display asking if you would like to disconnect your connection.

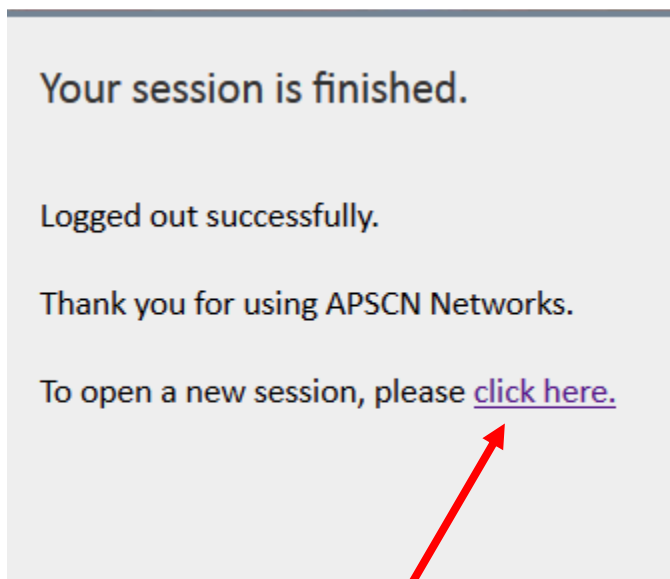


## Reconnecting after (Auto) Disconnecting the VPN

The **Auto Timeout** is for security purposes. This feature will automatically disconnect you from the APSCN VPN if your session has been idle for longer than **15 minutes**.



The system will prompt to stay connected or disconnect. If you do not click "**Stay Connected**" within the allotted time, it will disconnect you from the VPN Tunnel.



Click the hyperlink to start a new session