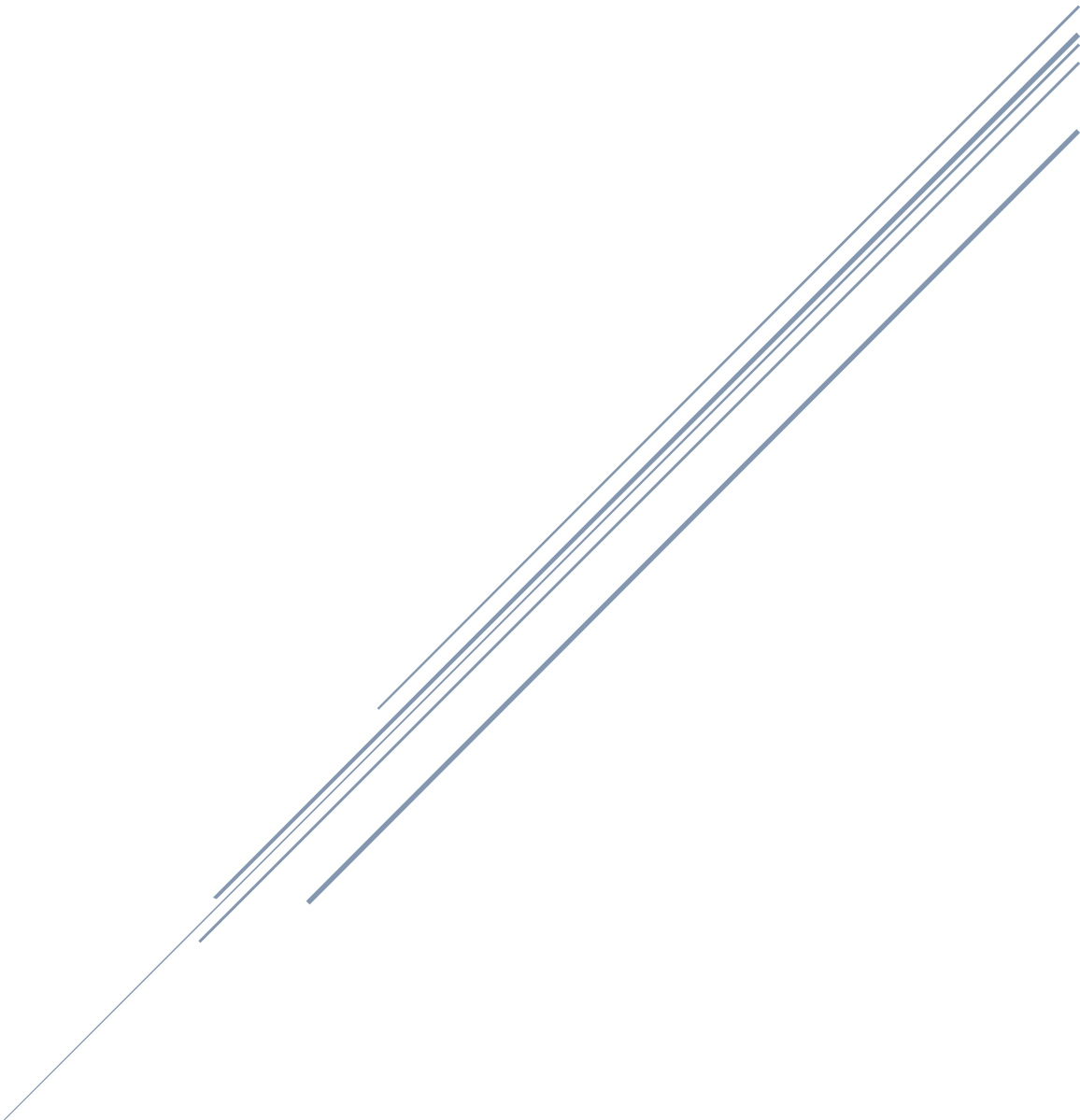


# APSCN VPN SETUP

F5 VPN

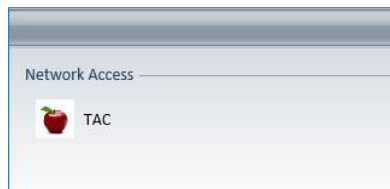


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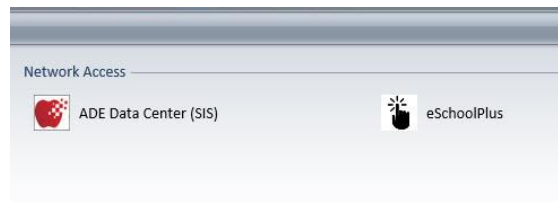
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## Description of Role Access

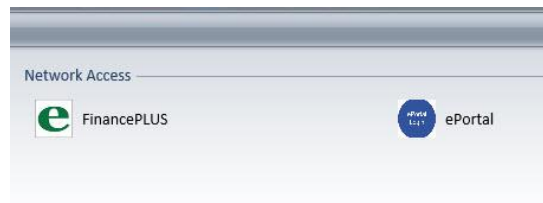
### Teacher – Teacher Access Center



### Staff – eSchoolPlus and Statewide Information Systems



### Finance – eFinancePlus and ePortal



### Tech – SolarWinds



## Windows OS VPN Setup

To establish the VPN connection, we recommend using **Internet Explorer**

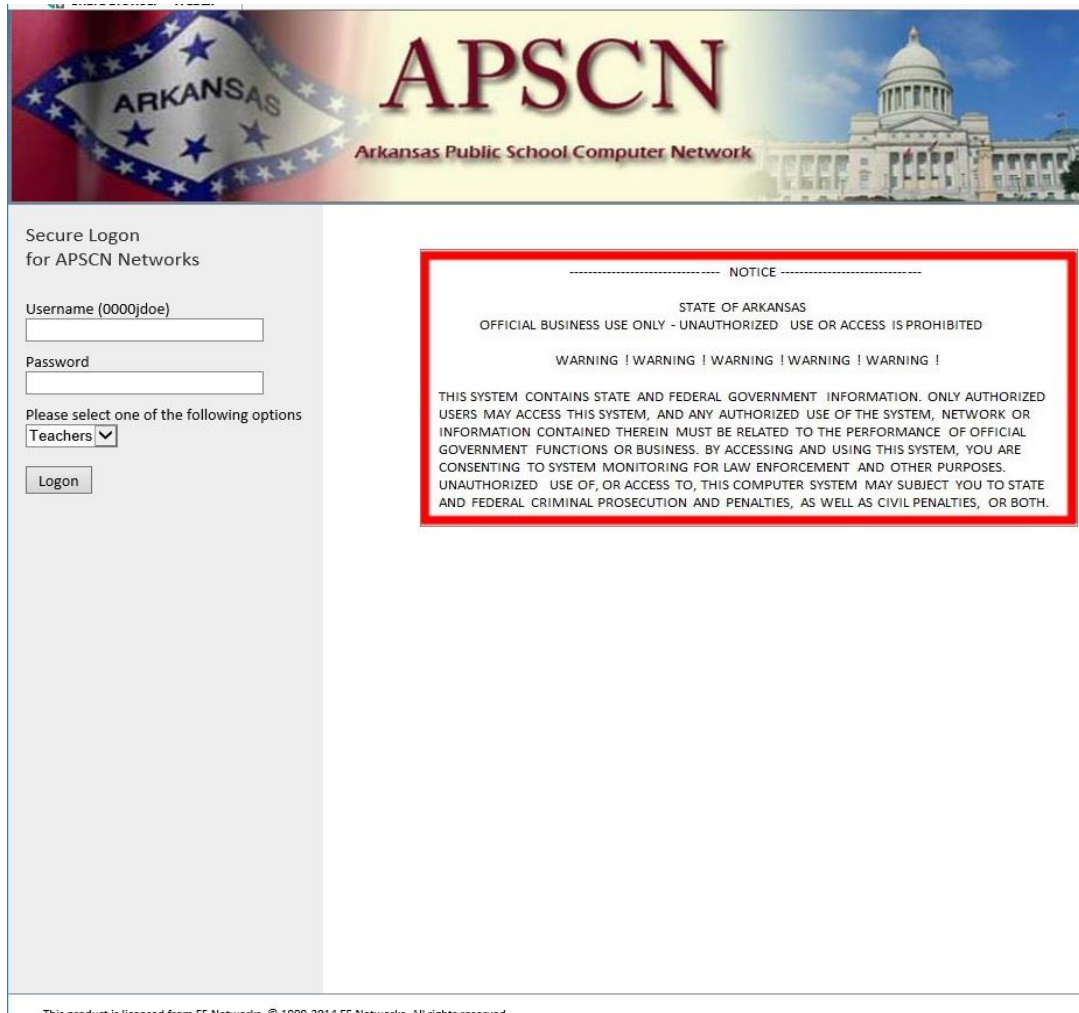


Not to be confused with Microsoft Edge.



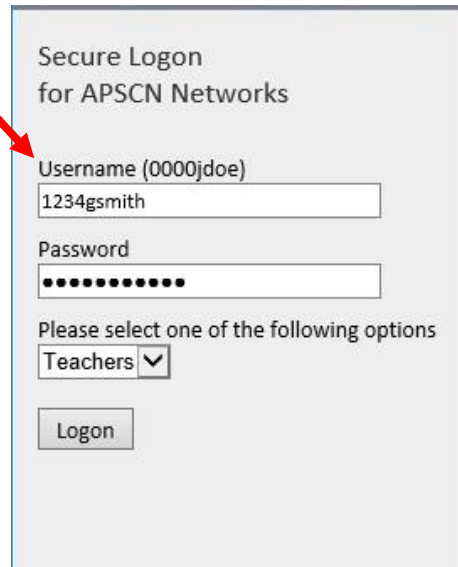
Once connected, refer to the **eSchoolPlus v4.0 Client Requirements** for browser compatibility.

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, there is a banner with the Arkansas state flag on the left, the text 'APSCN Arkansas Public School Computer Network' in the center, and a photograph of the Arkansas State Capitol building on the right. Below the banner, the page is divided into two main sections. On the left is a 'Secure Logon for APSCN Networks' form with fields for 'Username (0000)doe', 'Password', a dropdown menu for 'Please select one of the following options' (currently set to 'Teachers'), and a 'Logon' button. On the right is a red-bordered box containing a 'NOTICE' from the 'STATE OF ARKANSAS'. The notice states: 'OFFICIAL BUSINESS USE ONLY - UNAUTHORIZED USE OR ACCESS IS PROHIBITED' and 'WARNING ! WARNING ! WARNING ! WARNING ! WARNING !'. Below this, it reads: 'THIS SYSTEM CONTAINS STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION. ONLY AUTHORIZED USERS MAY ACCESS THIS SYSTEM, AND ANY AUTHORIZED USE OF THE SYSTEM, NETWORK OR INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN MUST BE RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS OR BUSINESS. BY ACCESSING AND USING THIS SYSTEM, YOU ARE CONSENTING TO SYSTEM MONITORING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER PURPOSES. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF, OR ACCESS TO, THIS COMPUTER SYSTEM MAY SUBJECT YOU TO STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND PENALTIES, AS WELL AS CIVIL PENALTIES, OR BOTH.' At the bottom of the page, there is a small copyright notice: 'This product is licensed from F5 Networks. © 1999-2014 F5 Networks. All rights reserved.'

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



Secure Logon  
for APSCN Networks

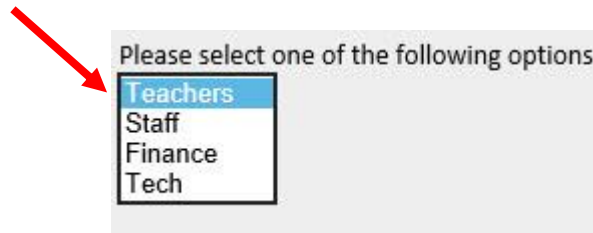
Username (0000jdoe)  
1234gsmith

Password  
●●●●●●●●

Please select one of the following options  
Teachers ▼

Logon

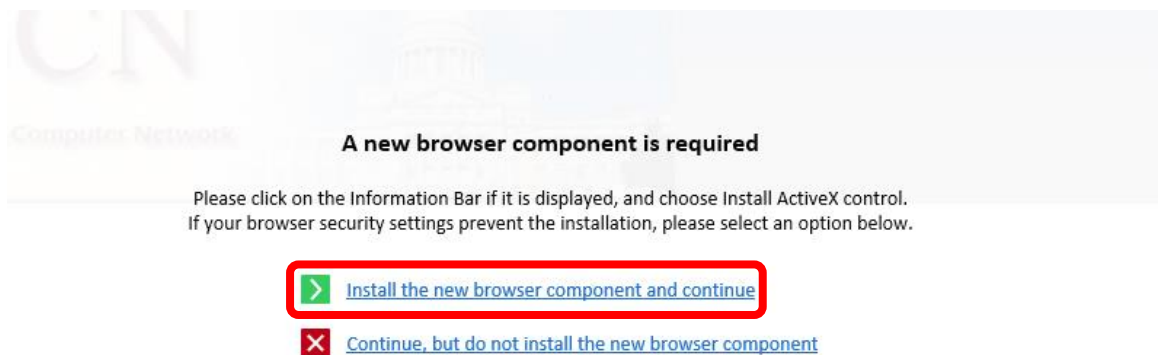
4. Choose your role and **Click Logon**



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.



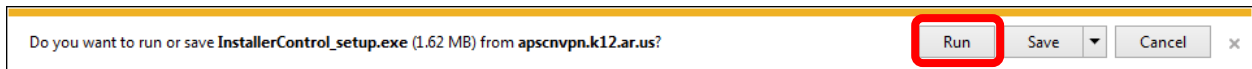
Computer Network

**A new browser component is required**

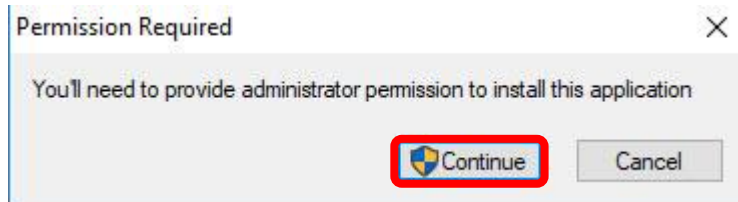
Please click on the Information Bar if it is displayed, and choose Install ActiveX control.  
If your browser security settings prevent the installation, please select an option below.

- [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.**



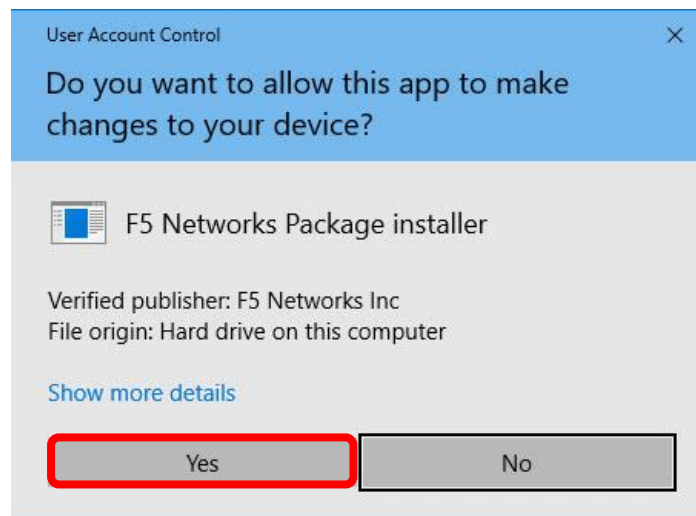
7. When prompted for administrative privileges, **Click Continue** to install the application.



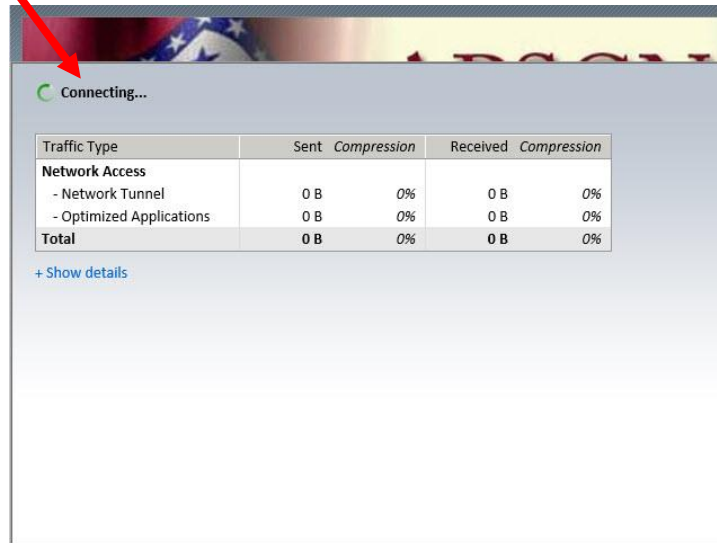
8. When prompted for the F5 Package Installer, **Click Yes**



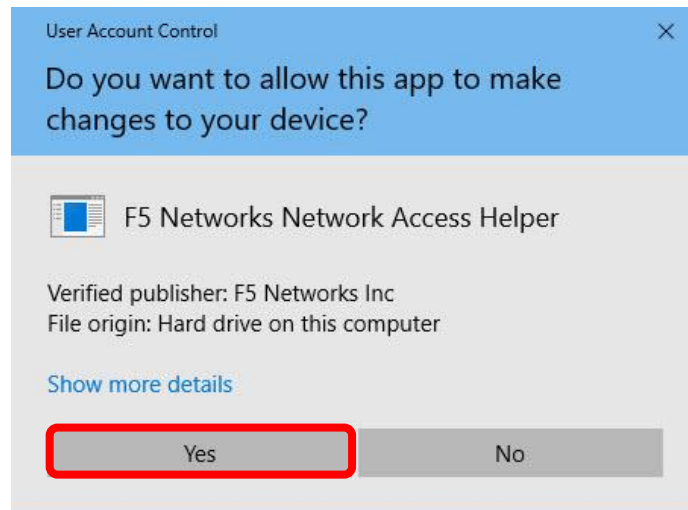
9. When prompted for the F5 Component Installer, **Click Yes**



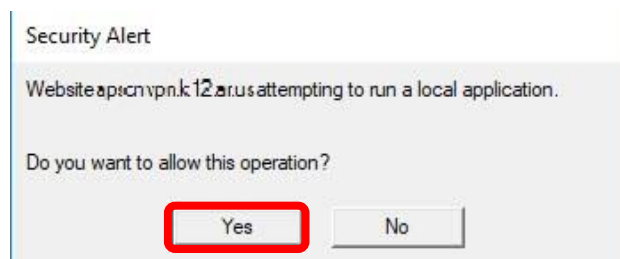
10. The box will appear that connects to the VPN tunnel. It shows the status as you connect to the APSCN VPN



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



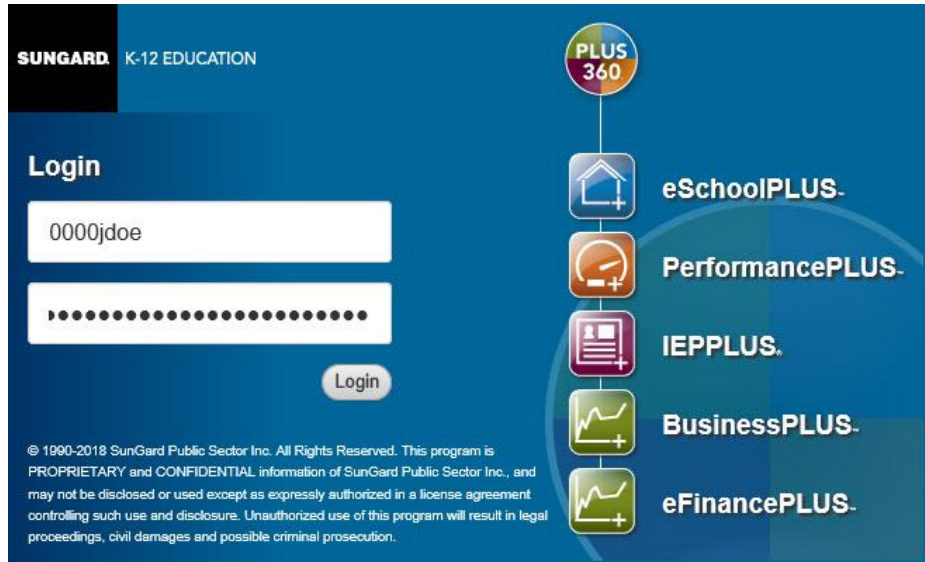
12. A security alert will prompt you to run a local application. **Click Yes**



13.

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

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



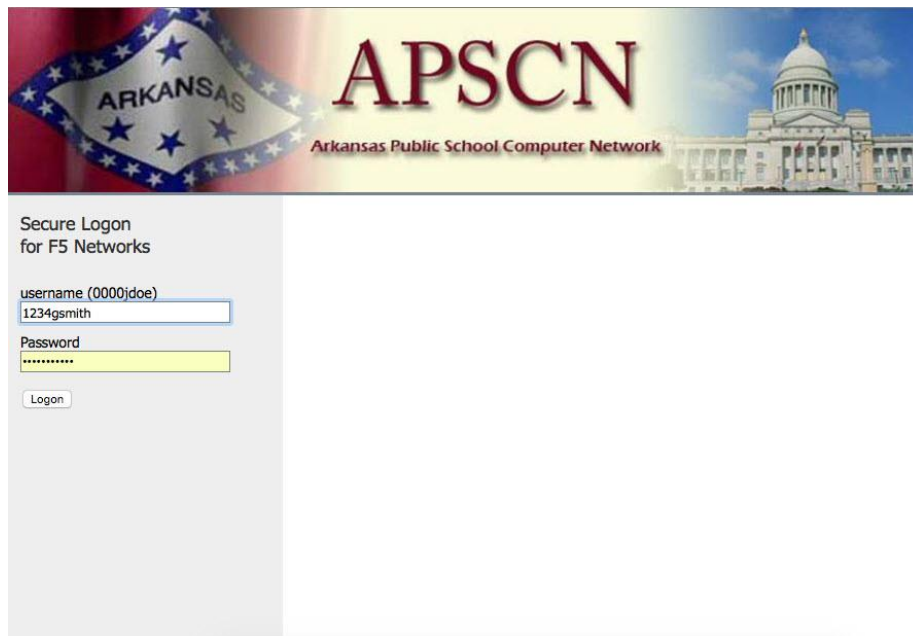
## MAC OS VPN Setup

To establish the VPN connection, we recommend using **Safari**

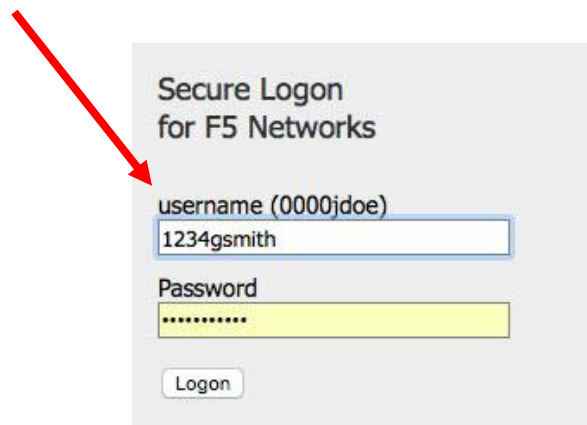


Once connected, refer to the eSchool browser requirements for browser compatibility.

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

The image shows a web page for APSCN (Arkansas Public School Computer Network). At the top, there 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" below it. To the right of the banner is an image of the Arkansas State Capitol building. Below the banner is a "Secure Logon for F5 Networks" form. The form has two input fields: "username (0000jdoe)" with the value "1234gsmith" and "Password" with a masked password "\*\*\*\*\*". There is a "Logon" button below the fields.

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

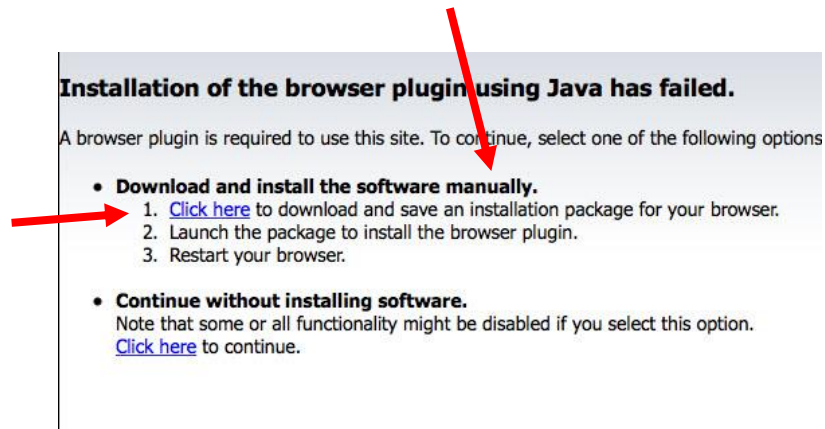
This is a close-up of the "Secure Logon for F5 Networks" form, focusing on the "username (0000jdoe)" field. A red arrow points from the text "Eg. 0000jdoe" in the previous block to the "username" label. The input field contains the text "1234gsmith". The "Password" field is masked with "\*\*\*\*\*" and the "Logon" button is visible below.



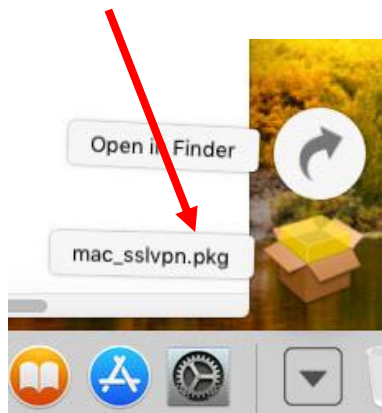
4. If you are accessing this website for the first time on a workstation, it will attempt to start a wizard to install the plugin. If the wizard does not appear. **Click on the link to continue**



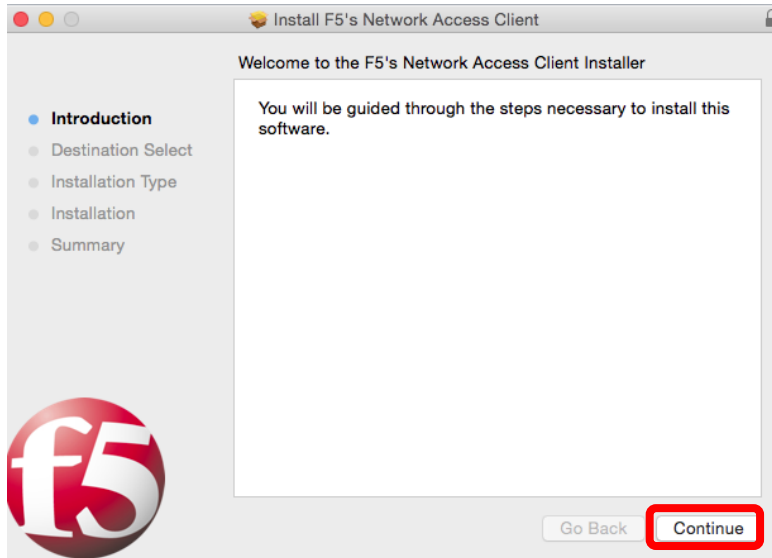
5. **Click on the link to install the plugin manually**



6. You will see a new file in the download folder named “**mac\_sslvpn.pkg**”. **Click on the file to install.**



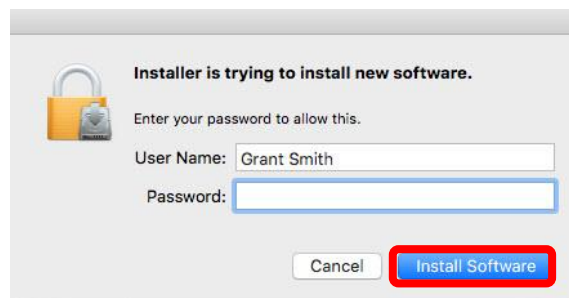
7. After the program runs, the F5's Network Access Client Installation Wizard window displays. On the Introduction page **Click Continue**



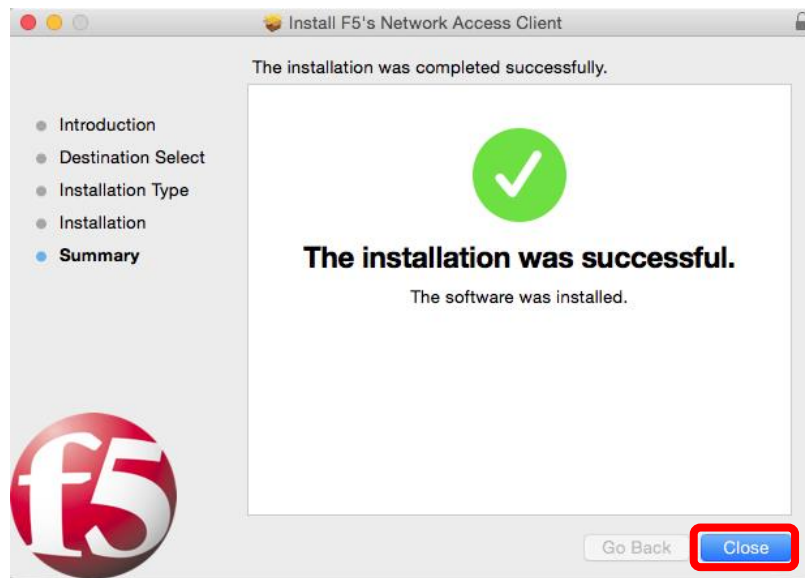
8. On the Installation Type page, **click Install**



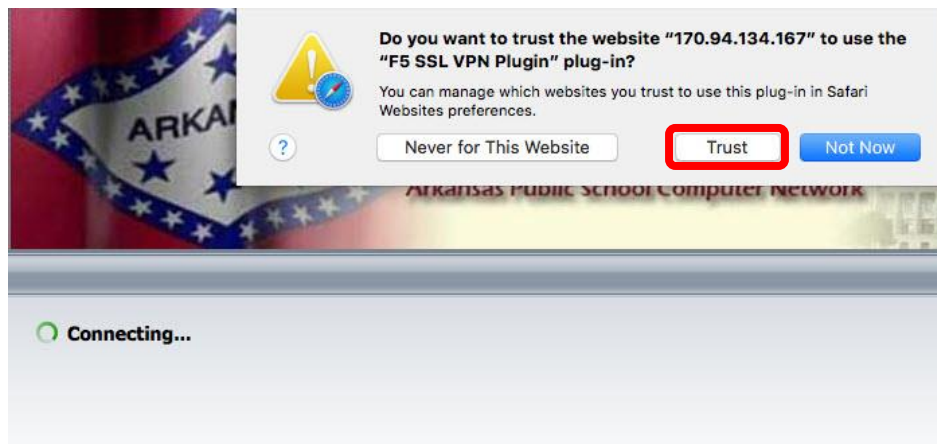
9. If prompted for credentials, enter the **password** and **Click Install Software**



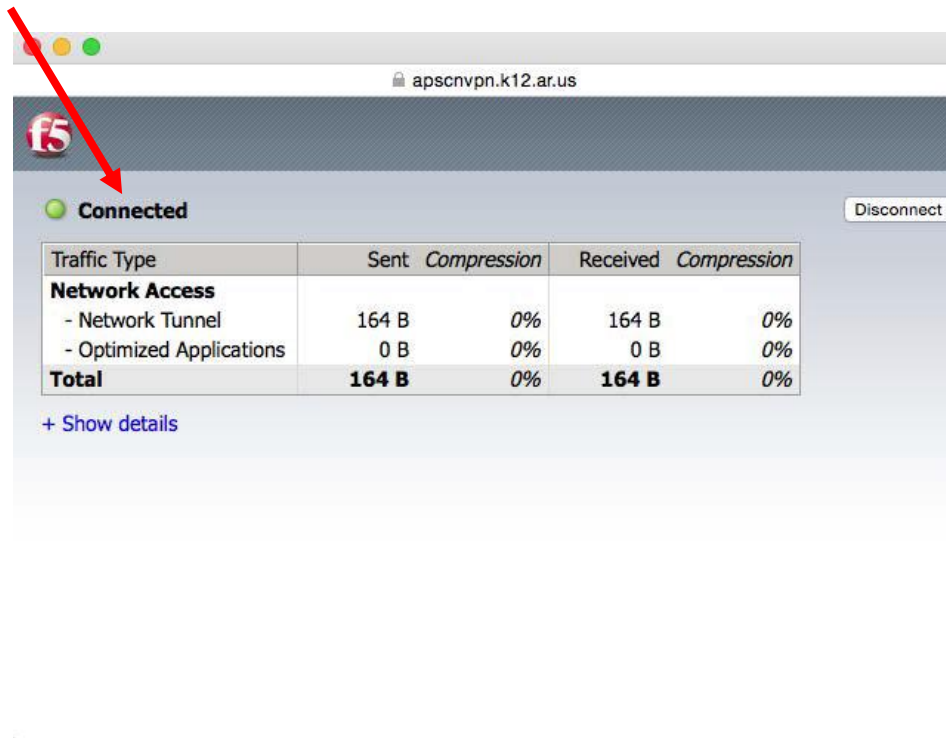
10. Once the installation is complete, **Click Close**



11. The prompt to trust the website "apscnvpn.k12.ar.us" to use the "F5 SSL VPN Plugin" will appear. **Click Trust.**



12. Once connected, you can access the environment.

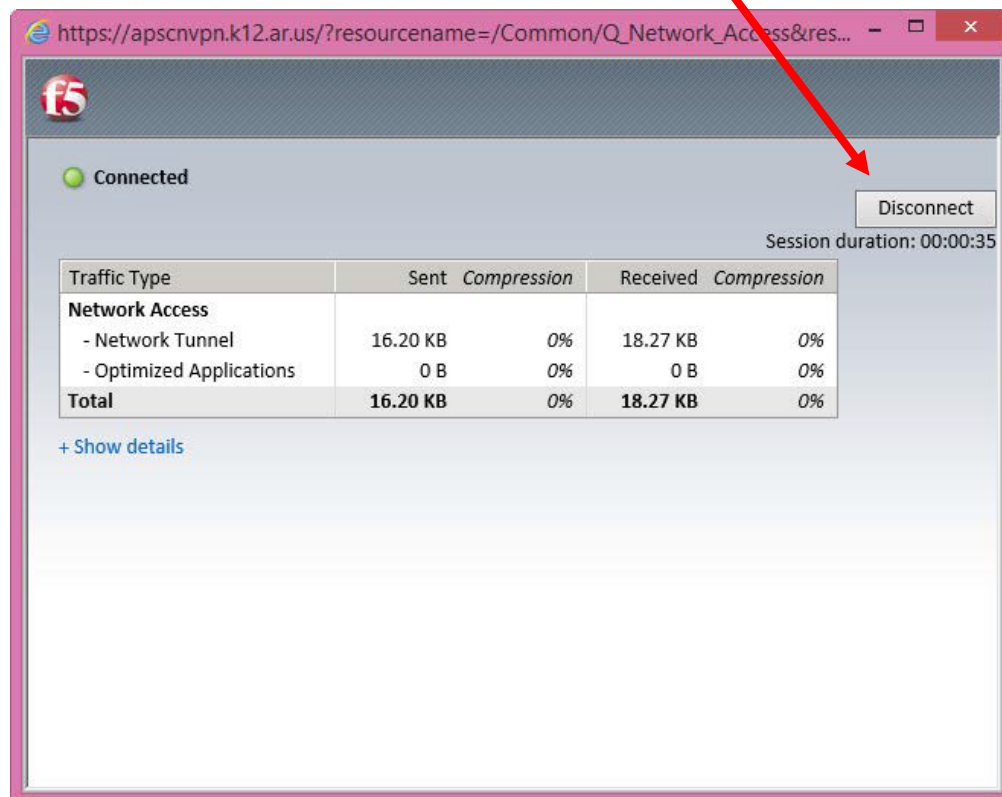


**\*NOTE\*** Either open a new tab or browser when connecting to the environment. If you close the connected tab/browser, your VPN will disconnect.

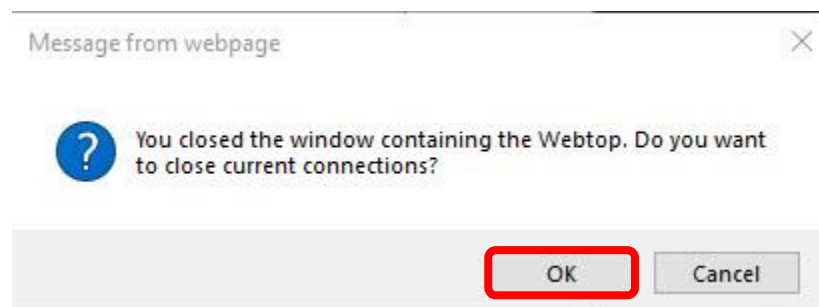
## Disconnecting the VPN

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.

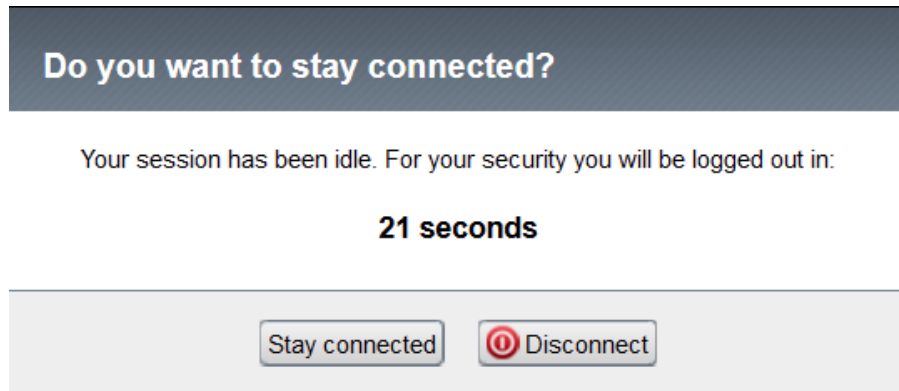


If you close the connecting browser, a message will display asking if you would like to disconnect your connection.

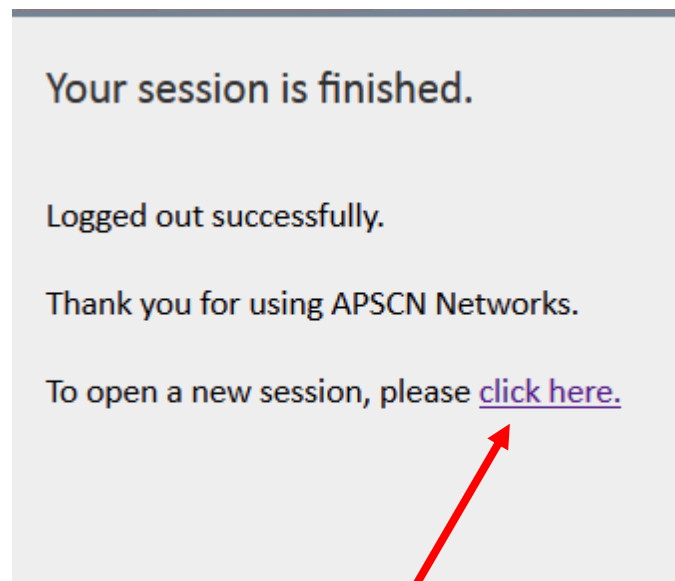


## Reconnecting after (Auto) Disconnecting the VPN

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