

# How do I use ArcGIS off campus without an internet connection?

## Q: How do I use ArcGIS off campus without an internet connection?

### Answer

Using ArcGIS software through MIT's site license requires you to be connected to MIT's [virtual private network](#) (VPN), which requires an internet connection. However, if you know you will be using ArcGIS without an internet connection (e.g. while doing field research in a remote location), a temporary license can be borrowed for up to 180 days (for ArcGIS 10.2 or higher):

1. Navigate to **Start > All Programs > ArcGIS > ArcGIS Administrator**.
2. Under the Desktop folder on the left side of the window, point to **Borrow/Return**.
3. Check **Desktop Advanced** and any other licenses you will be using, and click **Apply**.
4. When you are ready to return the borrowed licenses, return to this page, uncheck everything, and click **Apply**.

### See Also

- [ArcGIS Landing Page](#)

Created by [MIT GIS Services](#). Email [gishelp\(at\)mit.edu](mailto:gishelp(at)mit.edu) for more assistance.