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Overview

MIT's remote access [VPN \(Virtual Private Network\)](#) services provide privacy and security for your computing activities. The MIT remote access VPN services also make it appear that your computer is on MITnet (campus). This allows you to access sites and services that are otherwise restricted to users on MITnet (with an MITnet IP address).

What is a VPN? It's a secure "tunnel" between two or more devices. That tunnel creates a secure connection to another network over the Internet allowing you to seemingly be located on that remote network. VPNs are used to protect private web traffic from snooping, interference, and censorship. They can also make you appear in a different location than where you actually are on the internet.

MIT VPN Service

- [Prisma Access VPN Beta](#) - a beta cloud service VPN (that may be faster for some users).



Cisco Sunset

The Cisco VPN has been discontinued as of November 11, 2021. Please move to the [Prisma Access VPN Globalprotect VPN](#).

Reasons to Use an MIT VPN Service for Remote Access

- **You want the added security and privacy for your computing activity** offered by MIT's remote access VPN service
- **You're connected to unsecured (open) public WiFi**
Open WiFi can pose security risks, but the MIT Remote Access VPN encrypts activity and keeps it private. This can prevent you from having data, including passwords and personal information, stolen by attackers.
- **Access to the service or system you need requires you to use the VPN**
Devices on the MIT private network can only be reached from within the MIT network; other systems and services may have similar access control restrictions.
- **You need to access content or services blocked in your location, but available from MIT's network.**
Please note that some countries or service providers [block or ban VPN use](#).

See Also

- [Prisma Access VPN Landing Page](#)

Have questions or still need help?

- Contact the [IS&T Service Desk](#)