

Mac OS X PPTP VPN Setup

1. Minimize or suspend any running applications, and activate your main desktop, or 'Finder'.
Locate the Apple icon in the upper-left corner of the screen, and continue to the next step.
2. Click the Apple icon, and in the resulting context menu, locate the 'System Preferences...' item.
Click the 'System Preferences...' item and move on to the next step. Alternatively, you may click the 'System Preferences...' icon in your dock to continue.
3. Within the 'System Preferences' menu, locate the 'Internet & Wireless' category. In this category, locate the 'Network' icon, and click it to move on.
4. Administrative privileges will be required to progress from this point forward - locate the 'Lock' icon in the lower-left corner of this panel, labeled 'Click the lock to make changes', and click to continue.
5. When the login dialog appears, enter your username and password in the corresponding fields - if you are unable to proceed beyond this step, and you do not have access to an administrator account, you may need to contact Apple for support. Once you have entered your login details, click the 'OK' button to continue.
6. Once you have enabled administrative privileges, the 'Lock' icon in the lower-left should now appear to be unlocked. To continue, create a new connection profile by clicking the square '+' (Plus) button just above the 'Lock' icon.
7. When the resulting dialog appears, look for the 'Interface' drop-down box, and click. In the drop-down context menu, locate, and select the item labeled 'VPN' to continue.
8. Once you've assigned the interface type, click the second drop-down box that appears below, labeled 'VPN Type'. As this tutorial covers the PPTP protocol, select the 'PPTP' item from the drop-down menu, and move on to the next step.
9. Finally, enter a descriptive name in the 'Service Name' field below - this field can contain whatever descriptive title meets your needs. Click the 'Create' button to continue.
10. Once the new connection profile is made, fill in your selected Datho VPN server address in the 'Server Address' field. For example: lax-a03.wlvpn.com. When choosing a server to connect to, geographical location may be a concern. Please reference our server LIST for more details.
Fill your username in the 'Account Name' field - remember that our authentication system is case-sensitive, so a single miscapitalized letter in either your username or password will cause your connection to error out. Confirm that the 'Encryption:' drop-down box is set to the default 'Automatic (128 bit or 40 bit)' setting. Finally, locate the 'Authentication Settings...' button, and click to move on.

11. In the resulting dialog, enter your Datho VPN password in the 'Password' field. As before, this field is case-sensitive, so double-check against the confirmation email we sent you at sign-up. Click the 'OK' button to continue.

12. When you return to the previous menu, locate the 'Advanced...' button in the lower-right corner, next to the question mark icon. Click the 'Advanced...' button to continue.

13. In the 'Advanced' settings pane, locate the 'Session' category. Tick the third checkbox down, labeled 'Send all traffic over VPN connection', then click the 'OK' button in the lower-right corner to continue.

14. Find and tick the 'Show VPN status in menu bar' checkbox, located to the left of the 'Advanced...' button. Once this checkbox is ticked, you may commit all configuration options by clicking the 'Apply' button in the lower-right corner of the panel.

15. Test your newly created connection by clicking the 'Connect' button, just below the 'Authentication Settings...' button, and move on to the next step.

16. As the session to our server opens, watch the 'Status:' indicator at the top of the pane for any error or warning messages. If you are unable to obtain the 'Status: Connected' message, first confirm that you have entered your username and password - if you are still unable to connect, feel free to contact our support team, and include any relevant status messages.

17. Once the session has successfully connected, look for the 'Status: Connected' message with the 'Connection Time:' and 'IP Address' details below.

18. For a quick way to access your VPN session, locate the the indicator on the top of the screen - look for the session 'Connect Time:' indicator, and click to open a context menu. From this menu, you quickly start and stop your VPN session without navigating through the 'System Preferences' menu. Click out of the context menu, close the 'System Preferences' menu, and enjoy peace of mind that your online activities aren't being monitored by prying eyes.