

## Windows 7 L2TP VPN Setup

1. Click the 'Start' or 'Windows' button in the lower-left hand corner of your screen, then navigate your mouse to the 'Control Panel' item and click.
2. Locate the 'Network and Internet' category, mouse over the heading, and click.
3. Point the mouse cursor on the 'Network and Sharing Center' item, and click.
4. Under the heading labeled 'Change your networking settings', click on the item labeled 'Set up a new connection or network'.
5. With your mouse, select the third item in the list, labeled 'Connect to a workplace' - click the 'Next' button on the lower-right corner of the panel, to the left of the 'Cancel' button.
6. \*NOTE\* - This menu may appear if you have previously configured any other custom connections in the 'Network and Sharing Center'. If you do not see this panel, please move on to the next step. Otherwise, select the radio button labeled 'No, create a new connection', and continue forward with the 'Next' button on the bottom as before.
7. Mouse over the first item on this panel, labeled 'Use my Internet connection (VPN)', and click.
8. For the 'Internet address' field, fill in the DathoVPN hostname you've selected from our list of available hosts. The address in the example is not valid, and must be replaced. For the 'Destination name' field, you may enter whatever you wish - this is a descriptor of the connection. Of the three unticked options below, only the last needs to be activated - check the box labeled 'Don't connect now, just set it up so I can connect later'. Move to the next step after clicking the 'Next' button.
9. Confirm your username and password from the confirmation email sent to you at sign-up, and enter both in the corresponding fields on this form - please keep in mind that our authentication system is case-sensitive, and even a single miscapitalized letter will prevent you from logging in. If you'd like to save your password, check the second checkbox below, labeled 'Remember this password'. Do not fill the 'Domain' field. Click the 'Create' button in the lower-right corner to continue.
10. More configuration is necessary, so connecting now would potentially error out - you will need to mouse over to the 'Close' button on the lower-right corner of the panel and click to continue.
11. Back in the 'Network and Sharing Center', look for the link second from the top of the sidebar on the left side of the panel - the link is labeled, 'Change adapter settings'. Click this link to continue. \*Outline or highlight link/item 'Change adapter settings'.
12. Depending on your folder view settings, the order of your icons may be different than in the screenshot. Also, if the name of your connection differs from our example, keep that in mind. Look for the connection you made earlier, right click on the icon, mouse down to the 'Properties' item, and click your mouse to continue.

13. Confirm the hostname from our LIST, and continue on to the 'Security' tab, clicking on corresponding tab indicator at the top of the panel.

14. Click the drop-down box labeled 'Type of VPN', and mouse or uparrow-key down to the 'Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol with IPsec (L2TP)' selection. No additional configuration should be required on this page, however under the 'Allow these protocols' radio button, confirm that only the 'CHAP', and 'MS-CHAP v2' items are checked off. Please examine the screenshot as a reference.

15. Next, click on the 'Advanced settings' button, which is directly below the drop-down described in the previous step.

16. In the 'Advanced settings' popup panel, confirm that the radio button labeled 'Use preshared key for authentication' is selected, and place your cursor in the corresponding 'Key' field. Enter 'vpn' (without the quotes) as the preshared key, and then click the 'OK' button below.

17. Continue forward to the 'Networking' tab by clicking the tab of the same name near the top of the panel. In the center frame on this panel, uncheck the 'TCP/IPv6' and 'File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks' items, as shown in the example. You may confirm your changes by hitting the 'OK' button on the lower-right side of the panel.

18. To test your settings and login credentials, point your cursor to the 'Notification Area', usually located near the lower-right hand corner of your screen. In this area, look for icon of a computer with a cord and plug along the side, and click it. Find the connection made earlier and click the 'Connect' button directly to the right.

19. Confirm your username for accuracy, then click the 'Connect' button in the bottom-left corner of this panel. After 30 seconds or so, confirm the connectivity status by opening the 'Notification Area' popup in your taskbar - you will be notified of any problems with the connection, in which case you will want to contact our support team. Once you have verified connectivity to the VPN, you can now have peace of mind that your activities are secured from prying eyes.