

Windows XP L2TP 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 and click on the 'Network and Internet Connections' category.
3. Under the heading labeled 'or pick a Control Panel icon', click the 'Network Connections' item.
4. Look for the sidebar on the left-hand side of the resulting panel - click the 'Create a new connection' item to continue.
5. After the 'New Connection Wizard' appears, click the 'Next' button to continue.
6. Select the second item in the list, labeled 'Connect to the network at my workplace'. Then click the 'Next' button on the lower-right corner of the panel and move on to the next step.
7. On this next pane, select the second item, labeled 'Virtual Private Network connection' and click the 'Next' button and move on to the next step.
8. Give your connection a name in the 'Company Name' field'. When finished, click the 'Next' button.
9. This menu may appear if you have previously configured any other custom connections from the 'Network Connections' pane. If you do not see this panel, please move on to the next step. Otherwise, select the radio button labeled 'Do not dial the initial connection.', then click Next.
10. For the 'Host name or IP address' field, fill in the DathVPN hostname you've selected from our LIST of available hosts. The address in the example is not valid, and must be replaced with one from our list. Move to the next step after clicking the 'Next' button.
11. The 'New Connection Wizard' is now complete: if you would like a shortcut to the VPN connection on your desktop, click the check box. Click the 'Finish' and continue to the next step.
12. Look for the newly configured connection window now in focus, otherwise double-click the connection from the 'Network Connections' pane Open the new VPN connection that you have created. Click Properties.
13. Confirm that you have correctly typed the VPN server hostname, and click the 'Security' tab to continue.
14. In the security tab, under the 'Security Options' category, select the radio button next to 'Advanced (custom settings)'. Then, click the 'Settings' button to right and move to the next step.

15. Verify that the top drop-down box is set to 'Require Encryption (disconnect if server declines)', that the radio button next to 'Allow these protocols' is selected, and finally that the check boxes for 'Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP)' and 'Microsoft CHAP Version 2 (MS-CHAP v2)' are selected. Click the 'OK' button, and move on to step 16.

16. The window shown below may appear following your confirmation of the settings on the previous panel. Click the 'Yes' button to continue.

17. Locate and select the 'Networking' tab, to the right of the 'Security' tab you selected earlier. Click the drop-down box labeled 'Type of VPN', and mouse or arrow-key down to the 'L2TP IPsec VPN' item and select it. Deselect 'File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks' by clicking on the ticked checkbox. Though not indicated in the example, you will also want to untick the checkbox labeled 'Client for Microsoft Networks'. Click the 'OK' button - move on to step 18.

18. Move back to the 'Security' tab, as done in step 13 - it's the tab directly to the left of the 'Networking' tab. Once the 'Security' tab is in focus, look for the button in the lower-right hand side of the panel labeled 'IPsec Settings...' - look for it above the 'OK' & 'Cancel' buttons. Click the 'IPsec Settings...' button to continue.

19. Within the resulting dialog, confirm that the radio button labeled 'Use pre-shared key for authentication' is selected, and place your cursor in the corresponding 'Key:' field. Enter 'vpn' (without the quotes) as the pre-shared key and then click the 'OK' button below to confirm. Finalize your settings by clicking the 'OK' button once the 'IPsec Settings' dialog has lost visibility.

20. You have now completed the Datho VPN L2TP setup procedure - when the login dialog appears, enter your username and password. You may select the check box next to 'Save this username and password for the following users' if you want to enable that feature. Finally, click the 'Connect' button in the lower-left corner. Record any error messages you may see during the connection process - if you don't see any warnings or errors, and eventually see the success notification, assume all is well. You may now have peace of mind that your online activities are secure from prying eyes. Feel free to contact our support team with any questions or concerns.