Remote Access to Matlab at Mason

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Accessing Matlab at Mason

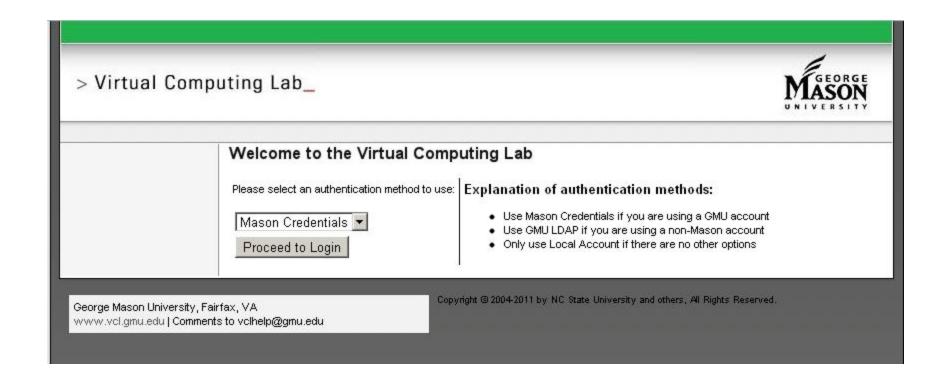
There are four different methods to access Matlab

- 1. Install a student version Matlab in your own computer
 - Purchase it at Patriot Computers (\$109)
- 2. Use GMU lab computers onsite
 - •http://doit.gmu.edu/staffSection.asp?page=lab
- 3. Log in remotely, using VCL for Windows or Mac
 - This Instruction
 - For Windows (slide 3 15)
 - For Mac (slide 16 70)
- 4. Log in remotely, using "xterm" and "ssh" (slide 71 84)
 - This Instruction
 - For users who are familiar with LINUX-based operating systems

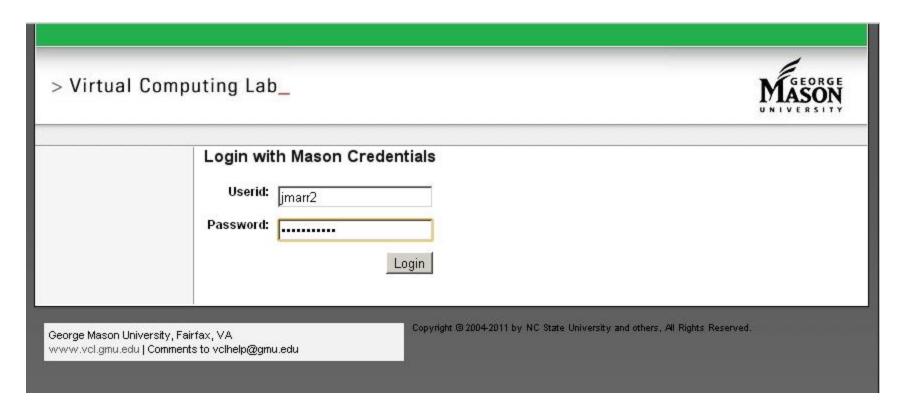
Access Remotely – Use the Virtual Computing Lab (VCL) for WINDOWS

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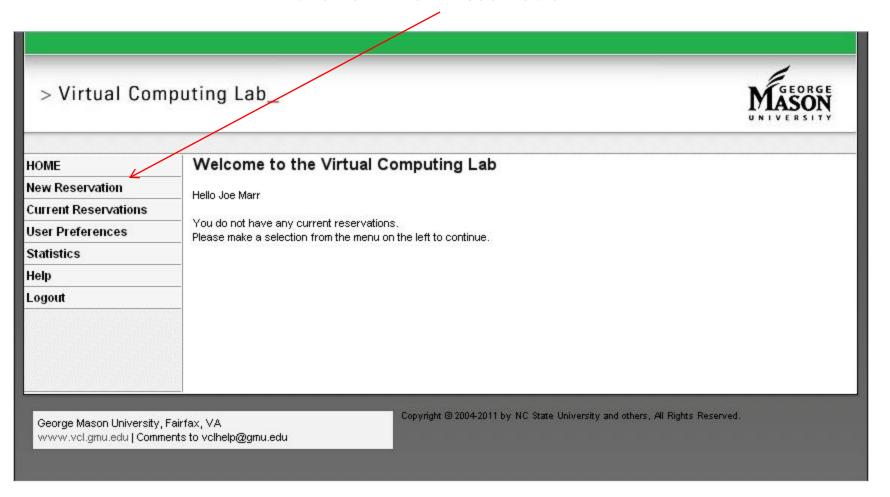
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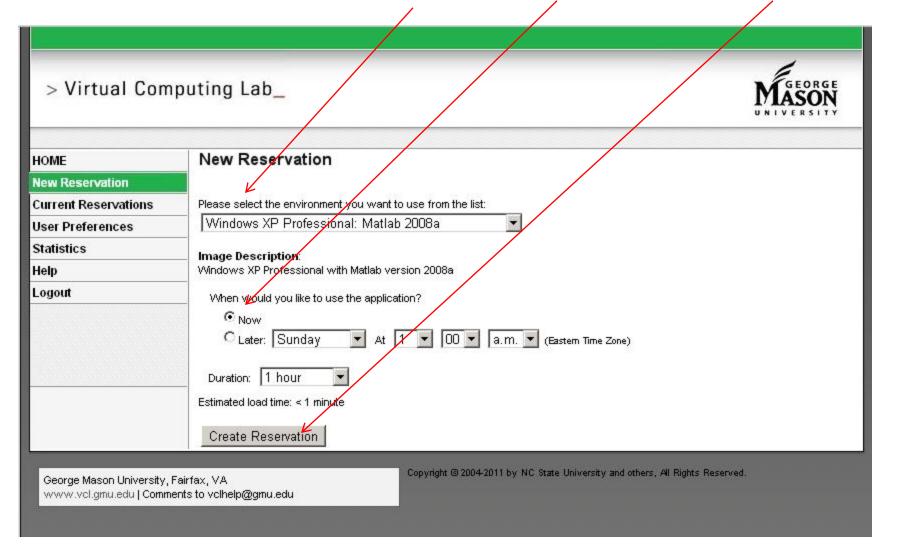
Enter your Mason Userid and Password:



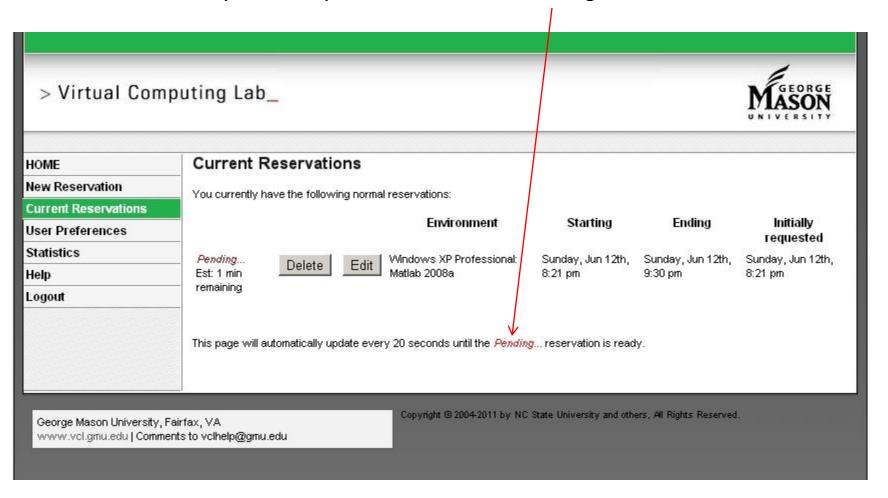
Click on "New Reservation"



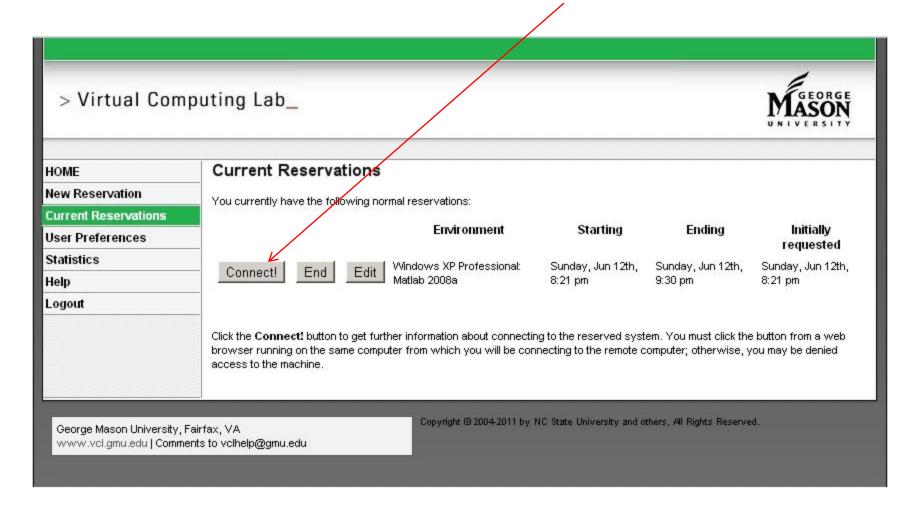
Select "Windows XP Professional: Matlab 2008a", "Now", and "Create Reservation"



You may see that your reservation is "Pending...". Just wait

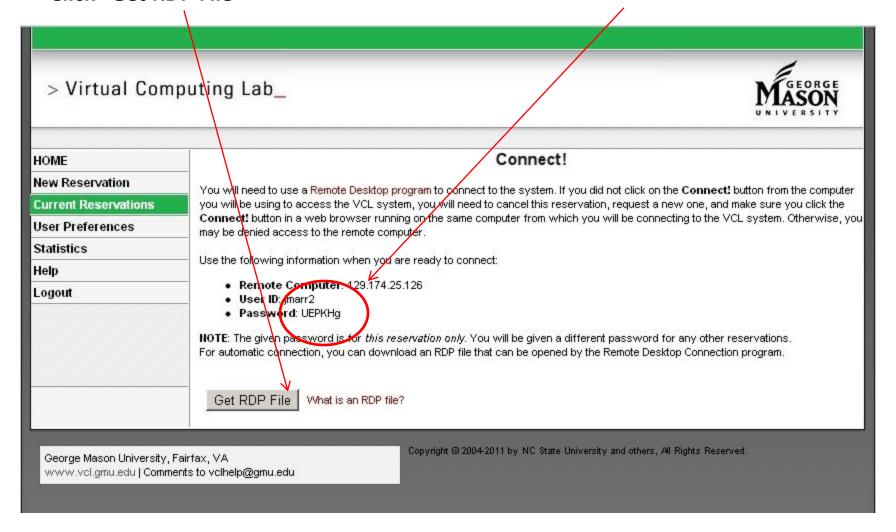


Good to Go! Now click "Connect"



Click "Get RDP File"

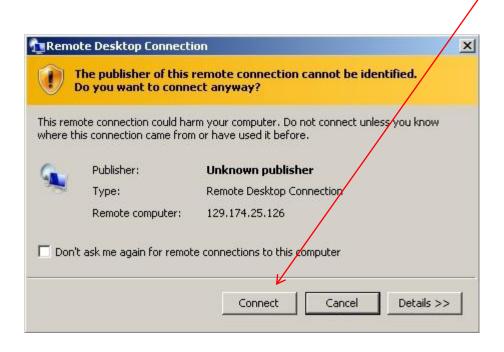
Also, WRITE DOWN YOUR PASSWORD!



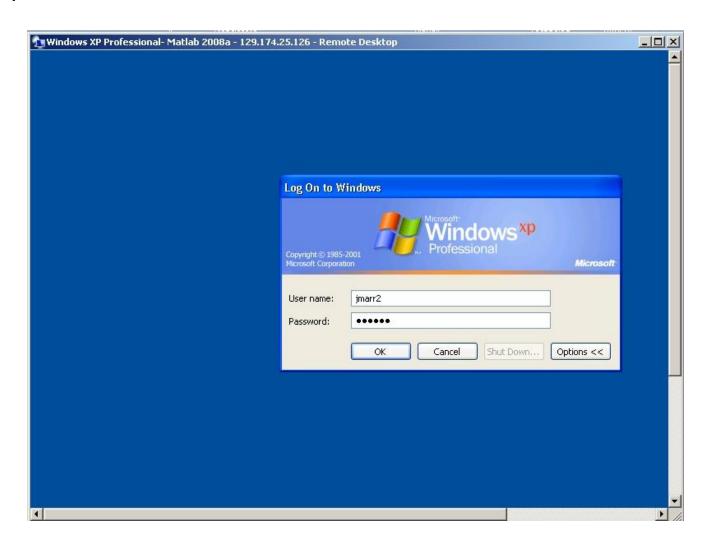
This appears on your Windows Desktop. Double-click on it...



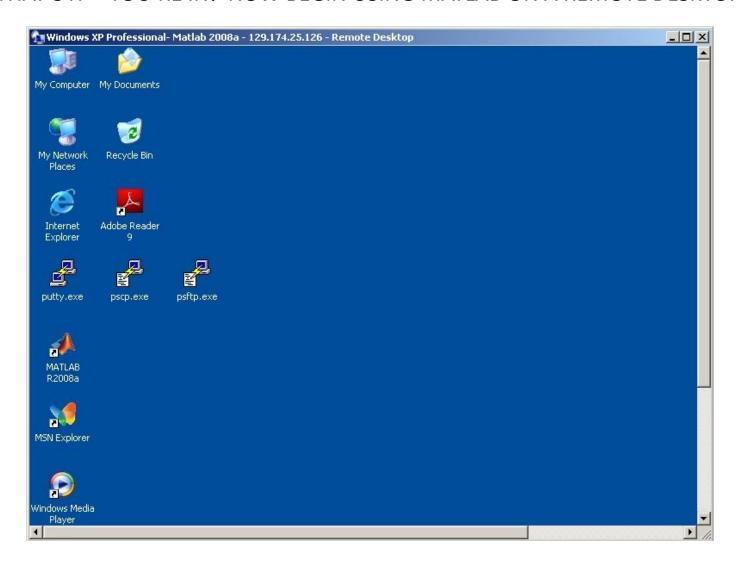
Don't worry if you see this warning. Just click on "Connect"

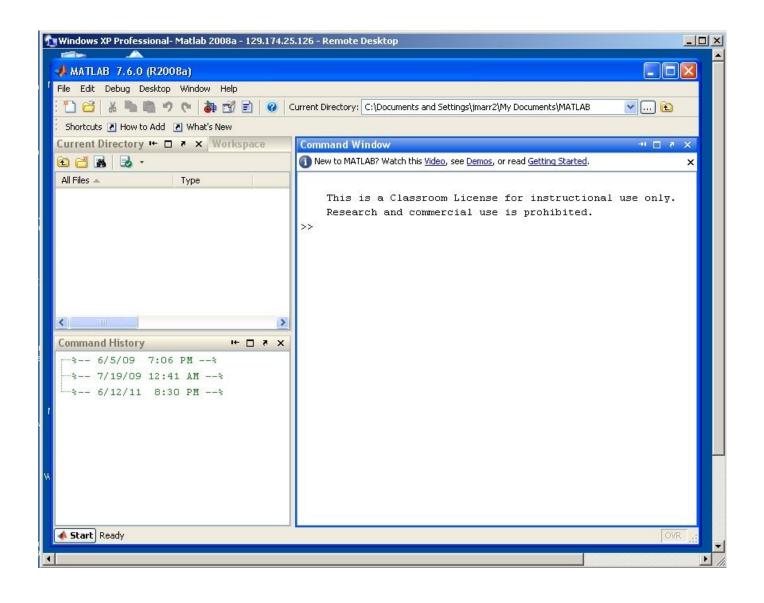


Enter your MasonID, and, THE PASSWORD YOU WROTE DOWN THREE SLIDES AGO



THAT'S IT – YOU'RE IN! NOW BEGIN USING MATLAB ON A REMOTE DESKTOP





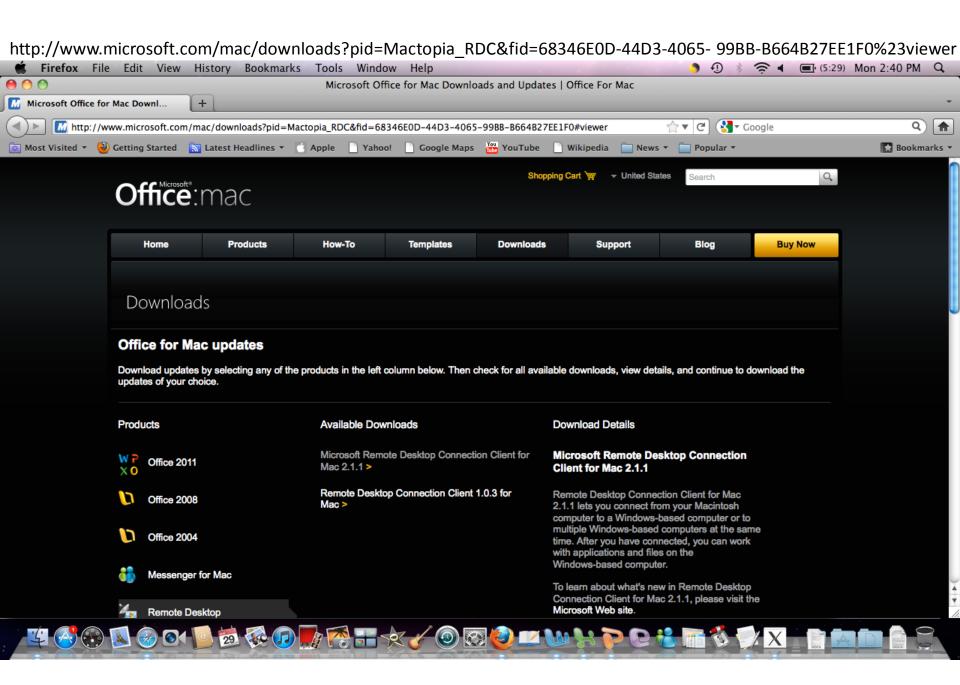
- In order to access Windows Virtual Computer Lab, you will need to <u>download the Remote</u> <u>Desktop Connection Client for Mac OS X.</u>
- This is FREE and easy. It will allow you to use MATLAB without going to the computer lab on campus.

1. Click the link on previous page, or go to:

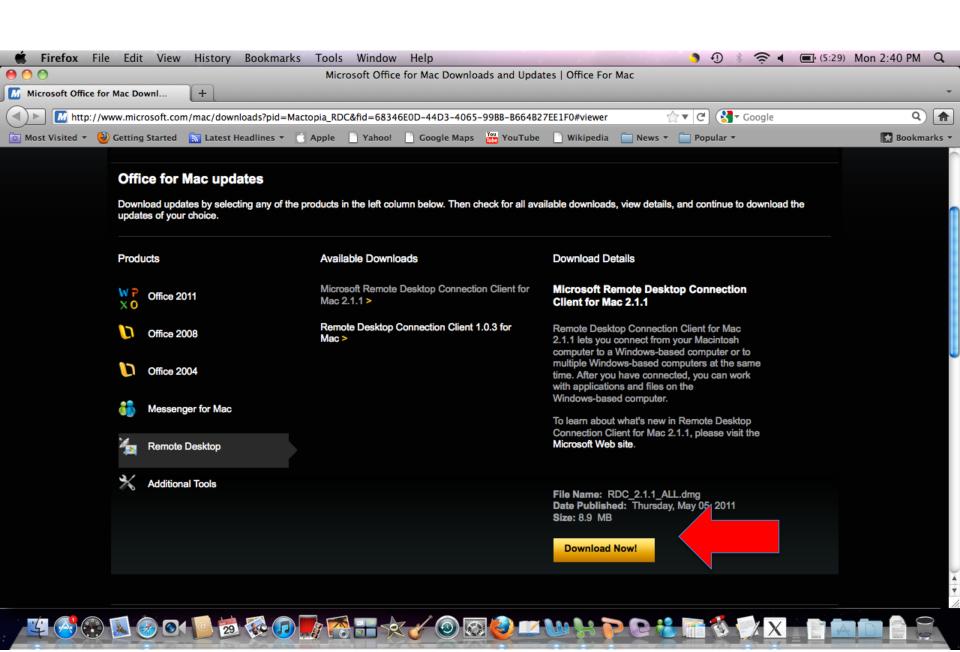
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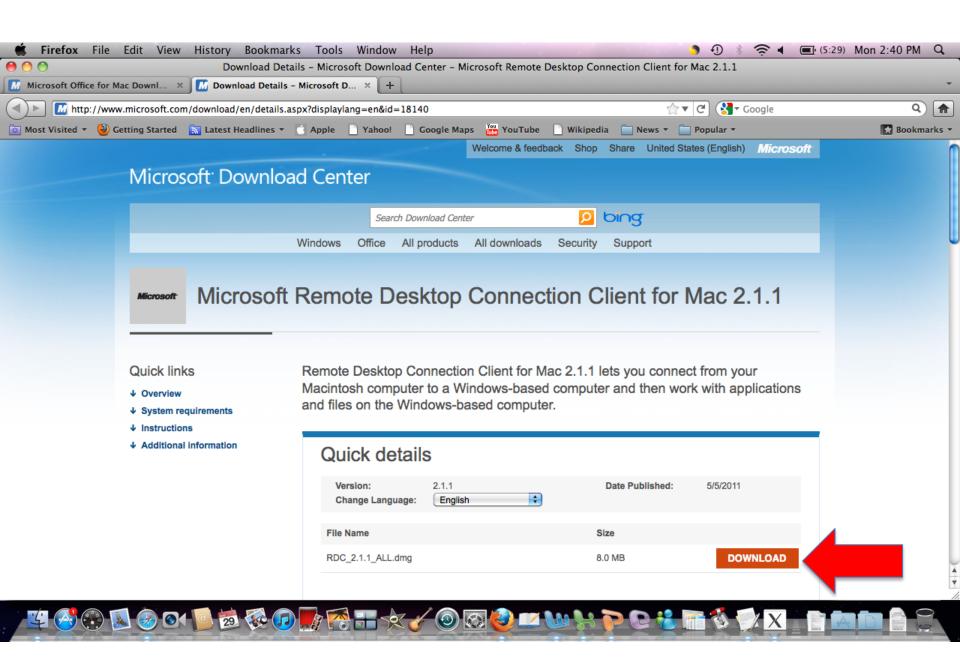
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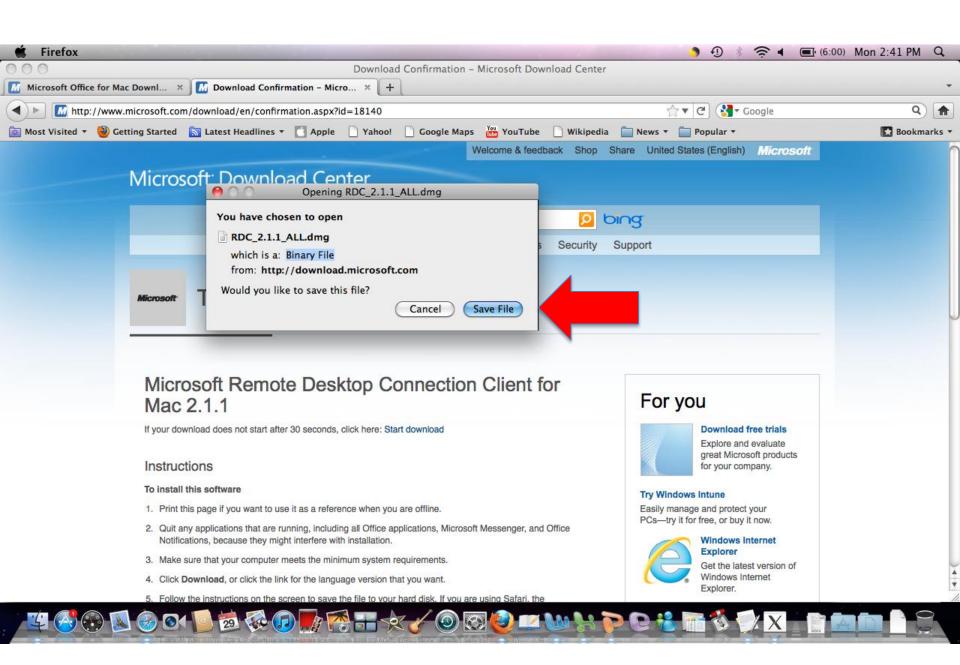
- Scroll down slightly and make sure that "Microsoft Remote Desktop Connection Client for Mac 2.1.1" is selected in gray (It is the first bullet available)
- 3. Press the "Download Now!" button.



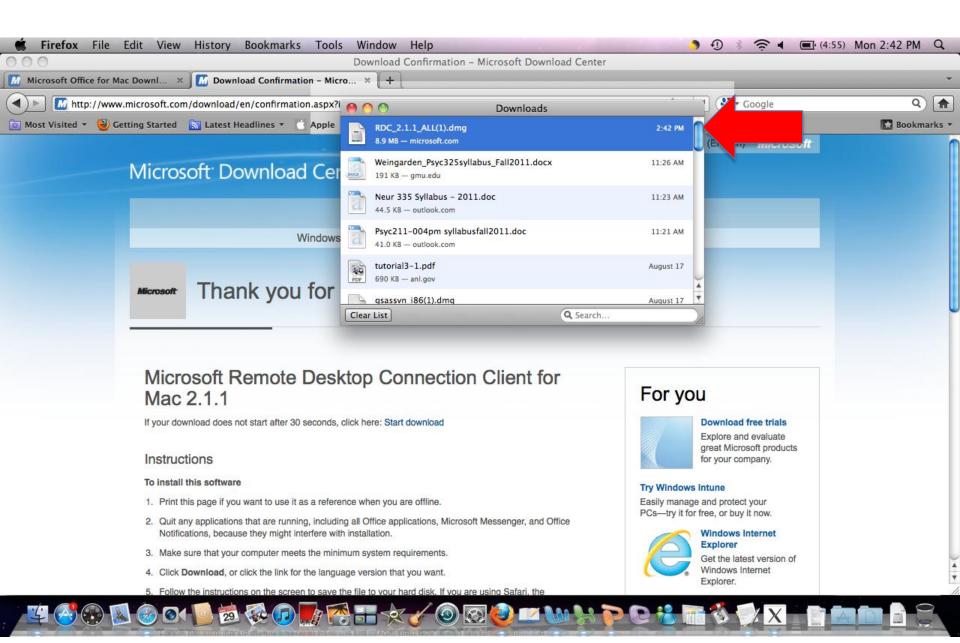
- 4. A new tab will appear. If it doesn't, here is the URL:
 - http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/details.aspx?displaylang=en&id=18140
- 5. Select the "Download" button in the bottom right hand corner of the screen.



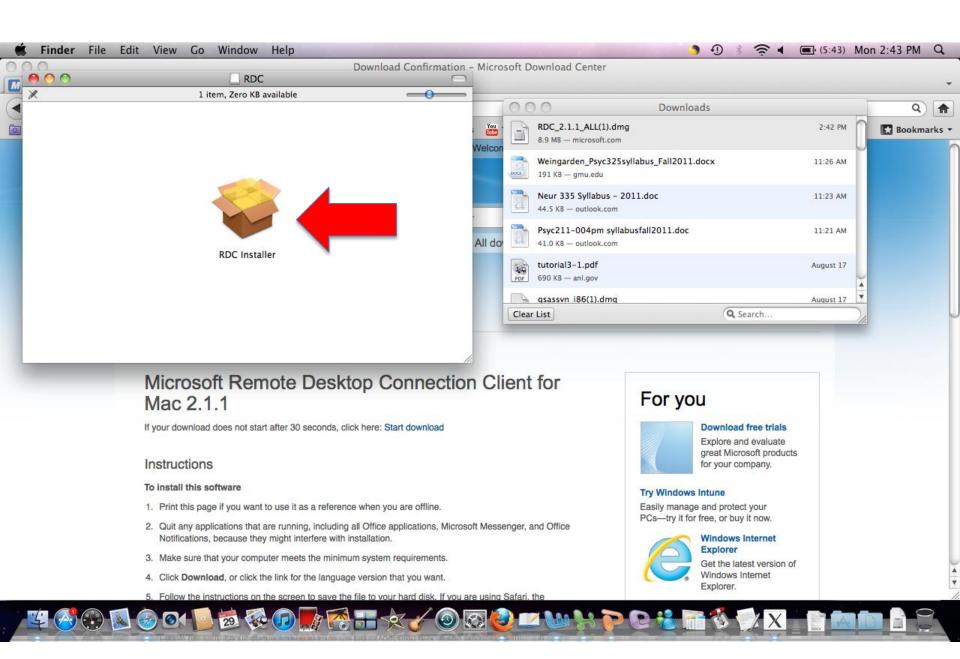
- 6. The window will change to a confirmation of download page. A box will appear asking if you want to save a binary file called "RDC_2.1.1_ALL.dmg".
- 7. Click "Save File".



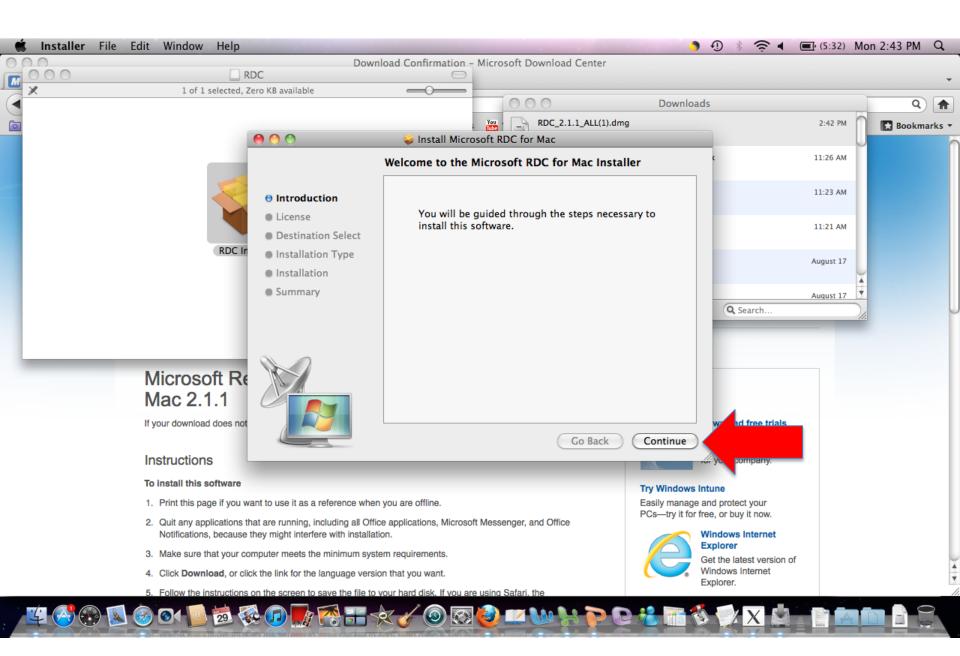
8. Once "Save File" is selected, the file will download into your Downloads folder.

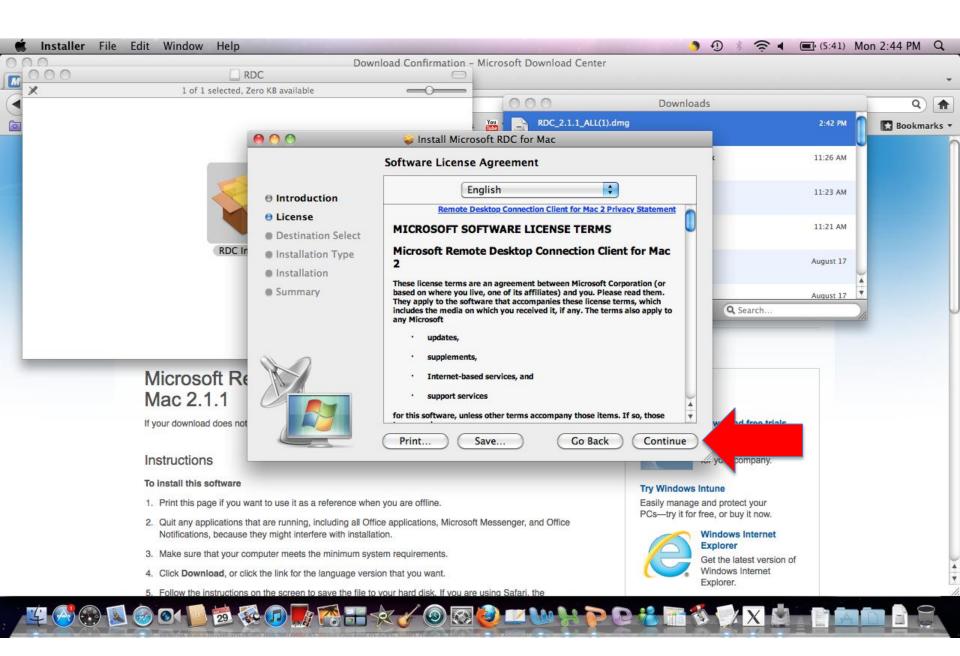


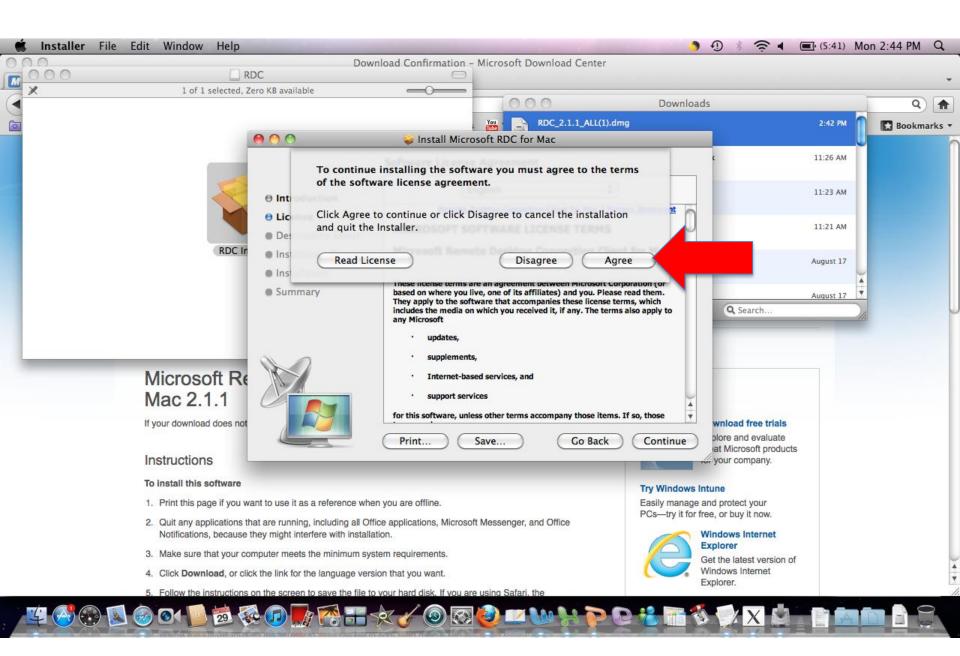
- 9. Double click the downloaded file. A window called "RDC" will pop up.
- 10. Inside the window is a box called "RDC Installer", double click this icon.

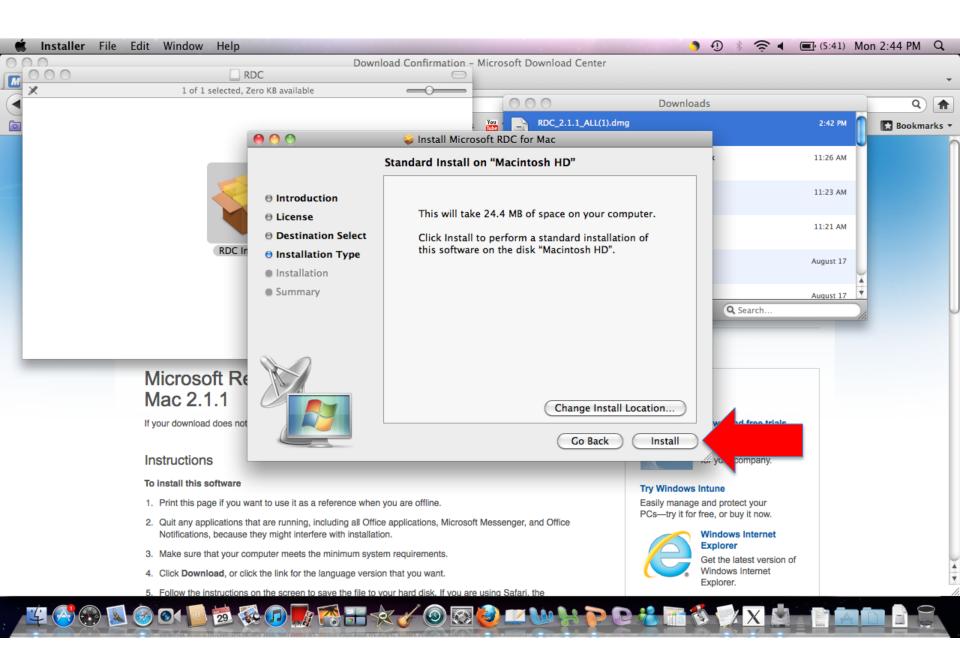


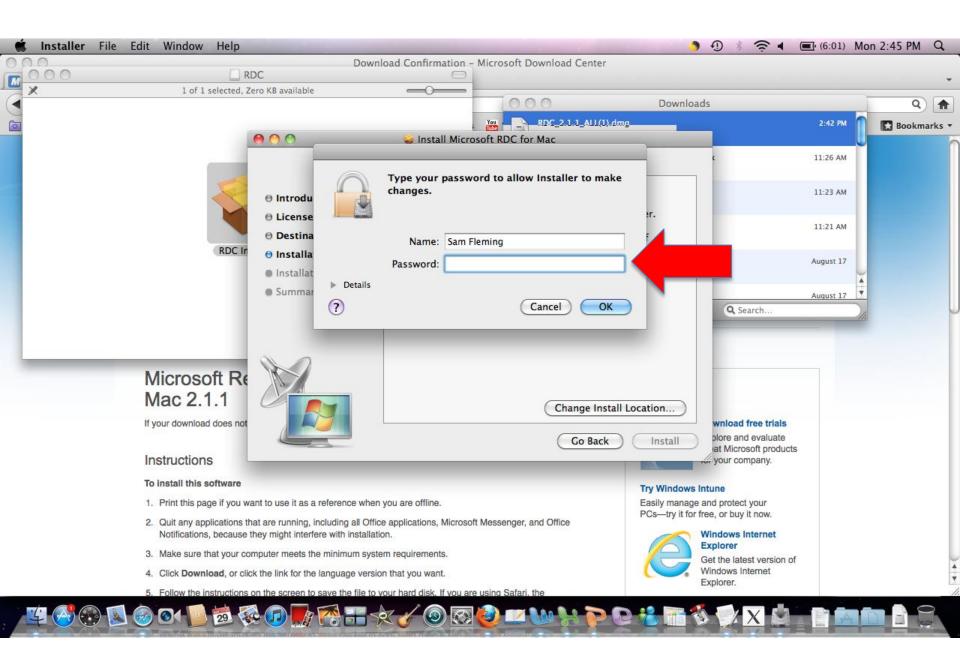
- 11. This will open a self-guided Installer.
 Continue through the installer to install the Remote Desktop Connection.
- 12. The next several slide show the process.

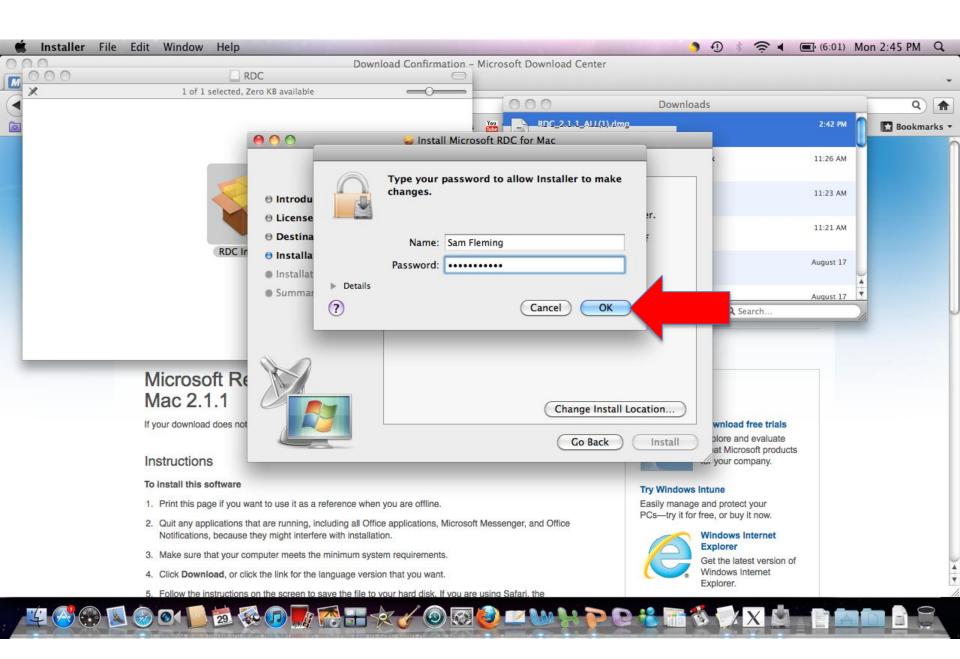


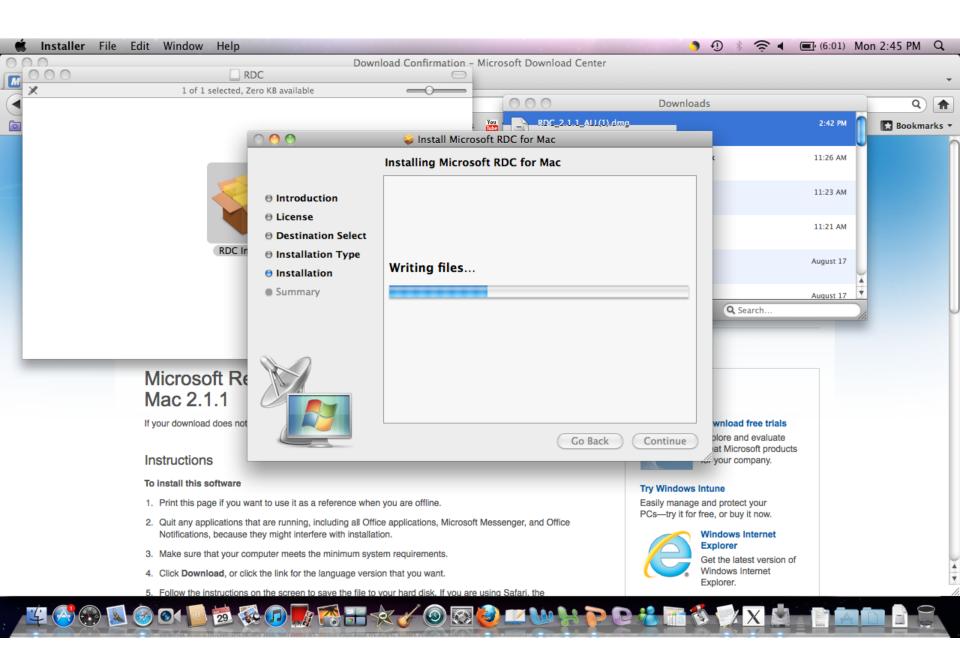




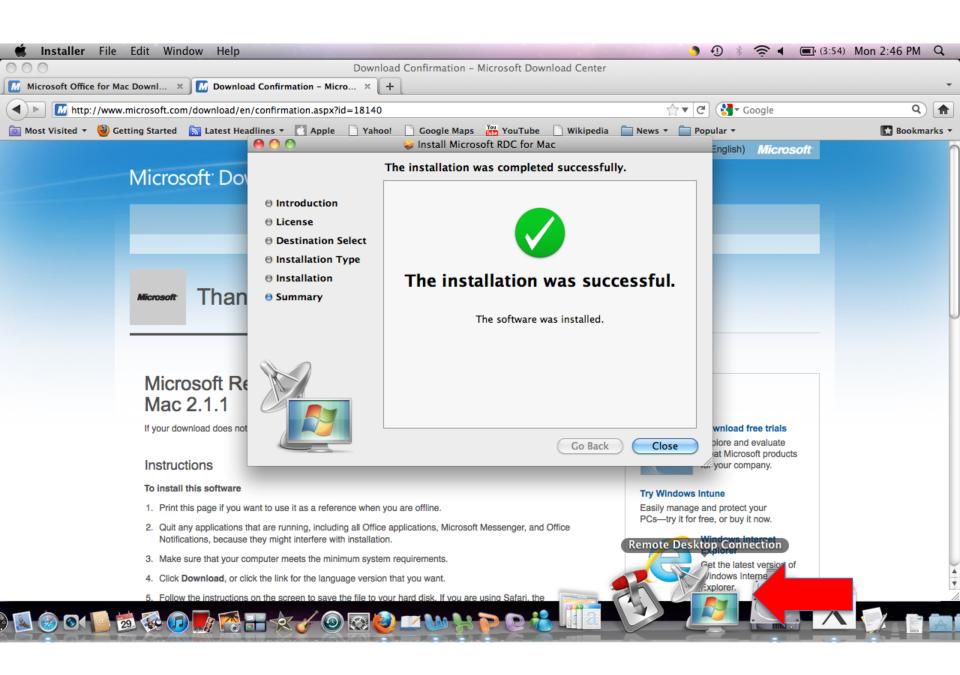




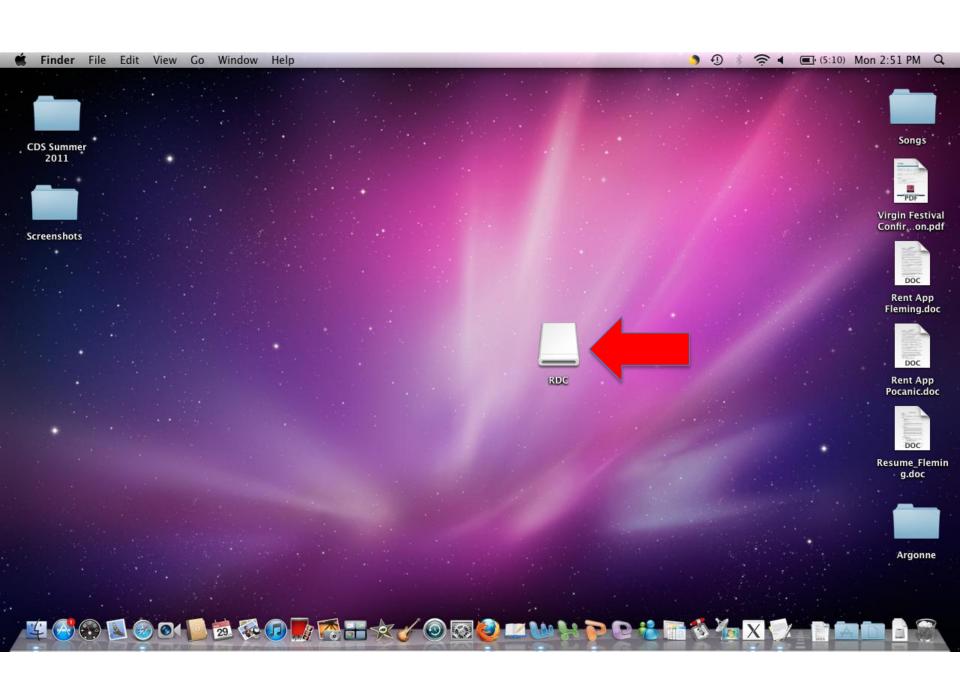




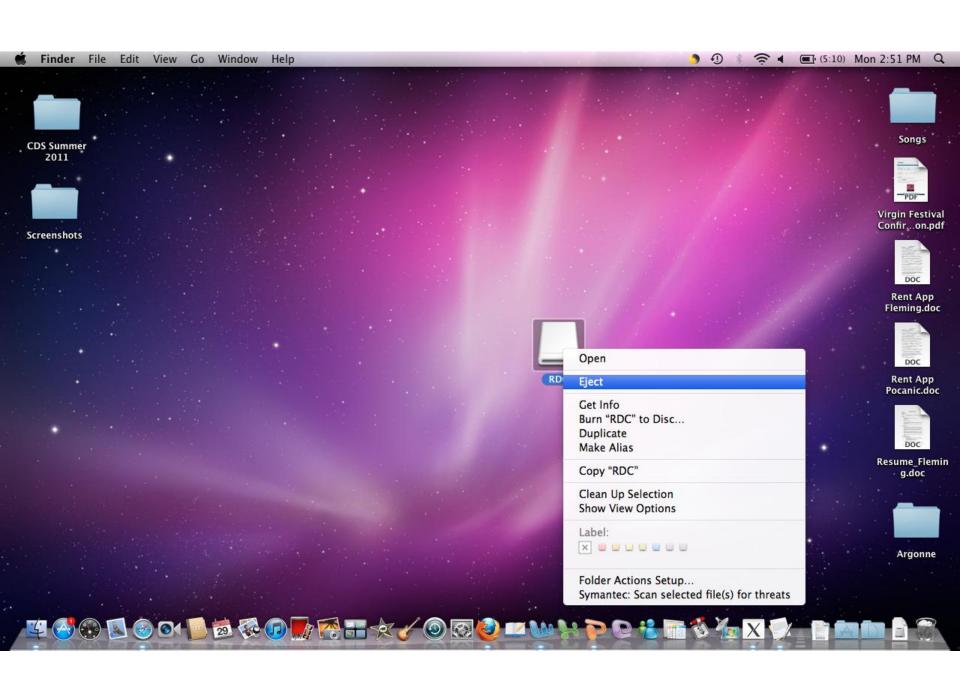
13. Once RDC is installed you should notice an icon pop up on your Dock. It looks like a satellite dish with the Windows logo.



14. Now, find a gray box icon on your Desktop called "RDC".



15. Right click this box and choose "Eject" to remove it from your desktop. This will not remove the actual RDC, which we just installed on the Dock.



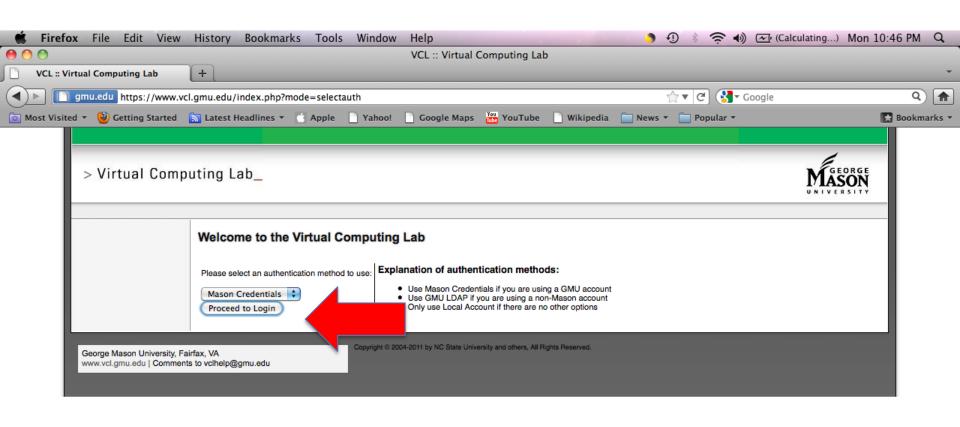
Opening a VCL File on Mac

- Getting a remote connection now is very similar to the process on Windows.
- The following slides are a clarification just in case....

1. Go to the GMU Virtual Computing Website:

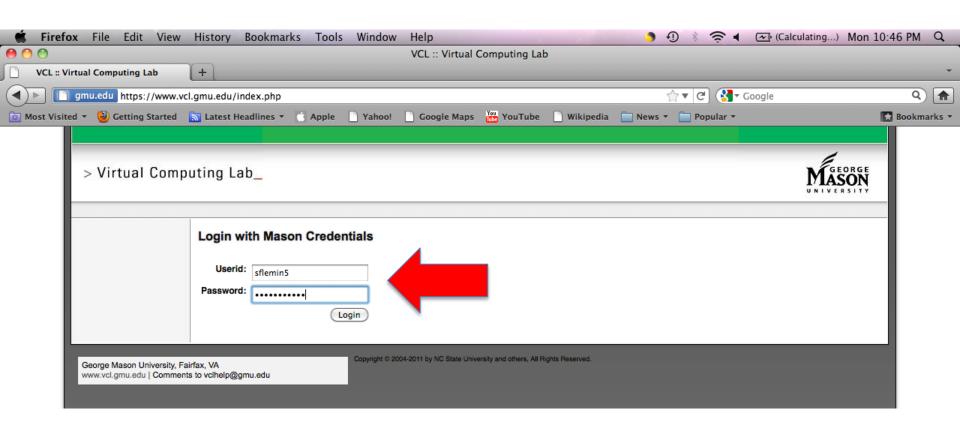
https://www.vcl.gmu.edu/index.php

2. Select "Mason Credentials" and click "Proceed to Login".



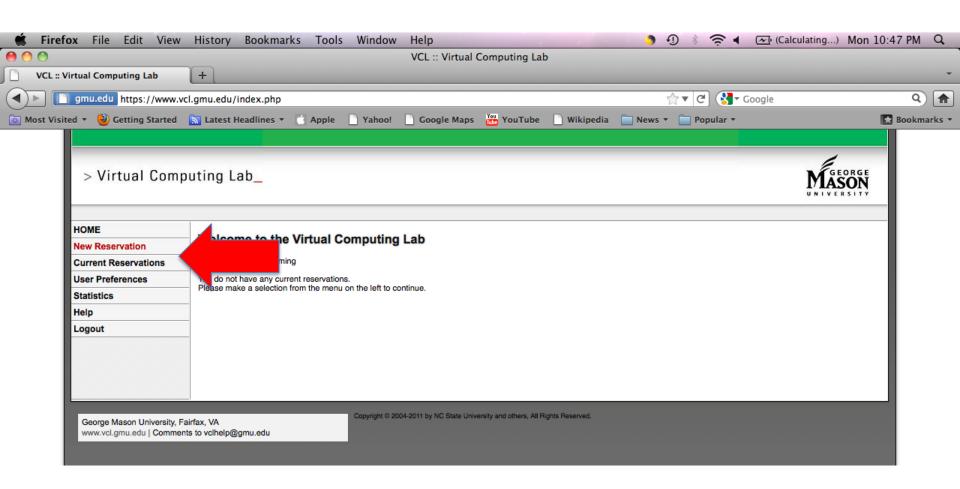


3. Type in your email as the Userid (without the ".masonlive.gmu.edu") and your email password as the Password. Click "Login".

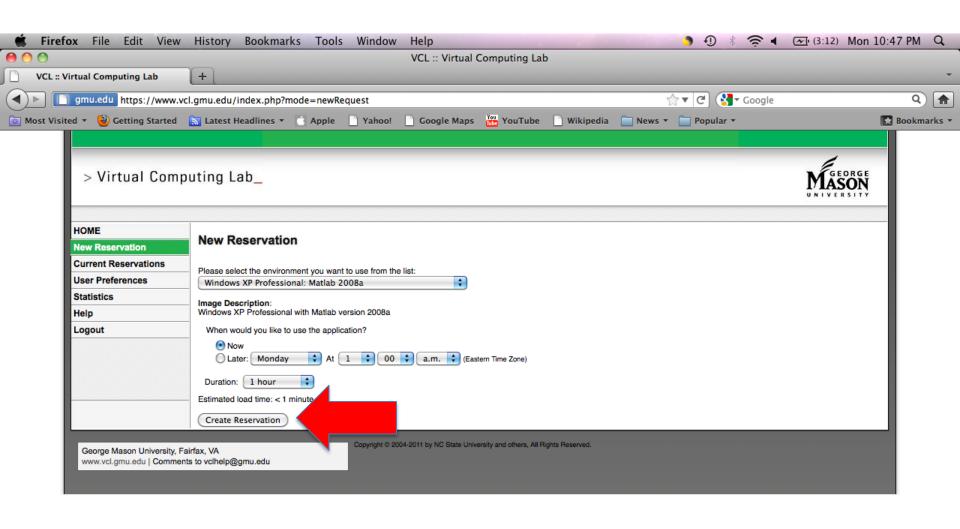




4. Once you are signed in, select the "New Reservation" tab on the left hand side of the page.

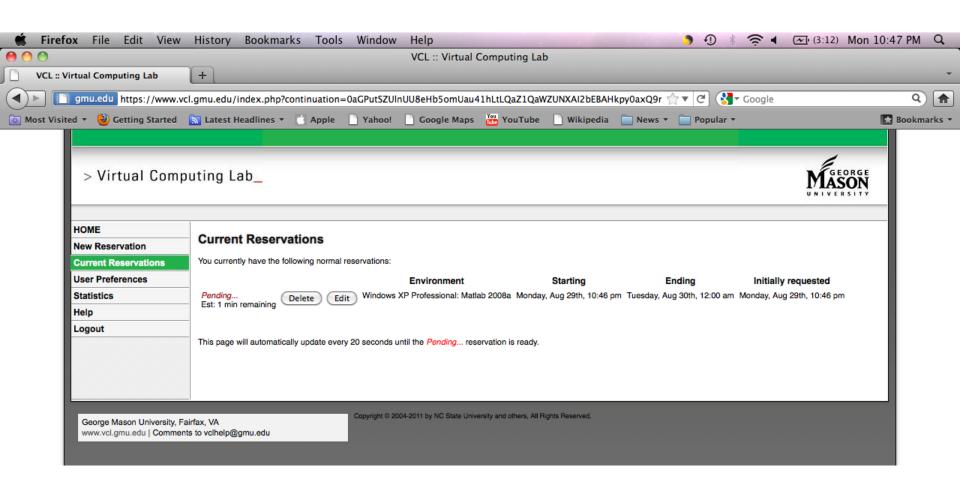


- 5. Select "Windows XP Professional: Matlab 2008a" from the drop down menu under the "environment" you want to use.
- 6. Select the time at which you want the reservation.
- 7. Select the duration of the reservation.
- 8. Press "Create Reservation" when done.



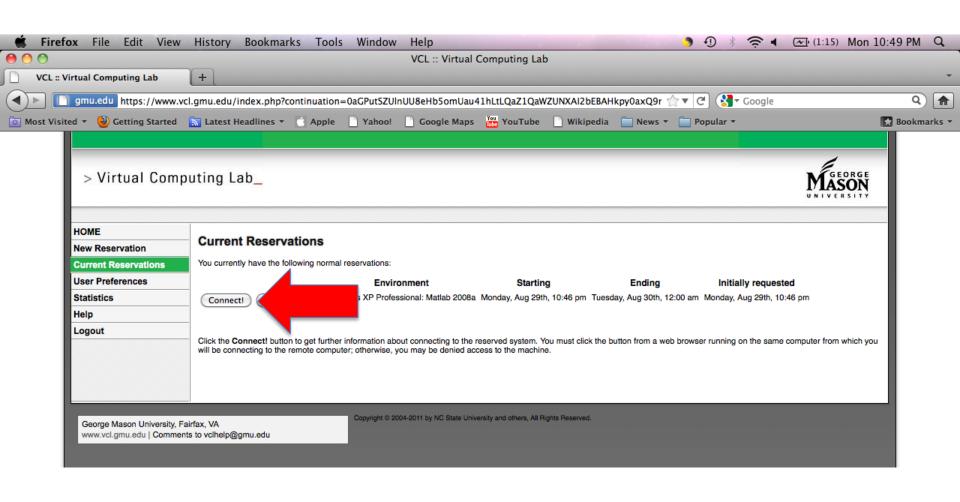


9. The reservation will load, this could take several minutes.



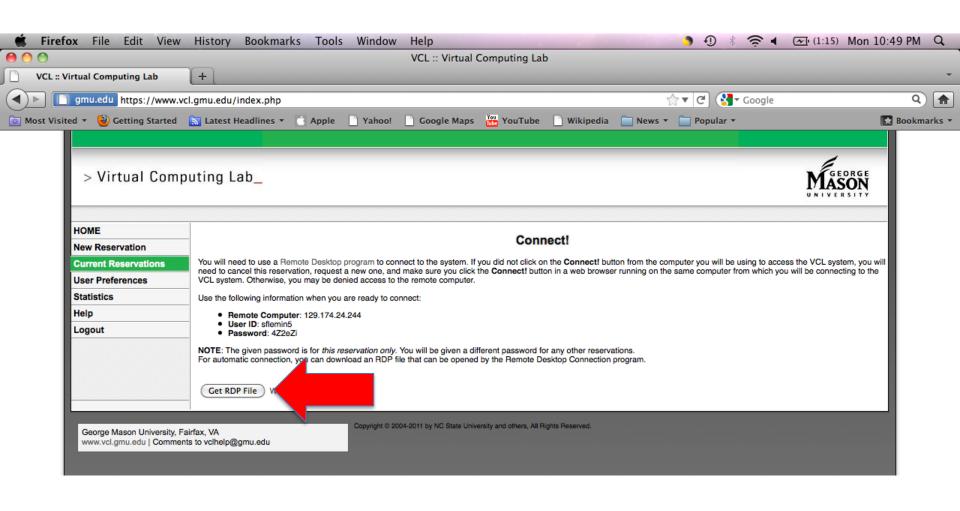


10. When the reservation is loaded, a "Connect" button will appear where the screen used to say "Pending...". Click "Connect".



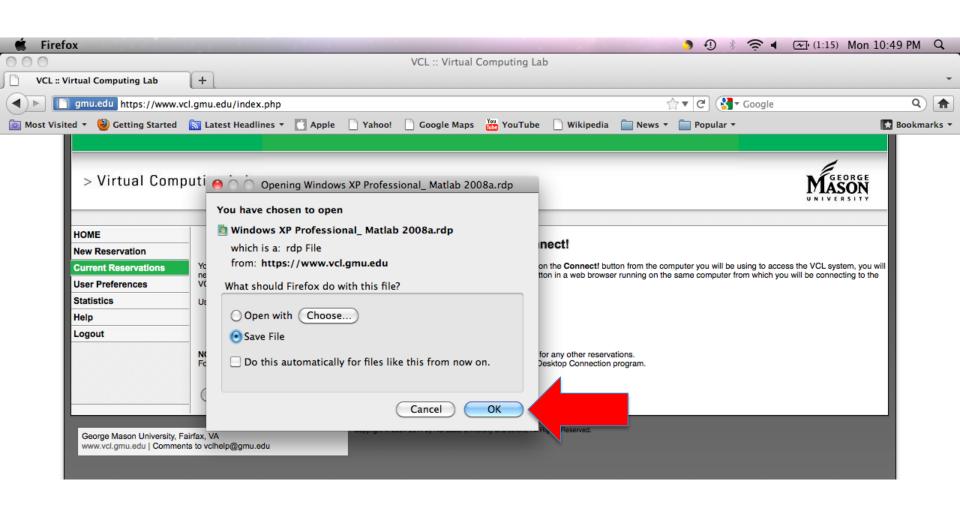


- 11. A new page will appear. It will contain a username and password. Write the password down.
- 12. Click "Get RDP File".



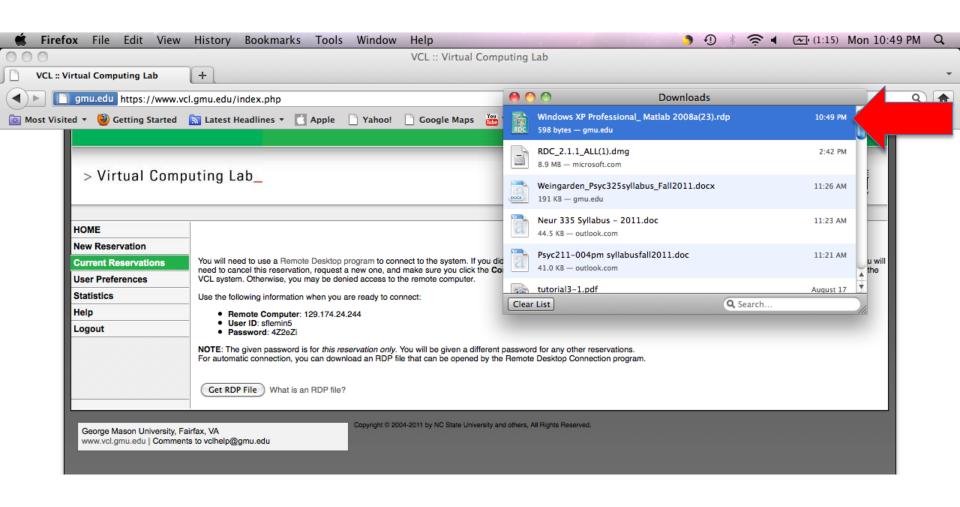


14. A window will pop up asking if you want to save the RDP File. Select "Save File" and then press "OK".



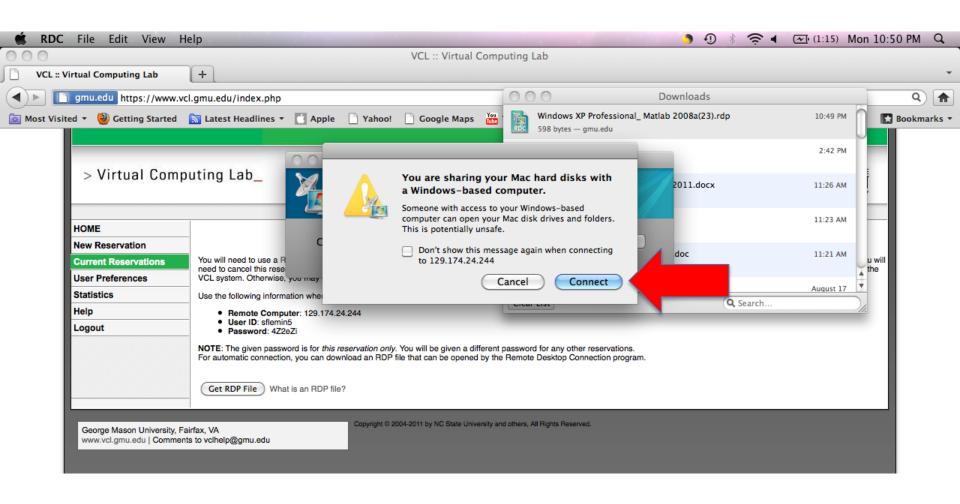


15. The RDP File will download to your Downloads. Double click the file once it has finished downloading.



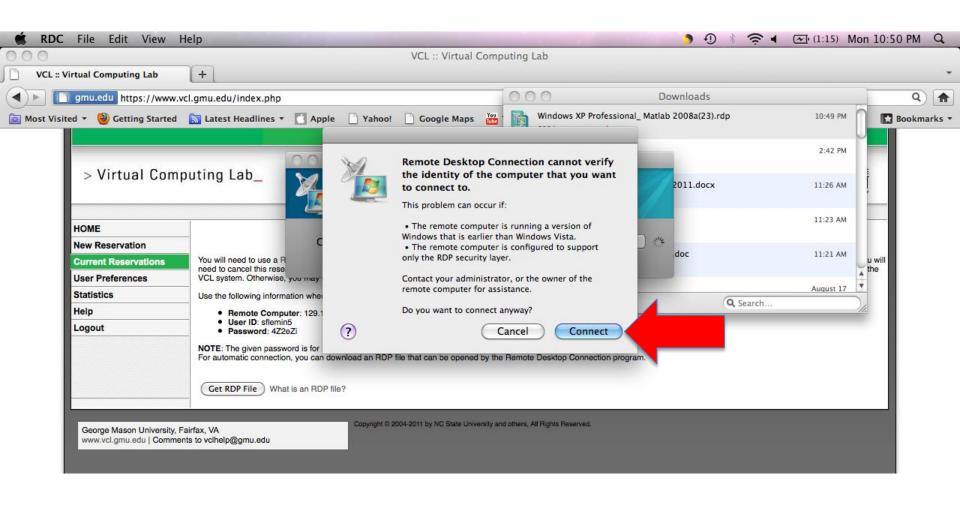


16. A window will pop up asking if you want to share your computer with a Window's based system. Press "Connect".



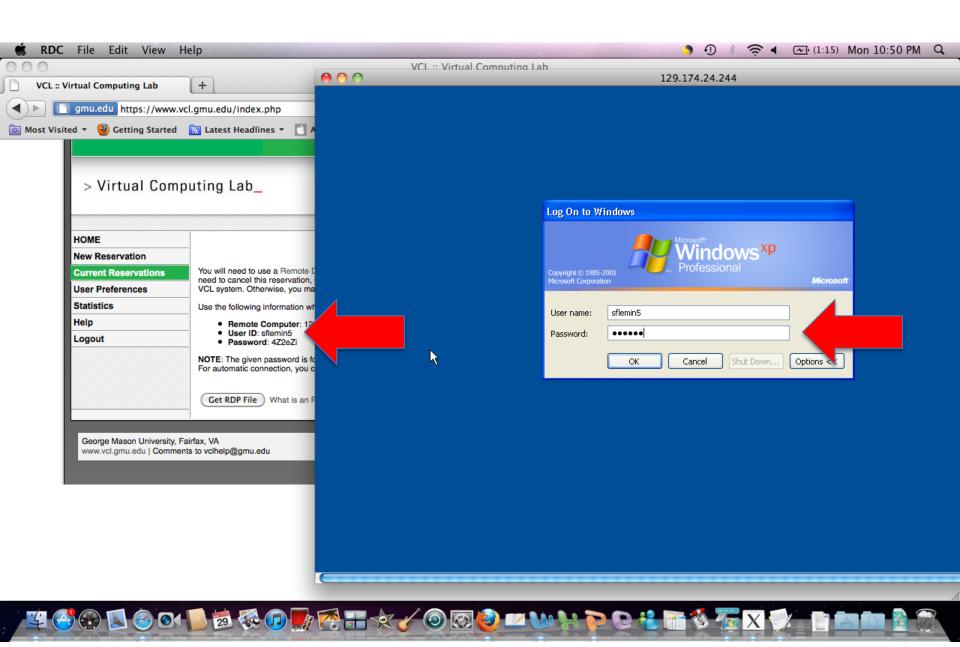


- 17. A second window will pop up asking saying that it can not verify the identity of the computer you are connecting to. Press "Connect".
- **NOTE: This is all safe. You can't damage your computer doing any of this.

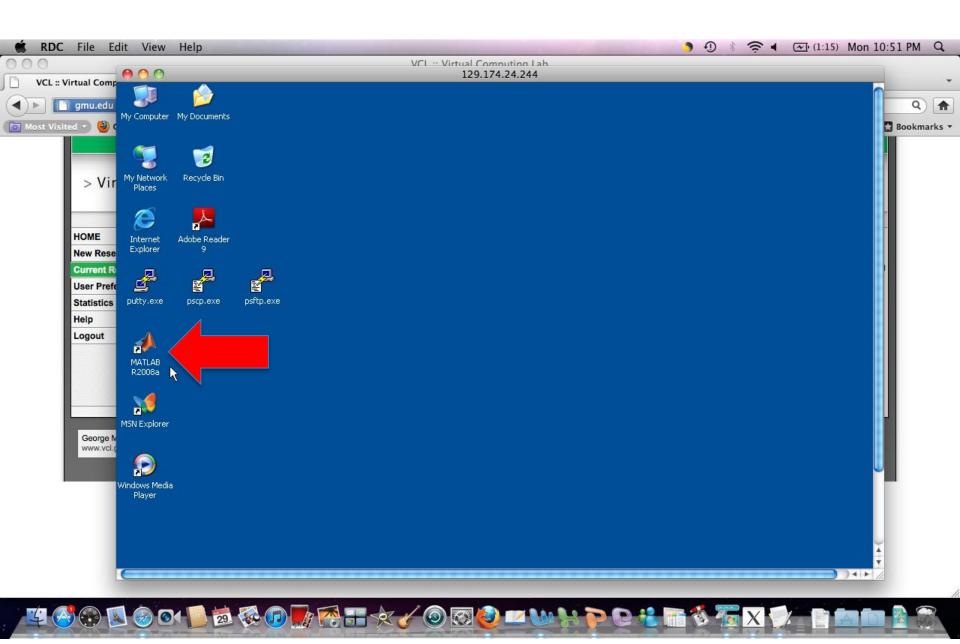




18. A large Windows screen with a blue background will pop up and prompt you for a password. This is the password you wrote down earlier. Type it in and press "OK".



- 19. You now have access to a screen that shows a Windows system and contains Matlab!
- **You can minimize the screen to get to other areas of your Mac.
- **When your reservation time is ending, you will receive 10 minute and 5 minute alerts to disconnect.
- **Disconnect by closing the window or it will close automatically.



Logging in Remotely, Using CygWin for WINDOWS

Logging in Remotely, Using CygWinX for Windows

Go here: http://x.cygwin.com/

Download and install CygwinX:

Downloading and Installing

Cygwin/X is installed via Cygwin's <u>setup.exe</u> and the installation process is documented in the <u>Cygwin/X</u> <u>User's Guide</u>. Whether or not you already have Cygwin installed, you can add Cygwin/X to your installation by downloading the latest <u>setup.exe</u>, running setup, and selecting the 'xinit' package from the 'X11' category.



Using Cygwin/X is documented in a step-by-step manner, with lots of pictures and examples, in the <u>Cygwin/X User's Guide</u>. Please notice, however, that Cygwin/X contains many general-purpose programs, libraries, and functions that are part of all X distributions. It is therefore beyond the scope of the <u>Cygwin/X User's Guide</u> to document all of these X Window System components. To find documentation, for example, for *setxkbmap* one should consult the generic X documentation such as the <u>setxkbmap(1) manual page</u>. You could always, of course, do a <u>Google search</u> for *setxkbmap*, which finds the manual page mentioned above.

Now click on the Cygwin icon on your desktop (the icon appears following successful installation):



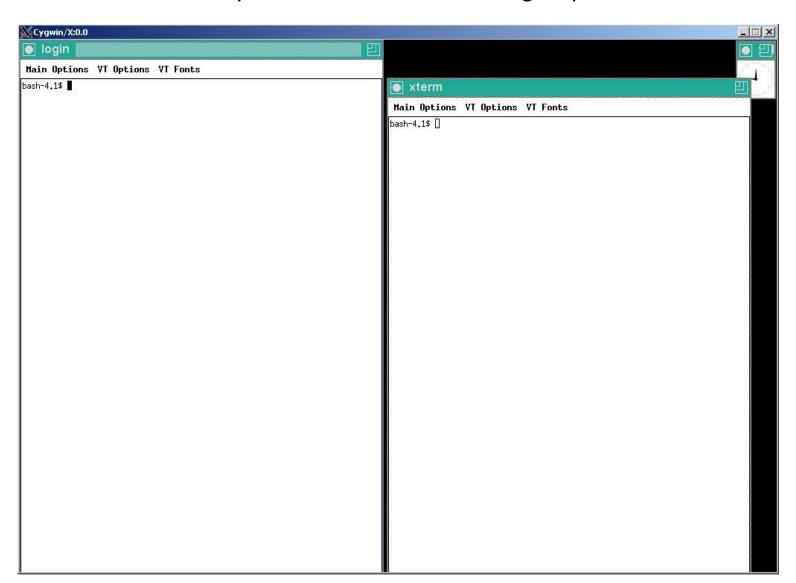
The CygWin window then appears:



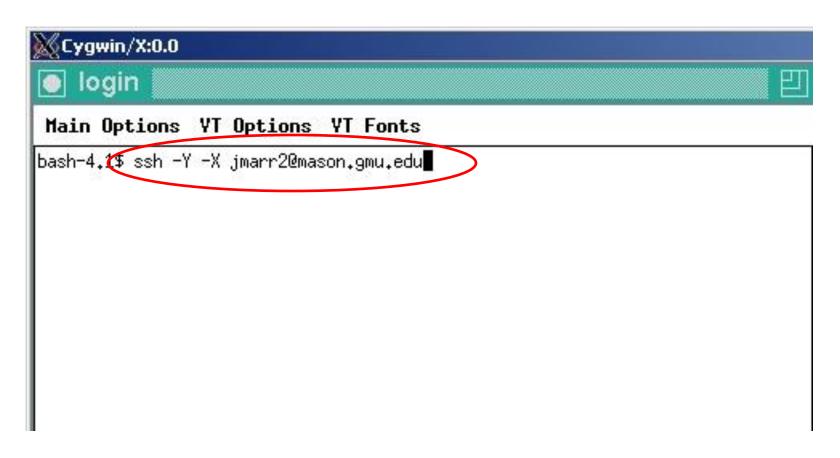
Startup an X windows environment by typing "startx":



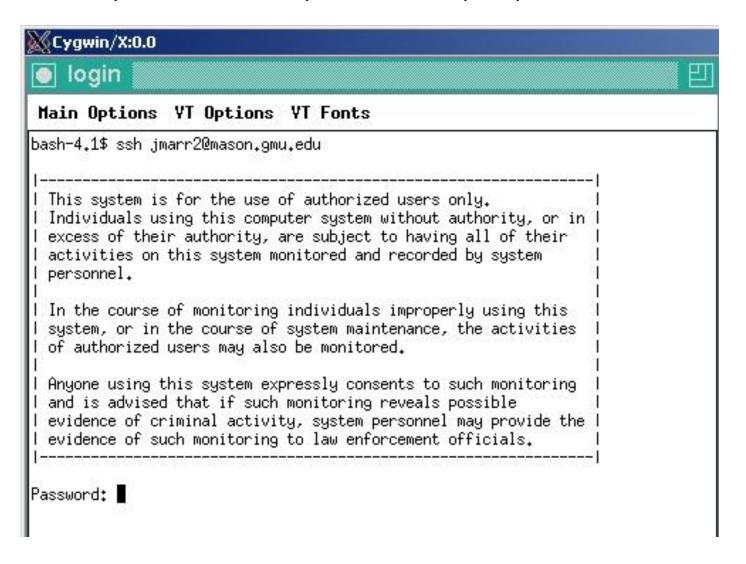
Here's what you should see – or something very similar:



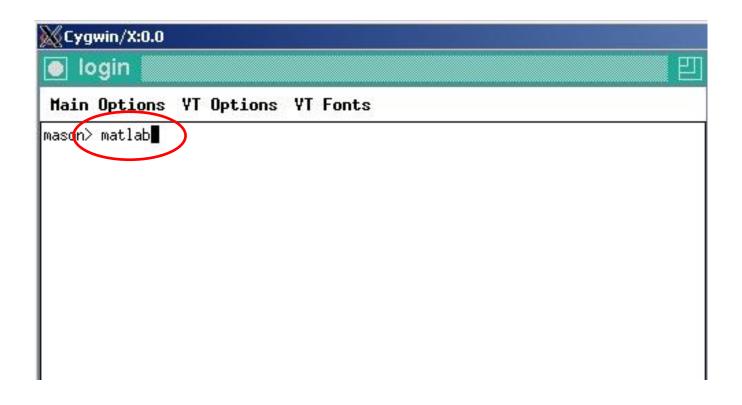
Enter this command AS WRITTEN. Replace "jmarr2" with YOUR MasonID:



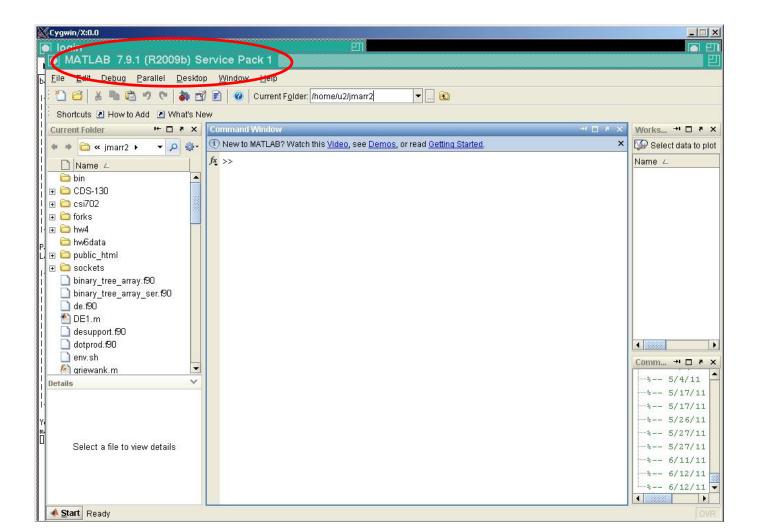
Enter your Mason cluster password when prompted to do so . . .



Finally, enter the single word command, "matlab"

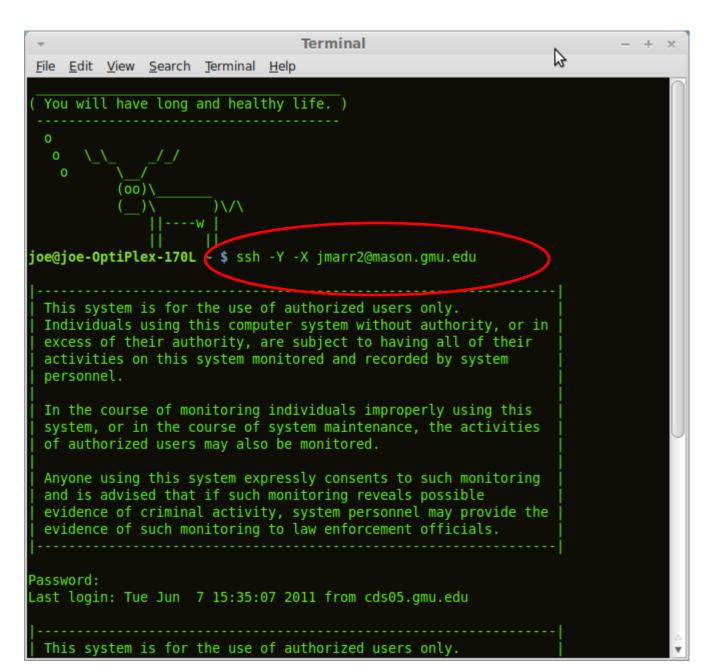


You've now logged into Matlab, which is presented through the Xwindows interface. Note that the version of Matlab available here is NEWER than the one available through VCL!

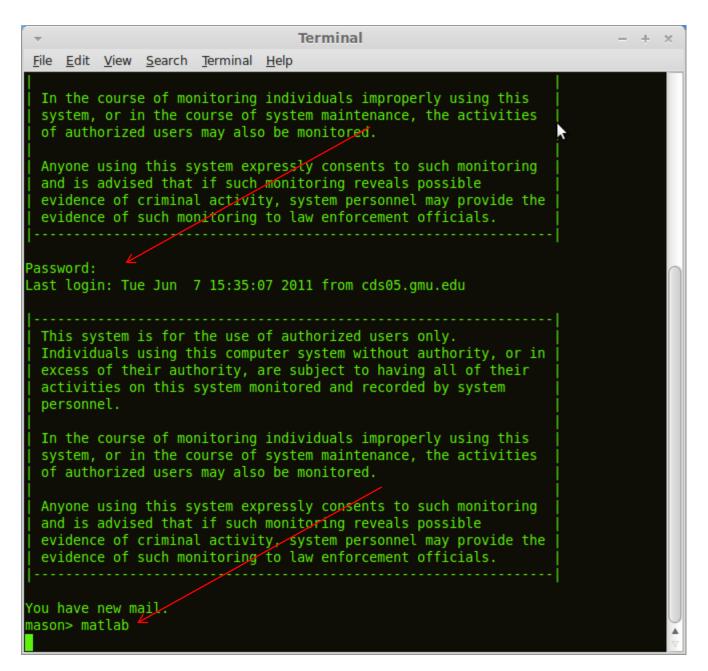


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You're now logged in, using Linux's native Xwindows capability.

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