Using the Campus VPN Remote Connection: Mac to Mac

These instructions will show you how to set up a Mac on campus to receive a remote connection, and then connect to the campus Mac from another Mac. All action items will be in bold. The instructions are written in two parts: Configuration of a Mac on Campus, and Remoting to Your Campus Mac from a Mac.

PART ONE: Configuration of a Mac on Campus

*Note: This part of the instructions is to be performed on the Mac that will be staying on campus. You will also need to obtain your IP address, which can be found in the Network part of System Preferences or by going to Google and typing “what is my IP address”. It is important to check the Energy settings in System Preferences to make sure your computer does not fall asleep or turn off or you will be unable to remote into the machine.

Open System Preferences. Locate the Sharing folder – in the below image it is the last item in the third row, but location can vary based on Operating System (OS). Click on the Sharing folder to open options.
Along the left column there will be several options. If Screen Sharing appears as below, move on to the next step. If it does not, you will first need to unlock the page to make changes. **Click** on the lock on the lower left corner and **enter** your *admin* username and password when prompted and then **click Unlock**.

In order to make sure only the accounts for which you are responsible have remote access to this machine, use the box on the lower right to add allowed users to **select** the “Only these users:” radio button, then **click** the + and a list of machine users will come up. **Click** the allowed accounts and **click** select. Repeat as needed for allowed accounts. **Click** the lock on the lower left to prevent further changes.

**END OF PART ONE. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PART TWO ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR REMOTING TO YOUR CAMPUS MAC FROM A MAC.**
PART TWO: REMOTING TO YOUR CAMPUS MAC FROM A MAC

*Note: These instructions are to be performed on the machine from which you will use on the go. Before proceeding with these instructions, make sure your device is connected to network and also connected to the VPN.

In the Finder options, Select Go, then select “Connect to Server” (notice there is also a shortcut option to instead press Command + K).

Enter your IP address obtained from Part One in the below format. Replace the last two x placeholders with the correct information for your IP.
You will then be prompted for your username and password. This is the account you allowed in Part One and may not be the same as your UMB email username and password!

Enter your username and password and Click connect. You will then see your Desktop from your Mac on campus! When you are finished with your session, Navigate to Screen Sharing and Click Quit Screen Sharing.

Thank you for using these instructions. If you experience issues during the installation process, please contact the IT Service Desk at 7-5220.

If you have feedback and/or corrections for these instructions, please email IT.Security@umb.edu.