

# Accessing Staff Remote Desktop via Linux

## Using vWorkspace to access the Staff Remote Desktop on Linux

The notes were created using Linux Mint 17. Instructions for other Linux distributions may vary or not work at all.

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**Steps 1 - 7 only have to be completed on first use. Once the vWorkspace App has been installed and configured start at Step 8.**

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### IT Security

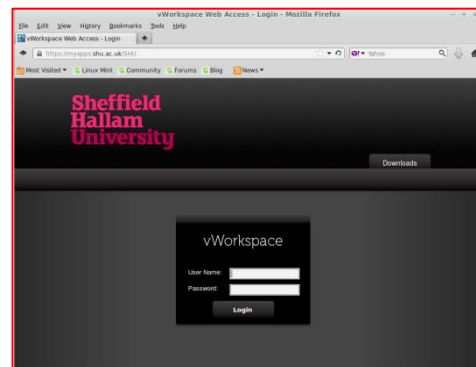
Be aware that if using this service you must abide by the relevant SHU Policies regarding working off campus; this includes both IT Security and Data Protection.

All devices should be password protected and have individual accounts if used by more than one person. Personal or sensitive data must be encrypted.

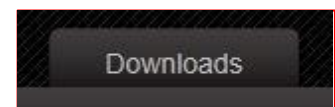
All SHU Policies can be found here: <http://eisf.shu.ac.uk>

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1. Open a web browser and go to <http://myapps.shu.ac.uk>



2. Click on the **Downloads** tab then select the **Linux Connector**

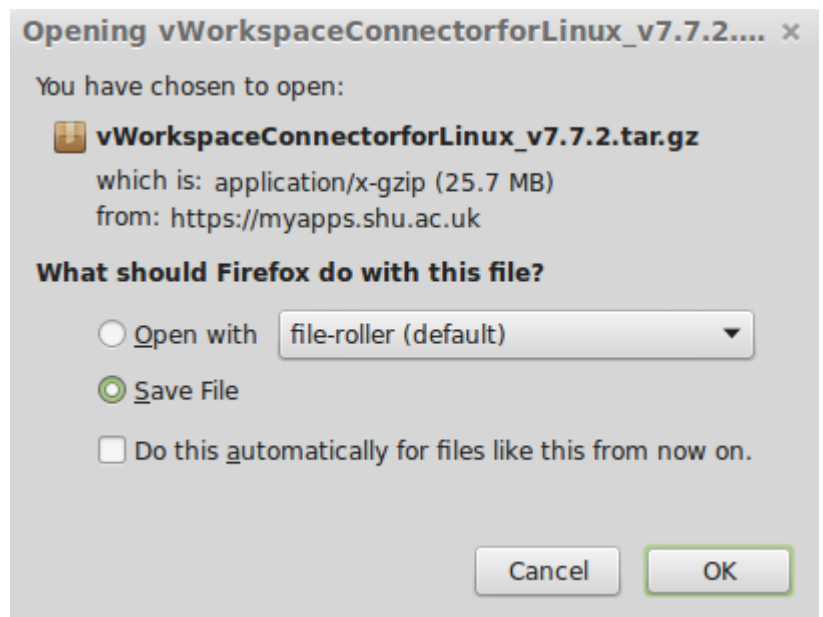


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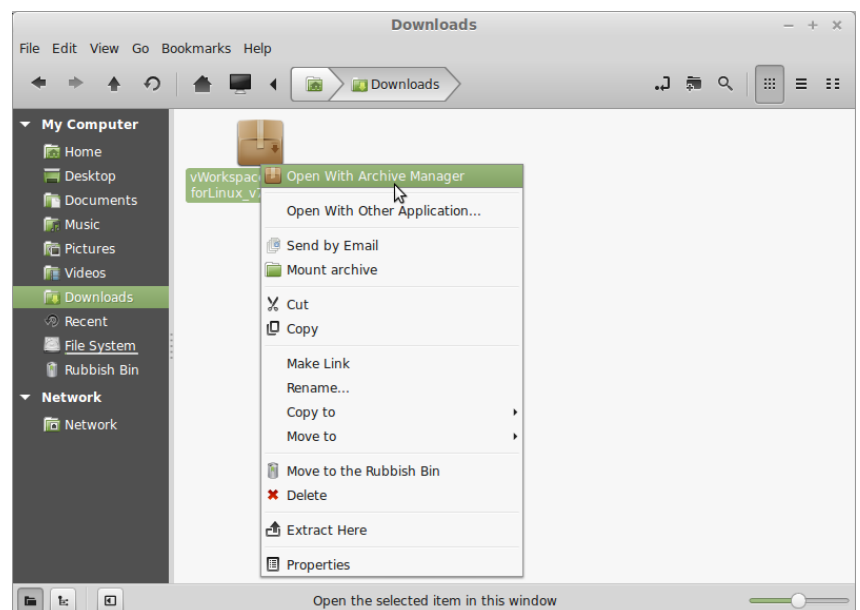
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- Next select to **Save File**.  
Save the file to the **Downloads** folder



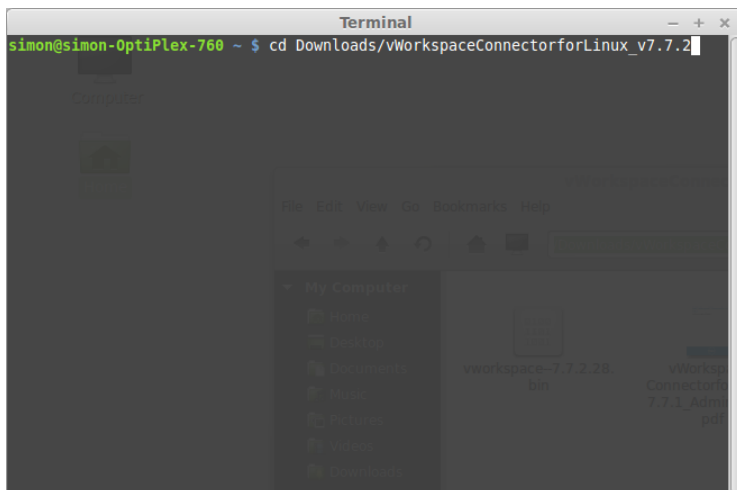
- Open the downloads folder and open the downloaded vWorkspaceConnector tar.gz file with Archive Manager

Extract the archive to the current folder, keeping the folder structure



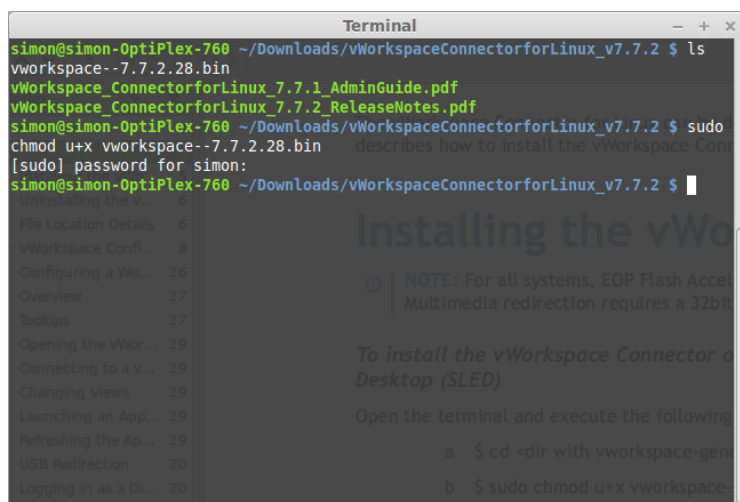
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5. Open a terminal window and change to the newly extracted folder



6. Within the terminal window change the permissions on the bin file. To do this type:

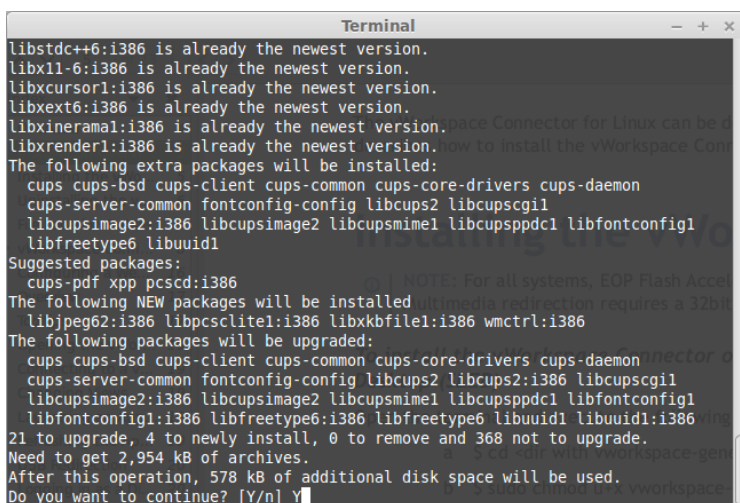
- **sudo chmod u+x (name of bin file)**
- enter your password when requested



7. Let the bin file extract and install the necessary components as required. To do this type:

- **./(name of bin file)**

Once completed the necessary files should be installed to allow access to vWorkspace



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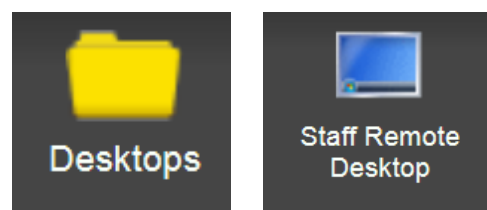
8. Once your PC has restarted navigate back to <http://myapps.shu.ac.uk> and **log in** using your **SHU Username** and **Password**. Next **configure** the Remote Desktop for the best experience using the instructions found at <http://go.shu.ac.uk/srdpreferences>

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9. Once the vWorkspace preferences have been saved you are only required to log into the Staff Remote Desktop using your **SHU Username and Password**

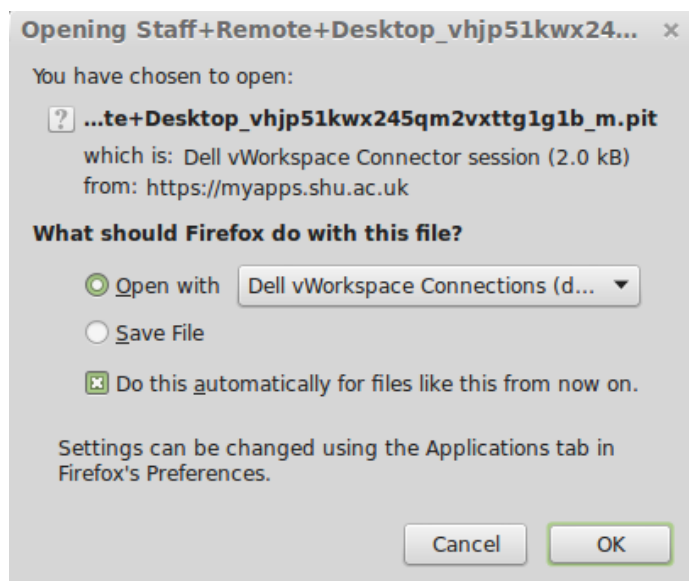
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10. Once logged in click the **Desktops** icon then click the **Staff Remote Desktop** icon to launch.

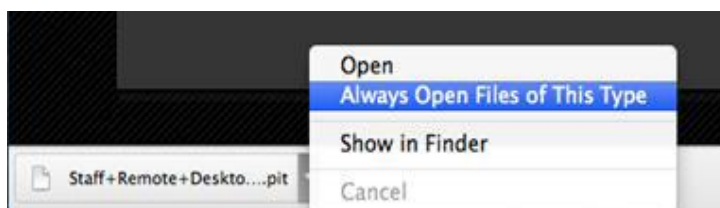


11. With Firefox, when asked what to do with the PIT file that is downloaded, select

- Open with Dell vWorkspace Connections
- Select 'Do this automatically for files like this'



If using Chrome, you will need to set these to open automatically by clicking the arrow next to the file in the bottom left of the Chrome window, then clicking **Always Open Files of This Type**.



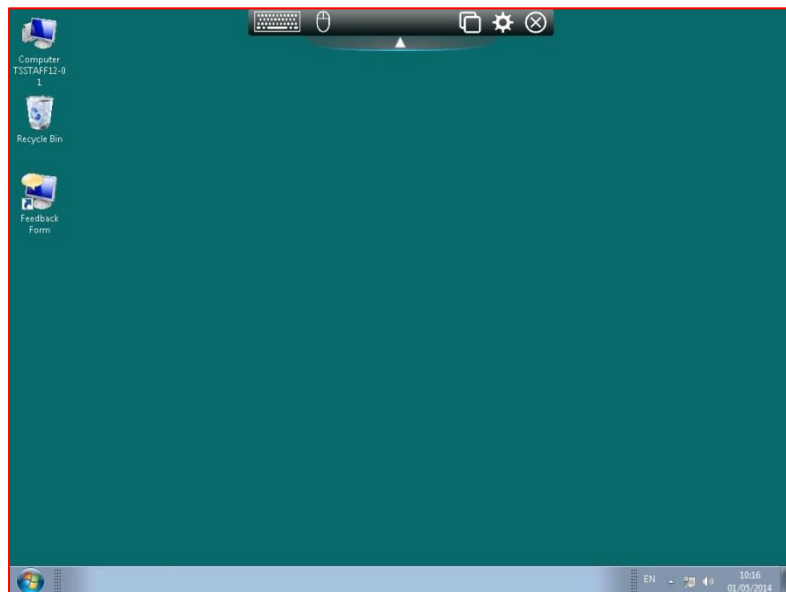
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10. The desktop will then load and you will be able to access files etc. as if you were at a PC within SHU.



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**NOTE: DO NOT save anything to the desktop as this will be lost when the Staff Remote Desktop is closed. Please ensure you save files to your HomeDrive**