



## Remote Desktop

### General overview

With Remote Desktop, you get full access to your work computer via an Internet or network connection. For example, you can connect to your office computer from home and work with files, programs, and resources as though you were in front of your computer at work.

### Hardware and OS recommendations

To use Remote Desktop, you need the following:

- Windows XP Professional installed on your office computer, or whichever computer you plan to operate remotely. This computer is the “host.”
- A remote computer running Windows 95 or better or Mac OS 10.2.8 or later  
This computer is the “client” and it must have the **Remote Desktop Connection** client software installed.
- A connection to the Internet  
A broadband Internet connection improves performance, but it is not necessary because Remote Desktop transfers only the minimal data (such as display data and keyboard data) to remotely control your host computer. Therefore, even low-bandwidth Internet connections allow you to control your office computer remotely.

Click [here for information on using Microsoft Remote Desktop Connection Client for Mac](#).

\* The hard disk should be in Mac OS Extended (HFS+) format, the default format for Mac. Microsoft does not currently support running Remote Desktop Connection from a hard disk that is in another format. To determine the format of your hard disk, on the **Apple** menu, click **About This Mac**, and then click **More Info**.

**Tip:** If you're not sure whether your computer meets these requirements, you can display information about your computer by using the Apple System Profiler program included with Mac OSX. To start the program, on the **Apple** menu, click **About This Mac**, and then click **More Info**

## Installation

You must first enable the Remote Desktop feature on your office computer so that you can control it remotely from another computer. You must be logged on as an administrator or a member of the Administrators group to enable Remote Desktop on your Windows XP Professional-based computer.

Right click on **My Computer** and go to **Properties**  
Click on the **Remote** tab



Check the **Allow users to connect remotely to this computer** box

*If you are using a firewall, this connection must be allowed to pass through, for Windows XP firewalls, click [here](#), for all other firewalls, see individual help files within the firewall program for instructions.*

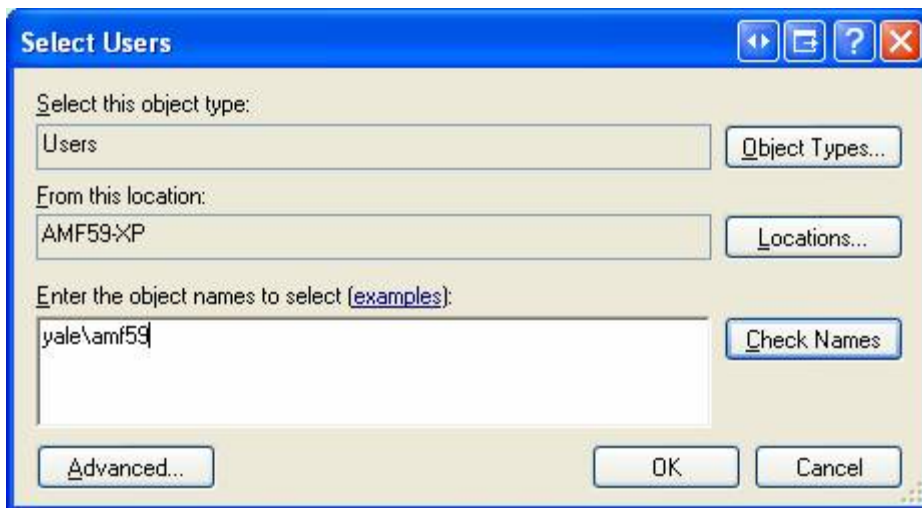
Click on the **Select Remote Users** button



Verify that your NetID is the ID that has access listed above the **Add** button.

By default, the user that enables **Remote Desktop** is the user that has access to logon remotely. To add additional users select the **Add** button.

In the area **Enter the object names to select** you can add users in the format of **Yale***netid* and click on **Check Names** for Windows to verify that the username is correct.

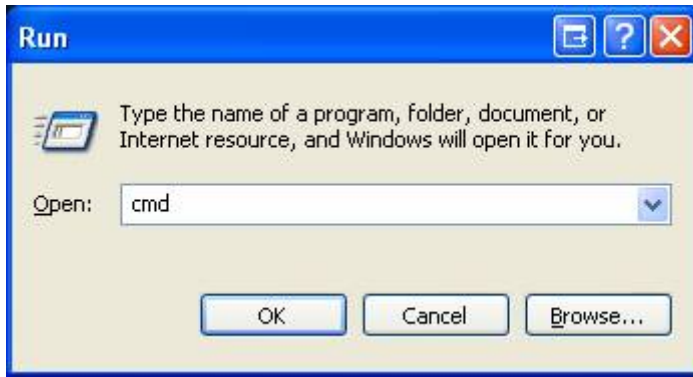


Click **OK** when finished.

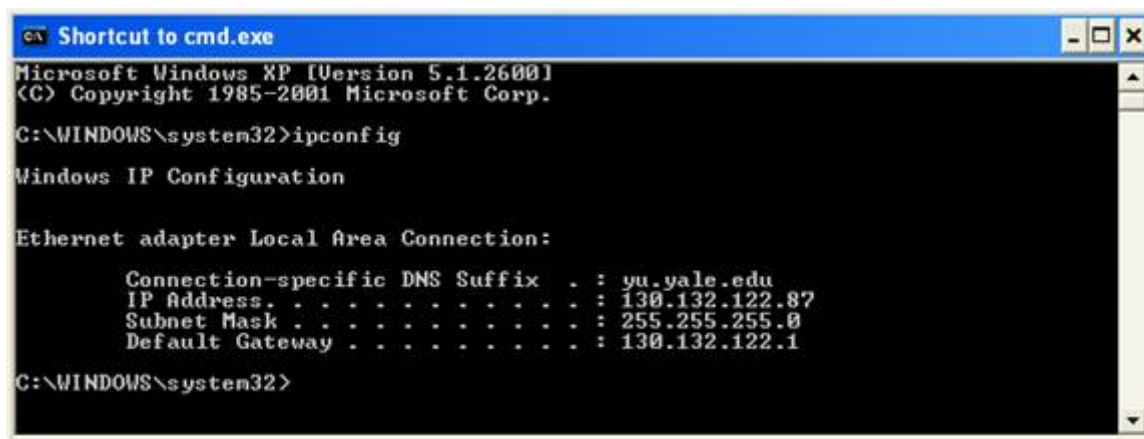
Next, you will need to get to IP Address of this computer; this is what you will use to connect to this computer from the remote pc.

Click on the **Start** button and go to **Run**

Type **cmd**



Type **ipconfig** in the command prompt and it will list your IP Address.



Next install and configure Remote Desktop.

*If you are connecting from Windows 95, Windows 98 and 98 Second Edition, Windows Me, Windows NT 4.0, or Windows 2000 you must first install the Remote Desktop Client in step 1. If you are connecting from Windows XP you can proceed to Step 2.*

### **Step 1: Remote Desktop Client Installation**

This software package will install the client portion of Remote Desktop on any of the listed operating systems. When run, this software allows older Windows platforms to remotely connect to a computer running Windows XP Professional with Remote Desktop enabled.

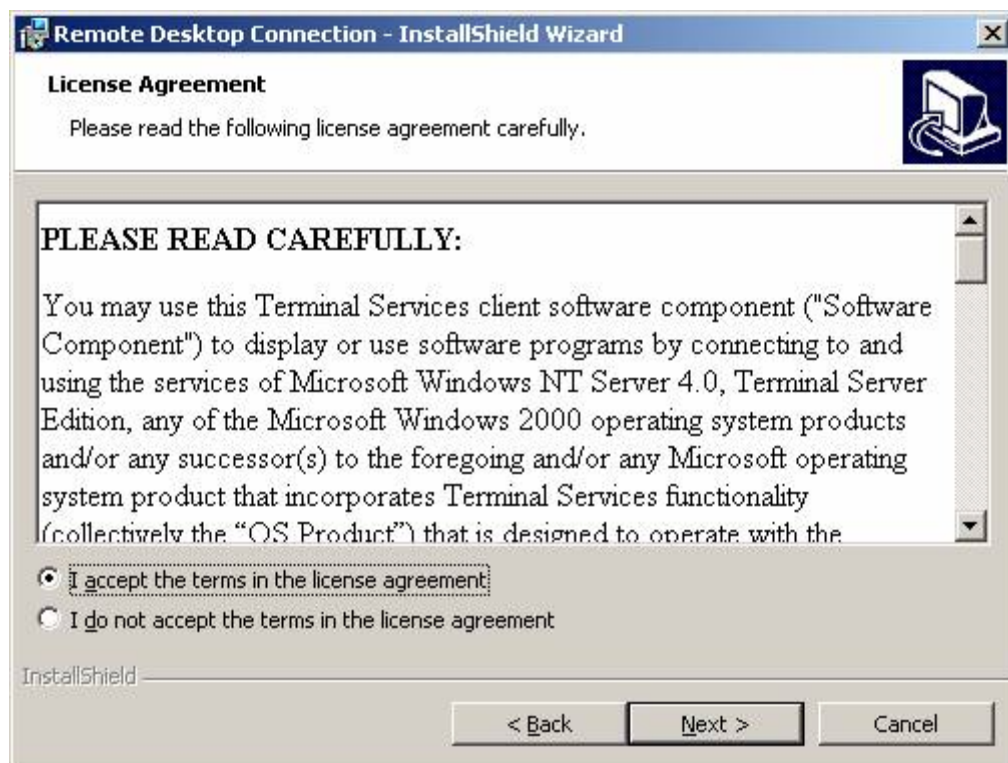
Download the MSRDPCLI.EXE, file from the [Yale Software Library](#).

Once you have downloaded the file, double click it to begin the install process.

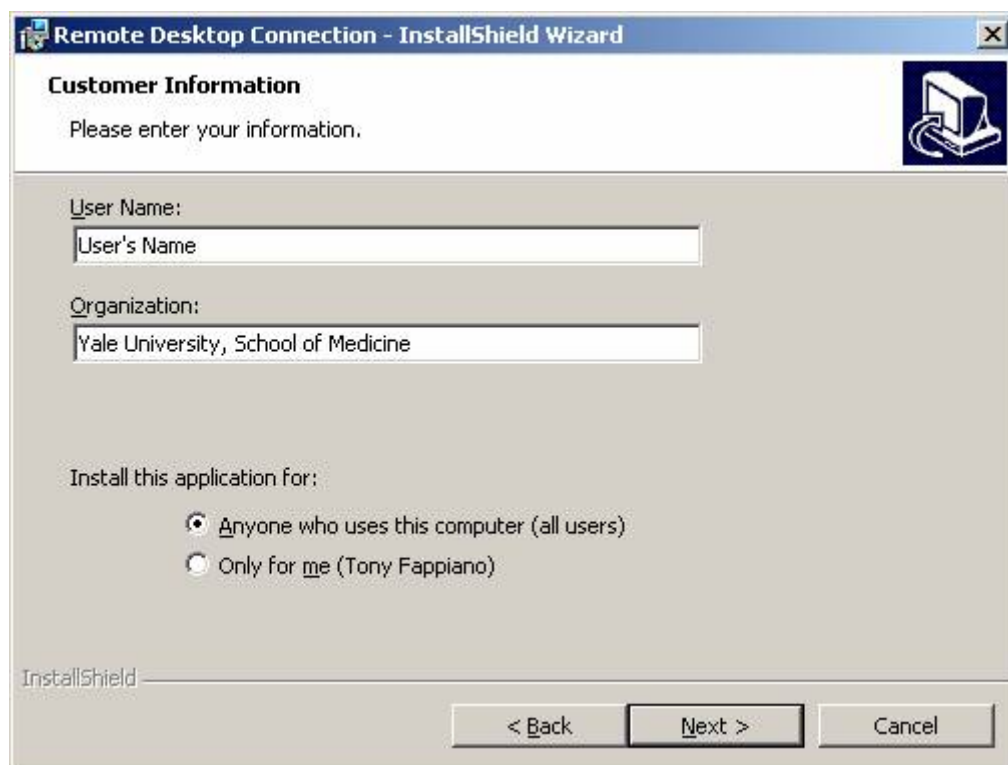
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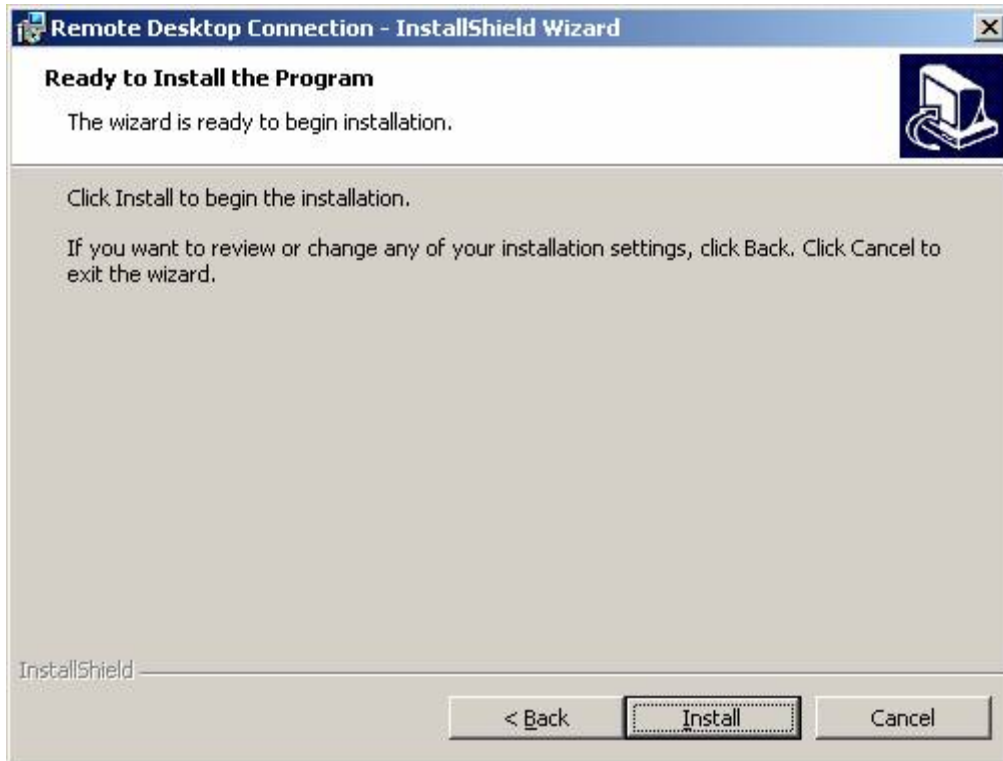
Check the radio button **I accept the terms in the license agreement** and click **Next**



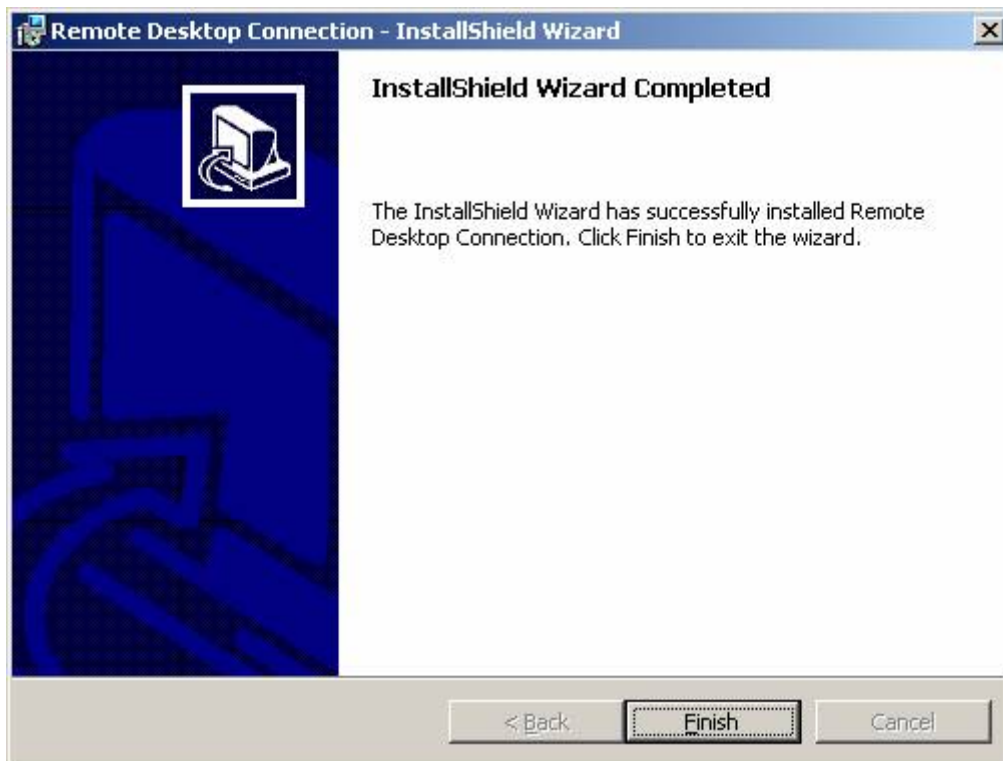
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## Click **Install**



## Click **Finish**



## Step 2: Making the Connection

You can access the Remote Desktop program by going to **Start – Programs – Accessories – Communications – Remote Desktop Connection**



Type the **IP Address** you received from the host pc and click on **Connect**

This will connect to your Windows XP computer's logon screen. At this point you will be able to logon using the NetID and password you enabled with the Remote Desktop Connection.

