

# EMF RDP guide - Fall 2020

**\*\* EMF RDP access is reserved for registered students in Engineering/ARCH undergraduates & Urban Planning only**

## 1) In order to access EMF resources, the following must be setup:

### a) Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)

- 2FA is required for many services and is mandatory for VPN

<https://www.mcgill.ca/itsupport/2fa-setup>

### b) McGill VPN

<https://www.mcgill.ca/itsupport/vpn>

If there are issues setting up 2FA/VPN, students should contact McGill Central IT services for support directly  
itsupport@mcgill.ca

514-398-3398

<https://www.mcgill.ca/itsupport/servicedesk-about>

## 2) Software access on EMF workstations

- If students have access to install/run software (i.e. freeware or free student versions), it is highly recommended it is installed on their personal workstation.

- For softwares that cannot be installed (i.e. licensed softwares) and have been already approved/installed on the EMF workstations, please proceed with the steps for EMF RDP access

\* Note: Some softwares may only be installed in certain workstations/labs

## 3) RDP to EMF workstation

- Ensure you are properly connected to McGill VPN

- To find/access an available EMF workstation to RDP to, please visit:

<http://025englabs.campus.mcgill.ca/maps>

The screenshot shows the KeyReporter interface for EMF Labs. The main content area displays a list of 13 EMF labs, each with a green progress bar indicating software availability. The data is as follows:

Lab Name	Software Availability
EMF FDA1 - Classroom	23/24 (96%)
EMF FDA2	26/26 (100%)
EMF MC021 - Mech Eng Design Network	7/8 (88%)
EMF MC10 - Classroom	25/25 (100%)
EMF MD285 - Civil Lab	40/40 (100%)
EMF MD50 - Mech Eng Design Lab	49/49 (100%)
EMF MDH103 - Architecture Lab	8/8 (100%)
EMF MDHG15 - D'Ombra Lab	63/63 (100%)
EMF TR4 - Trotter 4th	43/43 (100%)
EMF TR5 - Trotter 5th	50/50 (100%)
EMF WONG 1120 - Ulmer Lab	15/16 (94%)
EMF Wong Lobby	7/7 (100%)
EMFUP MDH410 - Urban Planning Grad Lab	23/24 (96%)

Select an EMF lab that you should have access to:

General Access labs (for ALL EMF users):

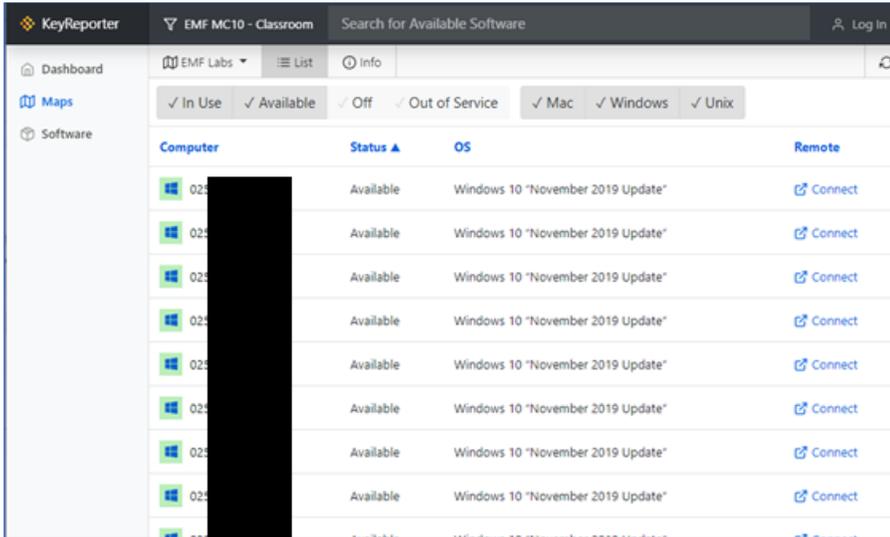
FDA1, FDA2, MC10, MDHG15, TR4, TR5, Wong Lobby

Restricted labs:

MC021 (FSAE), MD285/291 (CIVIL Design Project Course), MD50 (MECH), MDH103 (ARCH), MDH410/414/416 (UP), WONG 1120 (CHEM)

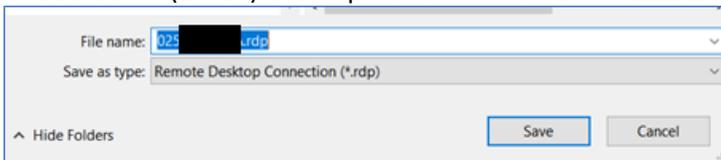
The selected lab will show a list of available workstations

- Choose an available workstation and click on **'Connect'**

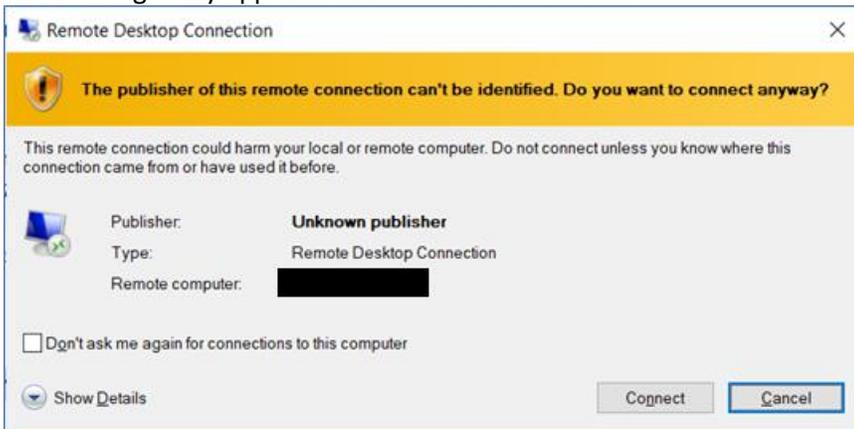


Save the .rdp file (i.e. on your desktop on your personal computer)

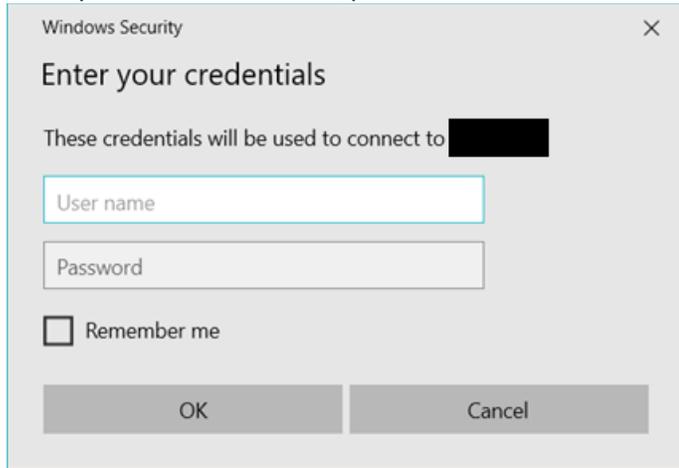
- Double click (or run) the .rdp file to initiate the RDP session



This message may appear. Click **'Connect'** to continue



Enter your McGill username/password



The image shows a Windows Security dialog box titled "Enter your credentials". It contains the following elements: a close button (X) in the top right corner; the text "Enter your credentials"; a line of text "These credentials will be used to connect to" followed by a blacked-out area; a text input field labeled "User name"; a text input field labeled "Password"; a checkbox labeled "Remember me" which is currently unchecked; and two buttons at the bottom: "OK" and "Cancel".

\* Please consult the EMF workstation availability RDP site each time you need to RDP  
- Workstation(s) you accessed previously may not be available

\*\* If using an operating system other than Windows 10 (e.g. macOS, Linux) you must install a compatible RDP client for your operating system

Once RDP session is finished, you must sign out (Do Not Disconnect your session)

- Right click on the Start Menu icon → **Sign out** → **Sign out**

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#### RDP policies on EMF workstations:

1) If a user has disconnected their EMF RDP session (not signed out properly)

- After 15 minutes, their session will be logged off.
- Any unsaved work will be lost

2) If an EMF RDP session is connected but idle (no activity) for more than 15 minutes

- A system message will warn the user their session has been idle for too long and will be disconnected
- \* User can press any key to remain active during the 2-minute warning message
- If still idle, session will be disconnected and then #1) above applies

3) For any active EMF RDP sessions that stays connected for longer than 12 hours

- Session will be disconnected and any unsaved work will be lost

#### EMF workstation reboot for maintenance

\* EMF workstations have weekly reboots for maintenance (**TUES** at 4:00am or 4:30am).

\*\* If still logged during maintenance period any unsaved files will be lost.