# Microsoft Windows Vista PPTP Client Setup How To

To get started, you will need the following information:
- VPN server name: This will be either an IP address or a host name.
- VPN username: If you are a member of a Windows domain, this is most likely the same username you use to login to your computer.
- VPN password: If you are a member of a Windows domain, this is most likely the same username you use to login to your computer.
- (optional) DNS domain name suffix

Open the Control Panel (click on the **Start** button and then select **Control Panel**). In the text box on the top right, type in **network**. You should then see the *Network and Sharing Center* icon in the list below. Double click on it.
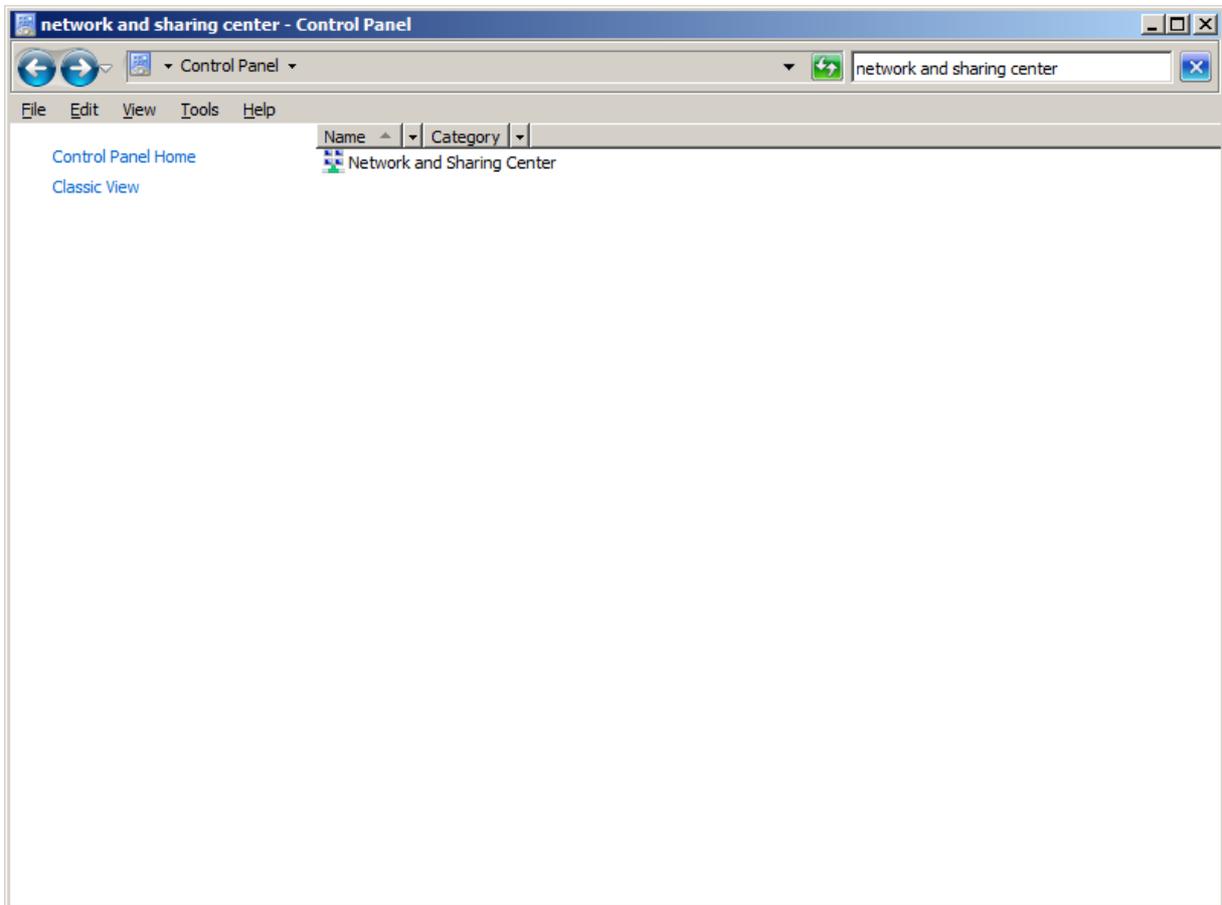
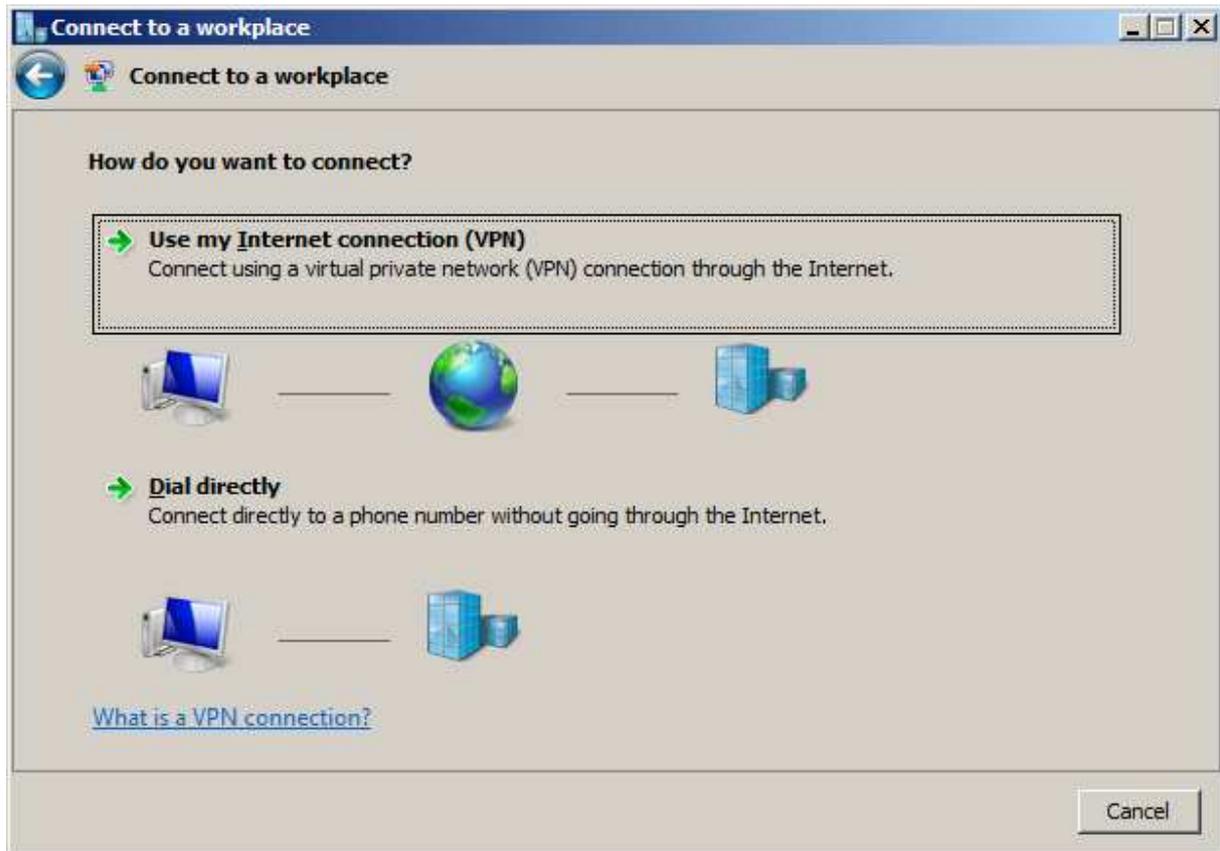Once in the *Network and Sharing Center,* click on **Set up a connection or network**.
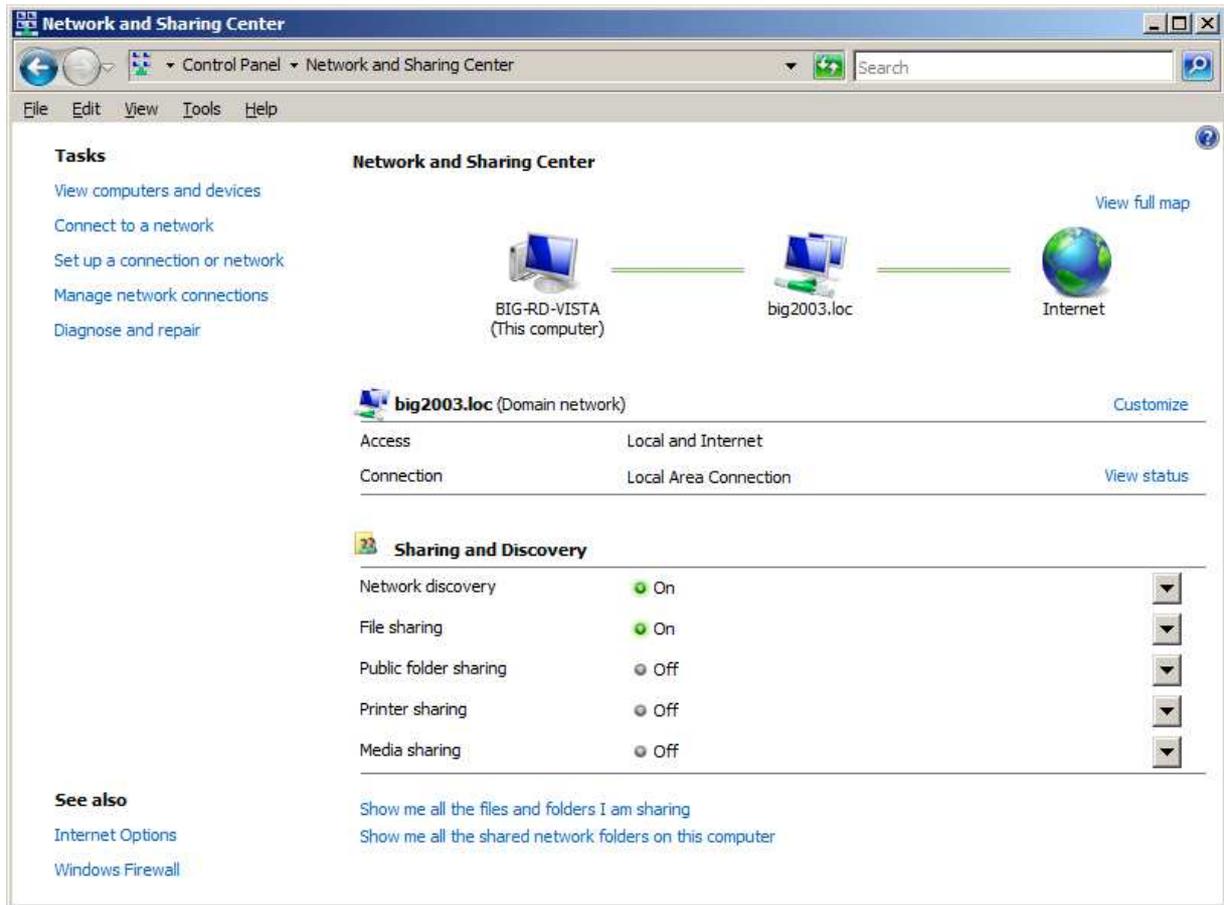
Select **Connect to a workplace** and click the **Next** button.
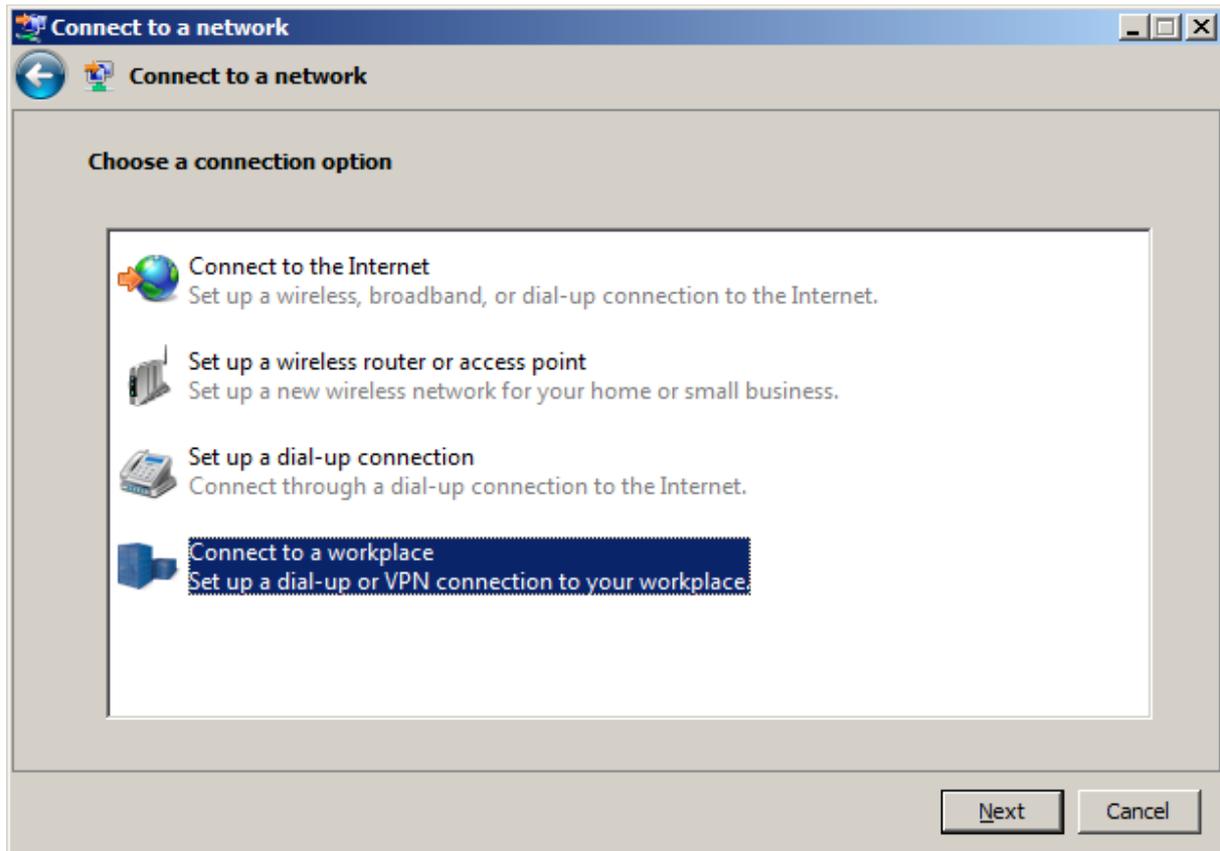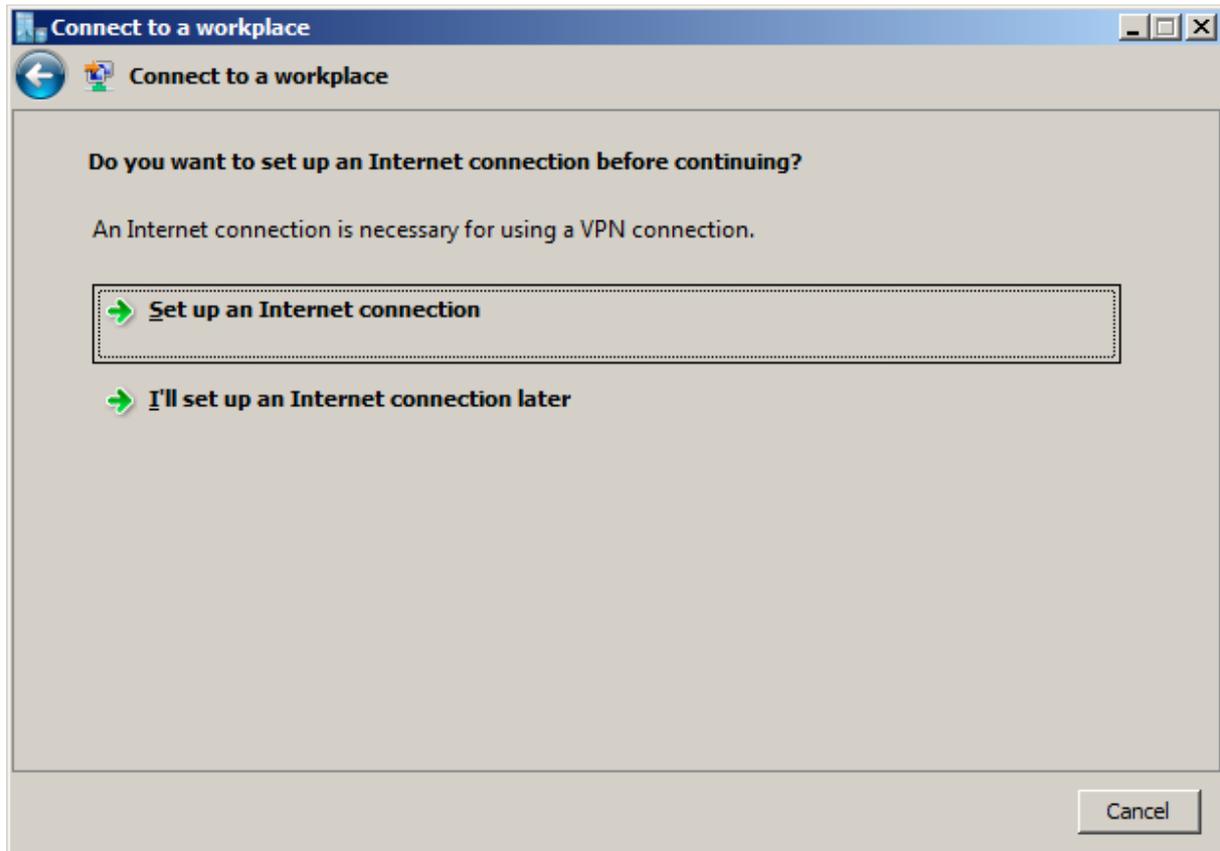
Select **No, create a new connection** and click the **Next** button.

Click on **Use my Internet connection (VPN)**.

If you see this screen, just select **I'll set up an Internet connection later**.

In the *Internet address* text box, enter the hostname or IP address of your VPN server. In the *Destination name* text box, enter the name of your company. Make sure the **Don't connect now; just set it up so I can connect later** box is checked and click the **Next** button.

Enter your username and password and then click the **Create** button.
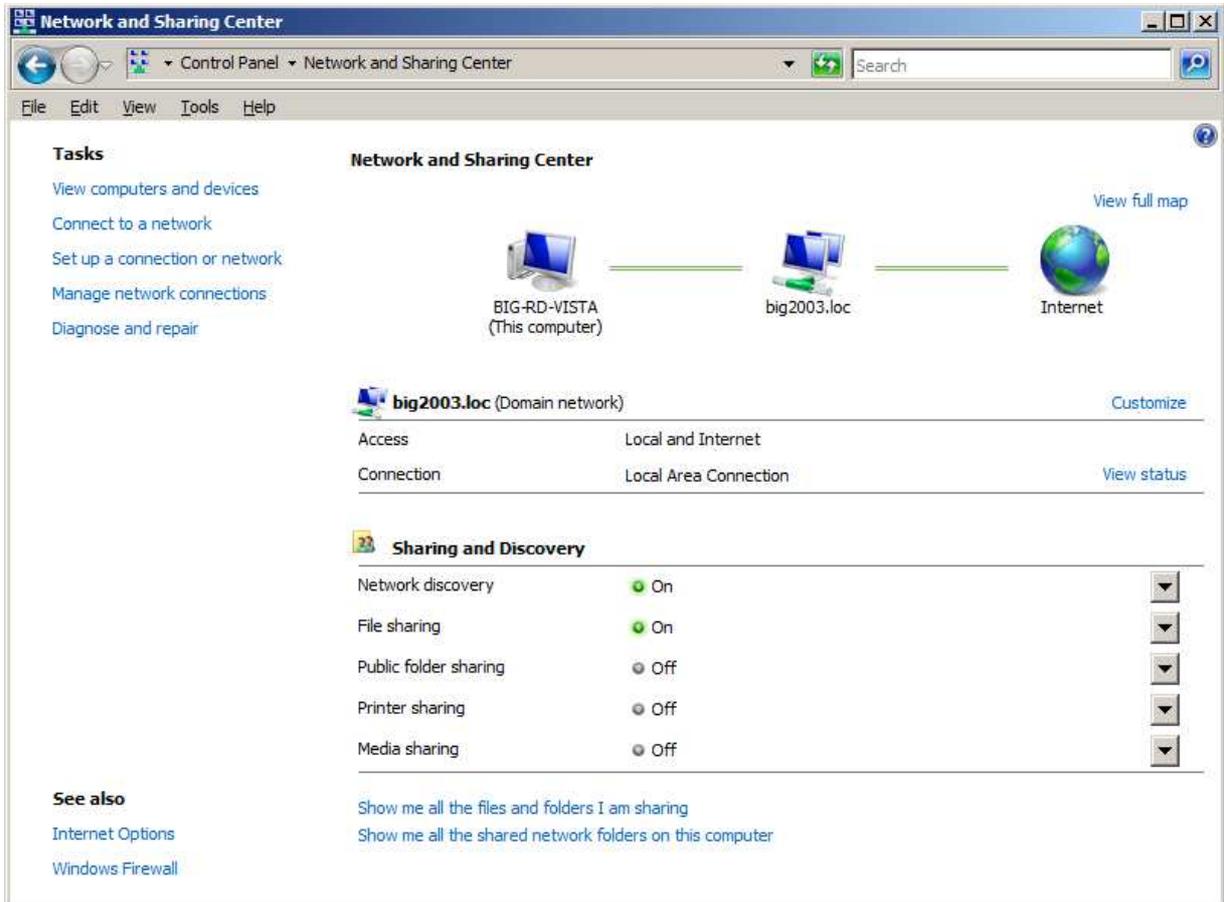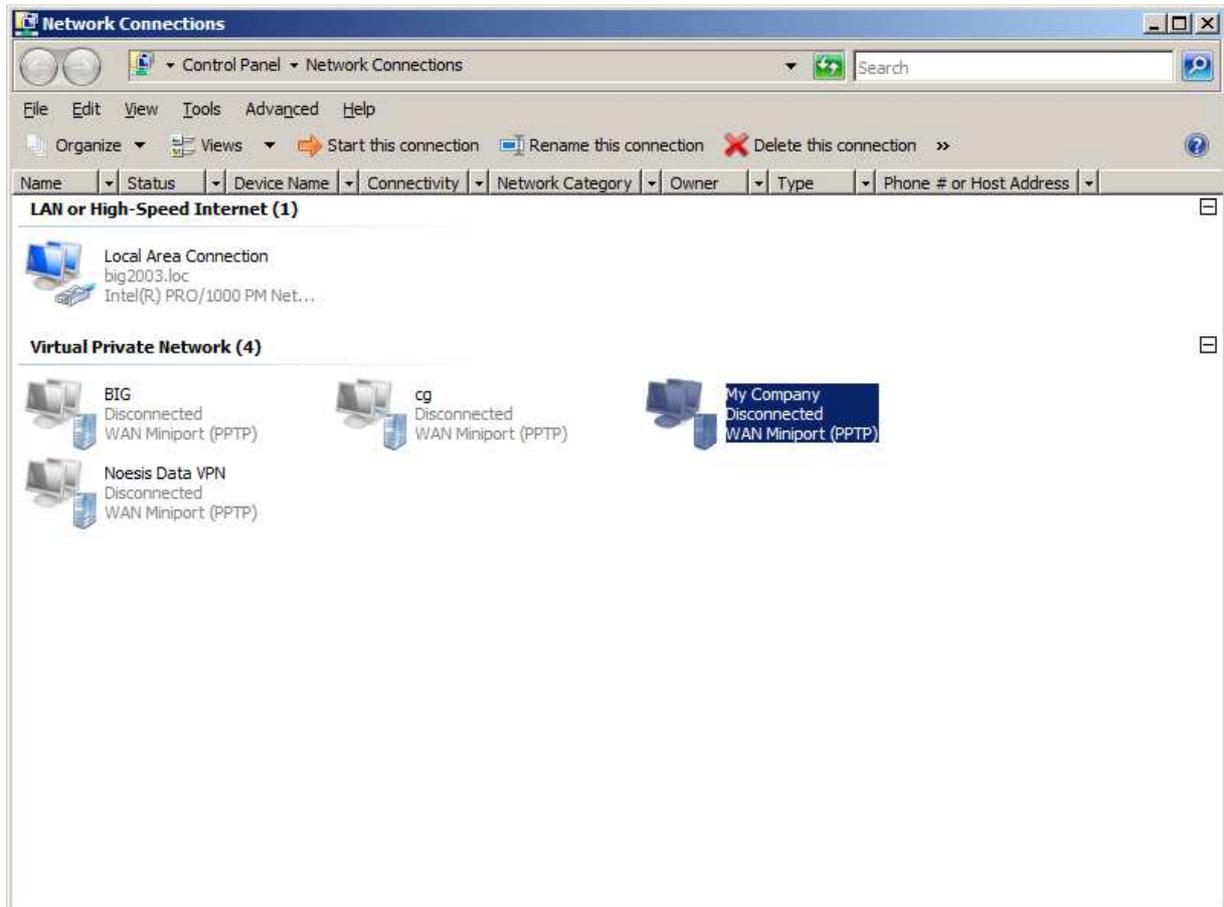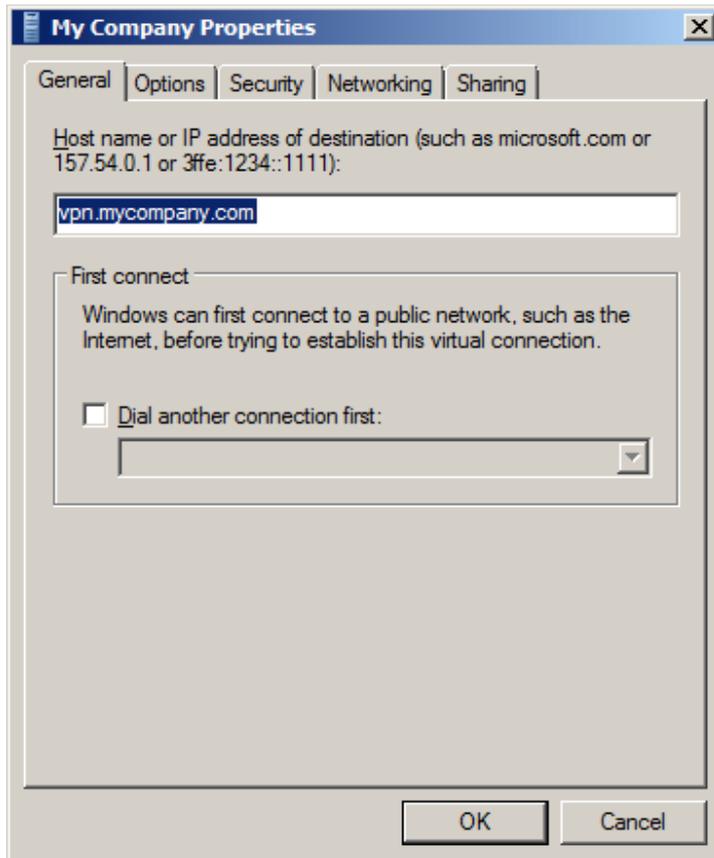
Click the **Close** button.
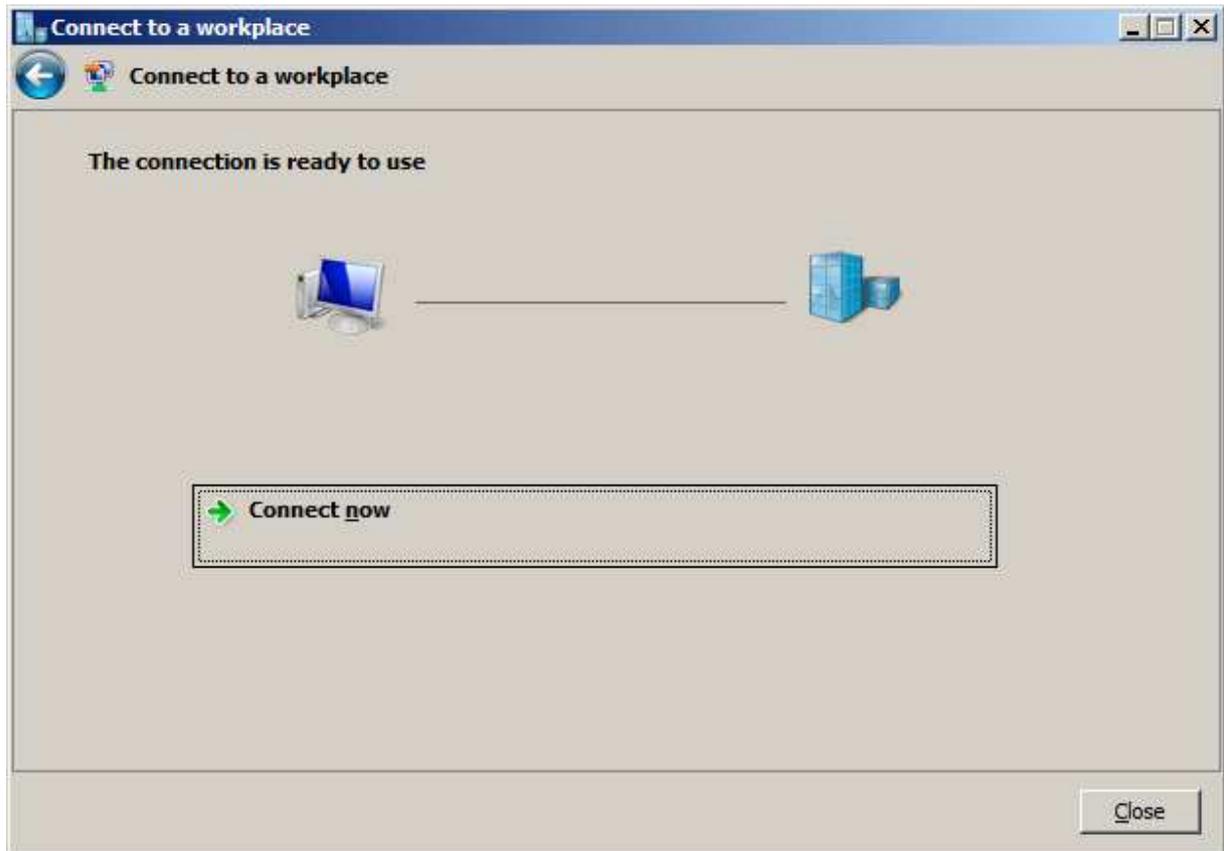
You should now be back to the *Network and Sharing Center*. Click on the **Manage network connections** link.
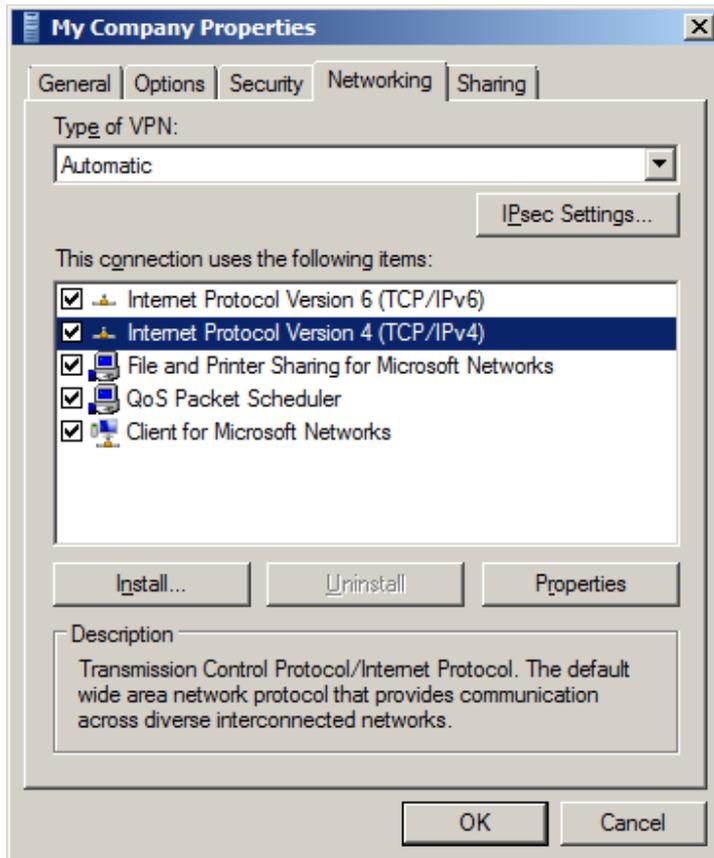
Right click on your newly created VPN connection and click **Properties**.
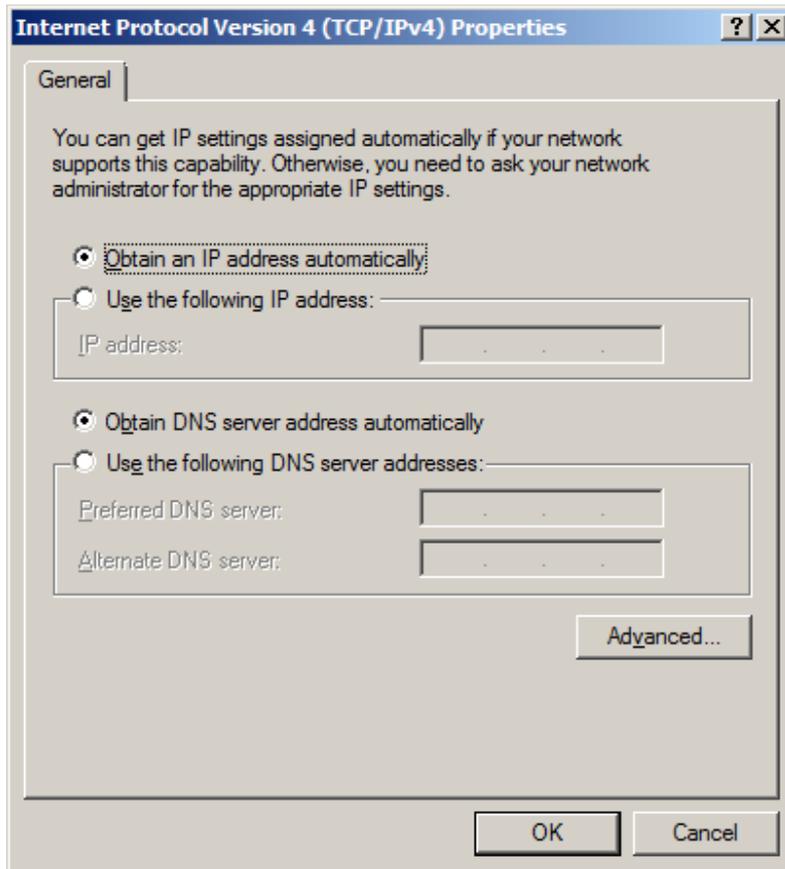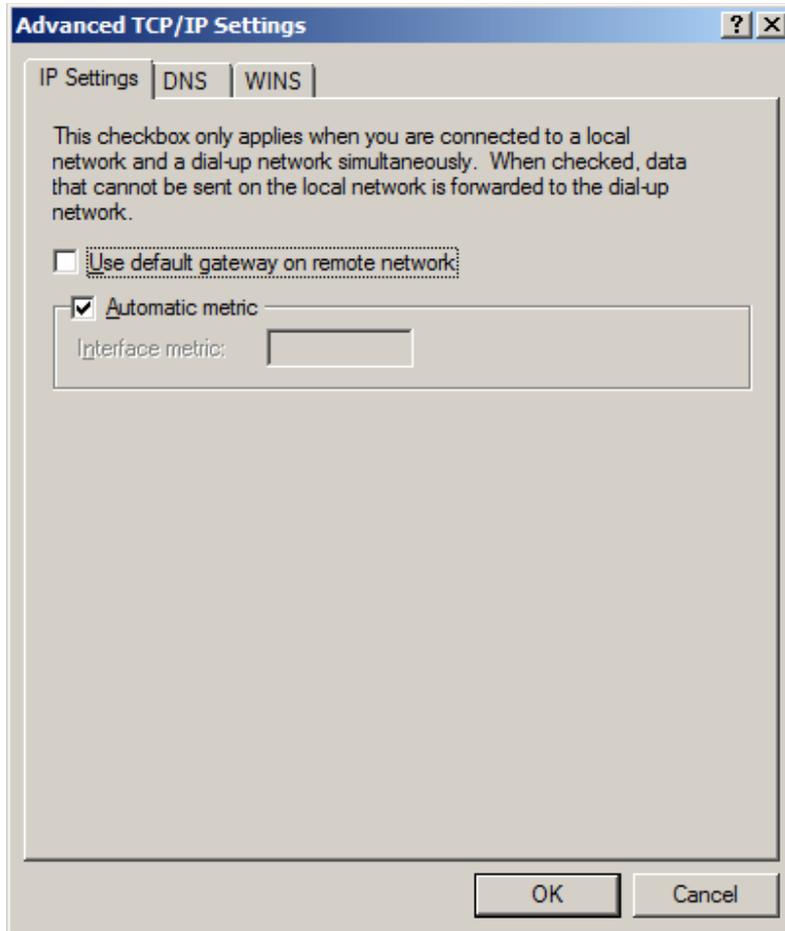
Click on the **Networking** tab.

Select **Internet Protocol Ver 4 (TCP/IPv4)** and click the **Properties** button.
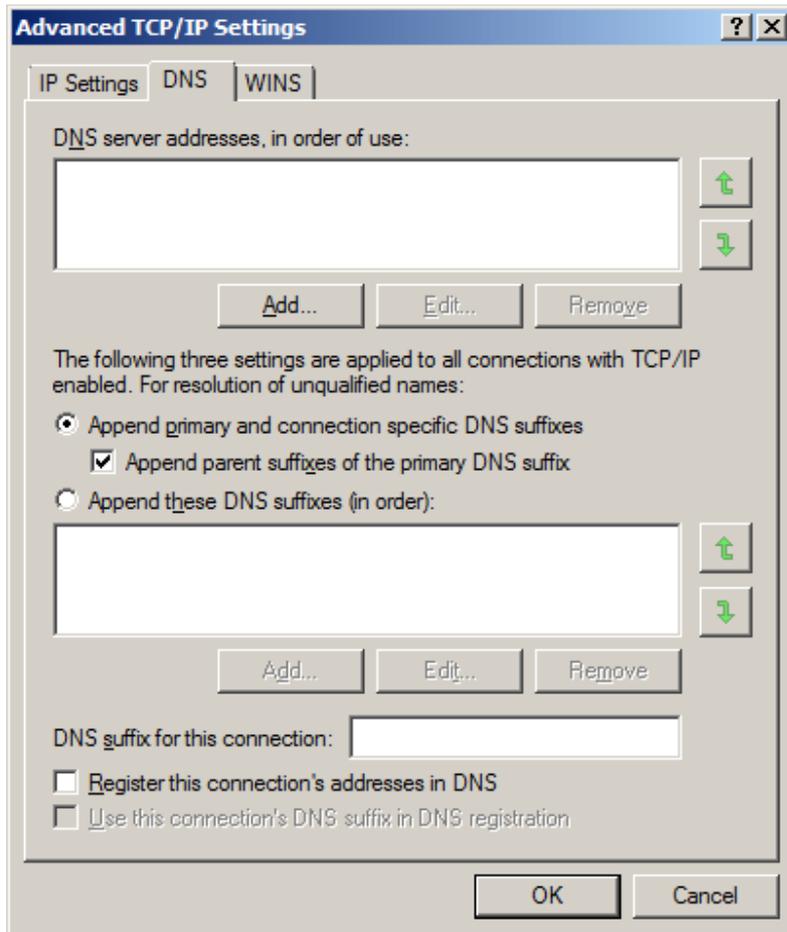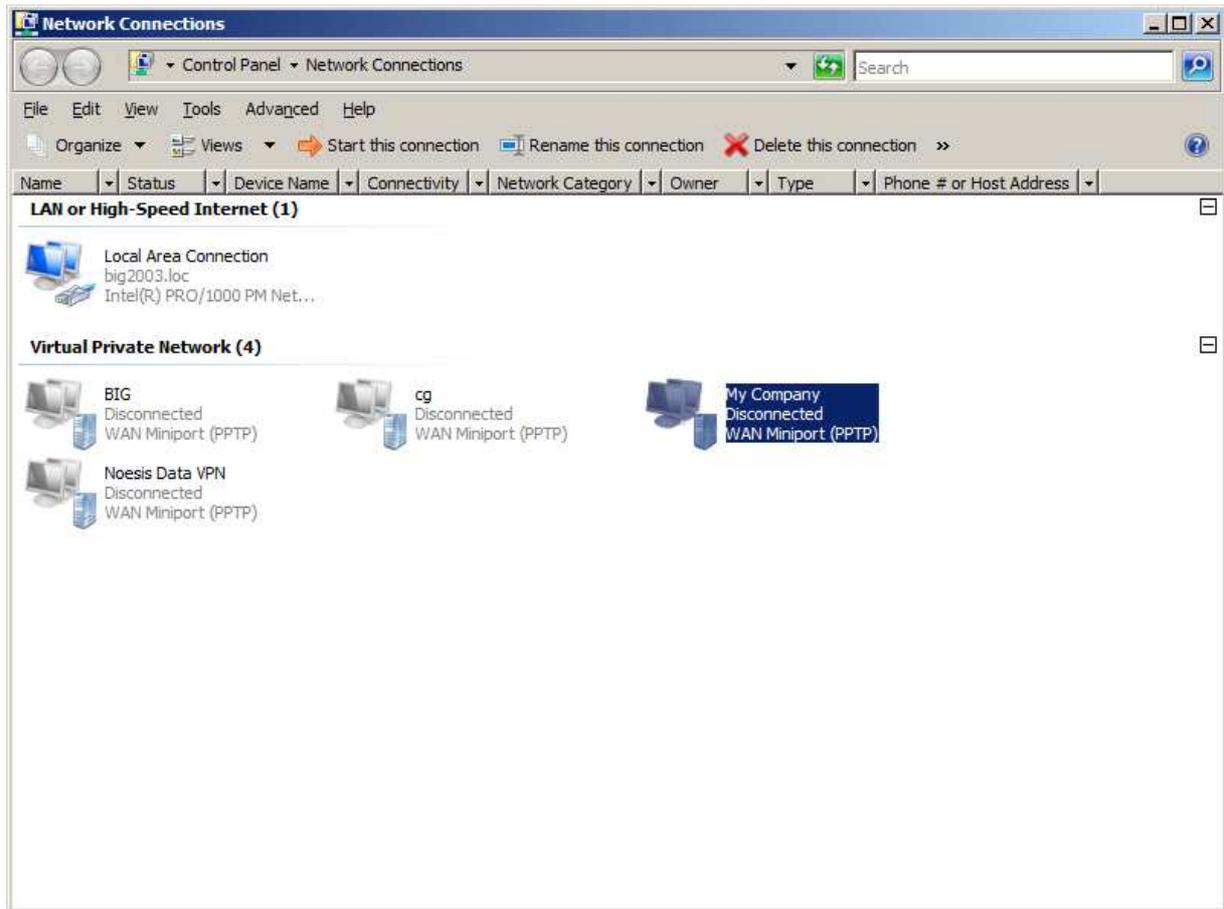
Click the **Advanced** button.

Make sure the **Use default gateway on remote network** box in blank and click the **OK** button. Continue clicking the **OK** buttons until you are back to the *Network Connection* screen.
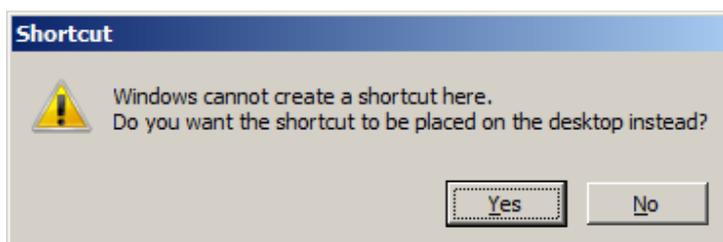
If you have been instructed to, fill in your **DNS suffix for this connection:** and click the **OK** button.

Right click on your VPN connection icon and click **Create shortcut**.

Click **Yes** to place a shortcut on your desktop.

Find your way to the new shortcut on your desktop and double click to open it. Enter your username and password and click **Connect**.