### Direct Access

UConn workstations managed by ITS can remotely access protected resources, such as the personal (P) and department (Q) drives, through Direct Access (DA). DA is a Microsoft service that provides remote access without the need for Virtual Private Network (VPN) connections. When a DA-enabled computer connects to the network (either internal or external), it automatically creates a protected connection back to its domain. In addition to providing convenient access to personal network resources, it also enables ITS to reliably maintain security patches for devices that are remote, even for extended periods of time.

The minimum requirements to use this service are that the university-issued computer must run Windows 7, Windows 8/8.1 or Windows 10 Enterprise and be connected to the ITS Active Directory.

⚠️ IT professionals who support mobile computers and leverage the capabilities of our managed workstation program can enable the DA service.

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