



Accessing Library Resources from Off-Campus Locations

In order to access the (ULS) University Library System's licensed online resources from an off-campus location, you must first log into a secure network. The service, known as Secure VPN, insures that only Pitt students, faculty, and staff are able to access Pitt's licensed databases and e-journals. These instructions explain how to access selected network services using the Secure VPN service.

Connecting to the Secure VPN Service

In the address bar at the top of your browser screen, type <https://SSLVPN.PITT.EDU> and then press the Enter key.

OR

Go to the Pitt Digital Library at www.library.pitt.edu. Click on Connecting From Off-Campus. Then click the <https://sslvpn.pitt.edu> link.

Signing in to the Network

Enter your University Computer Account username and password. Click the **Sign In** button to continue.

A temporary screen will appear that indicates the Secure Application manager is launching. This process could take up to several minutes depending on your configuration.

The screenshot shows the login interface for the University of Pittsburgh's Instant Virtual Extranet. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the University of Pittsburgh logo and name. Below the header, the text reads "Welcome to the Pitt Instant Virtual Extranet". There are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". To the right of these fields, it says "Please sign in to begin your secure session." Below the input fields is a "Sign In" button.

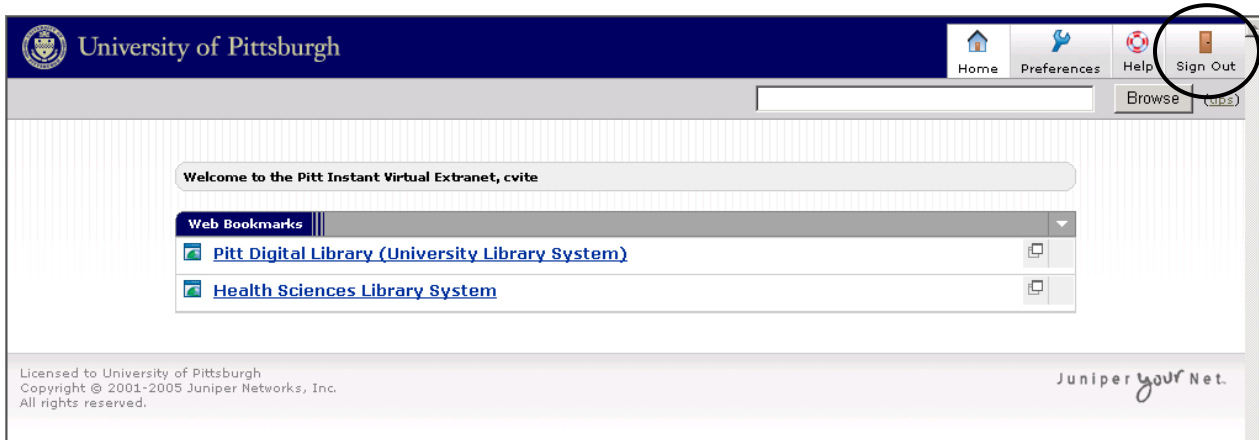
Welcome Screen

When you see the Welcome screen below, you have successfully connected to the Secure VPN service.

The screenshot shows the welcome screen after a successful VPN connection. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the University of Pittsburgh logo and name. On the right side of the header, there are navigation links: Home, Preferences, Help, and Sign Out. Below the header, there is a search bar with a "Browse" button and a "(tips)" link. The main content area features a "Welcome to the Pitt Instant Virtual Extranet, cvite" message. Below this, there is a "Web Bookmarks" section with a dropdown arrow. The bookmarks list includes "Pitt Digital Library (University Library System)" and "Health Sciences Library System". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with copyright information: "Licensed to University of Pittsburgh Copyright © 2001-2005 Juniper Networks, Inc. All rights reserved." and the Juniper logo with the tagline "Juniper your Net."

Disconnecting from the Secure VPN

Return to the **Welcome** screen and click the **Sign Out** button.



Additional Information

- You can establish a direct dial up connection to the University's network via the University's modem pool. In doing so, the ULS databases and other electronic resources will recognize that you are affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh and permit access. Instructions on establishing this connection can be found at: <http://technology.pitt.edu/documentation.html>
- You may use the Secure VPN service for a maximum of four hours at a time. After four hours you will be automatically disconnected from the service. You will also be automatically disconnected from the Secure VPN service if you are idle for thirty minutes.

Questions?

- For questions about library research call the Owen Library Reference Desk at (814) 269-7295. Questions can also be submitted via email or chat from <http://www.library.pitt.edu/john/ask.html>.
- For additional information, assistance, or to provide feedback on the Secure VPN service, contact the Technology Help Desk at 412-624-HELP or visit their website at: <http://technology.pitt.edu>