VPN Recommendations

Minimum PC Configuration Recommended for VPN
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional/XP Professional
- 300Mhz CPU
- 64MB of RAM
- 25MB free hard drive space

Dial-up, DSL or Cable Modem
The type of access you use for Virtual Private Network (VPN) is often times dictated by the offerings of your local Internet Service Provider/s (ISP). Dial-Up access will work. However to provide adequate response time, Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) or Cable Modem offer much faster response and for that reason are much more useable. Please see your local ISP for the services available in your area.

BellSouth http://services.bellsouth.net
AOL http://www.aol.com
NetDoor http://www.netdoor.com/access/residential
Time Warner http://www.twcjam.com/roadrunner
Cable
Mississippi DSL Providers Site http://dsl-internet-service-providers.com/dsl_mississippi.html

DSL Providers http://thedslzone.com

Virus Protection
From the Internet through downloading of files, emails and any number of other sources your home PC can be infected with viruses. If your PC becomes infected it can spread these to PCs here on campus. It is essential that you protect your home PC with an antivirus program.

Norton/Symantec http://www.norton.com
McAfee http://www.mcafee.com
Virus Information http://www.sarc.com
Virus Hoax Info http://www.sarc.com/avcenter/hoax.html

Firewall Protection
Do I need Firewall protection for my home PC?
The Internet is full of people that try to break into or Hack PCs or commercial systems just to see if they can. Some of these are much more malicious. We must protect our PCs from these attacks.

There are three basic types of firewall protection:

1) Those that are software programs that are installed on your home PC (Zone Alarm, Black Ice..)

2) Those that are built-into a Internet network router (LinkSys, NetGear, Dlink…)
   Note: these routers require a Ethernet Modem and an Ethernet connection from your home PC (NIC)

3) SecureClient VPN Client Software

Before you install The VPN client you must un-install any firewall software on your PC.
Firewall protection is built-into the SecureClient VPN. The SecureClient VPN Software will not allow other systems on the internet to take advantage of system vulnerabilities or hacks to your PC.

With all of the vulnerabilities to systems connected to the Internet there is no complete protection.

If you have installed any Personal Firewall PLEASE UN-INSTALL the product.
Below is a list of personal firewalls and their web address

ZoneAlarm http://www.zonelabs.com
BlackIce http://blackice.iss.net/
McAfee http://www.mcafee.com
SyMantec http://www.symantec.com