Remote Desktop Environments Offered by SOU

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This is an article about the **Remote Desktop** environments that **SOU** offers. Listed below are the names you can use to input into the **Remote Desktop Connection** menu under the **Computer** field.

Warning

- Please ensure that when you are done with your **Remote Desktop Connection** that you ***log out*** of the computer.
- The reason is that ***merely closing out*** keeps your session running and that draws resources that could be used by others. This, in turn, ***slows down everything for everyone***.

RemoteDesktop.sou.edu

This remotedesktop.sou.edu environment is meant to provide an experience similar to working on a ***standard campus computer***.

We have installed our site-licensed and commonly-used open source software in this environment. You are not able to install any software on **remotedesktop.sou.edu**. Any settings you change in your profile are persistent, so you should have a consistent experience every time you use **remotedesktop.sou.edu**. ***However, you must save any files to your Box account or your local computer. If you save anything to the C: drive of your Remote Desktop, you may lose your file.***

VirtualLab.sou.edu

The virtuallab.sou.edu environment is meant to provide an experience similar to using any of our ***on-campus computer labs***.

We have installed our site-licensed and commonly-used open source software in this environment in addition to software titles specific to various academic disciplines. You are not able to install any software on **virtuallab.sou.edu**. This server is mainly designed for students to have access to specialized software from anywhere on or off campus. Any settings you change in your profile are not persistent: they will be discarded when you log out. ***You must save any files to your Box account or your local computer. If you save anything to the C: drive of your Remote Desktop, you may lose your file.***

CSLab.sou.edu

The cslab.sou.edu environment is meant to provide an experience similar to using any of our ***on-campus computer labs*** that have been ***configured for Computer Science coursework***.

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