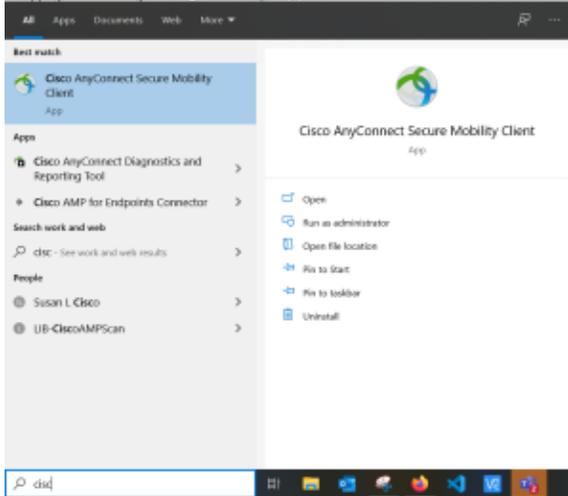


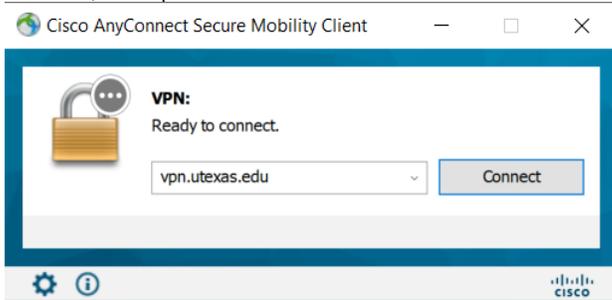
# Windows Activation - User Friendly Version

1. First of all, if you are not already on campus, you will have to connect to the UT VPN, **this is an essential step, if you skip it, activation will not work**

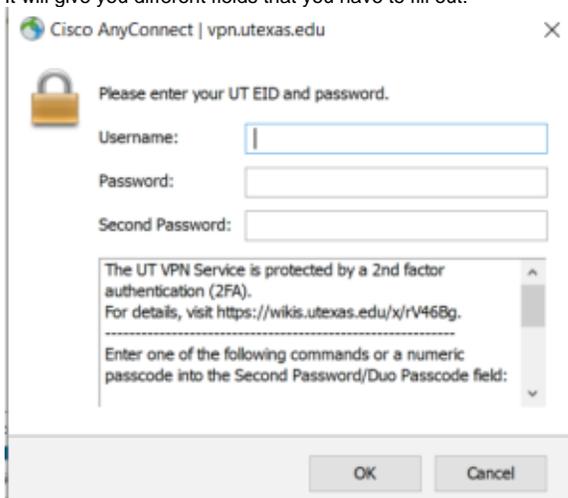
- a. UT VPN - University of Texas Virtual Private Network. The UT VPN service is free for use by all current faculty, staff, and students. It provides an **encrypted connection from an off-campus computer to the VPN server located on the UT campus**. This is useful for ensuring your connection to a UT server is encrypted and secure when accessing it from an off-campus location. Some servers are configured to only allow access from off-campus computers if those computers are connected to the UT VPN service.
- b. On windows, there is a search bar in the lower left corner of your screen. Click on it and start typing Cisco AnyConnect Client, you should see something like this appear in the search results:



- c.
- d. Click on it, it will open a window that looks like this:



- e.
- f. It will give you different fields that you have to fill out:

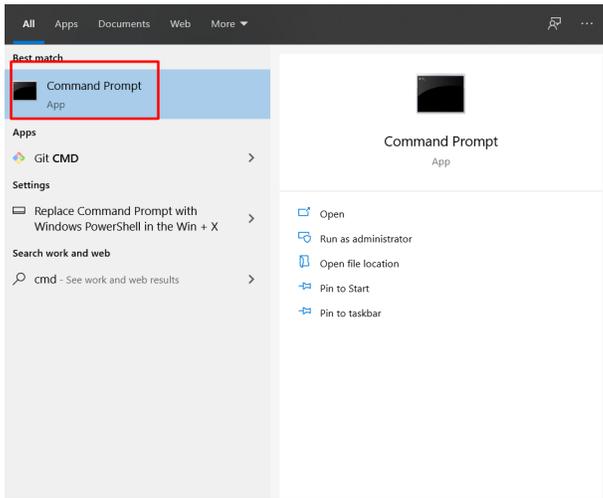


- g.
- h.
  - i. **username:** Your UT EID,
  - ii. **password:** Your EID password,
  - iii. **Second Password:** here you can type either **phone** (which will send a call to your registered phone number), **sms** (which will send an SMS to your registered cell phone) or type in temporary 6-digit code from your DUO App. Click **OK**.

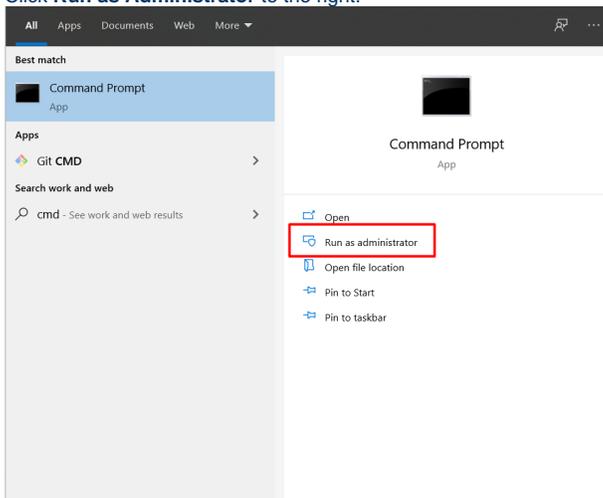
i. At this point you are connected to UT VPN and can go to the next step.

2. The next step would be to open a command prompt on your computer.

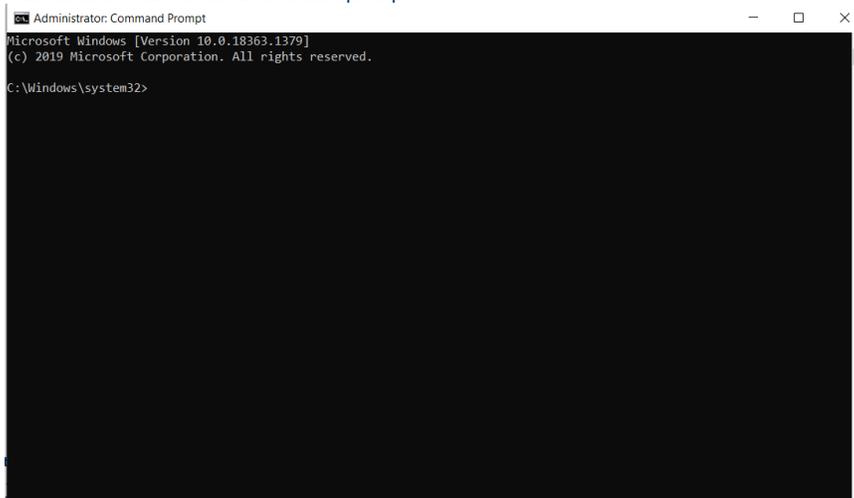
- a. In the lower left corner of your screen, in the search bar, type in **cmd**, you should see this pop up in the results:



- b.
- c. Click **Run as Administrator** to the right:



- d.
- e. If you do not see the bar on your right, you can **Right Click** on the search history result and choose the same option.
- f. Because you clicked on **Run as Administrator**, it will ask you for Administrator user name and password, which, in this case:
- i. **username**: This is your administrator username and you will have to type it **this specific way only**: .\eid-admin (where **eid** means your actual UT ISSUED EID, e.g. .\aa0000-admin).
  - ii. **password**: Your EID password.
- g. This will launch an elevated command prompt:



- h.
- i. Here you can type the following command: `cscript c:\windows\system32\slmgr.vbs -ato` and click **Enter** on your keyboard.
  - j. If you followed all the steps correctly, you should see the following:

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Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.1379]
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C:\Windows\system32>cscript c:\windows\system32\slmgr.vbs -ato
Microsoft (R) Windows Script Host Version 5.812
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

Activating Windows(R), Professional edition (bd3762d7-270d-4760-8fb3-d829ca45278a) ...
Product activated successfully.

C:\Windows\system32>
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- k.
- l. Notice that your activation key might be different from the one on this screenshot.
- m. Congratulations, your windows is now activated.