VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK (VPN) AND APPLE IOS

1. Installing the Fortinet SSL VPN Client for use at Birkbeck – using Apple mobile devices

The Virtual Private Network enables a secure connection between a remote device or network and Birkbeck.

Once installed the remote computer is authenticated and securely connected to the college network and can function as if directly connected locally to it.

A word (and warning) about the Virtual Private Network (VPN)

The Virtual Private Network enables a secure connection between a remote device or network and Birkbeck. In addition, it places the device on the Birkbeck network, allowing access to electronic resources as if at Birkbeck. However, this also means that all internet traffic from that device is travelling via Birkbeck too. In cases of misuse of the network, and the most common complaint we receive relates to copyright infringement, any complaint will be received by Birkbeck directly and acted upon immediately with the removal of the device or connection to the network. Staff should only connect to the VPN when they need it, and should not connect while undertaking personal internet surfing etc. Please note that some restrictions on network traffic allowed through the VPN are in place to limit Birkbeck's exposure to complaints.

Please note also that if you are working from home extensively, you may run into limits imposed by your ISP in the amount of data you are allowed to transfer. A typical VPN/RDC session is likely to download 40-50Mb of data an hour (dependent on activity).
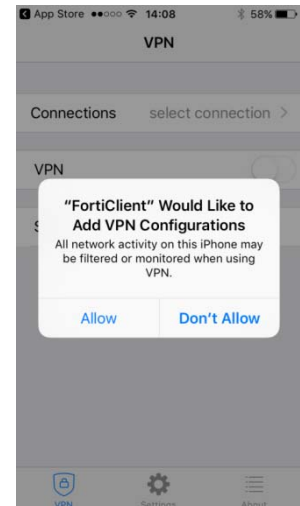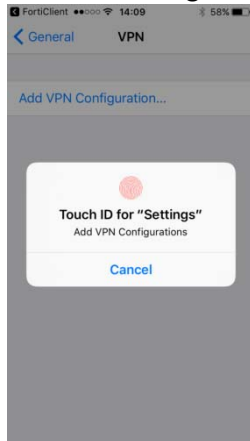
2. Instructions

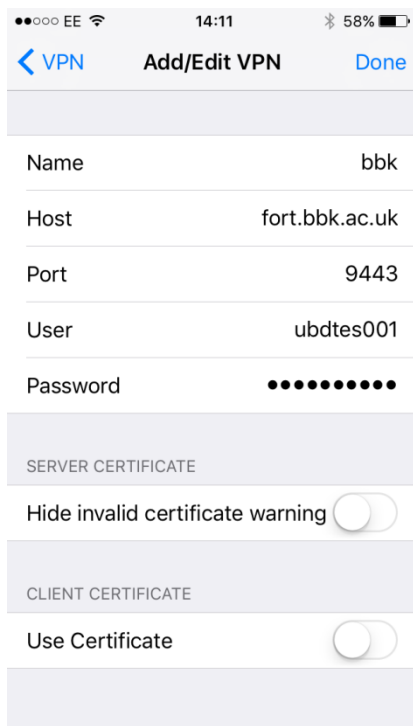From the appstore, search for "forticlient", and download, then "Open"
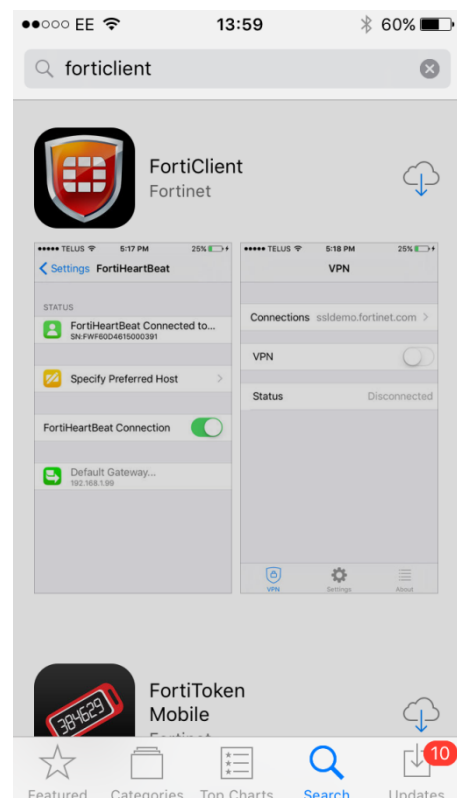
Accept any acknowledgement, and hit "allow" to allow the client to Add VPN configurations.

When asked, go to settings,

then "select configuration", and then "add configuration"
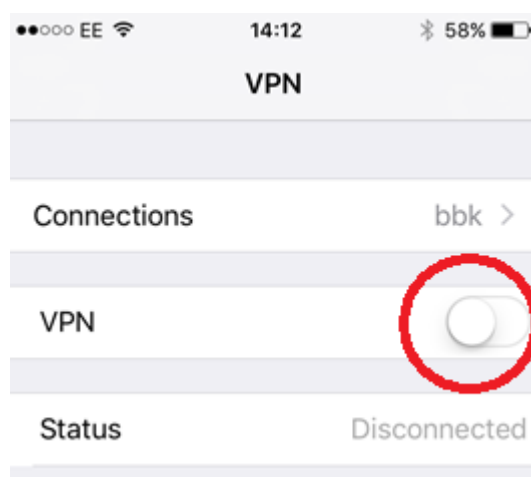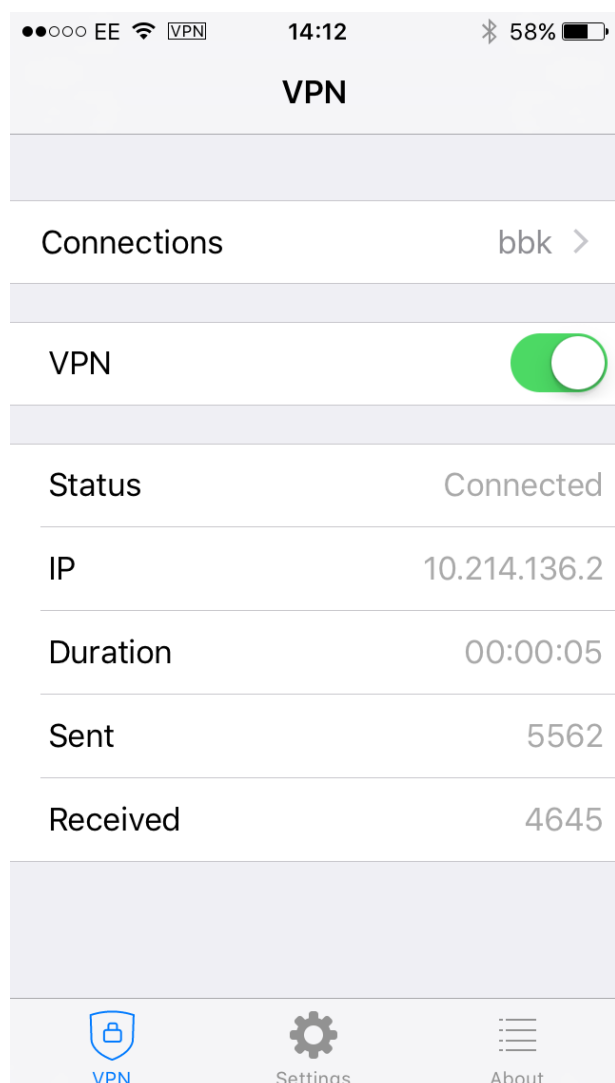

Add a description, the host is fort.bbk.ac.uk and the port 9443.

Then add your username and password

Hit "Done", and done again to return to the vpn screen

To connect to the VPN, slide the VPN button (circled) to the right, and the Status will change to connected.

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Status	Connected
IP	10.214.136.2
Duration	00:00:05
Sent	5562
Received	4645

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Status   Disconnected

To close the vpn, slide the button back again.

VPN

Note that the VPN symbol appears at the top of the screen while the vpn is connected.

On subsequent occasions, to start the vpn, hit the Forticlient app, and then move the slider across to connect.

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