Virtual Desktop Environment (VDE)

UMBC's Virtual Desktop Environment allows users to access a virtual lab or staff workstation anywhere there is an internet connection, just like they were sitting at a workstation on campus.

For Students and Faculty (eLumin):

A new eLumin Virtual Desktop Environment has been prepared for academic use and is now available. You can connect to an eLumin virtual desktop through a web browser on your device, as no local software installation is required. Please note the software distribution in our desktop pools has been reconfigured in this new system. Adobe products (except for Acrobat) are now available in their own pool and have been removed from GenLab desktops.

A list of software products available in each pool.

For instructions on how to connect to the new eLumin VDE, click here.

For a brief introduction to the eLumin desktop interface, click here.

For instructions on how to connect Cloud Storage to your eLumin desktops, click here. Once you have connected cloud storage to your account it will be available across all of the pools for all future logins.

To connect to the GenLab eLumin VDE pool, click here.

To connect to the Modeling eLumin VDE pool, click here.

To connect to the Adobe eLumin VDE pool, click here.

For Staff (VMware Horizon):

You can establish a connection to a virtual desktop through your web browser, or by installing the VMWare Horizon View Client on your PC (which we recommend for optimal performance). Please see the FAQ articles below for guidance on how to connect to VDE.

Log into VDE using username@ad.umbc.edu (replacing your UMBC username as the username), and your UMBC password as the password.