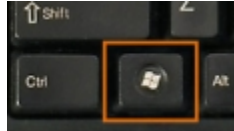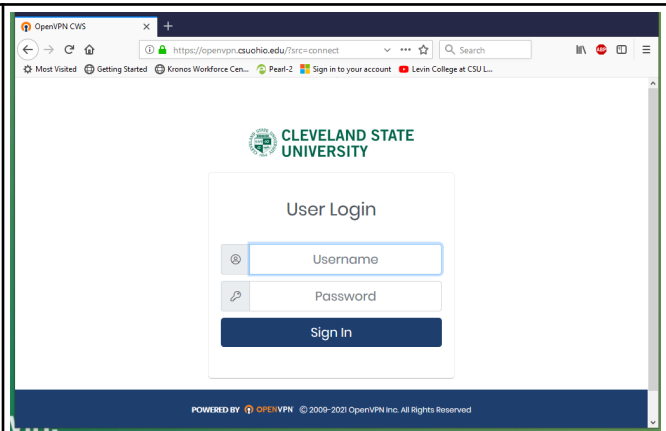# Installing OpenVPN for MS Windows.

To use CSU's Virtual Private Network (VPN) you will need to download and configure OpenVPN software. Replace the CSUID number *1001362* in the instructions with **your** seven-digit CSUID number.
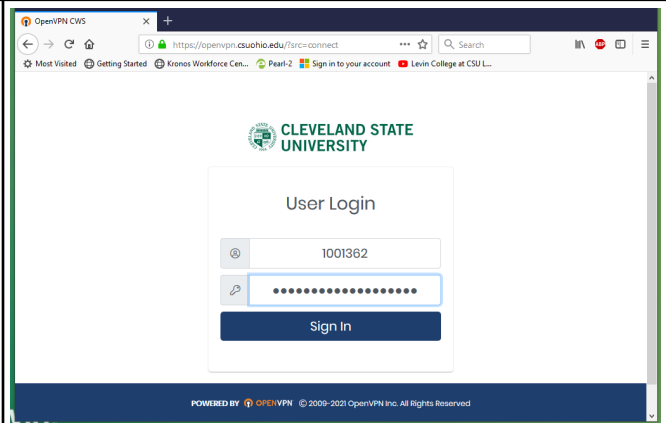

The "Windows" key is found between the Control and the Alt key on the keyboard. Treat it like the Shift key.

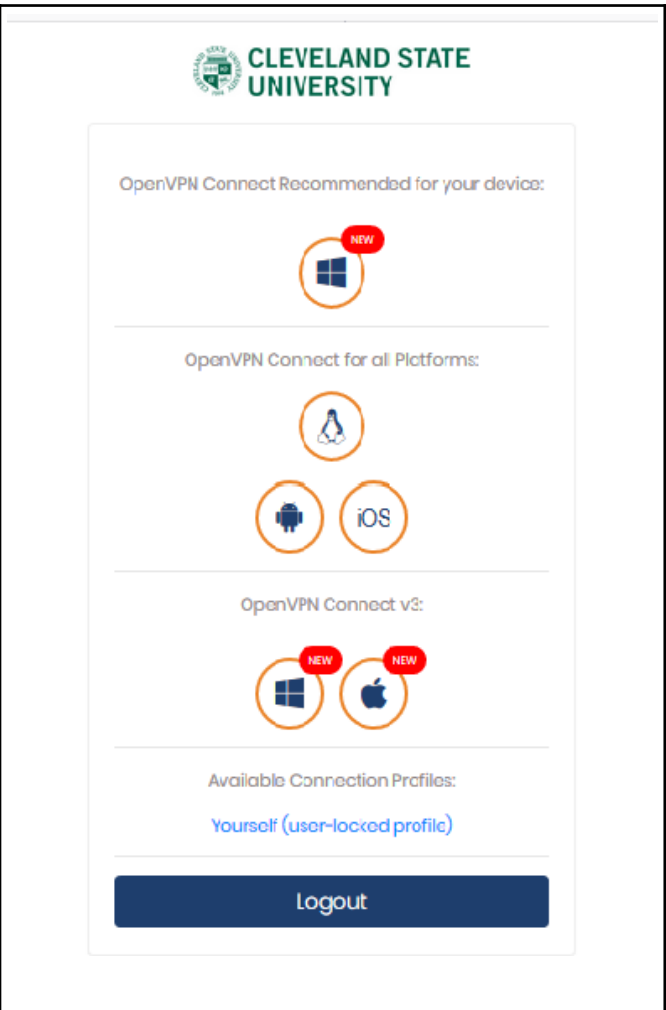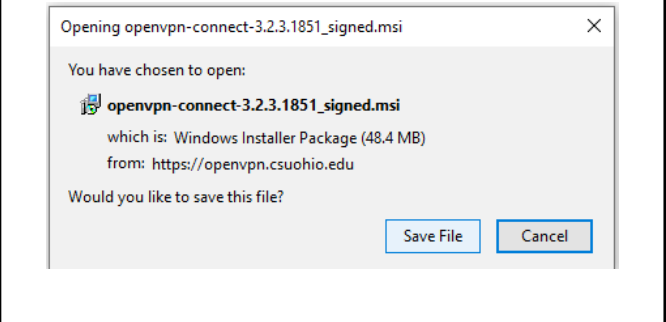|	
1. Connect to https://openvpn.csuohio.edu with the web browser of your choice	
2. Enter your CSUID number and password, then click on the **Sign In** button.	

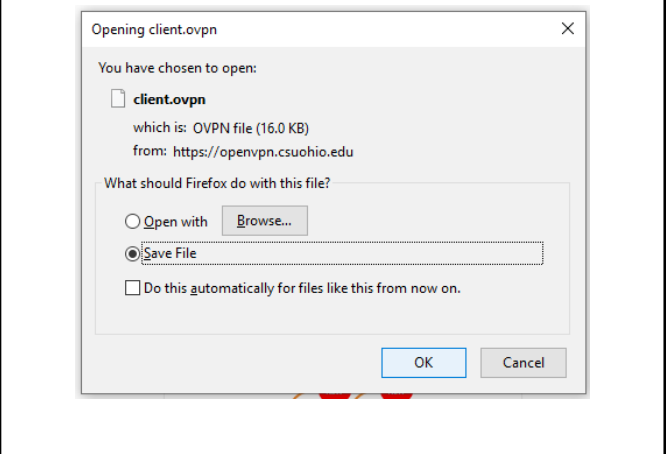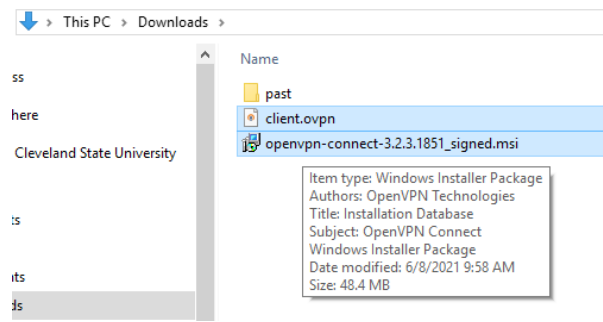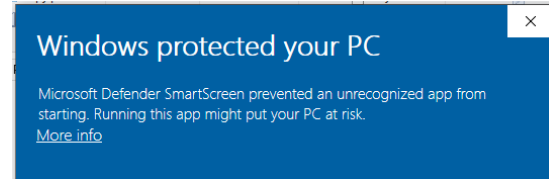|	
3. After you login you will see the download screen. Download the appropriate version of OpenVPN for your computer <u>AND</u> download your connection profile which will be the bottom link on the screen labeled **"Yourself (User-locked profile)"**	**CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY** OpenVPN Connect Recommended for your device: OpenVPN Connect for all Platforms: OpenVPN Connect v3: Available Connection Profiles: Yourself (user-locked profile) Logout
4. Save the OpenVPN install file.	Opening openvpn-connect-3.2.3.1851_signed.msi ✕ You have chosen to open: openvpn-connect-3.2.3.1851_signed.msi which is: Windows Installer Package (48.4 MB) from: https://openvpn.csuohio.edu Would you like to save this file? Save File Cancel
5. Save your OpenVPN profile file.	Opening client.ovpn ✕ You have chosen to open: client.ovpn which is: OVPN file (16.0 KB) from: https://openvpn.csuohio.edu What should Firefox do with this file? ○ Open with Browse... ◉ Save File ☐ Do this automatically for files like this from now on. OK Cancel

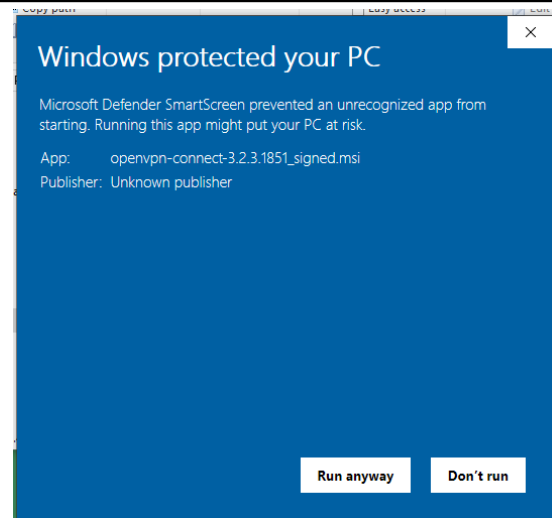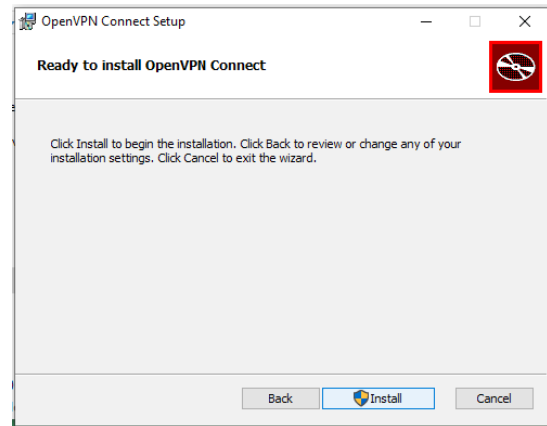|	
6. Open the folder that you downloaded OpenVPN into and install the package by double-clicking on the OpenVPN install file. By default files are placed in your "Downloads" folder.	This PC > Downloads Name past client.ovpn openvpn-connect-3.2.3.1851_signed.msi Item type: Windows Installer Package Authors: OpenVPN Technologies Title: Installation Database Subject: OpenVPN Connect Windows Installer Package Date modified: 6/8/2021 9:58 AM Size: 48.4 MB Cleveland State University
7. Windows may warn you about installing software. Click on "More info."	Windows protected your PC Microsoft Defender SmartScreen prevented an unrecognized app from starting. Running this app might put your PC at risk. More info
8. Windows will show you the file you are attempting to install and the publisher of the file. Click on "Run anyway."	Windows protected your PC Microsoft Defender SmartScreen prevented an unrecognized app from starting. Running this app might put your PC at risk. App: openvpn-connect-3.2.3.1851_signed.msi Publisher: Unknown publisher Run anyway Don't run
9. OpenVPN install begins, click on "Next."	OpenVPN Connect Setup Welcome to the OpenVPN Connect Setup Wizard The Setup Wizard will install OpenVPN Connect on your computer. Click Next to continue or Cancel to exit the Setup Wizard. Back Next Cancel

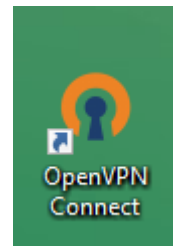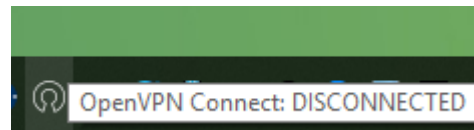|	
10. Accept the license agreement and click on "Next."	
11. Finally click on "Install."	
12. A progress bar showing installation status will display for a few moments.	
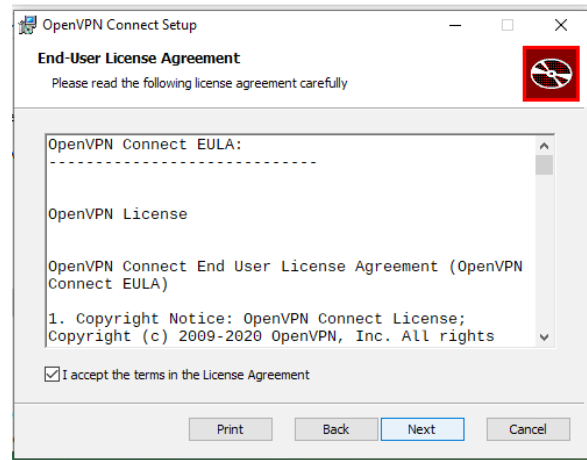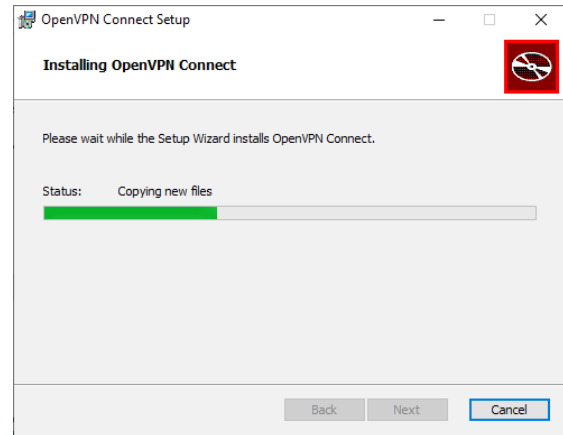
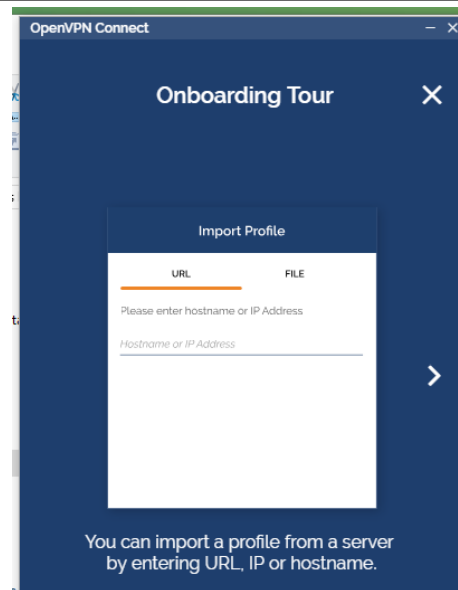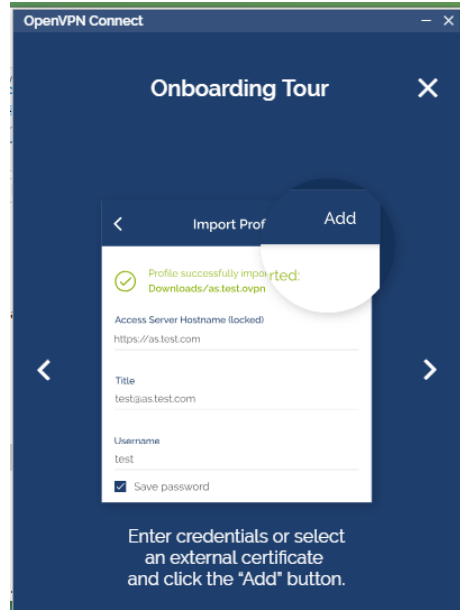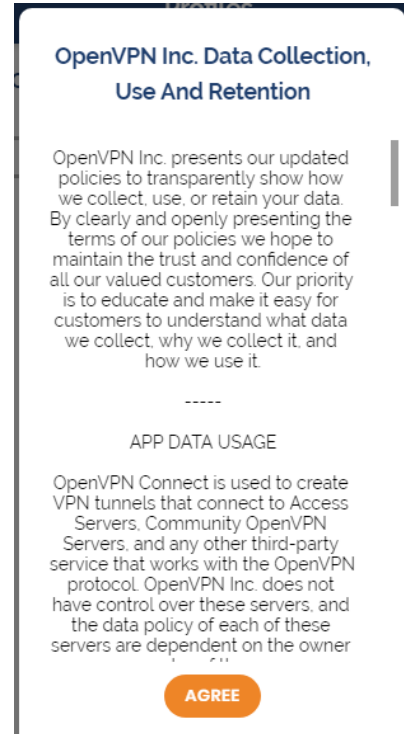|	
13. After the install completes click on "Finish."	
14. There now should be an OpenVPN icon in your system tray at the bottom-right of your screen. Single-click on the tray icon to launch OpenVPN or you may double-click on the OpenVPN icon on your desktop.	
15. Upon first run OpenVPN will display its "Onboarding Tour" and several information screens. Click on the right arrow ">"	
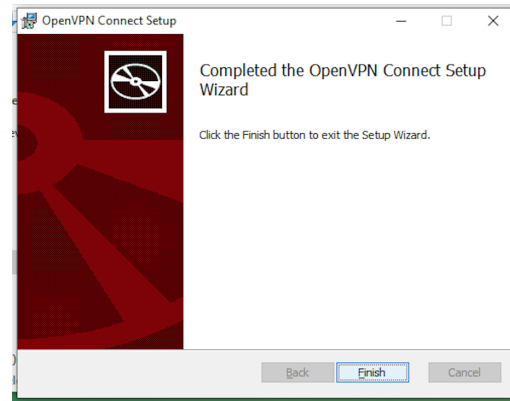
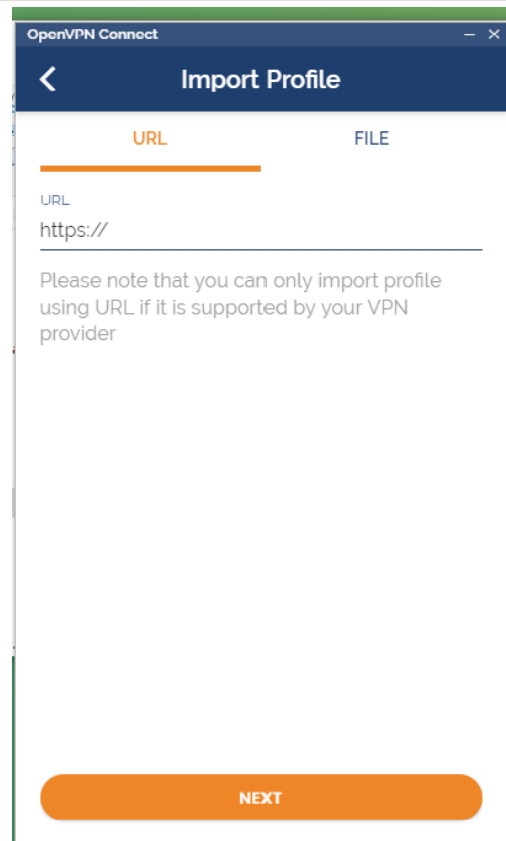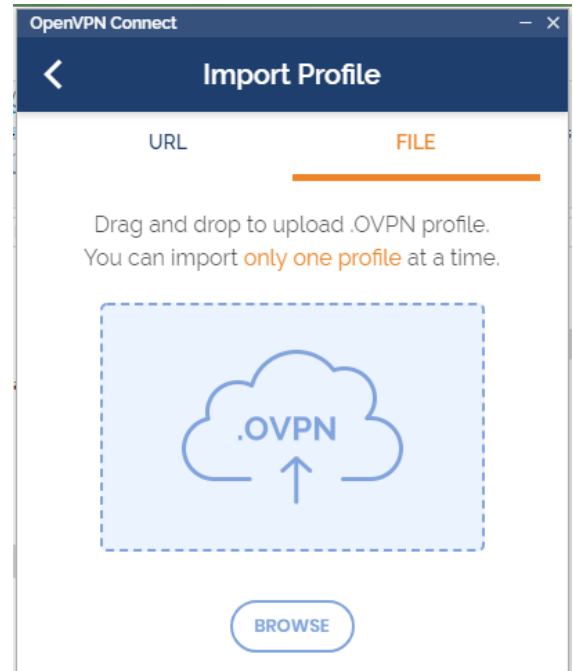|	
16. Information regarding importing connection profiles - which you will be doing shortly. Click on the right arrow ">"	OpenVPN Connect — × **Onboarding Tour** ✕ Import Prof Add ✓ Profile successfully imported: Downloads/as.test.ovpn Access Server Hostname (locked) https://as.test.com Title test@as.test.com Username test ☑ Save password Enter credentials or select an external certificate and click the "Add" button.
17. Click on "Agree"	**OpenVPN Inc. Data Collection, Use And Retention** OpenVPN Inc. presents our updated policies to transparently show how we collect, use, or retain your data. By clearly and openly presenting the terms of our policies we hope to maintain the trust and confidence of all our valued customers. Our priority is to educate and make it easy for customers to understand what data we collect, why we collect it, and how we use it. ----- APP DATA USAGE OpenVPN Connect is used to create VPN tunnels that connect to Access Servers, Community OpenVPN Servers, and any other third-party service that works with the OpenVPN protocol. OpenVPN Inc. does not have control over these servers, and the data policy of each of these servers are dependent on the owner **AGREE**

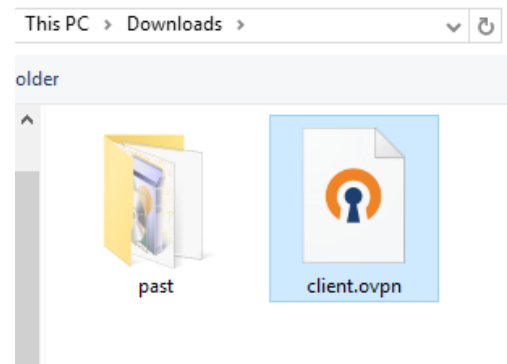|	
18. Click on "OK"	**Updates** **MD5 Signatures support** MD5 signatures are no longer supported, because they are insecure. **Compression** Compression is disabled by default. If you would like to use compression, please re-enable this setting. OK
19. The next step is to import your connection profile file that you downloaded earlier. Click on "File."	OpenVPN Connect — ✕ ‹ **Import Profile** URL FILE URL https:// Please note that you can only import profile using URL if it is supported by your VPN provider NEXT

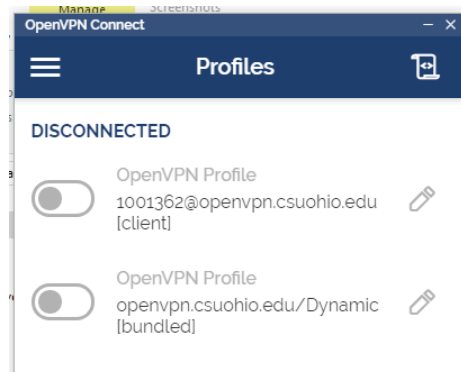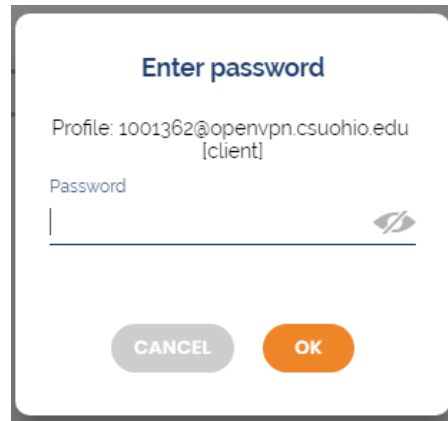|	
20. Drag and drop the client.ovpn file or click on "Browse" to navigate to the file's download location.	
21. Double click on the **client.ovpn** file.	
22. Make sure the Username is your CSU ID number. Decide if you want the application to remember your password for you and if it should connect immediately after importing the profile by selecting the check boxes you desire. Click on "Add."	
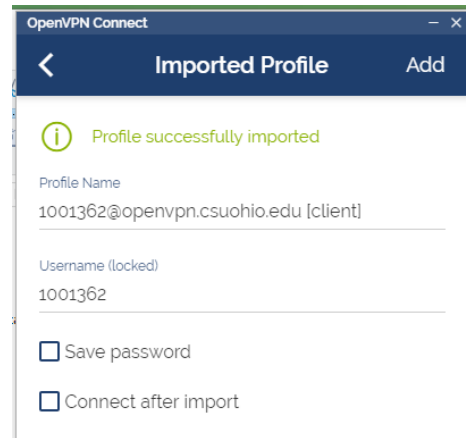
23. You may now connect to CSU's network using OpenVPN by clicking on the switch next to the profile showing your CSU ID number.	
24. Enter your CSU Password.	
25. Once your password is accepted and the connection is established you will see a display that includes connection statistics. You may minimize this display.	
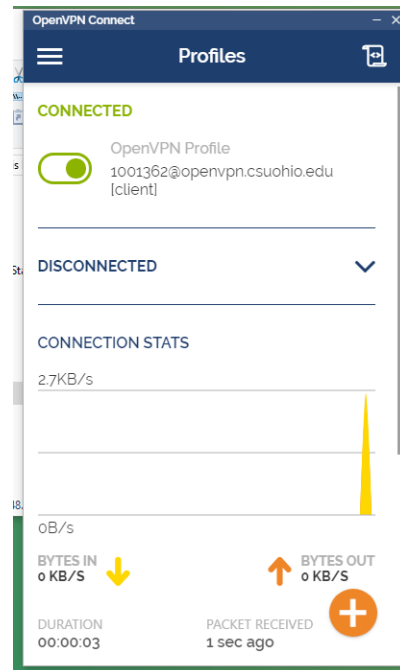
26. Be sure to disconnect the OpenVPN when you no longer need it.

You may single click on the OpenVPN icon in the system tray and then select "Disconnect" After which a disconnected notice will display.

Alternately you may click on the "switch" in the OpenVPN application to turn the connection off. In this case you will be asked to confirm that you want to shutdown the VPN connection.