

HALNet VPN

Installation Instructions for Macintosh

The HALNet VPN installer loads client software that will set up a tunnel to the HALNet VPN server and ask for the user's login ID and password. From that point onward, the traffic from the Mac is encrypted and goes through HALNet.

To begin the installation, double click on the downloaded halvpn.dmg file to mount the disk image. You should see a window with two icons. Double click on the HALNet VPN Installer icon to begin the installation:

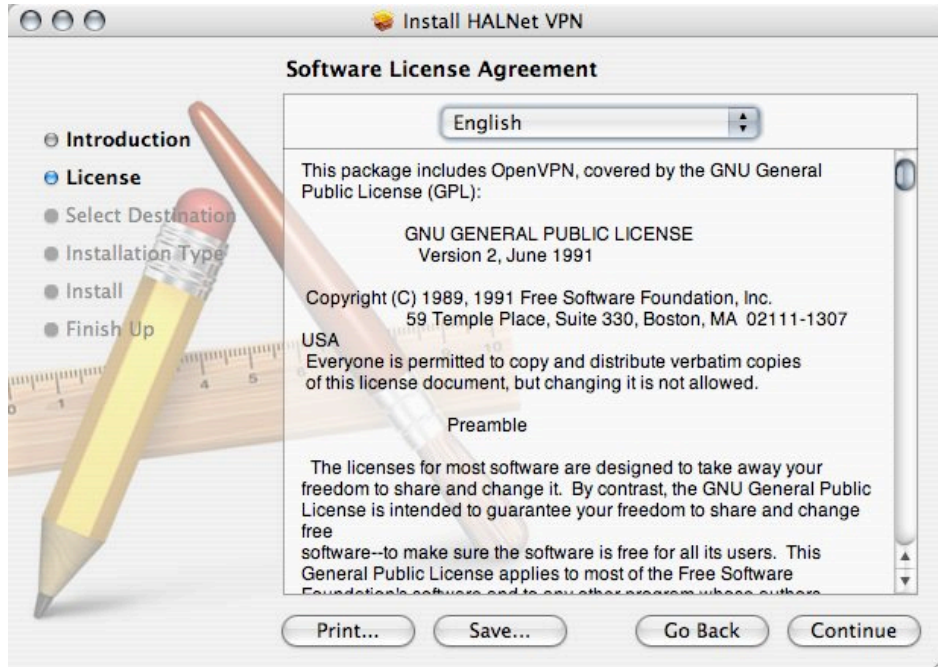


HALNet VPN Installer.pkg

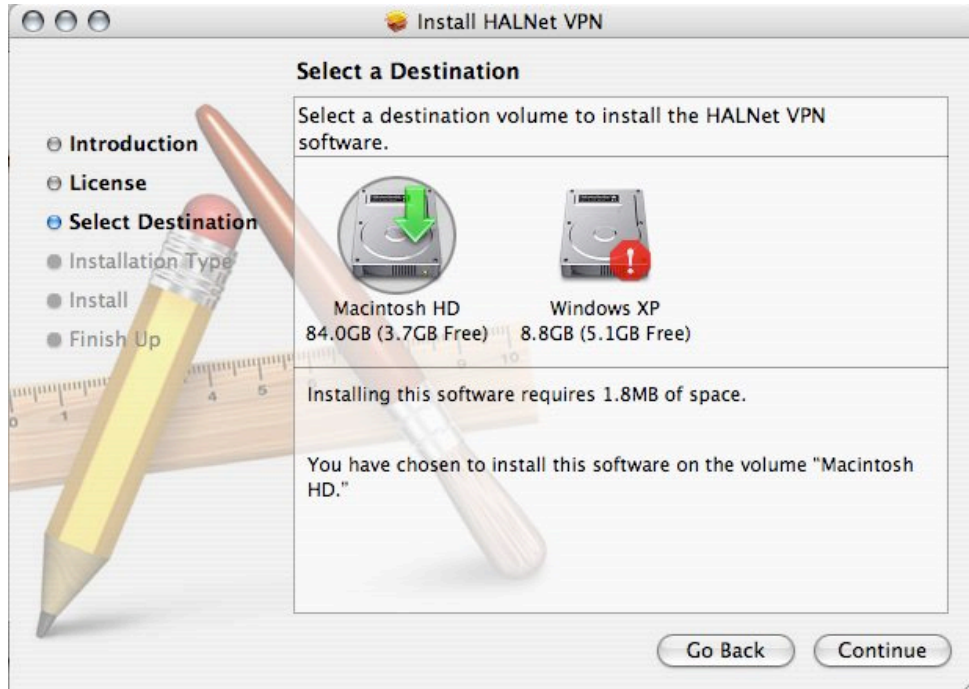
Click "Continue" to pass the first screen:



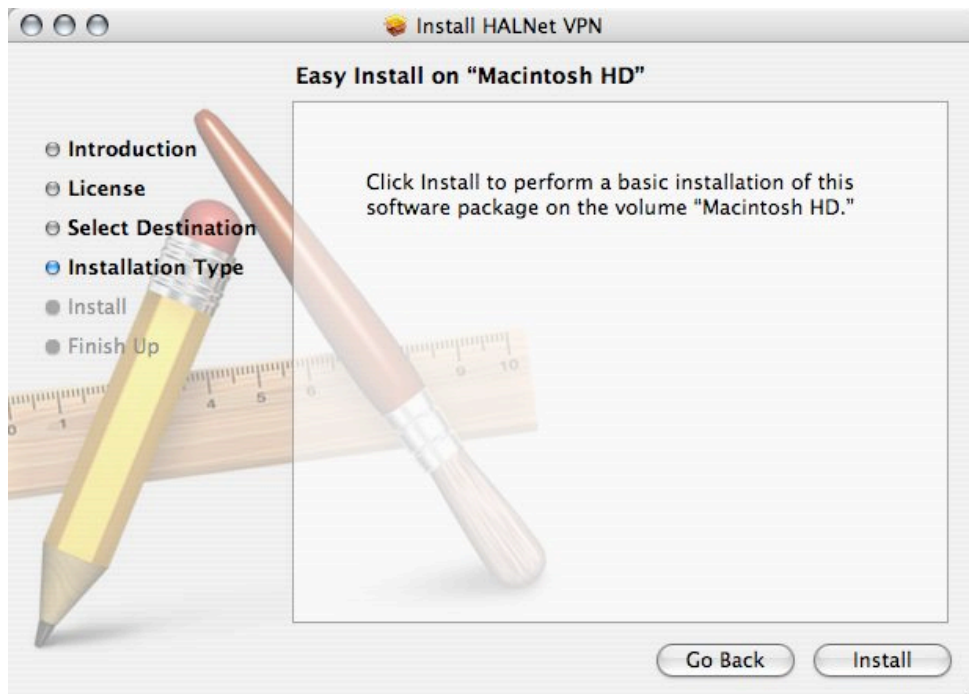
The next screen displays the software license agreements for the included software packages. You must click “Continue” and then “Agree” to install the software.



The following screen allows you to choose the disk on which to install the HALNet VPN package. Your startup disk should already be selected and is the proper place to install the package on most computers. Click “Continue” to proceed.



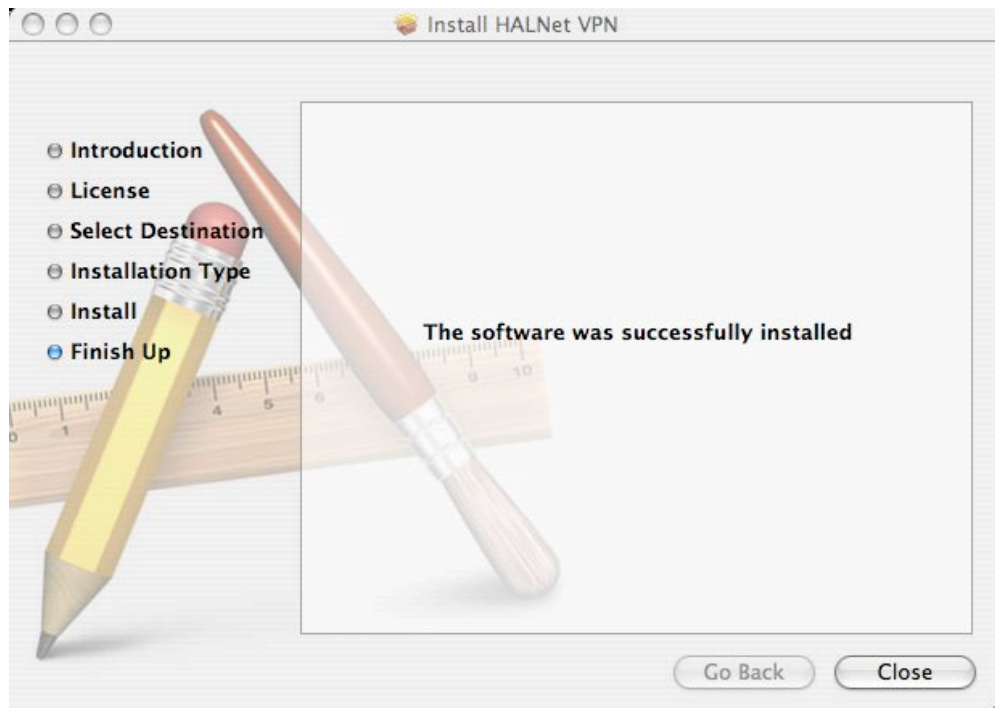
With the preliminaries finally out of the way, click “Install” to begin installing the software.



Because this software must install a network tunnelling driver, the installer requires administrator access. You will be prompted for your username and password. Enter the username and password for any account with administrator access to your Macintosh.



Sit back and relax for a few moments while the software installs. If everything went well, you should see the following screen:



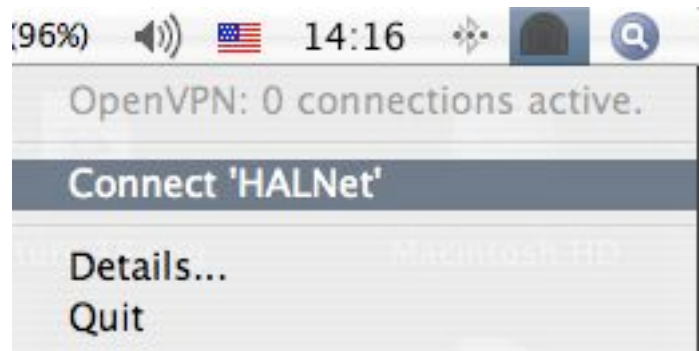
Click "Close" to exit the installer. The software installation is complete.

Using HALNet VPN

You should now have a new icon in your menu bar, near the upper right corner of your screen. When you are not connected to HALNet VPN, it looks like this:



To connect your computer securely to HALNet VPN, simply click on this icon and then click on “Connect ‘HALNet’” from the menu.



The first time you attempt to connect to HALNet VPN, you will be prompted for your HALNet username and password:

A macOS-style dialog box titled "Passphrase" with a red octagonal warning icon containing a white exclamation mark. The text inside reads: "Please enter OpenVPN username/password combination." Below this are two text input fields: "Username:" and "Password:". At the bottom left, there is a checkbox labeled "Add Passphrase To Apple Keychain". At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Ok".

Enter your HALNet username and password (*not* your Macintosh account username and password) and click “Ok” to connect. If you wish to save your username and password in your computer’s keyring so that you are not prompted for them on future connection attempts, simply check the box next to “Add Passphrase To Apple Keychain” before you click “Ok.”

As the VPN software connects to HALNet VPN, the icon in the should flicker. Once the VPN connection has been established, the icon will stop flickering and should look like this:



Congratulations! Your connection into HALNet is now encrypted and secure. If you don’t see this icon after a few seconds, check to make sure your network connection works without HALNet VPN and make sure you’ve specified the correct username and password for HALNet.

When you are done using HALNet VPN and wish to disconnect, simply click the icon and select “Disconnect ‘HALNet’” from the menu.



Your connection should immediately return to the standard configuration without HALNet VPN. Note that selecting “Disconnctet ‘HALNet’” will only disconnect you from HALNet VPN. It will not disconnect your local internet connection.