Configuring UMIACS VPN in Ubuntu

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This article provides a step by step procedure to enable UMIACS members to configure VPN in Ubuntu. Unfortunately UMIACS provides documentation only for configuring in Windows and MAC. I assume that you have installed the required softwares for adding a VPN connection and I only provide the configuration details for the UMIACS VPN connection. Google for details on how to add VPN connections in general if you have trouble with it.

1. Click on the network connection application in the panel.
2. Go down to the VPN Connections option and click Configure VPN.
3. Select the VPN tab in the new window and select Add.
4. Choose the VPN Connection Type as PPTP and click Create.
5. In the new window that appears, fill in Connection name as Umiacs. (or any other name you find interesting.)
6. Fill in the Gateway as umiacs-vpn.pc.umiacs.umd.edu
7. Enter your UMIACS username and password.
8. Click the Advanced button.
9. Select MSCHAPv2 and deselect all the other authentication methods.
10. Select Use Point to Point encryption and select Allow stateful encryption.
11. Deselect all the other compression schemes.
12. Click OK in both the windows and your VPN is configured. :)