

# File Transfers with SFTP

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## Command Line (Linux, Mac OS)

1. Bring up a command prompt
  - a. On MacOS - use the Terminal application in Applications - Utilities
  - b. On CNF Thin - use XTerm in Applications - CNF Applications
2. Type in:

```
sftp remote_username@remote_host
```

substituting in your username on the remote computer and the hostname of the remote computer in the above command, as appropriate.

For connecting to the [CNF AWS cloud](#), use a slightly modified version of the above sftp command:

```
sftp -o "IdentityFile=/path/to/keyfile.pem" username@ip_address
```

3. You will get an **sftp>** prompt on the remote computer.
4. Use [standard UNIX file and directory commands](#) to change directories, create directories, and create folders.
  - a. Precede the command with an exclamation mark and a space to execute the command on the local computer filesystem instead of the remote computer filesystem.

Command	Description
pwd	Show current directory on the remote computer
! pwd	Show current directory on the local computer
cd <i>dirname</i>	Change directory to a subfolder named <i>dirname</i> on the remote computer
! cd <i>dirname</i>	Change directory to a subfolder name <i>dirname</i> on the local computer
cd ..	Go up a directory on the remote computer
! cd ..	Go up a directory on the local computer
mkdir <i>dirname</i>	Make a new subfolder named <i>dirname</i> on the remote computer
! mkdir <i>dirname</i>	Make a new subfolder name <i>dirname</i> on the local computer
get <i>filename</i>	Copy <i>filename</i> from the remote computer to the local computer
put <i>filename</i>	Copy <i>filename</i> from the local computer to the remote computer
rm <i>filename</i>	Delete <i>filename</i> from the remote computer

## Fetch (Mac OS X)

[Fetch](#) is an excellent paid GUI file transfer program for Macintosh. Cornell no longer maintains a site license for Fetch.

And [Fetch licenses are free](#) for the following:

- students and employees of a public or accredited private school, college, university, or academy
- students and parents engaged in home schooling
- volunteers and employees of tax exempt charities, whereas the use of Fetch is to further the work of that charity

## FileZilla (Windows, Mac, Linux)

FileZilla is a GUI file transfer client supporting FTP, FTPS, and SFTP and can be [downloaded from the FileZilla Project website](#).

Please see the IT@Cornell "[Transfer Files Using FileZilla](#)" webpage for instructions on using FileZilla.

*Note:* The default connection timeout of 20 seconds may not be long enough. You can change this timeout to something longer (recommended at least several minutes) in the Settings - Connection dialogue window.

## WinSCP (CNF Windows)

WinSCP is a gui SFTP client installed on the CNF CAD and Cleanroom general use Windows computers. For your own system, For your own Windows system, WinSCP can be [downloaded from the WinSCP web site](#).

Please see the [WinSCP website documentation pages](#) for instructions on using WinSCP.