

# Shellfire PPTP Setup

## Windows 7

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This guide explains how to configure your Windows 7 PC to work with a Shellfire PPTP VPN.

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# 1. Required data

Setting up a PPTP connection on Windows 7 works as follows.

You need the following data from your VPN details that can be found in your Shellfire QuickAccess customer center:

- server address
- username
- password

The server address is the address of the Shellfire Server used for connection. Username and password are required for authentication with the PPTP server.

## Navigation note: How to find your VPN details

- [www.shellfire.net](http://www.shellfire.net)
- Log in to using your customer id or your e-mail address and your password
- Open the QuickAccess customer center bar
- Click on your VPN id (sfxxxxx)
- Your VPN details show up with the required data

**Warning:** Username and password for your PPTP connection are not the same as the ones for your Shellfire website account!

**Warning:** In case your VPN is not currently set to PPTP, you have to change the VPN type to PPTP from your customer center, first.

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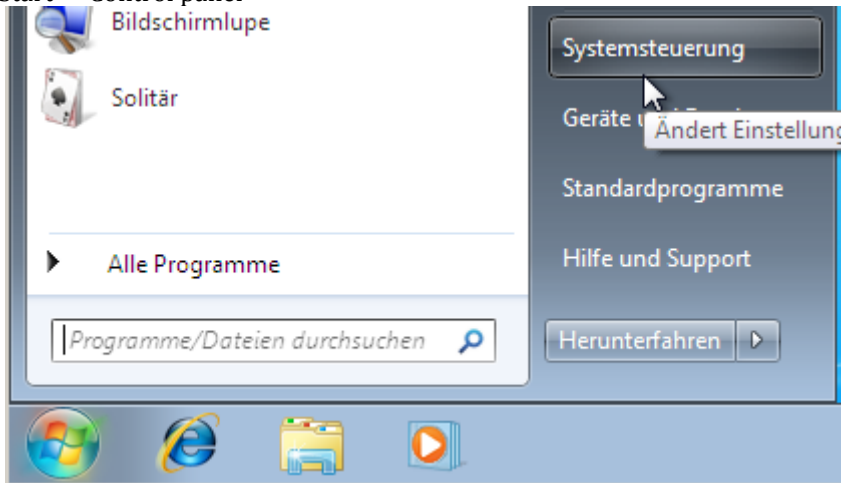
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## 2. Setting up your connection

Connecting to a PPTP VPN with Windows Vista does not require any additional software to be installed. You only need a working internet connection..

Follow these steps:

- 1) Start -> Control panel



- 2) Click "Network Status and tasks".



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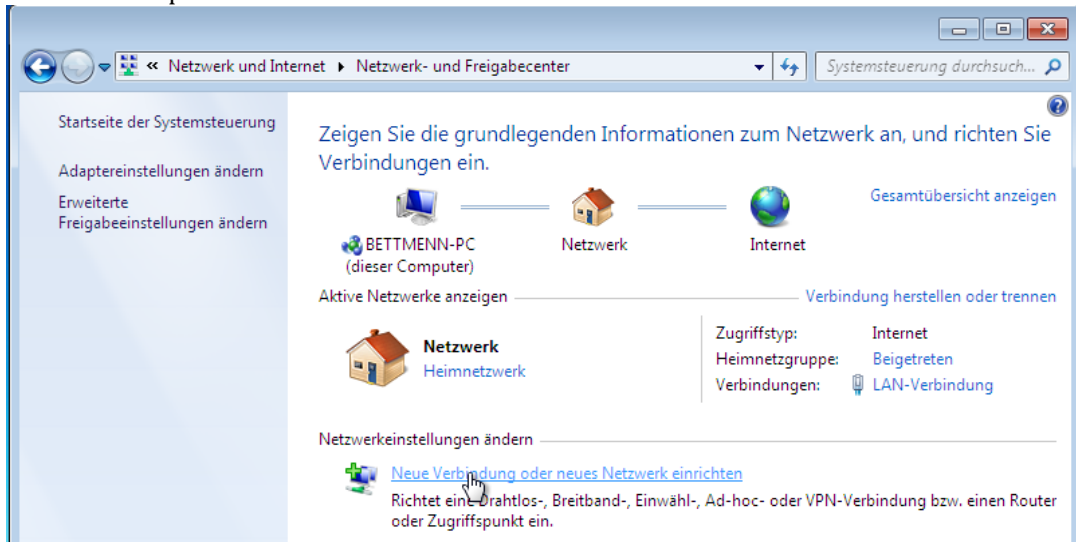
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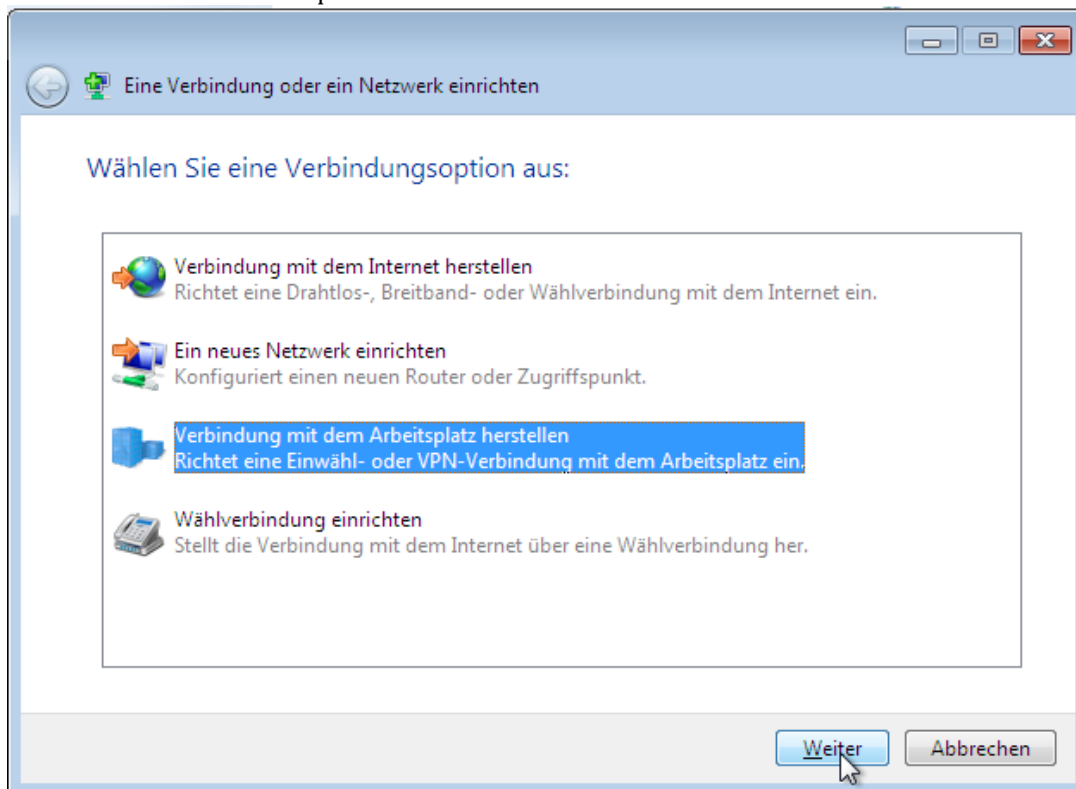
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- 3) Click on "Set up a connection or network".



- 4) Choose "Connect to a workplace" and click "Next".



- 5) If you are asked if you want to use your existent connection, choose "No, create a new connection".

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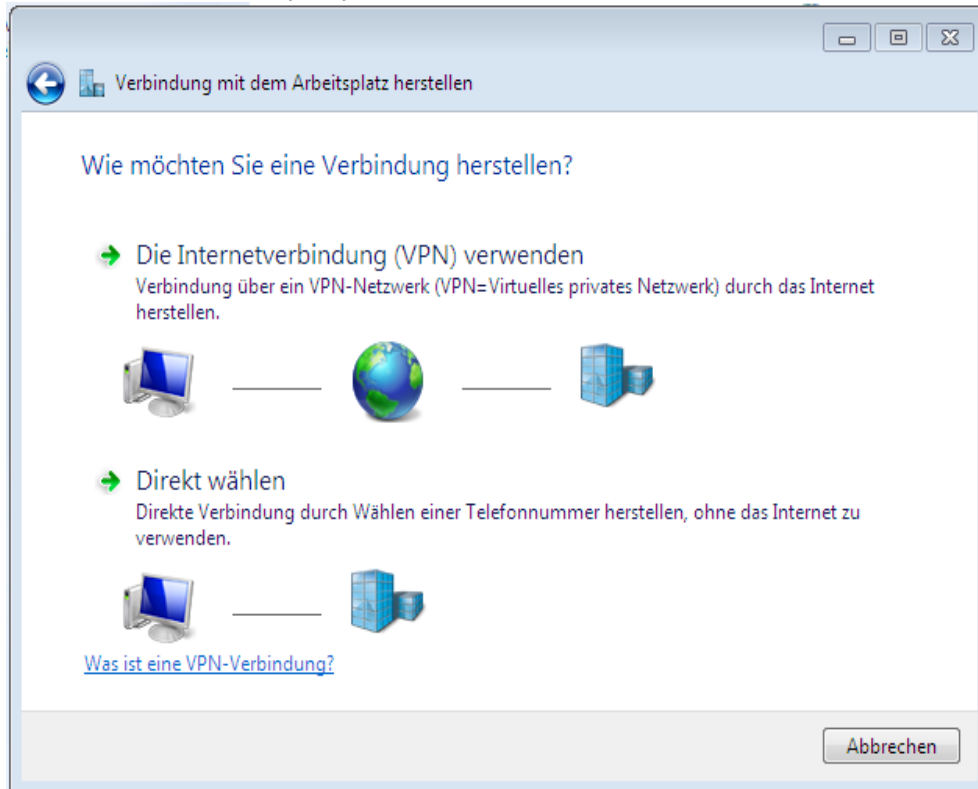
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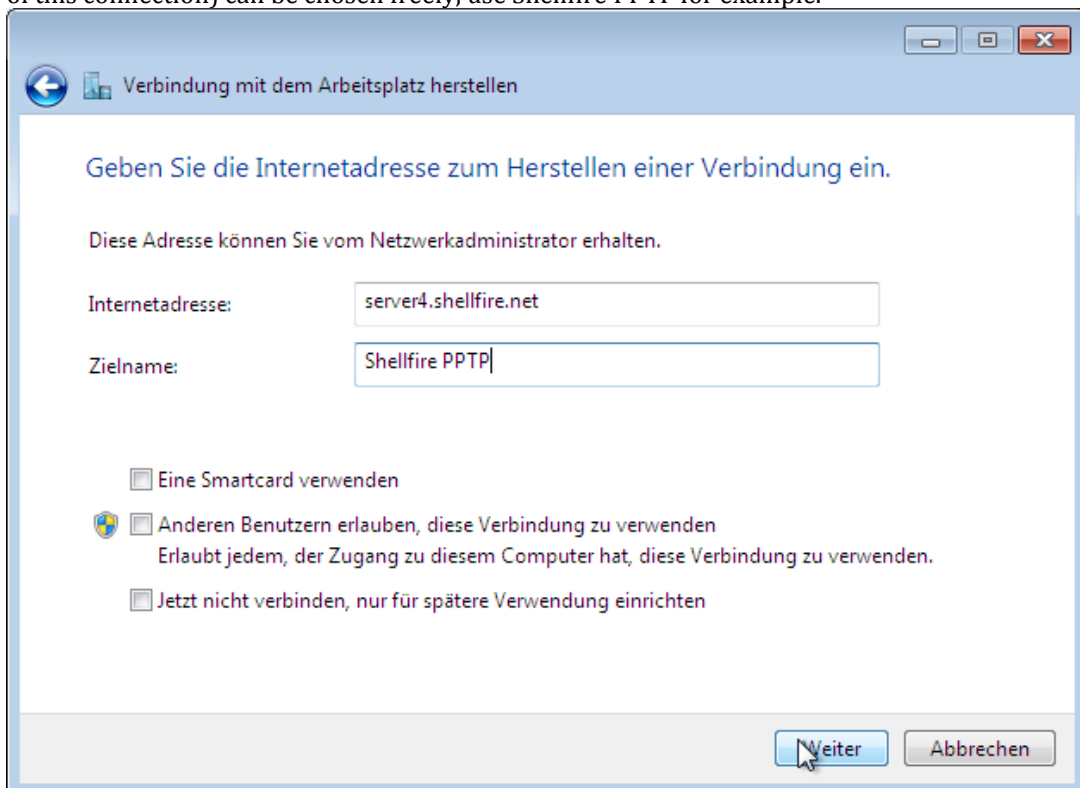
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6) Use internet connection (VPN).



7) In the field "Internet address": Enter the server address from step 1. The target name (the name of this connection) can be chosen freely, use Shellfire PPTP for example.



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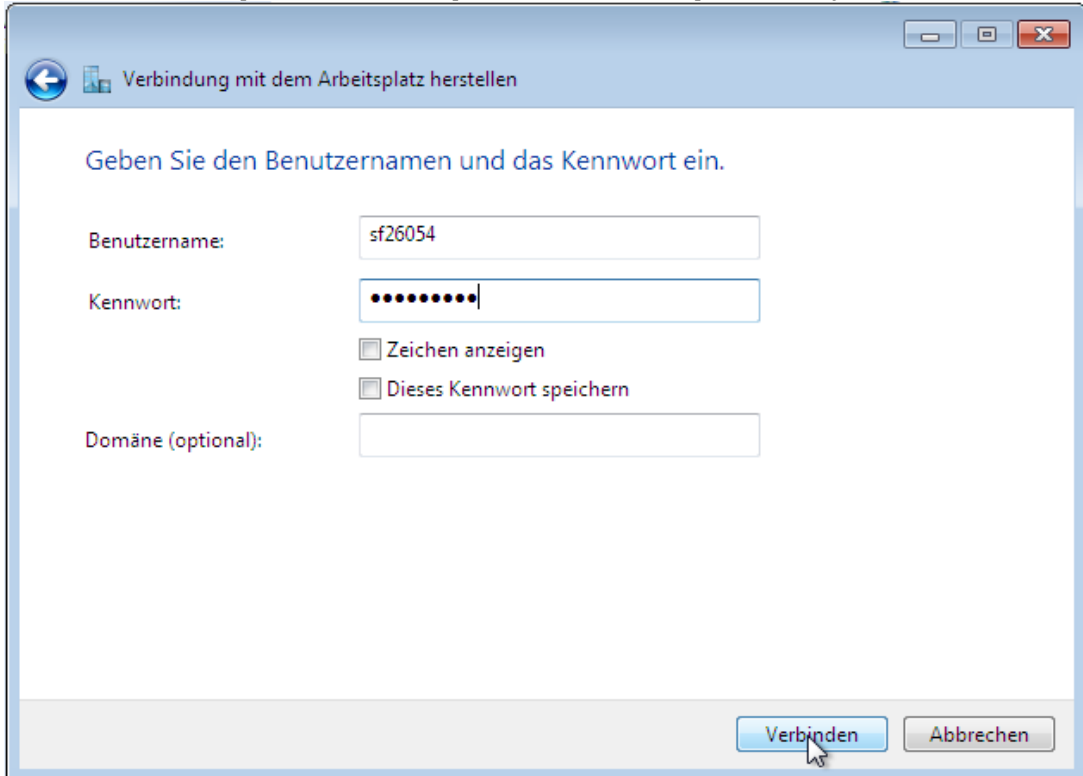
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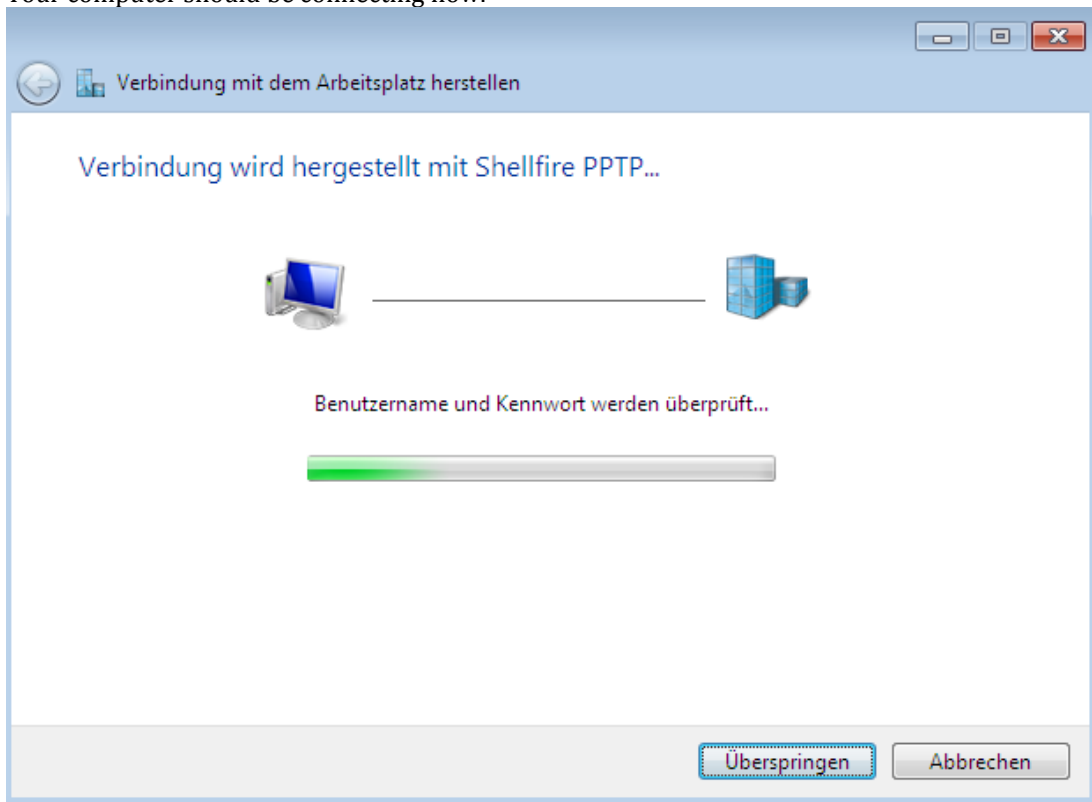
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- 8) Enter username and password from step 1. You can save the password if you like. Click "Connect".



- 9) Your computer should be connecting now.



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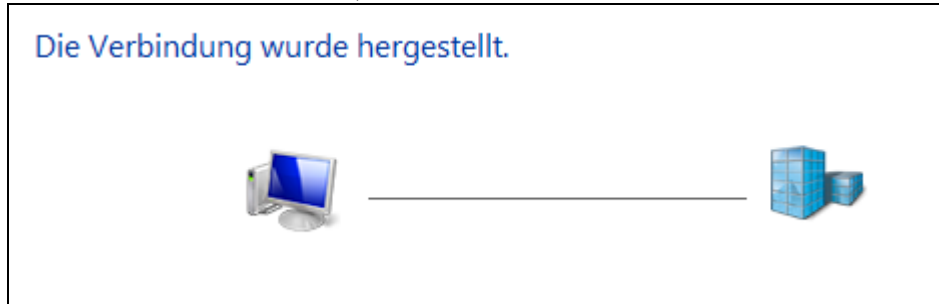
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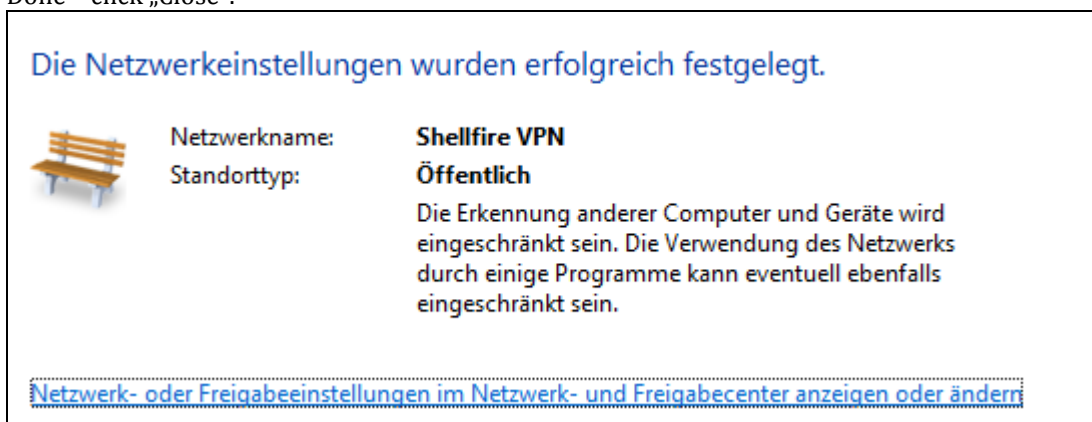
10) The connection was successful, click "Close".



11) If you are asked about your network location, choose "public place".



12) Done – click „Close“.



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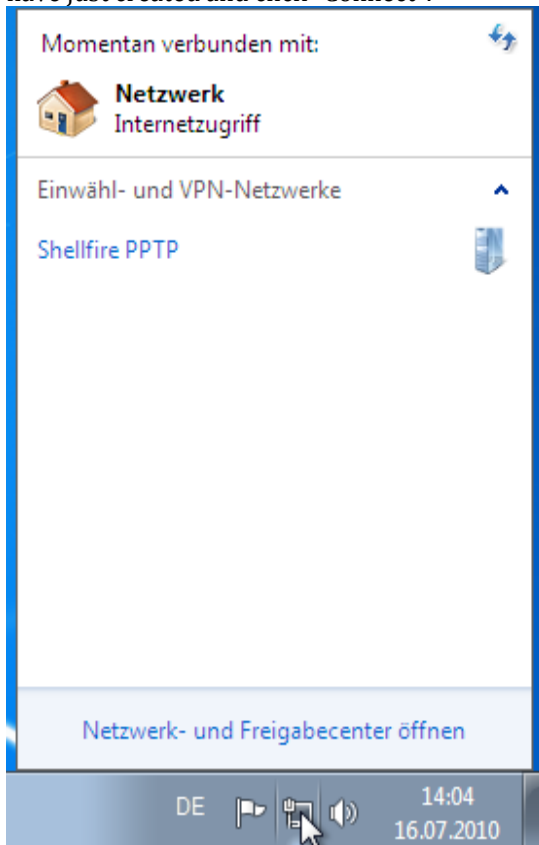
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### 3. Connecting and disconnecting

After rebooting your Computer or after being disconnected from the internet, the VPN connection usually disconnects and has to be reconnected.

To connect and disconnect, follow these steps:

- 1) Click the symbol "Network" on the lower right of your screen. Select the VPN connection that you have just created and click "Connect".



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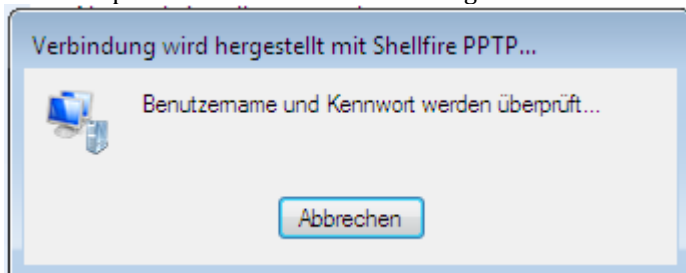
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- 2) Enter your username and password. You can choose to save your password, if you like. Click "Connect".



- 3) Your computer should now be connecting.



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## 4. Checking your connection status

If the VPN connection to the Shellfire server has been set up correctly, your IP address on the web is replaced by the IP address of the VPN server.

You can check this by following these steps:

- 1) Make sure the VPN connection is disconnected (step 4)
- 2) Visit <http://www.whatsmyip.org/> and note your IP address.

Your IP Address is 123.123.123.123

- 3) Now, connect to the VPN server (step 4)
- 4) Reload the page <http://www.whatsmyip.org/> and check your new IP address.

Your IP Address is 111.111.111.111

In this example, the first IP address is 123.123.123.123 and the second IP address is 111.111.111.111. As both IPs are different from each other, you can tell that your connection is working nicely. If you get the same IP addresses with and without VPN, check your settings or contact our support.

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