RSPHDesktop is our Virtual Desktop system that supplies access to software needed for our classes and school wide licensed software for research integrated with our network disk storage. The primary purpose for this facility is to support our classes for student training and it is also available for virtual computing needs for our staff and faculty. This policy provides the basic rules for use, the constraints, and permitted users.

- RSPHDesktop is an RSPH faculty, student, and staff resource. It is not available for other schools or external organizations.
- Sensitive and PHI data can be used in the system and accessed through the T: network drive. This data is not to be pulled down to a local computer for processing or any local storage.
- STATA is ONLY provided by license for classwork. Research usage is explicitly not allowed by our licensing terms.
- The system has a limited capacity, currently 500 simultaneous desktops. Priority for the use of this system will be given to the academic courses and RSPH students.
- The configurations of the virtual computers follow our standard desktop configuration. More advanced computing power is supported by other RSPH resources (ex: Local computer or Cluster).
- Only software covered by RSPH school-wide licensing is provided. Specialized or short-term usage software is not installed on the system.
- Updates to the software are done during off semester cycles and must be timed with classwork content updates and follow proper environment compatibility testing. There is a minimum lead-time notification of at least one month before the next update window.
- This system is only to be used for training, projects, and work directly affiliated with RSPH classes or research. People using this system for external activity will be removed.
- The applications currently available on the system can be obtained from the RSPH IT dept.
- Only one desktop (virtual computer) can be brought up at a time. Multiple logins are not allowed.
- All work should be saved to the network drives. No data or information is saved when the session is complete and you have logged off.
- A virtual desktop will continue to run unless you logout or your local Internet session is disrupted. The “store front” at first login where a workspace is selected from may timeout but will not effect your desktop session.
- Be sure to logout of your session when done. This releases the resource for others to use.
- All requests for access to the RSPHDesktop should be sent to the RSPH Help Desk at help@sph.emory.edu. Verification of each request is done to confirm appropriate affiliation with the Rollins School of Public Health. All enrolled RSPH students will be automatically granted access and revoked after graduation. Valid affiliation is reviewed yearly for all users.
- You do not need to enter the VPN to access the desktop system.
- To access the system start a browser and enter the URL https://RSPHdesktop.sph.emory.edu and then login using your Emory credentials.