



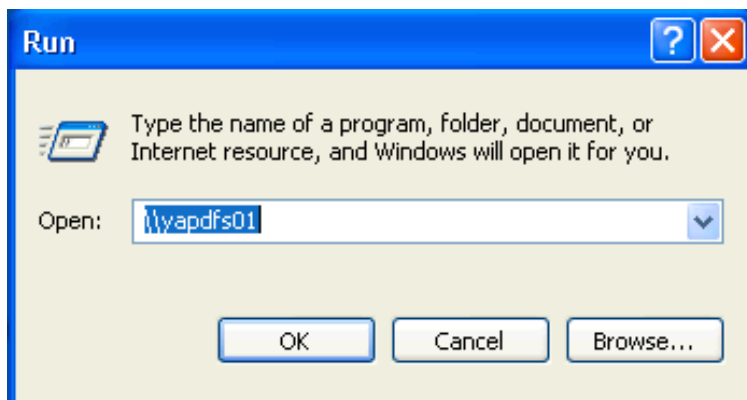
Access a Windows Distributed File System (DFS) share from a Macintosh

DFS Shares can span over multiple physical storage locations. Windows computers can seamlessly redirect to access resources across server locations. The Macintosh operating system does not support redirection to a different file server. Examples of DFS shares at Yale include Med1 and yapdfs01.

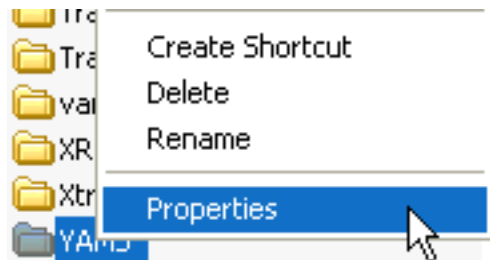
If you need help discovering the path that is needed to access a DFS share, email client.accounts@yale.edu. Provide the share and the folder you are trying to connect to and they will supply you with the proper path.

To find the DFS share path on a Windows computer

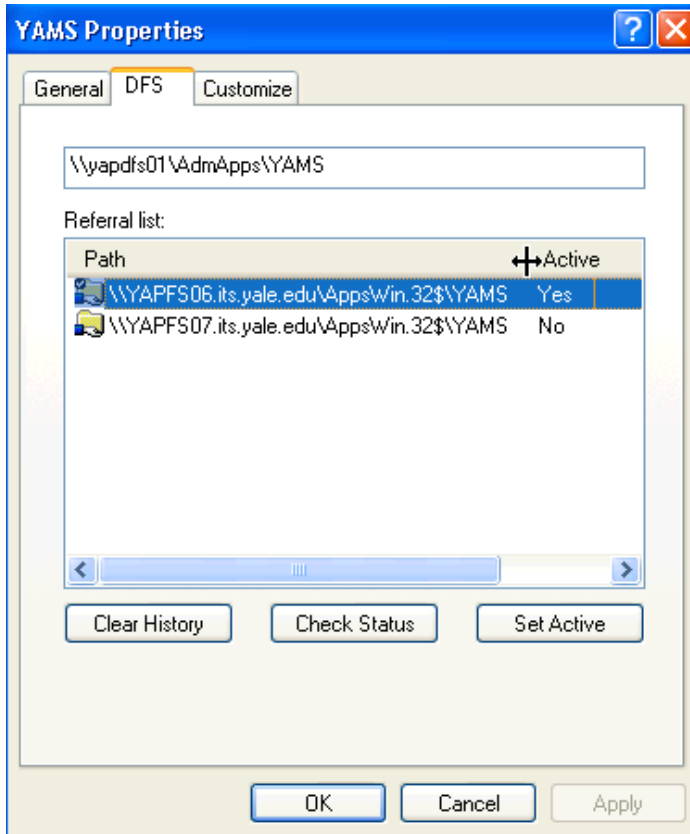
1. Map to the server you wish to access
 - a. Click **Start** -> **Run** and type in the server address.
 - b. Click **OK**.



- c. Locate the folder that you wish to access on your Mac and right click on the folder.
 - d. Choose **Properties** and Click on the **DFS Tab**.

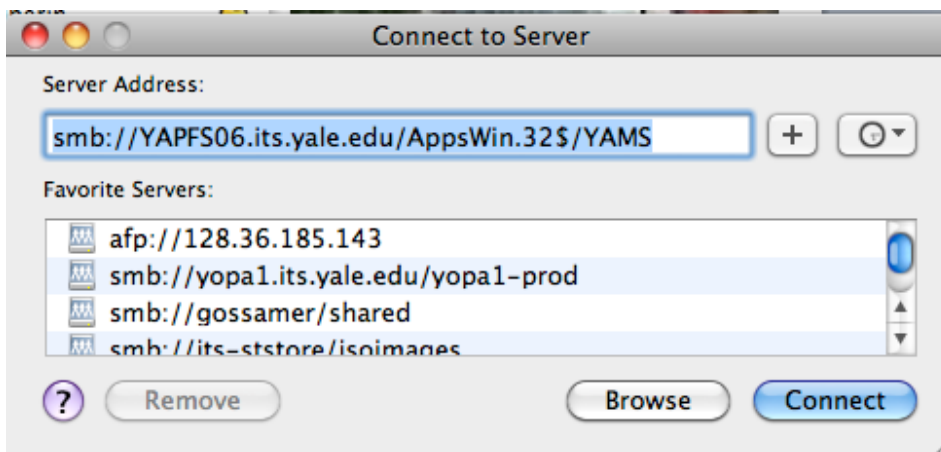


- e. From the Referral list expand the Path until you can see the entire path.



- f. The Path is the actual location of the folder. Since the Mac operating system cannot redirect AFP, this path will enable the Mac to locate the file directly. Save this information.

2. On the Mac, click **GO** on the Apple Menu and choose **Connect to Server** or command K on the keyboard.
3. In the Server Address: box type in the path that was found using the Windows computer earlier.



- a. Remembering that since you are accessing a Windows Server, you are using the SMB protocol and forward slashes (/) instead of back slashes (\).
 - b. Click the Plus + symbol to add the server to your list of favorite servers to access in the future.
4. Click **Connect** and Finder will open the file in a new window.