

Welcome to PCoIP Software Client for Windows

Welcome to the Teradici PCoIP® Software Client for Windows Administrators' Guide.

PCoIP Software Clients are applications that establish PCoIP sessions with remote Windows or Linux desktops. Connections can be made remote desktops and workstations via either PCoIP Agents (component of Cloud Access Software) or Remote Workstation Cards.

This guide explains how to install, configure, and use the PCoIP Software Client for Windows. It includes client system requirements and information on host dependencies.

Who Should Read This Guide?

This guide is intended for administrators and users who install, configure, or use the Teradici PCoIP® Software Client for Windows.



Understanding terms and conventions in Teradici guides

For more information on the industry specific terms, abbreviations, text conventions, and graphic symbols used in this guide, see [Using Teradici Product and Component Guides](#) and the [Teradici Glossary](#).

What's New in This Release

The PCoIP Software Client for Windows 20.01 introduces the following features and enhancements:

Local Termination of Wacom Cintiq Pro 24 - Pen Only

This release supports local termination of Wacom Cintiq Pro 24 - Pen only. Locally-terminated tablets have greatly improved responsiveness, and tolerate higher-latency networks.

Detect Monitors Feature

Detect monitors is a new menu item has been added that enables users to trigger the client to recognize if there has been a change in the displays connected to the Client. For example when you plug in a projector into a laptop. This feature would extend the remote workstation to include the projector without having to disconnect or reconnect to the session.

PCoIP Ultra Enhancements

This release includes NVEnc 4:2:0 colorspace transformation support for PCoIP Ultra.

Direct Connect to Remote Workstation Cards (RWC) Deprecated

PCoIP brokering can now be used to connect to the RWC. The ability to directly connect to a RWC has been deprecated and may be removed from a future Software Client release. When connecting to a RWC using the latest firmware, use PCoIP brokering. Direct Connect may be used with older firmware releases.

Additional Documentation

The following guides contain additional information relevant to PCoIP systems and PCoIP Software Clients:

- For more information about Teradici Cloud Access Software, including detailed information on included PCoIP components as well as Teradici All Access plans, see the [Teradici Cloud Access Architecture Guide](#).
- For more information about Teradici PCoIP agents, which are required on remote virtual machines, see the following pages:
 - [Teradici PCoIP Standard Agent for Windows](#)
 - [Teradici PCoIP Graphics Agent for Windows](#)
 - [Teradici PCoIP Standard Agent for Linux](#)
 - [Teradici PCoIP Graphics Agent for Linux](#)
- For information about Teradici PCoIP Host Software, which is required on remote workstations using a Teradici PCoIP Remote Workstation Card, see the following pages:
 - [PCoIP Host Software for Windows](#)
 - [PCoIP Host Software for Linux](#)

System Requirements

The following table outlines the system requirements for the PCoIP Software Client for Windows:

System	Version Required
PCoIP Software Client Operating Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Windows 10 (64-bit)
Compatible PCoIP agents	All PCoIP agents and versions
Compatible PCoIP Remote Workstation Cards	TERA22x0 with firmware 5.0.1+. The Software Clients are only compatible with the latest RWC firmware for brokered connections. Direct Connect will still work with older firmware versions.
Compatible PCoIP Host Software*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Host Software for Windows: 4.3.1+Host Software for Linux: 4.7.0+

*Only required when connecting to PCoIP Remote Workstation Cards.

Audio Support

Stereo audio output and mono audio input are supported and enabled by default.

Displays

The PCoIP Client supports a maximum of four displays and a maximum resolution of 4K UHD (3840×2160).

Monitors can be arranged in a vertical line, a horizontal line, or as a 2×2 box display. They can be used in any standard rotation (0°, 90°, 180°, or 270°), with any monitor as the primary display.

Note: Using multiple high-resolution displays

Systems with multiple high-resolution displays, such as quad 4K UHD topologies, require powerful system infrastructure. Be sure to use a system with sufficient bandwidth and client capability to support your required display topology.

Important: Attaching monitors to the host machine is not supported

PCoIP client supports a maximum of four displays. Attaching extra monitors to the host machine will conflict with client display topologies.

Supported Installer Languages

The PCoIP Client installer supports the following languages:

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Simplified Chinese
- Traditional Chinese
- Japanese
- Portuguese
- Italian
- Korean
- Russian
- Turkish

PCoIP Ultra

The PCoIP Client provides support for PCoIP Ultra, the latest protocol enhancements from Teradici. PCoIP Ultra is optimized for truly lossless support with bit-exact color accuracy and preservation of content detail at the highest frame rates.

PCoIP Ultra protocol enhancements propels our industry-recognized performance into the future of remote computing, with faster, more interactive experience for users of remote workstations working with high-resolution content.

PCoIP Ultra enhancements are controlled on the PCoIP Agent. There is no configuration required on the PCoIP Client.

PCoIP Ultra is appropriate for specific use cases

For most users, the default PCoIP protocol will provide the best possible experience. Carefully review the recommended use cases in the next section to determine whether you should enable it.

When to Enable PCoIP Ultra

In release 20.01, PCoIP Ultra supports the following use cases:

- Users requiring CPU-optimized delivery of **4K UHD, high-framerate video playback**.
- Efficient scaling across multicore CPUs, leveraging AVX2 instruction sets.

For ***all other scenarios***, Teradici recommends that you leave PCoIP Ultra disabled. For additional detail on PCoIP Ultra technical requirements for various use cases and troubleshooting steps, refer to [KB 2109: PCoIP Ultra Troubleshooting](#).

Requirements

To take advantage of PCoIP Ultra, you need:

- A PCoIP Agent (any type), 19.11 or later

- A PCoIP Software Client (any type), 19.11 or later
- The CPUs on both the agent and the client machines must support the AVX2 instruction set.

Enabling PCoIP Ultra

In order to enable PCoIP Ultra features you need to turn on GPO variables. For information on this, see [Enabling PCoIP Ultra](#).

Printing Support

When a local printer is visible to a client computer by USB connection or local network connection, it may be possible to print from the host machine. Refer to the following table for local printing support.

Cloud printing is available from all clients if supported by the desktop system and correct PCoIP Agent.

	PCoIP Agent for Windows	PCoIP Agent for Linux
Local USB Printing	✓ printer is connected to a USB port on the client computer	—
Local Network Printing	✓	—
Cloud Printing	✓	—

The PCoIP Standard Agent for Linux does not support local printing on remote clients.

Local, network, and cloud printers are supported in various ways:

- Linux hosts can print to any printer on the host machine's local area network.
- If your host host workstation has access to the Internet, cloud-based printing is supported through cloud-printing services such as Google Cloud Print and HP Mobile Printing.

USB Support

PCoIP Clients supports redirecting USB devices to a remote session. Administrators can set rules governing allowed and disallowed devices, device classes, or device protocols.



Important: USB support is enabled by default

USB bridging is enabled by default. If you want to restrict or disable USB support, you can globally disable or set rules governing USB behavior via GPO settings on the PCoIP Agent.

Isochronous USB device support

USB devices with time-sensitive information, such as webcams, are not generally supported. However, Teradici's technology partners provide additional solutions to expand peripheral support such as webcams. For more information, look for partners listed under **Peripherals** on the [Teradici Technology Partners](#) page.

Wacom Tablet Support

The Software Client for Windows supports Wacom tablets in two configurations: *bridged*, where peripheral data is sent to the desktop for processing, and *locally terminated*, where peripheral data is processed locally at the Software Client.

Locally terminated Wacom tablets are much more responsive and tolerate low latency connections.

Locally Terminated Wacom Tablets

Locally-terminated tablets have greatly improved responsiveness, and tolerate higher-latency (including 25ms and higher) networks.

Local termination requires:

- An Agent for Windows or Linux version 19.08 or higher.

The following Wacom tablet models have been tested and are supported with local termination.

PCoIP client support for *locally terminated* Wacom tablets and the Software Client for Windows

	PCoIP Standard Agent for Linux	PCoIP Graphics Agent for Linux	PCoIP Standard Agent for Windows	PCoIP Graphics Agent for Windows	PCoIP Remote Workstation Card
Wacom Intuos Pro Medium	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Wacom Intuos Pro Large	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Wacom Cintiq	—	—	—	—	—

	PCoIP Standard Agent for Linux	PCoIP Graphics Agent for Linux	PCoIP Standard Agent for Windows	PCoIP Graphics Agent for Windows	PCoIP Remote Workstation Card
Wacom Cintiq Pro 24 - Pen only	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Wacom Cintiq 16	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Cintiq Pro 13	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Cintiq Pro 16	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Cintiq 24 - Pen Only	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Cintiq Pro 24 Pen and Touch	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Cintiq Pro 32 Pen and Touch	—	—	—	—	—

Bridged Wacom Tablets

Bridged Wacom tablets are supported only in low-latency environments. Tablets in network environments with greater than 25ms latency will show reduced responsiveness and are not recommended.

The following Wacom tablet models have been tested and are supported on a PCoIP Software Client for Windows.

PCoIP client support for *bridged* Wacom tablets and the Software Client for Windows

	PCoIP Standard Agent for Linux	PCoIP Graphics Agent for Linux	PCoIP Standard Agent for Windows	PCoIP Graphics Agent for Windows	PCoIP Remote Workstation Card
Wacom Intuos Pro Medium	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Intuos Pro Large	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Cintiq 22	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Wacom Cintiq Pro 24 - Pen Only	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Cintiq 16	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Cintiq Pro 13	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	—
Wacom Cintiq Pro 16	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	—
Wacom Cintiq 24 - Pen Only	—	—	—	—	—
Wacom Cintiq Pro 24 Pen and Touch	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	—
Wacom Cintiq Pro 32 Pen and Touch	—	—	—	—	—

*These Wacom models have not been tested by Teradici.

Other Wacom tablets may work, but have not been tested.

Relative Mouse Support

Relative mouse support enables relative rather than absolute coordinates, often required for example in CAD design.

This feature is currently supported with the following components:

Relative Mouse Support	Supported
PCoIP Software Client 19.11 for Windows	✓
PCoIP Tera2 Zero Client 6.4 (Requires Configuration to enable)	✓
PCoIP Standard Agent 19.11 for Windows	✓
PCoIP Graphics Agent 19.11 for Windows	✓

The following components do not support this feature:

- PCoIP Standard Agent for Linux
- PCoIP Graphics Agent for Linux

The relative mouse support feature is disabled by default on the Software Client 19.11 for Windows.

Enabling Relative Mouse Support

To enable relative mouse support add the following line to %localappdata%\Teradici\pcoip_client_settings.txt

```
pcoip.enable_relative_mouse = 1
```

Installing the Software Client for Windows

In this section, you will learn how to install and uninstall the Software Client for Windows for Windows.

Before You Begin

Before installing the Software Client for Windows:

- You must be logged in as an administrator to the client machine.
- Close any existing Software Client for Windows applications.

Installing the Software Client

You can install the Software Client for Windows with the provided Windows installation wizard or from the command line.

To install the Software Client for Windows using the wizard:

1. Double-click the Software Client for Windows installer executable (pcoip-client.exe) to begin installation.
2. Follow the prompts to specify installation locations, and to agree to any licenses.



Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable package

The libraries in this package are required by the Software Client for Windows. If they aren't already installed, a wizard will launch and install them for you.

3. Click **Finish** to complete installation and close the installer.

To install the Software Client for Windows silently from the command line:

- Install the Software Client for Windows silently by running the installer executable from the command line:

```
<path-to-installer>\pcoip-client.exe /S`
```

where `<path-to-installer>` is the full path to the folder containing the pcoip-client.exe executable.



Silent installation uses default options

The silent installer uses default settings and options. For example, a silent installation won't create a desktop shortcut.

Uninstalling the Software Client

To uninstall the Software Client for Windows:

1. Click **Start** (or **Search Windows** for Windows 10).
2. In the search box, type **Add or remove programs** and press **Enter**.
3. Select **Teradici PCoIP Client** from the list of programs.
4. Click the **Uninstall/Change** button above the list.

Using the PCoIP Software Client

After installing a PCoIP Software Client on your client machine, you can connect to the following PCoIP solutions or products or hosts:

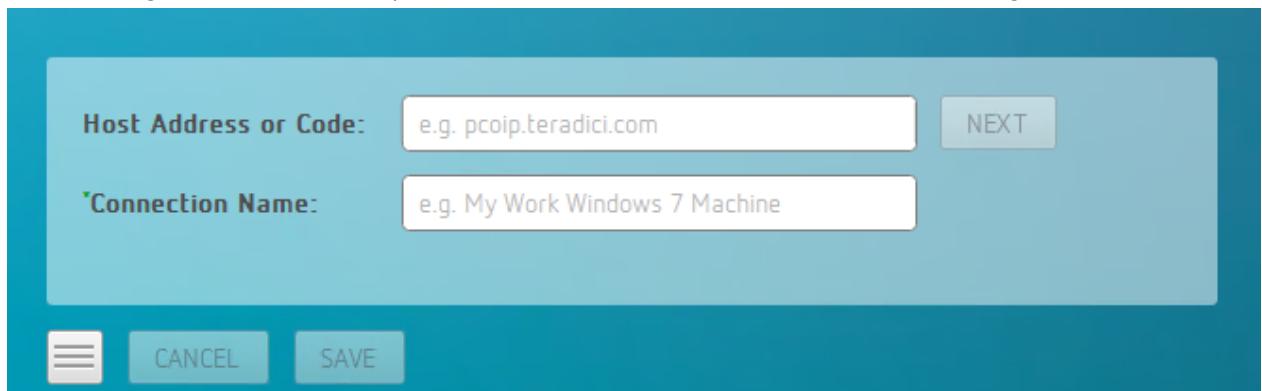
- Teradici PCoIP Graphics Agent or PCoIP Standard Agent installed as part of Teradici Cloud Access Software.
- Teradici PCoIP Remote Workstation Card and Teradici PCoIP Host Software installed in a Windows or Linux workstation.

Connecting to Virtual Machines

You can connect to virtual Windows or Linux hosts that have a PCoIP Standard Agent or PCoIP Graphics Agent installed. Connections can be made directly to individual host machines, or via a connection broker in managed deployments.

To connect to a remote workstation or virtual desktop:

1. Double-click the PCoIP Client desktop icon, alias, or program file *PCoIPClient* to launch the application.
2. In the *Host Address or Code* field, enter one of the following:
 - For **direct connections**, provide the address of the host machine.
 - For **managed connections**, provide the address of the connection manager.

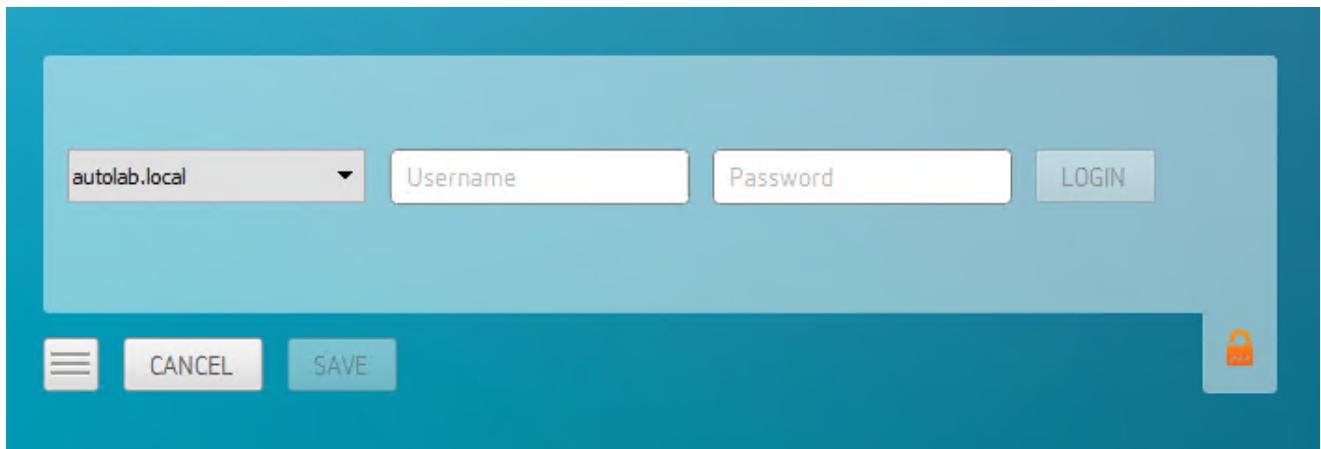


If you want to save this connection later for easy recall, enter a name in the *Connection Name* field. You will save the connection in step 5.

3. Click **NEXT**.

To connect to a remote workstation or virtual desktop:

4. On the next screen, select your domain from the dropdown list, enter your user name and password for the desktop, and then click **LOGIN**.



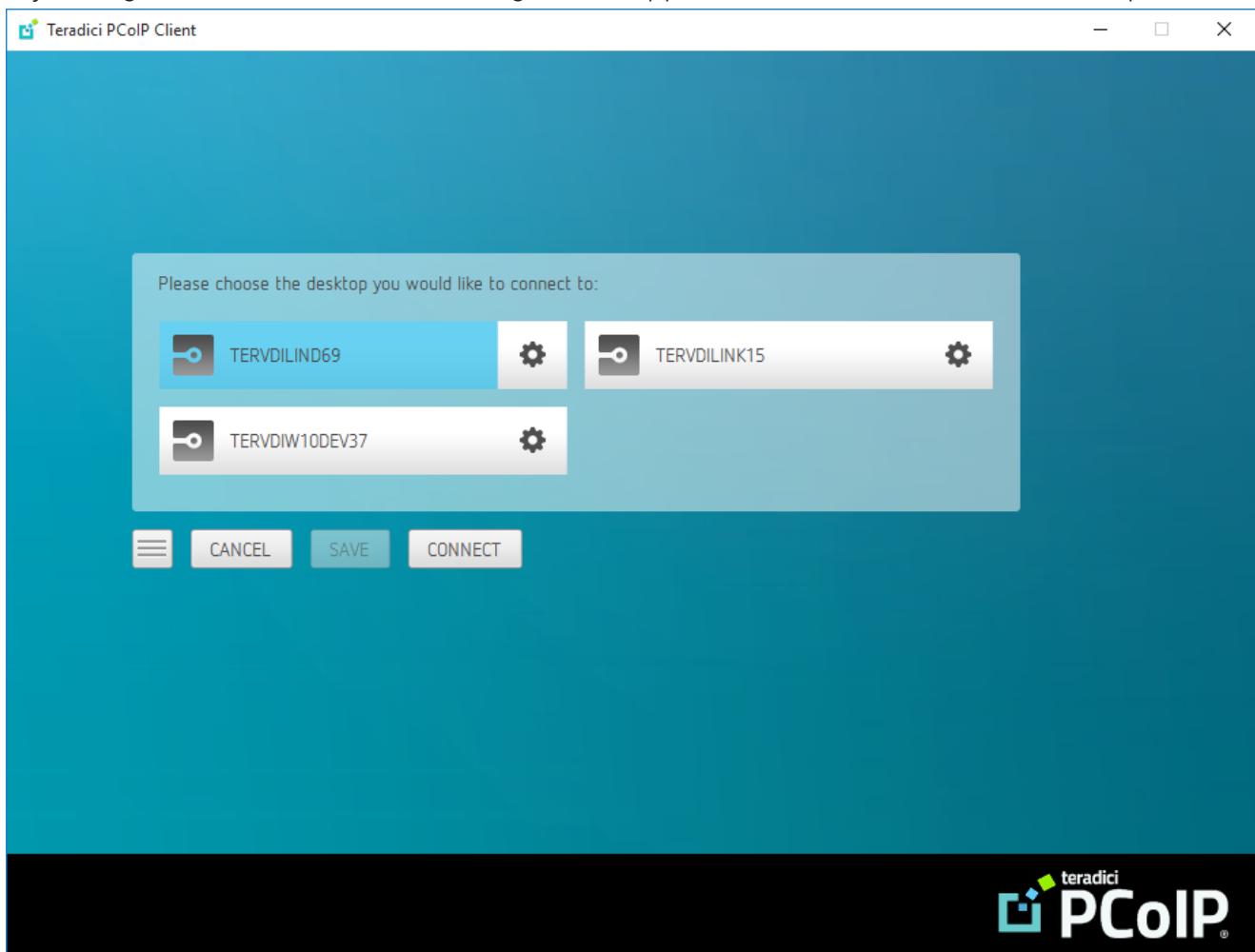
If your domain does not appear in the list, specify it along with your user name (for example, `MyDomain\MyUserName`).

i About the Security Padlock Indicator

The login screen displays a red padlock indicator when accessing a PCoIP agent desktop that uses default self-signed certificates. The icon indicates that the software's certificate is not signed by a trusted certificate authority (CA). You can use your own CA to create a certificate and then install the appropriate files at each end. If the client trusts your internal CA, a green padlock icon displays on the screen instead. To learn more about certificates, see the PCoIP agent administrators guides listed in the Teradici Cloud Access Architecture Guide.

To connect to a remote workstation or virtual desktop:

5. If your login is successful, the following screen appears with a list of available desktops:



6. Click **Connect** to connect to the selected desktop.

 **A short interface delay is normal**

When a session is first connected, it may take a few seconds before you can take control of the keyboard and mouse. This is normal behavior.

Connecting to Teradici PCoIP Remote Workstation Cards

You can connect to remote workstations with a Teradici PCoIP Remote Workstation Card and PCoIP Host Software installed. Refer to [System Requirements](#) for supported versions.

Initial Workstation Configuration

Before you can connect to your remote workstation for the first time, a few things must be configured on the host machine.

These configuration actions only need to be taken once on each remote workstation in your system:

- **Enable monitor emulation for the video ports on your remote workstation**

If monitor emulation is not enabled, you may see blank gray screens when you connect from the PCoIP Software Client.

To enable monitor emulation, log in to the card's Administrator Web Interface (AWI) and select **Enable Monitor Emulation on Video Port n** from the Configuration > Monitor Emulation menu. For more information, see the [Tera2 PCoIP Zero Client Firmware 4.x and Remote Workstation Card Firmware 4.9 Administrators' Guide](#).

- **Disable temporal dithering**

Temporal dithering causes blurriness, heavy packet loss, and high CPU usage on the PCoIP Software Client machine. See [Should I disable the dithering feature of my graphics card in a remote workstation environment? \(KB 15134-207\)](#) for more information.

- **Linux workstations: configure PCoIP Host Software to Start Automatically**

To configure the PCoIP host software to start automatically, log into the workstation using a PCoIP Zero Client or directly from a local mouse and keyboard, and modify the workstation startup script to launch the PCoIP host software. For details, see [Installing PCoIP Host Software Binary RPM](#) in the [PCoIP® Host Software for Linux User Guide](#).

Connecting to a Remote Workstation Card

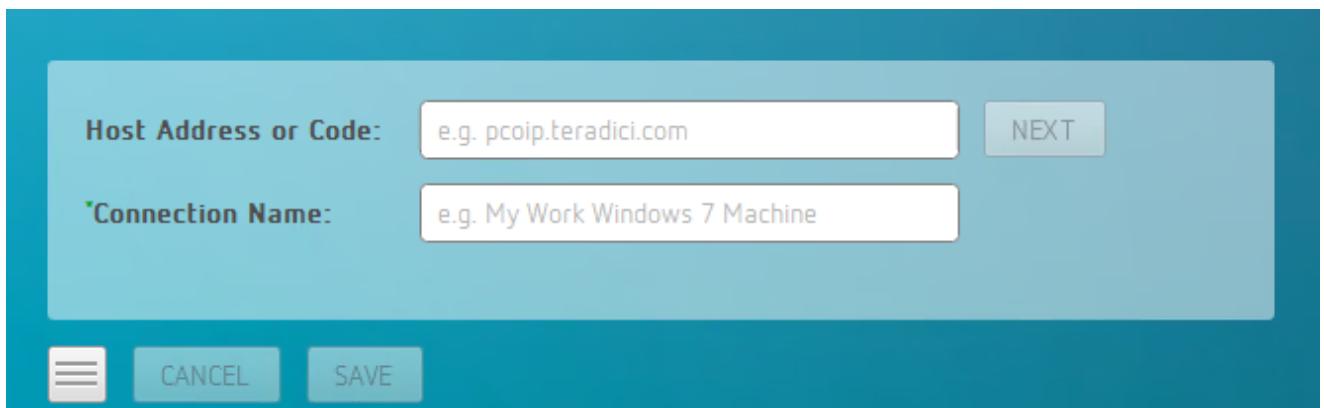
Once the remote workstation is properly configured, you can connect to it from the PCoIP Software Client.

⚠ Workstation configuration is required before connecting

If you experience connection problems or degraded performance, make sure that the workstation is configured as described in Initial Workstation Configuration.

To connect to a remote workstation with a Teradici PCoIP Remote Workstation Card installed:

1. Double-click the PCoIP Client desktop icon, alias, or program file (PCoIPClient) to launch the application.



2. In the **Host Address** box, enter the fully-qualified computer name or IP address of the Teradici PCoIP Remote Workstation Card installed in the remote workstation. This only works for direct connection to a legacy firmware releases. For the latest RWC firmware, this must be the address of the broker.
3. *Optional:* In the **Connection Name** box, enter a name for your connection. This field accepts any Unicode character.

📘 The Connection Information can be saved

If you provide a connection name now, you will have the option of saving the connection after you are authenticated. Saved connections can be quickly recalled later, without manually re-entering connection information.

4. Click **NEXT**.

**A short interface delay is normal**

When a session is first connected, it may take a few seconds before you can take control of the keyboard and mouse. This is normal behavior.

5. If your desktop is locked upon connection and requires you to enter Ctrl+Alt+Delete to log in, select **Connection > Send CTRL-ALT-DEL** from the PCoIP Software Client menu bar.

Remote Workstation Card Feature Compatibility

Not all features with the Software Client are fully supported when connecting to a RWC. The following section outlines these limitations against certain features.

Audio: RWC uses a hardware based audio protocol which is not fully supported on the Software Client.

Topology: Single display configuration will work. There may be disruptions in the forms of black bars or scroll bars on the client if the RWC does not support the display configuration on the client. The worst instance of this disruption will occur for some client configurations that don't work with the hard host configuration.

USB: Connecting USB devices to the RWC is not supported.

Performance: Updated to support PCoIP Ultra are not applicable to the RWC.

Direct Connect: Direct Connect to RWC's is not supported with the latest host firmware. Brokered connections should be used when connecting to a RWC from a Software Client.

Connecting to a USB Device

Remote Windows hosts using the PCoIP Standard Agent or the PCoIP Graphics Agent can use USB devices that are attached to the client. When you connect a local USB device to your remote host it will be disabled on the client machine.

USB device connections do not persist across multiple PCoIP sessions. You must connect your USB device each time you connect.

PCoIP Agent needs to be configured to enable USB redirection

The USB menu will only show up if the PCoIP Agent has been configured to enable USB redirection and a USB device has been detected by the PCoIP Client.

ePadLink Signature Pad and some Wacom tablets are connected via local termination

If you are using an ePadLink Signature Pad and certain Wacom tablets they can be connected via local termination. You do not need to carry out any other steps to establish this connection. For information on which Wacom tablets are locally terminated, see [Wacom Tablets](#).

USB Auto-Forward

Automatic bridging enables you to auto bridge all non-HID USB devices. Use the `usb-auto-forward` command line parameter.

USB Vendor ID/Product ID Auto-Forward

You can automatically forward up to 20 USB devices to the host at the start of the session by calling the PCoIP client executable with `vidpid-auto-forward` and the required VID/PID pairs. Devices that are auto-forwarded will appear in the USB Devices dialog box, enabling users to connect or disconnect them from the host. The following rules apply to VID and PID values:

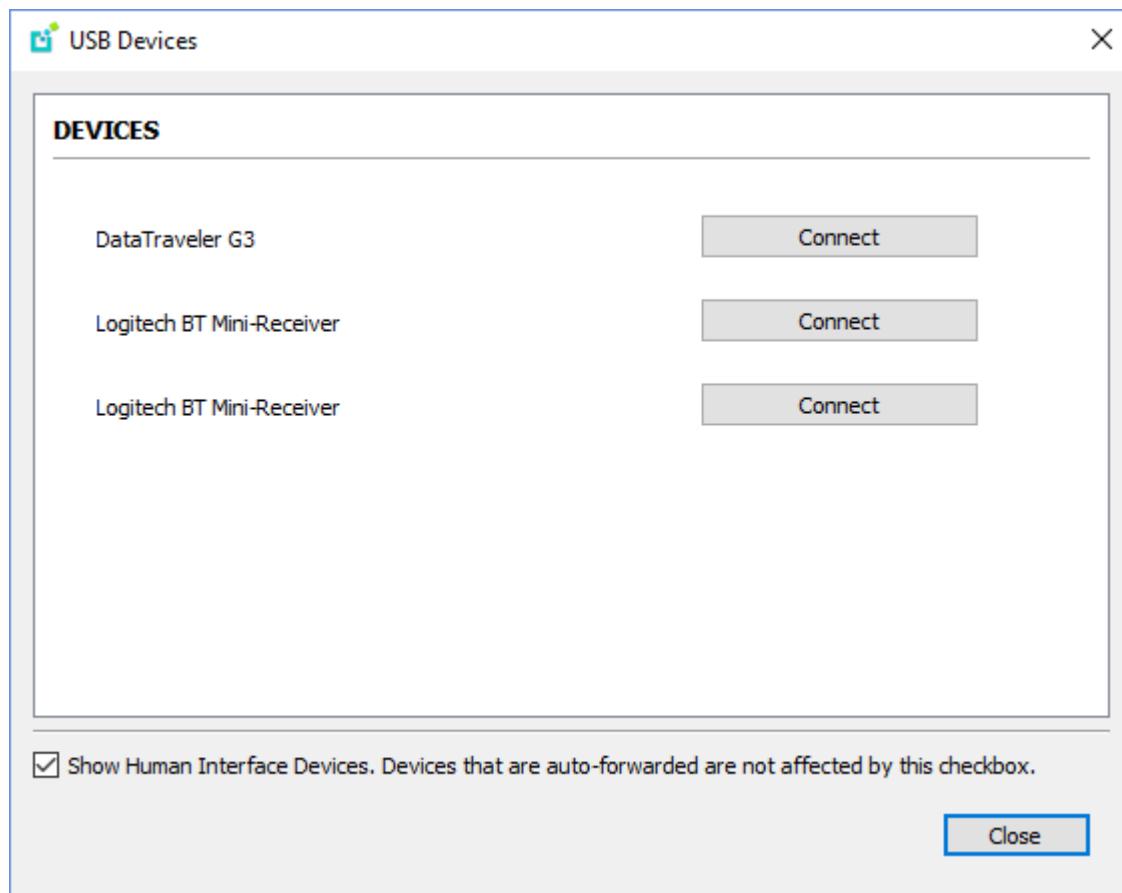
- VID/PID values are comma-separated: `xxx,yyy`
- VID/PID pairs are space-separated: `aaa bbb ccc ddd`

- VID/PID pairs with invalid values will be discarded. Discarded rules appear in the event log.
- Up to 20 devices will be passed; if more than 20 are attempted, the first 20 will be accepted and rest ignored. Ignored rules appear in the event log.

Connecting to a USB Device

The following section outlines how to connect a USB device:

1. Attach the USB device you want to connect.
2. Select **Connection > USB Devices** from the PCoIP Software Client menu.
 - A list of USB devices connected to your client machine appears. Integrated USB devices, such as built-in cameras on laptops, will appear in this list along with devices you have plugged in yourself.
 - Some devices will identify themselves only as USB Device.
3. Click **Connect** beside the USB device you want to use.



Connecting to Human Interface Devices

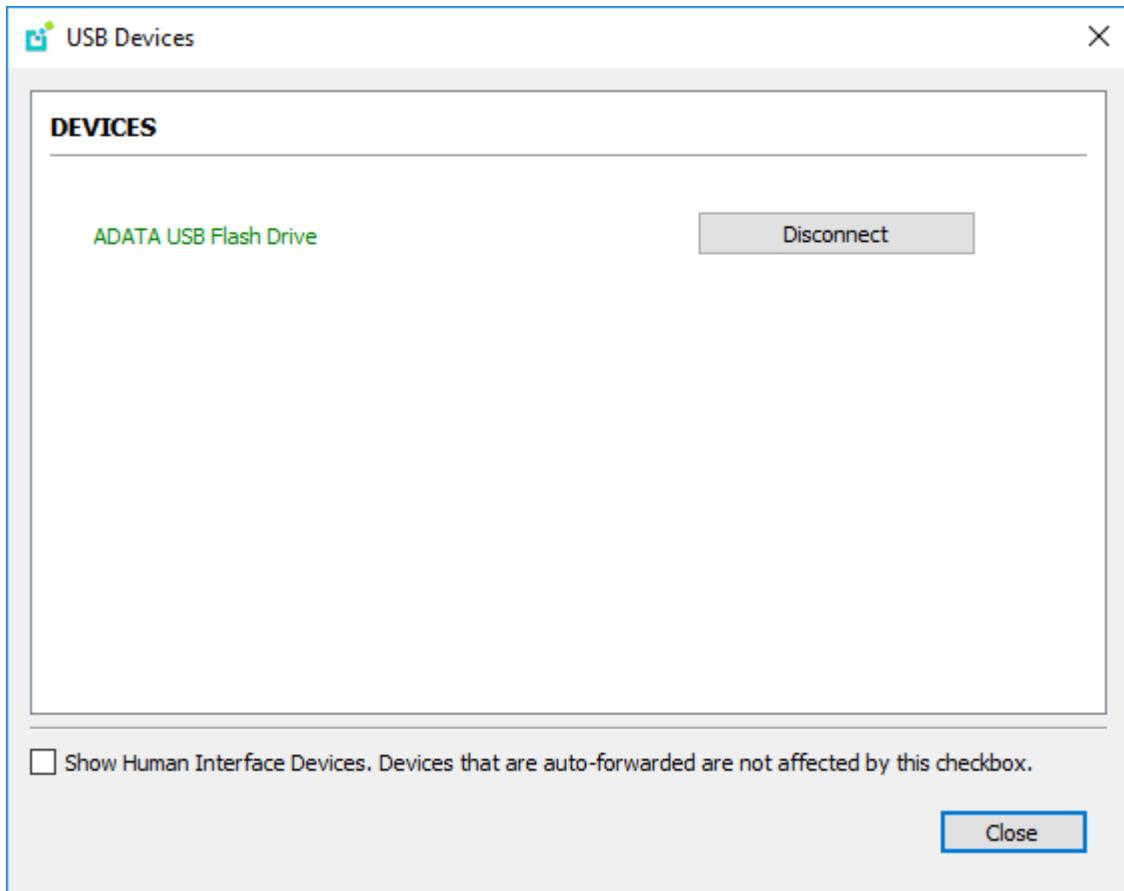
Most Human Interface Devices (HIDs), such as keyboards and mice, are automatically handled by the PCoIP Software Client and don't appear on in this list even if they use a USB connection.

If you need to connect a Human Interface Device that can't be locally processed, like a 3D mouse or a Wacom tablet, enable the **Show Human Interface Devices** checkbox to reveal the device in the USB device list and click its Connect button.

You may also have to complete additional configuration steps or install drivers on the host machine.

To disconnect a USB device:

1. Select **Connection > USB Devices** from the PCoIP Software Client menu.
2. Click **Disconnect** beside the USB device you want to disconnect.



Configuring Wacom Tablets

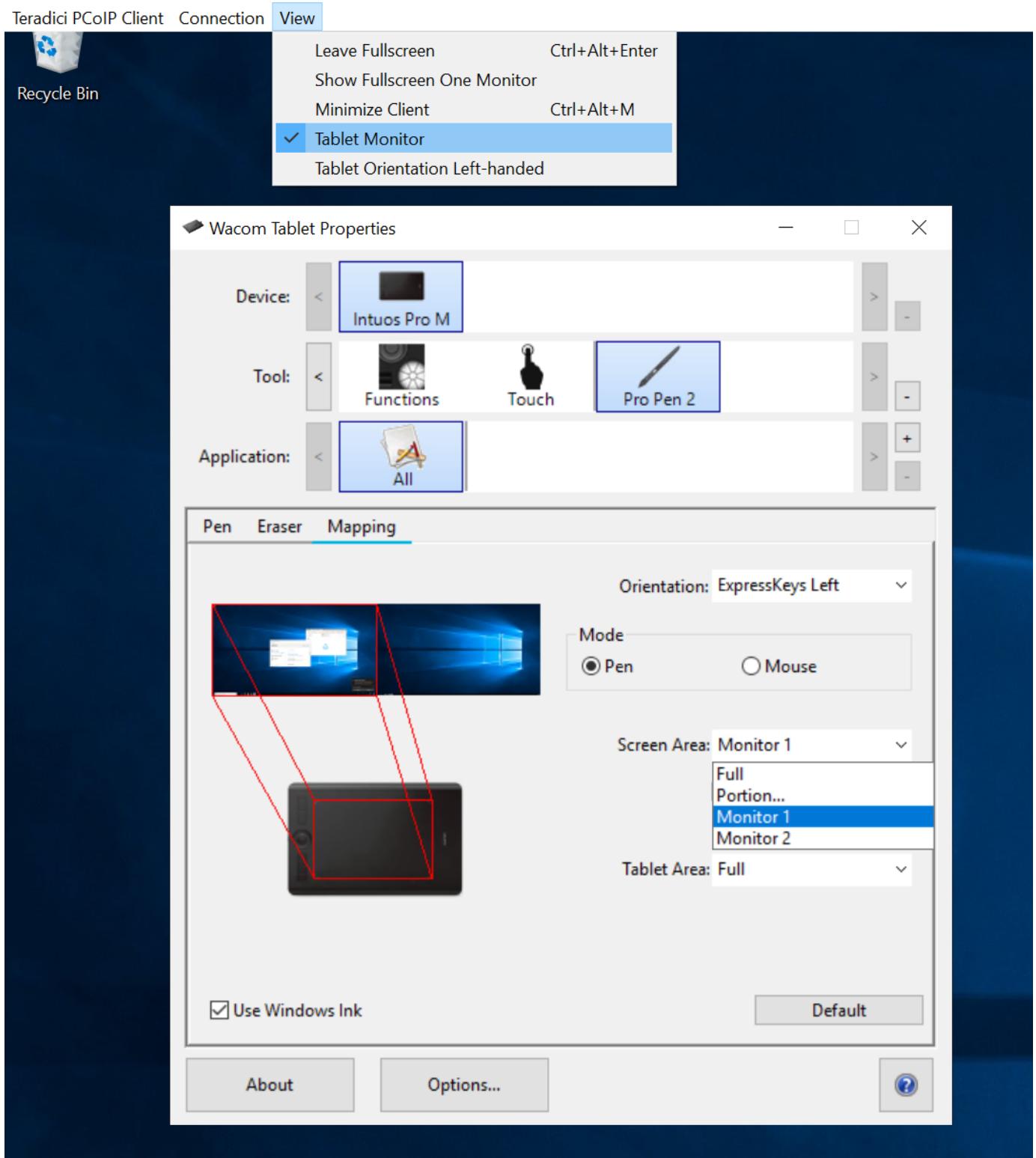
This section outlines how to configure your Wacom tablet through the PCoIP Client session. There are two available features within the PCoIP Client that can be used to configure the monitor display and orientation. This only applies to locally terminated Wacom Tablets.

Tablet Monitor

The Tablet Monitor feature enables you to select the monitor you want to use with your Wacom tablet. You can change between using a pen or mouse and select the orientation position.

To configure Tablet Monitor settings:

1. Select **View** from the in-session options bar.
2. Check the **Tablet Monitor** option.
3. Open **Wacom Tablet Properties** from the Wacom Desktop Center.
4. Select your device, tool and application.
5. Select your screen area from the dropdown menu.

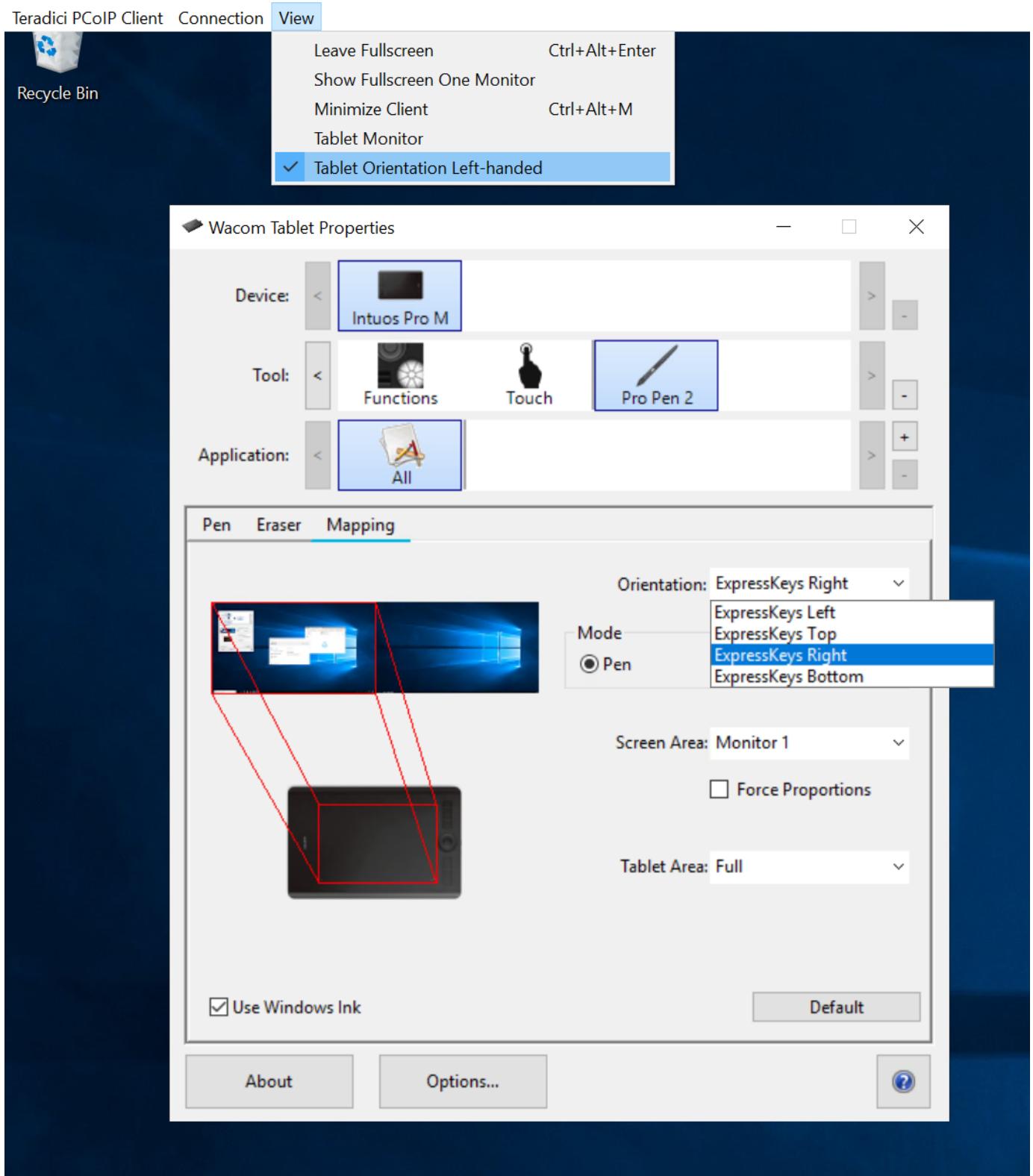


Tablet Orientation Left-handed

The left-handed orientation configures the tablet for a left-handed orientation. Select **ExpressKeys Right** for a left-handed orientation, and **ExpressKeys Left** for a right-handed orientation. Rotate the tablet to the desired orientation.

To configure Tablet Orientation:

1. Select **View** from the in-session options bar.
2. Check the **Tablet Orientation Left-handed** option.
3. Open **Wacom Tablet Properties** from the Wacom Desktop Center.
4. Select your device, tool and application.
5. Select your orientation from the dropdown menu.

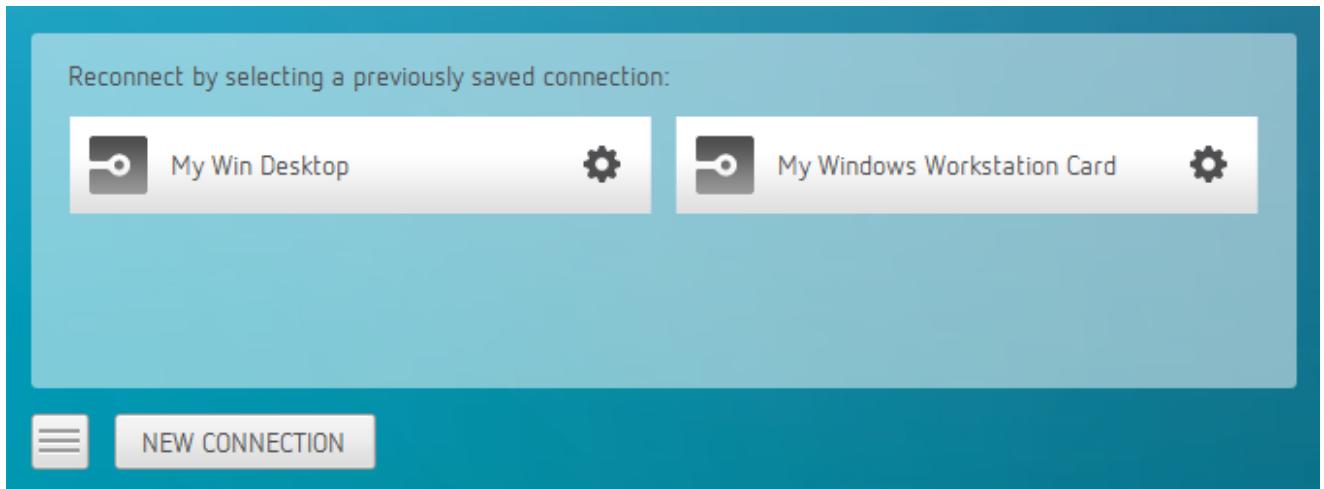


Using Saved Connections

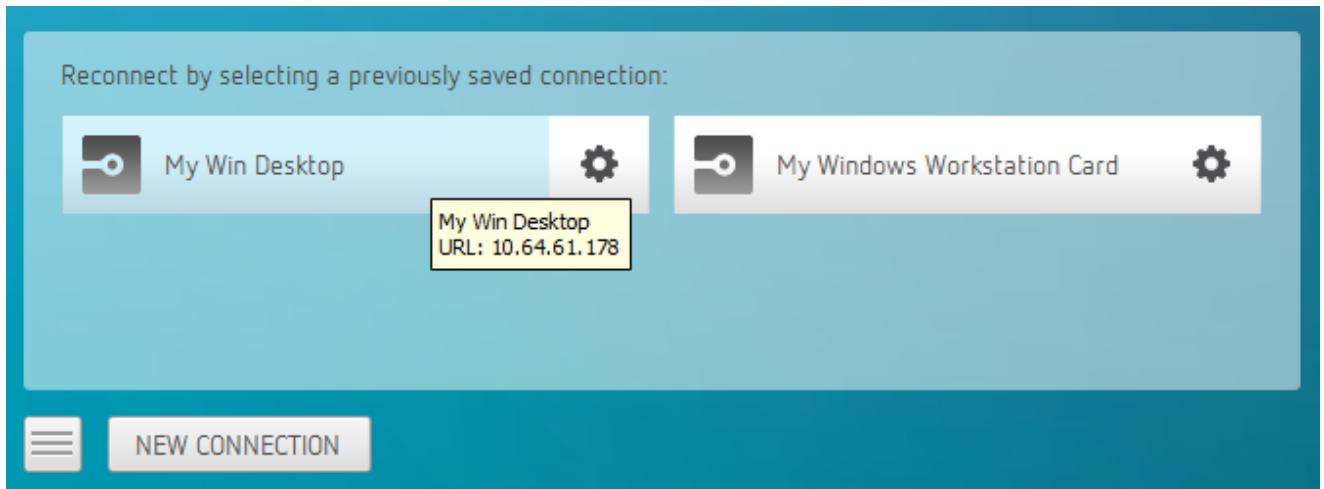
Once you have saved a connection, you can use it to reconnect easily.

To reconnect using your saved connection:

1. Click the button for the saved connection. The button label displays the connection name you assigned when you configured the connection.

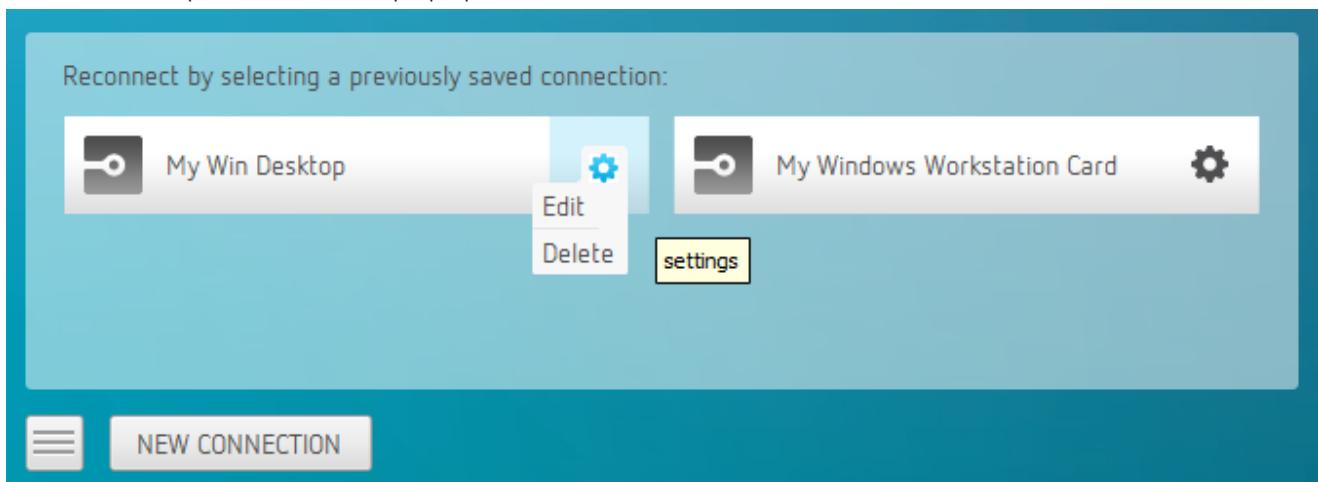


2. To see the connection address, hover your mouse over the saved connection. Hovering over a saved virtual desktop will also show the desktop name.

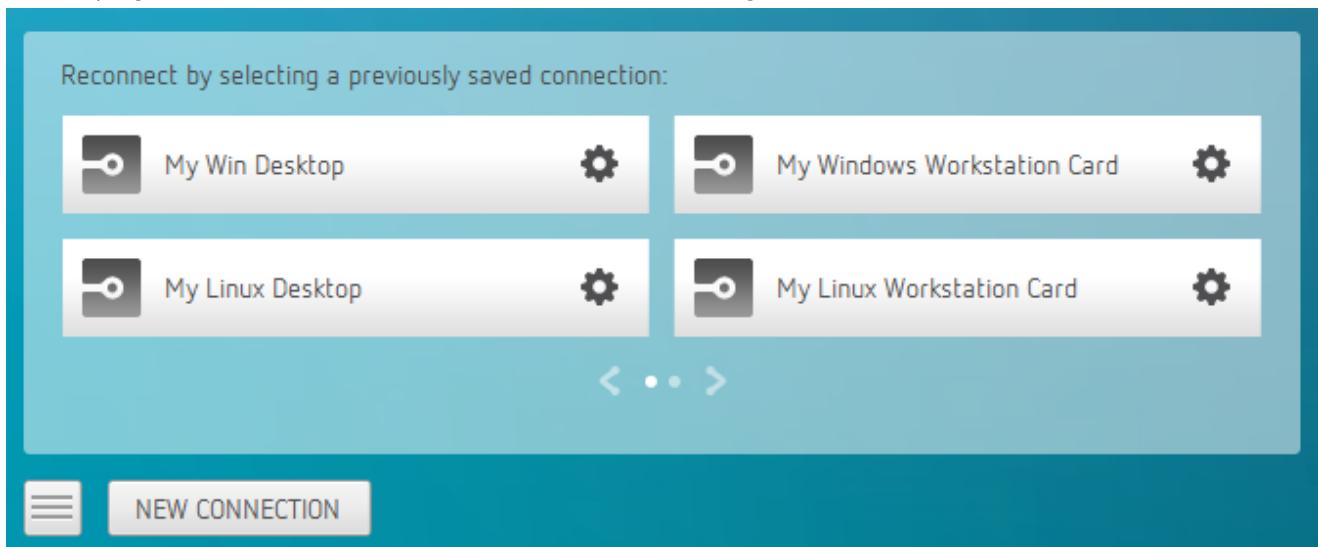


To reconnect using your saved connection:

3. To edit or delete a saved connection, click the configure button on the right, and then select the desired option from the popup menu.



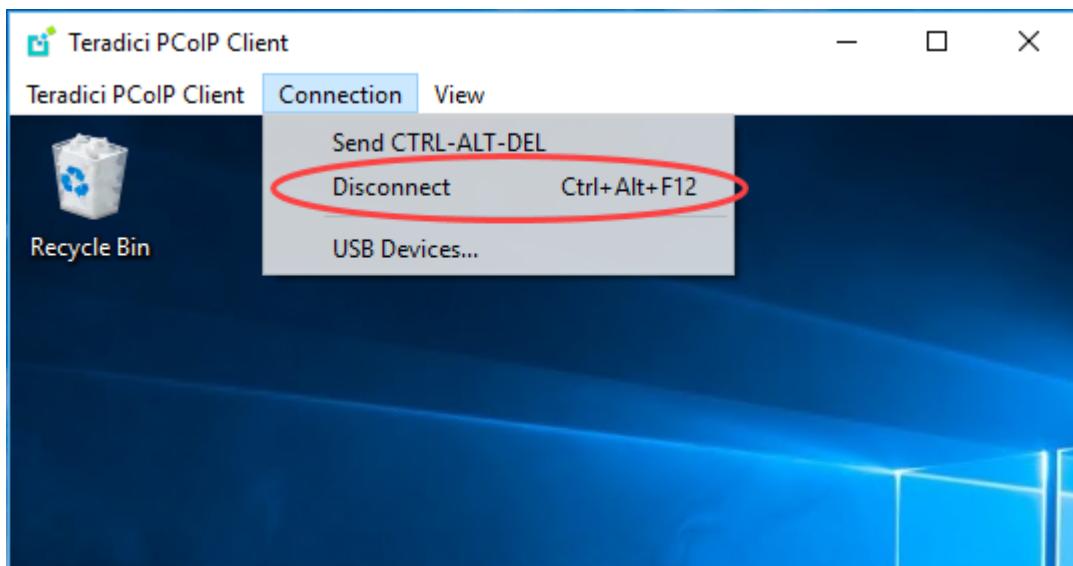
4. If you have saved multiple connections, click the desired one to reconnect. If you have more than four saved connections, additional saved connection buttons appear in an extended area of the page. Use the forward and back arrows to navigate between areas.



5. Any time you wish to connect to a new workstation, just click **NEW CONNECTION** to return to the main screen, and then enter the connection details.

Disconnecting a Session

To disconnect a PCoIP session from either client, select the **Connection > Disconnect** menu option.



Quickly disconnect from a session

To quickly disconnect from a session, press **Ctrl + Alt + F12**.

Quitting the application will also disconnect the current session.

Session Reconnection

If a network interruption is detected, the PCoIP session enters a reconnecting phase. In this phase the client will show you the network reconnecting dialog which indicates that there is a network issue and that the client is trying to reconnect and re-establish the PCoIP session. You can click **disconnect** to cancel the attempted reconnect and disconnect the session completely. If the reconnection is successful, the notification dialog will disappear and the session will be restored, if not, the session will be disconnected completely.

Changing the PCoIP Software Client Window Mode

You can use the PCoIP Software Client in full-screen or windowed mode. Full-screen mode is recommended in most cases.

Activating Full Screen Modes

The PCoIP Software Client provides two full-screen modes: one monitor and all monitors.

To switch from windowed mode to full-screen mode:

- To use one full-screen display, select **View > Show Fullscreen One Monitor**.

All open windows and applications will be moved to a single full-screen display. This is equivalent to disconnecting all but one monitor from a physical host.

- To use all available full-screen displays, select **View > Show Fullscreen All Monitors**.

This mode shows full-screen displays on all client monitors.



Keyboard shortcut

You can also enter full-screen mode by pressing **Ctrl+Alt+Enter** while in windowed mode. The shortcut will activate whichever full-screen mode was used last, or ***all monitors*** if no previous selection was made.

To switch from Fullscreen One Monitor to Fullscreen All Monitors mode:

1. Reveal the menu bar by moving the mouse cursor to the top of a client display.
2. Select **View > Show Fullscreen All Monitors**.

To switch from Fullscreen All Monitors to Fullscreen One Monitor mode:

1. Reveal the menu bar by moving the mouse cursor to the top of a client display.
2. Select **View > Show Fullscreen One Monitor**.

Persistent Display Topology

Depending on the display topology mode you have selected, for example **Fullscreen One Monitor**, if you disconnect and then reconnect to the session, it will maintain that same mode upon reconnection. The state and mode will be preserved.

Minimizing the PCoIP Software Client from a Full-screen Mode

To minimize a software client in full-screen mode:

1. Reveal the menu bar by moving the mouse cursor to the top of any display.
2. Select **View > Minimize Client**.

Keyboard shortcut

You can also minimize the client by pressing **Ctrl+Alt+m** while in any full-screen mode.

Activating Windowed Mode

To switch from full-screen mode to windowed mode:

1. Reveal the menu bar by moving the mouse cursor to the top of any display.
2. Select **View > Leave Fullscreen**.

Keyboard shortcut

You can also enter windowed mode by pressing **Ctrl+Alt+Enter** while in any full-screen mode.

Detect Monitors

The detect monitors feature enables you to add and remove displays from the desktop through the PCoIP Clients while in an active session.

Adding a Display

The following steps outline how to add a display to your desktop through the PCoIP Client:

1. Connect a new monitor to the client.
2. From the desktop, click **View**.
3. Click **Detect Monitors**.

The displays on the remote desktop will be extended to include the new monitor.

Removing a Display

The following steps outline how to remove a display from your desktop.

1. Disconnect a monitor from the client.
2. From the desktop, click **View**.
3. Click **Detect Monitors**.

You will no longer see the monitor that you have disconnected from the client.

Enhanced Audio and Video Synchronization

Enhanced Audio and Video Synchronization (A/V Sync) provides improved full-screen video playback, reducing the difference in delays between the audio and video channels and smoothing frame playback on the client. This improves lip sync and reduces video frame drops for movie playback.

This feature introduces a small lag in user interaction responsiveness when enabled. Using enhanced audio and video synchronization will reduce the maximum frame rate.

Enhanced A/V Sync is enabled on a per-display basis, so you can dedicate individual displays to playback without impacting responsiveness on the others.

The enhanced A/V Sync feature is turned off by default and needs to be turned on for the menu items to appear.

To turn on A/V Sync:

1. Go to *C:\%appdata%\Teradici\Teradici PCoIP Client.ini* and add the following line:

```
enable_enhanced_avsync=1
```

The above text is OS specific. Note the setting changed from 0 to 1.

When enabled, a check mark will appear beside the enhanced A/V Sync menu item on that display. It is disabled on all displays by default.

To use enhanced A/V Sync:

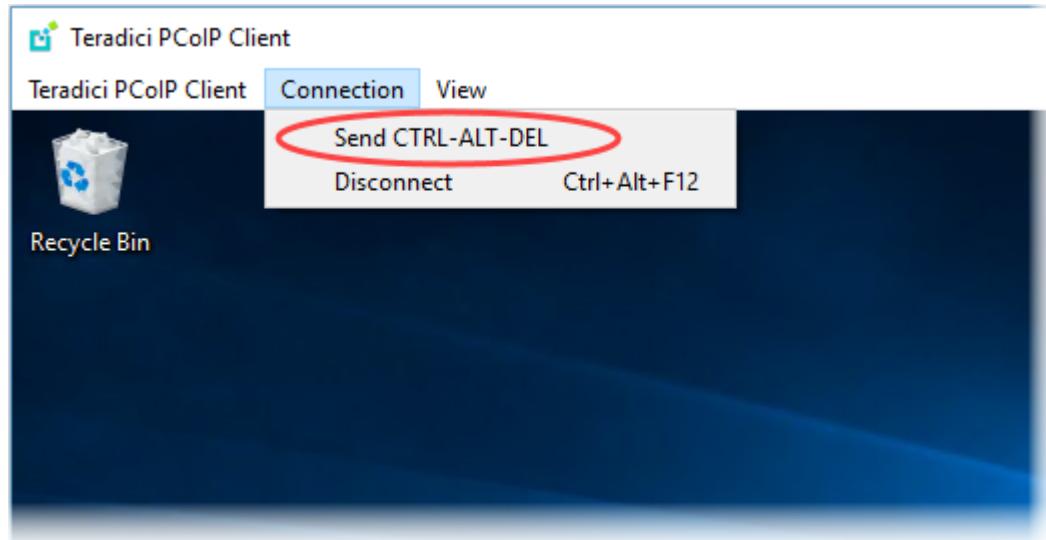
1. If you are in full-screen mode, reveal the menu bar on the display you want to enhance by moving the mouse cursor to the top of the screen.
2. On the display you want to enhance select **View>Enhanced A/V Sync** to toggle the enhanced sync mode.

i Persistent Display Topology

The Enhanced Audio and Video Synchronization feature is persistent across sessions from the same client, provided that the display topology has not changed.

Sending a Ctrl-Alt-Del Command

To send the Ctrl-Alt-Del keyboard command to a remote workstation, select the **Connection > Send CTRL-ALT-DEL** menu option.



Changing the Language

In addition to English, the PCoIP Software Client also supports these languages: Chinese (Simplified), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Europe), Russian, Spanish, and Turkish. During installation, you can select one of the supported languages.

To change the language after installation:

In Control Panel > Region and Language > Formats tab, select another language in the Format list.

System Precedence

The following section outlines the scope precedence commands between the **System Scope** and **User Scope**. If you are updating individual user settings then the user scope locations and parameters can be followed. Due to this order of precedence where by the system scope setting takes precedence over the user scope setting, a change in the user settings may not take effect if the system scope setting has been updated.

System Scope

```
%PROGRAMDATA%\Teradici\Teradici PCoIP Client.ini
```

User Scope

```
%APPDATA%\Teradici\Teradici PCoIP Client.ini
```

To add a new key append key=value to the .ini file:

If you are creating a new file, the format of the file should be:

```
[General]
<key>=<value>
```

For example:

```
[General]
security_mode=2
```

PCoIP Software Client Security Modes

The PCoIP Software Client uses certificates to verify the identity of the host to which it connects. The security mode is configured by the `security_mode` setting in the **Teradici PCoIP Client** configuration file, which is described next. Three security mode options are available:

- **security_mode=0:** verification is not required A red, unlocked padlock icon appears on the client login screen.
- **security_mode=1:** warn but allow (default) If a certificate cannot be verified, an 'untrusted server' warning displays and a red, unlocked padlock icon appears on the client login screen. Users still have the option of connecting.

This mode is used if `security_mode` is not set in the configuration file.

- **security_mode=2:** full verification is required Users cannot connect unless a certificate can be verified.



PCoIP sessions are always encrypted

Your PCoIP session is still encrypted and secure if you connect with security mode 0 or 1. The red padlock icon indicates that the certificate presented by the host is not signed by a trusted certificate authority in the client's certificate store, not that the session is insecure.

Setting the Security Mode

Use the following procedure to set the PCoIP Software Client's security mode.

To set the security mode for the PCoIP Software Client:

1. Close the PCoIP Software Client.
2. Open a Windows Explorer window and navigate to %appdata%\Teradici.
3. Using a text editor, open Teradici PCoIP Client.ini.
4. Add the line `security_mode=<value>` to the file, where `<value>` is your desired security option (0, 1, or 2).

5. Save the file.

Installing the Internal Root CA Certificate in a PCoIP Client

Your root CA certificate must be installed in any PCoIP client that will be used to connect to the PCoIP Agent.

Installing Root CA Certificates in the PCoIP Software Client for Windows



Root CA Certificate must have a .crt extension

You must change the root CA certificate's extension from .pem to .crt before installing it on a PCoIP Software Client.



Windows must trust your root certification authority

When you use your own private key and certificate, you must add your internal root CA certificate to the Windows Trusted Root Certification Authorities certificate store on the client computer.

Users without a trusted root CA will receive an Unable to get local issuer certificate error and fail to connect.



Active Directory group policies

For information on using Active Directory Group Policy to distribute certificates to client computers, see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc772491.aspx>.

To import the root CA certificate for the PCoIP Software Client for Windows:

1. Copy your root CA certificate file (*.crt) to a directory reachable by your Windows client.
2. Open the Microsoft Management Console on the agent machine:
 - a. Press + **r** to open the run dialog
 - b. type **mmc** and press **Enter**.

3. Add the Certificates snap-in:

- a. Select **File > Add/Remove Snap-in.**
- b. Select **Certificates** from the Available snap-ins list and then click **Add**.
- c. Select **My user account** and then click **Finish**.
- d. Click **OK**.

4. Import the root CA certificate:

- a. Expand **Certificates - Current User**.
- b. Right-click on **Trusted Root Certification Authorities**, select **All Tasks > Import** from the context menu, and then click **Next**.
- c. Use the **Browse** button to navigate to the directory where your root CA certificate is located and select your root CA certificate.
- d. Click **Open** and then **Next**.
- e. Select the option to place all certificates in the Trusted Root Certification Authorities certificate store.
- f. Click **Next** and then **Finish**.
- g. At the security warning, click **Yes**.

After the certificate installs successfully, it appears in the Trusted Root Certification Authorities > Certificates list.

Contacting Support

If you encounter problems installing or using Teradici technology, you can:

- Check for updated release notes, which may address the issue you are experiencing. Release notes are published on [Teradici Support](#).
- Browse the Teradici Knowledge Base.
- Submit a [support ticket](#).

The Teradici Community Forum

The PCoIP Community Forum allows users to have conversations with other IT professionals to learn how they resolved issues, find answers to common questions, have peer group discussions on various topics, and access the Teradici PCoIP Technical Support Service team. Teradici staff are heavily involved in the forums.

To join the Teradici community, visit the [Teradici Community Forum](#).

Creating a Technical Support File

Teradici may request a support file from your system in order to troubleshoot and diagnose PCoIP issues.

The support file is a tar.gz archive containing Software Client for Windows logs and other diagnostic data that can help support diagnose your problem.

To create a support file:

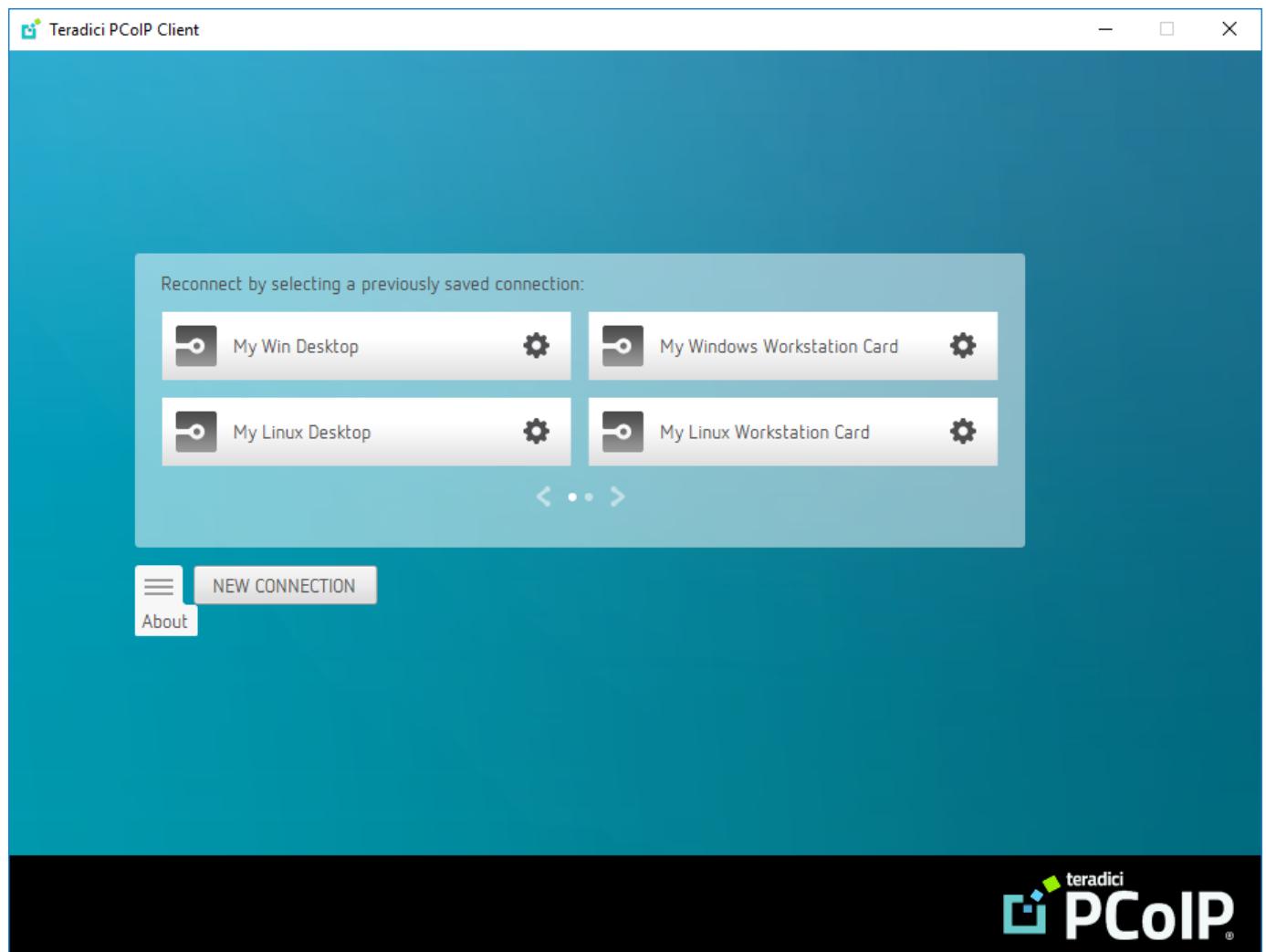
1. Open a command prompt window as the same Windows user that runs the client.
2. On the command line, run:

```
C:\>"Program Files (x86)\Teradici\PCoIP Client\ClientSupportBundler.exe"
```

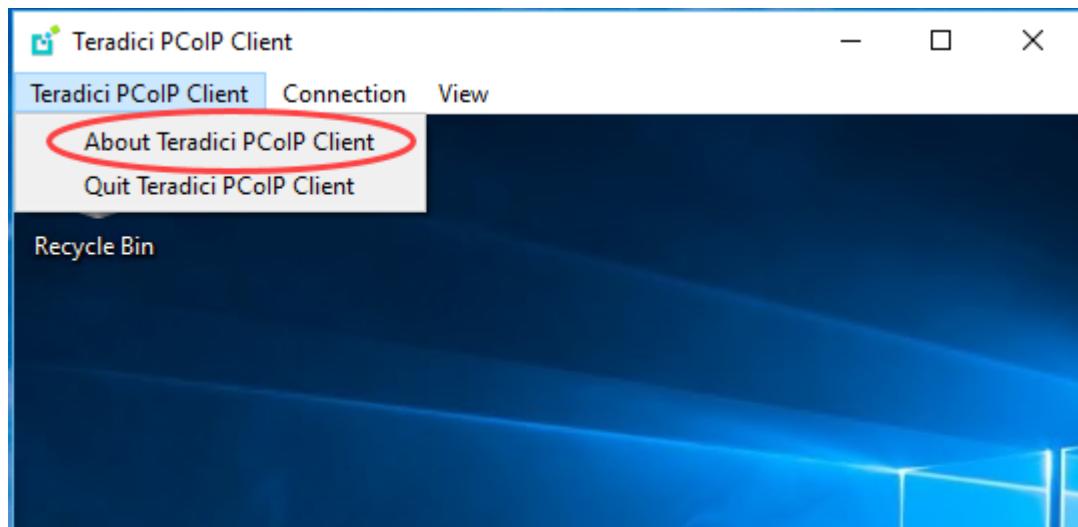
The support file will be created and placed in `%localappdata%\Teradici\Support`. A new File Explorer window will open with the generated support file selected.

Checking the PCoIP Software Client Software Release

The PCoIP Software Client pre-session window contains an About button in the lower left of the window. Click this button and then select **About** from the popup menu to display the PCoIP Software Client software release version.



From either client, you can also select the **Teradici PCoIP Client > About Teradici PCoIP Client** menu to display the software release version from within a PCoIP session.



About menu item only appears when the client is in session

The *About Teradici PCoIP Client* menu item only appears when the client is in session. The menu item is not available from the pre-session GUI.

Troubleshooting the Software Client for Windows

This section demonstrates using Software Client for Windows log files to troubleshoot problems you may encounter with your Software Client for Windows.

Software Client for Windows logs are text (.txt) files that contain system and session information about your connection. They are useful for troubleshooting problems. A new log file is created each time you use a Software Client for Windows to initiate a PCoIP session.

Client logs are placed in `%localappdata%\Teradici\PCoIPClient\log`.

If you experience a problem, recreate the issue, generate a support bundle and contact [Teradici Support](#). You can also check the [Teradici PCoIP Community Forum](#) for troubleshooting information about this product.

Session Log IDs

The Software Client for Windows creates a unique session ID when a new session is established, and distributes that ID to all components in the system. When PCoIP components generate log messages, they are prefixed by this unique session ID, allowing administrators and support to easily group events by session across multiple components:

```
yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss . ffffffZ xxxxxxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxx > ...
```

For example:

```
2015-11-06T08:01:18.688879Z 4208fb66-e22a-11d1-a7d7-00a0c982c00d > ...
```

Log messages that do not pertain to a specific session will show a string of zeroes in place of the session log ID number.

Setting Log Levels

You can set log levels to determine the level of details provided in the log. Log levels range from 0 to 3, where 0 provides the least information and 3 provides the most information.

To set log levels:

1. From the command prompt, navigate to **C:\Program Files (x86)\Teradici\PCoIP Client\bin**.
2. Enter the following command:

```
pcoip_client.exe -l x
```

where **l** is lowercase L and **x** is desired the log level (1, 2, or 3).

Reconnecting a PCoIP Session

If a network interruption is detected, the PCoIP session enters a reconnecting phase. In this phase the client will show you the network reconnecting dialog which indicates that there is a network issue and that the client is trying to reconnect and re-establish the PCoIP session. You can click **disconnect** to cancel the attempted reconnect and disconnect the session completely. If the reconnection is successful, the notification dialog will disappear and the session will be restored, if not, the session will be disconnected completely.