

USING PUTTY AND VNC

To use download putty and VNC, follow the links on the HREM website at <http://www-hrem.msm.cam.ac.uk/links/index.shtml> under the heading 'Linux Software for Windows'.

Download 'putty.exe' from the putty website and 'VNC Enterprise Edition Viewer for Windows Version 4.1.9 Stand-alone Viewer, Executable' (number 7 on their list of possibilities) from the VNC website (you don't need to give your details: just press proceed to download). Save the files to your desktop.

Double click on putty.exe on your desktop, say 'yes it's OK' to all the complaints from Windows and you should get a grey window. Type 'cook.msm.cam.ac.uk' into the 'Hostname' box and press 'Open'. Press OK when it asks if you are sure about everything. A black window saying 'login' appears. Enter your login and password. If this doesn't work, start putty again, go to 'SSH' on the left hand menu and press '2' for the preferred SSH version.

Having logged in, type 'vncserver -cc 3 -geometry 1400x1024' after some thought, it will ask you for a password. Make sure this password is not your regular password as this password is not encrypted and everyone can see it. (I didn't design this.) This only happens the first time you use VNC. If you want to change the password at some later date, type 'vncpasswd'.

You then get a message that says something like 'New 'X' desktop is cook:3'. Make a note of the number after the colon: this is your desktop number.

Start VNC on your PC by clicking the icon on the desktop that says 'VNC'

Type in cook.msm.cam.ac.uk:[desktop number] (without the square brackets) into the window that appears.

Enter the password you created.

A new desktop appears on your screen and you can use linux as normal.

To Finish:

Close all the windows on the linux desktop by typing exit.

Go to putty and type: 'vncserver -kill :[desktop number]'