

# Getting Started with QC

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# What is QC?

QC stands for “Quality Control”

ANITA and ARA both have simulation packages

- Icemc for ANITA: <https://github.com/anitaNeutrino/icemc>

- AraSim for ARA: <https://delos.mps.ohio-state.edu/RadioSim/AraSim/>

They can change quickly (few times per month)

QC steps:

- Download the new versions of the software

- Run the simulation to generate fake data

- Make plots of that data for us to examine and check for problems.



# What are we gonna do to start?

At start, we're just gonna learn how to make plots out of the emc/AraSim data output

What's the focus of this starting document



# Step 0: Get Familiar with the Command Line

Most of our work will be done on computing clusters

To interact with the computing cluster, we will need to use the *command line*

This will allow us to go inside files, delete them, make new ones, run programs, etc.

Follow this link to learn how to use it:

<https://www.codecademy.com/learn/learn-the-command-line>



# Step 1: Get a Unity Account

For the time being, let's start by having you all do your work on the computing cluster known as "unity"

This is maintained by the College of Arts and Sciences here at OSU. Ask your QC coordinator (Brian, Amy, etc.) to get you an account



## Step 2: Prepare to Log-In

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an either plug into an ethernet port in the PRB

ou must set up a VPN (virtual private network)

t up a VPN, follow the instructions here:


<http://osuasc.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/KB/ArticleDet?ID=2>

load and install the appropriate software for your  
uter (mac, linux, windows); it'll be on the right of the  
n

l and open the VPN software; enter “vpn.asc.ohio-  
edu” into connect window, press connect

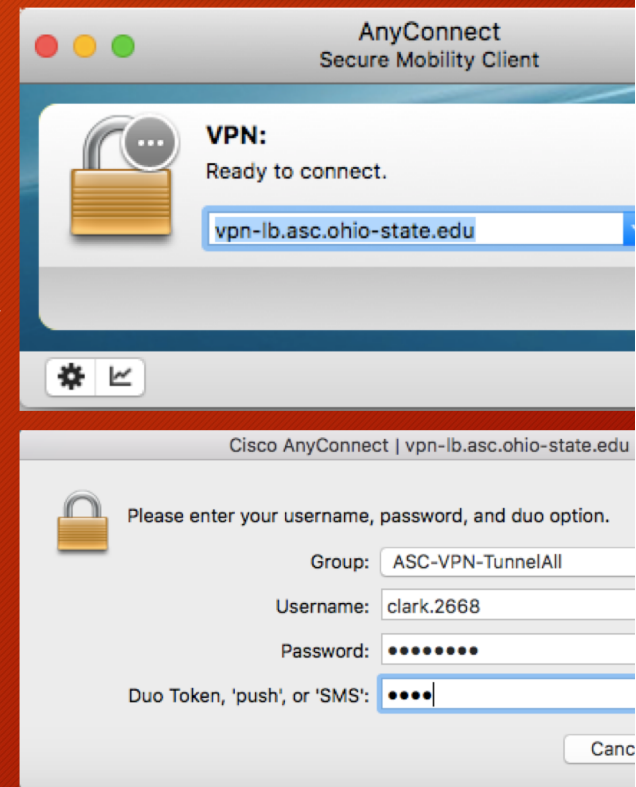
username will be your “name.#”, your password is your  
eyelink password, and use whatever Duo option you  
y use to log-in to buckeyelink (I recommend push)

Files (3)

 [anyconnectforlinux.sh](#)  
7/14/2017 8:55:05 AM

 [anyconnectmac.dmg](#)  
7/12/2017 9:24:23 AM

 [anyconnectwindows.exe](#)  
7/12/2017 9:24:18 AM





## Step 3: Log-In

How to log in!

Linux or Mac:

In the terminal, and type “ssh name.#@unity.asc.ohio-state.edu”

It might ask you to agree to an SSH security token; say yes  
Then enter your Buckeyelink password

You will need to download and install an *ssh tunneling client*  
The easiest is one called “putty”: <https://www.putty.org/>  
Install all putty, and then open it:

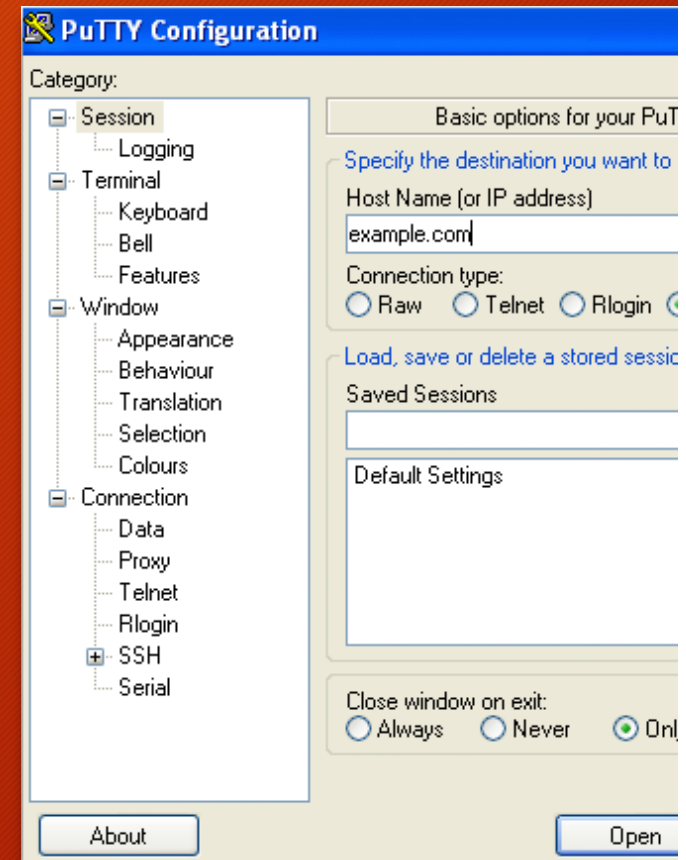
For “Host Name”, put “unity.asc.ohio-state.edu”

For Port choose “22”

For “Connection type” choose “SSH”

Click “Open”

You will then enter your name.# as your username, and your Buckeyelink password as your password





# Step 4: Learn How to Transfer Files

After spending your time working on any supercomputer, you'll need to transfer your files

The best way to transfer files is by using a file transfer client

I recommend Filezilla: <https://filezilla-project.org/>

Download and install it

Launch it

Create a "New Site"

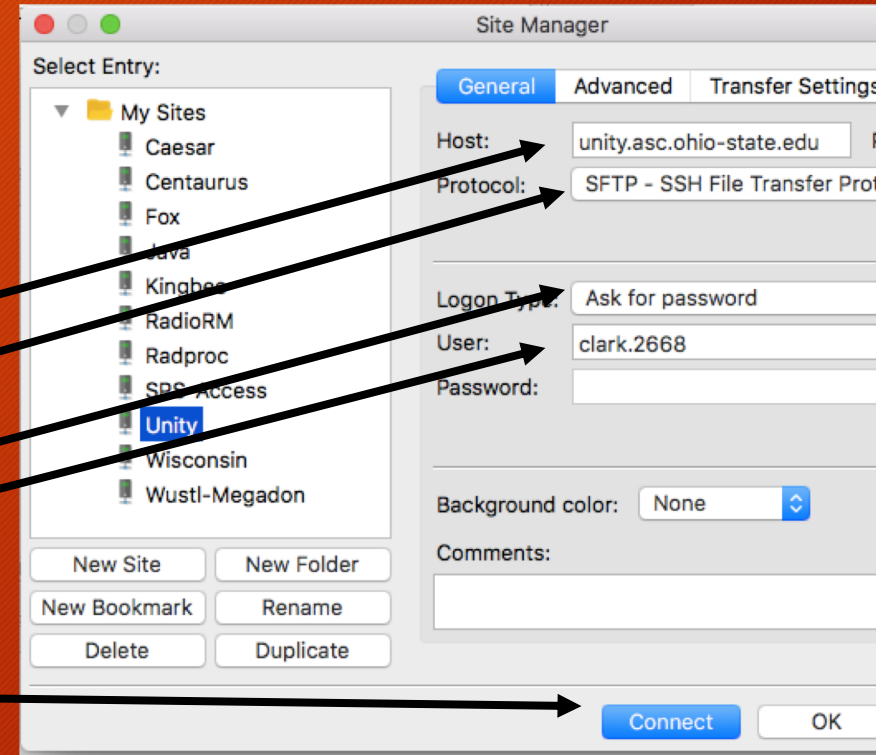
Under "Host" put "unity.asc.ohio-state.edu"

Under "Protocol" select "SFTP"

Under "Logon Type" put "Ask for password"

Under "User" put "clark.2668"

Finally click "connect"





## Step 4: Pt 2

How FileZilla works is very straightforward  
Left panel of your screen is *your* computer  
Right panel of the screen is the remote machine  
To transfer files you literally drag them from one screen  
to the next  
That's it

Here are some nice tutorials:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUNQphoGVwQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adxmHDim6c>



## Step 5: Set Up Your Shell Environment

Your *shell environment* defines variables you want to use. First, put the files “`bashrc_qctools_arasim.sh`” and “`bashrc_qctools_icemc.sh`” into your home directory. Then open your “`.bashrc`” file and copy the contents of “`sample_bashrc.sh`” into it. Do the same with “`.bash_profile`”. If you want to do work with AraSim, go into your `.bashrc` and uncomment the line before “`bashrc_qctools_arasim.sh`”. If you want to do work with icemc, uncomment the line before “`bashrc_qctools_icemc.sh`”. I'm having you do this because it will *source* several pieces of software you will need (like ROOT) that I've already installed for you to save me



## Step 6: Download a copy of AraSim

To download a copy of AraSim we are going to use a piece of software called “`svn`”

This is what's known as a version control system, which allows developers to track how a piece of code evolves

We won't use that feature for a while; for now, we're just gonna use it to access the AraSim Code

Follow the instructions here: <http://ara.physics.ohio-state.edu/documentation/svndirections.php>



## Step 7: Compile AraSim

Navigate to the AraSim/trunk directory

Type “make” to compile the code

If the code compile fails, chat with your other QC folks to try and find a solution



## Step 8: Test Run AraSim

Now we'll run a basic test of AraSim

First, move the file “`test_setup.txt`” into your AraSim/trunk directory

Now, execute the command “`./AraSim test_setup.txt`”

This will simulate 100 neutrinos at the energy of  $10^{21}$  eV

See if it executes successfully; also, you should check the outputs directory for a file called `AraOut.root`

If it did, well done!



## Step 9: Make your First Plot

Now that we have data, we can make our first plot!

Put the following two files into your AraSim/trunk directory:

`M.plotting_example`: the makefile, which tells the computer how to put together our code

`M.plotting_example.cc`: the code to be put together

Run `make -f M.plotting_example` (the `-f` says “use this file”)

Then execute the plot making code: `./plotting_example outputs/AraOutput`

This will produce a plot! Revel in your brilliance.

Put your result in our Dropbox folder, under Daily Updates, in a folder with the date and your name.

You should actually *read* “`plotting_example.cc`” **very carefully** to understand what it's doing (the explanations are in the comments)



## Step 10: Make More Plots

The first goal here is to replicate most of the plots originally put together by Steven Hoover:

[https://www.phys.hawaii.edu/elog/anita\\_notes/32](https://www.phys.hawaii.edu/elog/anita_notes/32)

You can do this for AraSim first, and then we can transition to emc