**Accessing the Blade Computers from your own windows computer**

* If you are using windows 7, your computer must apply some patches to make the connection work.
	+ Visit http://www.egr.gvsu.edu/win7update
	+ Choose the link that corresponds to your operating system
	+ Install the updates in order.
		- You may have to save them then double click the saved file
	+ You will have to reboot after the 3rd update.
* You can use most major browsers, but, Internet Explorer is the most seamless
* Bring up Internet Explorer and go to the page
	+ https://gateway.egr.gvsu.edu
* You will be asked for your user id and password
	+ If you have not changed your password, your initial password is your user ID PLUS the last 4 digits of your GNumber.
	+ The system will require you to change your password. Follow the link
* There will be a notice at the bottom of IE asking if Remote Desktop can run, say yes.
* If your computer is part of a domain (faculty computers, corporate computers) you will need to select “Use another account”
	+ In the use id area prepend “egr\” to your user id.
		- Example: egr\strebelc

**Accessing the Blade Computers from your own MAC computer**

* Go to the apple store and find the Remote Desktop application from Microsoft and download/install it.
* Run the program and look for “Remote Resources”
* Enter: <https://gateway.egr.gvsu.edu/RDWeb/Feed/webfeed.aspx>
* Then “Refresh”
* You will be asked for your credentials
	+ The user id must be pre-pended with “egr\”
		- Example: egr\strebelc
	+ The password is what you use for the engineering computer labs
* At this point the list of available desktops should show up. Click the one you want.
* Whenever you are asked for your user id, always pre-pend “egr\ “ before your id.

**Accessing the Blade Computers from your own Linux computer**

* Unfortunately, rdesktop for linux does not support RDP Protocol 8.1, which is needed to use the blade system.