Removing the University Proxy Settings
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If you have set your web browser to route through the proxy server – for example in order to access electronic resources off campus – you should remove this setting. If necessary, you should use one of our alternative services – see www.abdn.ac.uk/proxy for details.

Instructions for removing the proxy setting from the latest versions of Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox for Windows laptops, and Safari for Mac laptops are given below. If you use a different browser, or if you need help removing the proxy settings from a mobile device, contact the Service Desk: servicedesk@abdn.ac.uk.

Windows

Internet Explorer

− Click the Tools icon
− Select Internet options

− In the Internet Options window, click the Connections tab, then the LAN settings button.

− Uncheck the option Use automatic configuration script
− Click OK
− Click OK again
− Close all Internet Explorer windows

When you restart Internet Explorer, you will no longer be prompted to enter your University login credentials.

Note: Removing the proxy settings from Internet Explorer in this way will also remove the proxy settings from Google Chrome.
Mozilla Firefox

- Click the Firefox tab
- Move your mouse pointer onto Options and then select Options

- In the Options window click the Advanced icon

- Click the Network tab
- Click the Settings button
- Select the option Use system
- Click OK
- Click OK again

Note: You may need to restart Firefox before the new settings take effect.
Mac
Safari
If you have set up a separate Location for the University on your Mac, all you need to do is change the Location to Automatic, or to your home location:

- Click the apple icon at the top left of your screen
- Move your mouse pointer onto Location and then select Automatic

- Once you have changed the Location, you will not be routed through the University proxy server.

If however you have not set up a separate Location for the University, you will need to remove the proxy settings from your Mac as follows:

- Click the Wi-Fi icon
- Select Open Network Preferences... from the Wi-Fi menu

- In the Network window, click the Advanced button
- Select the Proxies tab
- In the Select a protocol to configure window, untick the Automatic Proxy Configuration checkbox
- Make sure no other options in the Select a protocol to configure window are ticked
- Click OK
- Click Apply in the Network window
- Quit Network Preferences