Map a network drive on Mac OS X

- From the Finder, hit Command+K
- Enter the path to the network drive you want to map, ie: smb://cisnts1/business and click on the + to save it
- Click 'Connect'
- Enter your campus username and password and click "OK"
- Now enter into System Preferences, from the Apple menu
- Click on 'Accounts'
- Click on "Login Items"
- Click on the + button to add another login item
- Locate the network drive you previously mounted and click "Add"
- Exit out of System Preferences

Your network drive will now be mapped and automatically remounted when you reboot your Mac.

Make the mapped network drive visible on the Mac desktop

It's possible that the mounted drive will not appear on the desktop due to a system setting. If you want the mapped drive icon to be visible on the Desktop, be sure to do the following additional steps:

- From the Finder, open Finder Preferences by hitting Command+,
- Click the General tab
- Select the checkbox next to 'Connected Servers'
- Close Finder Preferences

Selecting the checkbox next to Connected Servers ensures that you'll see the icon on your Mac Desktop, otherwise it will only be visible in the Finder window sidebars and Open/Save dialogues.

Remount mapped network drive with a click

A great additional step for either method is to create an alias of the mapped network drive. This allows you to reconnect to the share with just a click. Here's how to do this:

- Right-click on the mapped network drive on the desktop
- Select "Make Alias"

Now you can double-click that alias to reconnect to the network drive instantly.