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Virtual Private Networking

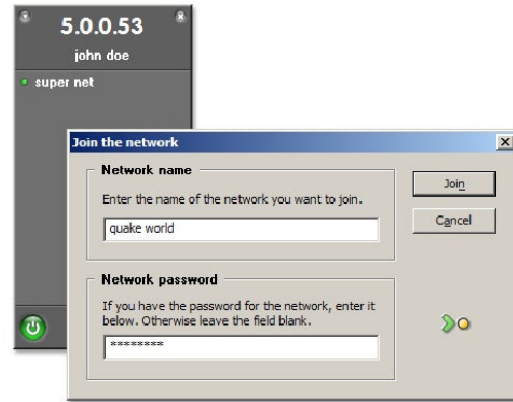
Ok your network administrator freaked and won't let you use Aavenu.

Ask for a virtual private network (VPN) connection to your network.

A VPN connection works like a network wire using the Internet as the wire. To keep anything going through the VPN connection secure, it is encrypted on both sides before being sent through the Internet.

There's a VPN built into Windows XP and Vista, you just have to enable it. But I figure any program like a VPN that is pre-installed on billions of computers has been hacked.

A free alternative is LogMeIn (<http://www.hamachi.cc>). They have a paid version that adds capabilities, most of them not needed for simple applications.



It is possible to be a virtual worker, from anywhere in the world.

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