Instructions for Connecting to the VCL Using Window 7

1. Launch Remote Desktop Connection (RDC) by clicking "All Programs" under the Windows 7 icon (lower left corner of screen). RDC should appear near the top of the left sidebar, just below the installed applications. For older versions of Windows, RDC is likely found in Programs>Accessories (sometimes under Accessories>Communications). If RDC is not found, you will have to download it at http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/tools/rdclientdl.mspx

2. Go to http://vcl.ncsu.edu and select “Make a Reservation” for a “NCSU WRAP” account using the temporary workshop account credentials attached to this page.

3. Make sure to select the "Alice_Innov8(Win XP)" environment from the dropdown, select the time and duration of the reservation, and click the "Create Reservation" button.

4. When the Reservation becomes available, click the “Connect” button. Copy the login info provided by the VCL reservation webpage page into the RDC authentication window (computer number and username). The computer number will be something like "152.46.16.145". The user name should be the same name that was entered from the tab attached to this page. To change the user name, you will have to click the "options" button in the lower left corner of the RDC window.

5. You should next see a popup window asking for a password. Be sure to enter the password provided by the VCL reservation webpage (not the password on the tab attached below).

6. In a few seconds, you should have the Alice_Innova8(WIN XP) environment open on your desktop. Launch Alice on the remote desktop when it become available.

7. When you are finished, quit out of RDC and then on the VCL website, select “Current Reservations” and click “End” for your reservation.

NOTES:

1. On the VCL website, there is an FAQ that talks about connecting to the VCL with RDC: http://vcl.ncsu.edu/faq

2. On the VCL website, there is documentation about setting up RDC to connect to the VCL. For Windows, the URL is: http://vcl.ncsu.edu/help/connecting-vcl/remote-desktop/remote-desktop-instructions-for-windows

3. If you are using a school computer, you may find that the RDC username entry window is locked. If this is the case, you will not be able to change the user and will thus not be able to log into the VCL.