

CWI Non-Public Supply Wells FTP Access

A version of CWI (which excludes public supply wells) is available from the MGS FTP site.

There are several ways to connect to the FTP site. The most common is to use an FTP client (there are a few free clients available such as WinSCP or FileZilla, etc.) or by using Windows File Explorer to connect to the FTP site. Historically, one could access the FTP site from an internet browser. However, many browsers including Google Chrome and Firefox dropped support for FTP in 2020.

Connect with Windows File Explorer

One of the easiest ways to access our FTP site is to copy and paste the link to our FTP site (<ftp://mgsftp2.mnngs.umn.edu/pub2/cwi4/>) into Windows File Explorer. This should take you right to the main folder containing various zipped folders of data in them.

If you would like to create a more permanent link (shortcut) in Windows File Explorer, see the steps listed below.

Create a Windows File Explorer Shortcut

To create a shortcut to easily open our FTP site in Windows File Explorer, do the following:

1. Open Windows Explorer and right click on **This PC** and select "Add a network location" to open the Add Network Connection wizard.
2. In the wizard, select **Choose a custom network location** and then click Next.
3. Copy and past the address to our FTP site (<ftp://mgsftp2.mnngs.umn.edu/pub2/cwi4/>) in the **Internet or network address box** and click Next.
4. If necessary, specify a User Name and Password for access. Otherwise, keep the default setting of **Log on anonymously** checked on and click Next.
5. By default, the name of the shortcut is the same as the FTP address. If you want to give the shortcut a different name, type it in the **Type a name for this network location** box and click Next.
6. If you do not want the FTP site to open after you are done setting up the shortcut, clear the **Open this network location when I click Finish** check box. Click Finish and a shortcut to the FTP site will now appear in the **This PC** folder.

Connect with FTP Client

Another way to access the FTP site is to download a free FTP client. A couple of free FTP clients are listed below, but there are other options out there as well.

WinSCP - <https://winscp.net/>

FileZilla - <https://filezilla-project.org/>

Help

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