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Follow the below steps to authenticate your identity:

1. Open Cisco AnyConnect on your desktop by searching **VPN** in your device's search bar.
 1. Select **Cisco AnyConnect** – a pop-up will appear on the screen.
2. Select a VPN channel from the **Group** drop-down menu.
 1. Choose **vpn01.cu.edu** or **vpn02.cu.edu**.
3. Enter your CU username and password.
4. In the Duo Options field, enter the authentication option you will use.
 1. You have three authentication options: Enter a six-digit code from the Duo app, receive a mobile push notification or receive a phone call.
 2. Learn more at [cu.edu/duo](https://www.cu.edu/duo) ^[3].

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