Connecting a monitor to a laptop

To connect a monitor to your laptop (personal or DCF) two details are required:

1) The connections available on your laptop
2) The connections available on your monitor

Identifying connections available on your laptop
Your laptop will have one or more monitor connections. Use this guide to identify what you have available on your laptop. Check both sides and the back of your laptop for connections.

DCF Laptops have the following connections:

- **Lenovo L430**: VGA, Mini-DisplayPort
- **Lenovo L440**: VGA, Mini-DisplayPort
- **Lenovo L460**: VGA, Mini-DisplayPort
- **Lenovo T470p**: HDMI, Mini-DisplayPort
- **Lenovo T480**: HDMI, USB-C
- **Lenovo A485**: HDMI, USB-C

Identify the connections available on your monitor
Your monitor will have connections to hook up your laptop. You will have to look at the back or bottom of the monitor to find the connections.
Selecting a Cable

Once you know the connections on your laptop and monitor you need a video cable that has the appropriate ends. Examples of the cable ends are below.

If you do not have a cable that has the necessary ends, you can order one from Amazon. Search for the cable using the connections you need and adding the word “cable”.

Per remote work policy, Cables cannot be purchased with DCF P-Cards or through BITS

Examples:
- “laptop connection” to “monitor connection” cable
- Mini-DisplayPort to HDMI cable
- HDMI to VGA cable
- Mini-DisplayPort to VGA cable

NOTES:
- Order a cable that is long enough to reach your monitor from your laptop. Recommend minimum of 5 feet.
- If your laptop has only VGA, you need VGA on your monitor. You cannot connect VGA on your laptop to the other ports with only a cable.
- DCF Laptops will not be replaced or exchanged based on home monitor connections