

Authentication, Encryption, Transport, and VPN Routing

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VPN clients must authenticate themselves to the VPN server. A valid certificate is required for the client to verify the identity of the VPN server. To meet the security needs of your network, you can define username/password authentication and strict certificate requirements.

The Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series supports multiple encryption algorithms for VPN connections. For TINA VPNs, multiple transport types are also available.

In this article:

VPN Authentication Certificates

X.509 certificates are used by IPsec, L2TP/IPsec, and TINA (the Barracuda proprietary transport protocol). The certificates contain the following information:

- Public key.
- Some data signed by the private key for verification.
- Identity of the the CA.
- Identity of the owner.
- Key usage. Depending on what type of VPN and which clients you use, certain X.509 extensions might be required when creating the certificate.

For PPTP VPNs, external certificates are not needed because certificates are generated by the server at runtime.

Special settings might be required when creating the following types of certificates:

- L2TP/IPsec VPN service certificates. For more information, see [How to Configure a Client-to-Site L2TP/IPsec VPN](#).
- Certificates for iOS devices used as a VPN client. For more information, see [How to Configure Apple iOS Devices for Client-to-Site VPN Connections with Certificate Authentication](#).

Certificate CA (PKI) Options

A full-featured public key infrastructure (PKI) for self-signed certificates, is included with the Barracuda NextGen Control Center (C610, VC610, or VC820).

Use an external CA (PKI) for firewalls that are standalone or managed with a Barracuda NextGen Control Center C400 or VC400.

Depending on the certificate, you must export it in one of the following formats after it is created and signed:

Certificate	File Format
Root Certificate	PEM or CER
Server Certificate	PKCS12, CER, or CRT
Service Certificate/Key	PEM
Client Certificate (if needed)	PEM

Example Certificates for IPsec, L2TP, and iOS Clients

If you encounter any problems with your certificates, compare your settings to those of the example certificates. Especially verify the **X509 Basic Constraints** and **X509v3 Key Usage** settings.

Root Certificate

Tab	Setting	Value
Status	Signature Algorithm	sha1WithRSAEncryption
Subject	RFC 2253	emailAddress=support@barracuda.com,OU=documentation,O=Barracuda Networks,L=Innsbruck,ST=Tirol,C=AT
	Hash	7b6d2374
Extensions	X509v3 Basic Constraints	CA:TRUE
	X509v3 Key Usage	Digital Signature, Key Agreement, Certificate Sign

Server Certificate

Tab	Setting	Value
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Status	Signature Algorithm	sha1WithRSAEncryption
Subject	RFC 2253	emailAddress=support@barracuda.com,OU=docu,O=Barracuda Network AG,L=Innsbruck,ST=Tyrol,C=AT
	Hash	cc0460b5
Issuer	RFC 2253	emailAddress=support@barracuda.com,OU=documentation,O=Barracuda Networks,L=Innsbruck,ST=Tirol,C=AT
	Hash	7b6d2374
Extensions	X509v3 Key Usage	Digital Signature, Key Agreement, Certificate Sign
	X509v3 Subject Alternative Name	DNS:vpnserver.yourdomain.com

Client Certificate

Tab	Setting	Values
Status	Signature Algorithm	sha1WithRSAEncryption
Subject	RFC 2253	emailAddress=support@barracuda.com,OU=documentation,O=Barracuda Networks,L=Innsbruck,ST=Tyrol,C=AT
	Hash	c2b06d20
Issuer	RFC 2253	emailAddress=support@barracuda.com,OU=documentation,O=Barracuda Networks,L=Innsbruck,ST=Tirol,C=AT
	Hash	7b6d2374
Extensions	X509v3 Key Usage	Digital Signature

Supported Encryption Algorithms

The Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series supports the following encryption algorithms for TINA, IPsec, and L2TP/IPsec VPN connections:

Algorithm	Description
AES256	Advanced Encryption Standard with 256-bit encryption.
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard with 128-bit encryption. AES is often chosen because it provides a good performance and security ratio.

3DES	Triple DES. This algorithm is considered most secure but results in high system loads and lower VPN performance.
Blowfish	A keyed, symmetric block cipher developed to replace DES.
CAST	A 128-bit block cipher created by Carlisle Adams and Stafford Tavares.
DES	Digital Encryption Standard. DES is the only export restricted algorithm available. DES is not recommended because it is considered unsafe.
NULL	No encryption.

TINA Transport Protocols

For TINA VPNs, the following transport types are available:

Transport Protocol	Description
UDP	Stateless protocol that is best used for response-optimized tunnels. UDP is not recommended for unstable Internet connections.
TCP	Stateful protocol that is used if the tunnel runs over a proxy server. Higher protocol overhead limits the response time. TCP is preferred for unstable Internet connections.
UDP & TCP	Hybrid mode that creates two transport tunnels. To compensate for the weakness of both protocols, UDP is used for TCP connections, and TCP is used for stateless connections.
ESP	The tunnel uses ESP (IP protocol 50). ESP is best for performance-optimized tunnels, but it does not work if NAT routers must be traversed.

VPN Routing Tables

You can configure how the VPN routes are introduced into the firewall's routing table.

- **Separate Routing Table** – By default, the NextGen Firewall F-Series uses source-based routing and creates separate premain routing tables for every VPN tunnel.
- **Single Routing Table** – All VPN routes are inserted into the main routing table. VPN routes are inserted with a preference of **10**.

Enable Single Routing Table for VPN Routes

Replacing policy-based routing by a single routing table without a proper migration plan may break your current setup and cause loss of connectivity.

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Virtual Servers > your virtual server > VPN > VPN Settings**.
2. Click **Lock**.
3. Click **Click here for Server Settings**. Set **Add VPN Routes to Main Routing Table (Single Routing Table)** to **Yes**.

Server Configuration

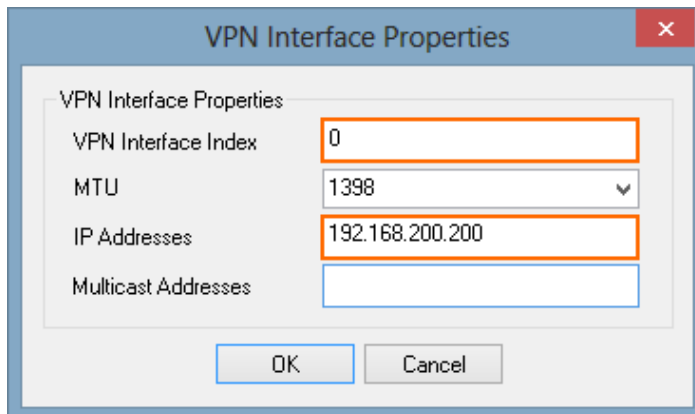
Use port 443	Yes
CRL Poll Time (min)	0
Global TOS Copy	Off
Global Replay Window Size, Packets(0...Use Default)	
Use Site to Site Tunnels for Authentication	Yes
Pending Session Limitation	Yes
Prebuild Cookies on Startup	No
Tunnel HA Sync	No
Maximum Number of Tunnels	<auto>
Allow Fast Requests	Yes
Handshake Timeout (sec)	10
Allow Dynamic Mesh	Yes
Add VPN Routes to Main Routing Table (Single Routing Table)	Yes

4. Click **OK**.
5. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Enabling Local Out Traffic when Using Single Routing Table for VPN Routes

To send the local out traffic through the VPN tunnel, you must configure an IP address from the source network for the VPN interface.

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Virtual Servers > your virtual server > Assigned Services > VPN-Service > VPN Settings**.
2. Click **Lock**.
3. In the **Settings** tab, click the **Click here for Server Settings** link. The **Server Settings** window opens.
4. In the **Server Settings** window, click the **Advanced** tab.
5. Next to the **VPN Interface Configuration** table, click **Add**.
6. In the **VPN Interface Properties** window, configure the following settings and then click **OK**.
 - In the **VPN Interface Index** field, enter the number of the VPN interface. E.g., 0 for vpn0
 - In the **IP Addresses** field, enter a Virtual Server IP address that is also part of a published VPN network. E.g., 192.168.200.200 if one of the **Local Networks** of the VPN tunnel is 192.168.200.0/24.

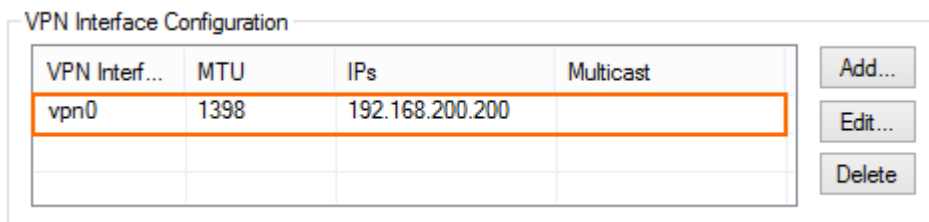


The dialog box titled "VPN Interface Properties" contains the following fields:

- VPN Interface Index: 0
- MTU: 1398
- IP Addresses: 192.168.200.200
- Multicast Addresses: (empty)

Buttons: OK, Cancel

- Click **OK**. The interface is now listed in the **VPN Interface Configuration** table.



VPN Interface Configuration

VPN Interf...	MTU	IPs	Multicast
vpn0	1398	192.168.200.200	

Buttons: Add..., Edit..., Delete

- In the **Server Settings** window, click **OK**.
- Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Local Out traffic is now sent and received correctly through the Site-to-Site VPN tunnel.

Figures

1. MaintableRouting.png
2. maintable_routing_01.png
3. maintable_routing_02.png

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