Setting up a Windows 98 PPTP VPN

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Chapter 1. Setting up a Windows 98 PPTP VPN

This document will help you configure a Point-To-Point Tunnelling Protocol (PPTP) Virtual Private Network (VPN) in Windows 98.

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) is used to provide secure, encrypted network communications between a network and a remote host or other remote network over the public Internet. A VPN allows the establishment of an encrypted "tunnel" that protects the flow of network traffic from eavesdroppers.

Requirements

- An internet connection.
- The IP address of the firewall. This should be provided to you by your technical department or system administrator
- A VPN username and password as setup by your network administrator.

Adding a Dial-Up Networking Account

To set up VPN access you first need to set up a Dial Up Networking account. This requires you to install a VPN Adaptor and related software.

Installing the VPN Adaptor

1. Double click on the My Computer icon on your desktop:



Figure 1-1. My Computer icon

This will load up a My Computer window similar to this:



Figure 1-2. My Computer window

2. To install the adaptor you need to double click on the Control Panel icon circled above. Once inside the control panel double click on the Add/Remove Programs icon:



Figure 1-3. Add/Remove Programs icon

A new window will appear similar to this:

ld/Remove Progra	ams Properties		? ×
Install/Uninstall _{Wi}	ndows Setup Si	artup Disk	
To install drive, clic	a new program fr ck Install.	om a floppy disk (or CD-ROM
			nstall
Undows compone Add/Ren	wing software car 2. To remove a pro- ents, select it from nove.	be automatically ogram or to modify the list and click	v removed by y its installed
AudioRack 2.22A DirectX Drivers Hansori of AMAC 1 Intellisync Java 2 SDK Stand Microsoft Office 97 Modem Ring 2.34 Notton AntiVirus Notebook Manage	TEK Hard Edition v1.2.2 7, Professional Ed	ition	4
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Figure 1-4. Add/Remove Programs window

3. You now need to click on the Windows Setup tab. The window will now appear similar to this:

Id/Remove Programs Properties	?
Install/Uninstall Windows Setup Startup D	isk
To add or remove a component, select or cle the check box is shaded, only part of the cor installed. To see what's included in a compor	ear the check box. If nponent will be nent, click Details.
Accessibility	4.7 MB
	17.7 MB
Communications	11.6 MB
🗹 💦 Desktop Themes	30.8 MB
C CInternet Tools	15.9 MB 💌
Space used by installed components:	105.0 MB
Space required:	0.0 MB
Space available on disk:	3781.0 MB
Description	
Includes accessories to help you connect and online services.	o other computers
6 of 8 components selected	<u>D</u> etails
	<u>H</u> ave Disk
OK Ca	ancel Apply

Figure 1-5. Windows Setup tab

4. You now need to click the Communications checkbox.

You will then need to click the Details button. The window will now appear similar to this:



Figure 1-6. Communications Details

5. You now need to scroll down to the bottom of this window until you see the Virtual Private Networking option.

You now need to click the checkbox next to it, and then click the OK button. Windows will begin installing the VPN drivers.

Note: You may be asked to insert the Windows 98 setup CD at this point.

Once finished, Windows will ask you to reboot the machine. Click the OK button to restart.

Once the machine has been rebooted, move on to the next step

Adding your PPTP VPN Account

You will now need to create a VPN account. This is the account you will use to access your remote office network.

1. Double click on the My Computer icon on your desktop:



Figure 1-7. My Computer icon

This will load up a My Computer window similar to the following:



Figure 1-8. My Computer window

- 2. You now need to double click on the Dial up Networking icon, which will open a new window.
- 3. You now need to double click on the Make New Connection icon:



Figure 1-9. Make New Connection icon

This will open a Connection Wizard in a new window. You will be asked to type a name for your VPN account which can be called whatever you prefer (e.g. "ECSC VPN connection to office"). Once you have completed the above steps you should be able to select Microsoft VPN Adaptor in the Select a Device field.

Click the Next button once you are finished.

4. At the last screen you will be able to enter the address of the VPN server. This will be the external IP address of the firewall.



Figure 1-10. VPN Connection external IP address entry

Click the Next button once you are finished.

5. The window will now show that you have successfully created your VPN account:



Figure 1-11. New VPN Connection Configuration Window

Click the Finish button once you are finished. The window will now show your new VPN Account:



Figure 1-12. New VPN Account

Configuring your new VPN Account

After adding your VPN account, you will need to reconfigure the account as the default settings do not use the same encryption settings as the ECSC firewall.

1. You will now need to configure your VPN Account to log on to the server.

You now need to right click on the new connection which you have just created, and then click on the Properties as shown below:



Figure 1-13. Account Properties icon

2. A new window will appear similar to this:

? ×
General Server Types
≞ <u></u>
VPN Server:
Host name or IP Address:
Connect using:
Microsoft VPN Adapter
Configure
OK Cancel

Figure 1-14. Account Properties window

You now need to click on the Server Types tab:

General Server Types		
Type of Dial-Up Server:		
PPP: Internet, Windows NT Server, Windows 98		
Advanced options:		
Log on to network		
Enable software compression		
Require encrypted password		
E Require data encryption		
<u>Record a log file for this connection</u>		
Allowed network protocols:		
☐ <u>NetBEUI</u>		
IPX/SPX Compatible		
OK Cancel		

Figure 1-15. Server Types Tab

In this tab, you need to make sure the NetBEUI and the IPX/SPX Compatible Network protocol checkboxes are unchecked (ie. not ticked).

Once you have done this click the $\ensuremath{\mbox{ok}}$ button which will return you to the main window:



Figure 1-16. Dial Up Networking window

Connecting to your PPTP VPN

You will have now successfully created and configured your VPN account. To con-

nect to your remote office over this encrypted tunnel, you will need to initiate the connection from your PC, and login with your username and password.

1. To connect to your network using your VPN Account you will need to double click on the icon for the new VPN Account you configured earlier.



Figure 1-17. VPN Account icon

2. A login dialog window will appear similar to this:

Connect T	empo
User name: Password:	✓ Save password
VPN ser <u>v</u> er:	
	Connect Cancel

Figure 1-18. Login Dialog

You now need to enter your Username and Password into the dialog, and then click the Connect button.

A new dialog window will appear which will update itself to show you the current status of the logon attempt:

2e			×
3	Status: Logging on to network	Cancel	

Figure 1-19. Connection in-progress dialog

Once password verification has completed a new dialog window will appear similar to this:

2 8		? ×
.	Connected at 33,600 bps Duration: 000:00:38 Bytes received: 249 Bytes sent: 2,258	Dis <u>c</u> onnect

Figure 1-20. Connection established dialog

Clicking the OK button will hide the dialog whilst the VPN is connected. To disconnect, select something and click disconnect. FIXME (err, what happens here?)

You are now connected to your office network over the Internet via the firewall. When using this secure encrypted tunnel, you may notice varying connection speed due to congestion or latency due to traffic having to be encrypted by your computer's processor.

Whilst connected, you may also not be able to access the world wide web as usual due to traffic being routed to your office network by default.

Even though you are connected to your remote office network by a strong encryption method; no encryption is completely secure, and you should not transport sensitive documents over an insecure public network like the internet at any time.

Disconnecting from your VPN account

- 1. When you have finished your session, right click on the VPN icon in the taskbar.
- 2. Click Disconnect.