

KNOWLEDGE BASE

Setting Up IPSEC Site-to-Site VPN on NSX Edge Gateway

Accessing the NSX Edge Gateway

Login to vCloud and proceed to the "Administration" tab:



Select (left-click) your Organization's Virtual Datacenter:

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Select the "Edge Gateways" tab:



Right-click on your Edge Gateway and select "Edge Gateway Service..."



A new tab will open in your browser. You are now within the Advanced Edge Gateway.

Enabling Site-to-Site VPN

Within the Edge Gateway, select the "VPN" tab on the ribbon menu. Then within "IPsec VPN" toggle "IPsec VPN Service Status" to enable the service. Finally, save the changes:



Next, select the "IPsec VPN Sites" tab. Select the plus symbol (+) to add new IPsec Tunnel:



The "Add IPsec VPN" window should appear within your browser window, this is where all the tunnel details are filled:

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Su	bnets should be entered in CIDR forma	at with comma as sepa	rator.	
Pe	er ld *			
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En	dpoint should be a valid IP. FODN or a	nv.		
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Toggle the "Enabled" switch to activate the tunnel. At this point, we are ready to enter configuration details:



To setup the IPsec VPN some information will need to be gathered ahead of time. This includes:

- External IP of NSX Edge Gateway (Cloud public IP)
- Internal subnet of Org VDC Network (Cloud LAN)
- External IP of remote firewall (Remote site public IP)
- Internal subnet of remote site (Remote site LAN)

Once this information is gathered enter them into the corresponding boxes:

Add IPsec VPN		×
Enabled		^
Enable perfect forward secrecy (PFS)		
Name	Tunnel Name	
Local Id *	Cloud public IP	
Local Endpoint *	Cloud public IP	
Local Subnets *	Cloud LAN Subnet	
Subnets should be entered in CIDR for	mat with comma as separator.	
Peer ld *	Remote site public IP	
Peer Endpoint *	Remote site public IP	
Endpoint should be a valid IP, FQDN or	any.	
Peer Subnets *	Remote LAN Subnet	
Subnets should be entered in CIDR for	mat with comma as separator.	-
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Scrolling further down within the configuration window you will find the encryption settings. Choose one of the "Encryption Algorithm" settings from the dropdown. We recommend AES256 as it is the most widely used and supported. Select "Keep" to save the configuration.

Please note, If the KEEP button is greyed out it means either settings are missing or in the incorrect format.

Add IPsec VPN		\times
r cer oubricto	0.0.4.4	
Subnets should be entered in CIDR for	mat with comma as separator.	
Encryption Algorithm	AES256 ~	
Authentication	PSK ~	
Change Shared Key		
Pre-Shared Key *	Enter a shared key	
Display Shared Key		
The global pre-shared key (PSK) is sha 'any'. If a global PSK is already set, cha	red by all the sites whose peer endpoint is set to nging the PSK to an empty value and saving it has	L
Diffie-Hellman Group	DH5 ~	L
Extension		L
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Extension could be passthroughSubne	ts=192.168.1.0/24, 192.168.2.0	*
	DISCARD	

Your configuration should look something like this. We used Google DNS IPs to illustrate where the public IPs would go. Don't forget to "Save changes":

Edge Gateway - HBSELAB - Edge										
Firewall	DHCP	NAT F	Routing	Load Bala	ncer VPN	SSL VPN-Plus	Certificates G	rouping Objects	Statistics	Edge Settings
IPsec VPN	IPsec VPN									
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Site Name	Lo	ocal Endpoir	nt Loca	I Subnets	Peer Endpoin	t Peer Subnets	Site Enabled			
Tunnel nam	ie 8.	8.8.8	192.1	68.0.0/24	8.8.4.4	192.168.1.0/24	~			

Please note, you will need to use these settings at the remote site's firewall to establish the tunnel on that side also. Due to the complex nature of firewalls, we cannot show you the remote side configuration as it differs for every firewall.

Firewall Rules

Now that the IPsec VPN Tunnel is established firewall rules will need to be created to allow traffic to pass through the tunnel.

Navigate to the "Firewall" tab of the Edge Gateway, and select the "+" symbol to create a new rule:



Name the rule, and under "Source" select "IP"

No.	Name	Туре	Source	Destination
2✔	IPSec VPN	User	Any	Any

Input your remote site IP range here, and select "Keep":



Repeat this step and add the Org VDC Network IP pool (Cloud LAN). It should look like the below (except for your IPs of course). Next do the same for "Destination":

No.	Name	Туре	Source	Destination	
2	SSL VPN to Any	User	10.20.30.0/24 10.10.10.0/24	Any	+

You can restrict the port to those on your cloud server, or leave it open so any port can be accesses by an SSL VPN user. In the below example, we've left it as "Any". "Save changes" once your rule is complete.

Firewall	Rules									
⚠ This rule set has unsaved changes. Save to start deploying.									Discard changes	
Enabled										
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No.	Name	Туре	Source		Destination		Service	Action	^	
2 🗸	SSL VPN to Any	User	10.20.30.0/24 10.10.10.0/24		10.10.10.0/24 10.20.30.0/24		Any	Accept	Ť	
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		Save o	hanges	Discard ch	anges					

You now have established an IPsec VPN tunnel between the sites and have allowed all traffic to pass between the two sites.