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### tspc: Debian / Ubuntu Linux Configure IPv6 Tunnel

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Q. How do I configure IPv6 Tunnel under Ubuntu Linux? I'd like to browse and use IPv6 utilities under Ubuntu but my ISP is not ready with IPv6 native transport. How do I browser IPv6 ready websites using IPv4?

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A. You can easily set IPv6 tunnel under Debian or Ubuntu Linux using tspc (tunnel setup protocol client). tspc provides a mean to configure a tunnel obtained from a tunnel server which is compliant to the tunnel setup protocol (TSP). tspc will connect to a tunnel server and request a tunnel according to the specifications inside the configuration file. As a background process, it will then monitor the state of the tunnel. In the event of a timeout, tspc will reestablish a new tunnel. tspc allows you to connect and browse IPv6 network using IPv4.

### **Register Free at Freenet6**

You can get free IPv6 access through Freenet6. Visit Freenet6 [3] and register yourself to obtain username and password.

## Install tspc client

Open terminal and type the following command:

```
$ sudo apt-get install tspc
```

OR

# apt-get install tspc

#### **Configure tspc**

The default configuration file is located at /etc/tsp/tspc.conf. Open file using a text editor, enter:

```
# vi /etc/tsp/tspc.conf
```

You need to provide username, password and hostname registered at Freenet6 (see your tunnel broker registration email). For example,

- userid vivek
- passwd myPassWord
- server broker.freenet6.net

Search, userid, server, and passwd variable in file and set them as follows:

```
userid=your-name
server=broker.freenet6.net
passwd=your-password
```

#### Save and close the file. Restart tspc service, enter

```
$ sudo /etc/init.d/tspc restart
```

Run ifconfig command to see your tunnel IPv6 address, enter:

```
$ /sbin/ifconfig tun
```

#### Sample output:

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```
inet6 addr: 2001:5c0:8fff:fffe::a68d/128 Scope:Global
UP POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP MULTICAST MTU:1280 Metric:1
RX packets:9 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:3 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:500
RX bytes:656 (656.0 b) TX bytes:240 (240.0 b)
```

#### Test IPv6 connectivity, enter:

```
$ ping6 ipv6.google.com
```

#### Sample output:

```
PING ipv6.google.com(2001:4860:0:2001::68) 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 2001:4860:0:2001::68: icmp_seq=1 ttl=55 time=501 ms
64 bytes from 2001:4860:0:2001::68: icmp_seq=2 ttl=55 time=453 ms
64 bytes from 2001:4860:0:2001::68: icmp_seq=3 ttl=55 time=437 ms
64 bytes from 2001:4860:0:2001::68: icmp_seq=4 ttl=55 time=473 ms

--- ipv6.google.com ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 2998ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 437.077/466.544/501.926/24.149 ms
```

#### View Google.com IPv6 Address, enter:

```
$ host ipv6.google.com
```

#### Sample output:

```
ipv6.google.com is an alias for ipv6.l.google.com. ipv6.l.google.com has IPv6 address 2001:4860:0:2001::68
```

Now you can browse any IPv6 configured website or use all IPv6 utilities such as ping6, tracerout6 without a problem.

## How do I stop tunnel?

Open the terminal and type the command, enter:

```
$ sudo /etc/init.d/tspc stop
$ /sbin/ifconfig
```

#### How do I start tunnel?

Open the terminal and type the command, enter:

```
$ sudo /etc/init.d/tspc start
$ /sbin/ifconfig
$ ping6 ipv6.google.com
```

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