

# Lab 3 – Network to Network (Site to Site) IPSEC VPN

## Overview

In this lab we will practice configuring a basic pfSense firewall to connect to a second pfSense firewall to create a network to network VPN. **This must be done using the vSphere environment.**

This lab must be completed online, with all work being done and written as it is done into Word 365 Online. Use the Lab Book Template and upload to your Word 365 Online and begin working there. You must also share an edit link from Word 365 Online in the comments of the assignment document submission (export a PDF and upload it to eConestoga). Not following these instructions and showing ongoing work through the change revisions tracked in the online Word mean a score of zero on the lab.

## Preparation

- Familiarize yourself with class work done introducing the use of vSphere and pfSense

## Deliverables

- Install two pfSense firewalls on vSphere with the following specifications:
  - Name your pfSense firewalls 8580-`<id>`-fwall01, where `<id>` is your initials plus last four numbers in student ID, for example – my1234-8580-fwall01
  - Use your `_01` networks for the WAN adapters on each, giving each an appropriate and available IP address on your assigned 10.0.0.0/8 network that routes and connects to the internet as per the documentation on eConestoga.
  - Use your `_02` network for the LAN network for fw01, and `_03` network for LAN network for fw02
  - Assign the LAN a /24 network from 192.168.0.0/16 private address space; use a different network for each firewall.
  - Configure your pfSense device to provide DHCP to devices on your LAN; ensure they get a correct IP address, default gateway, and use your pfSense device for DNS.
  - Configure pfSense to run a DNS server for devices on the LAN - DNS Forwarder to 8.8.8.8
  - Test this is working with Windows 10 desktops you create and name appropriate, with your `<id>` as a prefix.
  - Connect your two networks together using a net to net (site to site) IPsec VPN using the following instructions as your guide:
    - <https://docs.netgate.com/pfsense/en/latest/recipes/ipsec-s2s-psk.html>
    - Test it is working for communication between network using a method of your choice.

## Screenshots

- Appropriate screenshots that demonstrate the above was done and all is working

## Reflection

- Record any of your own observations, solutions, or comments about the work you did. What problems did you have, what was not clear, what did you take away that you value? Explain your configuration choices. This is mandatory. You may refer back to your observations section of your lab book in answering this question
- Why is it important if we plan to build a VPN for the IP addresses of the private LANs to be different? Do we have any options on how to handle a configuration if we have identical private networks on both sides? Research this and answer in your own words, briefly, what you would see as the solution, list the sources on the internet that helped you come to that conclusion, and explain why it would work.
- Pick 2 further configuration options that you could specify or change in an IPSEC configuration (while still keeping it IPSEC) that would improve security, and two settings that would reduce security (these cannot be choices of the same thing). Discuss.