



Project Documentation
Implementing VPN Solutions with FortiGate
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1. Project Description

This project focuses on designing and implementing secure Virtual Private Network (VPN) solutions using FortiGate firewalls to support both remote user connectivity and inter-site secure communication. The work includes three main components:

1. SSL VPN for Remote Access

A secure SSL VPN was configured to enable remote users to safely connect to the internal network through encrypted HTTPS tunnels.

Key configurations included:

- **User authentication and access control**
- **Custom IP pools for VPN clients**
- **Security policies to regulate and monitor traffic**
Connectivity was verified using FortiClient in both web mode and tunnel mode, ensuring reliable and secure remote access.

1.2. IPsec Site-to-Site VPN

A Site-to-Site IPsec tunnel was established between two FortiGate devices to securely connect separate LAN networks over the internet.

The configuration involved:

- **Phase 1 and Phase 2 parameters**
- **Static routing**
- **Firewall policies**
This setup ensures fully encrypted, seamless communication between both sites.

1.3. SD-WAN Implementation

SD-WAN was implemented to optimize network performance across multiple internet links.

The solution provides:

- **Intelligent traffic distribution**
- **Application-aware routing (e.g., VoIP, video, web)**
- **Automatic failover and load balancing**
- **Real-time link performance monitoring**
This ensures high availability, improved efficiency, and enhanced reliability for critical applications.

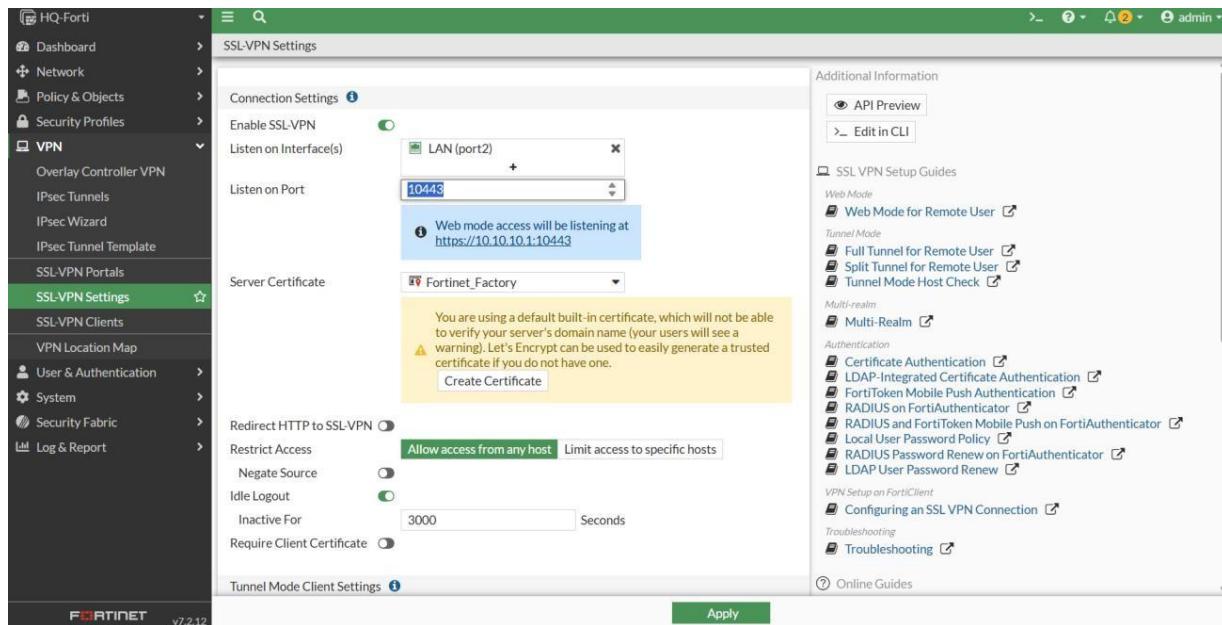
2. SSL VPN Configuration Documentation

2.1 HQ FortiGate SSL VPN Configuration

Step 1: SSL VPN Settings

Navigate: **VPN → SSL-VPN Settings Configuration**

- Listen on Interface: port2 (LAN)
- Listen on Port: 10443 (HTTPS)
- Server Certificate: Fortinet_Factory
- Idle Timeout: 3000 seconds
- Tunnel Mode IP Pools: SSLVPN_TUNNEL_ADDR1 (10.212.134.200 - 10.212.134.210)
- IPv6 Pools: SSLVPN_TUNNEL_IPv6_ADDR1 (fdff:ffff::/120)
- Default Portal: full-access



Portal Settings (full-access):

- Tunnel Mode: Enabled
- IPv6 Tunnel Mode: Enabled
- Web Mode: Enabled

- IP Pools: SSLVPN_TUNNEL_ADDR1

IP Pools		
Name	Tunnel Mode	Web Mode
full-access	Enabled	Enabled

Step 2: Create IP Pool for SSL VPN Users

- Name: SSLVPN_TUNNEL_ADDR1
- Type: IP Range
- Start IP: 10.212.134.200
- End IP: 10.212.134.210

Edit Address

Name	SSLVPN_TUNNEL_ADDR1
Color	<input type="button" value="Change"/>
Type	IP Range
IP Range	10.212.134.200-10.212.134.210
Interface	<input type="checkbox"/> any
Comments	Write a comment... 0/255

Step 3: Create User Account

- Username: vpnuser
- Type: Local User
- Password: (Set secure password)

Step 4: Create User Group

- Name: SSL_VPN_USERS
- Type: Firewall

- Status: Enabled

Username	vpnuser
User Account Status	Enabled Disabled
User Type	Local User
Password	••••••••
User Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SSL_VPN_USERS + X

Two-factor Authentication

- Members: vpnuser
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Step 5: Firewall Policy Configuration

- Name: SSL_VPN_Access
- Incoming Interface: SSL VPN tunnel interface (ssl.root)
- Outgoing Interface: LAN (port2)
- Source: SSLVPN_TUNNEL_ADDR1
- Destination: All
- Schedule: Always
- Service: All
- Action: ACCEPT

- NAT: Enabled (Use Outgoing Interface Address)

The screenshot shows the 'SSL_VPN_Access' configuration dialog. Under 'Firewall/Network Options', the 'NAT' toggle is on, and the 'IP Pool Configuration' dropdown is set to 'Use Outgoing Interface Address'. Other options like 'Use Dynamic IP Pool' and 'Preserve Source Port' are available. The 'Action' section has 'ACCEPT' selected. On the right, there's a 'Statistics (since last reset)' panel showing session details and a 'Last 7 Days' traffic graph for Bytes.

Step 6: Web-Based Mode Testing

- SSL VPN portal accessible at <https://192.168.32.135:10443>
- FortiClient launch and download options available
- Verify login as vpnuser and check active connections on FortiGate Dashboard → Network

The dashboard shows two circular metrics: 'Active Users' (1) and 'Total' (1). Below them are buttons for 'End Session', 'Locate on VPN Map', and 'View Connection Details'. A search bar is at the bottom. A table at the bottom lists a single connection: 'Username: vpnuser' (warning icon), 'Remote Host: 192.168.32.1', 'Duration: 20m 26s', and 'Connections: 2'.

The login page has fields for 'Username' (vpnuser) and 'Password' (redacted). A large red 'Login' button is at the bottom, with a 'Launch FortiClient' link below it.

The dialog shows 'SSL-VPN' selected. The 'Connection Name' is 'Forti-Lab'. The 'Remote Gateway' field contains 'https://192.168.1.37:443'. Under 'Authentication', the 'Client Certificate' dropdown has 'None' selected, with a cursor pointing to the dropdown arrow. Other options include 'Prompt on login' (radio button), 'Save login' (radio button), and 'Enable Dual-stack IPv4/IPv6 address' (checkbox).

Step 7: Tunnel Mode Testing

- VPN Name: <Specify>
- Connection Type: SSL-VPN
- Remote Gateway: https://<IP>:10443
- Port: 10443
- Authentication: Username/Password
- Dual-stack IPv4/IPv6: Enabled

Step 8: Connection and Monitoring

In this step, after establishing the connection using **tunnel mode**, I selected **Forti-Lab** and tested the setup using the **VPN user** I had previously created.

As shown in the image, the monitoring interface displays several key details for each connected user:

1. **Username** – identifies the authenticated VPN user.
2. **IP Address** – shows the assigned IP for the VPN session.
3. **Connection Duration** – indicates how long the user has been connected.
4. **Bytes Sent and Received** – displays the amount of data transmitted during



Step 9: Monitoring & Active Connections:

Dash Board Shows :

- Displays: Username, IP, Connection Duration, Bytes Sent/Received
- Active Users: 1
- Connection Mode: Web
- Username: vpnuser
- Remote Host: 192.168.1.9
- Tunnel Ip: 10.212.134.200
- Duration: 44s
- Source interface: Wan1
- Tunnel IP: Assigned from SSLVPN_TUNNEL_ADDR1 pool

The screenshot shows the FortiClient SSL-VPN dashboard. On the left, there's a summary card with a green circle containing the number '1' and the text 'Active Users'. Below it, there are two buttons: 'End Session' and 'Locate on VPN Map'. On the right, a table titled 'Connections for user1' displays the following information:

Remote Host	Last Login	Duration	Connection Mode	Bytes	Tunnel IP	Source Interface
192.168.1.9	2023/04/15 17:26:06	44s	Tunnel	3.59 MB	10.212.134.200	wan1

Below the main table, there is a secondary row of filters:

Last Login	Duration	Connection Mode	Bytes	Tunnel IP	Source Interface
2023/04/15 17:26:06	44s	Tunnel	3.59 MB	10.212.134.200	wan1

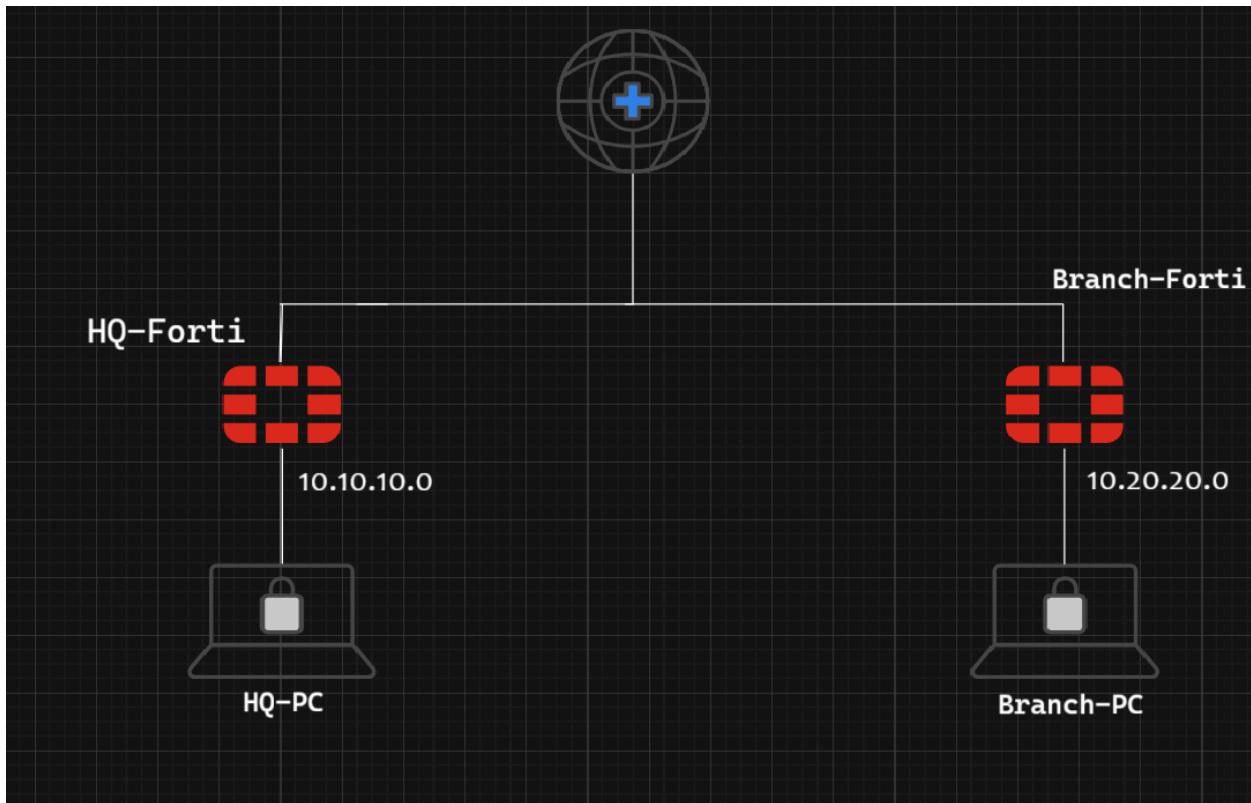
3. IPsec VPN Configuration Documentation

3.1 Objective

Establish a secure IPsec VPN tunnel between two FortiGate devices for encrypted communication between remote networks.

3.2 Network Topology

Site A LAN (10.10.10.0/24) --- FortiGate A ---- Internet ---- FortiGate B --- Site B LAN (10.20.20.0/24)



- Two FortiGate firewalls were used to connect two different LAN networks through the internet using an IPsec VPN tunnel.
 - Each FortiGate represents a branch office / Headquarter office.
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3.3 HQ FortiGate Configuration

Step 1: Phase 1 Configuration

- VPN → IPsec Tunnels → Create New → Custom
- Name: HQ-to-Branch
- Remote Gateway: 192.168.1.5
- Interface: WAN (port1)
- Authentication Method: Pre-shared Key
- IKE Version: IKEv2
- Encryption: DES
- Authentication: SHA384
- DH Group: 14,5
- Key Lifetime: 86400

Network

IP Version: IPv4

Remote Gateway: Static IP Address: 192.168.1.5

Interface: WAN (port1)

Local Gateway:

Mode Config:

NAT Traversal: Enable Disable Forced

Dead Peer Detection: Disable On Idle On Demand

DPD retry count: 3

DPD retry interval: 20 s

Forward Error Correction: Egress Ingress

Advanced...

Authentication

Method	Pre-shared Key
Pre-shared Key	••••••••
IKE	
Version	1 2

Checkmarks:

Phase 1 Proposal **+ Add**

Encryption	DES	Authentication	SHA384			
Diffie-Hellman Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> 32 <input type="checkbox"/> 21 <input type="checkbox"/> 15	<input type="checkbox"/> 31 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> 19 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 29 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 28 <input type="checkbox"/> 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 27 <input type="checkbox"/> 1
Key Lifetime (seconds)	86400					
Local ID						

Checkmarks:

Step 2: Phase 2 Configuration

- **Local Subnet:** 10.10.10.0/255.255.255.0
- **Remote Subnet:** 10.20.20.0/255.255.255.0
- **Encryption:** DES
- **Authentication:** SHA256
- **Enable Replay Detection**

Comments	Comments	
Local Address	Subnet	10.10.10.0/255.255.255
Remote Address	Subnet	10.20.20.0/255.255.255
Advanced...		
Phase 2 Proposal	Add	
Encryption	DES	Authentication
SHA256		
Enable Replay Detection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Enable Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Diffie-Hellman Group	<input type="checkbox"/> 32 <input type="checkbox"/> 31 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> 29 <input type="checkbox"/> 28 <input type="checkbox"/> 27 <input type="checkbox"/> 21 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 19 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1	
Local Port	All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Remote Port	All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Protocol	All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Auto-negotiate	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Autokey Keep Alive	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Key Lifetime	Seconds	
Seconds	43200	

Step 3: Firewall Policies

- Create policies to allow traffic from LAN → VPN and VPN → LAN on both FortiGates.

1- LAN-To-VPN

- **Incoming Interface:** LAN (port2)
- **Outgoing Interface:** HQ-to-Branch
- **Action:** Accept
- **NAT:** Disabled
- **Source :** HQ Subnet (10.10.10.0/24)
- **Destination :** HQ Subnet (10.20.20.0/24)

LAN-To-VPN

Name	LAN-To-VPN
Incoming Interface	LAN (port2)
Outgoing Interface	HQ-to-Branch
Source	HQ_Subnet
Destination	Branch_Subnet
Schedule	always
Service	ALL
Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCEPT <input type="checkbox"/> DENY

Firewall/Network Options

NAT

Protocol Options PROT default

Security Profiles

- AntiVirus
- Web Filter
- DNS Filter
- Application Control

Statistics (since last reset)

ID	2
Last used	2 day(s) ago
First used	2 day(s) ago
Active sessions	0
Hit count	6
Total bytes	7.14 kB
Current bandwidth	0 bps

Clear Counters

Last 7 Days Bytes ▾

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VPN-to-LAN

- Incoming Interface:** HQ-to-Branch
- Outgoing Interface:** LAN (port2)
- Action:** Accept
- NAT:** Disabled
- Source :** Branch Subnet (10.20.20.0/24)
- Destination :** HQ Subnet (10.10.10.0/24)

VPN-To-LAN

Name	VPN-To-LAN
Incoming Interface	HQ-to-Branch
Outgoing Interface	LAN (port2)
Source	Branch_Subnet
Destination	HQ_Subnet
Schedule	always
Service	ALL
Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCEPT <input type="checkbox"/> DENY

Firewall/Network Options

NAT

Protocol Options PROT default

Security Profiles

- AntiVirus
- Web Filter
- DNS Filter
- Application Control

Statistics (since last reset)

ID	3
Last used	2 day(s) ago
First used	2 day(s) ago
Active sessions	0
Hit count	20
Total bytes	17.06 kB
Current bandwidth	0 bps

Clear Counters

Last 7 Days Bytes ▾

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Step 4: Static Routes

- Add static routes to reach the remote subnet through the VPN tunnel.\
- Destination : Subnet (10.20.20.0 / 255.255.255.0)
- Interface : HQ-to-Branch

Destination <small>i</small>	<small>Subnet</small> <small>Internet Service</small>
	10.20.20.0/255.255.255.0
Interface	HQ-to-Branch <small>x</small> <small>+</small>
Administrative Distance <small>i</small>	10
Comments	Write a comment... <small>0/255</small>
Status	<small>Enabled</small> <small>Disabled</small>

+ Advanced Options

3.4 Branch FortiGate Configuration

Step 1: Phase 1 Configuration

- Go to VPN → IPsec Tunnels → Create New → Custom.
- Name: Branch-to-HQ
- Remote Gateway: Static IP Address (192.168.1.8) (HQ WAN IP)
- Interface: WAN (port1)
- Authentication Method: Pre-shared Key
- IKE Version: IKEv2

- **Encryption: DES**
- **Authentication: SHA384**
- **DH Group: 14,5**
- **Key Lifetime: 86400**

Network

IP Version	IPv4
Remote Gateway	<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="button" value="Static IP Address"/>
IP Address	<input style="width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="text" value="192.168.1.8"/>
Interface	<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="button" value="WAN (port1)"/>
Local Gateway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mode Config	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAT Traversal	<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 60px; height: 25px;" type="button" value="Enable"/> <input checked="" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 60px; height: 25px; background-color: #339933; color: white;" type="button" value="Disable"/> <input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 60px; height: 25px;" type="button" value="Forced"/>
Dead Peer Detection	<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 60px; height: 25px;" type="button" value="Disable"/> <input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 60px; height: 25px;" type="button" value="On Idle"/> <input checked="" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 60px; height: 25px; background-color: #339933; color: white;" type="button" value="On Demand"/>
DPD retry count	<input style="width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="text" value="3"/>
DPD retry interval	<input style="width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="text" value="20"/> s
Forward Error Correction	Egress <input type="checkbox"/> Ingress <input type="checkbox"/>
<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="button" value="Advanced..."/>	

Authentication

Method	<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="button" value="Pre-shared Key"/>
Pre-shared Key	<input style="width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="text" value="*****"/>

IKE

Version	<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 20px; height: 25px;" type="button" value="1"/> <input checked="" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 20px; height: 25px; background-color: #339933; color: white;" type="button" value="2"/>
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Phase 1 Proposal + Add

Encryption	DES	Authentication	SHA384
Diffie-Hellman Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> 32 <input type="checkbox"/> 31 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> 29 <input type="checkbox"/> 28 <input type="checkbox"/> 27 <input type="checkbox"/> 21 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 19 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1		
Key Lifetime (seconds)	86400		
Local ID			

Comments Comments

Local Address	Subnet	10.20.20.0/255.255.255
Remote Address	Subnet	10.10.10.0/255.255.255
Advanced...		

Phase 2 Proposal + Add

Encryption	DES	Authentication	SHA256
Enable Replay Detection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Enable Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Diffie-Hellman Group	<input type="checkbox"/> 32 <input type="checkbox"/> 31 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> 29 <input type="checkbox"/> 28 <input type="checkbox"/> 27 <input type="checkbox"/> 21 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 19 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1		
Local Port	All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Remote Port	All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Protocol	All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Auto-negotiate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Autokey Keep Alive	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Key Lifetime	Seconds		
Seconds	43200		

Note :

Make sure the Pre-shared Key matches exactly with the one configured on HQ.

3.5 : Firewall Policies

1- LAN-To-VPN

- Incoming Interface: LAN (port2)**
- Outgoing Interface: Branch-to-HQ**
- Action: Accept**
- NAT: Disabled**
- Source: Branch Subnet (10.20.20.0/24)**
- Destination: HQ Subnet (10.10.10.0/24)**

Statistics (since last reset)

ID	2
Last used	2 day(s) ago
First used	2 day(s) ago
Active sessions	0
Hit count	20
Total bytes	17.06 kB
Current bandwidth	0 bps

Clear Counters

Last 7 Days Bytes ▾

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OK Cancel

2- VPN-To-LAN

- Incoming Interface: Branch-to-HQ**
- Outgoing Interface: LAN (port2)**
- Action: Accept**
- NAT: Disabled**
- Source: HQ Subnet (10.10.10.0/24)**
- Destination: Branch Subnet (10.20.20.0/24)**

Name	VPN-To-LAN
Incoming Interface	Branch-to-HQ
Outgoing Interface	LAN (port2)
Source	HQ_Subnet
Destination	Branch_Subnet
Schedule	always
Service	ALL
Action	<input checked="" type="radio"/> ACCEPT <input type="radio"/> DENY

Firewall/Network Options

NAT

Protocol Options PROT default

Security Profiles

AntiVirus

Web Filter

DNS Filter

Application Control

IPS

Statistics (since last reset)

ID	3
Last used	2 day(s) ago
First used	2 day(s) ago
Active sessions	0
Hit count	7
Total bytes	7.98 kB
Current bandwidth	0 bps

Last 7 Days Bytes ▾

12500 B
10 kB
8 kB
5 kB
3 kB
0 B

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Step 4: Static Routes

- Destination: 10.10.10.0 / 255.255.255.0
- Interface: Branch-to-HQ

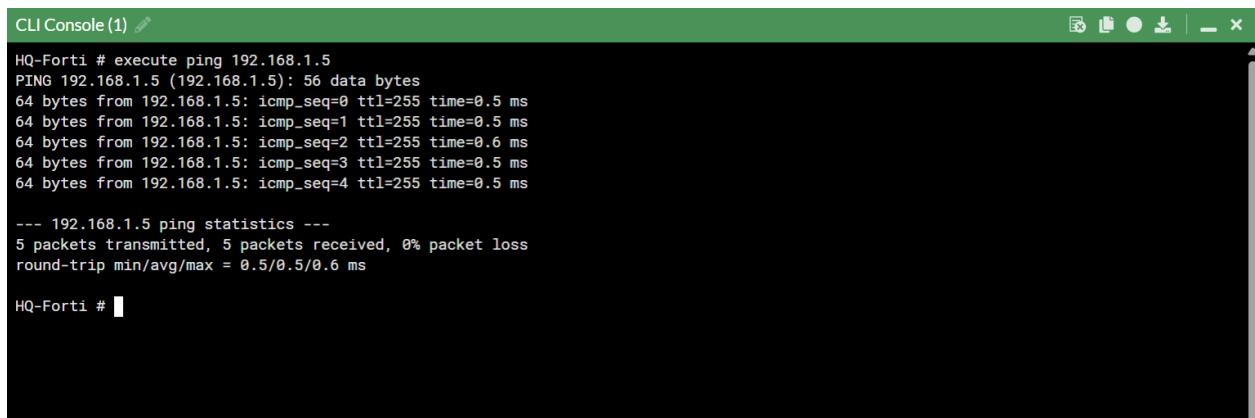
Destination	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Subnet <input type="radio"/> Internet Service
	10.10.10.0/255.255.255.0
Interface	Branch-to-HQ <input type="button" value="x"/>
+	
Administrative Distance	10
Comments	Write a comment... 0/255
Status	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
<input type="button" value="Advanced Options"/>	

3.6. Connectivity Test Results

Test 1: Ping Test Between Branches

- From: HQ Forti 192.168.1.8
- To: Branch Forti 192.168.1.5

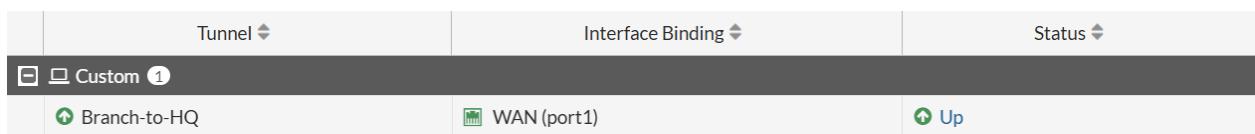
Result: Successful ping replies received, indicating that both LAN networks are reachable through the IPsec VPN tunnel.



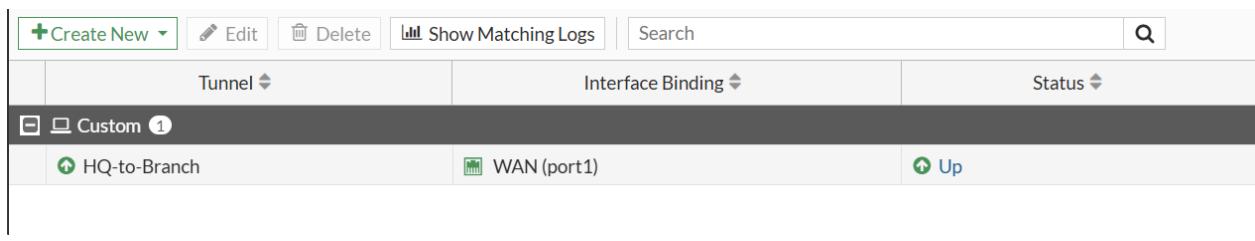
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CLI Console(1) ↗
HQ-Forti # execute ping 192.168.1.5
PING 192.168.1.5 (192.168.1.5): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 192.168.1.5: icmp_seq=0 ttl=255 time=0.5 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.5: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=0.5 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.5: icmp_seq=2 ttl=255 time=0.6 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.5: icmp_seq=3 ttl=255 time=0.5 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.5: icmp_seq=4 ttl=255 time=0.5 ms

--- 192.168.1.5 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.5/0.5/0.6 ms

HQ-Forti #
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Tunnel	Interface Binding	Status
Custom 1	Branch-to-HQ	WAN (port1) Up

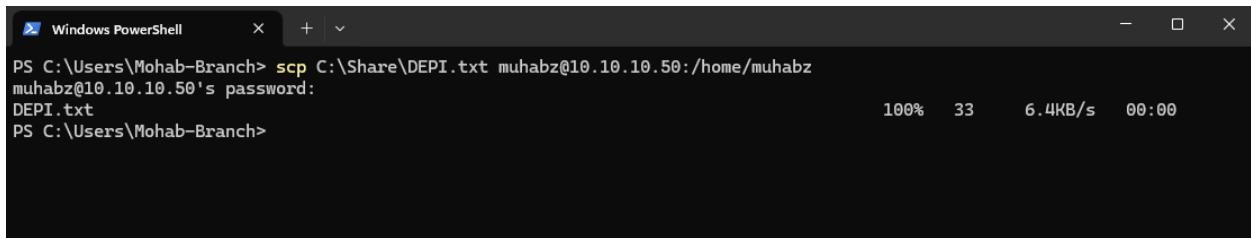


Tunnel	Interface Binding	Status
Custom 1	HQ-to-Branch	WAN (port1) Up

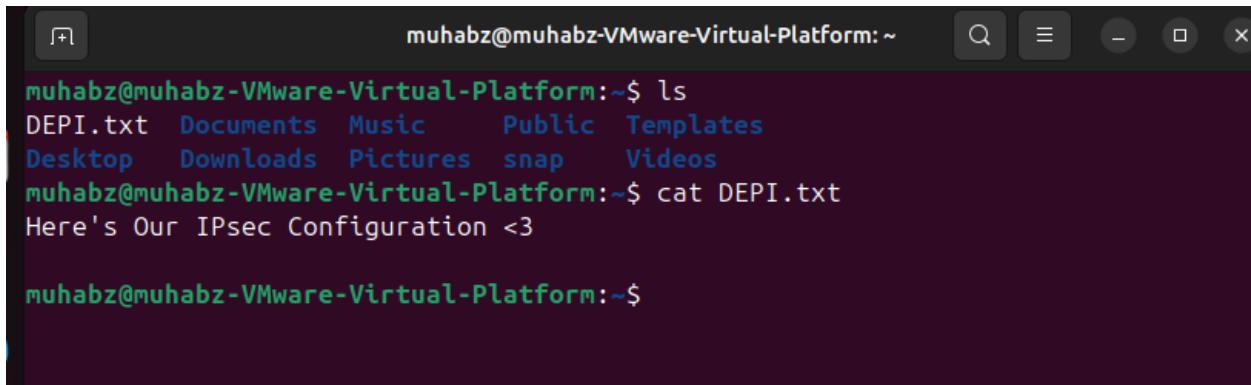
Test 2: File Transfer Test (SCP Protocol)

- Objective: Verify real data transfer through the IPsec tunnel.
- Setup:
 - A Windows machine connected to HQ LAN (10.10.10.50).
(From DHCP Of LAN)
 - A Kali Linux machine connected to Branch LAN (10.20.20.50).
(From DHCP Of LAN)

- **Method:**
 - From the Windows PC, access the Kali shared folder using SSH protocol (\\\10.20.20.50\share).
 - Attempt to copy a test file (e.g., test.txt) between both devices.
- **Command:**
 - From Windows PC Open The PowerShell and Type :
 - scp C:\\Share\\DEPI.txt muhabz@10.10.10.50:/home/muhabz
- **Result:**
File transfer completed successfully with stable throughput and no packet loss.
This confirms that the IPsec tunnel securely transmits not only ICMP packets but also application-layer data traffic.



```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Mohab-Branch> scp C:\Share\DEPI.txt muhabz@10.10.10.50:/home/muhabz
muhabz@10.10.10.50's password:
DEPI.txt                                                 100%   33    6.4KB/s  00:00
PS C:\Users\Mohab-Branch>
```



```
muhabz@muhabz-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ ls
DEPI.txt  Documents  Music  Public  Templates
Desktop  Downloads  Pictures  snap  Videos
muhabz@muhabz-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ cat DEPI.txt
Here's Our IPsec Configuration <3

muhabz@muhabz-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$
```

6. Conclusion

The IPsec VPN tunnel between the HQ FortiGate and the Branch FortiGate was successfully established and tested.

Connectivity between the two LANs was confirmed through ICMP ping tests and SSH file transfer verification.

This demonstrates that encrypted communication and secure data exchange between both networks are fully operational.

The configuration followed standard security best practices, ensuring data integrity and confidentiality across the VPN connection.

4. SD-WAN Implementation Documentation

Purpose:

- Combine multiple internet links for smart traffic distribution
 - Application-aware routing (VoIP, Video, Web)
 - Automatic failover and load balancing
 - Real-time performance monitoring
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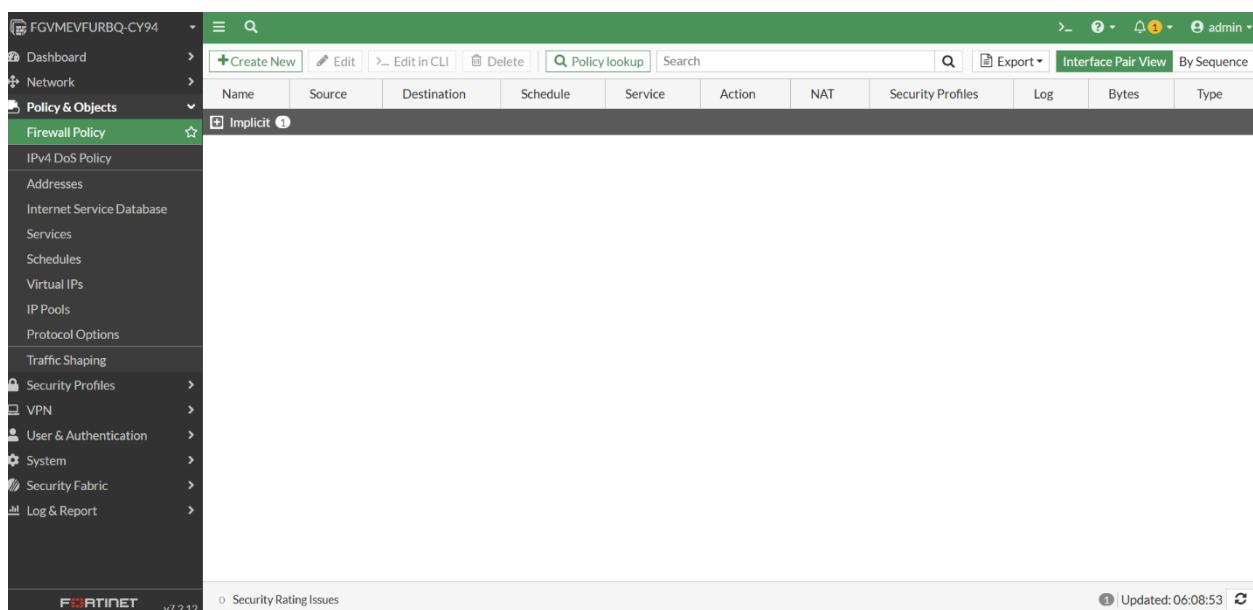
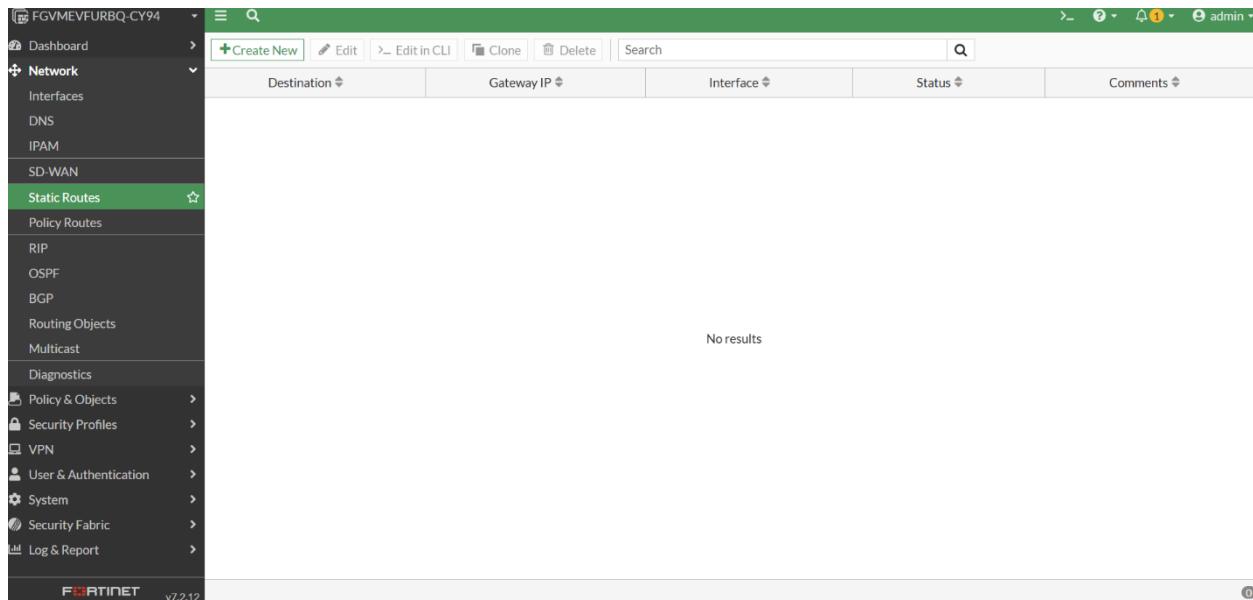
Environment:

- 2 WAN links
- LAN: 10.10.10.0/24
- Device: FortiGate Firewall

Physical Interface						
LAN (port3)	Physical Interface		10.10.10.1/255.255.255.0	PING HTTPS SSH	1	10.10.10.2-10.10.10.2
WAN1 (port1)	Physical Interface		192.168.1.13/255.255.255.0	PING HTTPS SSH HTTP		
WAN2 (port2)	Physical Interface		192.168.2.5/255.255.255.0	PING HTTPS SSH Speed Test		
SD-WAN Zone						

Implementation Steps:

- **4.1 : Verify Initial Configuration**
- Checked Firewall Policies: No policies are active.
- Checked Routing: No static routes or default routes exist.
- **Purpose:** Ensure a clean environment before enabling SD-WAN.



4.2 : Add Internet Links as SD-WAN Members

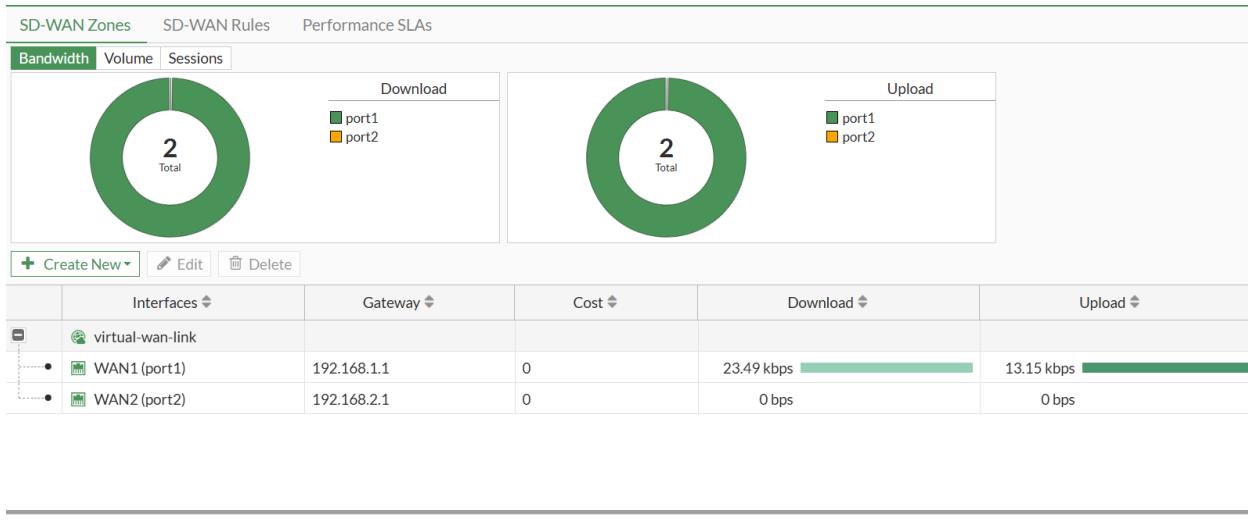
- Each WAN link is added as a **Member** inside SD-WAN:
 - WAN1 → Member 1
 - WAN2 → Member 2
- **Purpose:** Integrate all WAN links under a single SD-WAN zone for centralized management.

Edit SD-WAN Member

Interface	<input type="button" value="WAN1 (port1)"/>
SD-WAN Zone	<input type="button" value="virtual-wan-link"/>
Gateway	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Dynamic <input type="radio"/> Specify <input type="text" value="192.168.1.1"/>
Cost	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Priority <small>i</small>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Status	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled

Edit SD-WAN Member

Interface	<input type="button" value="WAN2 (port2)"/>
SD-WAN Zone	<input type="button" value="virtual-wan-link"/>
Gateway	<input type="text" value="192.168.2.1"/>
Cost	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Priority <small>i</small>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Status	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled



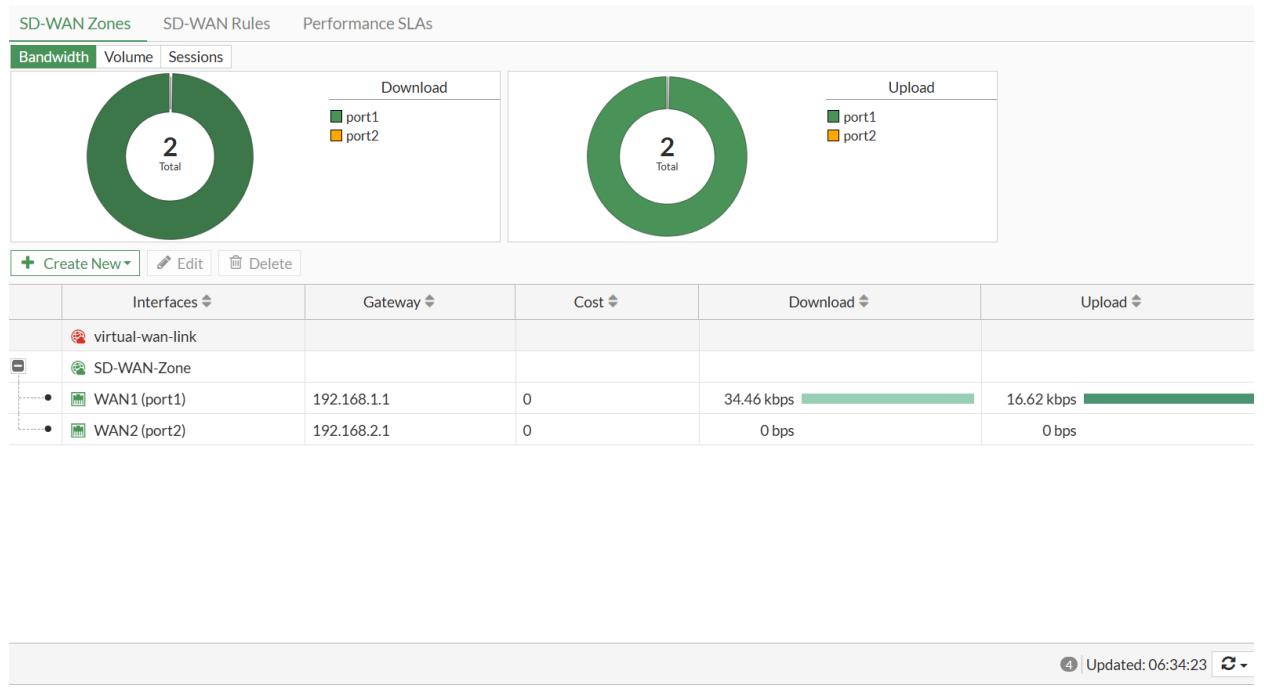
4.3: Create SD-WAN Zone

- Created a **SD-WAN Zone** named SD-WAN-Zone.
- Added all WAN members (WAN1, WAN2) into this zone.

New SD-WAN Zone

Name	SD-WAN-Zone
Interface members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAN1 (port1) × <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAN2 (port2) × +

OK **Cancel**



4.4 : Configure Default Static Route

- **Static Route Configuration:**
 - **Destination:** 0.0.0.0/0
 - **Interface:** SD-WAN-Zone
- **Purpose:** Direct all outbound traffic through the SD-WAN zone instead of individual WAN interfaces.

New Static Route

Destination	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Subnet <input type="radio"/> Internet Service
	0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0
Interface	 SD-WAN-Zone ×
Comments	Write a comment... 0/255
Status	Enabled Disabled

OK Cancel

4.5 : Configure Firewall Policy

- Created a firewall policy named Internet Access:
 - **Incoming Interface:** LAN
 - **Outgoing Interface:** SD-WAN-Zone
 - **Source:** Local Subnet 10.10.10.0/24
 - **Destination:** All
 - **Schedule:** All
 - **Service:** All
- **Purpose:** Ensure internal traffic exits to the internet via the SD-WAN zone.

Edit Policy

Name	Internet_Access
Incoming Interface	LAN (port3)
Outgoing Interface	SD-WAN-Zone
Source	Local_Subnet
Destination	all
Schedule	always
Service	ALL
Action	<input checked="" type="button"/> ACCEPT <input type="button"/> DENY
Firewall/Network Options	
NAT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passive Health Check	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protocol Options	PROT default
Security Profiles	
AntiVirus	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web Filter	<input type="checkbox"/>
DNS Filter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application Control	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="button"/> OK <input type="button"/> Cancel	

Policy Table										
Name	Source	Destination	Schedule	Service	Action	NAT	Security Profiles	Log	Bytes	Type
LAN (port3) → SD-WAN-Zone 1	Internet_Access	Local_Subnet	all	always	ALL	ACCEPT	Disabled	no-inspection	UTM	0 B
Implicit 1										Standard

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File Actions Edit View Help
kali@kali: ~
└─(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ ping 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.
From 192.168.2.5 icmp_seq=1 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5 icmp_seq=2 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5 icmp_seq=3 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5 icmp_seq=4 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5 icmp_seq=5 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5 icmp_seq=6 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5 icmp_seq=7 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5 icmp_seq=8 Destination Host Unreachable
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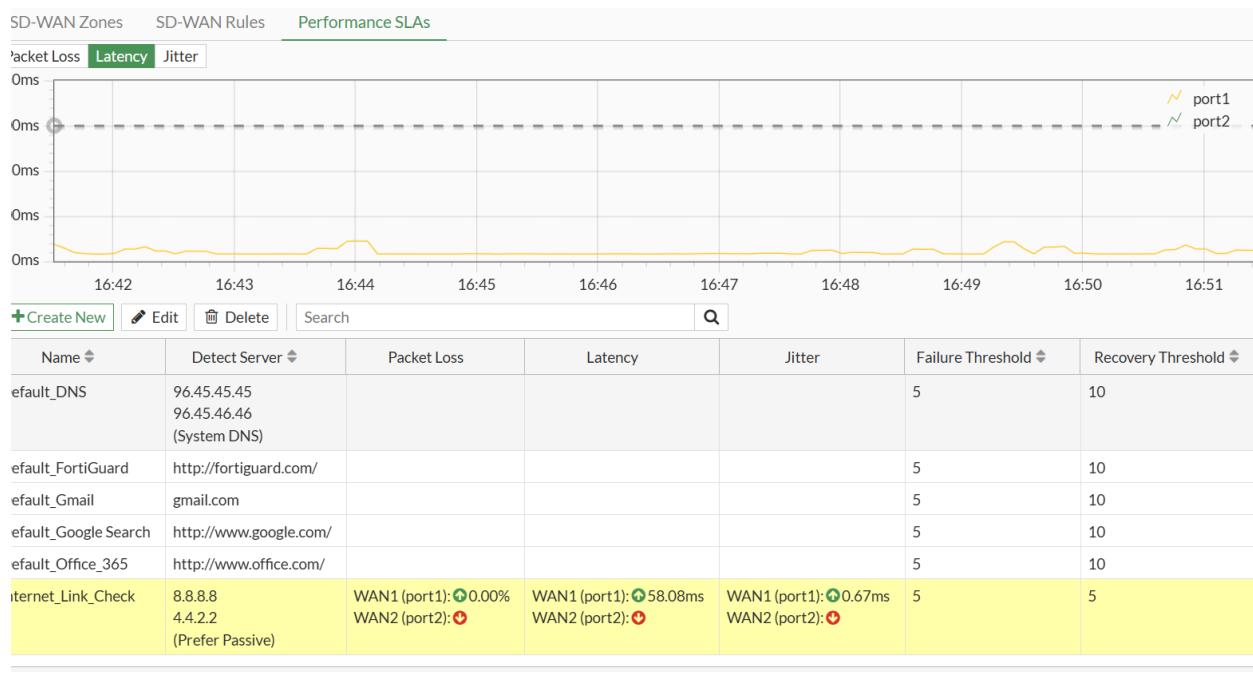
4.6 : Configure Performance SLA

- **Name:** Internet_Link_Check
- **Probe Mode:** Prefer Passive
- **Protocol:** Ping
- **Servers:** 8.8.8.8, 4.4.2.2
- **Participated Members:** All SD-WAN Members

- **SLA Targets:**
 - Latency: 200ms
 - Jitter: 50ms
 - Packet Loss: 5%
- **Purpose:** Monitor link quality and enable intelligent routing decisions based on performance.

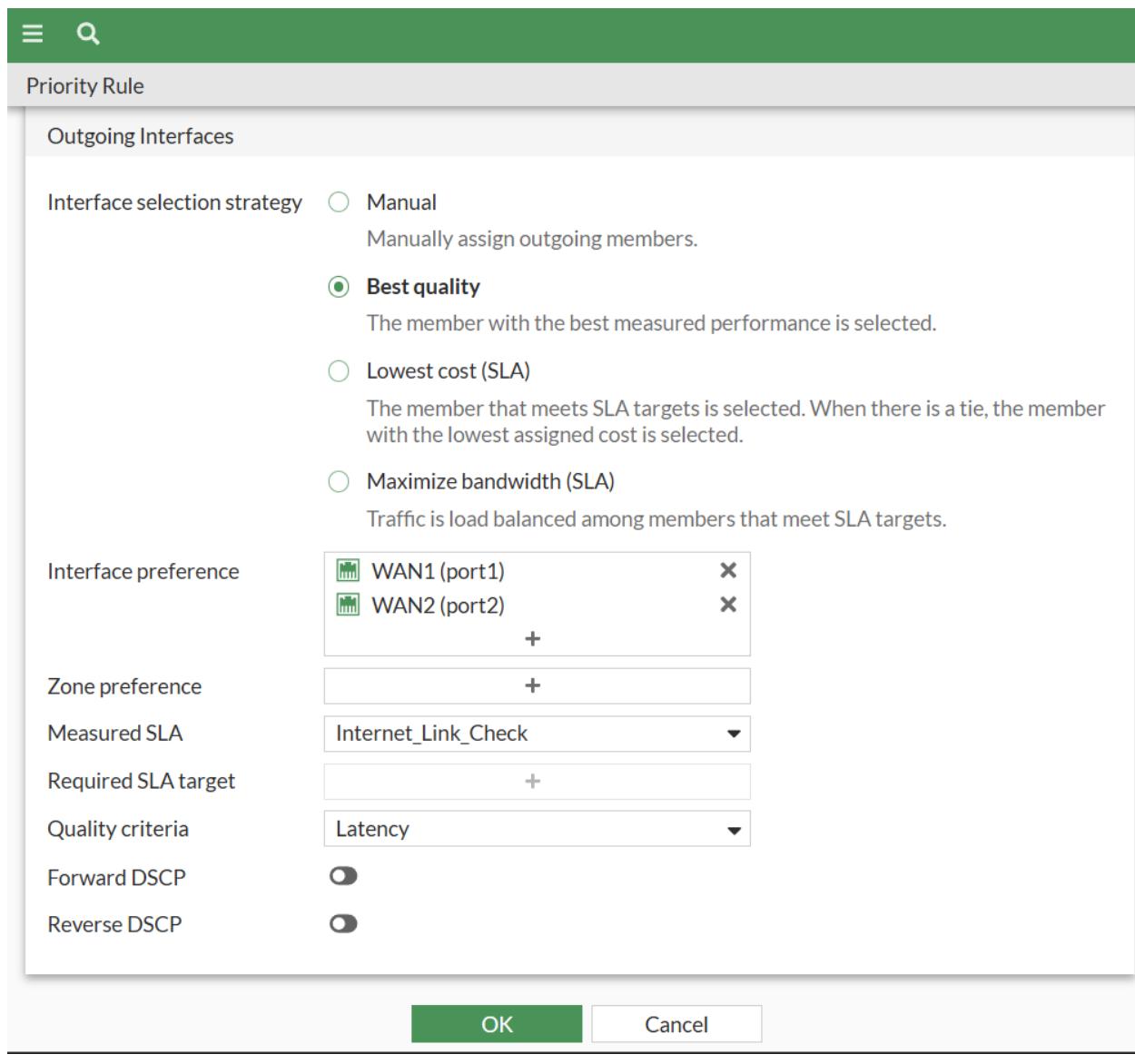
New Performance SLA

Name	Internet_Link_Check
Probe mode	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Active <input type="radio"/> Passive <input checked="" type="radio"/> Prefer Passive
Protocol	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Ping <input type="radio"/> HTTP <input type="radio"/> DNS
Servers	8.8.8.8 X 4.4.2.2 X
Participants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> All SD-WAN Members <input type="radio"/> Specify
SLA Target <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Latency threshold	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 200 ms
Jitter threshold	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 50 ms
Packet Loss threshold	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5 %
Link Status	
Check interval	500 ms
Failures before inactive	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5
Restore link after	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5 check(s)
Actions when Inactive	
Update static route	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="button" value="OK"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	



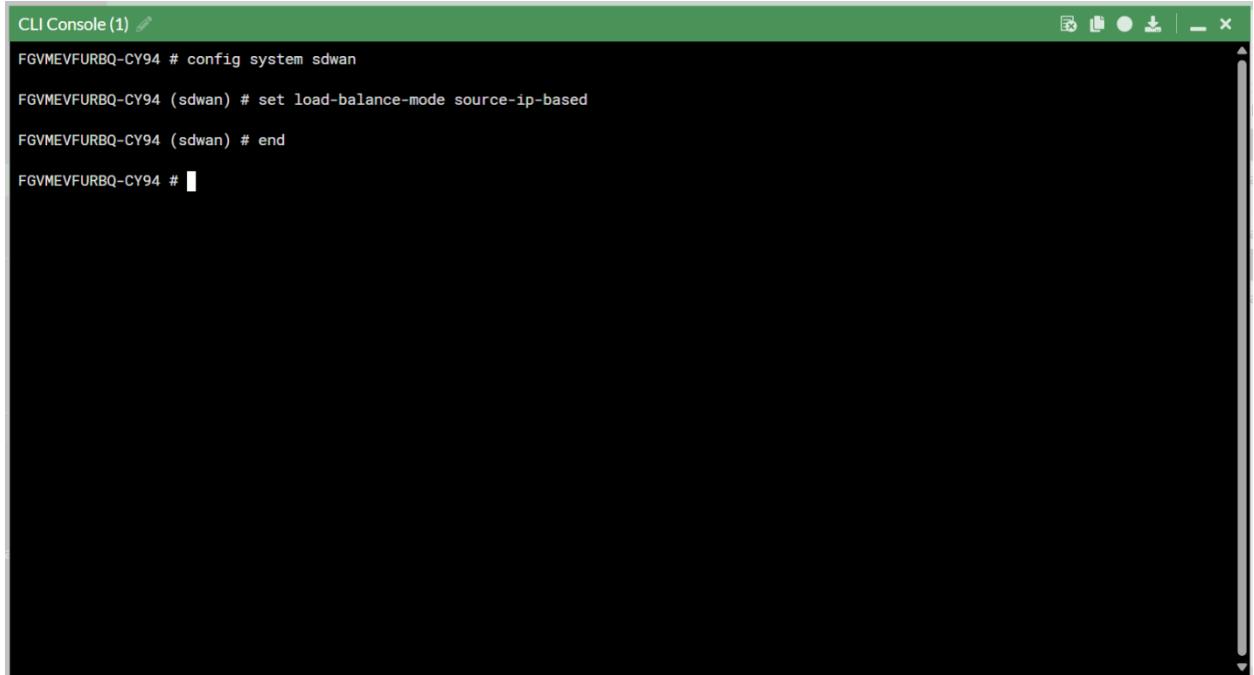
4.7 : Create SD-WAN Rules

- Example rules implemented:
 - Traffic from subnet 10.10.10.0/24 to **YouTube** → routed via **WAN1**
 - Traffic from subnet 10.10.10.0/24 for **VoIP calls** → routed via the **best performing link** automatically
- **Purpose:** Direct traffic efficiently based on application type and link quality.



4.8 : Load Balancing Configuration

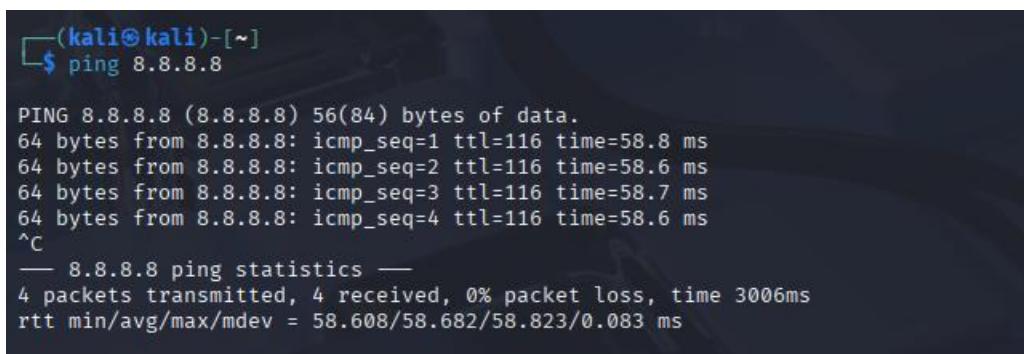
- **Mode:** Source-IP based
- **Purpose:** Distribute traffic across WAN links evenly while keeping sessions consistent per source IP.
- Configured in GUI (or optionally CLI for mode selection).



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CLI Console (1) 🖊
FGVMEVFURBQ-CY94 # config system sdwan
FGVMEVFURBQ-CY94 (sdwan) # set load-balance-mode source-ip-based
FGVMEVFURBQ-CY94 (sdwan) # end
FGVMEVFURBQ-CY94 #
```

4.9 Testing & Monitoring

- Observed SD-WAN member status:
 - WAN1: Up
 - WAN2: Down
- Tested traffic routing for YouTube and VoIP services to verify SLA rules and best-quality routing.
- Verified failover functionality by simulating WAN link failure.
- Monitored latency, jitter, and packet loss via SD-WAN Monitor dashboard.



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ ping 8.8.8.8

PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=116 time=58.8 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=116 time=58.6 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=116 time=58.7 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=4 ttl=116 time=58.6 ms
^C
--- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3006ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 58.608/58.682/58.823/0.083 ms
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SD-WAN Rules											
ID	Name	Source	Destination	Criteria	Members	Hit Count	Last Used	Performance SLA	Port	Protocol	Status
IPv4 2											
2	All_Internet	4 Local_Subnet	4 all	Latency	WAN1 (port1) ✓ WAN2 (port2)	22	7 seconds ago	Internet_Link_Check	any	✓ Enabled	
1	YouTube	4 Local_Subnet	YouTube		WAN2 (port2)	0	5 minutes ago		any	✓ Enabled	
Implicit 1											
sd-wan 4 all 4 all Source-Destination IP any any any any											

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Conclusion

The SD-WAN implementation provides:

- Intelligent routing and application-aware traffic steering.
- Automatic failover for uninterrupted connectivity.
- Efficient utilization of all WAN links with load balancing.
- Real-time performance monitoring for proactive network management.

Conclusion

In conclusion, this project successfully demonstrated the design and implementation of secure and efficient VPN solutions using FortiGate technologies. By combining **SSL VPN**, **IPsec Site-to-Site VPN**, and **SD-WAN**, the network achieved enhanced security, optimized performance, and reliable connectivity for both remote users and interconnected sites.

These configurations ensure encrypted communication, seamless user access, and intelligent traffic management, making the network more resilient and ready for real-world operational needs. The project highlights the importance of modern security practices and provides a solid foundation for future scalability and advanced network enhancements.