

Project Documentation : VPN & SD-WAN Implementation

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1. Project Description

The project focuses on designing and implementing **secure Virtual Private Network (VPN) solutions** using FortiGate firewalls to enable both remote user access and secure communication between different network sites.

- SSL VPN Configuration:**

Configured SSL VPN for remote access, allowing users to connect safely to the internal network through encrypted HTTPS connections. User authentication, IP pools, and security policies were applied to control and monitor access efficiently. Connectivity was tested using FortiClient in both **web** and **tunnel** modes.

- IPsec Site-to-Site VPN:**

Established between two FortiGate devices to connect separate LAN networks over the internet. Configuration included Phase 1 and Phase 2 parameters, firewall policies, and static routes to ensure seamless encrypted communication.

- Testing:**

Ping and file transfer operations confirmed stable, secure connectivity. Both VPN types provide secure, efficient, and reliable access for remote users and inter-branch communication.

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

The screenshot shows the 'SSL-VPN Settings' configuration page. In the 'Connection Settings' section, 'Enable SSL-VPN' is checked, 'Listen on Interface(s)' is set to 'LAN (port2)', and 'Listen on Port' is set to '10443'. A tooltip indicates that 'Web mode access will be listening at https://10.10.10.1:10443'. Under 'Server Certificate', 'Fortinet_Factory' is selected. A note states: 'You are using a default built-in certificate, which will not be able to verify your server's domain name (your users will see a warning). Let's Encrypt can be used to easily generate a trusted certificate if you do not have one.' A 'Create Certificate' button is present. Other settings include 'Redirect HTTP to SSL-VPN' (disabled), 'Restrict Access' (set to 'Allow access from any host'), 'Idle Logout' (disabled), 'Inactive For' (set to 3000 seconds), and 'Require Client Certificate' (disabled). The 'Tunnel Mode Client Settings' section is collapsed. On the right side, there is an 'Additional Information' panel with links to 'SSL VPN Setup Guides', 'Web Mode' (with 'Web Mode for Remote User' checked), 'Tunnel Mode' (with 'Full Tunnel for Remote User', 'Split Tunnel for Remote User', and 'Tunnel Mode Host Check' checked), 'Multi-Realm' (with 'Multi-Realm' checked), 'Authentication' (with various options like 'Certificate Authentication', 'LDAP-Integrated Certificate Authentication', etc., checked), 'VPN Setup on FortiClient' (with 'Configuring an SSL VPN Connection' checked), and 'Troubleshooting' (with 'Troubleshooting' checked). A 'Apply' button is located at the bottom right.

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

OK

Cancel

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 

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 'Name', it's set to 'SSL_VPN_Access'. 'Incoming Interface' is 'SSL-VPN tunnel interface (ssl.roo)'. 'Outgoing Interface' is 'LAN (port2)'. 'Source' includes 'SSLVPN_TUNNEL_ADDR1' and 'SSL_VPN_USERS'. 'Destination' is 'all'. 'Schedule' is 'always'. 'Service' is 'ALL'. 'Action' is 'ACCEPT'. In the 'Firewall/Network Options' section, 'NAT' is enabled, and 'IP Pool Configuration' is set to 'Use Outgoing Interface Address'. A chart titled 'Last 7 Days Bytes' shows traffic over time.

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 screenshot shows the 'SSL-VPN' section of the FortiGate Network dashboard. It displays two circular dashboards: one for 'Active Users' (1) and one for 'Total' (1). Below them are buttons for 'End Session' and 'Locate on VPN Map'. A search bar and a 'View Connection Details' button are also present. A table at the bottom lists a single connection: 'Username' is 'vpnuser' (with a warning icon), 'Remote Host' is '192.168.32.1', 'Duration' is '20m 26s', and there are two more columns.

The screenshot shows a 'Please Login' page. It has fields for 'Username' (containing 'vpnuser') and 'Password' (containing '•••••'). Below the password field is a red 'Login' button. At the bottom right is a 'Launch FortiClient' button.

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

Edit VPN Connection

VPN	SSL VPN	IPsec VPN	XML	
Connection Name	Forti-Lab			
Description				
Remote Gateway	https://192.168.1.37:443	✖		
+Add Remote Gateway				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customize port 443				
<input type="checkbox"/> Enable Single Sign On (SSO) for VPN Tunnel				
Client Certificate	None	✖		
Authentication	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Prompt on login <input type="radio"/> Save login			
<input type="checkbox"/> Enable Dual-stack IPv4/IPv6 address				

Cancel Save

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 a network monitoring interface with the following details:

Connections for user1

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

SSL-VPN

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

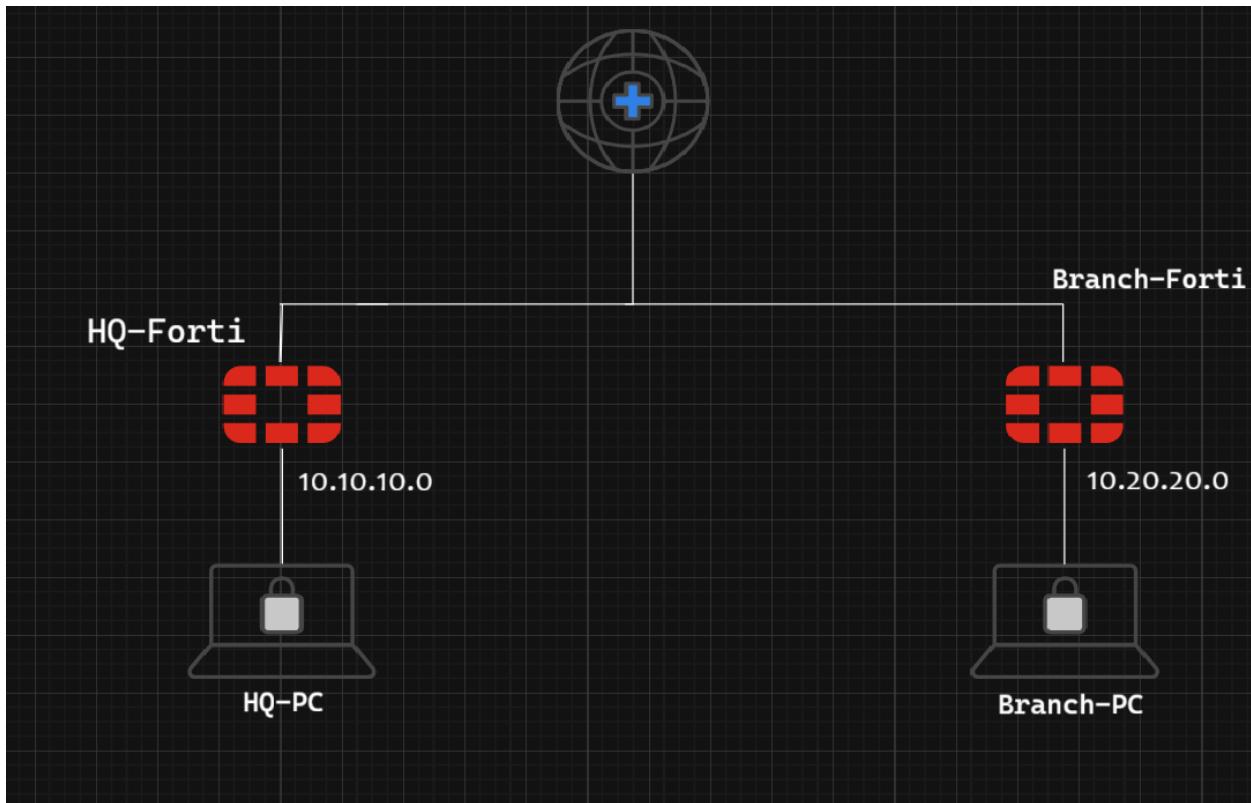
3. IPsec VPN Configuration Documentation

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
IP Address	192.168.1.5
Interface	WAN (port1)
Local Gateway	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Mode Config	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAT Traversal	Enable <input checked="" type="button"/> Disable <input type="button"/> Forced
Dead Peer Detection	Disable <input type="button"/> On Idle <input checked="" type="button"/> On Demand
DPD retry count	3
DPD retry interval	20 s
Forward Error Correction	Egress <input type="checkbox"/> Ingress <input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced...	

Authentication

Method: Pre-shared Key

Pre-shared Key:

IKE Version: 1 2

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):

Local ID:

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 ▾

10 kB
8 kB
6 kB
4 kB
2 kB
0 B

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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 ▾

25 kB
20 kB
15 kB
10 kB
5 kB
0 B

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OK Cancel

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 i	Subnet Internet Service
	<input type="text" value="10.20.20.0/255.255.255.0"/>
Interface	HQ-to-Branch X +
Administrative Distance i	<input type="text" value="10"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="Write a comment..."/> 0/255
Status	Enabled Disabled

+ 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: #339966; 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: #339966; 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: #339966; color: white;" type="button" value="2"/>
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Phase 1 Proposal + Add ✖️ ⌂ ⌂

Encryption	DES	Authentication	SHA384
		<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	
Diffie-Hellman Groups	Key Lifetime (seconds)		
Local ID	86400		

Comments	<input type="text" value="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		
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)**

Name	LAN-To-VPN
Incoming Interface	LAN (port2)
Outgoing Interface	Branch-to-HQ
Source	Branch_Subnet
Destination	HQ_Subnet
Schedule	always
Service	All
Action	<input checked="" type="button"/> ACCEPT <input type="button"/> 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	20
Total bytes	17.06 kB
Current bandwidth	0 bps

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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

OK Cancel

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

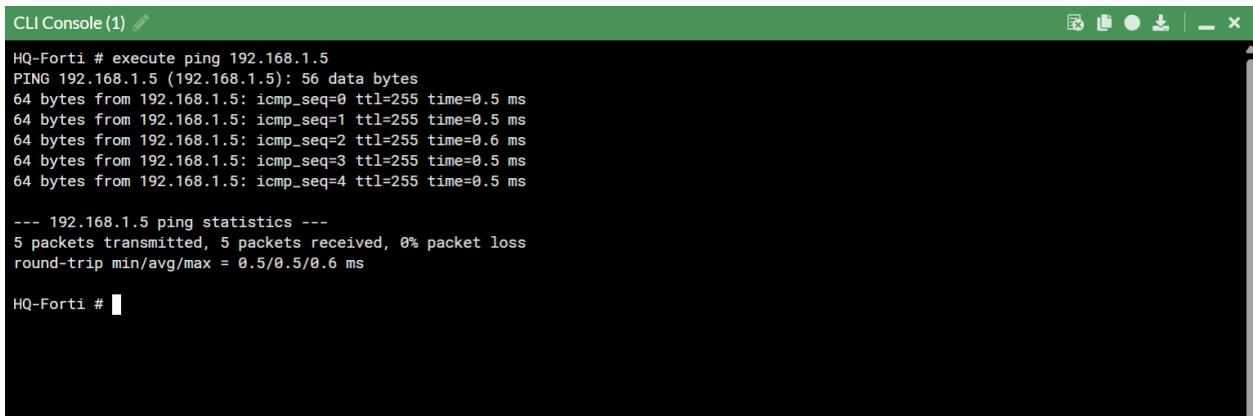
Destination	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Subnet <input type="radio"/> Internet Service
	10.10.10.0/255.255.255.0
Interface	Branch-to-HQ <input type="button" value="edit"/>
Administrative Distance	10
Comments	Write a comment... 0/255
Status	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/>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

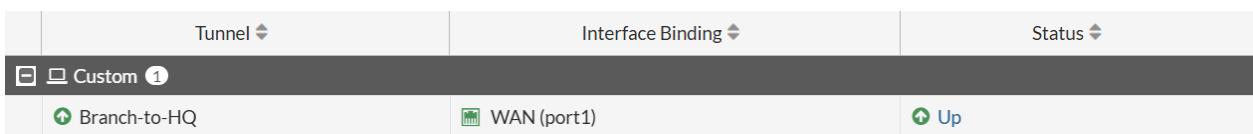
Result: Successful ping replies received, indicating that both LAN networks are reachable through the IPsec VPN tunnel.



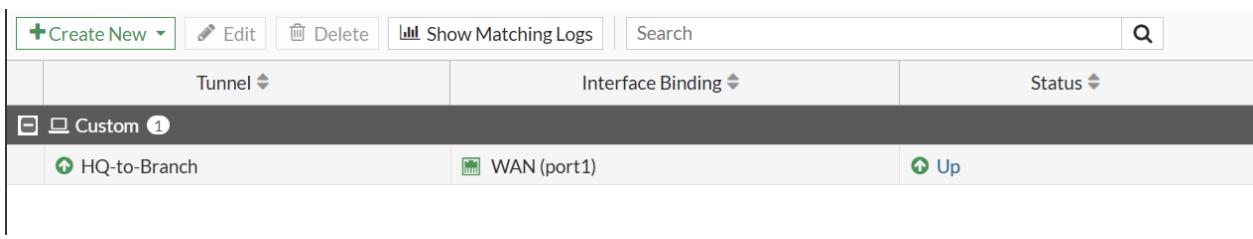
```
CLI Console(1) 🖊
HQ-Forti # execute ping 192.168.1.5
PING 192.168.1.5 (192.168.1.5): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 192.168.1.5: icmp_seq=0 ttl=255 time=0.5 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.5: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=0.5 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.5: icmp_seq=2 ttl=255 time=0.6 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.5: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



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

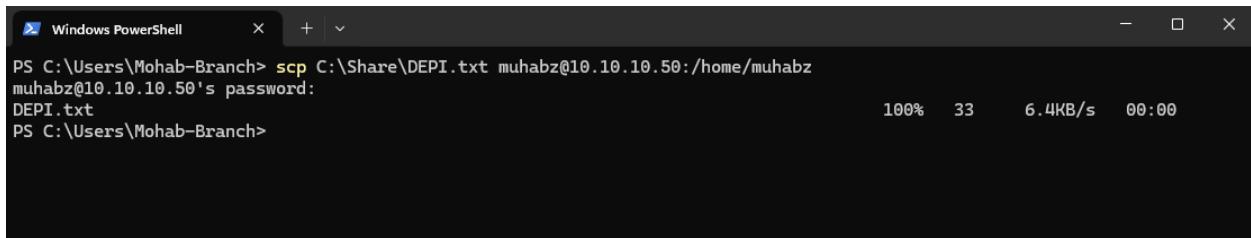


Tunnel	Interface Binding	Status
Custom 1	HQ-to-Branch	WAN (port1) Up

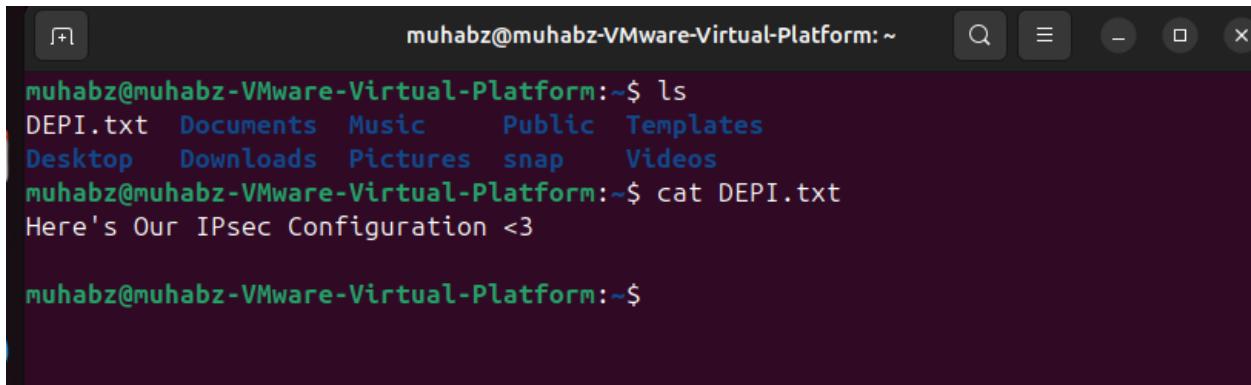
Test 2: File Transfer Test (SCP Protocol)

- 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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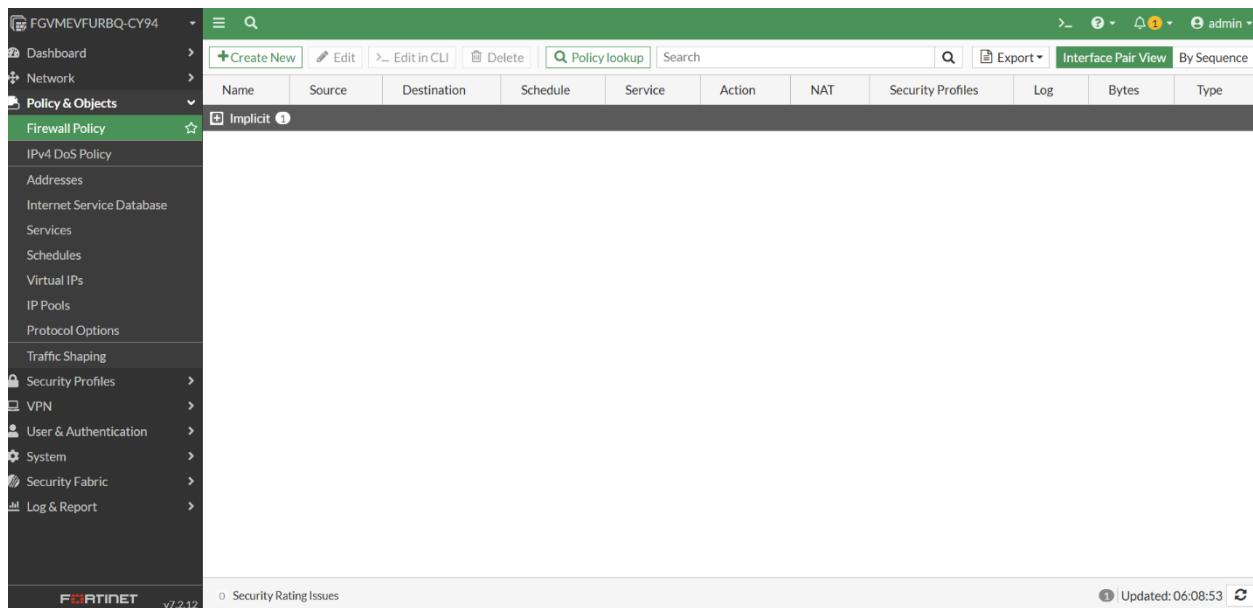
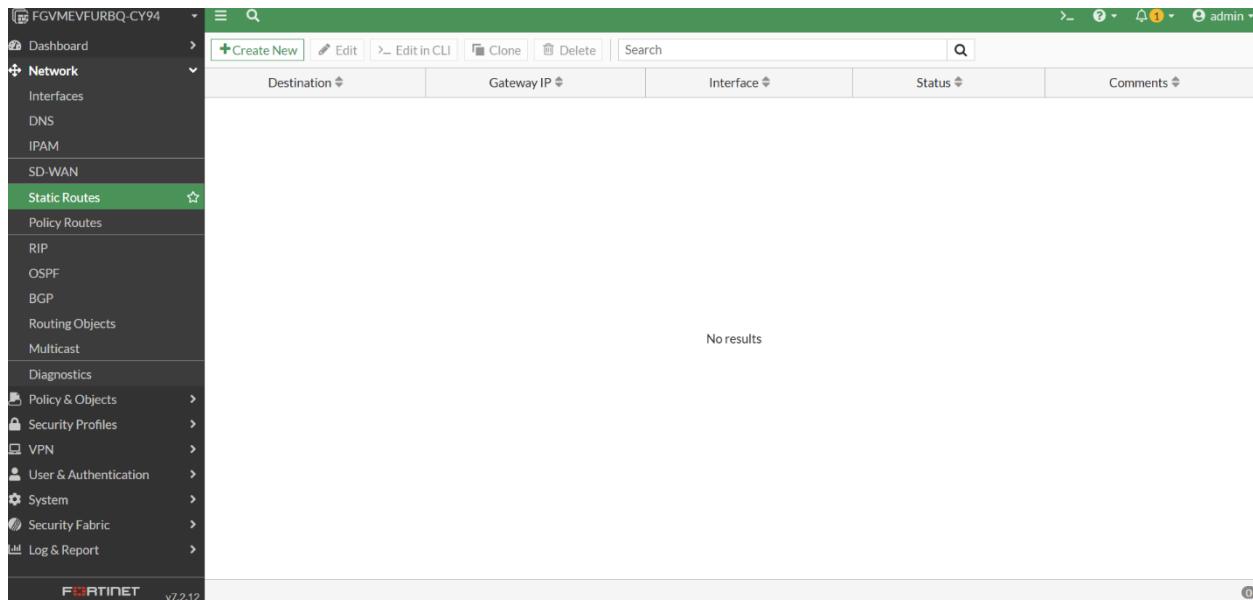
Environment:

- 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

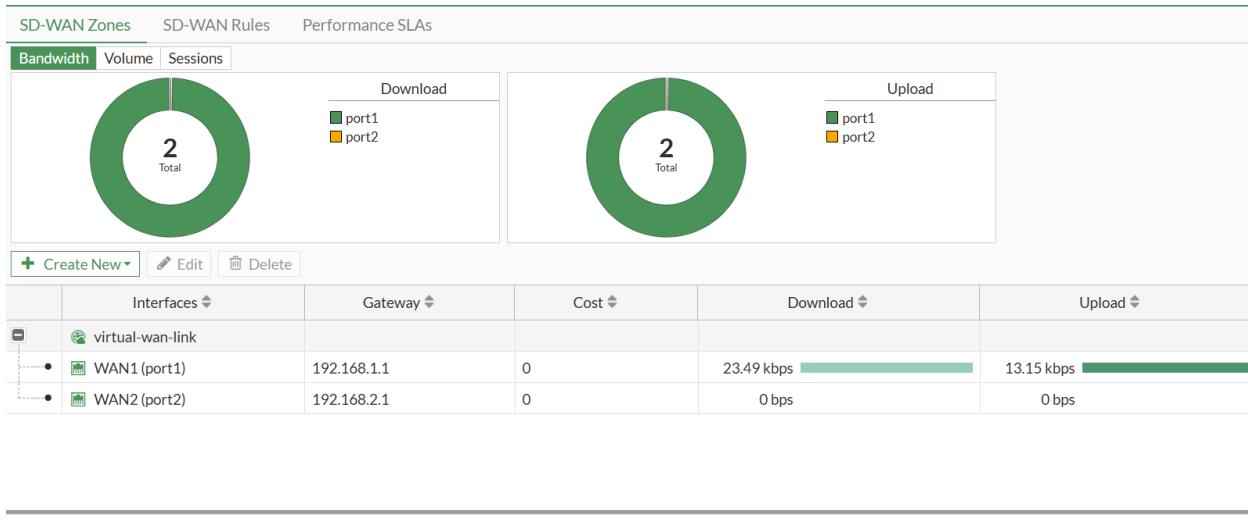
- Each WAN link is added as a **Member** inside SD-WAN:
 - WAN1 → Member 1
 - WAN2 → Member 2
- **Purpose:** Integrate all WAN links under a single SD-WAN zone for centralized management.

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



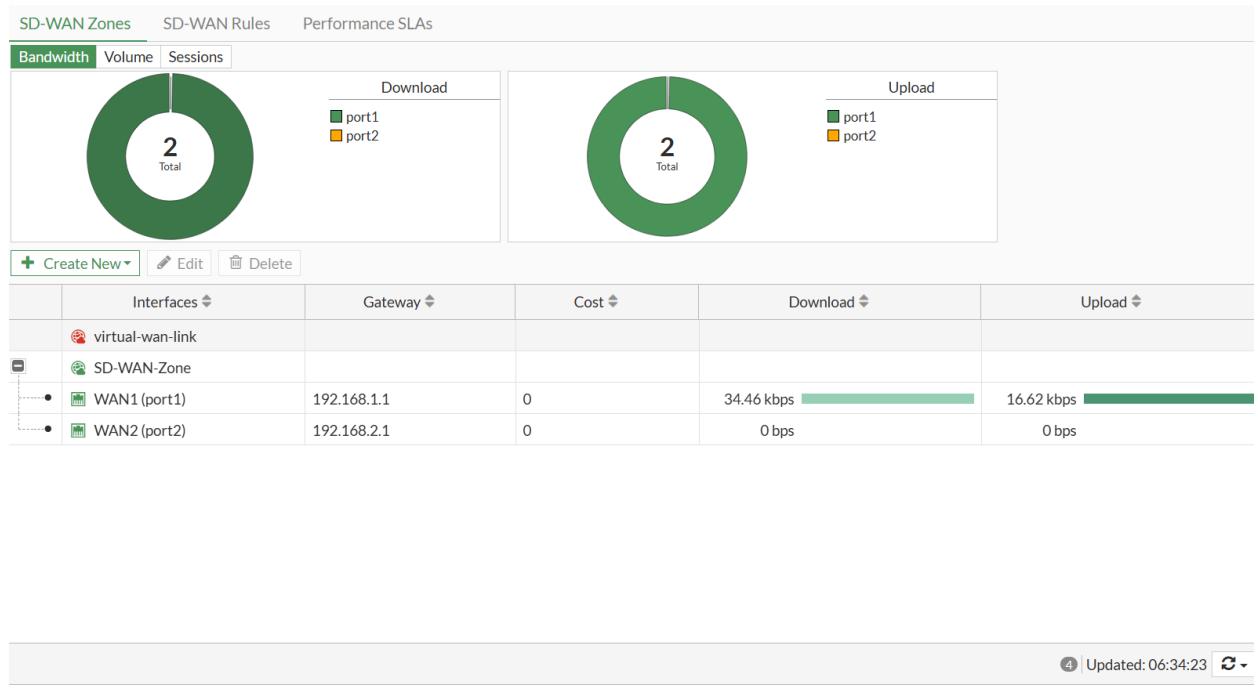
4.3: Create SD-WAN Zone

- 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 type="checkbox"/> WAN1 (port1) × <input 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	i	Subnet	Internet Service	
0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0				
Interface		SD-WAN-Zone	x	
+				
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 i	Internet_Access
Incoming Interface	LAN (port3)
Outgoing Interface	SD-WAN-Zone
Source	Local_Subnet × +
Destination	all × +
Schedule	always
Service	ALL × +
Action	✓ ACCEPT ✗ 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"/>

OK

Cancel

Policy List										
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
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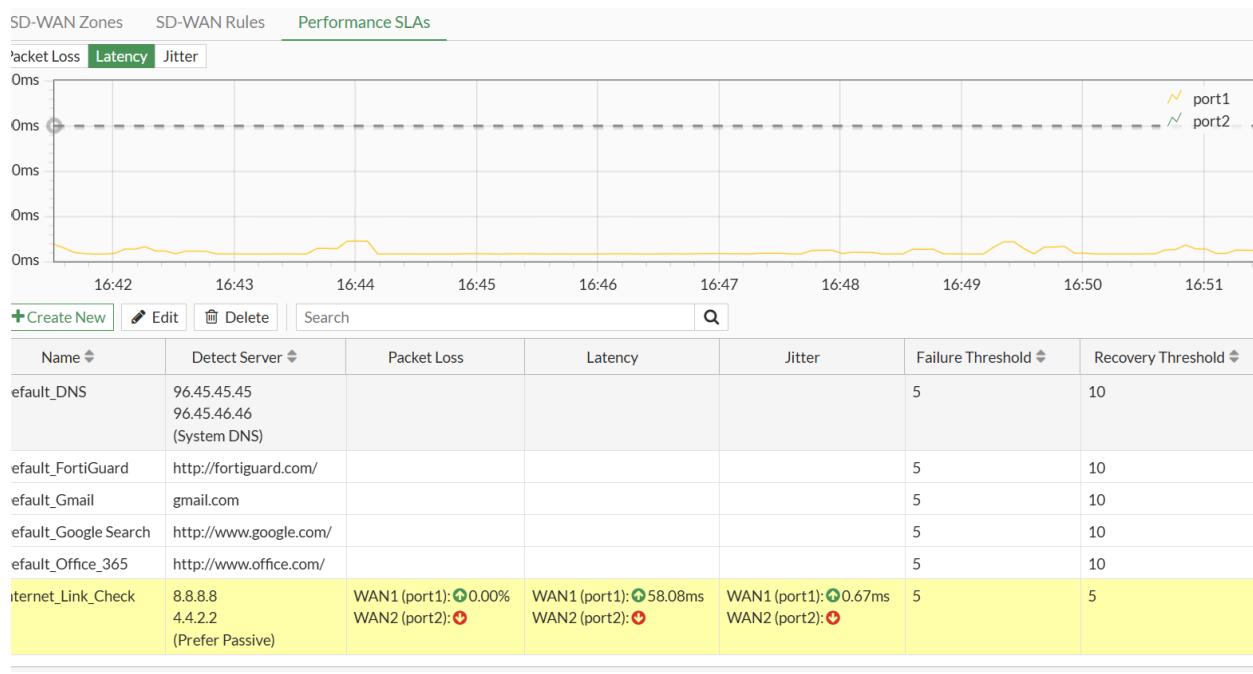
4.6 : Configure Performance SLA

- **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="radio"/>	
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="radio"/>
<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.

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Priority Rule

Outgoing Interfaces

Interface selection strategy

- Manual
Manually assign outgoing members.
- Best quality
The member with the best measured performance is selected.
- Lowest cost (SLA)
The member that meets SLA targets is selected. When there is a tie, the member with the lowest assigned cost is selected.
- Maximize bandwidth (SLA)
Traffic is load balanced among members that meet SLA targets.

Interface preference

	WAN1 (port1)	X
	WAN2 (port2)	X
+		

Zone preference

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Measured SLA

Internet_Link_Check	▼
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Required SLA target

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Quality criteria

Latency	▼
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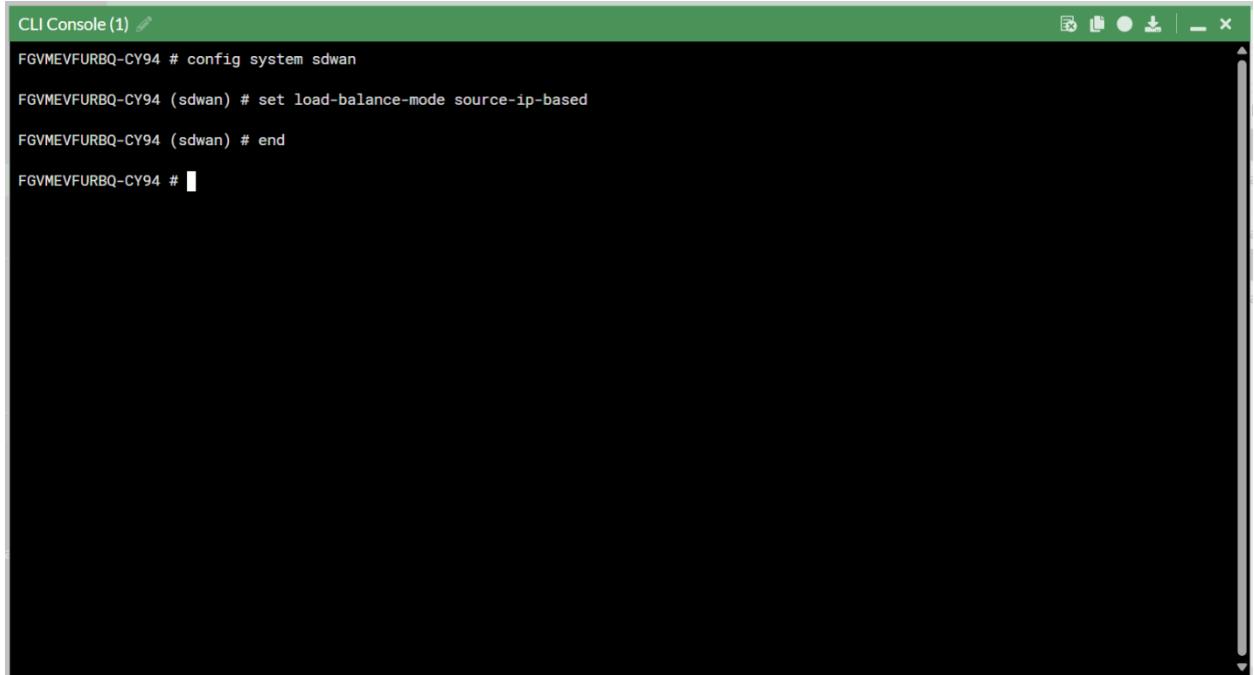
Forward DSCP

Reverse DSCP

OK Cancel

4.8 : Load Balancing Configuration

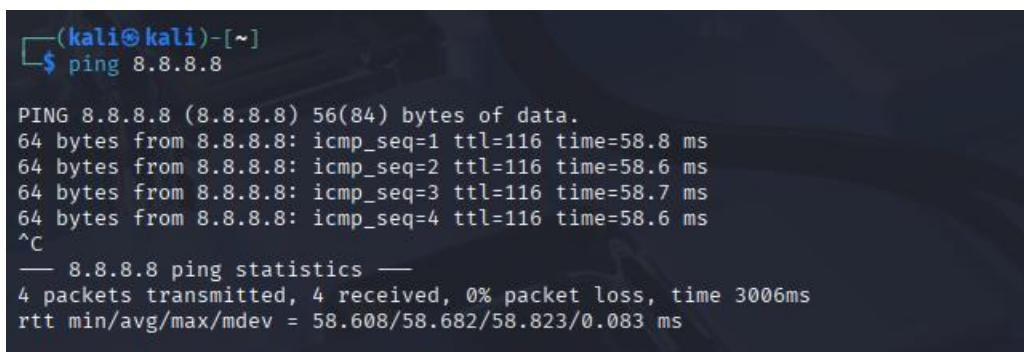
- **Mode:** Source-IP based
- **Purpose:** Distribute traffic across WAN links evenly while keeping sessions consistent per source IP.
- Configured in GUI (or optionally CLI for mode selection).



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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.