



## 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.**

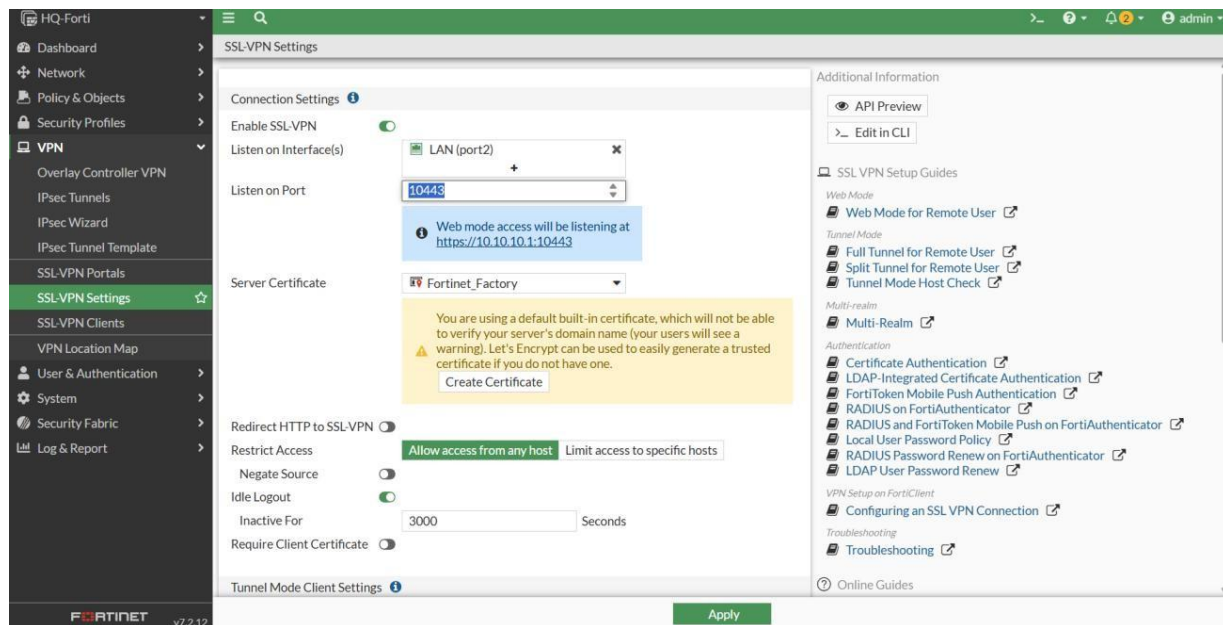
## 2. SSL VPN Configuration Documentation

### 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

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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

Change

Type

IP Range

IP Range

10.212.134.200-10.212.134.210

Interface

☐ 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	<input type="text" value="vpnuser"/>	
User Account Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	
User Type	Local User	
Password	<input type="password" value="••••••••"/>	
User Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> SSL_VPN_USERS <input type="button" value="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)

**Name:** SSL\_VPN\_Access

**Incoming Interface:** SSL-VPN tunnel interface (ssl.root)

**Outgoing Interface:** LAN (port2)

**Source:** SSLVPN\_TUNNEL\_ADDR1, SSL\_VPN\_USERS

**Destination:** all

**Schedule:** always

**Service:** ALL

**Action:** ACCEPT, DENY

**Firewall/Network Options:**

- NAT: ☒ NAT
- IP Pool Configuration: Use Outgoing Interface Address, Use Dynamic IP Pool
- Preserve Source Port: ☐
- Protocol Options: PROXY default

**Security Profiles:**

- AntiVirus: ☐
- Web Filter: ☐

**Statistics (since last reset):**

ID	1
Last used	3 day(s) ago
First used	3 day(s) ago
Active sessions	0
Hit count	9
Total bytes	2.75 kB
Current bandwidth	0 bps

**Last 7 Days Bytes:**

Oct 22 Oct 23 Oct 24 Oct 25 Oct 26 Oct 27 Oct 28 Oct 29

## 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

**SSL-VPN**

**Duration:** 1 Active Users

**Connection Mode:** 1 Total

**End Session** **Locate on VPN Map** **View Connection Details**

**Search**

Username	Remote Host	Duration	Connection
vpnuser	192.168.32.1	20m 26s	2 ...

**Please Login**

**vpnuser**

**.....**

**Login**

**Launch FortiClient**

**Edit VPN Connection**

**VPN:** SSL-VPN, IPsec VPN, XMIP

**Connection Name:** Forti-Lab

**Description:**

**Remote Gateway:** https://192.168.1.37:443

**Customize port:** 443

**Enable Single Sign On (SSO) for VPN Tunnel:** ☐

**Client Certificate:** None

**Authentication:** Prompt on login, Save login

**Enable Dual-stack IPv4/IPv6 address:** ☐

**Cancel** **Save**

## 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:

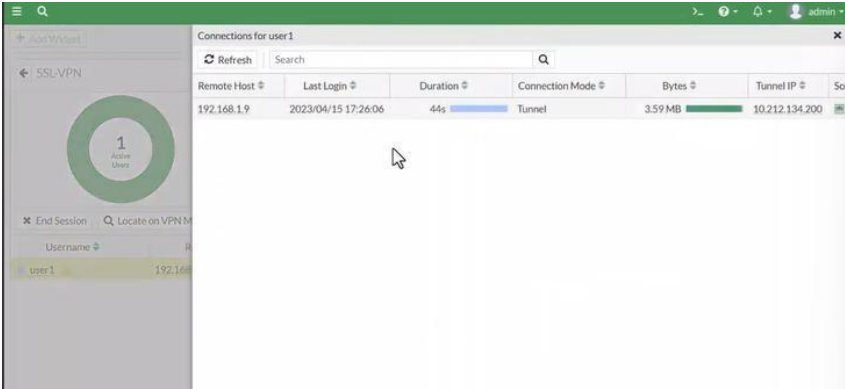
1. **Username** – identifies the authenticated VPN user.
2. **IP Address** – shows the assigned IP for the VPN session.
3. **Connection Duration** – indicates how long the user has been connected.
4. **Bytes Sent and Received** – displays the amount of data transmitted during



## 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 a web interface for monitoring SSLVPN connections. On the left, a sidebar displays 'SSL-VPN' with a circular gauge indicating '1 Active User'. Below this, there are fields for 'End Session', 'Locate on VPN Map', 'Username' (set to 'user1'), and 'Remote Host' (set to '192.168.1.9'). The main area is titled 'Connections for user1' and contains a table with columns: Remote Host, Last Login, Duration, Connection Mode, Bytes, Tunnel IP, and Source Interface. A single row of data is visible, representing an active connection.

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



### 3. IPsec VPN Configuration Documentation

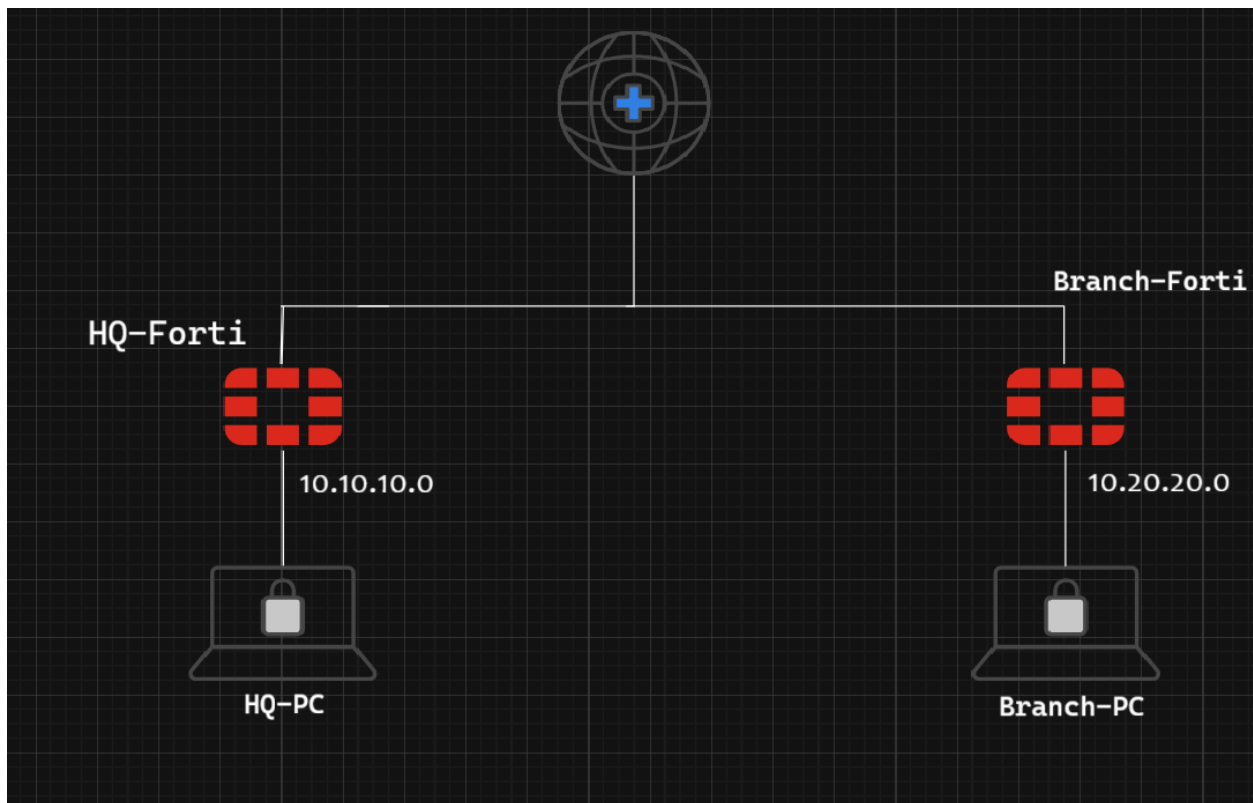
#### 3.1 Objective

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

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#### 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="checkbox"/>
Mode Config	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAT Traversal	Enable <b>Disable</b> Forced
Dead Peer Detection	Disable On Idle <b>On Demand</b>
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

12

Phase 1 Proposal

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 Add

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Encryption

DES

Authentication

SHA384

Diffie-Hellman Groups

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Key Lifetime (seconds)

86400

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	<input type="text" value="Comments"/>	
Local Address	Subnet ▼	10.10.10.0/255.255.255
Remote Address	Subnet ▼	10.20.20.0/255.255.255
<b>Advanced...</b>		
Phase 2 Proposal	<b>+ Add</b>	
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 )

Name ⓘ

LAN-To-VPN

Incoming Interface

LAN (port2)

Outgoing Interface

HQ-to-Branch

Source

HQ\_Subnet

+

Destination

Branch\_Subnet

+

Schedule

always

Service

ALL

+

Action

☒ ACCEPT
 ☐ DENY

Firewall/Network Options

NAT

☐

Protocol Options

PROT

default

Security Profiles

AntiVirus

☐

Web Filter

☐

DNS Filter

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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 ▾

## 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 )

Name ⓘ

VPN-To-LAN

Incoming Interface

HQ-to-Branch

Outgoing Interface

LAN (port2)

Source

Branch\_Subnet

+

Destination

HQ\_Subnet

+

Schedule

always

Service

ALL

+

Action

☒ ACCEPT
 ☐ 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 ▾

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 	<div>Subnet Internet Service</div> <div>10.20.20.0/255.255.255.0</div>
Interface	<div> HQ-to-Branch </div> <div>+</div>
Administrative Distance 	<div>10</div>
Comments	<div>Write a comment...</div> <div>0/255</div>
Status	<div> Enabled  Disabled</div>
<div> Advanced Options</div>	

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### 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 Static IP Address ▼

IP Address 192.168.1.8

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

**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 ☒

Enable Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS) ☒

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 ☒

Remote Port All ☒

Protocol All ☒

Auto-negotiate ☐

Autokey Keep Alive ☐

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)**

The screenshot shows the configuration for a firewall policy named 'LAN-To-VPN'. The configuration is as follows:

- Name:** LAN-To-VPN
- Incoming Interface:** LAN (port2)
- Outgoing Interface:** Branch-to-HQ
- Source:** Branch\_Subnet
- Destination:** HQ\_Subnet
- Schedule:** always
- Service:** ALL
- Action:** ACCEPT (checked), DENY (unchecked)

Below the configuration, the 'Firewall/Network Options' section shows 'NAT' is disabled and 'Protocol Options' is set to 'default'. The 'Security Profiles' section shows 'AntiVirus', 'Web Filter', 'DNS Filter', and 'Application Control' are all disabled.

On the right, the 'Statistics (since last reset)' table shows:

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

Below the statistics is a 'Clear Counters' button. At the bottom right, there is a 'Last 7 Days' bar chart showing bytes transferred. The chart shows a significant spike on Oct 28, reaching approximately 17.06 kB. The legend indicates that the bars represent 'SPU' and 'Software'.

At the bottom of the configuration window are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

#### 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)**



### 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

<div>+ Create New</div>		<div>Edit</div>	<div>Delete</div>	<div>Show Matching Logs</div>	<div>Search</div>	<div>Q</div>
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
PS C:\Users\Mohab-Branch>
100% 33 6.4KB/s 00:00

```

```

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

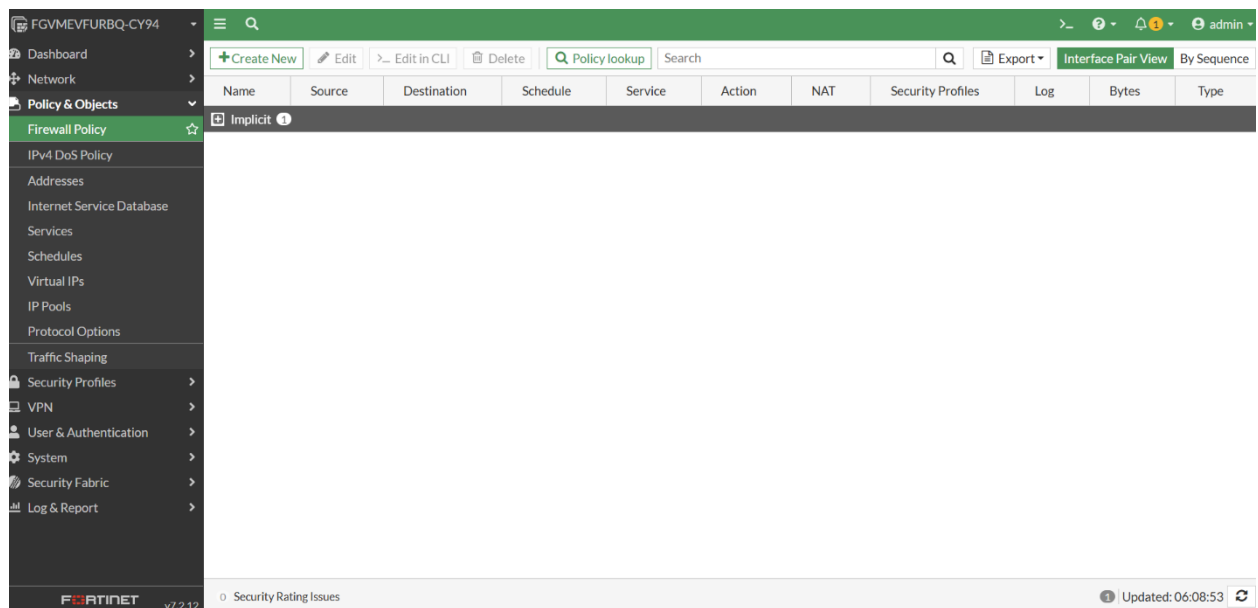
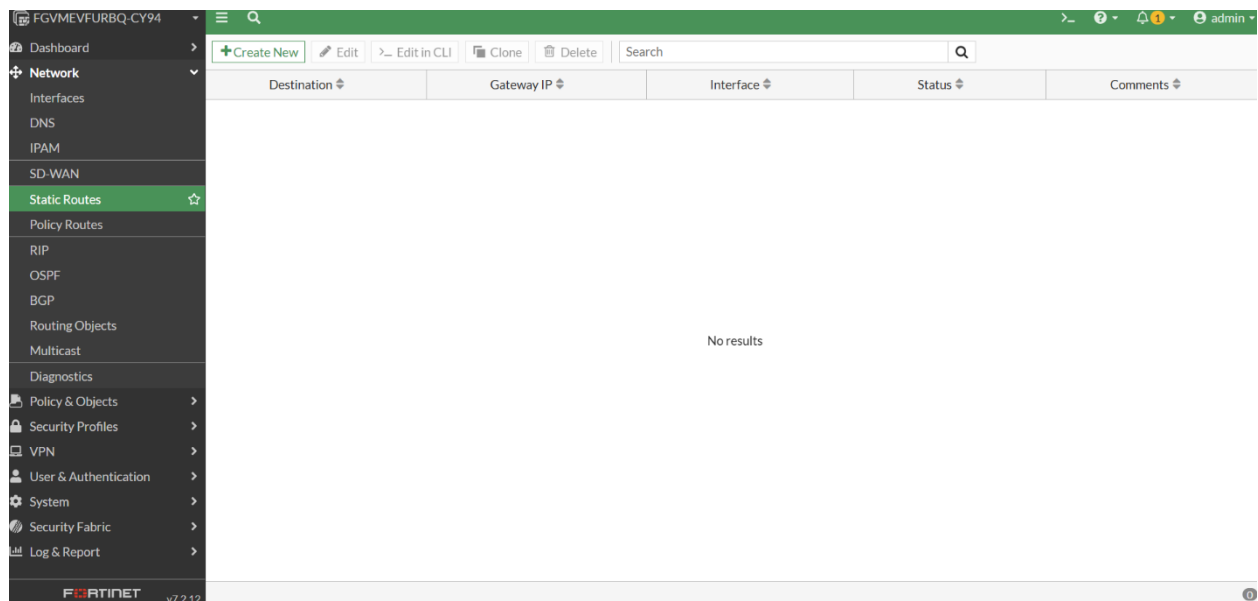
- 2 WAN links
- LAN: 10.10.10.0/24
- Device: FortiGate Firewall

Physical Interface ③							
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 ②							

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### 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

 WAN1 (port1) ▼

SD-WAN Zone

 virtual-wan-link ▼

Gateway


Dynamic

Specify

192.168.1.1


Cost


0

Priority 

1

Status

 Enabled


 Disabled

OK


Cancel

Edit SD-WAN Member

Interface

 WAN2 (port2) ▼

SD-WAN Zone


 virtual-wan-link ▼

Gateway

192.168.2.1


Cost


0

Priority 

1

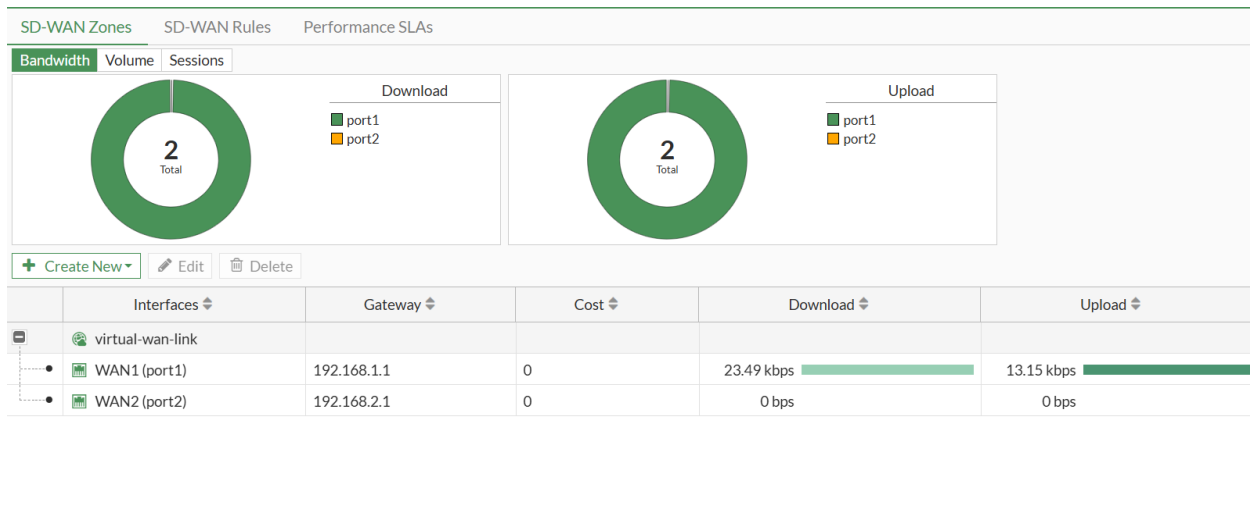
Status

 Enabled

 Disabled

OK

Cancel



#### 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

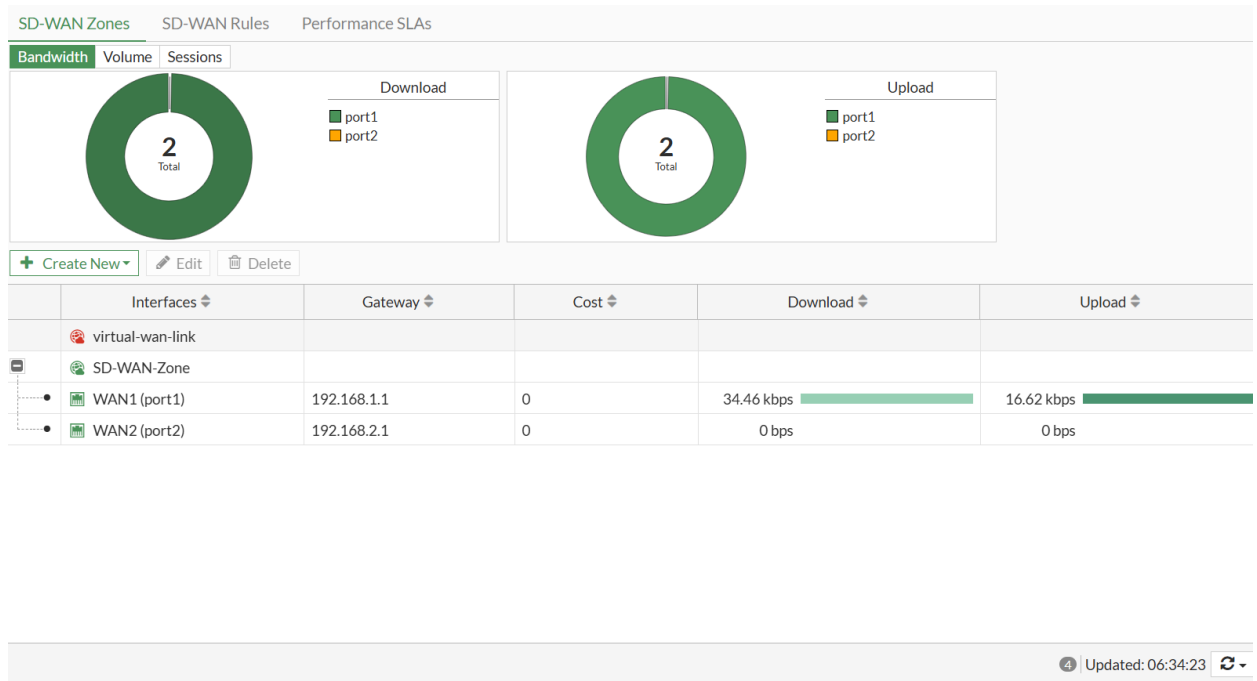
Name: SD-WAN-Zone

Interface members:

- WAN1 (port1) ✕
- 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	<div><div>Subnet</div><div>Internet Service</div></div> <div>0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0</div>
Interface	<div><div> SD-WAN-Zone</div><div>×</div><div>+</div></div>
Comments	<div>Write a comment...</div> <div>0/255</div>
Status	<div><div> Enabled</div><div> Disabled</div></div>

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 InterfaceLAN (port3) ▾

Outgoing InterfaceSD-WAN-Zone ▾

SourceLocal\_Subnet ×

+

Destinationall ×

+

Schedulealways ▾

ServiceALL ×

+

Action

✓ ACCEPT

⊘ DENY

Firewall/Network Options

NAT⊘

Passive Health Check⊘

Protocol Options

PROT default ▾

Security Profiles

AntiVirus⊘

Web Filter⊘

DNS Filter⊘

Application Control⊘

OK

Cancel

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Menu icons: Home, Search, Help, Notifications (1), User: admin

Buttons: +Create New, Edit, Edit in CLI, Delete, Policy lookup, Search, Export, Interface Pair View, By Sequence

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	SSL no-inspection	UTM	0 B	Standard
Implicit 1										

0 Security Rating Issues Updated: 06:36:42

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

(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
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=9 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=10 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=11 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=12 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=13 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=14 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=15 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=16 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=17 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.2.5: icmp_seq=18 Destination Host Unreachable
  
```

## 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 ⓘ
Active
Passive
Prefer Passive

Protocol
Ping
HTTP
DNS

Servers
8.8.8.8
✕
4.4.2.2
✕

Participants
All SD-WAN Members
Specify

SLA Target
☒

Latency threshold
☒
200
ms

Jitter threshold
☒
50
ms

Packet Loss threshold
☒
5
%

Link Status

Check interval
500
ms

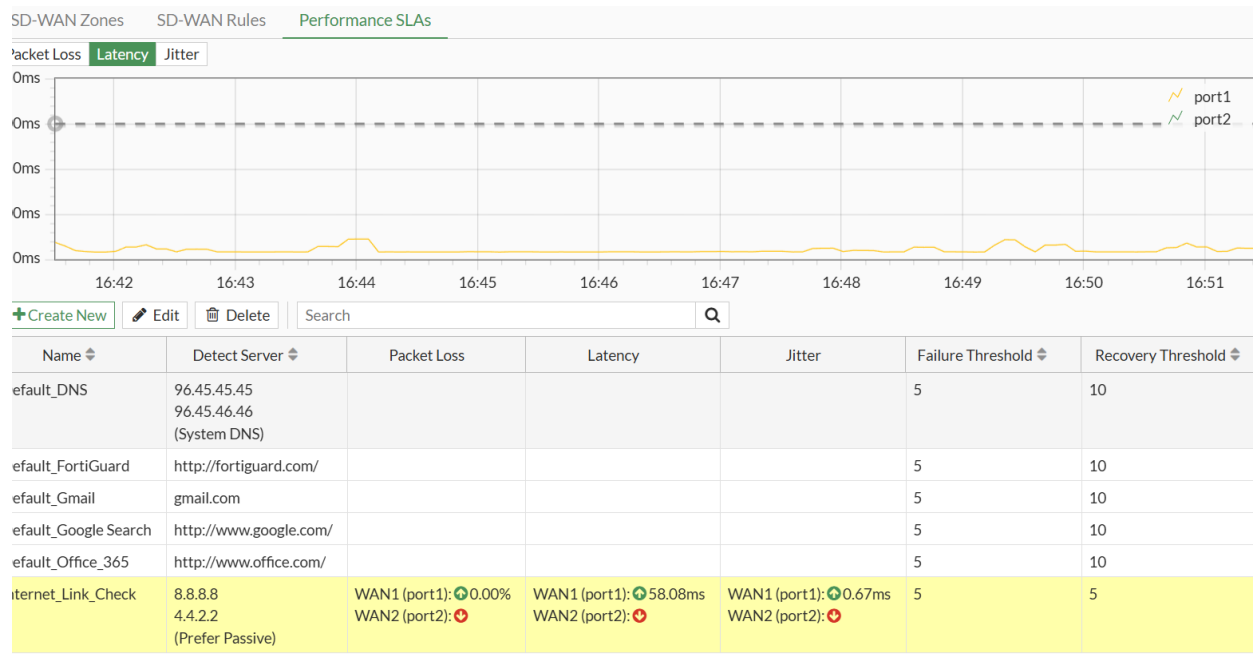
Failures before inactive ⓘ
5

Restore link after ⓘ
5
check(s)

Actions when Inactive

Update static route ⓘ
☒

OK
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.

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)

×

WAN2 (port2)

×

+

Zone preference

+

Measured SLA

Internet\_Link\_Check ▾

Required SLA target

+

Quality criteria

Latency ▾

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).

```
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
```



SD-WAN Zones   SD-WAN Rules   Performance SLAs											
<div> <div>+ Create new</div> <div>Edit</div> <div>Delete</div> <div> <div>+</div> <div>Q</div> <div>Search</div> </div> </div>											
ID	Name	Source	Destination	Criteria	Members	Hit Count	Last Used	Performance SLA	Port	Protocol	Status
IPv4 2											
2	All_Internet	Local_Subnet	all	Latency	<div> <div>WAN1 (port1)</div> <div>WAN2 (port2)</div> </div>	22	7 seconds ago	Internet_Link_Check		any	Enabled
1	YouTube	Local_Subnet	YouTube		<div> <div>WAN2 (port2)</div> </div>	0	5 minutes ago			any	Enabled
Implicit 1											
	sd-wan	all	all	Source-Destination IP	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.