To configure a Windows client as a VPN client to connect to a Windows 2000 Server acting as a VPN server, follow these steps:

**1. Configure the Windows 2000 Server as a VPN Server**

Before setting up the VPN client, ensure the Windows 2000 Server is properly configured to accept VPN connections:

* **Install Routing and Remote Access (RRAS):**
  + Go to **Start** -> **Programs** -> **Administrative Tools** -> **Routing and Remote Access**.
  + Right-click on your server name and select **Configure and Enable Routing and Remote Access**.
  + Use the wizard to set up the server as a VPN server.
* **Configure VPN Access:**
  + In the RRAS console, expand your server, right-click on **Ports**, and select **Properties**.
  + Make sure that the **WAN Miniport (PPTP)** and **WAN Miniport (L2TP)** are configured to allow incoming connections.
  + Set up user accounts and permissions to allow VPN access.

**2. Configure the VPN Client on the Windows Client Machine**

**For Windows XP:**

If the client is running Windows XP, the setup is straightforward using the built-in VPN client:

1. **Create a New VPN Connection:**
   * Go to **Start** -> **Control Panel** -> **Network and Internet Connections** -> **Network Connections**.
   * Click **Create a new connection** in the left-hand pane.
   * The **New Connection Wizard** will open. Click **Next**.
   * Choose **Connect to the network at my workplace** and click **Next**.
   * Choose **Virtual Private Network connection** and click **Next**.
   * Enter a name for this connection (e.g., "My VPN") and click **Next**.
   * Enter the IP address or hostname of the VPN server (the Windows 2000 Server) and click **Next**.
   * Choose whether to use this connection for all users or just yourself, and click **Next**.
   * Click **Finish**.
2. **Configure Connection Properties:**
   * Right-click on the newly created VPN connection and select **Properties**.
   * Go to the **Networking** tab and select the appropriate VPN type (PPTP or L2TP) under **Type of VPN**.
   * Configure any additional settings, such as TCP/IP settings, DNS settings, or authentication.
3. **Connect to the VPN:**
   * Double-click on the VPN connection icon.
   * Enter your username and password.
   * Click **Connect**.

**For Windows 2000:**

If the client is running Windows 2000:

1. **Create a New VPN Connection:**
   * Go to **Start** -> **Settings** -> **Network and Dial-up Connections** -> **Make New Connection**.
   * The **Network Connection Wizard** will open. Click **Next**.
   * Select **Connect to a private network through the Internet** and click **Next**.
   * Enter the IP address or hostname of the VPN server and click **Next**.
   * Choose whether this connection is for all users or just yourself, and click **Next**.
   * Click **Finish**.
2. **Configure Connection Properties:**
   * Right-click on the VPN connection you just created and select **Properties**.
   * In the **Networking** tab, select the VPN type (PPTP or L2TP).
   * Configure any necessary TCP/IP settings, including DNS and WINS settings.
3. **Connect to the VPN:**
   * Double-click the VPN connection icon.
   * Enter your username and password.
   * Click **Connect**.

**3. Testing the VPN Connection**

* Once connected, test the VPN by trying to access resources on the Windows 2000 Server, such as shared files or applications.

**4. Troubleshooting**

* Ensure the firewall on both the client and server allows VPN traffic.
* Double-check the VPN user permissions on the Windows 2000 Server.
* Make sure that any network policies or settings on both the server and client machines do not block VPN traffic.

This guide should help you set up a Windows client as a VPN client to connect to a Windows 2000 Server. Let me know if you need further assistance!