

POINT TO SITE

Prepare R&D Document on How to setup Point to Site.

Objective

Set up a Point-to-Site VPN in Azure to securely connect a client computer (like your laptop) to an Azure Virtual Network (VNet) over the internet.

What is Point-to-Site VPN?

- A VPN (Virtual Private Network) creates a secure, encrypted connection between your computer and another network.
 - A Point-to-Site (P2S) VPN allows a single client device to securely connect to a Virtual Network in Azure from a remote location.
 - P2S is ideal for remote workers or developers who need secure access to Azure resources (VMs, databases, etc.).
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Step-by-Step Setup

Step 1: Create a Resource Group

A Resource Group is a container that holds related Azure resources.

1. Go to <https://portal.azure.com>
2. Search for "Resource groups"
3. Click "+ Create"
4. Fill in:
 - Subscription: Choose your subscription

- Resource Group Name: P2S-VPN-RG
- Region: e.g., East US

5. Click Review + Create, then Create

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Resource group - A container that holds related resources for an Azure solution. The resource group can include all the resources for the solution, or only those resources that you want to manage as a group. You decide how you want to allocate resources to resource groups based on what makes the most sense for your organization. [Learn more](#)

Subscription * ⓘ

Azure subscription 1 ▼

Resource group name * ⓘ

P2S-VPN-RG

Region * ⓘ

(US) East US ▼

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Subscription Azure subscription 1

Resource group name P2S-VPN-RG

Region East US

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None

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Default Directory (tanishkadeepakkadam@gmail.onmicrosoft.com)

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Name ↑

Subscription

Location



P2S-VPN-RG

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East US

Step 2: Create a Virtual Network (VNet)

A VNet is like your private network in Azure.

1. Search for "Virtual networks"
2. Click "+ Create"
3. Fill in:
 - o Resource Group: P2S-VPN-RG
 - o Name: P2SVNet
 - o Region: Same as Resource Group
4. Under IP Addresses:
 - o IPv4 address space: 10.1.0.0/16
 - o Subnet Name: default
 - o Subnet range: 10.1.0.0/24
5. Leave rest default, then Create

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Azure Virtual Network (VNet) is the fundamental building block for your private network in Azure. VNet enables many types of Azure resources, such as Azure Virtual Machines (VM), to securely communicate with each other, the internet, and on-premises networks. VNet is similar to a traditional network that you'd operate in your own data center, but brings with it additional benefits of Azure's infrastructure such as scale, availability, and isolation.

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Project details

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.

Subscription *

Azure subscription 1

Resource group *

P2S-VPN-RG

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Instance details

Virtual network name *

P2SVNet

Region * ⓘ

(US) East US

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Configure your virtual network address space with the IPv4 and IPv6 addresses and subnets you need. [Learn more](#)

Define the address space of your virtual network with one or more IPv4 or IPv6 address ranges. Create subnets to segment the virtual network address space into smaller ranges for use by your applications. When you deploy resources into a subnet, Azure assigns the resource an IP address from the subnet. [Learn more](#)

+ Add a subnet

Subnets	IP address range	Size	NAT gateway	
default	10.0.0.0 - 10.0.0.255	/24 (256 addresses)	-	

Add IPv4 address space



Add a subnet

X

Select an address space and configure your subnet. You can customize a default subnet or select from subnet templates if you plan to add select services later. [Learn more](#)

Subnet purpose i

Default

Name * i

default2

IPv4

Include an IPv4 address space



IPv4 address range i

10.0.0.0/16



10.0.0.0 - 10.0.255.255

Starting address * i

10.0.1.0

Size i

/24 (256 addresses)



Subnet address range i

10.0.1.0 - 10.0.1.255

IPv6

Include an IPv6 address space



This virtual network has no IPv6 address ranges.

Private subnet

Private subnets enhance security by not providing default outbound access. To enable outbound connectivity for virtual machines to access the internet, it is necessary to explicitly grant outbound access. A NAT gateway is the recommended way to provide outbound connectivity for virtual machines in the subnet. [Learn more](#)

Enable private subnet (no default outbound access)



Security

Simplify internet access for virtual machines by using a network address translation gateway. Filter subnet traffic using a network security group. [Learn more](#)

NAT gateway i

None



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10.0.0.0/16

 Delete address space

10.0.0.0

/16

10.0.0.0 - 10.0.255.255

65,536 addresses

Subnets

IP address range

Size

NAT gateway

default

10.0.0.0 - 10.0.0.255

/24 (256 addresses)

-

default2

10.0.1.0 - 10.0.1.255

/24 (256 addresses)

-

Add IPv4 address space



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Subscription	Azure subscription 1
Resource Group	P2S-VPN-RG
Name	P2SVNet
Region	East US

Security

Azure Bastion	Disabled
Azure Firewall	Disabled
Azure DDoS Network Protection	Disabled

IP addresses

Address space	10.0.0.0/16 (65,536 addresses)
Subnet	default (10.0.0.0/24) (256 addresses)
Subnet	default2 (10.0.1.0/24) (256 addresses)

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Deployment name : P2SVNet-1753166931330
Subscription : Azure subscription 1
Resource group : P2S-VPN-RG

Start time : 22/07/2025, 12:18:58
Correlation ID : 01343edf-b4f4-4a3a-b4d3-efce7963cf13

Deployment details

Resource	Type	Status
P2SVNet	Virtual network	OK

Next steps

Step 3: Create Gateway Subnet

The GatewaySubnet is needed for Azure to host the VPN gateway.

1. Go to your created VNet → Subnets
2. Click + Gateway subnet
3. Name: *auto-filled as GatewaySubnet*
4. Address range: 10.1.255.0/27 (choose from unused range)
5. Click Add

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Virtual network



+ Subnet



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Address space

Connected devices

Create subnets to segment the virtual network address space into smaller ranges for use by your applications. When you deploy reso

	Name ↑	IPv4	IPv6	Available IPs
<input type="checkbox"/>	default	10.0.0.0/24	-	251
<input type="checkbox"/>	default2	10.0.1.0/24	-	251

Add a subnet

X

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Subnet purpose ⓘ

Virtual Network Gateway

Name * ⓘ

GatewaySubnet

IPv4

Include an IPv4 address space



IPv4 address range ⓘ

10.0.0.0/16

10.0.0.0 - 10.0.255.255

Starting address * ⓘ

10.0.2.0

Size ⓘ

/24 (256 addresses)

Subnet address range ⓘ

10.0.2.0 - 10.0.2.255

IPv6

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Simplify internet access for virtual machines by using a network address translation gateway. Filter subnet traffic using a network security group. [Learn more](#)

NAT gateway ⓘ

None

 A NAT gateway is recommended for outbound internet access from subnets. Edit the subnet to add a NAT gateway. [Learn more](#)

Add

Cancel

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Create subnets to segment the virtual network address space into smaller ranges for use by your applications. When you deploy resources into a subnet, they receive IP addresses from that subnet's range.

Name ↑	IPv4	IPv6	Available IPs
default	10.0.0.0/24	-	251
default2	10.0.1.0/24	-	251
GatewaySubnet	10.0.2.0/24	-	availability dependent on ...

Step 4: Create a Virtual Network Gateway

This is the actual VPN device in Azure.

1. Search "Virtual network gateways" → + Create
2. Fill in:
 - Name: P2SVPNGateway
 - Region: Same as VNet
 - Gateway type: VPN
 - VPN type: Route-based
 - SKU: VpnGw1 (cheaper options available for test)
 - Virtual network: P2SVNet

- o Gateway subnet: Will auto-pick the GatewaySubnet

3. Create a new Public IP: Name it P2S-Gateway-PublicIP

4. Click Review + Create, then Create.

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Azure has provided a planning and design guide to help you configure the various VPN gateway options. [Learn more](#)

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Subscription *

Azure subscription 1

Resource group ⓘ

P2S-VPN-RG (derived from virtual network's resource group)

Instance details

Name *

P2SVPNGateway ✓

Region *

East US

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Gateway type * ⓘ

VPN ExpressRoute

SKU * ⓘ

VpnGw1 ✓

Generation ⓘ

Generation1 ✓

Enable Advanced Connectivity ⓘ

Enabled Disabled

Virtual network * ⓘ

P2SVNet ✓

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Subnet ⓘ

GatewaySubnet (10.0.2.0/24) ✓

i Only virtual networks in the currently selected subscription and region are listed.

Public IP address

Public IP address * ⓘ

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Virtual network * ⓘ

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Subnet ⓘ

GatewaySubnet (10.0.2.0/24)

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Public IP address

Public IP address * ⓘ

Create new Use existing

Public IP address name *

P2S-Gateway-PublicIP

Public IP address SKU

Standard

Assignment

Dynamic Static

Enable active-active mode * ⓘ

Enabled Disabled

SECOND PUBLIC IP ADDRESS

SECOND PUBLIC IP ADDRESS * ⓘ

Create new Use existing

Public IP address name *

P2S-Gateway-PublicIP1

Public IP address SKU

Standard

Configure BGP * ⓘ

Enabled Disabled

Authentication Information (Preview)

Enable Key Vault Access ⓘ

Enabled Disabled

Azure recommends using a validated VPN device with your virtual network gateway. To view a list of validated devices and instructions for configuration, refer to Azure's [documentation](#) regarding validated VPN devices.

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Subscription	Azure subscription 1
Resource group	P2S-VPN-RG
Name	P2SVPNGateway
Region	East US
SKU	VpnGw1
Generation	Generation1
Virtual network	P2SVNet
Subnet	GatewaySubnet (10.0.2.0/24)
Gateway type	Vpn
VPN type	RouteBased
Enable active-active mode	Enabled
Enable Advanced Connectivity	Disabled
Configure BGP	Disabled
Public IP address	P2S-Gateway-PublicIP
SECOND PUBLIC IP ADDRESS	P2S-Gateway-PublicIP1

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None

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Deployment name : Microsoft.VirtualNetworkGateway-20250722142743
Subscription : Azure subscription 1
Resource group : P2S-VPN-RG

Start time : 22/07/2025, 14:55:37
Correlation ID : 8b28d598-15e2-435d-89f8-bdea326c0ada

Deployment details

Resource

Type

Status

P2S-Gateway-PublicIP1

Public IP address

OK

P2S-Gateway-PublicIP

Public IP address

OK

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Deployment name : Microsoft.VirtualNetworkGateway-20250722142743
Subscription : Azure subscription 1
Resource group : P2S-VPN-RG

Start time : 22/07/2025, 14:43:15
Correlation ID : 8b28d598-15e2-435d-89f8-bdea326c0ada

Deployment details

Resource

Type

Status

P2SVPNGateway

Virtual network gateway

Created

P2S-Gateway-PublicIP1

Public IP address

OK

P2S-Gateway-PublicIP

Public IP address

OK

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Deployment name : Microsoft.VirtualNetworkGateway-20250724... Start time : 24/07/2025, 12:54:12
Subscription : Azure subscription 1 Correlation ID : 24e78a3e-7007-4913-b1ed-f9c662869b89
Resource group : P2S-VPN-RG

Deployment details

Resource	Type	Status	Operation details
P2SVPNGateway	Virtual network gateway	OK	Operation details
P2S-Gateway-PublicIP1	Public IP address	OK	Operation details
P2S-Gateway-PublicIP	Public IP address	OK	Operation details

Step 5: Generate Self-Signed Certificates

Step-by-Step: Generate Self-Signed Certificates for Point-to-Site in PowerShell

These certificates are used to **authenticate** your device when connecting to the VPN.

1: Open PowerShell as Administrator

1. Press Windows key
2. Type PowerShell
3. Right-click on **Windows PowerShell** > Click **Run as Administrator**

This is important. If not run as admin, certificate creation may fail.

2: Create the Root Certificate (No Output Expected)

Copy and paste the command below **into PowerShell**:

powershell

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```
$cert = New-SelfSignedCertificate `

-Type Custom `

-KeySpec Signature `

-Subject "CN=P2SRootCert" `

-KeyExportPolicy Exportable `

-HashAlgorithm sha256 `

-KeyLength 2048 `

-CertStoreLocation "Cert:\CurrentUser\My" `

-KeyUsageProperty Sign `

-KeyUsage CertSign
```

Expected Behavior:

- PowerShell will **not show any message** unless there's an error.
- But behind the scenes, the root certificate is created in your **Current User > Personal** certificate store.

3: Verify the Root Certificate Was Created

Now run this command:

powershell

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```
Get-ChildItem -Path "Cert:\CurrentUser\My"
```

Expected Output:

A list of certificates will appear like this:

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Thumbprint	Subject
------------	---------

CB9CB46C68B7B07A2E1E70932750444E958892E0	CN=P2SRootCert
--	----------------

...

Look for a line where Subject is CN=P2SRootCert. That is your root certificate.

4: Store the Certificate in a Variable (IMPORTANT)

If you have multiple CN=P2SRootCert (as in your case), we'll pick **only the latest one** using [0].

powershell

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```
$rootCert = (Get-ChildItem -Path "Cert:\CurrentUser\My" | Where-Object {  
    $_.Subject -eq "CN=P2SRootCert" })[0]
```

Check if the certificate is stored correctly:

powershell

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```
$rootCert
```

Expected: It should display info like:

diff

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Thumbprint	Subject
------------	---------

CB9CB46C68B7B07A2E1E70932750444E958892E0 CN=P2SRootCert

STEP 5: Export the Root Certificate to .CER File

This file will later be uploaded to **Azure Virtual Network Gateway**.

powershell

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```
Export-Certificate -Cert $rootCert -FilePath  
"$env:USERPROFILE\Desktop\RootCert.cer"
```

Expected:

- A file called RootCert.cer will be saved to your **Desktop**.
- No major message; success is just the file being created.

 **Path:** C:\Users\<your_username>\Desktop\RootCert.cer

6: Create Client Certificate Signed by Root

Now we create a client certificate **linked to the Root**:

powershell

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```
$clientCert = New-SelfSignedCertificate  
-Type Custom  
-DnsName P2SClientCert  
-KeySpec Signature  
-Subject "CN=P2SClientCert"  
-KeyExportPolicy Exportable  
-HashAlgorithm sha256
```

```
-KeyLength 2048  
-CertStoreLocation "Cert:\CurrentUser\My"  
-Signer $rootCert
```

Expected:

- Again, no message.
- Creates the client certificate signed by the root cert.

7: Export the Client Certificate (.PFX)

This file is used **on the client computer** to connect to the VPN.

powershell

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```
Export-PfxCertificate -Cert $clientCert  
-FilePath "$env:USERPROFILE\Desktop\ClientCert.pfx"  
-Password (ConvertTo-SecureString -String "YourPassword123" -Force -  
AsPlainText)
```

Expected:

- File ClientCert.pfx will be created on your **Desktop**.
- This file will be **installed** on any device that needs to connect to the Azure VPN.

You'll need YourPassword123 when importing the .pfx file on another machine.

```

Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> $cert = New-SelfSignedCertificate `

>> -Type Custom `

>> -KeySpec Signature `

>> -Subject "CN=P2SRootCert" `

>> -KeyExportPolicy Exportable `

>> -HashAlgorithm sha256 `

>> -KeyLength 2048 `

>> -CertStoreLocation "Cert:\CurrentUser\My" `

>> -KeyUsageProperty Sign `

>> -KeyUsage CertSign `

>>

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Get-ChildItem -Path "Cert:\CurrentUser\My"
>>

PSParentPath: Microsoft.PowerShell.Security\Certificate::CurrentUser\My

Thumbprint Subject
----- 
CB9CB46C68B7B07A2E1E70932750444E958892E0 CN=P2SRootCert
9F0C077E9985B2C15D14C16793AE14494D36CCD6 CN=P2SRootCert
83CB74F000B7D3AB3BC521F20CFBDDDFB93F4878 CN=P2SRootCert
7FCAC11F0875D067EAB558998A7B49A644EF7EAA CN=P2SRootCert
72D7225D24DB419A8F1416EF2888C7BDF0A017F CN=P2SRootCert
6EBEF6345AF6B1EFC5D8FE72D5BF152488C68018 CN=D71DBAE1-F02F-4E42-BF3A-4804221A01C6
6A825BDCFCC0A9ED32A9D687972C688248BF623A CN=24daac57-140f-4013-8b28-85152735069f
5301DE55BCA656B45537E174A6BB75B117781443 CN=P2SRootCert
16D101A305CFAA640A30C715A3BBB1851A32818B CN=P2SRootCert
0AFC6FE9961F35A9CAD6BE4B78EDC78D13AE0EE6 CN=67c0a40e-357b-4fb8-b122-2063985036cf
035A410648F0B0C52B8C0068DF1159DF7A3BAE3F CN=trust_67c0a40e-357b-4fb8-b122-2063985036cf

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> $rootCert = (Get-ChildItem -Path "Cert:\CurrentUser\My" | Where-Object { $_.Subject -eq "CN=P2SRootCert" })[0]
>>
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> $rootCert
>>

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Thumbprint Subject
----- 
CB9CB46C68B7B07A2E1E70932750444E958892E0 CN=P2SRootCert

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Export-Certificate -Cert $rootCert -FilePath "C:\Users\tanis\Desktop\RootCert.cer"
Export-Certificate : The system cannot find the path specified. (Exception from HRESULT: 0x80070003)
At line:1 char:1
+ Export-Certificate -Cert $rootCert -FilePath "C:\Users\tanis\Desktop\ ...
+ ~~~~~
    + CategoryInfo          : NotSpecified: () [Export-Certificate], DirectoryNotFoundException
    + FullyQualifiedErrorId : System.IO.DirectoryNotFoundException,Microsoft.CertificateServices.Commands.ExportCertificateCommand

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At line:1 char:1

```



```

Administrator: Windows PowerShell
  icateCommand

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+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : NotSpecified: () [Export-Certificate], DirectoryNotFoundException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : System.IO.DirectoryNotFoundException,Microsoft.CertificateServices.Commands.ExportCertificateCommand

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Export-Certificate -Cert $rootCert -FilePath "C:\Users\Default\Desktop\RootCert.cer"

Directory: C:\Users\Default\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -----          747 RootCert.cer

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> $clientCert = New-SelfSignedCertificate `

>> -Type Custom `

>> -DnsName P2SClientCert `

>> -KeySpec Signature `

>> -Subject "CN=P2SClientCert" `

>> -KeyExportPolicy Exportable `

>> -HashAlgorithm sha256 `

>> -KeyLength 2048 `

>> -CertStoreLocation "Cert:\CurrentUser\My" `

>> -Signer $rootCert `

>>

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+ ~~~~~
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>> -Password (ConvertTo-SecureString -String "YourPassword123" -Force -AsPlainText)
>>

Directory: C:\Users\Default\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -----          3422 ClientCert.pfx

```



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Step 6: Configure Point-to-Site VPN

What You're Doing:

You're setting up the P2S VPN **on the Azure Virtual Network Gateway**, so clients can connect using certificates (which you just created).

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Navigate to Your Virtual Network Gateway

This assumes you've already created a Virtual Network Gateway (if not, I can help with that too)

- Go to the **Search bar** (top of Azure portal)
- Type: **Virtual network gateway**
- Click on your **gateway resource**

2. Click "Point-to-site configuration" in the left menu

You'll see:

- If not configured: A "Configure now" button
- If already configured: It will show current settings

Click: **Configure now**

3. Enter the Configuration Details

Field	Value	Explanation
Address Pool	172.16.0.0/24	This is a pool of private IPs that VPN clients will get when they connect. Think of it like DHCP for VPN.

Field	Value	Explanation
Tunnel Type	IKEv2 SSTP	and These are the supported VPN protocols. Choose both to support most devices (especially Windows).
Authentication Type	Azure certificate	You're using certificates for authentication (instead of username/password).

4. Upload the Public Root Certificate

You'll see a section like:

+ Root certificates

Name | Public Certificate Data

Do the following:

A. Name:

nginx

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(you can name it anything, but this matches the cert you generated)

B. Public Certificate Data:

1. Go to your **Desktop**
2. **Right-click** on the RootCert.cer file → Click **Open With** → **NotePad**
3. You'll see something like:

css

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-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

MIIDdjCCAl6gAwIBAgIUb9Z4c8g2R4f...

...

-----END CERTIFICATE-----

4. Copy the entire contents including:

css

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-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

...

-----END CERTIFICATE-----

5. Paste it into the **Public certificate data field in the Azure portal**

5. Click Save

Wait for a few seconds. Azure will configure the VPN gateway with your settings.

Once it's saved:

- Your P2S configuration is ready
- You'll be able to download the **VPN client** in the next step

What Happens Next?

Once saved:

- Azure uses the root certificate you uploaded to validate any **client certificate** signed by it.
- That's how it allows your laptop (with client cert installed) to connect securely.

Why This Is Important:

This setup ensures:

- Only authorized users (with the client certificate) can connect
- All traffic is encrypted using VPN tunneling

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Deployment name : Microsoft.VirtualNetworkGateway-20250724125051 Start time : 24/07/2025, 12:54:12
Subscription : Azure subscription 1 Correlation ID : 24e78a3e-7007-4913-b1ed-f9c662869b89
Resource group : P2S-VPN-RG

Deployment details

Resource	Type	Status	Operation details
P2SVPNGateway	Virtual network gateway	OK	Operation details
P2S-Gateway-PublicIP1	Public IP address	OK	Operation details
P2S-Gateway-PublicIP	Public IP address	OK	Operation details

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Overview

Essentials

Resource group (move) : P2S-VPN-RG SKU : VpnGw1
Location : East US Gateway type : VPN
Subscription (move) : Azure subscription 1 VPN type : Route-based
Subscription ID : d69b934d-dda2-44e2-8b9d-d19aa122435b Virtual network : P2SNet
Tags (edit) : Add tags First public IP address : 40.88.11.190 (P2S-Gateway-PublicIP)

Health check : Perform a quick health check to detect possible gateway issues Go to Resource health

Advisor Recommendations : Check Critical, Warning, and Informational Recommendations Go to Advisor

Documentation : View guidance on helpful topics related to VP Go to Documentation

Show data for last 1 hour 6 hours 12 hours 1 day 7 days 30 days

Total tunnel ingress : 1008 908

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Address pool *

172.16.0.0/24

Tunnel type

IKEv2 and SSTP (SSL)

IPSec / IKE policy

Default Custom

Authentication type

Azure certificate

Public IP address for User VPN configuration

A third public IP address is required to use a User VPN configuration with an availability zone SKU gateway in active-active mode.

Public IP address * ⓘ

Create new Use existing

MyP2SGatewayIP

Configure public IP address

SKU Standard

Assignment

Dynamic Static

Root certificates

Name	Public certificate data
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Revoked certificates

Name	Thumbprint

Additional routes to advertise

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Deployment name : Microsoft.Network-20250724144355 Start time : 24/07/2025, 14:44:01
Subscription : Azure subscription 1 Correlation ID : 2be8b997-0285-4842-8805-8294b07d4beb
Resource group : P2S-VPN-RG

Deployment details

Resource	Type	Status	Operation details
 P2SVPNGateway	 Virtual network gateway	OK	Operation details
 MyP2SGatewayIP	 Public IP address	OK	Operation details

Next steps

Step 7: Download VPN Client

1. In the same Point-to-site config page, click Download VPN Client
2. It will download a zip file
3. Extract and run the installer specific to your OS (Windows, macOS, etc.)

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Tunnel type

IKEv2 and SSTP (SSL)

Monitoring

 Point-to-site Sessions

IPsec / IKE policy

 Default  Custom

Authentication type

Azure certificate

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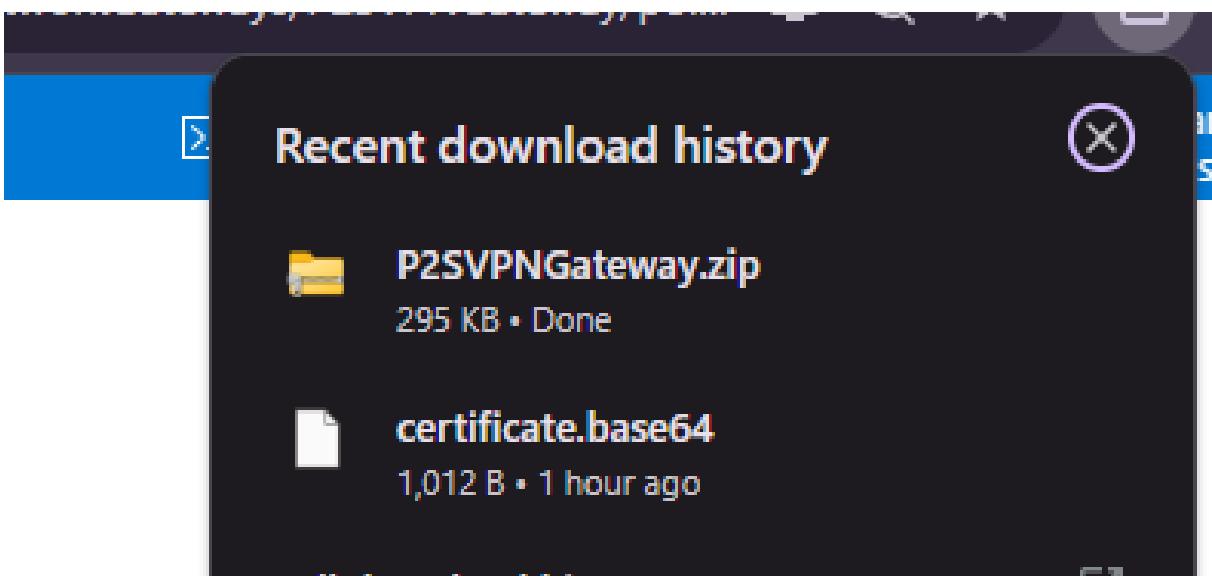
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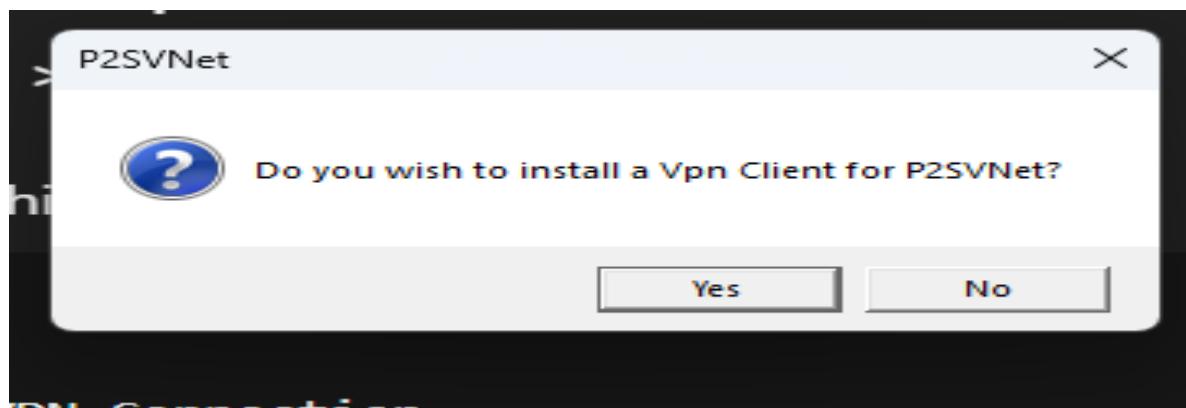
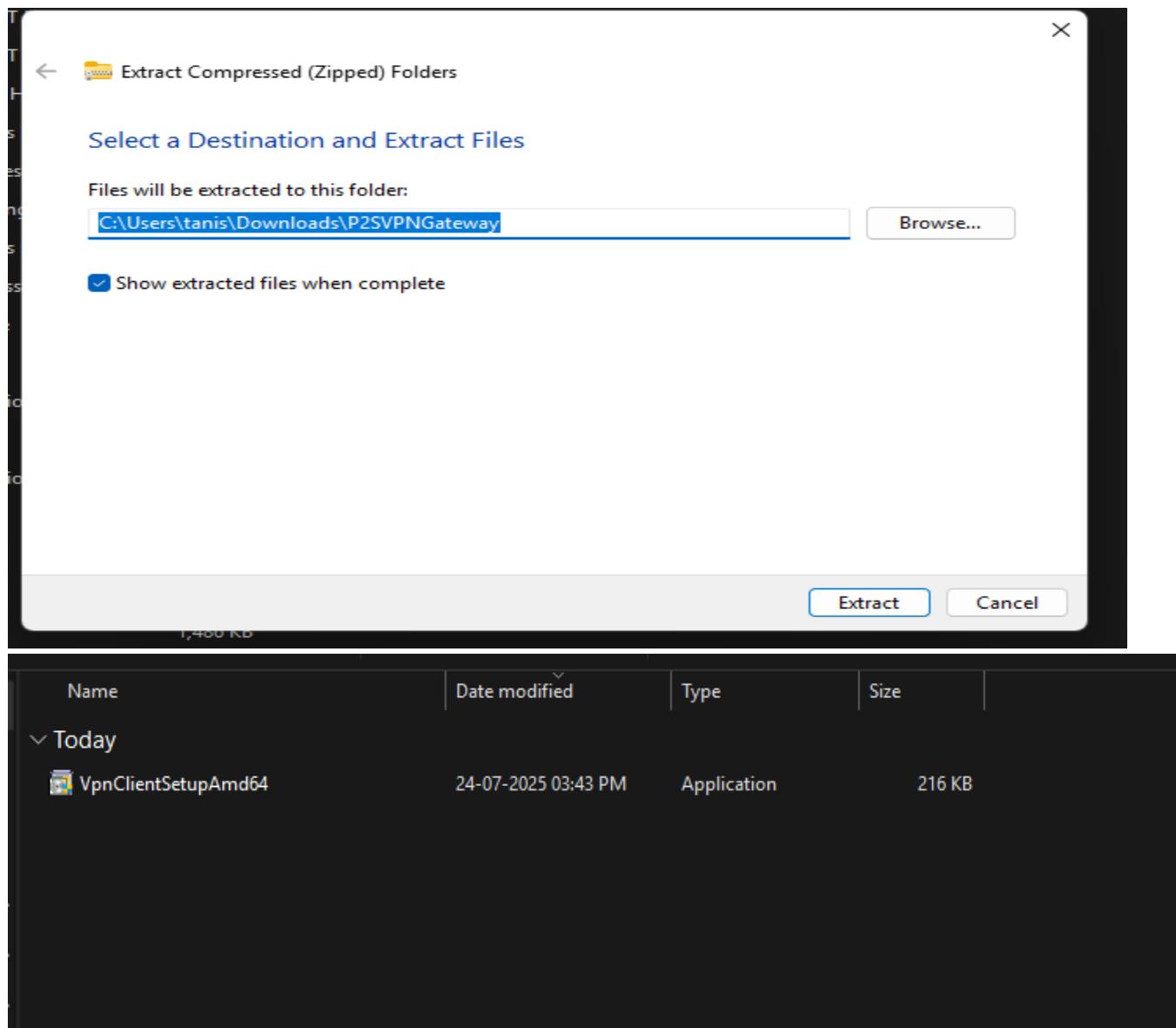
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Root certificates

Name	Public certificate data
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Revoked certificates





Step 8: Connect from Your Computer

1. After installing the VPN client, find it under Windows > Network settings
2. Click Connect
3. You're now connected to Azure VNet!

You can now:

- Ping Azure VMs (if created)
 - Access internal services hosted in your Azure network
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Test Connectivity

- Deploy a VM inside the VNet
 - Use Remote Desktop (RDP) to access the VM using its private IP
 - Ping internal services if configured
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Resource	Name	Notes
Resource Group	P2S-VPN-RG	Container for all Azure resources
Virtual Network	P2SVNet	10.1.0.0/16 range
Gateway Subnet	GatewaySubnet	10.1.255.0/27
Virtual Network Gateway	P2SVPNGateway	Hosts the VPN endpoint
Public IP	P2S-Gateway-PublicIP	Connects your device to Azure
Certificate	P2SRootCert / P2SClientCert	Authenticates users