

Implementing VPNs

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Lab Summary

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After the DirectAccess Deployment, some computers could not connect to the internal network so that the administrators have to deploy a VPN solution. Some users do not have compatible operating systems; others are not members of the domain. The Virtual Private Network provides secure access to the internal network for external clients using the Internet. In the lab, after implementing the VPN solution, the admins validate and troubleshoot the deployment.

Types of VPNs

There are different types of site-to-site VPNs: PPTP, L2TP, IKEv2, and SSTP. The Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol enables to encrypt and encapsulate traffic in an IP header. It uses TCP port 1723 and provides data confidentiality but does not have data integrity and authentication. This type is the least secure option for a VPN. The Layer-2 Tunneling Protocol encrypts multiprotocol traffic using a combination of PPTP and Layer 2 Forwarding. Unlike PPTP, L2TP uses IPsec to encrypt datagrams. Sometimes, it can be blocked by firewalls. The Secure Socket Tunneling Protocol uses HTTPS protocol over TCP port 443. It encapsulates PPP traffic with the SSL channel. Lastly, IKEv2 supports the latest IPsec encryption algorithm and uses the UDP port 500, unlike the other types. In the lab, the last two options are used because the two types are more stable than the different two types. Since it is the company-level network, the admins should reduce the possibilities against threats.

Authentication Protocol

Mainly, Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) is chosen in the lab along with the Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol version 2. The options are Password Authentication Protocol (PAP), Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP), MS-

CHAPv2, and EAP. As the name refers, PAP uses plaintext passwords so that it has the least secure authentication protocol. CHAP is more reliable than PAP by challenging responses over the passwords. MS-CHAPv2 is the upgrade version of CHAP and provides two-way authentication so that it can establish stronger security. EAP offers the most reliable security by the arbitrary authentication mechanism, which means it provides authentication variations. Since EAP and MS-CHAPv2 provide the strongest security, the admins in the lab decided to use these two authentication options.

Configure a VPN Connection

On the client computer, LON-CL1, the VPN connection is established as PPTP even though the connection to the VPN server is using more secure connections, such as L2TP, IKEv2, or SSTP. Unfortunately, the client computer did not have the certificate so that the L2TP and IKEv2 could not be used. If the capability issues arise, then it should use MS-CHAPv2 and PEAP. Even the least secure option, PPTP, is chosen, it is with the CHAPv2 authentication.

The screenshot shows a Windows 10 desktop environment. In the foreground, the Windows Settings application is open to the 'VPN' section under 'Network & internet'. The 'VPN' section shows a connection named 'A. Datum VPN' which is 'Connected'. Below this, the 'Advanced Options' section has two toggle switches: 'Allow VPN over metered networks' and 'Allow VPN while roaming', both of which are turned 'On'. The 'Related settings' section includes links for 'Change adapter options' and 'Change advanced sharing options'. In the background, a Microsoft Edge browser window is open, displaying a lab completion message for 'Module 08: Implementing VPNS'. The message states that the user has successfully completed the module and provides a list of tasks completed, including reading an incident record, updating a Plan of Action, and testing a VPN connection. The browser window also shows a progress bar at 100% and buttons for 'Previous' and 'End'.

Module 08: Implementing VPNS - Microsoft Edge

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Settings

Home

Find a setting

Network & internet

Status

Ethernet

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VPN

Data usage

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VPN

Add a VPN connection

A. Datum VPN
Connected

Advanced options

Disconnect

Advanced Options

Allow VPN over metered networks

On

Allow VPN while roaming

On

Related settings

[Change adapter options](#)

[Change advanced sharing options](#)

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Password text box, type: **Pa55w.rd** and then click **OK**.

[Screenshot](#)

36. **Confirm Connection Succeeds**

Verify that you are now able to connect to the **A. Datum VPN** server.

[Screenshot](#)

You have successfully:

- Read the help-desk incident record for incident IN24578
- Updated the Plan of Action section of the incident record
- Tried to connect by using the A. Datum VPN connection on Logan's computer (LON-CL1).
- Implemented the fix, and test the solution

Congratulations!

You have successfully completed this Module, to mark the lab as complete click on the menu in the upper right-hand corner and select **End**.

100% Tasks Complete

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