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# **wg\_tool**

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## WG-TOOL

### 1.1 Overview

Manage wireguard server and user configs. Ensures server and user configs remain consistent.

Available on

- [Github](#)
- [Archlinux AUR](#)

On Arch install using the PKGBUILD provided in packaging directory or from the AUR.

### 1.2 Key features

- simplifies wireguard administration. ( server and users )
- guarantees server and user configs remain synchronized (public keys).
- handles key creation when needed
- users can have multiple profiles (bob:laptop bob:phone etc)
- users and/or profiles can be marked active/inactive
- ‘wg show’ output connections displayed by user:profile name.

This solves a long standing annoyance in a simple way by showing names instead of public keys as output by *wg show*. Also provides check that server config is up to date and if it needs to be restarted with new *wg0.conf*

- supports importing existing user/profiles

### 1.3 New

- Use python 3 ipaddress in place of 3rd party netaddr module.
- Code reorg
- Split route - new option set *allowed\_ips* in user configs. By default it has everything going via the VPN. Split routing is useful.

For example you may want to route via the VPN only those networks on the LAN (inside) of the vpn server while allowing all other packets to go directly out.

This is also useful when setting up wireguard to join 2+ locations where each location’s subnet is available to users at either location.

This is done using “-allowed\_ips” which sets the wireguard config “AllowedIPs”. This option can be used when creating a new user:profile or when modifying an existing profile with *-mod*.

See *Options* section for more detail.

- Require python 3.11 or later
- Adjust for upcoming python changes. Some argparse options have been deprecated in 3.12 and will be removed in 3.14
- New Feature: Multiple IP Address for user profiles.

See new options *-prefixlen\_4* and *-prefixlen\_6*.

I'd appreciate testing and feedback (see Issue #14)

New user profiles now get ip(s) from each server network. CIDR address for each network will have *prefixlen\_4* or IPv4 and *prefixlen\_6* for IPv6 networks. *prefixlen* are settable with new options.

Existing user profile (or -all) can have their IPs refreshed to pick up their new IPs from server config. If you already have multiple networks or simply added them to the server *Address* variable in *configs/server/server.conf* - and then refresh using:

```
wg-tool -mod -ips <user>:<profile>
```

or

```
wg-tool -mod -ips -all
```

- New option *-upd*, *-upd\_endpoint* used with *-mod* to update existing user profiles when server IP/Port is changed.
- *-mod* now supports *-all* to apply to all users.
- *wg-client* companion package now available. A linux client tool and separate graphical program to launch wireguard client. Simplify using wg for all users.
- *wg-peer-updn* now saves additional copy of dns file as *resolv.conf.wg* Helpful for clients which sleep and on resume network restart overwrites *resolv.conf* This makes it simple to put back the vpn *resolv.conf* file by copying *resolv.conf.wg* to *resolv.conf*. Used by *wg-client* package. Postdown will still restore original *resolv.conf*. save as usual.
- Change python build from poetry to hatch
- Can now generate html and pdf docs using sphinx Pre-built *wg\_tool.pdf* provided in repo See *Howto-Build* in the *Docs* directory

## 1.4 Interesting

The Wireguard server report shows users by user:profile names instead of by public key fingerprint.

Can get human readable server report based on output of *wg show*. Can do this either by running on the wg server (*-rrpt*, *\*-run\_show\_rpt*) or from saved report file (*-rpt\**, *-show\_rpt*).

This report shows users and profiles in nice human readable form.

It also indicates whether each user and profile are marked active (by showing (+) or (-) beside the name. If an inactive user is connected, it may be time ensure the server is running the latest *wg0.config*.

This feature solves a long standing problem with native wireguard reports which burden the administrator with mapping IPs or public keys to a user profile. The report does it for you and shows actual user and profile names.

Because of this feature, this tool eliminates any need for schemes, such as Vanity keys, attempting to map public keys to something more palatable.

It will also advise if the current server config being used is out of sync with current tool config and therefore needs updating and/or restarting

Sample output of `wg-tool -rrpt`

```
wg server:
  interface : wg0
    port : nnnnn
    pub_key : <x>

susan (+) : phone (+)
  endpoint : xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx:yyyyy
  address : xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx/32
handshake : 2 hours, 4 minutes, 15 seconds ago
transfer : 102.62 MiB received, 320.29 MiB sent
```

## 1.5 More background

The tool manages wireguard server configs and the user configs.

It also guarantees that server and user configs are kept properly synchronized. This ensures that any information that is shared between the server and clients, such as public keys, are always consistent.

It handles key creation whenever needed, such as when adding user/profiles or when doing key rollovers.

A wireguard server and user configs share several common variables, such as public keys, hostname and listening ports, and therefore it's crucial they are consistent.

wg-tool uses a single source of data which is used to populate the actual configs wireguard needs; this approach guarantees they are always consistent with one another. It also simplifies management significantly. Common tasks are handled by the tool in a convenient way. For example, It is very straightforward to add users or user profiles, roll keys or make users or profiles active or inactive.

In a nutshell to setup and use wireguard vpn one needs a server and each client gets a configuration, either in the form of a text based `.conf` file or a QR code. QR codes work nicely for wireguard phone app, for example, where the app uses on board camera to read the the QR code. For computer clients, the conf file is the simplest. The server and client keys share common information which must be kept synchronized. This includes shared public keys, pre-shared keys for added security along with network information (IPs, Ports and DNS).

wg-tool uses a file based configuration database kept under the `config` directory. This provides all the inputs the tool needs to generate the server and client configs. The latter are saved into the `wg-config/server` and `wg-config/users` directories for the server and clients respectively.

For convenience, previous configs are saved with `.prev` extension making it easy to compare with a prior version. It can be useful after making changes to diff the two configs.

The wg server config, `wg-config/server/wg0.conf` should be installed, as usual, in `/etc/wireguard`.

Each user can have 1 or more profiles. For example bob may have `bob:phone` and `bob:laptop`. The configs to share with each profile is saved into, in this example, `wg-config/users/bob` as `bob-phone.conf`, `bob-phone-qr.png`, `bob-laptop.conf` and `bob-laptop-qr.png`. These are provided to the user - bob in this case.

For wireguard clients running Linux, there are a couple of approaches the client DNS. Client DNS should always be through the wireguard tunnel.

- **preferred approach:**
  - Activated by the `-dns_linux` option.

When using this option, wg-quick uses the provided *wg-peer-updn* script via PostUp/PostDown setting.

This script saves the current dns resolv.conf file when VPN is brought up using *wg-quick up*, installs the VPN dns into /etc/resolv.conf and then restores the prior resolv.conf when VPN is deactivated (wg-quick down).

- **alternative approach:**

- DNS information in config is used by wg-quick. wg-quick, in turn, relies on resolvconf.

## 1.6 Directory and File Structure

*wg-tool* uses 2 kinds of config files:

- **configs** : *inputs* to *wg-tool*
- **wg-configs** : *outputs* from *wg-tool* which are then used by wireguard server or clients.

For example, the wireguard server config file, wg0.conf, will be located in

```
wg-configs/server/wg0.conf
```

And the user QR codes and .conf files will be under

```
wg-configs/users/
```

Laying out this directory structure in a bit more detail.

*wg-tool* input configs

```
configs/
  server/
    server.conf
  users/
    user-1/
      user-1.conf
    user-2/
      user-2.conf
    ...
```

*wireguard* configs will be saved to

```
wg-configs/
  server/
    wg0.conf
  users/
    user-1/
      user-1-profile-1.conf
      user-1-profile-1.png
      user-1-profile-2.conf
      user-1-profile-2.png
      ...
    user-2/
      user-2-profile-1.conf
      user-2-profile-1.png
```

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```
user-2-profile-2.conf
user-2-profile-2.png
```

Each of the files is actually a symlink to the real file which is kept under a *db* directory at the same level as the symlinks.

This allows us to keep history of every config as far back as we choose. There are options to choose the amount of history to keep for configs and separately for wg-configs. The default, in addition to current values, is to keep 5 additional configs and 3 wg-configs.

Whenever a config file is changed the previous version is made available as a symlink named *xxx.prev*. This allows for straightforward comparisons and makes it easy to revert if that were ever needed; though it is pretty unlikely to ever be the case.

Each user can have multiple profiles - each profile provides separate access to the vpn. As an example, user *jane* may have a *phone* profile and a *laptop* profile. Each profile will provide the wireguard .conf file along with an image file of its QR code. These 2 files provide the standard wireguard configs for users.

Aside from the QR image files, all text files are in standard TOML format.



## GETTING STARTED

### 2.1 Using wg-tool for first time

There are 2 ways to get started; either create a new suite of users/profiles or import existing wireguard user.conf files. You can add users or new profiles for existing users at any time. This is very easy and explained below using the `--add_user` option. You can also import a user at any time, though it's primarily useful when first setting up wg-tool.

If you already have wireguard running then importing is the simplest and best way to proceed. If you're starting from scratch then wg-tool will create new users and profiles for you.

Either way it's pretty straightforward.

#### 2.1.1 Step 1 - Create Server Config

In either case the first step is to create a valid server config file. The best way to do that is to run:

```
wg-tool --init  
or  
wg-tool --work_dir=xxx --init
```

By default, when initializing, `work_dir` will be `/etc/wireguard/wg-tool` if it exists and with appropriate access permission (i.e. root), otherwise the current directory `./`.

This creates a template in: `configs/server/server.conf`.

This file must be edited and changed to reflect your own network settings etc. These are all wireguard standard fields.

The key fields to edit are:

- Address

This is the internal wg cidr mask on the server IP addresses (IPv4 and IPv6). N.B. If you prefer user:profile get IPv6 then put it first in the list.

- Hostname and ListenPort

wg server hostname as seen from internet and port chosen

- Hostname\_Int ListenPort\_Int

wg server hostname and port as seen on internal network. Useful for testing wg while inside the network. Client configs created with the `-int` option of **wg-tool** will use this internal server:port.

- PrivateKey, PublicKey

If you have existing wg server, change these to your current keys. If not they are freshly generated by `--init`. and can be safely used.

- PostUp PostDown

If you want to use the nftables provided by wg-tool - just copy `postup.nft` from the scripts directory. Change the 3 network variables at top for your setup.

- DNS

List of dns servers to be used by wg - typical VPN setup uses internal network DNS

### **postup.nft**

The nftables sample script, `scripts/postup.nft`, should be copied to `/etc/wireguard/scripts`.

Remember to edit the network variables at the top of the `postup.nft` script to match your network. One common case is to provide users with access to internet as well as to the internal network. The system border firewall must forward vpn traffic to the wireguard server which running on inside protected by the firewall.

The `postup.nft` script provides access to the internet and lan provided the wireguard server host has that access. If the wg server is in the DMZ then it probably only has access to DMZ net and internet.

Before deploying the `postup.nft` script, edit the 3 variables at the top for your own server setup:

- `vpn_net`

this cidr block must match whats in the server config

- `lan_ip lan_iface`

IP and interface of wireguard server

Remember to allow forwarding on the wireguard server, to ensure VPN traffic is permitted to go to the LAN:

```
sysctl -w net.ipv4.ip_forward=1
```

to keep this on reboot add to `/etc/sysctl.d/sysctl.conf` (or other filename):

```
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1
```

The list of active users is managed in the `server.conf` file. This is generated and updated by wg-tool. The tool provides options to add and remove users from the active list. If a user is marked inactive, none of their profiles will be in `server wg0.conf`. If a user is active then only their active profiles will be provided to `wg0.conf`

Each user config has its own list active profiles. It too is managed by the tool.

N.B. the active users and active profiles lists, only affect whether they are included in the server `wg0.conf` file. No user or profile is removed when a user and/or profile is marked inactive.

## **2.1.2 Step 2 - import and/or add users and profiles**

Now that the server config is ready, we can add users and their profiles.

Each user can have 1 or more profiles. Each user's data, including all their profile info, is kept in a single config file. It also tracks the list of active profiles.

If a profile is active, it will be put in wireguards `wg0.conf` server config, otherwise it won't.

Wireguard QR codes and `.conf` files are always created for every user/profile regardless of whether it is active or not.

Since each user has their own namespace, profile names can be same for different users.

## 2.2 Adding new users and profiles

Users and profiles can be created at any time. They can be created in bulk or one user at a time. For example this command:

```
wg-tool --add_user bob:phone,desk,ipad jane:phone,laptop
```

creates 2 users. *bob* gets 3 profiles : phone, desk and ipad while *jane* gets 2 profiles: phone and laptop.

If you don't provide a profile name, the default profile name is *main*.

At this point you should now have server config supporting these 5 user profiles and the corresponding wireguard QR codes and .conf files under wg-configs/users

You can get list of all users and their profiles

```
wg-tool --list_users
```

The (+) or (-) after a user or profile name indicates active or inactive.

Importing existing users and profiles

The tool can import 1 user:profile at a time. This is done using:

```
wg-tool --import_user <user.conf> user_name:profile_name
```

where <user.conf> is the standard wireguard conf file (the text version of the QR code). And the user\_name and profile\_name are what you want them to be known as now.

What worked for me was to copy all those existing wireguard user.conf files into ./old/ and then make a little shell script like the sample scripts/import\_users. Script just imports each profile 1 at a time.

Then run the shell script. End result should be working wg0.conf functionally identical to what you currently have. In addition a new set of user-profile.conf and associated qr codes. All found in wg-configs/

As above you may want to see a list of users/profiles:

```
wg-tool --list_users
```

And compare a user profile conf or 2 with existing ones - QR codes will be different, but contain the same information. You can check this for bob's laptop QR by doing this:

```
zbarimg wg-configs/users/bob/bob-laptop-qr.png
```

which is available in the zbar package. It should match the corresponding user.conf file in wg-configs/users/bob/bob-laptop.conf

## 2.3 Managing Users/Profiles

I recommend avoiding manually editing any config files, but if you do for some reason, then run *wg-tool* with no arguments. It will detect the changes and update *wg-configs*.

Pretty much everything you need to do should be available using *wg-tool*:

```
wg-tool --help
```

gives list of options.

### 2.3.1 Options

Many options take user/profiles as additional input. users/profiles are to be given on command line

```
user
or
user:prof
or
user_1:prof_1,prof_2 user2 user_3:laptop,tablet
```

Summary of available options:

#### Positional arguments:

- users : user\_1[:prof1,prof2,...] user\_2[:prof\_1,prof\_2]

#### Options:

- *(-h, -help)*  
Show this help message and exit
- *(-i, -init)*  
Initialize and creat server config template. Please edit to match your server settings.
- *(wkd, -work\_dir <dirname>)*  
Set working directory. This is is the directory holding all configs.  
By default:
  - when used with *-init*, *work\_dir* will be */etc/wireguard/wg-tool* if the directory exists and with appropriate access permission (i.e. root), otherwise the current directory *./*.
  - if not initializing, then, with access permission, */etc/wireguard/wg-tool/* will be the *work\_dir* if there is a *config* dir in it, otherwise it is set to current dir *./*.
- *(-add, -add\_users)*  
Add user(s) and/or user profiles user:prof1,prof2,...
- *(-aips, -allowed\_ips)*  
Set the cidr blocks which will be routed through the vpn. The default is all ips given by:  
*0.0.0.0/0,::/0*  
Provide a comma separated list of CIDRs or the string *default* to use the default value where all ips are routed through wireguard.  
The current setting can be viewed by detailed user listing:  
*wg-tool -l -det [user:prof]*
- *(-mod, -mod\_users)*  
Modify existing user:profile(s). Use with *-dnsrch*, *-dnslin*, *-aips* and *upd* Can apply to all users/profiles via the *-all* option.
- *(-pfxlen\_4, -prefixlen\_4)*  
User profiles now get IP Addresses(es) from each server network. Each address is a block with cidr prefixlen\_4. Defaults to 32 which means 1 IP address. e.g. if set to 30 then would get a block of 4 x.x.x.x/30
- *(-pfxlen\_5, -prefixlen\_5)*  
Similar to *-prefixlen\_4* but for ipv6. Default is 128

- (*upd, -upd\_endpoint*)

Use with *-mod* Ensure user/profile is using current server endpoint. Add *-int* if want to use internal hostname/port.  
For example if the server IP changes, then you can update existing user/profiles with

```
wg-tool -mod -upd -all
```

- (*-dnsrc, -dns\_search*)

Use with *-mod*

Adds the list DNS\_SEARCH from server config to client DNS search list. DNS\_SEARCH in server.conf should contain a list of dns domains for dns search and Use together with *-add* for new user:profile or with *-mod* with existing profile.

- (*-dnslin, -dns\_linux*)

Use with *-mod*

For a Linux client, provide support for managing the dns resolv.conf file. What this does is save existing one, install the wireguard dns version and then restore original on exit. Use together with *-add* for new user:profile or with *-mod* with existing profile.

To bring up wireguard as a linux client one uses

```
wg-quick up <user-prof.conf>
wg-quick down <user-prof.conf>
```

This will then use the wireguard DNS while running and restore previous dns on exit.

To add dns search and use dns\_linux on existing user profile. First update the server config by editing *configs/server/server.conf* and add list of seach domains

```
DNS_SEARCH = ['sales.example.com', 'example.com']
```

then

```
wg-tool -mod -dnsrc -dns_linux bob:laptop
```

By default wg-quick uses resolvconf to manage dns resolv.conf. If you prefer, or dont use resolvconf then use this option. But only with Linux - it will not work for other clients (Android, iOS, etc)

With this option the usual DNS rows in in the conf file are replaced with PostUp and PostDown. PostUp saves existing resolv.conf, and installs the one needed by wireguard. PostDown restores the original saved resolv.conf.

To use this the script *wg-peer-updn*, available in the *scripts* directory must be in */etc/wireguard/scripts* for the client.

The installer for the wg\_tool package installs the script - but clients without this package should be provided both the user-profile.conf as well as the supporting script *wg-peer-updn*.

- (*-int, -int\_serv*)

With *-add\_users* uses internal wireguard server

- (*-uuk, -upd\_user\_keys*)

Generate new set of keys for existing user(s). This is public and private key pair along with new pre-shared key.

- (*-usk, -upd\_serv\_keys*)

Generate new pair of server keys. NB This affects all users as they all use the server public key.

- (*-all, -all\_users*)

Some opts (e.g. `upd_user_keys`) may apply to all users/profiles when this is turned on.

- (*-act, -active*)

Mark one or more users or `user[:profile, profile...]` active

- (*-inact, -inactive*)

Mark one or more users or `user[:profile, profile...]` inactive

- (*-imp, -import\_user <file>*)

Import a standard wg user conf file into the specified `user_name:profile_name` This is for one single user:profile

- (*-keep, -keep\_hist <num>*)

How much config history to keep (default 5)

- (*-keep\_wg, -keep\_hist\_wg <num>*)

How much wg-config history to keep (default 3)

- (*-sop, -save\_opts*)

Together with `-keep_hist` and/or `-keep_hist_wg` to save these values as new defaults.

- (*-fp, -file\_perms*)

Ensure all files have appropriately restricted permissions

- (*-rrpt, -run\_show\_rpt*)

Run “wg show” and generate report of users, profiles. Also checks for consistency with current settings.

- (*-rpt, -show\_rpt <file>*)

Same as `-rrpt` only reads file containing the output of `wg show` If file is name `stdin`, then it reads from `stdin`.

- (*-l, -list\_users*)

Summary of users/profiles - sorted by user.

- (*-det, -details*)

Adds more detail to `-l` and `-rrpt`. For `-l` report will also include details about each profile. For `-rrpt` report will show all user:profiles known to running server, not just those for which it has a recent connection.

- (*-v, -verb*)

Adds more verbose output.

- (*-V, -version*)

Display current version

### 2.3.2 Note on MTU

I came across one hotel wifi, that while the vpn worked fine to provide internet access, I found that for my laptop to be able to also ‘ssh internal-host’ it would hang:

```
ssh -v <host>
```

hangs right after this is logged:

```
expecting SSH2_MSG_KEX_ECDH_REPLY
```



The *fix* was to set the MTU from 1500 down to 1400 on my laptop while at that hotel. The internet access continued to work fine, but this fixed whatever was a problem for ssh; so now 'ssh internal-host' worked as usual.

I have only had to change MTU setting at one location, but I mention it here in case anyone else comes across this.

## 2.4 Key Rollover

wg-tool makes key rollover particularly simple - at least as far as updating keys and regenerating user and/or server configs with the new keys.

Distribution of the updated config/QR code to each user is not addressed by the tool. Continue to use existing methods - encrypted email, in person display of QR code etc. ...

Its equally simple to update keys on a per user basis as well - just specify them on command line.

To roll the server keys run:

```
wg-tool --upd_serv_keys
```

This will also update all user profiles with the server's new public key.

To roll all user keys run:

```
wg-tool --upd_user_keys
```

or as usual you can specify which profiles to generate the new keys for.

```
wg-tool --upd_user_keys [user:prof1,prof2 user2 ..]
```

As usual, a change to any user profiles will generate new server wg0.conf file reflecting whatever change was made.



## 3.1 Notes

- Config changes are tracked by modification times.

For existing user/profiles without a saved value of *mod\_time*, the last change date-time of the config file is used and saved. These mod times are displayed when using *-l* and *-l -det* options.

### 3.1.1 2022-12

- Stronger file access permissions to protect private data in configs.
- Changes to *work\_dir*.

Backward compatible with previous version. Now prefers to use */etc/wireguard/wg-tool* if possible, otherwise falls back to current directory.

### 3.1.2 2022-11

See *Options* or for more detail.

- (*-dnsrc*, *-dns\_search*)

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- (*-dnslin*, *-dns\_linux*)

For a Linux client, provide support for managing the dns *resolv.conf* file. What this does is save existing one, install the wireguard dns version and then restore original on exit. Use together with *-add* for new user:profile or with *-mod* with existing profile.

## 3.2 Install

While it is simplest to install from a package manager, manual installs are done as follow:

First clone the repo :

```
git clone https://github.com/gene-git/wg_tool
```

Then install to local directory. When running as non-root then set *root\_dest* to a user writable directory.

```
rm -f dist/*
/usr/bin/python -m build --wheel --no-isolation
root_dest="/"
./scripts/do-install $root_dest
```

### 3.2.1 Dependencies

**Run Time :**

- python (3.9 or later)
- wireguard-tools
- nftables (for wireguard server postup.nft)
- netaddr (aka python-netaddr )
- python-qrcode
- tomli\_w (aka python-tomli\_w )
- If python < 3.11 : tomli (aka python-tomli)

**Building Package:**

- git
- hatch (aka python-hatch)
- wheel (aka python-wheel)
- build (aka python-build)
- installer (aka python-installer)
- rsync

### 3.2.2 Philosophy

We follow the *live at head commit* philosophy. This means we recommend using the latest commit on git master branch. This approach is also taken by Google<sup>12</sup>.

## 3.3 License

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<sup>1</sup> <https://github.com/google/googletest>

<sup>2</sup> <https://abseil.io/about/philosophy#upgrade-support>

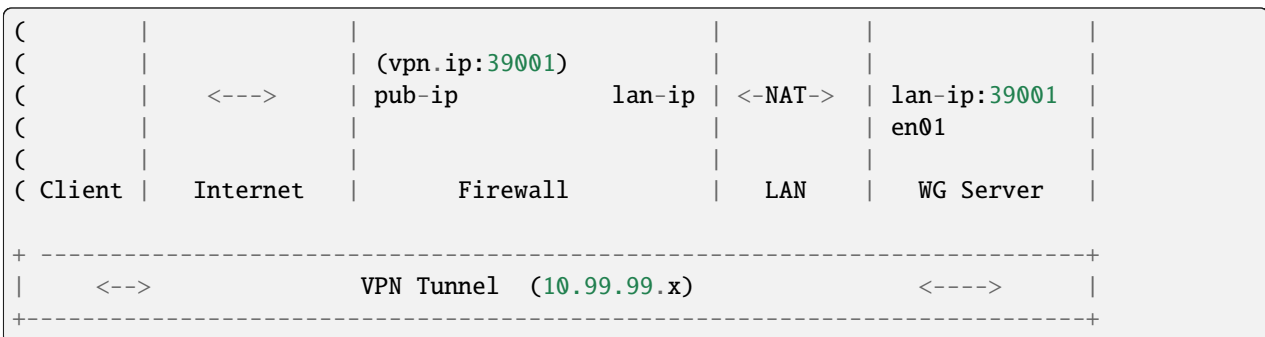
## NETWORKING NOTES

This note is an overview of wireguard networking setup. By default we assume that the wireguard server has access to internet and any desired local services. With this in mind, the default *postup.nft* script NATs the wireguard network so it's traffic to the LAN appears to come from the wireguard server itself. We also assume that the local DNS servers provided in wireguard configs, are available to the wireguard server - typically as they are on the same LAN.

Edit *postup.nft* and set the variables for your network

```
define vpn_net = 10.99.99.0/24 # must match server config define lan_ip = 10.0.0.1 # real lan ip of wg
server define lan_iface = eno1 # lan interface define wg = wg0
```

#### 4.1 Assumed Network Topology for default postup.nft



If your network differs, then adjust the nftables postup rules as needed.

We also assume that there are no other nftables rules running on the wireguard server itself. If there are then you should change the postdown rule to not flush all rules as happens by default and instead add the rules and remove them in postdown.



## 5.1 Ubuntu Notes

Provided by Jack Duan (@jduan00 via github #13)

I would like to share the steps I got it to work on Ubuntu 22.04. Feel free to include in your documentation to help others.

### 5.1.1 Install Prep

Assume these are already installed.

```
$ sudo apt install wireguard qrencode
```

Install necessary python3 packages for wg\_tool:

```
$ sudo apt install python3 python-is-python3 python3-poetry python3-build \
python3-installer python3-qrcode python3-tomli-w python3-tomli python3-netaddr
```

### 5.1.2 Build and install

```
$ git clone https://github.com/gene-git/wg_tool
$ cd wg_tool

$ sudo pip install hatchling

$ /usr/bin/python -m build --wheel --no-isolation

$ sudo ./scripts/do-install /
```

### 5.1.3 Getting wg and wg-tool to work

```
$ sudo -i
# cd /etc/wireguard

# wg-tool --init

# vi config/server/server.conf
```

Add the first set of users with wg-tool

```
# wg-tool --add_user --dns_search Mary:mac,iphone,ipad

# ln -s wg-configs/server/wg0.conf .

# systemctl enable wg-quick@wg0
# systemctl start wg-quick@wg0
# systemctl status wg-quick@wg0

# wg show
```

Add more users

```
# cd /etc/wireguard
# wg-tool --add_user --dns_search Joe:mac,iphone,ipad

# systemctl reload wg-quick@wg0

# wg show

# wg-tool --list_users

# wg-tool -rrpt
```

### 5.1.4 iptables

Also, I don't use PostUp scripts since persistent iptable rules are used.

```
# apt install iptables-persistent
# systemctl status iptables
# systemctl enable iptables
# systemctl restart iptables
```

Change /etc/iptables/rules.v4 Note

- 192.168.100.0/24 is used for wg subnet.
- On Ubuntu ens3 is the default network device name

```
# == For Wireguard VPN ==
*nat
:PREROUTING ACCEPT [0:0]
:INPUT ACCEPT [0:0]
:OUTPUT ACCEPT [0:0]
:POSTROUTING ACCEPT [0:0]
# -- NAT for vpn clients from wireguard
-A POSTROUTING -o ens3 -s 192.168.100.0/24 -j MASQUERADE
COMMIT
# -----
*filter
:INPUT ACCEPT [0:0]
:FORWARD ACCEPT [0:0]
:OUTPUT ACCEPT [0:0]
-A INPUT -i lo -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -i wg+ -j ACCEPT
```

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```

-A INPUT -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -m state --state INVALID -j DROP
# -- Wireguard ports
-A INPUT -i ens3 -p udp -m multiport --dports 51820 -m state --state NEW -m limit --
↪limit 10/sec --limit-burst 20 -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -i ens3 -p icmp -m icmp --icmp-type 8 -m limit --limit 5/sec -j ACCEPT
# -- last as the default rule for input
-A INPUT -j DROP
# -- forward --
-A FORWARD -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT
-A FORWARD -m state --state INVALID -j DROP
-A FORWARD -i wg+ -s 192.168.100.0/24 -j ACCEPT
-A FORWARD -j REJECT --reject-with icmp-port-unreachable
# -- out --
-A OUTPUT -m state --state INVALID -j DROP
COMMIT
# == EOF ==

```

Run commands:

```

# systemctl restart iptables

# iptables -nvL
# iptables -t nat -nvL

```



## CHANGELOG

## [7.1.0] — 2024-10-20

Use python 3 ipaddress **in** place of 3rd party netaddr module.  
 Code reorg **and** some tidying  
 update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

## [7.0.4] — 2024-09-07

more readme tweaks  
 update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

## [7.0.3] — 2024-09-07

tweak RST formatting **in** readme  
 update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

## [7.0.2] — 2024-06-29

bug: -V, --version didnt **print** anything - fixed  
 update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

## [7.0.1] — 2024-06-28

Remove stray character **from** PKGBUILD; Add nftables dependency  
 update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

## [7.0.0] — 2024-06-28

- Split routing support via `*--allowed_ips*`  
 Gives ability to specify which networks use the vpn tunnel  
 New option: `-aips, --allowed_ips`  
 Applies to wireguard config `*AllowedIps*`  
 This **is** a string of comma separated cidr blocks **or** can be the word `*default*`.  
 Default **is** all packets use vpn - i.e. `0.0.0.0/0,::/0`  
 Option can be used **with** new user profile **or** to modify an existing profile together  
**with** `*-mod*` option.
- general tidy ups
- add missing contrib directory to installer scrip
- Now uses sha3-384 to detect file changes (using python-cryptography module)  
 which wraps openssl
- Update to require python 3.11 **or** greater

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- Restricted file permissions - new option, (`*-fp, --fperms*`), to ensure **all** files have appropriate permissions.

Previous version this was always done - but it can be slow (esp. over NFS) so now its an option to run **if** needed.

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.7.7] — 2024-04-30

fresh tag

#### [6.7.6] — 2024-04-30

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

Take Changelog "**hack**" out of PKGBUILD ... was a bad idea

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.7.5] — 2024-04-29

one of those days ... another typo!

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.7.4] — 2024-04-29

typo

#### [6.7.3] — 2024-04-29

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

Improve pulling latest Changelog so pacman `-Qc` shows it

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.7.2] — 2024-04-29

PKGBUILD change to get latest Changelog

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.7.1] — 2024-04-29

Update version.py **as** our package tooling was updated

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.7.0] — 2024-04-23

Adjust **for** upcoming python changes.

Some argparse options have been deprecated **in 3.12 and** will be removed **in 3.14**

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.6.1] — 2024-04-17

Package update: "`pacman -Qc wg_tool`" now shows the Changelog

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.6.0] — 2024-01-19

version now includes released vs development  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.5.0] — 2024-01-19

Remove githash **from version**  
Closed github issue **#17**.  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.4.0] — 2024-01-19

Add --version option  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.3.0] — 2024-01-17

Simplify ip address manipulations a few lines to original now bug **is** fixed  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.2.0] — 2024-01-17

Bugfix : generating IPs was skipping too many available blocks  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.1.0] — 2024-01-17

Fix: update AllowedIPs **with** --ips\_refresh  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.0.1] — 2024-01-17

bump patch version **for** readme change  
readme tweak  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [6.0.0] — 2024-01-17

Add support **for** multiple IP addresses **in** user profiles.  
Addresses will now be taken **from whichever** networks are **in** server config.  
cidr address **for** each network will have prefixlen\_4 **for** IPv4 **and** prefixlen\_6 **for**   
↳ IPv6 networks.  
prefixlen are settable **with** new options.  
Existing user:profile (**or** -all) can have their IPs refreshed to pick up their new   
↳ IPs **from**   
**server** config. If you already have multiple networks **or** simply added them to Address\_   
↳ variable **in**   
configs/server/server.conf - then can refresh using:  
wg-tool -mod -ips user\_name:profile\_name  
**or**  
wg-tool -mod -ips -all  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

#### [5.7.2] — 2024-01-13

Add ubuntu notes provided by Jack Duan (@jduan00 via github #13)  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

[5.7.1] — 2024-01-12

update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf  
lint picking  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

[5.7.0] — 2024-01-11

Add -upd option to update user/profile endpoint when server config changes.  
(closes GH issue #11)  
-mod option can now be used with -all  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

[5.6.3] — 2024-01-07

rst fix in readme

[5.6.2] — 2024-01-07

fix readme typo

[5.6.1] — 2024-01-07

small readme update  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

[5.6.0] — 2023-12-07

wg-peer-updn now saves additional copy of wg resolv.conf in resolv.conf.wg.  
Can be used by client when resume causes network restart to overwrites the wg resolv.  
→conf.  
Used by wg-client package to "fix" dns after sleep/resume.  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

[5.5.1] — 2023-11-23

Improve description  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

[5.5.0] — 2023-11-23

Change python build from poetry to hatch.  
It is cleaner and simpler.  
Switch copyright lines to SPDX format  
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/wg\_tool.pdf

[5.4.1] — 2023-11-12

Minor readme rst format change.  
Add wg\_tool.pdf  
update Docs/Changelog.rst

**[5.3.4] — 2023-09-30**

Add sample output of server report to README

**[5.3.3] — 2023-09-30**

Improve README  
update Docs/Changelog.rst

**[5.3.2] — 2023-09-27**

update Docs/Changelog.rst  
Fix links **in** readme.  
Remove doc build dependency on myst-parser since no more markdown  
update Docs/Changelog.rst

**[5.3.1] — 2023-09-26**

Release **as 5.3.1**  
fix rst **list** items **in** Changelog  
update Docs/Changelog.rst

**[5.3.0] — 2023-09-26**

Reorg docs - add Docs/**dir with** sphinx support  
update PKGBUILD **for** optional doc builds  
Migrate to rst **from markdown**  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[5.1.1] — 2023-09-25**

README - replace markdown url links **with** rst link notation  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[5.1.0] — 2023-08-02**

Improve code finding available client IPs to properly support IPv6.  
Client IPs are chosen **from the** server Address **list in** natural order. If you prefer,  
↳ clients  
get IPv6 addresses, those should be listed first. Similarly, **if** IPv4 **is** preferred, then,  
↳ put that first.  
Tidy to keep pylint clean  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[4.7.0] — 2023-07-28**

Fix **import open\_file** buglet  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[4.6.0] — 2023-05-18**

install: switch **from pip** to python installer package. This adds optimized bytecode  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[4.5.3] — 2023-05-18**

PKGBUILD: build wheel back to using python -m build instead of poetry  
update CHANGELOG.md

[4.5.2] — 2023-05-17

Simplify Arch PKGBUILD **and** more closely follow arch guidelines  
update CHANGELOG.md

[4.5.1] — 2023-05-08

Add comment to README about linux using wg **and** ssh **and** MTU  
typo  
update CHANGELOG.md

[4.5.0] — 2023-05-02

Add comment on philosophy of living at the head commit.  
Change README **from** **markdown** to restructured text

[4.4.0] — 2023-04-15

update CHANGELOG.md  
Only show user public key **for** "-rpt" when also using "-det".  
Since we show user **and** profile name, the user key **is not** really needed  
update CHANGELOG.md

[4.3.6] — 2023-04-11

postup.nft script add extra line: ct status dnat accept - I saw a martial packet at ↪  
↪firewall **from** **vpn** which was unexpected  
minor readme edit  
update project version  
update CHANGELOG.md

[4.3.5] — 2023-01-06

Add SPDX licensing lines  
update CHANGELOG.md

[4.3.4] — 2022-12-29

Add reminder **in** README to allow ip forwarding on wireguard server  
update CHANGELOG.md

[4.3.3] — 2022-12-28

Add brief networking note  
update CHANGELOG.md

[4.3.2] — 2022-12-26

Change default python interpreter location to /usr/bin/python3 (remove env).  
This **is** also recommended by e.g. debian packaging guidelines (<https://www.debian.org/doc/packaging-manuals/python-policy>). While many distros (Arch, Fedora etc.) recommend ↪

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↪ /usr/bin/python - we keep python3 which will work on those and on debian until debian.
↪ provides python (and not just python3).
update CHANGELOG.md

```

**[4.3.1] — 2022-12-25**

```

Move archlinux dir to packaging.
Add packaging/requirements.txt
Update build dependencies in PKGBUILD
Tweak README
tweak README
update CHANGELOG.md

```

**[4.3.0] — 2022-12-20**

```

Change python to python3 (as per GH issue #5 on ubuntu/debian.
Remove pip option from installer (--root-user-action=ignore)
indent fix
To help with older pre 3.9 python versions, provide files without match().
They are in lib38. Copy to lib38/*.py lib/
update CHANGELOG.md

```

**[4.2.0] — 2022-12-14**

```

update CHANGELOG.md
Installer now uses pip install
PKGBUILD now uses poetry to build wheel
update CHANGELOG.md

```

**[4.1.0] — 2022-12-08**

```

Server show_rpt was not treating inactive users/profiles properly - fixed
update CHANGELOG.md

```

**[4.0.0] — 2022-12-04**

```

Stronger file access permissions to protect private data in configs.
Changes to work_dir:
    Backward compatible with previous version.
    Now prefers to use */etc/wireguard/wg-tool* if possible, otherwise falls back to.
↪ current directory.
    Thanks to Yann Cardon
    Improve comments in postup.nft including reference to alternate postup from Yann.
↪ Cardon
Merge: f74aa16bc2 26e957cd19
    Merge pull request #3 from ycardon/master
    Create postup-alternate.nft
    Create postup-alternate.nft
    provides an other example of postup script with useful comments
    update CHANGELOG.md

```

**[3.7.0] — 2022-12-03**

```
bug: --list if username(s) given without profile. Now we list all profiles
update CHANGELOG.md
Typo in README fixed by @ycardon
Merge: 8c05f936df 6dcc5b6459
Merge pull request #2 from ycardon/master
small typo in the readme
small typo
--add-users > --add_users
update CHANGELOG.md
```

[3.6.0] — 2022-11-30

```
bug fix for --init
Thanks to @ycardon - this fixes issue #1 : https://github.com/gene-git/wg\_tool/issues/1
update CHANGELOG.md
```

[3.5.0] — 2022-11-29

```
turn off test mode
update CHANGELOG.md
```

[3.4.0] — 2022-11-29

```
Improve wg-peer-updn
- Rename existing resolv.conf when saving
- Add timestamp to wireguard resolv.conf
update CHANGELOG.md
```

[3.3.1] — 2022-11-29

```
Small add to README
update CHANGELOG.md
```

[3.3.0] — 2022-11-29

```
Improve README
update CHANGELOG.md
```

[3.2.0] — 2022-11-28

```
typo
update CHANGELOG.md
```

[3.1.0] — 2022-11-28

```
fix typo creating new user profile with -dnssrc/-dnslin
tweak readme
update CHANGELOG.md
```

[3.0.0] — 2022-11-28

```
Adds 3 new options:
- --mod_users : modify existing user profile (with --dns_search and --dns_linux)
- --dns_search : adds support for dns search domain list
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```
- --dns_linux : adds support for managing resolv.conf instead of relying on qg-
↳ quick/resolconf
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[2.1.0] — 2022-11-24**

```
- improve error msg
- Check conf before using it - added when auto updating older configs using mtime of
↳ config
- minor tweak to bash variable check in install script
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[2.0.0] — 2022-11-11**

```
list users report now sorts by user name
Add support for tracking config modification date-time. mod_time displayed in list user
↳ report
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[1.7.5] — 2022-11-08**

```
Improve handling of boolean False vs None in pre-file-write dictionary cleaner
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[1.7.4] — 2022-11-07**

```
tweak readme
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[1.7.3] — 2022-11-04**

```
add poetry back to PKGBUILD makedepends
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[1.7.2] — 2022-11-04**

```
change installer to use bash array for app list (even tho we only have 1 here)
tweak readme
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[1.7.1] — 2022-10-31**

```
Change build from poetry/pip to python -m build/installer
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[1.7.0] — 2022-10-31**

```
Add support for python 3.11 tomllib
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[1.6.1] — 2022-10-30**

```
update readme
update CHANGELOG.md
```

**[1.6.0] — 2022-10-30**

-rpt now lists missing users/profiles **from running** server  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[1.5.0] — 2022-10-30**

Add --details  
Modifes -l, -rpt **and** -rrpt to provide detailed information **in** addition to the summary.  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[1.4.0] — 2022-10-29**

report: handle cases where running server has old user key **and** other edge cases  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[1.3.2] — 2022-10-29**

add --run\_show\_rpt. Similar to --show\_rpt, but runs wg-tool  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[1.3.1] — 2022-10-29**

bug fix: -inact user:prof made user inactive **not** just prof  
update CHANGELOG.md

**[1.3.0] — 2022-10-29**

Add new option --work\_dir  
Refactor **and** tidy code up some  
upd changelog  
tweak readme  
tweak readme **and** sync PKGBUILD  
upd changelog

**[1.2.3] — 2022-10-27**

Add mising packages to PKGBUILD depends (thank you @figue on aur)  
upd changelog

**[1.2.2] — 2022-10-27**

duh - turn off debugger .. sorry  
markdown newline fix  
word smith readme  
update changelog

**[1.2.1] — 2022-10-26**

update project vers  
actually add the code to make wg\_show report :)

**[1.2.0] — 2022-10-26**

Adds support to parse output of wg show **and** provide user/profile names  
Add new/coming soon section to readme  
readme - aur package now avail  
update changelog

**[1.1.1] — 2022-10-26**

proj vers update  
installer: share archlinux into /usr/share/wg\_tool  
Ready to share



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- [Git Repo](#)

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Please report bugs on the issue tracker in the git repo. To make the report as useful as possible, please include

- operating system used
- version of python
- explanation of the problem or enhancement request.

### 8.3 Code Changes

If you make code changes, please update the documentation if it's appropriate.



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## 9.5 Enforcement

Instances of abusive, harassing, or otherwise unacceptable behavior may be reported by contacting the project team at <arch@sapience.com>. All complaints will be reviewed and investigated and will result in a response that is deemed necessary and appropriate to the circumstances. The Code of Conduct Committee is obligated to maintain confidentiality with regard to the reporter of an incident. Further details of specific enforcement policies may be posted separately.

## 9.6 Attribution

This Code of Conduct is adapted from the Contributor Covenant, version 1.4, available at <https://www.contributor-covenant.org/version/1/4/code-of-conduct.html>

## 9.7 Interpretation

The interpretation of this document is at the discretion of the project team.

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