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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.
- handles key creation when needed
- users can have multiple profiles (bob:laptop bob:phone etc)
- users and/or profiles can be marked active/inactive
- takes output of 'wg show' and shows connections by user/profile name. This solves a long standing annoyance in a simple way by showing names not public keys. Provides check that server is up to date and may need restart with new wg0.conf
- supports importing existing user/profiles

### 1.3 New

- Adjust for upcoming python changes. Some argparse options have been deprecated in 3.12 and will be removed in 3.14
- Package : *pacman -Qc wg\_tool* now shows the Changelog
- 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 (+)
```

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```

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 and user configs.

It also guarantees that server and user configs are kept properly synchronized. 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 those computer clients running Linux, there are 2 kinds of configs available.

- standard config

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

- linux config

this is my preferred approach. Activated by the *-dns\_linux* option. When using this, wg-quick uses the provided *wg-peer-updn* script via PostUp/PostDown.

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 restores the prior resolv.conf when VPN is deactivated (*wg-quick down*).

## 1.6 Directory and File Structure

There are 2 kinds of config files. We use the following convention:

- **wg-configs** : configs used by wireguard itself

These are the outputs of *wg-tool*.

- **configs** : configs used by wg-tool

These are the inputs for *wg-tool*

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* configs

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

*wireguard* configs will be placed

```
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  
  
      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:

```
or
  wg-tool --init
  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 wireguard's `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,...

- *(-mod, -mod\_users)*

Modify existing user:profile(s). Use with *-dnsrch*, *-dnslin*, 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 search 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.
- *(-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.

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

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## 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`)
  - `tomli_w` (aka `python-tomli_w`)
  - `netaddr` (aka `python-netaddr`)
  - `python-qrcode`
  - 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>1,2</sup>.

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

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

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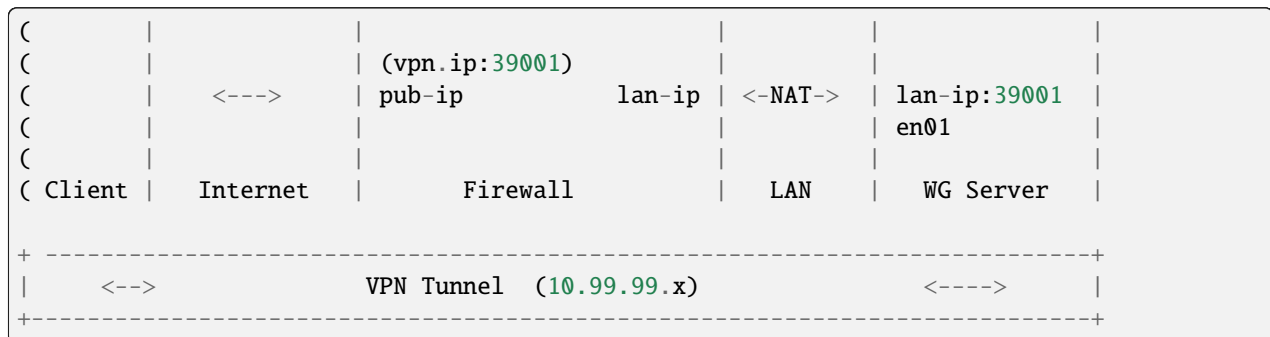
## NETWORKING NOTES

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]
```

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```

: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
-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

### [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
↪ /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](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**  
 - --dns\_linux : adds support **for** managing resolv.conf instead of relying on qg-  
 ↪ quick/resolvconf  
 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

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```
tweak readme  
tweak readme and sync PKGBUILD  
upd changelog
```

**[1.2.3] — 2022-10-27**

```
Add missing 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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