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Lab 7: Configuring a Virtual Private Network with OpenVPN

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Introduction

This lab is a part of a series of lab exercises intended to support courseware for Network Security training. This lab includes the following tasks:

- 1. Installing the Firewall and Configuring the VPN Server
- 2. Configuring the VPN Server and Clients
- 3. Using Internal Services from an External Machine

Key terms for this lab:

PPTP – Point to Point tunneling protocol is an older VPN technology that allows remote users to connect to a company's VPN server and access internal resources.

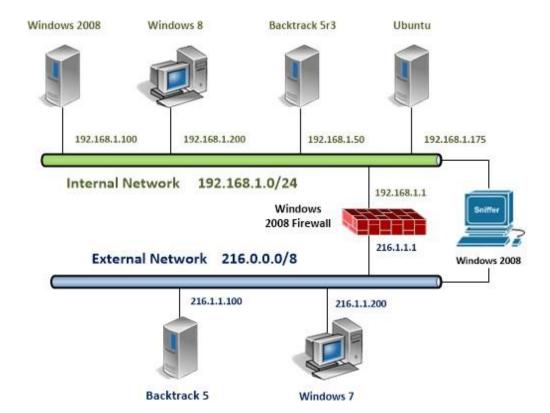
L2TP – Layer 2 tunneling protocol is a VPN technology that uses IPsec and allows remote users to connect to a company's VPN server and access internal resources.

VPN – Most firewalls can be configured to allow incoming traffic on their external interfaces to be redirected to internal hosts.

NAT – Network Address Translation will allow internal hosts to reach the external network through a single IP address. Most firewalls can be configured to perform NAT.

IPsec – IPsec is a technology that encrypts IP packets so they are not sent in the clear. Layer 2 tunneling protocol is a VPN technology that uses IPsec.

Lab Topology



Lab Settings

The information in the table below will be needed in order to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

Virtual Machine	IP Address	Account (if needed)	Password (if needed)
Windows 8 Internal Machine	192.168.1.200	Student	password
Backtrack 5 R3 External Machine	216.1.1.100	root	toor
Windows 7 External Machine	216.1.1.200	student	password
Windows 2008 Firewall	216.1.1.1 192.168.1.1	administrator	firewall
Windows 2008 Sniffer	n/a	administrator	sniffer

For all the tasks in this lab, you will be asked to open and return to various machines and applications within each machine. For some steps, this can get confusing.

To minimize confusion and the need to reopen machines and applications, it is suggested that you minimize, rather than close a machine before opening another.

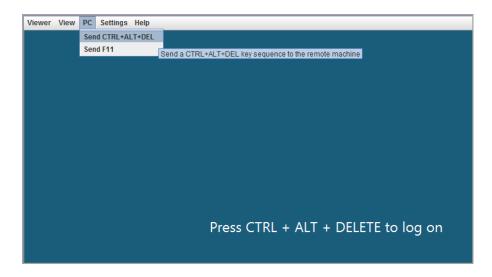
At the end of the lab, remember to close all open windows and close the PC viewers.

1 Installing the Linux Firewall

In this section, we install the Linux Endian Community Firewall. Then we will configure it as a VPN server. After the VPN server is configured, the clients will also need configuring. After connecting, authorized external users can access internal resources.

1.1 Testing the Current Firewall and Setting up the VPN Server

 Log on to the Windows 2008 Firewall by clicking on the Windows 2008 Firewall icon on the topology. Click PC, and then Send Ctrl+Alt+Del in the top-left corner of the screen in order to log on to the Windows 2008 server.



2. Enter **firewall** for the Administrator password to the Windows 2008 Server.



3. Click on the Start button. Click the arrow to the far right and select Restart.



4. Select the **Hardware: Maintenance (Planned)** option in the list from the drop-down box and click OK.



5. At the Linux boot prompt, type the word **install** and press Enter.

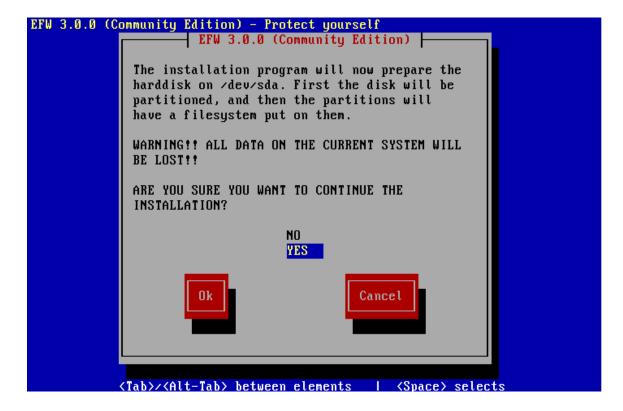
6. Press the Enter button for **English** at the Language selection screen.



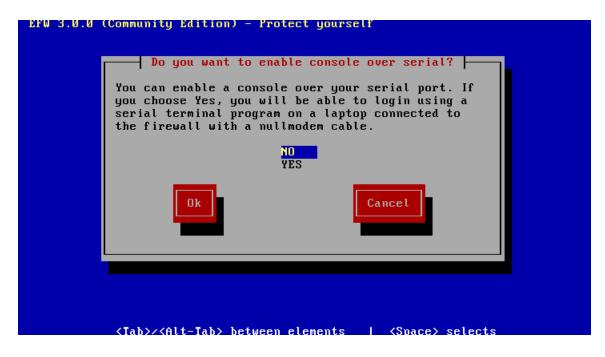
7. Press Enter for Ok at the **Welcome to the EFW Installation** screen.



8. At the **prepare the hard disk** screen, select Yes and then press the OK button.

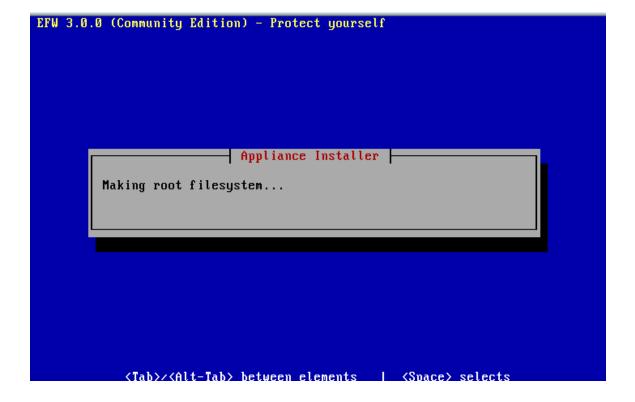


9. Press OK for **No** Console Access over a serial port.

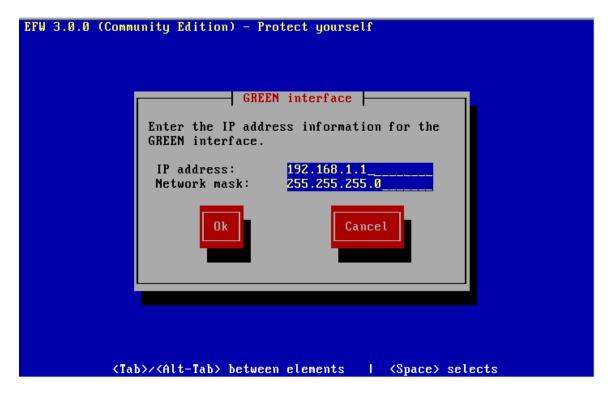


10. EFW will make the root file system and then it will indicate that it is installing packages.

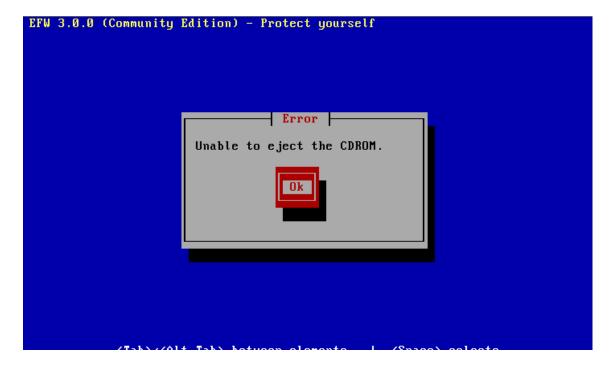
The entire process may take up to 15 minutes to complete.



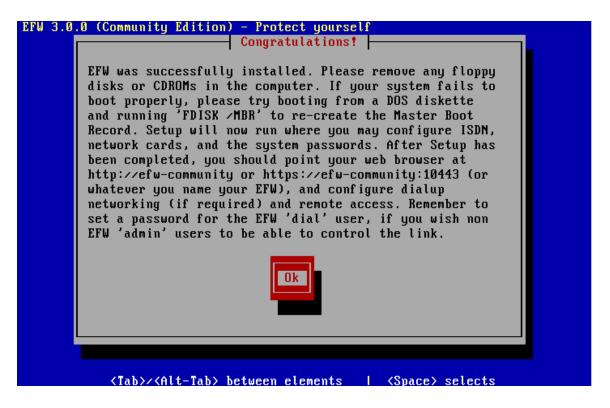
11. For the GREEN Interface, type **192.168.1.1** at the IP address, press Enter twice and once more for OK.



12. Press Enter for **Ok** at the unable to eject the CD-ROM error.



13. You will receive the successful installation message. Press Enter to reboot.



14. You can press Enter at this screen or wait 30 seconds and EFW will load.

After the firewall loads up to the following screen, it will be ready to be configured.

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Release: Endian Firewall Community release 3.0.devel
Product: Community

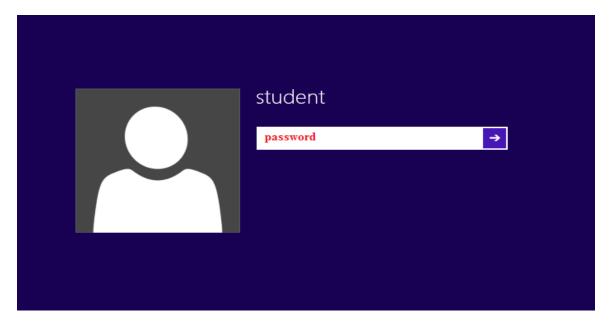
Management URL: https://192.168.1.1:10443
Green IP: 192.168.1.1/24

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0) Shell
1) Reboot
2) Change Root Password
3) Change Admin Password
4) Restore Factory Defaults

Choice: _
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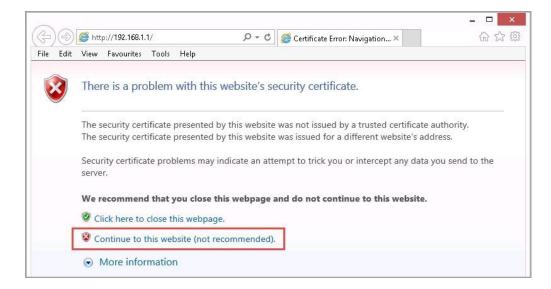
15. Click on the **Windows 8** icon on the lab topology to bring up the login screen. For the student password, type **password**, and then press Enter.



16. Click on the shortcut to **Internet Explorer** on the Windows 8 desktop.



17. Go to the following URL: http://192.168.1.1/. Click Continue to this website.



18. Click the >>> (Next) button at the Welcome to Endian Firewall.



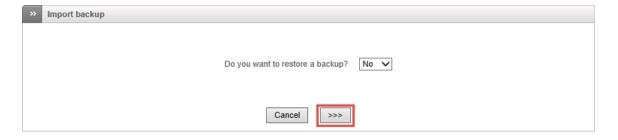
19. Click >>> at the select your language and select your time zone screen.



20. Click the Accept License check-box and click the >>> button below.



21. Click >>> at the Restore Backup screen.



22. For the Web Frontend and the SSH Password, type password and click >>>.

»	change default password		
	Web Frontend Password (admin)	SSH Password (root)	
	Password * password	Password *	
	Confirm Password * password	Confirm Password * password	
	Cancel	>>>	

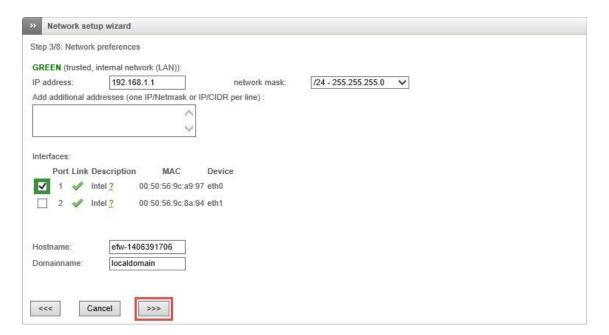
23. Select ETHERNET STATIC and click the >>> button.



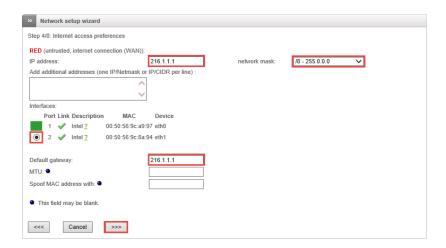
24. Click >>> at the Network Zones screen.



25. Click >>> at the GREEN Interface Screen (Local Area Network-192.168.1.1).



26. For the Red Interface, type **216.1.1.1**. For the network mask, select **255.0.0.0**. Select the Port 2 radio button for the internal card and type **216.1.1.1** for the Default gateway. Click >>>.



27. Put 8.8.8.8 for both DNS Servers (Google). This system is not on the Internet.

»	Network setup wizard
Step 5/8: configure DNS resolver	
	anual DNS configuration:
	NS 1: 8.8.8.8
Ιd	NS 2: 8.8.8.8
4	<c< cancel="">>></c<>

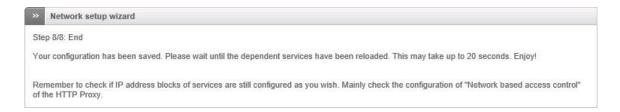
28. Click >>> at the Admin Email Address screen.



29. Click **Ok, apply configuration** to apply settings.



30. Wait for the Network Setup page to reload.



31. For the username, type **admin**. For the password, type **password**. Click OK.



1.2 Conclusion

Some firewalls include VPN capabilities. A Virtual Private Network can be set up so that external users from the Internet can connect in and access internal network resources. VPNs encrypt traffic so that the communication between the VPN server and client is safe.

1.3 Discussion Questions

1. What internal IP address does the Firewall use?

Ans: The internal IP address the Firewall use is 192.168.1.12.

2. What is the difference between the Red and Green interfaces?

Ans: The Red interface is the Public Internet, it is used for filtering the incoming signal from the network. Green interface is the Private Internet, it is used for filtering the outgoing traffic from the private network.

- 3. What is the Public IP address of the firewall?

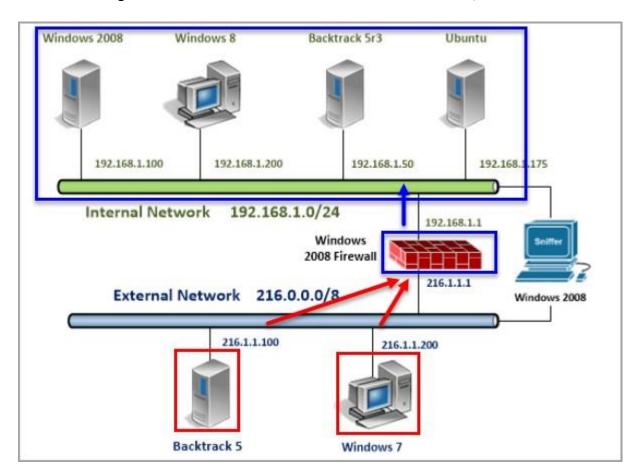
 Ans: The Public IP address of the firewall is 216.1.1.1 4.
- 4. What is the benefit of using a Linux firewall over a Windows one?

 Ans: The are several advantages of using a Linux firewall over a window the Linux is known for its stability and reliability, Linux is generally considered to be more secure than Windows, due to its framework and design principles.

2 Configuring the VPN Server and Client

Virtual Private Network (VPN) allows clients from an external network to connect to and utilize the resources of an internal network. Virtual Private Networks, which are encrypted, allow individuals to work from remote locations. The encryption of a Virtual Private Network allows external users to access internal resources in a secure manner.

The VPN that we will configure on the Linux based Endian Firewall will allow users to access internal resources on the network. After connecting to the firewall, the external user will be assigned an internal IP address on the internal 192.168.1.0/24 network.



Next, we will need to configure the VPN on the Linux based Endian Community Firewall. We will continue using the browser on the Windows 8 Internal machine to complete the setup.

2.1 Configure the VPN

1. In the browser of the Windows 8 Internal Machine connected to the Linux based Endian Community Firewall, click the VPN tab to configure the OpenVPN server.



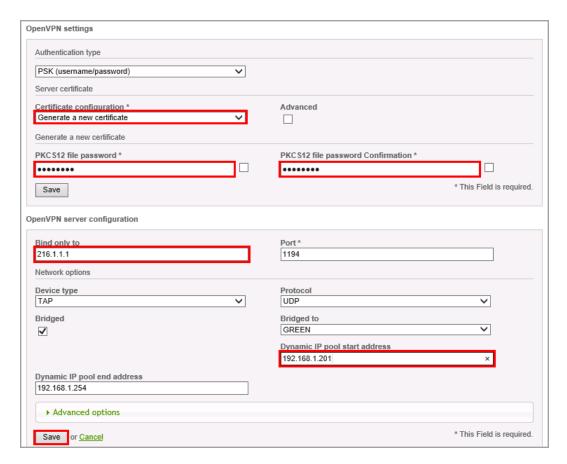
2. By default, the OpenVPN server is not running and it needs to be turned on. Click the Open VPNserver slider in the middle of the screen. The slider will turn green to indicate it is on.



3. Select/enter the values below:

Authentication type	PSK (username/password).
Certificate configuration	Generate a New Certificate.
PKCS12 file password	password
PKCS12 file password confirmation	password
Bind only to IP address	216.1.1.1
Dynamic IP pool start address	192.168.1.201.

- Leave the Port, Device type, bridged, and protocol fields to their default settings.
- Leave the default for the Dynamic IP pool end address (192.168.1.254)
- 4. Click the **Save** button to Save the OpenVPN configuration.



5. Click the apply button to apply the OpenVPN settings that we have configured.



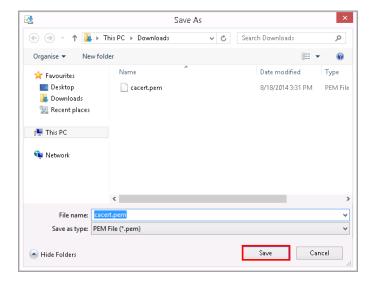
6. Click the **Download certificate** button to download the cacert.pem file.



7. Click Save and Save as to save the file.



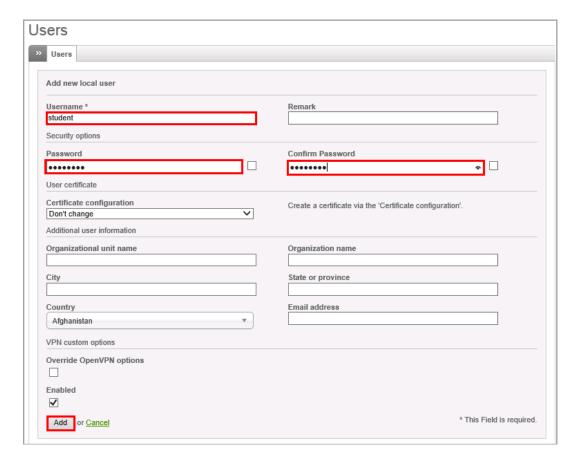
8. Click **Save** to save the cacert.pem file to the default directory of Downloads.



9. Return to the OpenVPN GUI interface and click the Authentication tab under OpenVPN Server in the left menu and click **Add a new local user**.



10. Add **student** for the username. Type **password** for the password and confirmation **password**. Then click the **Add** button to add student as a VPN user.



Perform the following steps on the Backtrack 5 External Machine.

11. Click the **Backtrack 5** icon on the topology to open the **BackTrack 5 External Machine**. Type **root** for the login and **toor** (root spelled backwards) for the password.

Click in the window and press Enter if BackTrack is displaying a black screen.

The password of toor will not be displayed when you type it, for security purposes.

```
BackTrack 5 R3 - 32 Bit bt tty1
bt login: root
Password: toor
Last login: Tue Aug 13 22:37:12 EDT 2013 on tty1
Linux bt 3.2.6 #1 SMP Fri Feb 17 10:40:05 EST 2012 i686 GNU/Linux
```

12. Type the following command to start the Graphical User Interface (GUI). root@bt:~# startx

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root@bt:~# startx_
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13. Open a terminal on the Linux system by clicking on the picture to the right of the word **System** in the task bar in the top of the screen in BackTrack version 5 R3.

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Applications Places System 
Ap
```

14. Type the following command to look for the open UDP port:

```
root@bt:~# nmap -sU 216.1.1.1 -p 1194
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15. On the **Windows 8 Internal Machine**, minimize the web browser and double-click on the **cmd-Shortcut** on the desktop.



16. Switch to the Downloads Directory by typing the following command: C:\>cd Users\student\Downloads

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]
(c) 2013 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\>cd Users\student\Downloads
```

17. Type the following commands to upload the cert file to the BackTrack 5 External Machine:

C:\Users\student\Downloads>ftp 216.1.1.100

user: hax0r

Password: hacker

ftp> cd VPN

ftp> bin

ftp> put cacert.pem

ftp> bye

```
C:\Users\student\Downloads>ftp 216.1.1.100
Connected to 216.1.1.100.
220 (vsFTPd 2.2.2)
User (216.1.1.100:(none)): hax0r
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
ftp> cd VPN
250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> bin
200 Switching to Binary mode.
ftp> put cacert.pem
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Ok to send data.
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 1224 bytes sent in 0.00Seconds 1224000.00Kbytes/sec.
ftp> bye
221 Goodbye.
```

18. Log into the **Windows 7 External Machine** by clicking on the **Windows 7** icon on the topology. If required, enter the username, **student**. Type in the password, **password** and press **Enter** to log in.



19. Open a command prompt by double-clicking on the **cmd-shortcut** on the desktop.



20. Type the following commands to make a directory named VPN on the root of C:
C:\>mkdir VPN



21. Type the following commands to make a directory named VPN on the root of C: C:\>cd VPN



22. Type the following commands to download the files from External BackTrack.

C:\VPN>ftp 216.1.1.100

user: hax0r

Password: hacker

ftp> bin

ftp> cd VPN

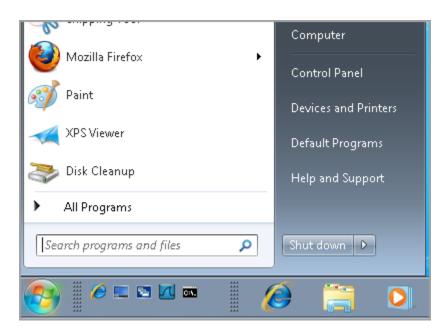
ftp> prompt

ftp> mget *

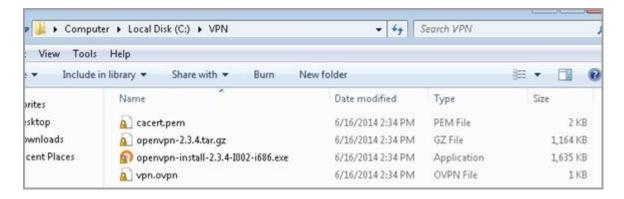
ftp> bye

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C:\VPN>ftp 216.1.1.100
Connected to 216.1.1.100.
Connected to 216.1.1.100.
220 (vsFTPd 2.2.2)
User (216.1.1.100:(none)): haxOr
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
ftp> bin
200 Switching to Binary mode.
ftp> cd VPN
250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> prompt
Interactive mode Off .
ftp> mget*
Invalid command.
ftp> mget *
200 Switching to Binary mode.
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for cacert.pem (1224 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 1224 bytes received in 0.00Seconds 1224000.00Kbytes/sec.
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for openvpn-2.3.4.tar.gz (1191101 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 1191101 bytes received in 0.11Seconds 10927.53Kbytes/sec.
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for openvpn-install-2.3.4-I002-i686.exe
(1673304 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 1673304 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 1673304 bytes received in 0.14Seconds 11867.40Kbytes/sec.
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for openvpn-install-2.3.4-I002-i686.exe
(200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for openvpn-install-2.3.4-I002-i686.exe
(207 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for vpn.ovpn (142 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 142 bytes received in 0.00Seconds 142000.00Kbytes/sec.
ftp> bye
221 Goodbye.
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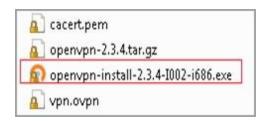
23. Click on Start and go to the Computer Link on the Windows 7 External Machine.



24. Double-click on Local Disk (C:). Double-click on the VPN folder. You should see the 4 files that were downloaded during the FTP session.



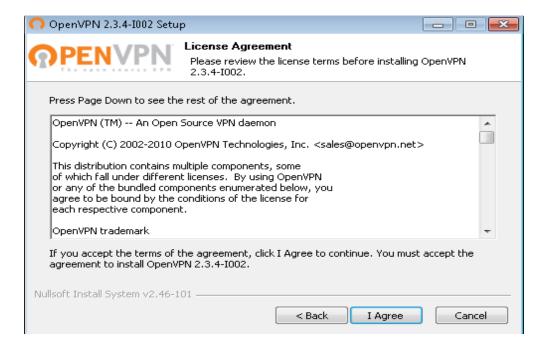
25. Double-click on the openvpn-install-2.3.4-I002-i686.exe file to install the client.



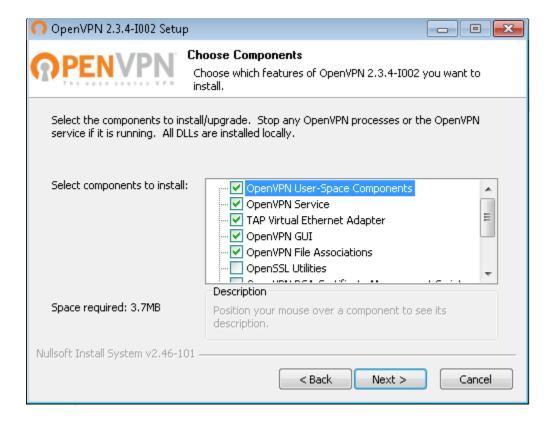
26. Click **Next** at the Welcome to the OpenVPN Setup Wizard.



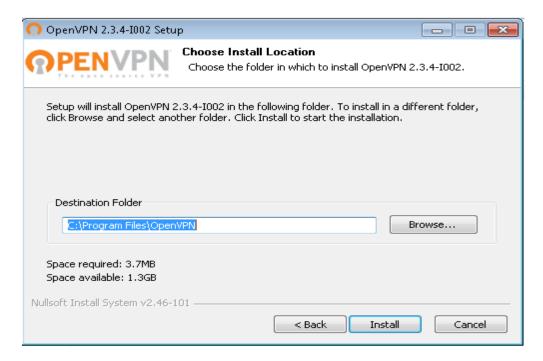
27. Read the license agreement and click I Agree, if you agree.



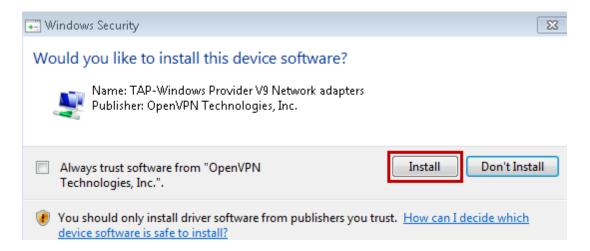
28. Click Next at the Choose Components Screen.



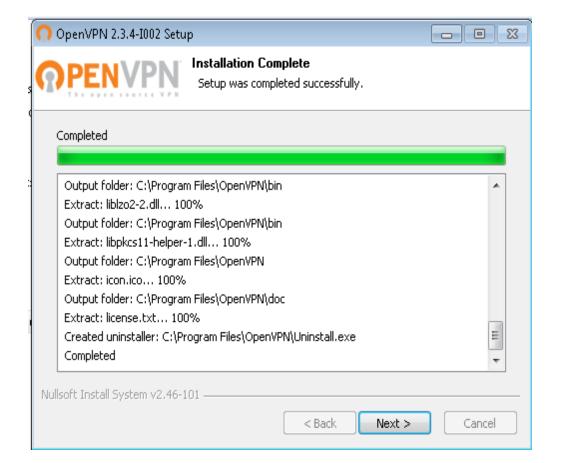
29. Accept the default installation directory and click **Install**.



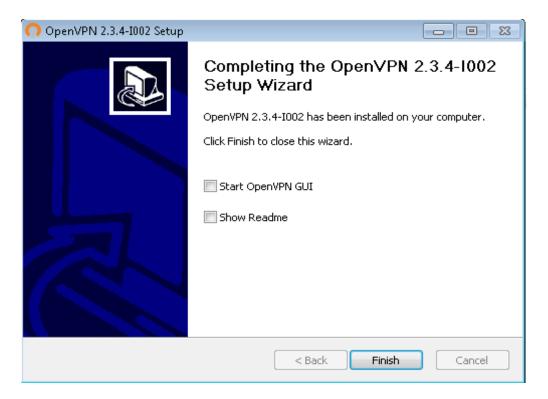
30. Click Install to install the TAP adapter.



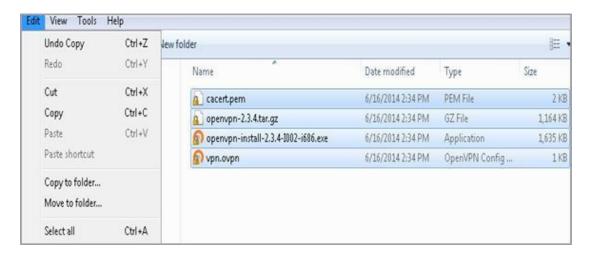
31. Click **Next** at the Installation Complete Setup wizard.



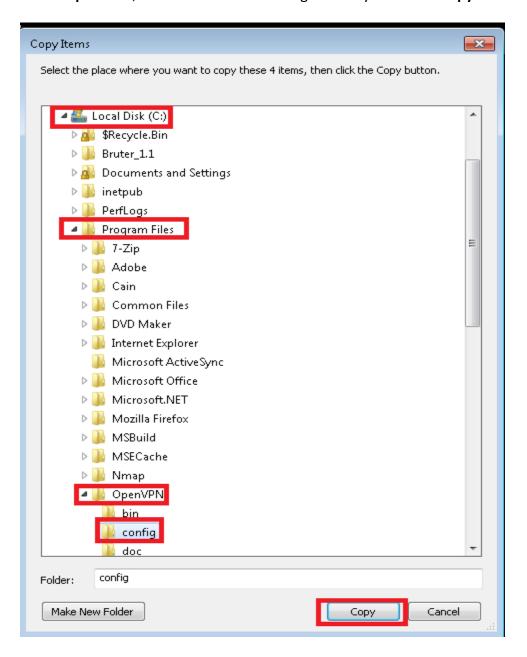
32. Unclick Show Readme and click Finish.



33. After the install has completed, we will need to copy all of the files in the VPN directory to the config folder of the OpenVPN folder within Program Files. Select Edit from the menu bar, and choose **Select all**.



34. Select Edit again and select copy to folder. Navigate to **Local Dick C: > Program Files > Open VPN**, and then select the config directory. Click the **Copy** button.



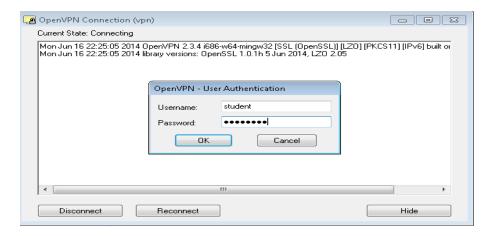
35. Double-click on the OpenVPN GUI shortcut on the desktop.



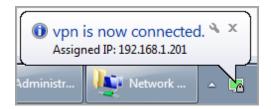
36. Click the arrow on the right side of the taskbar. Right-click the grey OpenVPN icon and click **Connect**.



37. For the username, put student and for the password, type password. Click OK.



38. After the connection is successful, you will see a green icon in the right corner and notification of assigned IP address.



39. Open a Command Prompt and type the following command on the External Windows 7 External Machine:

C:\>ipconfig /all

```
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection 2:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix
                                              TAP-Windows Adapter V9 00-FF-75-42-C3-DA
   Description . . .
Physical Address.
   DHĆP Enabled.
                                               Yes
    Autoconfiguration Enabled
                                               Yes
   ink-local IPv6 Address
                                               fe80··cde·60b4·95c0·3f78%21(Preferred)
                                           : 192.168.1.201(Preferred)
   IPv4 Address. . .
                                              255.255.255.0
Saturday, August 30, 2014 3:37:19 PM
Sunday, August 30, 2015 3:37:19 PM
   Subnet Mask
   Lease Obtained.
   Lease Expires .
   Default Gateway
   DHCP Server
   DHCPV6 IAID .
                                               352386933
                                               00-01-00-01-16-2E-87-42-00-0C-29-16-68-64
   DHCPv6 Client DUID.
                                               fec0:0:0:ffff::1%1
                                               fec0:0:0:ffff::
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Scroll up to view the IP address assigned to Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection2

2.2 Conclusion

When you use a Virtual Private Network (VPN), users can connect to internal systems and access resources. Users must have accounts with proper credentials in order to successfully authenticate to the server. After establishing a VPN connection with a remote server, the client will be issued an IP address allowing internal access.

2.3 Discussion Questions

- 1. Where do you go to connect to an OpenVPN server in Windows 7? Ans: Launch Open VPN GUI icon on the system.
- Where do you configure user accounts in the OpenVPN settings?
 Ans: User accounts are generally configured on the OpenVPN server, rather than in the OpenVPN client software by entering the username and password of VPN.
- 3. When the client software is installed, what device is added to the system? Ans: When the client software is installed, then adaptor is added to the system is Open VPN.
- 4. After connecting to a VPN server, will you have an additional address? Ans: Yes, after connecting to a VPN server, your computer will typically be assigned an additional IP address from the server's IP address. Because when you connect to a VPN server, your traffic is routed through the server's network and appears from the server's IP address.

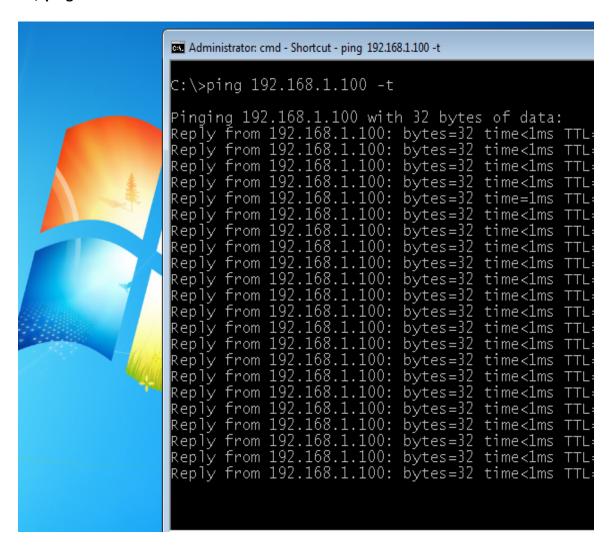
3 Using Internal Services from an External Machine

Now that we have successfully connected to the VPN server and received an IP address on the 192.168.1.0/24 network, we can access some of the company's internal resources, all over a secure connection.

3.1 Testing the Firewall

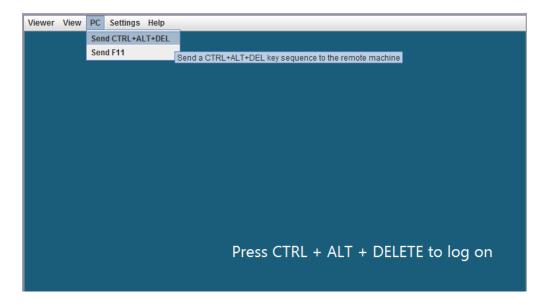
 On the Windows 7 External Machine, type the following to continuously ping the internal Windows 2008 server machine that is a Domain Controller and running IIS:

C:\>ping 192.168.1.100 -t



Do not stop the ping. At a later time, you can press **Ctrl+C** to stop the ping.

Log into the Windows 2008 Server Sniffer by clicking the Windows 2008 Sniffer icon on the topology. Click PC in the upper-left and Send Ctrl+Alt+Del in order to log on to the Windows 2008 server.



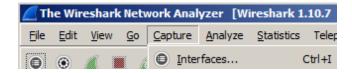
3. Enter **sniffer** for the Administrator password to the Windows 2008 Server.



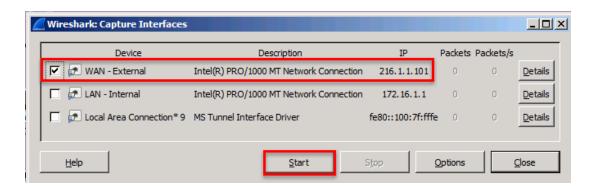
4. Click on the Shortcut to **Wireshark** on the desktop to launch the program.



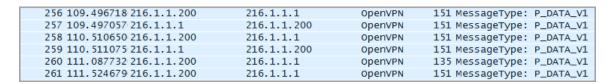
5. Click on Capture from the menu bar and select **Interfaces**.



6. Select the WAN - External interface check-box. Click Start.



7. Notice the OpenVPN traffic is displayed. Close Wireshark. Click on Stop and Quit without Saving for Wireshark.



8. On the **Windows 7 External Machine**, close the command prompt. Click on the shortcut to Mozilla Firefox on the desktop.



9. Type http://192.168.1.100 in the URL bar to connect to the internal web site.



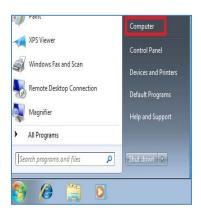
10. From the Windows 7 External Machine, open command prompt and type the following command:

C:\>net use x: \\192.168.1.100\c\$

When you are asked to enter the user name, type **administrator** When you are asked for the password, type **P@ssw0rd**

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C:\>net use x: \\192.168.1.100\c$
Enter the user name for '192.168.1.100': administrator
Enter the password for 192.168.1.100:
The command completed successfully.
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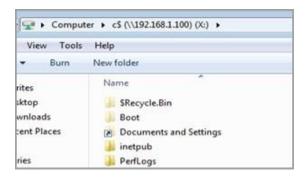
11. Click on the **Start** button and go to the **Computer** link.



12. Double-click the Network Location Link for - c\$ (\\192.168.1.100) (X:)



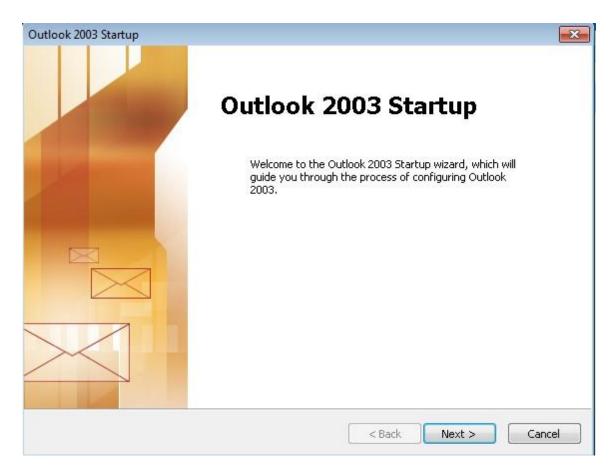
13. View the C: Drive of the Remote Computer.



14. On the Windows 7 External Machine desktop, click on the shortcut to Outlook.



15. Click Next on the Outlook Setup screen. Click **Next** on the Account Configuration screen.



16. On the Account Configuration window, click Next.



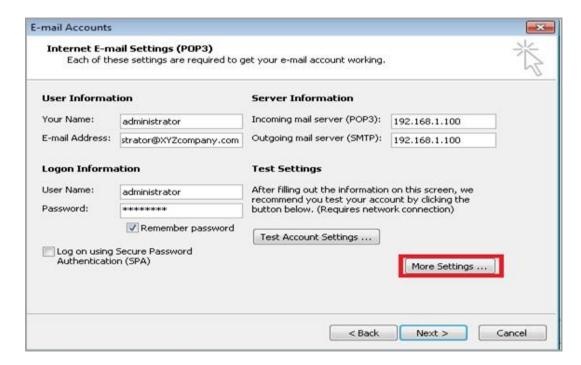
17. Select **POP3** (Post Office Protocol) as the server type. Click the Next button.



18. Fill out the following fields:

Name	administrator
Email Address	administrator@XYZcompany.com
User Name	administrator
Password	P@ssw0rd
Incoming and Outgoing Server	192.168.1.100 (Internal Mail)

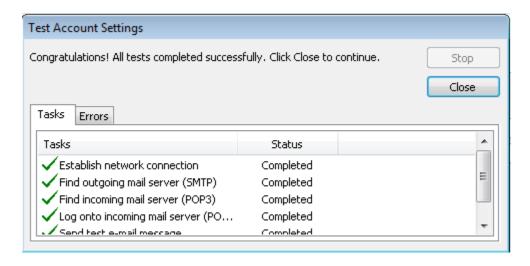
19. Click the More Settings button.



20. Click on the Outgoing Server tab and check the box that states **My outgoing** server (SMTP) requires authentication. Click **Ok**.



21. Click the Test Account Settings Button. You should receive 5 green checks.



22. Close all open windows and PC viewers. End the reservation.

3.2 Conclusion

In this section of the lab, we connected to the resources on the internal network, including an internal website, a share on the Domain Controller, and we used Internal Email. OpenVPN connections allow users to work from home as if they were on the physical computer network, all over an encrypted connection over the Internet.

3.3 Discussion Questions

- What is the command to map a drive?
 Ans: The command to map a drive enter net use z:\\computer\folder.
- How can you view a mapped drive?
 Ans: To view the mapped drive the command is -net.
- 3. What Wireshark interface will capture traffic on the internal network?

 Ans: The interface that need to select to capture traffic on the internal network will depend on network setup and the specific interface that internal network traffic is flowing through.
- 4. What Wireshark interface will capture traffic on the External network?

 Ans: The network interface that is connected to the external network. This may be a wired Ethernet interface, a wireless interface, or a virtual interface if using virtualization software.

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