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IPsec Add-on for PCF

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 **Note: IPsec Add-on for PCF v1.7 is no longer supported.** The support period for v1.7 has expired. To stay up-to-date with the latest software and security updates, upgrade to a supported version.

This guide describes the IPsec Add-on for PCF, which secures data transmissions inside [Pivotal Cloud Foundry](#) (PCF). Topics covered in this guide include IPsec Add-on for PCF installation and configuration, troubleshooting, and certificate rotation.

Your organization may require IPsec if you transmit sensitive data.

Overview

The IPsec Add-on for PCF provides security to the network layer of the OSI model with a [strongSwan](#) implementation of IPsec. The IPsec Add-on provides a strongSwan job to each BOSH-deployed virtual machine (VM).

IPsec encrypts IP data flow between hosts, between security gateways, and between security gateways and hosts. The IPsec Add-on for PCF secures network traffic within a Cloud Foundry deployment and provides internal system protection if a malicious actor breaches your firewall.

Product Snapshot

The following table provides version and version-support information about the IPsec Add-on for PCF.

Element	Details
Version	v1.7.1
Release date	August 24, 2017
Compatible Ops Manager version(s)	v1.10.x, v1.11.x, v1.12.x, v2.0.x, and v2.1.x
Compatible Elastic Runtime version(s)	v1.10.x, v1.11.x, and v1.12.x
Compatible Pivotal Application Service (PAS)* version(s)	v2.0.x and 2.1.x
IaaS support	vSphere, GCP, AWS, Azure, and Openstack

IPsec Implementation Details

Limitation

IPsec Add-on for PCF has the following limitations:

- Due to a [known issue](#) in Windows Server OS, apps hosted on PAS for Windows cannot route traffic when deployed with the IPsec add-on for PCF.
- Pivotal recommends configuring IPsec to use a self-signed certificate to sign instance certs. Using a certificate signed by a public or third-party CA is not recommended.

Troubleshooting the IPsec Add-on for PCF

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This topic provides instructions to verify that strongSwan-based IPsec works with your Pivotal Cloud Foundry (PCF) deployment and general recommendations for troubleshooting IPsec.

Verify that IPsec Works with PCF

To verify that IPsec works between two hosts, you can check that traffic is encrypted in the deployment with `tcpdump`, perform the ping test, and check the logs with the steps below.

1. Check traffic encryption and perform the ping test. Select two hosts in your deployment with IPsec enabled and note their IP addresses. These are referenced below as `IP-ADDRESS-1` and `IP-ADDRESS-2`.

- a. SSH into `IP-ADDRESS-1`.

```
$ ssh IP-ADDRESS-1
```

- b. On the first host, run the following, and allow it to continue running.

```
$ tcpdump host IP-ADDRESS-2
```

- c. From a separate command line, run the following:

```
$ ssh IP-ADDRESS-2
```

- d. On the second host, run the following:

```
$ ping IP-ADDRESS-1
```

- e. Verify that the packet type is ESP. If the traffic shows `ESP` as the packet type, traffic is successfully encrypted. The output from `tcpdump` will look similar to the following:

```
03:01:15.242731 IP IP-ADDRESS-2 > IP-ADDRESS-1: ESP(spi=0xfcdbb261,seq=0x3), length 100
```

2. Open the `/var/log/daemon.log` file to obtain a detailed report, including information pertaining to the type of certificates you use, and to verify an established connection exists.

3. Navigate to your Installation Dashboard, and click **Recent Install Logs** to view information regarding your most recent deployment. Search for “ipsec” and the status of the IPsec job.

4. Run `ipsec statusall` to return a detailed status report regarding your connections. The typical path for this binary:
`/var/vcap/packages/strongswan-x.x.x/sbin`. `x.x.x` represents the version of strongSwan packaged into the IPsec.

If you experience symptoms that IPsec does not establish a secure connection, return to the [Installing the IPsec Add-on for PCF](#) topic and review your installation.

If you encounter issues with installing IPsec, refer to the [Troubleshooting IPsec](#) section of this topic.

Troubleshoot IPsec

IPsec Installation Issues

Symptom

Unresponsive apps or incomplete responses, particularly for large payloads

Explanation: Packet Loss

IPsec packet encryption increases the size of packet payloads on host VMs. If the size of the larger packets exceeds the maximum transmission unit (MTU) size of the host VM, packet loss may occur when the VM forwards those packets.

If your VMs were created with an Amazon PV stemcell, the default MTU value is 1500 for both host VMs and the application containers. If your VMs were created with Amazon HVM stemcells, the default MTU value is 9001. Garden containers default to 1500 MTU.

Solution

Implement a 100 MTU difference between host VM and the contained application container, using one of the following approaches:

- Decrease the MTU of the application containers to a value lower than the MTU of the VM for that container. In the Elastic Runtime tile configuration, click **Networking** and modify **Applications Network Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) (in bytes)** before you deploy. Decrease it from the default value of 1454 to 1354.
- Increase the MTU of the application container VMs to a value greater than 1500. Pivotal recommends a headroom of 100. Run `ifconfig NETWORK-INTERFACE mtu MTU-VALUE` to make this change. Replace NETWORK-INTERFACE with the network interface used to communicate with other VMs. For example: `$ ifconfig NETWORK-INTERFACE mtu 1600`

Symptom

Unresponsive apps or incomplete responses, particularly for large payloads

Explanation: Network Degradation

IPsec data encryption increases the size of packet payloads. If the number of requests and the size of your files are large, the network may degrade.

Solution

Scale your deployment by allocating more processing power to your VM CPU or GPUs, which, additionally, decreases the packet encryption time. One way to increase network performance is to compress the data prior to encryption. This approach increases performance by reducing the amount of data transferred.

IPsec Runtime Issues

Symptom

Errors relating to IPsec, including symptoms of network partition. You may receive an error indicating that IPsec has stopped working.

For example, this error shows a symptom of IPsec failure, a failed `clock_global-partition`:

```
Failed updating job clock_global-partition-abf4378108ba40fd9a43 > clock_global-partition-abf4378108ba40fd9a43/0
(ddb1fbfa-71b1-4114-a82c-fd75867d54fc)
(canary): Action Failed
get_task: Task 044424f7-c5f2-4382-5d81-57bacefb238
result: Stopping Monitored Services: Stopping service
ipsec: Sending stop request to Monit: Request failed,
response: Response{ StatusCode: 503, Status: '503 Service Unavailable' } (00:05:22)..
```

Explanation: Asynchronous `monit` Job Priorities

When a monit stop command is issued to the NFS mounter job, it hangs, preventing a shutdown of the PCF cluster.

This is not a problem with the IPsec add-on release itself. Rather, it is a known issue with the NFS mounter job and the monit stop script that can manifest itself after IPsec is deployed with PCF v1.7.

This issue occurs when monit job priorities are asynchronous. Because the order of job shutdown is arbitrary, it is possible that the IPsec job will be

stopped first. After this happens, the network connectivity for that VM goes away, and the NFS mounter job loses visibility to the associated storage. This causes the NFS mounter job to hang, and it blocks the monit stop from completing. See the [Monit job Github details](#) for further information.

Note: This issue affects deployments using CF v231 or earlier, but in CF v232 the release uses an nginx blobstore instead of the NFS blobstore. The error does not exist for PCF deployments using CF releases greater than CF v231. The error also does not apply to PCF deployments that use WebDAV as their Cloud Controller blobstore.

Solution

1. BOSH `ssh` into the stuck instance by running one of the following commands:

- o For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:

```
bosh ssh VM_INDEX
```

- o For Ops Manager v1.11 or later: `bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT -d DEPLOYMENT_NAME ssh VM_INDEX`

2. Authenticate as root and use the `sv stop agent` command to kill the BOSH Agent:

```
$ sudo su  
# sv stop agent
```

3. Run the following command to detect the missing monit job VM.

- o For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:

```
bosh cloudcheck
```

- o For Ops Manager v1.11 or later: `bosh2 -e ENVIRONMENT_NAME -d DEPLOYMENT_NAME cloud-check`

For example,

```
# bosh cloudcheck  
VM with cloud ID 'vm-3e37133c-bc33-450e-98b1-f86d5b63502a' missing:  
  
- Ignore problem  
- Recreate VM using last known apply spec  
- Delete VM reference (DANGEROUS!)
```

4. Choose `Recreate VM using last known apply spec`.

5. Continue with your deploy procedure.

Symptom

- App fails to start with the following message:

```
FAILED  
Server error,  
status code: 500,  
error code: 10001,  
message: An unknown error occurred.
```

The Cloud Controller log shows it is unable to communicate with Diego due to `getaddrinfo` failing.

- Deployment fails with a similar error message: `diego_database-partition-620982d595434269a96a/0 (a643c6c0-bc43-411b-b011-58f49fb61a6f)' is not running after update. Review logs for failed jobs: etcd`

Explanation: Split Brain `consul`

This error indicates a “split brain” issue with Consul.

Solution

Confirm this diagnosis by checking the `peers.json` file from `/var/vcap/store/consul_agent/raft`. If it is null, then there may be a split brain. To fix this problem, follow these steps:

1. Run `monit stop` on all Consul servers.
2. Run `rm -rf /var/vcap/store/consul_agent/` on all Consul servers.
3. Run `monit start consul_agent` on all Consul servers one at a time.
4. Restart the `consul_agent` process on the Cloud Controller VM. You may need to restart `consul_agent` on other VMs, as well.

Symptom

You see that communication is not encrypted between two VMs.

Explanation: Error in Network Configuration

The IPsec BOSH job is not running on either VM. This problem could happen if both IPsec jobs crash, both IPsec jobs fail to start, or the subnet configuration is incorrect. There is a momentary gap between the time when an instance is created and when BOSH sets up IPsec. During this time, data can be sent unencrypted. This length of time depends on the instance type, IAAS, and other factors. For example, on a t2.micro on AWS, the time from networking start to IPsec connection was measured at 95.45 seconds.

Solution

Set up a networking restriction on host VMs to only allow IPsec protocol and block the normal TCP/UDP traffic. For example, in AWS, configure a network security group with the minimal networking setting as shown below and block all other TCP and UDP ports.

Additional AWS Configuration

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source
Custom Protocol	AH (51)	All	10.0.0.0/16
Custom Protocol	ESP (50)	All	10.0.0.0/16
Custom UDP Rule	UDP	500	10.0.0.0/16

Note: When configuring a network security group, IPsec adds an additional layer to the original communication protocol. If a certain connection is targeting a port number, for example port 8080 with TCP, it actually uses IP protocol 50/51 instead. Due to this detail, traffic targeted at a blocked port may be able to go through.

Symptom

You see unencrypted app messages in the logs.

Explanation: `etcd` Split Brain

Solution

1. Check for split brain etcd by connecting with BOSH `ssh` into each etcd node:

```
$ curl localhost:4001/v2/members
```

2. Check if the members are consistent on all of etcd. If a node has only itself as a member, it has formed its own cluster and developed "split brain." To fix this issue, SSH into the split brain VM and run the following commands:

```
a. $ sudo su -
```

```
b. # monit stop etcd
```

```
c. # rm -r /var/vcap/store/etcdb
```

```
d. # monit start etcd
```

3. Check the logs to confirm the node rejoined the existing cluster.

Symptom

IPsec deployment fails with Error filling in template 'pre-start.erb'

```
Error 100: Unable to render instance groups for deployment. Errors are:
- Unable to render jobs for instance group 'consul_server-partition-f9c4b18fd83cf3114d7f'. Errors are:
- Unable to render templates for job 'ipsec'. Errors are:
- Error filling in template 'pre-start.erb' (line 12: undefined method `each_with_index' for #)
- Unable to render jobs for instance group 'nats-partition-f9c4b18fd83cf3114d7f'. Errors are:
- Unable to render templates for job 'ipsec'. Errors are:
- Error filling in template 'pre-start.erb' (line 12: undefined method `each_with_index' for #)
```

Explanation: Typographical or syntax error in deployment descriptor YAML syntax

Solution

Check the deployment descriptor YAML syntax for the CA certificates entry:

```
releases:
- {name: ipsec, version: 1.0.0}

addons:
- name: ipsec-addon
jobs:
- name: ipsec
  release: ipsec
properties:
  ipsec:
    ipsec_subnets:
    - 10.0.1.1/20
    no_ipsec_subnets:
    - 10.0.1.10/32 # bosh director
    instance_certificate: |
      -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
      MIIEMDCCAhigAwIBAgIJA1vRBY2TttU/LeRhO+V1t0YwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQA
      ...
      -----END CERTIFICATE-----
    instance_private_key: |
      -----BEGIN EXAMPLE RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
      MIIEogIBAAKCAQEAtAkBjrz5x9g0aWgyDEmLd7m9u/ZzpK7UScfANLaN7jNz3c
      ...
      -----END EXAMPLE RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
  ca_certificates:
  - |
    -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
    MIIEDCCArigAwIBAgIJAJVLBeJ9Wm3TMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMB0xGzAZBgNV
    BAMMEIBDRiBJUHN1YyBBZGRPbiBDQTAeFw0xNjA4MTUxNzQwNDVaFw0xOTA4MTUx
    ...
    -----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

In the example above, the values that appear after the `:ca_certificates` key are contained within a list and are not just a single certificate. This entry must be followed by a line starting with `-`, and ending with `.`. The lines following this contain the PEM encoded certificate(s).

The error message shown above indicating a problem with the `each_with_index` method provides a hint that the `-` YAML syntax sequence is missing. Use this syntax even in situations where there is only one CA certificate, for example a list of one entry.

Symptom

Complete system outage with no warning.

Explanation: IPsec Certificates Might Have Expired

Expired IPsec certificates can cause a sudden system outage. For example, the self-signed certificates generated by the script provided in the installation instructions have a lifetime of 365 days. IPsec certificates expire if you do not rotate them within their lifetime.

Solution

Renew expired IPsec certificates. To avoid future downtime due to expired IPsec certificates, set a calendar reminder to rotate the certificates before they expire.

For how to renew certificates, see [Renewing Expired IPsec Certificates](#). For how to rotate them, see [Rotating IPsec Certificates](#).

Release Notes

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This topic contains release notes for the IPsec Add-on for PCF.

v1.7.1

- IPsec support for Windows 2012R2 cells (versions 1200.x)
- For ESP proposals, Windows default is AES128-GCM
- For Key exchange, Windows default is AES128, SHA256 and DH14

Known Issues

- **IKEv1 on Windows:** Windows uses IKEv1 for Key exchange. IKEv2 does not support multiple root certificates, which is used during certificate rotation. An issue has been filed with Microsoft.
- **Spurious Configuration Warning:** As part of the upgrade to StrongSwan version 5.4.0, this version of the IPsec add-on may emit a sequence of spurious configuration warning messages. The messages will appear similar to the following:

```
!!! Your strongswan.conf contains manual plugin load options for charon.  
!!! This is recommended for experts only, see  
!!! http://wiki.strongswan.org/projects/strongswan/wiki/PluginLoad
```

These messages are both expected, and harmless. As a caution to end users, the StrongSwan software now emits a warning message when it detects that the installation includes a manually configured set of plug-ins. As a matter of security hygiene best practices, the IPsec add-on has always used a manual (explicit) configuration, and loads a restricted set of StrongSwan plug-ins. Any unused plug-ins are not loaded. The newest version of StrongSwan now issues this warning message when it detects that situation. The actual list of plug-ins in use has been determined to be appropriate for use of StrongSwan in the PCF environment. This warning is expected, and should be ignored.

- **Certificate Verification:** There is a known issue with the CA certificate validation. The IPsec add-on supports credential rotation with minimal downtime. The host instance certificate can be rotated at any time by doing a deployment. In addition, the CA certificate that is used to verify trust in the host certificates can be rotated with minimal downtime by doing multiple deployments.

However, because all VMs typically share the same instance certificate, they will trust each other without relying upon the CA certificate. The CA certificate is not actually needed until the operator does a deployment to rotate the instance certificate(s). While that deployment is running, some of the VMs will have received a new instance certificate, while other VMs are still operating using the prior instance certificate. During this time, while the instance certificates are different, the validation of the peer instance certificate will rely upon the common CA certificate in order to establish trust in the counterparty.

If the CA certificate is malformed, or otherwise invalid, this problem will remain latent until the time when the instance certificate is being rotated. It is only during that deployment when the operator will discover that the CA certificate is not valid. Of course, as long as the CA certificate is valid, there is no problem.

It is recommended that operators use a tool such as OpenSSL to verify that the CA certificate they are choosing to configure is in fact valid, and contains the appropriate details for proper end-entity authentication of the VM in the deployment (such as subjectName, issuerName, and validity dates, etc.).

Operators can use their favorite certificate management tool to confirm that their certificate matches what they expect. Using OpenSSL, one can issue the command:

```
$ openssl x509 -in myCA.crt -text
```

If this command produces valid output, then the certificate will be OK when configured for IPsec.

- **MTU Sizing:** Use 1354 on OpenStack. Keep the default on AWS and vSphere.

Installing the IPsec Add-on for PCF

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This topic describes how to prepare your network for IPsec, create an IPsec manifest, and add IPsec to your deployment.

Prerequisites

To complete the IPsec installation, verify that you have satisfied the following prerequisites before you begin:

- Google Cloud Platform (GCP), vSphere, Azure, Amazon Web Services (AWS), or OpenStack as your IaaS
- Pivotal Cloud Foundry (PCF) operator administration rights
- BOSH deployed through Ops Manager 1.8 or later
- Set the MTU for your IaaS in the Elastic Runtime tile, under [Networking](#). Pivotal recommends MTU values of 1354 on GCP, 1438 on Azure, and the default values on AWS and vSphere. For OpenStack, follow the recommendations of your [Neutron/ML2](#) plugin provider, or empirically test the correct MTU for your environment.

Best Practices

- IPsec may affect the functionality of other service tiles. As a result, Pivotal recommends deploying Elastic Runtime and each service tile to different isolated subnets. Alternatively, you can minimally deploy all service tiles to a single isolated subnet, apart from the Elastic Runtime subnet. Some service tiles do not support IPsec and must be placed in a non-IPsec subnet.
- For IPsec on Linux VMs, Pivotal recommends any Ubuntu stemcells for vSphere, OpenStack, and HVM stemcells for AWS. These stemcells are available on [Pivotal Network](#). If you use PV stemcells obtained from [bosh.io](#), see the [Packet Loss](#) section of the Troubleshooting the IPsec Add-on for PCF topic to adjust MTU values.
- For IPsec on Windows VMs, Pivotal recommends the Windows 2012R2 stemcells for AWS, GCP, or Azure available on [Pivotal Network](#).

Step 1: Configure Network Security

Perform the steps in the appropriate section below to configure your IaaS network security.

Google Cloud Platform

To configure your Google Cloud Platform (GCP) environment for IPsec, perform the following steps:

1. Navigate to the [Networking](#) section of the GCP Console.
2. Click [Firewall rules](#).
3. Click [Create Firewall Rule](#).
4. For [Name](#), enter `ipsec`.
5. For [Network](#), select the network where Ops Manager is deployed. For example, `opsmgr`.
6. For [Source filter](#), select [Allow from any source \(0.0.0.0/0\)](#).
7. For [Allowed protocols and ports](#), enter `udp:500; ah; esp`.
8. Click [Create](#).
9. Adjust the MTU value to `1354` by performing the procedure in the [Packet Loss](#) section of the Troubleshooting the IPsec Add-on for PCF topic.

vSphere

Confirm that your network allows the protocols listed in the table below.

Protocol Name	Protocol Number	Port(s)
AH	51	Any
ESP	50	Any
UDP	17	500

Azure

1. Confirm that your network allows the protocols listed in the table below.

Protocol Name	Protocol Number	Port(s)
AH	51	Any
ESP	50	Any
UDP	17	500

2. Adjust the MTU value to [1438](#). For instructions, see [Explanation: Packet Loss](#).

AWS

To configure your AWS environment for IPsec, perform the following steps:

1. Navigate to [EC2 Dashboard > Security Groups](#).
2. Select the Security Group with the description **PCF VMs Security Group** and click **Edit**.
3. Create the following **Inbound Rules**.

Type	Protocol Name	Protocol Number	Port Range	Source
Custom Protocol	AH	51	All	10.0.0.0/16
Custom Protocol	ESP	50	All	10.0.0.0/16
Custom UDP Rule	UDP	17	500	10.0.0.0/16

Note: The default **PCF VMs Security Group** is typically specified with a subnet of [10.0.0.0/16](#). If your PCF subnet is deployed to a different CIDR block, adjust the source as needed.

OpenStack

Note: The following network configuration is optimized for Mirantis OpenStack, but other OpenStack distributions have a similar workflow.

To configure your Mirantis OpenStack environment for IPsec, perform the following steps:

1. Navigate to [Project / Access & Security](#).
2. Select the security group and click **Manage Rules**.
3. Create the following **Ingress and Egress Rules**. Adjust the source CIDR as needed for your environment.

Protocol Name	Protocol Number	Port Range	Source
ESP	50	Any	0.0.0.0/0
AH	51	Any	0.0.0.0/0
UDP	17	500	0.0.0.0/0

Step 2: Create the IPsec Manifest

To add IPsec to VMs in your deployment, you must create a runtime config file named `ipsec-addon.yml` that configures IPsec add-on properties for Linux VMs, Windows VMs, or both. Perform the following steps:

1. Create an IPsec runtime config file `ipsec-addon.yml`, with the code below as a template.

```
releases:
- name: ipsec
  version: 1.X.X
addons:
```

2. Add properties to the `ipsec-addon.yml` file as described below for [Linux VMs](#) and [Windows VMs](#).

Note: Enabling IPsec for Windows adds IPsec security to Windows VMs that users can create after installing the [PAS for Windows 2012R2 tile](#).

Add Linux VM Support to Your Manifest

Perform the following steps to add IPsec to Linux VMs in your deployment:

1. Add the following to your `ipsec-addon.yml`, after the `addons:` line.

```
releases:
- name: ipsec
  version: 1.X.X
addons:
- name: ipsec-addon
  jobs:
    - name: ipsec
      release: ipsec
      include:
        stemcell:
          - os: ubuntu-trusty
      properties:
        ipsec:
          optional: false
          ipsec_subnets:
            - 10.0.1.1/20
          no_ipsec_subnets:
            - 10.0.1.10/32 # bosh director
            - 10.0.1.4/32 # ops manager
          instance_certificate: |
            -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
            MIIEMDCCAhiAgIBAgIRAIvrBY2TttU/LeRhO+Vlt0YwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAw
            ...
            -----END CERTIFICATE-----
          instance_private_key: |
            -----BEGIN EXAMPLE RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
            EXAMPLExRSAxPRIVATExKEYxDATAxEXAMPLExRSAxPRIVATExKEYxDATA
            ...
            -----END EXAMPLE RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
        ca_certificates:
          - |
            -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
            MIIFCTCCAvGgAwIBAgIBATANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAUMRIwEAYDVQQDEw10ZXN0
            ...
            -----END CERTIFICATE-----
          - |
            -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
            MIIFCTCCAvGgAwIBAgIBATAAYDVQQDEw10ZXN0NBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAUMRIwEAYDVQQDEw10ZXN0
            ...
            -----END CERTIFICATE-----
        restart_timeout: 30
        esp_proposals: aes128gcm16!
        ike_proposals: aes128-sha256-modp2048!
```

2. Replace the values listed in the template as follows:

- `releases: - version` : Specify the version number of your IPsec download from Pivotal Network.
- `optional` : This value makes IPsec enforcement optional. To add IPsec to an existing PAS (or Elastic Runtime) deployment, set this flag to `true`. After IPsec has been successfully installed, set this flag back to `false` and redeploy.

⚠️ WARNING: Communication between existing components fails if you try to add IPsec to an existing deployment without setting `optional` to `true`.

- `ipsec_subnets`: List the subnets that you want to be encrypted. You can include the entire deployment or a portion of the network. Encrypt any network that handles business-sensitive data.
- `no_ipsec_subnets`: List the IP address of your BOSH Director and Ops Manager VM, along with any other IP addresses in your PCF deployment that you want to communicate without encryption. Pivotal recommends that you list the subnets that are used for PCF managed services. Subnets for PCF managed services that do not support IPsec (such as an Pivotal Ops Manager) must be listed under `no_ipsec_subnets`.

⚠️ WARNING: If you have an external load balancer such as F5, add it to the `no_ipsec_subnets` property. If you want to include it in the `ipsec_subnet`, you must configure it manually.

⚠️ WARNING: In GCP, if you use the default router for DNS instead of the Google public DNS at `8.8.8.8`, you must add the IP address of the default router in your subnet to `no_ipsec_subnets`. For example, `10.0.0.1/32`.

- `instance_certificate`: Copy in the signed certificate that will be used by all your instance VMs. You must use one of the CAs in the `ca_certificates` property to sign this certificate. Pivotal recommends that you use a self-signed certificate. For more information, see [Generate a Self-Signed Certificate](#) above.
- `instance_private_key`: Copy in the private key that corresponds to the `instance_certificate` above. This key must not use a pass phrase.
- `ca_certificates`: Copy in CA certificates for the instance VM to trust during the validation process. In most cases, you only need the CA certificate used to sign the instance certificate. During CA credential rotation, you need two CA certificates.
- `prestart_timeout`: You can modify the 30-second default prestart timeout value. This value limits the number of seconds allowed for IPsec to start before failing the attempt.
- `log_level`: You can specify the IKE daemon numerical log level, ranging from -1 to 4. For more information, see [Logger Configuration](#) in the strongSwan documentation.
- `optional_warn_interval`: The interval, in hours, for warning when `optional` property is set to true. The warning message `DATE - IPsec is set to "Optional"` is printed in the file `/var/vcap/sys/log/ipsec/ipsec.stdout.log` for Linux.

Add Windows VM Support to Your Manifest

To add IPsec to Windows VMs in your deployment, do the following:

1. In the `ipsec-addon.yml` created during the previous section, modify/add the properties shown in **bold** below under the `ipsec` key.

```
- name: ipsec-addon
...
properties:
  ipsec:
    .
    .
    .
    ike_version: ikev1
    dpdaction: none
```

2. Add the following to your `ipsec-addon.yml`, under `addons:`. Add this code under the `ipsec-addon` section for Linux, if you included one [above](#).

```
- name: ipsec-windows-addon
jobs:
  - name: ipsec-win
    release: ipsec
include:
  stemcell:
    - os: windows2012R2
properties:
  ipsec:
    optional: false
    ipsec_subnets:
      - 10.0.1.1/20
    no_ipsec_subnets:
      - 10.0.1.10/32 # bosh director
      - 10.0.1.4/32 # ops manager
    instance_certificate: |
      -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
      MIIEMDCCAhigAwIBAgIRAIvrBY2TttU/LeRhO+Vlt0YwDQYJKoZIhvNAQELBQAw
      ...
      -----END CERTIFICATE-----
    instance_private_key: |
```

```
-----BEGIN EXAMPLE RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
EXAMPLERSAPRIVATEKEYXDATAEXAMPLERSAPRIVATEKEYXDATA
...
-----END EXAMPLE RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
ca_certificates:
- |
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIFCTCCAvGgAwIBAgIBATANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAUMRIwEAYDVQQDEw10ZXN0
...
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
- |
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIFCTCCAvGgAwIBAgIBATAAYDVQQDEw10ZXN0NBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAUMRIwE
...
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
quick_mode_proposals:
- encryption: AESGCM128
  hash: AESGMAC128
main_mode_proposals:
- encryption: AES128
  hash: SHA256
  keyexchange: DH14
```

3. Replace the values listed in the template as follows:

- o `ipsec_subnets` : Copy and paste the value from `ipsec_subnets` for Linux.
- o `no_ipsec_subnets` : Copy and paste the value from `no_ipsec_subnets` for Linux.
- o `instance_certificate` : Copy and paste the value from `instance_certificate` for Linux.
- o `instance_private_key` : Copy and paste the value from `instance_private_key` for Linux.
- o `ca_certificates` : Copy and paste the value from `ca_certificates` for Linux.
- o `optional` : Copy and paste the value from `optional` for Linux.

⚠️ WARNING: Communication between existing components fails if you try to add IPsec to an existing deployment without setting `optional` to `true`.

Optional: Custom Linux/Windows Mixed Deployment Proposals

A default proposal set is already selected for the `ipsec-addon.yml`. If you want to use different proposals, modify the `ipsec-addon.yml` using the following table:

1. Select the encryption type from the first row.
2. Copy the properties from that row into `ipsec-addon.yml` accordingly. See the `ipsec-addon.yml` file example above.

Encryption Type	Linux (ipsec-addon)		Windows (ipsec-win-addon)	
	ike_proposals	esp_proposals	main_mode_proposals	quick_mode_proposals
128 Bit Encryption	aes128-sha256-modp2048!	aes128gcm16!	- encryption: AES128 hash: SHA256 keyexchange: DH14	- encryption: AESGCM128 hash: AESGMAC128
256 Bit Encryption	aes256-sha256-modp2048!	aes256gcm16!	- encryption: AES256 hash: SHA256 keyexchange: DH14	- encryption: AESGCM256 hash: AESGMAC256

- `ike_proposals` : You can modify the IKE (Main Mode) encryption and integrity algorithms, and the Diffie-Hellman group. The default, `aes128-sha256-modp2048!`, is 128 bit AES-CBC for encryption, SHA2_256_128 HMAC for integrity, and Group 14 for Diffie-Hellman.
- `esp_proposals` : You can modify the ESP (Quick Mode) encryption and integrity algorithms. The default, `aes128gcm16!`, is 128 bit AES-GCM with 128 bit ICV for both encryption and integrity.
- `main_mode_proposals` : This is an array of Main Mode algorithms for encryption, integrity, and key exchange. This value must match the list specified in `ike_proposals` for Linux. See the table for proposal sets for both Linux and Windows. The default entry that matches the Linux default is:

```
- encryption: AES128
  hash: SHA256
```

```
keyexchange: DH14
```

- **quick_mode_proposals**: This is an array of Quick Mode algorithms for encryption and integrity. This value must match the list specified in `esp_proposals` for Linux. See the table for proposal sets for both Linux and Windows. The default entry that matches the Linux default is:

```
- encryption: AESGCM128
  hash: AESGMAC128
```

Step 3: Download and Deploy the IPsec Add-on

Perform the following steps to download the IPsec binary, add your IPsec manifest to your BOSH manifest, and deploy the IPsec add-on:

1. Download the IPsec add-on software binary from the [Pivotal Network](#) to your local machine.
2. Copy the software binary to your Ops Manager instance.

```
$ scp -i PATH-TO-PRIVATE-KEY ipsec-release.tar.gz ubuntu@YOUR-OPS-MANAGER-VM-IP:
```

3. Copy the IPsec manifest file to your Ops Manager instance.

```
$ scp -i PATH-TO-PRIVATE-KEY ipsec-addon.yml ubuntu@YOUR-OPS-MANAGER-VM-IP:
```

4. SSH into Ops Manager.

```
$ ssh -i PATH-TO-PRIVATE-KEY ubuntu@YOUR-OPS-MANAGER-VM-IP
```

5. On the Ops Manager VM, navigate to the software binary location in your working directory.

```
$ cd PATH-TO-BINARY
```

6. Log in to the BOSH Director.

- **For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:**

- i. On the Ops Manager VM, target the internal IP address of your BOSH Director. When prompted, enter your BOSH Director credentials. To retrieve your BOSH Director credentials, navigate to Ops Manager, click the **Credentials** tab, and click **Link to Credential** next to **Director Credentials**. For example:

```
$ bosh --ca-cert /var/tempest/worksheets/default/root_ca_certificate target YOUR-BOSH-DIRECTOR-INTERNAL-IP
Target set to 'p-bosh'
Your username: director
Enter password: *****
Logged in as 'director'
```

- **For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:**

- i. On the Ops Manager VM, create an alias in the BOSH CLI for your Ops Manager Director IP address. For example:

```
$ bosh2 alias-env my-env -e 10.0.0.3
```

- ii. Log in to the BOSH Director, specifying the newly created alias. For example:

```
$ bosh2 -e my-env log-in
```

7. Upload your release, specifying the path to the tarballed IPsec binary, by running one of the following commands:

- **For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:**

```
$ bosh upload release PATH-TO-BINARY/BINARY-NAME.tar
```

- **For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:**

```
$ bosh2 -e my-env upload-release PATH-TO-BINARY/BINARY-NAME.tar
```

8. List the releases by running one of the following commands, and confirm that the IPsec binary file appears:

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:

```
$ bosh releases
```

- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:

```
$ bosh2 -e my-env releases
```

9. Download your current runtime config and save as `bosh-manifest.yml` by running one of the following commands:

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:

```
$ bosh runtime-config > bosh-manifest.yml
```

- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:

```
$ bosh2 -e my-env runtime-config > bosh-manifest.yml
```

10. Append the contents of your IPsec manifest `ipsec-addon.yml` to `bosh-manifest.yml`.

11. Update your runtime configuration to include the IPsec add-on.

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:

```
$ bosh update runtime-config PATH/bosh-manifest.yml
```

- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:

```
$ bosh2 -e my-env update-runtime-config --name=ipsec PATH/bosh-manifest.yml
```

12. Verify your runtime configuration changes match what you specified in the IPsec manifest file.

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:

```
$ bosh runtime-config
```

- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:

```
$ bosh2 -e my-env runtime-config --name=ipsec
```

For example:

```
$ bosh2 -e my-env runtime-config --name=ipsec
Acting as user 'admin' on 'micro'

releases:
- {name: ipsec, version: 1.0.0}

addons:
name: ipsec-addon
jobs:
- name: ipsec
  release: ipsec
...
- name: ipsec-win # if using Windows
  release: ipsec
...
...
```

13. If you have already deployed Elastic Runtime or are adding IPsec to an existing deployment:

- a. Set the `optional` flag to `true`.
- b. Navigate to your **Installation Dashboard** in Ops Manager.
- c. Click **Apply Changes**
- d. Wait for the installation to complete.
- e. Set the `optional` flag to `false`.
- f. Update the runtime config.

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:

```
$ bosh update runtime-config PATH/bosh-manifest.yml
```

- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:

```
$ bosh2 -e my-env update-runtime-config --name=ipsec PATH/bosh-manifest.yml
```

g. Navigate to your **Installation Dashboard**.

h. Click **Apply Changes**.

14. If Elastic Runtime tile is not yet installed:

a. Navigate to your **Installation Dashboard** in Ops Manager.

b. Click **Apply Changes**

c. Deploy Elastic Runtime by following the installation instructions for your IaaS. For more information, see [Installing Pivotal Cloud Foundry](#).

15. Secure the sensitive information in the `ipsec-addon.yml` file. Pivotal recommends encrypting the file and moving it to a secure location.

Step 4: Verify Your IPsec Installation

After installing IPsec and deploying Elastic Runtime, perform the following steps to verify your IPsec installation:

1. List the job VMs in your deployment by running one of the following commands:

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:

```
bosh vms
```

- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:

```
bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT vms
```

2. Open an SSH connection into the VM, using the job name and index of any VM found above, by running one of the following commands:

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:

```
bosh ssh JOB-NAME/INDEX
```

- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:

```
bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT -d DEPLOYMENT_NAME ssh JOB-NAME/INDEX
```

 Note: The exact VM does not matter, because installing the IPsec add-on loads IPsec on all VMs deployed by Ops Manager.

3. Run `sudo su -` to enter the root environment with root privileges.

4. Run `monit summary` to confirm that your `ipsec` job is listed as a `bosh` job.

```
The Monit daemon 5.2.5 uptime: 18h 32m
```

```
...
```

```
Process 'ipsec'          running
```

```
System 'system_localhost' running
```

5. Run `PATH-TO-IPSEC/ipsec statusall` to confirm that IPsec is running. If IPsec is not running, this command produces no output.

```
$ ./var/vcap/packages/strongswan-5.3.5/sbin/ipsec statusall
Status of IKE charon daemon (strongSwan 5.3.5, Linux 3.19.0-56-generic, x86_64):
uptime: 18 hours, since Mar 16 23:58:50 2016
malloc: sbrk 2314240, mmap 0, used 1182400, free 1131840
worker threads: 11 of 16 idle, 5/0/0/0 working, job queue: 0/0/0/0, scheduled: 206
loaded plugins: charon aes sha1 sha2 random nonce x509 revocation constraints pubkey pkcs1 pkcs7 pkcs8 pkcs12 pem gmp xcbc cmac hmac attr kernel-netlink socket-default stroke
Listening IP addresses:
10.10.5.66
Connections:
ipsec-10.10.4.0/24: %any...%any IKEv1/2
ipsec-10.10.4.0/24: local: [CN=test-cert-1-ca-1] uses public key authentication
ipsec-10.10.4.0/24: cert: "CN=test-cert-1-ca-1"
ipsec-10.10.4.0/24: remote: uses public key authentication
ipsec-10.10.9.0/24: child: 10.10.5.66/32 === 10.10.9.0/24 TRANSPORT
no-ipsec-10.10.4.1/32: %any...%any IKEv1/2
no-ipsec-10.10.4.1/32: local: uses public key authentication
no-ipsec-10.10.4.1/32: remote: uses public key authentication
no-ipsec-10.10.4.1/32: child: dynamic === 10.10.4.1/32 PASS
Shunted Connections:
no-ipsec-10.10.4.1/32: dynamic === 10.10.4.1/32 PASS
no-ipsec-10.10.5.1/32: dynamic === 10.10.5.1/32 PASS
no-ipsec-10.10.6.1/32: dynamic === 10.10.6.1/32 PASS
Routed Connections:
ipsec-10.10.9.0/24{6}: ROUTED, TRANSPORT, reqid 6
ipsec-10.10.9.0/24{6}: 10.10.5.66/32 === 10.10.9.0/24
ipsec-10.10.8.0/24{5}: ROUTED, TRANSPORT, reqid 5
ipsec-10.10.4.0/24{1}: 10.10.5.66/32 === 10.10.4.0/24
Security Associations (45 up, 0 connecting):
ipsec-10.10.4.0/24[459]: ESTABLISHED 13 seconds ago, 10.10.5.66[CN=test-cert-1-ca-1]...10.10.4.38[CN=test-cert-1-ca-1]
ipsec-10.10.4.0/24{1527}: 10.10.5.66/32 === 10.10.4.38/32
...
...
```

6. If you installed IPsec for Windows, follow these steps:

- From any Windows VM, open **Windows Firewall with Advanced Security**.
- Click **Connection Security Rules**.
- Confirm that you see rules for each `ipsec` and `no-ipsec` subnet that you listed in your manifest.

Generate a Self-Signed Certificate with OpenSSL

To generate a self-signed certificate for your IPsec manifest, do the following:

- Download [the `openssl-create-ipsec-certs.sh`](#) bash script.
- Navigate to the directory where you downloaded the script:

```
$ cd ~/workspace
```

- Change the permissions of the script:

```
$ chmod u+x openssl-create-ipsec-certs.sh
```

- Run the script:

```
$ ./openssl-create-ipsec-certs.sh
```

- This generates four files in a new `certs` directory where the script is run:

- `pcf-ipsec-ca-cert.pem` — this value can be used as the CA Cert in the `ca_certificates` manifest field.
- `pcf-ipsec-ca-key.pem` — the key used to sign the generated CA Cert.
- `pcf-ipsec-peer-key.pem` — this value can be used as the instance private key in the `instance_private_key` manifest field.
- `pcf-ipsec-peer-cert.pem` — this value can be used as the instance certificate in the `instance_certificate` manifest field.

- Because this certificate expires in 365 days, set a calendar reminder to rotate the certificate within the year. For instructions on changing certificates, see [Rotating IPsec Certificates](#).

Upgrading the IPsec Add-on for PCF

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This topic describes how to upgrade the IPsec Add-on for PCF.

To upgrade the IPsec add-on to a later version, do the following:

1. Retrieve the latest runtime config by running one of the following commands:

- o For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier: `bosh runtime-config > PATH-TO-SAVE-THE-RUNTIME-CONFIG`
- o For Ops Manager v1.11 or later: `bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT runtime-config > PATH-TO-SAVE-THE-RUNTIME-CONFIG`

2. Upload the latest IPsec Release:

- o For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier: `bosh upload release PATH-TO-NEW-IPSEC-RELEASE`
- o For Ops Manager v1.11 or later: `bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT upload-release PATH-TO-NEW-IPSEC-RELEASE`

3. Change the release version.

```
releases:
- {name: ipsec, version: NEW_VERSION}
```

4. For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier, update the runtime config by running the following command: `bosh update runtime-config PATH-TO-SAVE-THE-RUNTIME-CONFIG`

5. For Ops Manager v1.11 or later, update the runtime config by doing the following:

- a. Run: `bosh2 -e BOSH-ENVIRONMENT update-runtime-config --name=ipsec PATH-TO-SAVE-THE-RUNTIME-CONFIG`
- b. Run: `bosh2 -e BOSH-ENVIRONMENT runtime-config > /tmp/runtime-config`
- c. Edit `/tmp/runtime-config` to remove IPsec references from the file.

Under releases, remove:

```
- name: ipsec
  version: 1.X.X
```

Under addons, find and remove the entire block that has the ipsec job:

```
- name: ipsec-addon
  jobs:
    - name: ipsec
      release: ipsec
      include:
        stemcell:
          - os: ubuntu-trusty
      properties:
        ipsec:
          optional: false
          ipsec_subnets:
            - 10.0.1.1/20
          no_ipsec_subnets:
            - 10.0.1.10/32 # bosh director
            - 10.0.1.4/32 # ops manager
          instance_certificate: |
            -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
            EXAMPLExINSTANCExCERTIFICATExEXAMPLExINSTANCExCERTIFICATExxxxxx
            ...
            -----END CERTIFICATE-----
          instance_private_key: |
            -----BEGIN EXAMPLE RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
            EXAMPLExRSAxPRIVATExKEYxDATAxEXAMPLExRSAxPRIVATExKEYxDATA
            ...
            -----END EXAMPLE RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
        ca_certificates:
          - |
            -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
            EXAMPLExCAXCERTIFICATExEXAMPLExCAXCERTIFICATExEXAMPLExCAXCERTIFI
            ...
            -----END CERTIFICATE-----
          - |
            -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
            CAXCERTIFICATExEXAMPLExCAXCERTIFICATExEXAMPLExCAXCERTIFICATExEXA
            ...
            -----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
prestart_timeout: 30
esp_proposals: aes128gcm16!
ike_proposals: aes128-sha256-modp2048!
log_level: 1
ike_version: ike
optional_warn_interval: 1
force_udp_encapsulation: false
```

d. Run: `bosh2 -e BOSH-ENVIRONMENT update-runtime-config /tmp/runtime-config`

6. Navigate to your **Installation Dashboard** in Ops Manager.

7. Click **Apply Changes**.

Uninstalling the IPsec Add-on for PCF

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This topic describes how to uninstall IPsec from your deployment.

Uninstall the IPsec Add-On

1. Retrieve the latest runtime config by running one of the following commands:

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier: `bosh runtime-config > PATH_TO_SAVE_THE_RUNTIME_CONFIG`
- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later: `bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT runtime-config > PATH_TO_SAVE_THE_RUNTIME_CONFIG`

2. Set the `optional` flag to `true` under IPsec properties.

3. Update the runtime config by running one of the following commands:

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier: `bosh update runtime-config PATH/YOUR-RUNTIME-CONFIG.yml`
- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:
`bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT update-runtime-config --name=ipsec PATH_TO_SAVE_THE_RUNTIME_CONFIG`

4. Navigate to your **Installation Dashboard** in Ops Manager.

5. Click **Apply Changes**.

6. Wait for the installation to complete.

7. Remove IPsec from the runtime config.

8. Update the runtime config by running one of the following commands:

- For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier: `bosh update runtime-config PATH/YOUR-RUNTIME-CONFIG.yml`
- For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:
`bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT update-runtime-config --name=ipsec PATH_TO_SAVE_THE_RUNTIME_CONFIG`

9. Navigate to your **Installation Dashboard** in Ops Manager.

10. Click **Apply Changes**.

Checking Certificate Dates

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This topic describes how to check the expiration dates of IPsec certificates.

The following procedure describes how to download the runtime configuration file and extract the two IPsec certificates into temporary files. Then, the files are input to the OpenSSL tool. The OpenSSL tool decodes the certificates and displays the expiration dates.

Check Certificate Dates

Follow the steps below to determine the expiration dates of your IPsec certificates.

1. Log in to BOSH Director.
2. Run one of the following commands to download your runtime configuration YAML file:

- o For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier: `bosh runtime-config > PATH_TO_SAVE_THE_RUNTIME_CONFIG`
- o For Ops Manager v1.11 or later: `bosh2 -e BOSH-ENVIRONMENT runtime-config --name=ipsec > PATH-TO-SAVE-THE-RUNTIME-CONFIG`

For example,

```
bosh runtime-config > /tmp/my-runtime-config.yml
```

3. Display the runtime configuration YAML file so that you can copy from it.

For example,

```
$ cat /tmp/my-runtime-config.yml
```

4. Identify the section of the file that contains IPsec properties, and locate the certificates:

```
addons:  
- include:  
  stemcell:  
  - os: ubuntu-trusty  
jobs:  
- name: ipsec  
  release: ipsec  
  name: ipsec  
  properties:  
    ipsec:  
      ca_certificates:  
      - |  
        -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
        MIIE/TCCAUWgAwIBAgIBATANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAOMQwwCgYDVQQDEwNjYTEw  
        HhcNMTYwNTI2MjI1MDMzWhcNMjYwNTI2MjI1MDQyWjAOMQwwCgYDVQQDEwNjYTEw  
        ...  
        Axu2pbEoT1PrMd3HIAZ3AH8ZrMR3ScJKCW3wQFRX/Plj  
        -----END CERTIFICATE-----  
      instance_certificate: |  
        -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
        MIIEGTCCAgGgAwIBAgIQDlqK1V54BEknndlVPXu5lzANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAQ  
        MQwwCgYDVQQDEwNjYTEwHhcNMTYwNTI2MjI1MDQyWjAOMQwwCgYDVQQDEwNjYTEw  
        ...  
        MQ4wDAYDVQQDEwVjZXJ0MTCCASiwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADggEPADCCAQoCggEB  
        ...  
        4Q6P/cDn9QvW2QbbWkApP2uuMk04jWJV7p79Cfx4pipPqiSofjFyFqsjjvir  
        -----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

5. Copy the ca_certificate into a text file. Retain the header and footer, but delete the leading white space before the `-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----` and `-----END CERTIFICATE-----` lines.

For example,

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
MIIE/TCCAUWgAwIBAgIBATANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAOMQwwCgYDVQQDEwNjYTEw  
HhcNMTYwNTI2MjI1MDMzWhcNMjYwNTI2MjI1MDQyWjAOMQwwCgYDVQQDEwNjYTEw  
...  
Axu2pbEoT1PrMd3HIAZ3AH8ZrMR3ScJKCW3wQFRX/Plj  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

6. Save the file with the PEM extension, for example, `my-ipsec-ca-cert.pem`.

7. Run the following command:

```
openssl x509 -text -inform pem -in /PATH/FILENAME.pem | grep "Not After"
```

Where `/PATH/FILENAME.pem` is the path to and filename of the file you saved in the step above.

For example,

```
$ openssl x509 -text -inform pem -in /tmp/my-ipsec-ca-cert.pem | grep "Not After"  
Not After : May 26 22:50:42 2026 GMT
```

If the PEM file is correctly formatted, the output shows a line with the `Not After` date.

If the PEM file is not correctly formatted, The output shows `unable to load certificate`.

8. Repeat steps 5–7 for the `instance_certificate`.

9. Review the `Not After` date and plan to replace the certificates accordingly.

Keep in mind the lead time to obtain new certificates and the time to perform a deployment to apply them.

For information about rotating certificates, see [About the Procedures](#) above.

10. For security hygiene, delete three temporary files that you created: the downloaded copy of the `runtime-config.yml` which contains the private key and the two PEM files that contain the certificates.

Rotating Active IPsec Certificates

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This topic describes the process Pivotal recommends to increase deployment security by rotating certificates in the IPsec manifest.

Why You Need to Rotate Credentials

These are common reasons for rotating credentials:

- Your organizational security policy may specify how often you should apply these changes.
- Your certificates are going to expire. To find the expiration dates on your certificates, see [Checking Certificate Dates](#).

About the Procedures

There are two procedures for certificate rotation described in this topic:

- [Procedure 1](#) describes rotating the following certificates specified in your IPsec manifest:
 - The instance certificate and instance private key
This procedure requires updating BOSH. It does not include rotating the certificate authority (CA) certificate.
- [Procedure 2](#) describes rotating your CA certificate in addition to your instance certificate and instance private key. This procedure requires updating BOSH three times.

 **Note:** The rolling deploys during these procedures result in minimal deployment downtime.

Procedure 1: Rotate the Instance Certificate and Instance Private Key

Follow the steps below to rotate the instance certificate and instance private key.

1. Generate a new certificate and use your existing IPsec CA certificate to sign the new certificate.
2. Update the instance certificate and the private key fields in your `ipsec-addon.yml` file with new values from the previous step.
3. Update the runtime config by running one of the following commands:
 - **For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier:** `bosh update runtime-config PATH_TO_SAVE_THE_RUNTIME_CONFIG`
 - **For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:**
`bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT update-runtime-config --name=ipsec PATH_TO_SAVE_THE_RUNTIME_CONFIG`
4. Navigate to your Ops Manager interface in a browser, and click **Apply Changes**.

 **Note:** This step results in a few minutes of app downtime.

Procedure 2: Rotate the CA Certificate, the Instance Certificate, and Instance Private Key

Follow these steps to rotate the CA certificate, instance certificate, and instance private key.

1. Generate a new CA certificate.
2. Append the newly generated CA certificate under the existing certificate as a new yaml list element in your `ipsec-addon.yml`. For example:

```
ca_certificates:  
- |  
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
...  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----  
- |  
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
...  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----  
. . .
```

3. Update the runtime config by running one of the following commands:

- o For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier: `bosh update runtime-config PATH_TO_SAVE_THE_RUNTIME_CONFIG`
- o For Ops Manager v1.11 or later:
`bosh2 -e BOSH_ENVIRONMENT update-runtime-config --name=ipsec PATH_TO_SAVE_THE_RUNTIME_CONFIG`

 **Note:** This step results in a few minutes of app downtime.

4. Navigate to your Ops Manager interface in a browser, and click **Apply Changes**.
5. Generate a new certificate and use your new CA certificate to sign the new certificate.
6. Update the instance certificate and the private key fields in the your `ipsec-addon.yml` file with new values from above.
7. Repeat step 3 to update the runtime config.
8. Navigate to your Ops Manager interface in a browser, and click **Apply Changes**.
9. Delete the older CA certificate in the `ipsec-addon.yml` file.
10. Repeat step 3 to update the runtime config.
11. Navigate to your Ops Manager interface in a browser, and click **Apply Changes**.

Renewing Expired IPsec Certificates

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This topic describes the basic process that deployers may use to renew any already expired certificates contained in the IPsec manifest.

About Certificate Expiration

The IPsec Add-on relies upon X.509 certificates to secure the communications between communicating peers.

Like all certificates, the IPsec certificates have a finite lifetime and eventually expire. The certificates generated by the procedure provided in the installation instructions, [Generate a Self-Signed Certificate](#) have a default lifetime of one year. Regardless of their specific lifetime, all certificates must eventually be rotated, and so it is important for the operations team to plan accordingly and remember to rotate the IPsec certificates before they actually expire.

IMPORTANT: Rotating the certificates while they are still valid ensures the maximum availability of the Cloud Foundry platform and avoids any unscheduled interruption in service.

Renew Expired IPsec Certificates

To renew expired IPsec certificates, do the following:

1. Retrieve the latest runtime config by running one of the following commands:
 - For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier: `bosh runtime-config > PATH-TO-SAVE-THE-RUNTIME-CONFIG`
 - For Ops Manager v1.11 or later: `bosh2 -e BOSH-ENVIRONMENT runtime-config > PATH-TO-SAVE-THE-RUNTIME-CONFIG`
2. Generate a new set of certificates. For development or test environments, you can use self-signed certificates. For information about self-signed certificates, see [Generate a Self-Signed Certificate](#).
3. In the runtime `config.yml` file saved from step 1, update the `optional` field to `true` and update the certificate fields with new certificates. For more information about these fields, see the field descriptions under [Create the IPsec Manifest](#).

```
properties:  
  ipsec:  
    optional: true  
    instance_certificate: |  
      -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
      EXAMPLEAhigAwIBAgIRAIvrbY2TttU/LeRhO+V1t0YwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAw  
      ...  
      -----END CERTIFICATE-----  
    instance_private_key: |  
      -----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----  
      EXAMPLExRSAxPRIVATExKEYxDATAxEXAMPLExRSAxPRIVATExKEYxDATA  
      ...  
      -----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----  
    ca_certificates:  
    - |  
      -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
      ExampleAvGgAwIBAgIBATANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAUMRIwEAYDVQQDEw10ZXN0  
      ...  
      -----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

4. Update the runtime config by running one of the following commands:
 - For Ops Manager v1.10 or earlier: `bosh update runtime-config PATH-TO-SAVE-THE-RUNTIME-CONFIG`
 - For Ops Manager v1.11 or later: `bosh2 -e BOSH-ENVIRONMENT update-runtime-config --name=ipsec PATH-TO-SAVE-THE-RUNTIME-CONFIG`
5. Navigate to your **Installation Dashboard** in Ops Manager.
6. Click **Apply Changes**.
7. Remove the `optional: true` set in step 3.
8. Repeat steps 4 to 6.

