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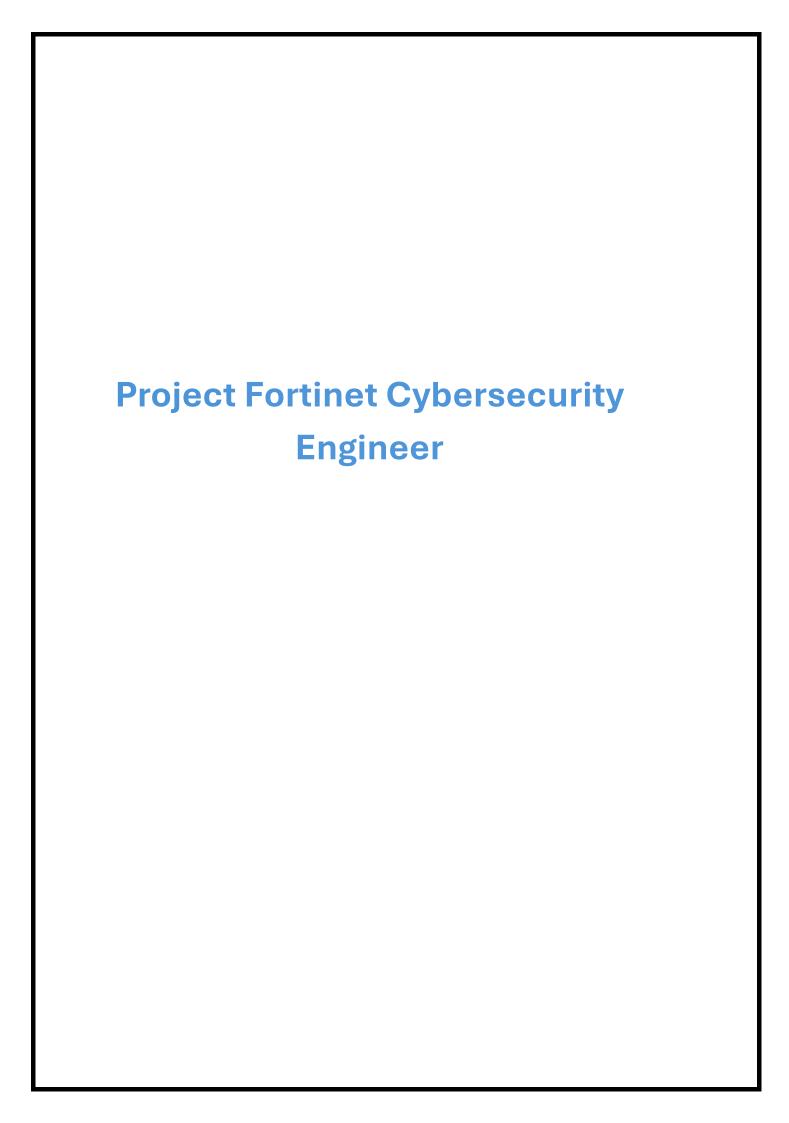
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IPSEC VPN CONFIGURATION

Introduction:

A VPN (Virtual Private Network) within a firewall acts as a secure tunnel designed to encrypt and protect data transmission between devices or networks, especially over the internet or other public networks. By integrating VPN capabilities, firewalls enhance security by not only monitoring and controlling traffic but also ensuring that connections remain encrypted and safeguarded against unauthorized access or potential threats. This combination of functionality strengthens the overall security posture of the network.

Types of VPN:

1. Remote Access VPN:

- o Allows users to connect securely to a private network from any location.
- o Ideal for remote employees accessing company resources.

2. Site-to-Site VPN:

- o Connects entire networks (e.g., branch offices and headquarters).
- Two types: Intranet VPN (within the same organization) and Extranet VPN (with external partners).

3. SSL VPN:

- o Provides secure access via a web browser without the need for special software.
- o Suitable for accessing applications securely online.

4. **IPSec VPN**:

- o Secures data through encryption and authentication.
- o Used for safely transmitting data over public networks.

5. Hybrid VPN:

- o Combines MPLS performance with VPN encryption.
- Best for large enterprises needing high speed and security.

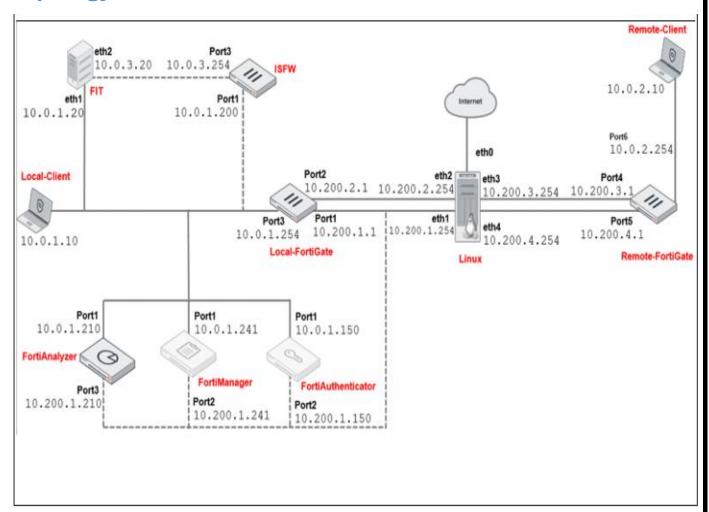
6. Cloud VPN:

- o Connects users securely to cloud-based applications or services.
- o Perfect for businesses relying on cloud infrastructure.

Objective of the lab

- 1. Deploy a site-to-site VPN between two FortiGate devices
- 2. Set up dial-up and static remote gateways
- 3. Configure redundant VPNs between two FortiGate devices

Topology: -



Components:

- Local FortiGate
- Remote FortiGate
- Local Client
- Remote Client

Steps:

1) Configuring a Dial-Up IPsec VPN <u>Between Two</u> FortiGate Devices

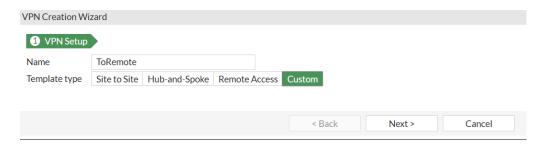
Create Phase 1 and Phase 2 on Local- FortiGate (Dial-Up Server)

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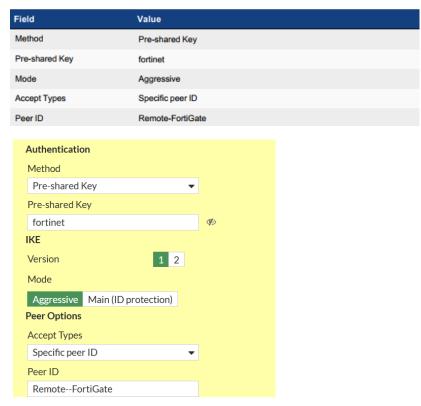
To create phase 1 and phase 2

- 1. Connect to the Local-FortiGate GUI, and then log in with the username admin and password admin.
- 2. Click VPN > IPsec Tunnels, and then click Create New > IPsec Tunnel.
- 3. Configure the following settings:

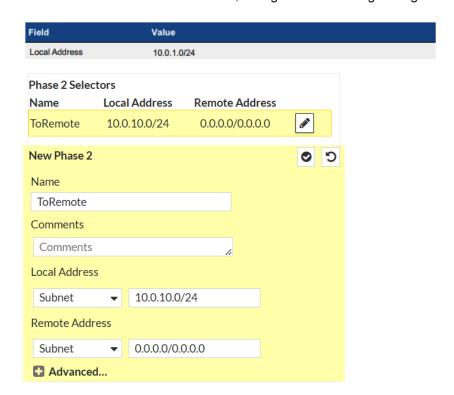




- Click Next.
- 5. In the **Network** section, configure the following settings:
- 6. In the Authentication section, configure the following settings:



7. In the Phase 2 Selectors section, configure the following setting:



- **8.** Keep the default values for the remaining settings.
- 9. Click OK.

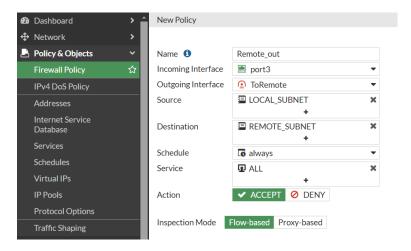
Create Firewall Policies for VPN Traffic on Local-FortiGate (Dial-Up Server)

You will create two firewall policies between **port3** and **To Remote**—one for each traffic direction. **To create firewall policies for VPN traffic**

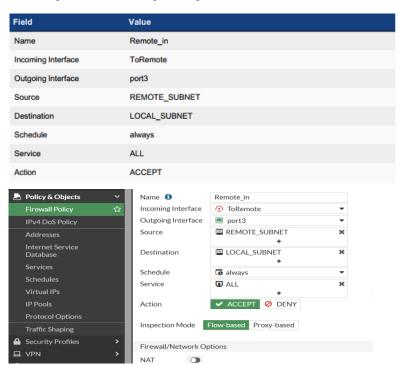
- 1. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click Policy & Objects > Firewall Policy.
- 2. Click Create New.

3. Configure the following settings:

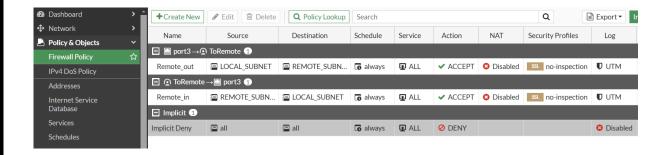




- 4. In the Firewall/Network Options section, disable NAT.
- 5. Click OK.
- 6. Click Create New again.
- 7. Configure the following settings:



- 8. In the Firewall/Network Options section, disable NAT.
- 9. Click OK

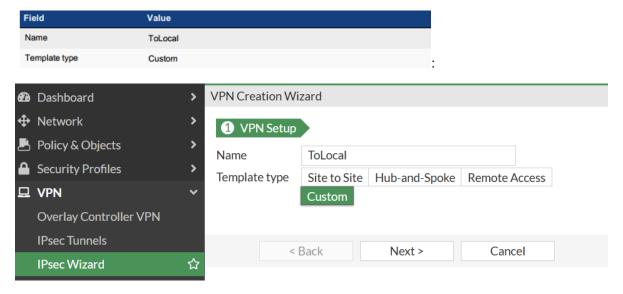


Create Phase 1 and Phase 2 on Remote-FortiGate (Dial-Up Client)

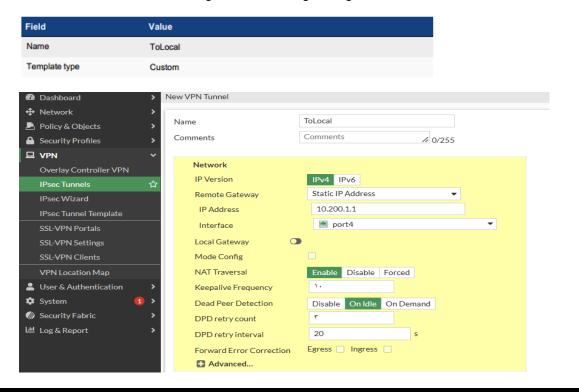
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To create phase 1 and phase 2

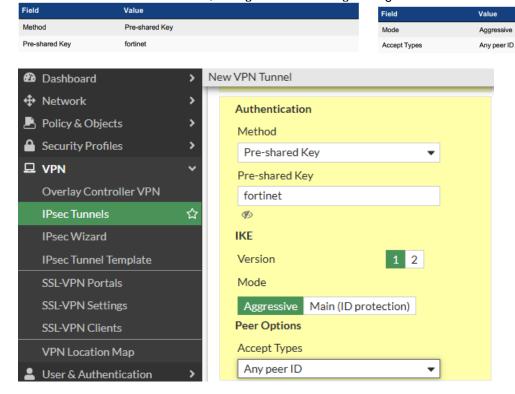
- 1. Connect to the Remote-FortiGate GUI, and then log in with the username admin and password admin.
- 2. Click VPN > IPsec Tunnels, and then click Create New > IPsec Tunnel.
- 3. Configure the following settings



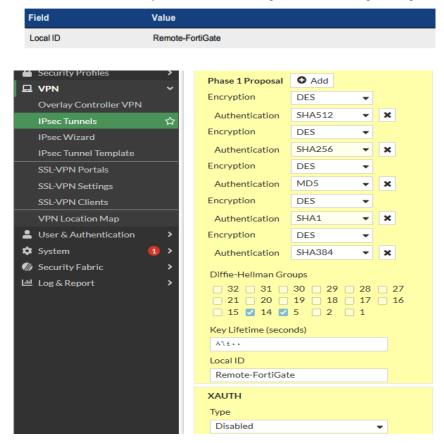
- 4. Click Next.
- 5. In the Network section, configure the following settings:



6. In the Authentication section, configure the following settings:

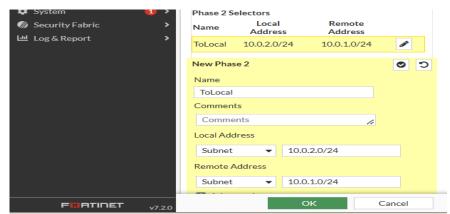


7. In the **Phase 1 Proposal** section, configure the following settings:



8. In the **Phase 2 Selectors** section, configure the following settings:

Field	Value			
Local Address	10.0.2.0/24			
Remote Address	10.0.1.0/24			



- Keep the default values for the remaining settings.
- 10. Click OK.

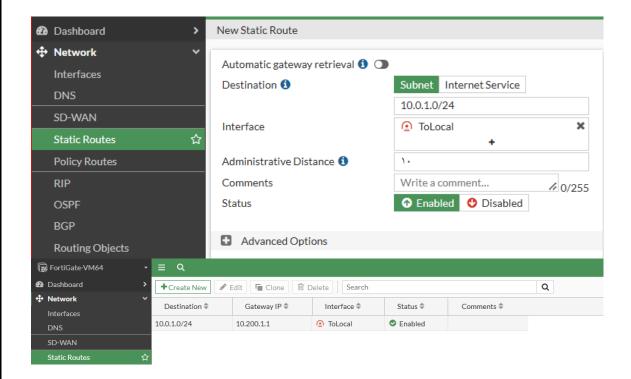
Create a Static Route for VPN Traffic on Remote-FortiGate (Dial-Up Client)

You will create one static route on Remote-FortiGate. This step was not necessary on Local-FortiGate because, as the dial-up server, it automatically adds the route for the remote network after the tunnel comes up.

To create a static route for VPN traffic on Remote-FortiGate

- 1. On the Remote-FortiGate GUI, click **Network** > **Static Routes**.
- 2. Click Create New.
- 3. Configure the following settings:





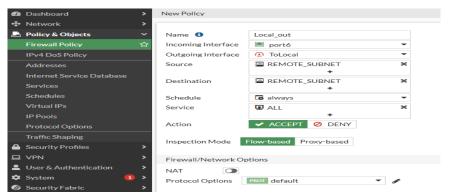
4. Click OK.

Create the Firewall Policies for VPN Traffic on Remote-FortiGate (Dial-Up Client)

You will create two firewall policies between **port6** and **To Local**—one for each traffic direction. **To create firewall policies for VPN traffic**

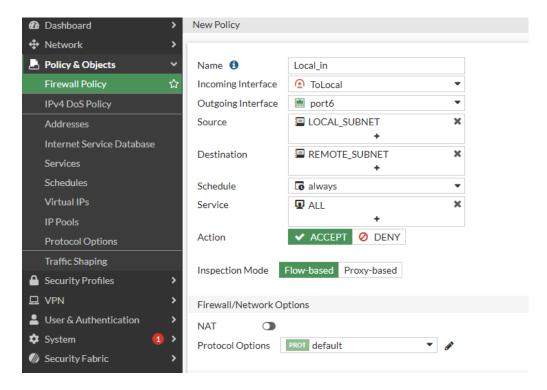
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- 2. Click Create New.
- 3. Configure the following settings:



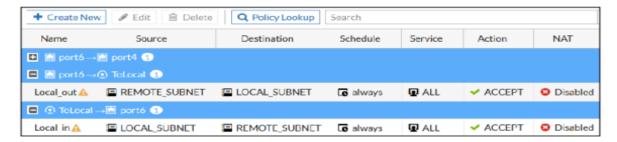


- 4. In the Firewall/Network Options section, disable NAT.
- 5. Click OK.
- 6. Click Create New again.
- 7. Configure the following settings:





- 8. In the Firewall/Network Options section, disable NAT.
- 9. Click OK.



Test and Monitor the VPN

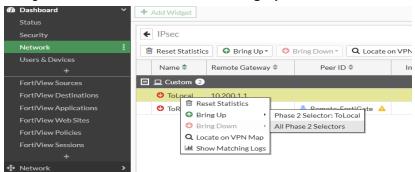
Now that you configured the VPN on both FortiGate devices, you will test the VPN.

To test the VPN

- 1. On the Remote-FortiGate GUI, click Dashboard > Network > IPsec.
- 2. Click the + sign beside **Custom** to expand the custom VPN tunnel section.

Notice that the **ToLocal** VPN is currently down.

3. Right-click the VPN, and then click Bring Up > All Phase 2 Selectors to bring up the tunnel.



4. On the Remote-Client VM, open a terminal window, and then enter the following command to ping the Local-Client

VM:

ping 10.0.1.10

The ping should work.

- 5. On the Remote-FortiGate GUI, click Dashboard > Network > IPsec.
- 6. Click the refresh button in the upper-right corner multiple times to refresh the widget information.

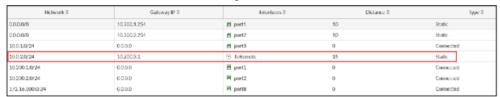
You will notice that the counters for **Incoming Data** and **Outgoing Data** increase over time. This indicates that the traffic between 10.0.1.10 and 10.0.2.10 is being encrypted successfully and routed through the tunnel.



Testing the lab

- **7.** On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click **Dashboard** > **Network** > **Routing**. Find the static route that was dynamically added to the FortiGate device.
- 8. View the route details.

Notice the address listed in the **Gateway IP** column for that route.



9. On the Remote-Client VM, press Ctrl+C to stop the ping

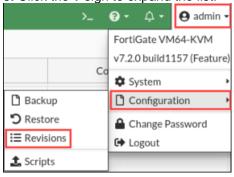
Configuring a Static IPsec VPN Between Two FortiGate Devices

you will configure a static VPN between Local-FortiGate and Remote-FortiGate. You will also configure a static route on Local-FortiGate for VPN traffic.

Before beginning this lab, you must restore a configuration file to Local-FortiGate.

To restore the Local-FortiGate configuration file

- 1. Connect to the Local-FortiGate GUI, and then log in with the username admin and password admin.
- 2. In the upper-right corner of the screen, click admin, and then click Configuration > Revisions.
- 3. Click the + sign to expand the list.



4. Select the configuration with the comment local-ipsec-vpn, and then click Revert.



Create Phase 1 and Phase 2 on Local-FortiGate

You will configure the IPsec VPN by creating phase 1 and phase 2.

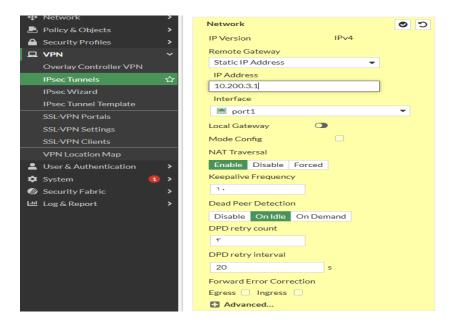
To create phase 1 and phase 2

- 1. Connect to the Local-FortiGate GUI, and then log in with the username admin and password password.
- 2. Click VPN > IPsec Tunnels, and then click Create New > IPsec Tunnel.
- 3. Configure the following settings:



- Click Next.
- 5. In the Network section, configure the following settings:

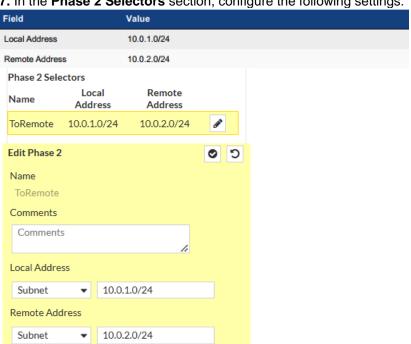
Field	Value
Remote Gateway	Static IP Address
IP Address	10.200.3.1
Interface	port1
Dead Peer Detection	On Idle



6. In the Authentication section, configure the following settings:



7. In the Phase 2 Selectors section, configure the following settings:



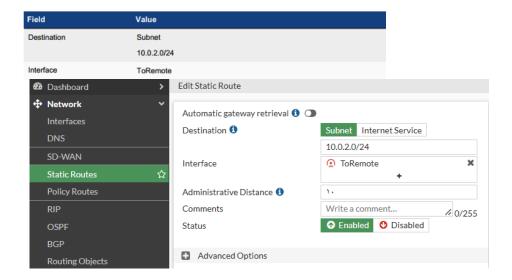
- 8. Keep the default values for the remaining settings.
- 9. Click OK.

✓ Create a Static Route for VPN Traffic on Local-FortiGate

You will create one static route on Local-FortiGate.

To create a static route for VPN traffic on Local-FortiGate

- 1. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click **Network** > **Static Routes**.
- 2. Click Create New.
- 3. Configure the following settings:

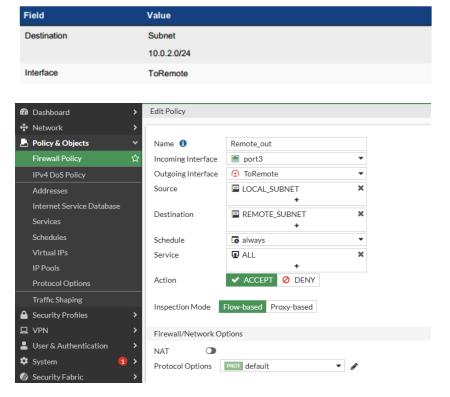


4. Click OK.

✓ Create Firewall Policies for VPN Traffic on Local-FortiGate

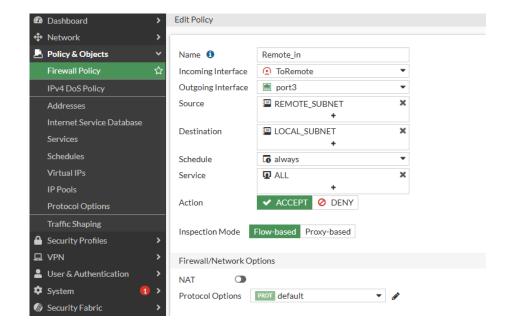
You will create two firewall policies between **port3** and **ToRemote**—one for each traffic direction. **To create firewall policies for VPN traffic**

- 1. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click Policy & Objects > Firewall Policy.
- 2. Click Create New.
- 3. Configure the following settings:



- In the Firewall/Network Options section, disable NAT.
- 5. Click OK.
- 6. Click Create New again.
- 7. Configure the following settings:

Field	Value
Name	Remote_out
Incoming Interface	port3
Outgoing Interface	ToRemote
Source	LOCAL_SUBNET
Destination	REMOTE_SUBNET
Schedule	always
Service	ALL
Action	ACCEPT



- 8. In the Firewall/Network Options section, disable NAT.
- 9. Click OK.

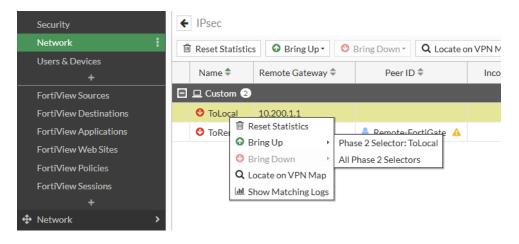


Test and Monitor the VPN

You will test the VPN and monitor its status.

To test the VPN

- 1. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click Dashboard > Network > IPsec.
- **2.** Click the **+** sign beside **Custom** to expand the custom VPN tunnel section. Notice that the **ToRemote** VPN is currently down.
- 3. Right-click the VPN, and then click Bring Up > All Phase 2 Selectors.



4. In the top-right corner, click the refresh button to refresh the widget information. The **Name** column of the VPN now contains a green up arrow, which indicates that the tunnel is up.



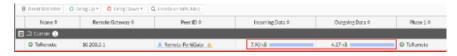
5. On the Remote-Client VM, open a terminal window, and then enter the following command to ping the Local-Client

VM:

ping 10.0.1.10

The ping should work.

- 6. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click Dashboard > Network > IPsec.
- **7.** In the upper-right corner, click the refresh button multiple times to refresh the widget information. You will notice that the counters for **Incoming Data** and **Outgoing Data** increase over time. This indicates that the traffic between 10.0.1.10 and 10.0.2.10 is being encrypted successfully and routed through the tunnel.



8. On the Remote-Client VM, press Ctrl+C to stop the ping.

3) Configuring Redundant Static IPsec VPN Tunnels Between Two FortiGate Devices

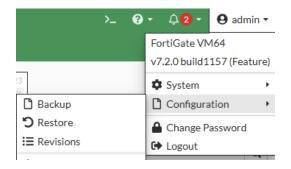
In this exercise, you will configure one more VPN tunnel between Local-FortiGate and Remote-FortiGate for redundancy purposes. You must first restore a configuration file on Remote-FortiGate.

Prerequisites

Before beginning this exercise, you must restore a configuration file on Remote-FortiGate.

To restore the Remote-FortiGate configuration file

- 1. Connect to the Remote-FortiGate GUI, and then log in with the username admin and password admin.
- 2. In the upper-right corner of the screen, click admin, and then click Configuration > Revisions.



- 3. Click the + sign to expand the list.
- 4. Select the configuration with the comment remote-redundant-ipsec-vpn, and then click Revert.
- 5. Click OK to reboot.

Check the IPsec VPN Tunnel on Local-FortiGate

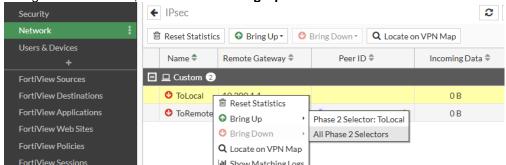
You just restored a configuration file to Remote-FortiGate. You will now check the status of the **ToRemote** VPN

on Local-FortiGate.

To check the VPN on Local-FortiGate

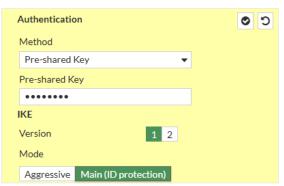
- 1. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click **Dashboard** > **Network** > **IPsec**.
- 2. Click the + sign beside **Custom** to expand the custom VPN tunnel section. Notice that the **ToRemote** VPN is currently down.

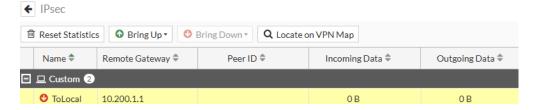
3. Right-click the VPN, and then click Bring Up > All Phase 2 Selectors.



4. In the upper-right corner, click the refresh button to refresh the widget information.

The **Name** column of the VPN shows a red down arrow, indicating that the tunnel is still down.



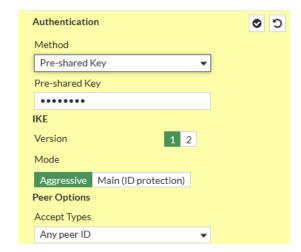


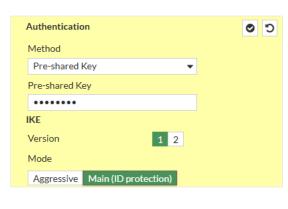
Review the VPN Configuration on Both FortiGate Devices

Phase 1 and phase 2 settings on both peers are no longer a mirror of each other. You will review the VPN configuration on each FortiGate and identify the differences. After that, you will apply the changes to the LocalFortiGate configuration so it mirrors the configuration on Remote-FortiGate.

To review the VPN configuration on both FortiGate devices

- **1.** On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click **VPN** > **IPsec Tunnels**, and then double-click **ToRemote** to review the tunnel settings.
- 2. On the Remote-FortiGate GUI, click **VPN** > **IPsec Tunnels**, and then double-click **ToLocal** to review the tunnel settings.
- **3.** Compare the settings in the **Authentication** section on each FortiGate.





To change the VPN configuration on Local-FortiGate

- **1.** On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click **VPN** > **IPsec Tunnels**, and then double-click **ToRemote** to edit the tunnel settings.
- 2. Click the Authentication section, and then configure the following setting:





3. Click OK.

Test and Monitor the VPN

Now that you fixed the VPN configuration on Local-FortiGate, you will test the VPN. Instead of bringing up the tunnel manually, you will generate traffic to bring the tunnel up.

To test the VPN

1. On the Remote-Client VM, open a terminal window, and then enter the following command to ping the Local-Client

VM:

ping 10.0.1.10

The ping should work.

- 2. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click Dashboard > Network > IPsec.
- **3.** Click the **+** sign beside **Custom** to expand the custom VPN tunnel section. Notice that the **ToRemote** VPN is currently up.



4. On the Remote-Client VM, press Ctrl+C to stop the ping.

Create a Backup VPN Tunnel Using the IPsec Wizard

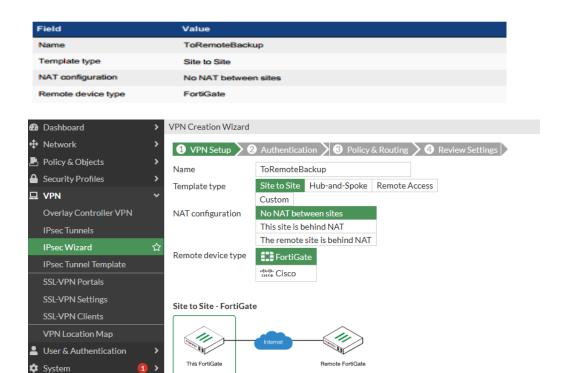
You will configure a backup VPN tunnel on Local-FortiGate, named **ToRemoteBackup**, for redundancy

purposes. To configure the new tunnel, you will use the IPsec wizard. On the Remote-FortiGate, the backup VPN

tunnel was preconfigured and named ToLocalBackup.

To create a VPN using the IPsec wizard

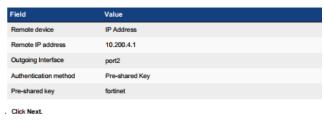
- 1. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click VPN > IPsec Tunnels, and then click Create New > IPsec Tunnel.
- 2. Configure the following settings:

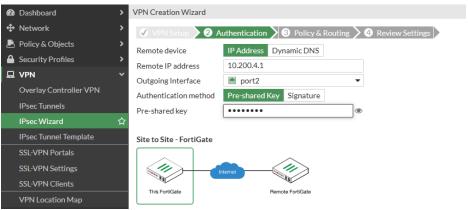


3. Click Next.

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4. Configure the following settings:

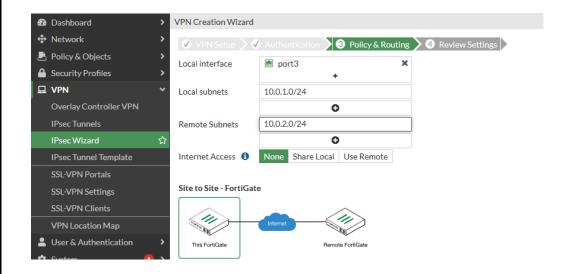




5. Click Next.

6. Configure the following settings:

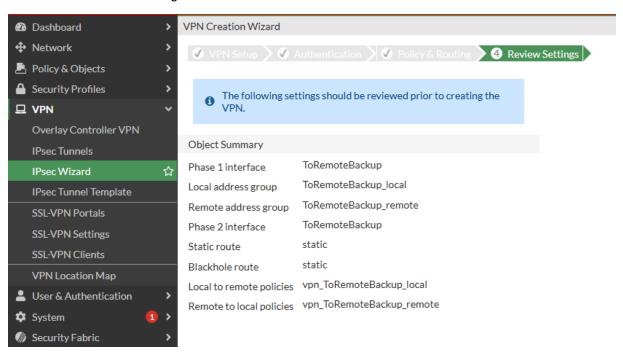
Field	Value
Local interface	port3
Local subnets	10.0.1.0/24
Remote Subnets	10.0.2.0/24
Internet Access	None



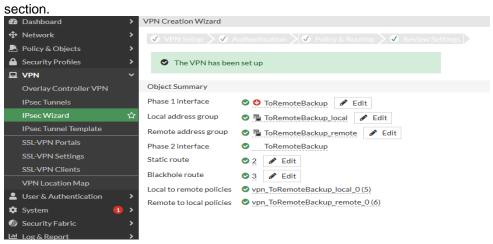
7. Click Next.

8. Click Create.

You should see the following screen:



- 9. Click Create to create the new VPN tunnel.
- **10.** Click **Show Tunnel List**, and then click the **+** sign beside **Site to Site FortiGate** to expand the VPN tunnel



You will see the VPN you just created.



Review the Objects the IPsec Wizard Created

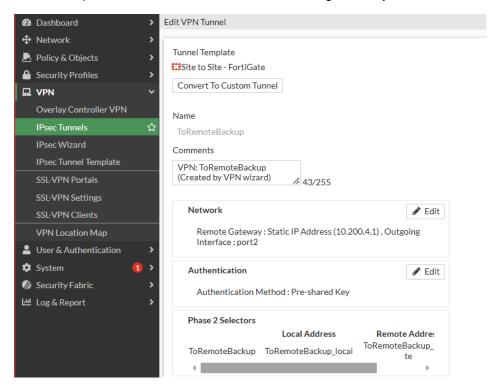
You will review the objects that the IPsec wizard created.

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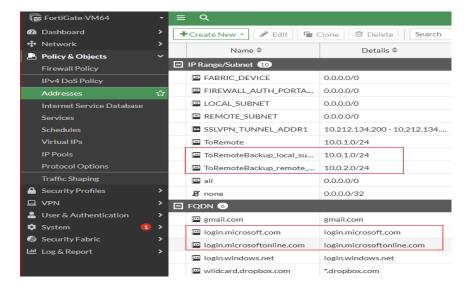
1. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click **VPN** > **IPsec Tunnels**, and then double-click **ToRemoteBackup** to review the

tunnel settings.

Notice the quick mode selectors that the wizard configured for you.

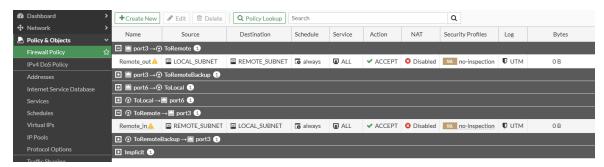


- 2. Click Cancel.
- **3.** Click **Policy & Objects** > **Addresses**, and then click the **+** icon to expand **Address Group**. Observe the following new firewall address objects:
- ToRemoteBackup_local_subnet_1, a member of the ToRemoteBackup_local address group
- ToRemoteBackup_remote_subnet_1, a member of the ToRemoteBackup_remote address group

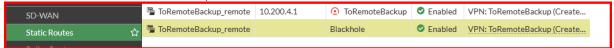


4. Click Policy & Objects > Firewall Policy.

Observe the two new firewall policies: one from **port3** to **ToRemoteBackup** and another from **ToRemoteBackup** to **port3**. You will see that the **Action** in both cases is **ACCEPT**.



5. Click Network > Static Routes, and then view the static route the wizard added.

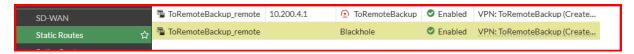


Adjust Routing for the Backup VPN Tunnel on Local-FortiGate

You will increase the administrative distance of the static route the IPsec wizard created for the **ToRemoteBackup** VPN, so the tunnel is only used when the **ToRemote** VPN is down.

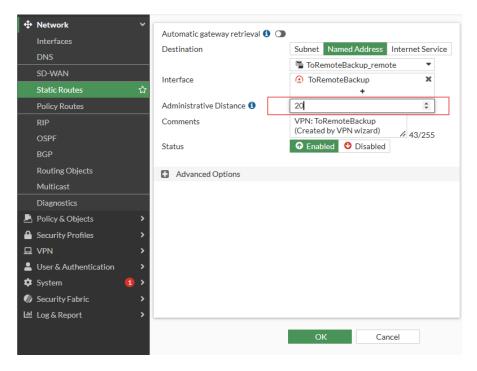
To configure a backup VPN on Local-FortiGate

- 1. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click **Network** > **Static Routes**.
- 2. Double-click the static route created for **ToRemoteBackup** to edit the settings.



4. Configure the following setting:





4. Click OK.

Review the Backup VPN Configuration on Remote-FortiGate

For the purpose of this lab, the backup VPN configuration on Remote-FortiGate was preconfigured for you. The configuration also includes a zone to reduce the number of firewall policies needed for the redundant VPNs. You will review this configuration.

To review the Remote-FortiGate configuration

1. On the Remote-FortiGate GUI, click **VPN** > **IPsec Tunnels**, and then double-click **ToLocalBackup** to review the

tunnel settings.

- Click Network > Static Routes, and then view ToLocalBackup to review the static route for the backup VPN.
- 3. Click **Network** > **Interfaces**, and then expand the **Zone** section to view the **VPN** zone details to review the

interface zone.

4. Click Policy & Objects > Firewall Policy, and then view the Local_out and Local_in policies to review the

firewall policies for VPN traffic on Remote-FortiGate.

Test VPN Redundancy

You will test the VPN failover. You will use the sniffer tool to monitor which VPN tunnel the traffic is using.

To test VPN redundancy

- 1. On the Local-FortiGate CLI, log in with the username admin and password password.
- **2.** Enter the following command to sniff all ICMP traffic to 10.0.2.10 with verbosity 4: diagnose sniffer packet any 'icmp and host 10.0.2.10' 4
- **3.** On the Local-Client VM, open a terminal window, and then run a continuous ping to Remote-Client, using the

following command:

ping 10.0.2.10

4. Return to the Local-FortiGate CLI session, and then view the sniffer output. It shows that Local-FortiGate is routing the packets through the ToRemote VPN.

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28.040086 port3 in 10.0.1.10 \rightarrow 10.0.2.10; icmp: echo request 28.040107 ToRemote out 10.0.1.10 \rightarrow 10.0.2.10; icmp: echo request 28.041188 ToRemote in 10.0.2.10 \rightarrow 10.0.1.10; icmp: echo reply 28.041196 port3 out 10.0.2.10 \rightarrow 10.0.1.10; icmp: echo reply
```

Now, you will simulate a failure in the **ToRemote** VPN, and observe how FortiGate starts using the secondary

ToRemoteBackup VPN.

- **5.** On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click **Network** > **Interfaces**.
- 6. Click the + sign beside port1 to view the subinterfaces using port1.
- 7. Right-click **ToRemote**, and then click **Set Status** > **Disable** to disable the VPN interface.



ToRemote is now grayed out.

8. Wait about a minute for DPD to detect the failure in **ToRemote**, and as a result, for FortiGate to reroute the traffic

through ToRemoteBackup.

9. Return to the Local-FortiGate CLI session, and then view the sniffer output again.

Notice that the ToRemoteBackup VPN is being used now.

```
546.352063 port3 in 10.0.1.10 -> 10.0.2.10: icmp: echo request 546.352090 ToRemoteBackup out 10.0.1.10 -> 10.0.2.10: icmp: echo request 546.353546 ToRemoteBackup in 10.0.2.10 -> 10.0.1.10: icmp: echo reply 546.353560 port3 out 10.0.2.10 -> 10.0.1.10: icmp: echo reply
```

- 10. On the Local-FortiGate GUI, click Network > Interfaces.
- 11. Click the + sign beside **port1** to view the subinterfaces using port1.
- 12. Right-click ToRemote, and then click Set Status > Enable to re-enable the VPN interface.



ToRemote is no longer grayed out.

13. Return to the Local-FortiGate CLI session, and then view the sniffer output again. Notice that the ToRemote VPN is being used again.

```
589.622935 port3 in 10.0.1.10 -> 10.0.2.10: icmp: echo request 589.622948 ToRemote out 10.0.1.10 -> 10.0.2.10: icmp: echo request 589.624057 ToRemote in 10.0.2.10 -> 10.0.1.10: icmp: echo reply 589.624072 port3 out 10.0.2.10 -> 10.0.1.10: icmp: echo reply
```

- **14.** Press Ctrl+C to stop the ping.
- 15. Close the Local-FortiGate CLI window.