

I used AWS EC2 instance and created an Ubuntu 18.04 VM. Below is the screenshot of the instance details -

Instance summary for i-0a8543eabe3e6d8de (Final VM) <span>Info</span>		
Updated less than a minute ago		
Instance ID i-0a8543eabe3e6d8de (Final VM)	Public IPv4 address 18.118.35.15   open address	Private IPv4 addresses 172.31.31.40
IPv6 address -	Instance state Running	Public IPv4 DNS ec2-18-118-35-15.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com   open address
Private IPv4 DNS ip-172-31-31-40.us-east-2.compute.internal	Instance type t2.micro	Elastic IP addresses -
VPC ID vpc-d8c7b1b3	AWS Compute Optimizer finding Opt-in to AWS Compute Optimizer for recommendations.   Learn more	IAM Role -
Subnet ID subnet-f0a2758d		

1. Below are all steps and command that you used to install your StrongSwan server.

- Firstly, made sure ubuntu was accessed with root user using command **sudo su**
- Updated the instance to make sure it runs in the latest kernel version and updated repository indexes:

**apt update && sudo apt full-upgrade -y**

- All the prerequisites were installed using below commands to install StrongSwan  
**apt install libgmp-dev**  
**apt-get install -y m4**  
**apt install gcc**  
**apt install make**

- Downloaded StrongSwan

**wget http://download.strongswan.org/strongswan-5.9.4.tar.bz2**

```
root@ip-172-31-11-41:/home/ubuntu# wget http://download.strongswan.org/strongswan-5.9.4.tar.bz2
--2021-11-10 21:07:31-- http://download.strongswan.org/strongswan-5.9.4.tar.bz2
Resolving download.strongswan.org (download.strongswan.org)... 152.96.80.46, 2001:620:130:a080::46
Connecting to download.strongswan.org (download.strongswan.org)|152.96.80.46|:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 301 Moved Permanently
Location: https://download.strongswan.org/strongswan-5.9.4.tar.bz2 [following]
--2021-11-10 21:07:31-- https://download.strongswan.org/strongswan-5.9.4.tar.bz2
Connecting to download.strongswan.org (download.strongswan.org)|152.96.80.46|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 4651000 (4.4M) [application/x-bzip2]
Saving to: 'strongswan-5.9.4.tar.bz2'

strongswan-5.9.4.tar.bz2      100%[=====] 4.43M  4.15MB/s  in 1.1s
2021-11-10 21:07:33 (4.15 MB/s) - 'strongswan-5.9.4.tar.bz2' saved [4651000/4651000]
```

- Uncompressed the file using - **bunzip2 strongswan-5.9.4.tar.bz**
- Unpacked the tarball using - **tar xvf strongswan-5.9.4.tar**
- Navigated to directory- **cd strongswan-5.9.4**
- Configured StrongSwan using - **./configure --prefix=/usr --sysconfdir=/etc**

- i. Built the sources using - **make**
- j. Installed the binaries using - **make install**
- k. StrongSwan is installed as seen in the below screenshot.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-11-41:~$ ipsec version
Linux strongSwan U5.9.4/K5.11.0-1021-aws
University of Applied Sciences Rapperswil, Switzerland
See 'ipsec --copyright' for copyright information.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-11-41:~$
```

## 2. The process and screenshot that you generate the root keys etc.

### a. Created a Certificate Authority

- i. Firstly, a directory structure was created to store all the assets

**mkdir -p ~/pki/{cacerts,certs,private}**

- ii. Locking down the permissions so that private files can't be seen by other users

**chmod 700 ~/pki**

- iii. Generated a root key which is a 4096-bit RSA key that will be used to sign root certificate authority

**ipsec pki --gen --type rsa --size 4096 --outform pem > ~/pki/private/ca-key.pem**

```
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d/private# cat ca-key.pem
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEpAIBAAKCAgEAulZasDH54k9kLrUQZGhbqz67ZLCP+h2lvIw9ijyDsrfWfzzI
zyhj+/+Y7Wpy6MFPsOsAiuJNHjd3b4jVcJg5MTejozo7WB55WR8tHYpp37mzvZuF
LNDm8ypofN2E55jwcghZaVQtiGfQCMY2656zyY/3EBVaIA6KLAqxx0HDU66iYB/d
ZrIXK6+oU0pLAhBhgtDkspDxRG6E+jJ2acVfyt7BEUauMM9TYmSSivN7l0+hotj
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/fynNpD+6PnW6XE5LVMFTzemAdpU5ladza/Strqlx8Fg5e/ugtUCit5UN3aRrF04
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gvFPTjatzuNw1+r4wrbI057Hg4NK0tVsBxbJwUyZuXh7hd6jdCv6YoPtraza4
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0LKUE841bg81CwbHrnFiomhvVYxV22prFuSYZ3iMSBjXFVdK0Tty42sBcw=
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d/private#
```

- iv. Created root certificate authority, using the above key to sign the root certificate
- ```
ipsec pki --self --ca --lifetime 3650 --in ~/pki/private/ca-key.pem \  
--type rsa --dn "CN=VPN root CA" --outform pem > ~/pki/cacerts/ca-  
cert.pem
```

```
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d/cacerts# cat ca-cert.pem  
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
MIIE8DCCAtigAwIBAgIIfbjKP5YNnjgwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEMBQAwFjEUMBIGA1UE  
AxMLVLB0IHJvb3QgQ0EwHhcNMjExNTE4WhcNMjExNTE4WjAWMRQwEgYDVQDEwTUE4gcm9vdCBDQTCCAiiIwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADggIPADCC  
AgoCggIBALpc2rAx+eJPZC61EGRh24M+u2Swj/odpbyMPYo8g7K1hX884s8oY/v/  
m01qcuJHz0qLAIILCTRYXd2+I1XCY0TE3o6M601gb0VkfLR2D6d+5mb2VHyZQ5vMq  
aBTdh0eY1nBoWwLUE4hn0AjMtues8mP9xAVWiA0ipQKscdBw10uomAf3Wa4lyuv  
qFNKS2h24YLXZLK08URuhPoydmglX2LewRFALjDPU2Jkkl6ze5dPoaLY9z0Zz3q  
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/dNH6Me4TUEg3+c6iaMdD4ooCpr7zbUYp75ELubkjVhdKLIp7BhUprnsHBKU/OE  
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MXAXdGyZYQSQ2LE0XjCCczANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQwFAAOCAGEAaSJumZrZxBUSZx0U  
DxtCZYUyb3xvLMHgKsPI0kfUMLQ6jZLY0+CpLPeFNBBcVz2db+K+0/xkdq+0dIL7g  
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cBwQZjv7qEoAyyqw4J4e8EYSKKCLLlwWdn269VUp0NRUnN5XDDNwrrJ0cd+Crxar  
f3i9bvkRPZPD9Ffr5QutiK6AMCb44N9pfKLKRRKyduzp4zIeqgf5I/0lqASNmC  
ucBShfFhcxWeCzh+3Sj9nWJKK5y+AEg56QK1v032jPPZZ05Pwx02TSD3gr0J01  
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UjNSZRv2qldhJFM9bZzPpLUEMv03N7tq4JSL2x6IRCrdRZ9eg+8/vzPvv58JUwuU  
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+b1ml3aIPqccZk5KNyRQgggmmM8=  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----  
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d/cacerts#
```

b. Generated a Certificate for the VPN Server

This certificate will allow the client to verify the server's authenticity using the CA certificate created in above step.

- i. Firstly, private key for the VPN server is created

```
ipsec pki --gen --type rsa --size 4096 --outform pem > ~/pki/private/server-  
key.pem
```

```

root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d/private# cat server-key.pem
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEJwIBAAKCAgEA7gcCR+N+/t46KTDm05GVI7UTTJ/uY+2kwkQvkwNRYBxDQ3hA
k4jxQ6xZBRH0D03WI+HWjI9qFF7QEb0B+w0ikdwMgLRANTjYSNTXd9rHAYCYI4NK
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jk1jTwPSzQSFfobrmvVth2jARZUvwrVl4gRxsCksU/c0XEq5PQkz3BKajb3B8=
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d/private#

```

- ii. Created and signed the VPN server certificate with the certificate authority's key created in the step a- iii

```

ipsec pki --pub --in ~/pki/private/server-key.pem --type rsa \
| ipsec pki --issue --lifetime 1825 \ --cacert ~/pki/cacerts/ca-cert.pem \ --cakey
~/pki/private/ca-key.pem \ --dn "CN= 18.118.35.15" --san
" 18.118.35.15" \ --flag serverAuth --flag ikeIntermediate --outform
pem \ ~/pki/certs/server-cert.pem

```

```

root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d/certs# cat server-cert.pem
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
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-----END CERTIFICATE-----
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d/certs#

```

- iii. Move the files into the place in the `/etc/ipsec.d`  
**cp -r ~/pki/\* /etc/ipsec.d/**

```

root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d# tree -f
.
├── ./aacerts
├── ./acerts
├── ./cacerts
│   └── ./cacerts/ca-cert.pem
├── ./certs
│   └── ./certs/server-cert.pem
├── ./cris
├── ./ocspcerts
├── ./policies
│   ├── ./policies/block
│   ├── ./policies/clear
│   ├── ./policies/clear-or-private
│   ├── ./policies/private
│   └── ./policies/private-or-clear
├── ./private
│   ├── ./private/ca-key.pem
│   └── ./private/server-key.pem
└── ./reqs

9 directories, 9 files
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc/ipsec.d#

```



3. Screenshot to show your StrongSwan configuration. That is, /etc/ipsec.conf

```
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc# cat ipsec.conf
config setup
    charondebug="ike 1, knl 1, cfg 0"
    uniqueids=no

conn ikev2-vpn
    auto=add
    compress=no
    type=tunnel
    keyexchange=ikev2
    fragmentation=yes
    forceencaps=yes
    dpdaction=clear
    dpddelay=300s
    rekey=no
    left=%any
    leftid=18.118.35.15
    leftcert=server-cert.pem
    leftsendcert=always
    leftsubnet=0.0.0.0/0
    right=%any
    rightid=%any
    rightauth=eap-mschapv2
    rightsourceip=10.10.10.0/24
    rightdns=8.8.8.8,8.8.4.4
    rightsendcert=never
    eap_identity=%identity
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/etc#
```

4. Steps on how you configure your client machine to be able to connect to the server (I need sufficient details to see how you make it work)

a. In order for StrongSwan server to be able to authenticate clients, firstly we need to mention where to find the private key for the server certificate that is created. To do this, below line was added in file /etc/ipsec.secrets

**: RSA "server-key.pem"**

To define user credentials, below line was added

**shivani : EAP "test123"**

b. Also, the firewall was configured to forward and allow VPN traffic through using below commands.

**ufw allow OpenSSH**

**ufw enable**

Below rule was added to allow UDP traffic to the standard IPSec ports, 500 and 4500:

**ufw allow 500,4500/udp**

Highlighted lines were added in file **/etc/ufw/before.rules** to correctly route and manipulate traffic between the VPN clients and the internet.

```
GNU nano 2.9.3 /etc/ufw/before.rules

# rules.before
#
# Rules that should be run before the ufw command line added rules. Custom
# rules should be added to one of these chains:
#   ufw-before-input
#   ufw-before-output
#   ufw-before-forward
#
*nat
-A POSTROUTING -s 10.10.10.0/24 -o eth0 -m policy --pol ipsec --dir out -j ACCEPT
-A POSTROUTING -s 10.10.10.0/24 -o eth0 -j MASQUERADE
COMMIT

*mangle
-A FORWARD --match policy --pol ipsec --dir in -s 10.10.10.0/24 -o eth0 -p tcp -m tcp --tcp-flags SYN,RST SYN -m tcpmss --mss 1361:1536 -j TCPMSS --set-mss 1360
COMMIT

# Don't delete these required lines, otherwise there will be errors
*filter
:ufw-before-input - [0:0]
:ufw-before-output - [0:0]
:ufw-before-forward - [0:0]
:ufw-not-local - [0:0]
# End required lines

-A ufw-before-forward --match policy --pol ipsec --dir in --proto esp -s 10.10.10.0/24 -j ACCEPT
-A ufw-before-forward --match policy --pol ipsec --dir out --proto esp -d 10.10.10.0/24 -j ACCEPT
```

Below highlighted lines were added in **/etc/ufw/sysctl.conf** to change some network kernel parameters to allow routing from one interface to another.

```
GNU nano 2.9.3

# Configuration file for setting network variables. Please note these settings
# override /etc/sysctl.conf and /etc/sysctl.d. If you prefer to use
# /etc/sysctl.conf, please adjust IPT_SYSCTL in /etc/default/ufw. See
# Documentation/networking/ip-sysctl.txt in the kernel source code for more
# information.
#

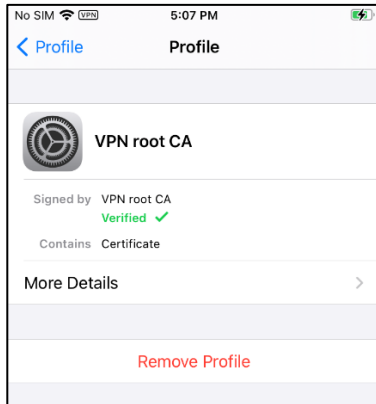
# Uncomment this to allow this host to route packets between interfaces
net/ipv4/ip_forward=1
#net/ipv6/conf/default/forwarding=1
#net/ipv6/conf/all/forwarding=1

# Disable ICMP redirects. ICMP redirects are rarely used but can be used in
# MITM (man-in-the-middle) attacks. Disabling ICMP may disrupt legitimate
# traffic to those sites.
net/ipv4/conf/all/accept_redirects=0
net/ipv4/conf/default/accept_redirects=0
net/ipv6/conf/all/accept_redirects=0
net/ipv6/conf/default/accept_redirects=0

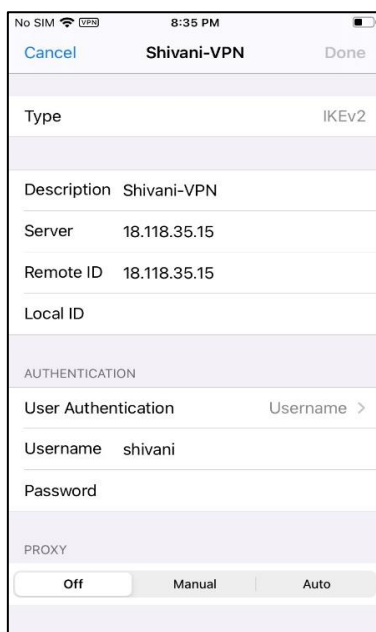
net/ipv4/conf/all/send_redirects=0
net/ipv4/ip_no_pmtu_disc=1
```

The client machine I chose to test the VPN connection was an iOS device. Below mentioned are the steps taken for configuration.

- a. CA certificate at path /etc/ipsec.d/cacerts/ca-cert.pem was copied from the server and saved on my local computer with .pem extension. This saved file was mailed so as to open on the iOS device.
- b. The email with the certificate as an attachment was opened on the iOS device and downloaded. From the Settings-> Profile Download, the certificated was installed using the device's password.



- c. In Settings -> General -> VPN -> Add VPN Configuration, the VPN profile was added as per following steps-
  - i. Type -- IKEv2.
  - ii. Description – Shivani-VPN (Name of the VPN)
  - iii. Server and Remote ID field -- 18.118.35.15
  - iv. In Authentication section, the username 'Shivani' and password 'test123' was entered



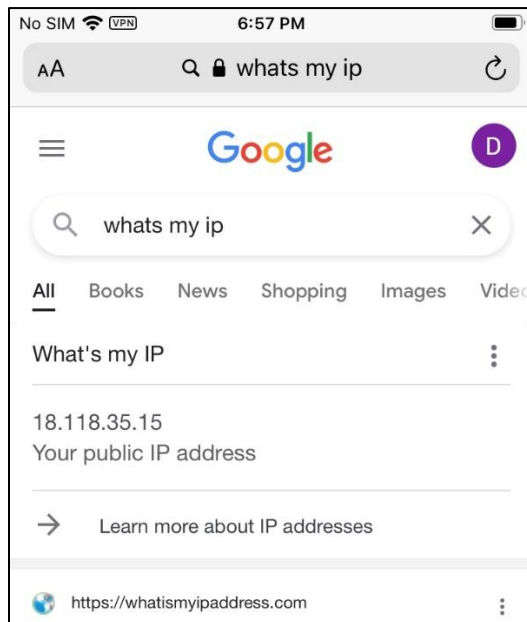


5. Screenshot that you have connected to the strongswan. These screenshot should include the following: the client machine screenshot and the log file at the server to show that your client is connected.

**Client Machine:**



After connecting the VPN, when checked the IP address it detects as 18.118.35.15 which belongs to the public IP of the AWS instance on which the server is hosted



## Log File at Server

```
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[IKE] initiating EAP_MSCHAPV2 method (id 0xC6)
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[IKE] received ESP_TFC_PADDING_NOT_SUPPORTED, not using ESPv3 TFC padding
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[IKE] peer supports MOBIKE
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[IKE] authentication of '18.118.35.15' (myself) with RSA signature successful
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[IKE] sending end entity cert "CN=18.118.35.15"
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[ENC] generating IKE_AUTH response 1 [ IDr CERT AUTH EAP/REQ/MSCHAPV2 ]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[ENC] splitting IKE message with length of 1936 bytes into 2 fragments
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[ENC] generating IKE_AUTH response 1 [ EF(1/2) ]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[ENC] generating IKE_AUTH response 1 [ EF(2/2) ]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[NET] sending packet: from 172.31.31.40[4500] to 172.58.157.92[47500] (1236 bytes)
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 05[NET] sending packet: from 172.31.31.40[4500] to 172.58.157.92[47500] (772 bytes)
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 06[NET] received packet: from 172.58.157.92[47500] to 172.31.31.40[4500] (144 bytes)
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 06[ENC] parsed IKE_AUTH request 2 [ EAP/RES/MSCHAPV2 ]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 06[IKE] EAP-MS-CHAPv2 username: 'shivani'
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 06[ENC] generating IKE_AUTH response 2 [ EAP/REQ/MSCHAPV2 ]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 06[NET] sending packet: from 172.31.31.40[4500] to 172.58.157.92[47500] (144 bytes)
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 07[NET] received packet: from 172.58.157.92[47500] to 172.31.31.40[4500] (80 bytes)
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 07[ENC] parsed IKE_AUTH request 3 [ EAP/RES/MSCHAPV2 ]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 07[IKE] EAP method EAP_MSCHAPV2 succeeded, MSK established
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 07[ENC] generating IKE_AUTH response 3 [ EAP/SUCC ]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 07[NET] sending packet: from 172.31.31.40[4500] to 172.58.157.92[47500] (80 bytes)
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[NET] received packet: from 172.58.157.92[47500] to 172.31.31.40[4500] (112 bytes)
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[ENC] parsed IKE_AUTH request 4 [ AUTH ]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[IKE] authentication of '172.20.10.12' with EAP successful
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[IKE] authentication of '18.118.35.15' (myself) with EAP
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[IKE] IKE SA ikev2-vpn[6] established between 172.31.31.40[18.118.35.15]...172.58.157.92[172.20.10.12]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[IKE] peer requested virtual IP %any
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[IKE] assigning virtual IP 10.10.10.1 to peer 'shivani'
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[IKE] peer requested virtual IP %any6
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[IKE] no virtual IP found for %any6 requested by 'shivani'
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[IKE] CHILD_SA ikev2-vpn[13] established with SPIs c4c2fec0_i 00dbaf08_o and TS 0.0.0.0/0 == 10.10.10.1/32
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[ENC] generating IKE_AUTH response 4 [ AUTH CPRP(ADDR DNS DNS) SA TSi TSr N(MOBIKE_SUP) N(NO_ADD_ADDR) ]
Nov 14 01:17:28 ip-172-31-31-40 charon: 10[NET] sending packet: from 172.31.31.40[4500] to 172.58.157.92[47500] (256 bytes)
root@ip-172-31-31-40:/home/ubuntu#
```