# Wireguard Setup with Docker-compose and Digital Ocean

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## Installation Process

- Sign up for a new account using this URL https://m.do.co/c/d33d59113ab6
- Gets you \$200 credit for 2 months of usage

#### Create an Ubuntu 22.04

- 1. 2nd Cheapest Droplet = \$6/mont
  - o Ubuntu 22.04
  - o Basic
  - Regular Intel CPU
  - Normal SSD
- 2. Choose either SSH key or Password
- 3. Open the terminal and connect to the ubuntu-server using the following command

ssh root@[ip-address]

ip-address - should be shown on the droplet.

# Update and Upgrade

After connecting use the following command

sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

# Install Docker and Docker-Compose

```
sudo apt install docker.io docker-compose -y
```

# Setup folders and create .yml

Create directories for WireGuard configuration:

```
mkdir -p ~/wireguard/
mkdir -p ~/wireguard/config/
```

Creates the necessary directory structure for the WireGuard service.

## Setup Wireguard in Docker-compose.yml

Edit the Docker Compose file:

```
sudo nano ~/wireguard/docker-compose.yml
```

Copy the following content in docker-compose.yml file:

```
version: '3.8'
services:
  wireguard:
    container_name: wireguard
    image: linuxserver/wireguard
    environment:
      - PUID=1000
      - PGID=1000
      - TZ=Etc/UTC
      - SERVERURL=1.2.3.4
      - SERVERPORT=52820
      - PEERS=pc1, phone1
      - PEERDNS=auto
      - INTERNAL SUBNET=10.0.0.0
    ports:
      - 52820:52820/udp
    volumes:
      - type: bind
        source: ./config/
        target: /config/
      - type: bind
        source: /lib/modules
        target: /lib/modules
```

```
restart: always
cap_add:
    - NET_ADMIN
    - SYS_MODULE
sysctls:
    - net.ipv4.conf.all.src_valid_mark=1
```

## Description of Docker Compose File Configuration

#### container\_name

• Names the container wireguard for easier management.

## image

• Uses the linuxserver/wireguard Docker image.

#### environment

- Sets environment variables for container customization:
  - PUID and PGID: Set to 1000 for the user's default UID and GID.
  - TZ: Specifies the timezone (set to Etc/UTC).
  - SERVERURL: Public IP or domain of the WireGuard server (replace 1.2.3.4).
  - SERVERPORT: Port for the WireGuard service (52820).
  - PEERS: List of client peers (e.g., pc1, phone1).
  - PEERDNS: Sets DNS resolution for peers (use auto).
  - INTERNAL\_SUBNET: Defines the internal VPN subnet (e.g., 10.0.0.0).

#### **Ports**

• Maps port 52820 on the host to 52820/udp in the container.

#### **Volumes**

- /config:
  - Binds the local ./config/ folder to the container's /config/ for persistent data.
- /lib/modules:
  - Binds the host's /lib/modules for kernel module access.

## **Restart Policy**

• Automatically restarts the container if it stops.

### **Capabilities and System Controls**

- cap\_add:
  - Grants the container network management (NET\_ADMIN) and kernel module loading (SYS\_MODULE) capabilities.

- sysctls:
  - Configures network settings (net.ipv4.conf.all.src\_valid\_mark=1).

# Testing the VPN

Start the WireGuard container:

```
cd ~/wireguard/
docker-compose up -d
```

Brings up the container in detached mode (-d). Check logs to get the QR code:

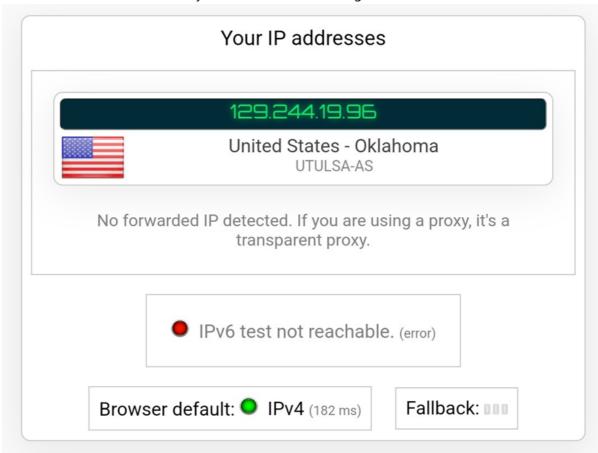
```
docker-compose logs -f wireguard
```

## Configure and test VPN access on

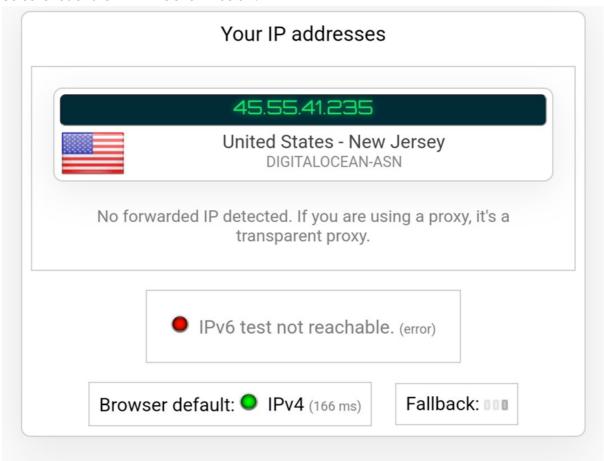
- Mobile device: Import the peer configuration and test connectivity.
- Laptop: Set up the VPN connection and verify proper routing.

#### **Mobile device**

- 1. Open the Wireguard app and scan the QR code from the logs.
- 2. Before connecting:
  - Visit IPLeak.net and screenshot your local IP. The following screenshot shows the IP-Address:



- 3. After connecting:
  - Turn on the Wireguard VPN and revisit IPLeak.net
  - Screenshot of the VPN IP is shown below:



## Laptop

1. Setting Up the WireGuard Client for Ubuntu

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install wireguard
```

2. Locate the WireGuard Configuration File

To find the configuration file:

```
ls /opt/wireguard/config
```

3. Copy the Configuration File to Your Client

```
scp root@[ip-address]:/opt/wireguard/config/peer_pc1.conf ~/peer_pc1.conf
```

or put the following content in ~/peer\_pc1.conf

```
[Interface]
PrivateKey = iLwC8xbCzwVd5j9s7Et/72d6keAAVTlkmxcY/wX6Ako=
ListenPort = 52820
Address = 10.0.0.2/32
DNS = 10.0.0.1

[Peer]
PublicKey = P5GnsQQZk4X0KilGkKNg5ND/XZjV0KP7QDNuShSCcG4=
PresharedKey = 5X6AWptfcPEHqhgi3nVlEb6vx833rLQic/ofI4TMy5s=
AllowedIPs = 0.0.0.0/0, ::/0
Endpoint = 45.55.41.235:52820
```

4. Import the Configuration File into WireGuard

Use the WireGuard CLI:

```
sudo wg-quick up ~/wireguard-client.conf
```

To bring the interface down, use:

```
sudo wg-quick down ~/wireguard-client.conf
```

5. Verify the VPN Connection Check WireGuard status- to verify that the VPN interface is up and running, use the following command:

```
sudo wg
```

- 6. Check IP address
  - Before connecting to the VPN Go to IPLeak.net or run curl ifconfig.me in the terminal to see your current public IP.
  - After connecting to the VPN Visit IPLeak.netagain or run curl ifconfig.me to confirm that your IP has changed to the VPN server's IP address.

## References

Setup Wireguard VPN server with Docker

