



# Vodafone MachineLink

# OpenVPN Configuration Guide







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Table i - Document revision history



**Note** – Before performing the instructions in this guide, please ensure that you have the latest firmware version installed on your router. Visit http://vodafone.netcommwireless.com to download the latest firmware.



Note – The functions described in this document require that the router is assigned with a publicly routable IP address.

Please ensure that your mobile carrier has provided you with a publicly routable IP address before performing the instructions in this document.

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### Notation

The following symbols are used in this user guide:



The following note requires attention.



The following note provides a warning.



The following note provides useful information.





## Introduction

A VPN (Virtual private network) is a secure connection between two or more endpoints. It can also be seen as an extension to a private network.

There are two key types of VPN scenarios:

- Site to Site VPN
- Remote Access VPN.

In a site to site VPN, data is encrypted from one VPN gateway to the other, providing a secure link between two sites over a third party insecure network like the Internet.

In a remote access VPN scenario, a secure connection would be made from an individual computer to a VPN gateway. This would enable a user to access their e-mail, files and other resources at work from wherever they may be, providing they have an Internet connection.

The Vodafone MachineLink router supports three types of Virtual Private Network (VPN) technologies:

- Point-to-Point Tunnelling Protocol (PPTP) VPN
- Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) VPN
- OpenVPN

OpenVPN is an open source virtual private network (VPN) program for creating point-to-point or server-to-multi-client encrypted tunnels between host computers. The Vodafone MachineLink router supports three different OpenVPN modes:

- OpenVPN Server
- OpenVPN Client
- OpenVPN Peer-to-Peer VPN connection.

This document describes how to configure the different OpenVPN types on the Vodafone MachineLink router.



#### Important notes about OpenVPN on the Vodafone MachineLink router

- When using two MachineLink routers in a Server-Client scenario, you should change the LAN IP Address of the
  devices so that they are on different subnets, otherwise you may find it impossible to access the web-interface of one
  of the routers when an OpenVPN connection is established.
- A MachineLink router acting as a Server must be connected to an APN that provides a publicly routable IP address.
- OpenVPN Certificates and Secret Keys are dependent on the time on each router being in synchronisation. If the time
  is not correct on the router due to NTP not working or for any other reason, the certificate or secret key timestamp
  may be expired and hence will not be useable.
- If both the OpenVPN Server and OpenVPN Client are in a private network, please ensure that the server is routable to the client and vice-versa before establishing the VPN connection.





## OpenVPN Server Mode

In OpenVPN Server Mode, a MachineLink router acts as a host allowing M2M Routers in client mode or Windows/Linux software clients to establish a virtual private network connection. In order to establish a secure communications channel, a cryptographic key is exchanged between the server and the client using the Diffie-Hellman method of key exchange. Once a shared secret is established, certificates identifying each client node are issued which can be used as a means of authentication.

OpenVPN authentication is achieved through first establishing a public key infrastructure. The public key infrastructure includes:

- A public and private key for the server and each client
- A master Certificate Authority (CA) certificate and the key used to sign each of the server and client certificates.

This authentication method results in several benefits:

- The server only needs its own certificate and key. It does not need to have every certificate of every client that may connect to it.
- The server will only accept clients with certificates that were signed by the master certificate authority.
- If the security of a client certificate is compromised, that individual certificate can be revoked without requiring a new public key infrastructure to be generated.
- The server can enforce access rights for specific clients based on the certificate fields.

While certificate authentication is the more secure and desirable means of authentication, it is also possible to use a username and password for authentication. Username and password authentication is not used in conjunction with certificates.

An OpenVPN Server allows for one or many client routers to establish secure communication tunnels as illustrated below:





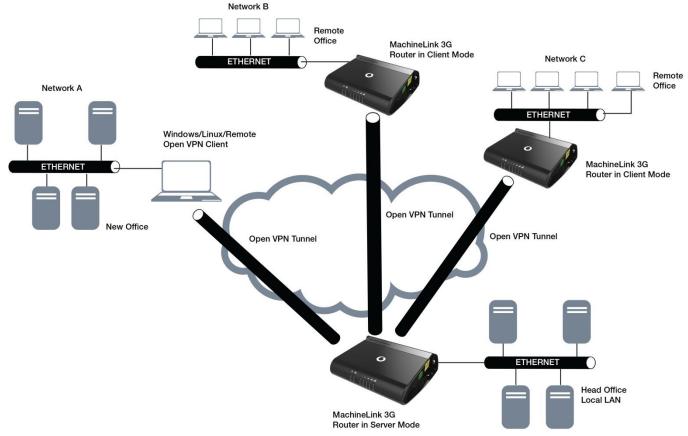


Figure 1 - OpenVPN Server Mode Diagram





# Configuring an OpenVPN Server

- 1 Login to your MachineLink router using the "root" account.
- 2 Click on the **Networking** menu, click the **VPN** menu on the left, and then click the **Open VPN** item.
- 3 The three types of OpenVPN lists are displayed.

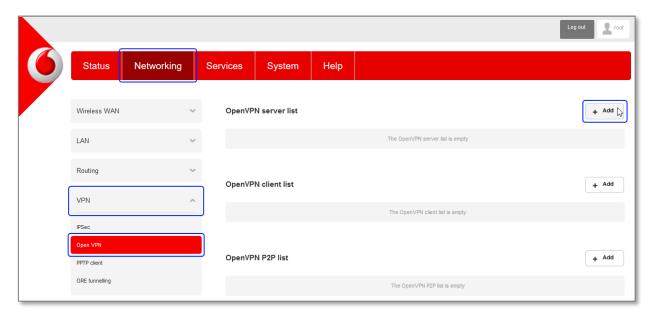


Figure 2 - OpenVPN profile list

4 Click the **+Add** button next to the **OpenVPN server list**. The configuration window is displayed.





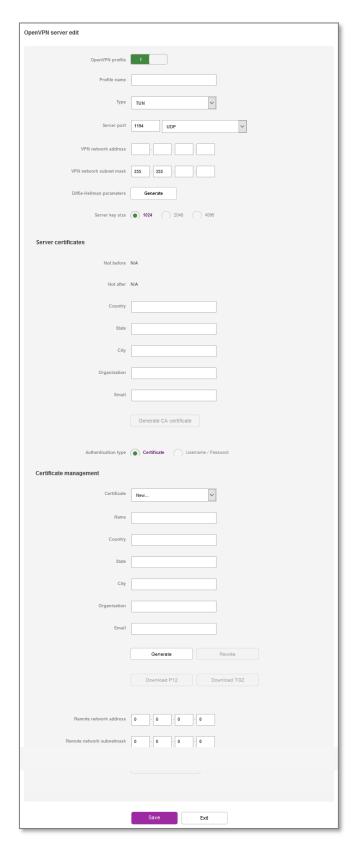


Figure 3 - OpenVPN Server configuration page





- 5 Set the OpenVPN profile option to **ON.**
- In the **Profile name** field, type a name for the OpenVPN Server profile you are creating. This is used to identify the OpenVPN connection on the router.
- 7 Use the **Server port** fields to enter a port number and select a packet type to use for your OpenVPN Server. The default OpenVPN port is 1194 and default packet type is UDP.
- In the **VPN Network Address** and **VPN Network Mask** fields, enter the IP address and network mask to assign to your VPN. This is ideally an internal IP address which differs from your existing address scheme. The default settings may be used if you wish.
- 9 Under **Server key size**, select the size of the key. A larger key will result in higher security but will also take longer to generate the key.
- Next to **Diffie-Hellman Parameters**, click the **Generate** button. This will create an encryption key to secure your OpenVPN connection.



Note – The Diffie-Hellman parameters can take up to 10 minutes to generate. Please be patient.

- 11 Under **Server Certificates**, enter the required details. All fields must be completed. The **Country** field must consist of one of the country codes listed in the <u>Appendix</u>. When the details have been entered, click the **Generate CA certificate** button to generate the Certificate Authority (CA) certificate based on this information.
- 12 Select the **Authentication Type** that you would like to use for the OpenVPN Server.

#### Certificate Authentication

- a In the **Certificate Management** section, enter the required details to create a client certificate. All fields are required.
- b When you have finished entering the details, click the **Generate** button. The certificate should only take a moment to generate.





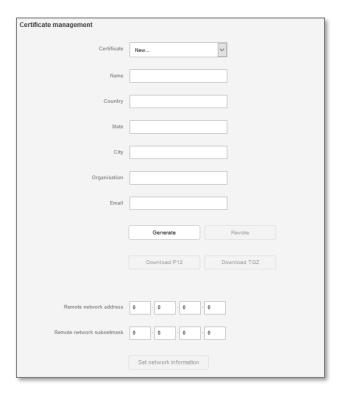


Figure 4 - OpenVPN Server - Certificate Management section

- c When it is done, you can click the **Download** button to save the certificate file. If for some reason the integrity of your network has been compromised, you can return to this screen and use the Certificate drop down list to select the certificate and then press the **Revoke** button to disable it.
- **Optional:** To inform the OpenVPN Server of the network address scheme of the currently selected certificate, enter the Network Address and Network Mask in the respective fields. If you do not enter the remote subnet here, any packet requests from the server to the client will not be received by the client network because it is not aware of the remote client's subnet.

#### Username / Password Authentication

e In the username/password section, enter the username and password you would like to use for authentication on the OpenVPN Server. Click the **Download CA certificate** button to save the **ca.crt** file. This file will need to be provided to the client.



**Note** – If you wish to have more than one client connect to this OpenVPN Server, you must use Certificate Authentication mode as Username/Password only allows for a single client connection.





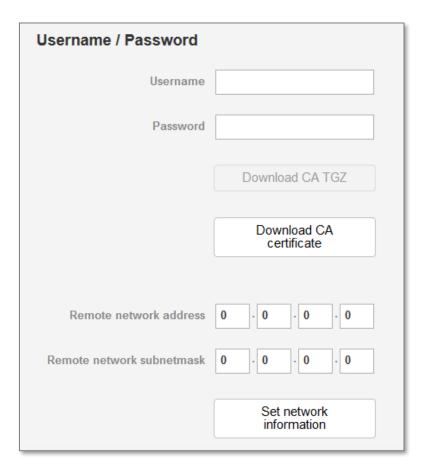


Figure 5 - OpenVPN Server - Username/Password section

- f Optional To inform the OpenVPN Server of the network address scheme of the currently selected certificate, enter the Remote network address and Remote network subnetmask in the respective fields. If you do not enter the remote subnet here, any packet requests from the server to the client will not be received by the client network because it is not aware of the remote client's subnet. When done, click the Set network information button.
- When you have finished entering all the required information, click the **Save** button to finish configuring the OpenVPN Server.





### Verifying the OpenVPN Connection Status

Open a command prompt and ping a client in the remote subnet and the OpenVPN Gateway address assigned to the remote router. See the screenshot below for an example.

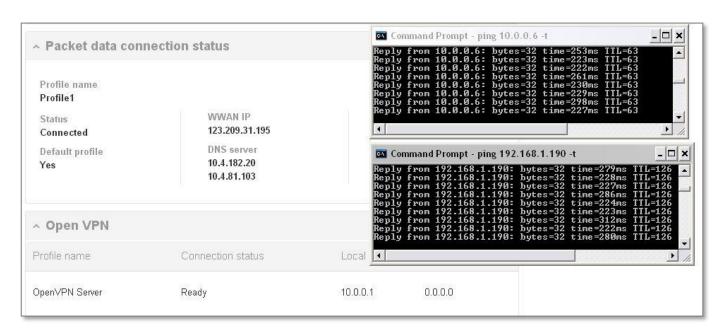


Figure 6 - OpenVPN Server connection verification





## OpenVPN Server Examples

### OpenVPN Server Mode – Certificate Authentication

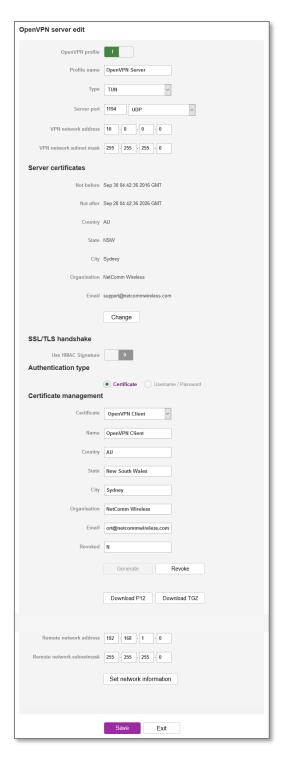


Figure 7 - OpenVPN Server - Certificate Authentication Example page





### OpenVPN Server Mode – Username / Password Authentication

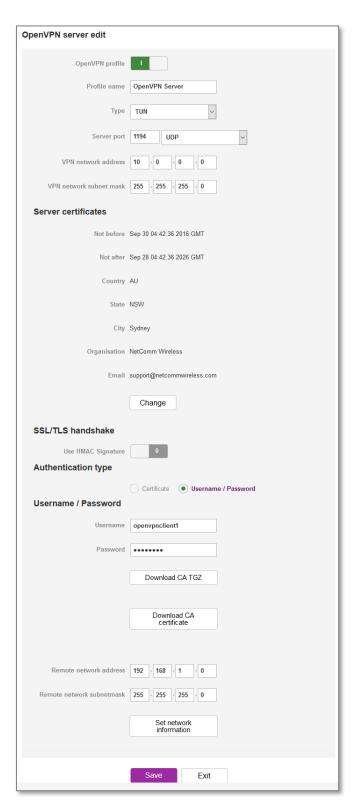


Figure 8 - OpenVPN Server - Username / Password Authentication Example page





## OpenVPN Client Mode

The Vodafone MachineLink router may be configured to operate as an OpenVPN Client and connect to an OpenVPN Server running on another MachineLink router or a software OpenVPN Server on a computer.

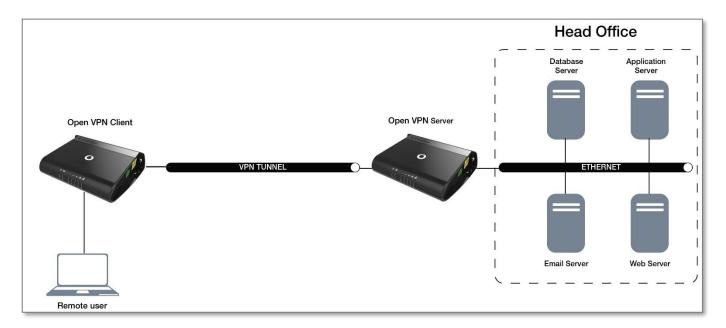


Figure 9 - OpenVPN Client mode diagram

#### Certificate Files

When using two MachineLink routers to establish an OpenVPN connection, the certificate generated by the server will be recognised by the client and will not require modification.

In situations where you are using another third-party OpenVPN Server to generate certificates, the MachineLink router will expect a tar archive compressed using GZip. There are three files that the OpenVPN client in the MachineLink router will expect to see within a .tgz file:

- The master Certificate Authority (CA) certificate file named ca.crt
- Client certificate file (e.g., OpenVPN Test Client.crt)
- Client key file (e.g., **OpenVPN Test Client.key**)

If you have used a third-party OpenVPN Server to generate certificates and keys, you will need to archive these three files in a .tgz file to provide the OpenVPN Client on your MachineLink router.

You can perform this in Linux by using the command:

tar -zcvf netcommclient.tgz netcommclient.crt netcommclient.key ca.crt

For more information on creating .tqz files, please refer to http://www.cs.duke.edu/~ola/courses/programming/tar.html





### Configuring an OpenVPN Client

- 1 Login to your Vodafone MachineLink router using the "root" account.
- 2 Click on the **Networking** menu, click the **VPN** menu on the left, and then click the **OpenVPN** item.
- 3 The OpenVPN lists are displayed.

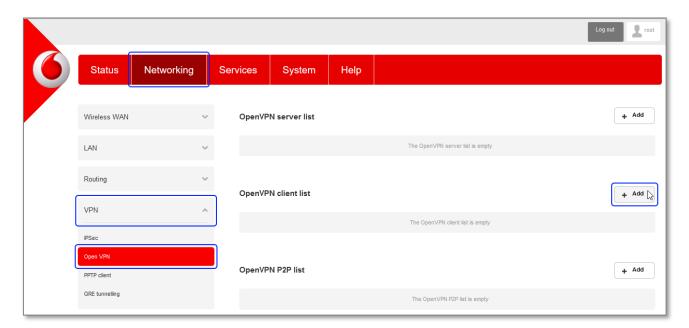


Figure 10 - OpenVPN profile list

4 Click the **+Add** button next to the **OpenVPN client list**. The configuration window is displayed.





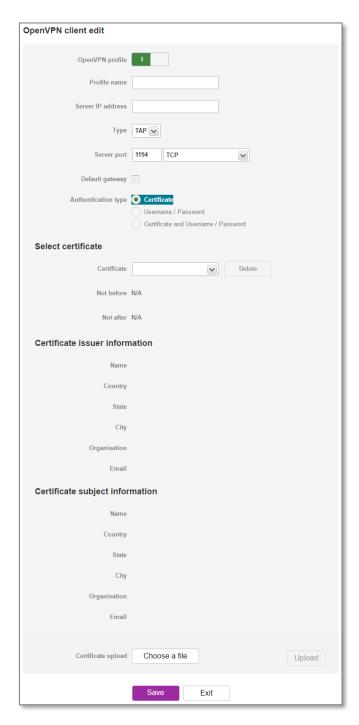


Figure 9 - OpenVPN Client - Configuration page

- 5 Set the **OpenVPN profile** option to **ON**.
- 6 In the **Profile name** field type a name for the OpenVPN Client profile you are creating.
- 7 In the **Server IP address** field type the WAN IP address of the OpenVPN Server.
- 8 In the **Server port** fields enter the Server Port and packet type (UDP or TCP) to use for the connection.





- 9 If the **Default gateway** option is applied on the OpenVPN Client page, the OpenVPN Server will enable connections to be made to other client networks connected to it. If it is not selected, the OpenVPN connection allows for secure communication links between the remote office and the head office only.
- 10 For the **Authentication type** option, select the authentication type that you would like to use for the OpenVPN Client.

#### Certificate Authentication

In the Certificate Upload section at the bottom of the screen, click the **Browse** button and locate the certificate file you downloaded when you configured the OpenVPN Server. When it has been selected, click the **Upload** button to send it to the router.



Figure 11 - OpenVPN Client - Certificate Authentication section





#### Username / Password Authentication

a Enter the username and password to authenticate with the OpenVPN Server.

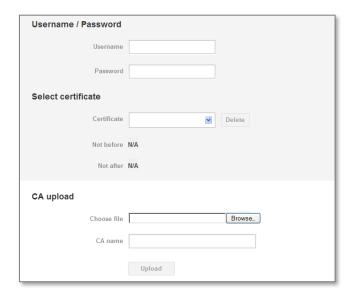


Figure 12 - OpenVPN Client - Username/Password section

- b Use the **Browse** button to locate the CA certificate file you saved from the OpenVPN Server and then press the **Upload** button to send it to the router.
- 11 Click the **Save** button to complete the OpenVPN Client configuration.

### Verifying the OpenVPN Connection Status

Open a command prompt and ping the OpenVPN Gateway address assigned to the remote router. See the screenshot below for an example.

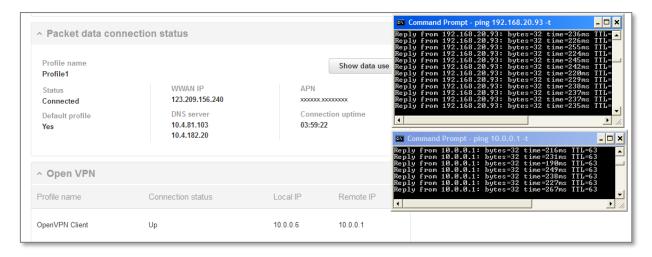


Figure 13 - OpenVPN Client verification of connection





## OpenVPN Client Example

## OpenVPN Client – Certificate Authentication

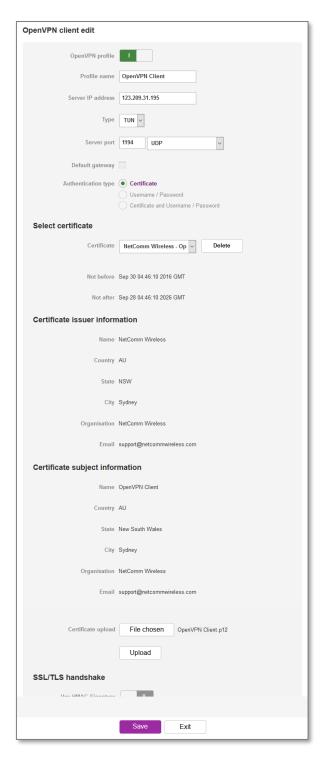


Figure 14 - OpenVPN Client Mode - Certificate Authentication Example





### OpenVPN Client – Username / Password Authentication

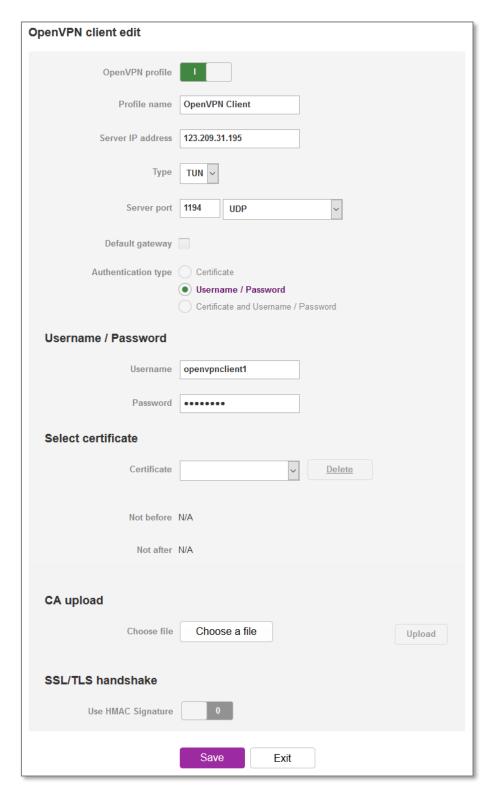


Figure 15 - OpenVPN Client Mode - Username / Password Authentication Example





## OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Mode

OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Mode is the quickest and easiest way to establish a secure connection between two points. In Peer-To-Peer Mode one node acts as a master and accepts a single connection from a slave.

In OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer mode, both the master and the slave generate a secret key which is then passed on to the other for authentication. This is the only form of authentication available in Peer-To-Peer mode.

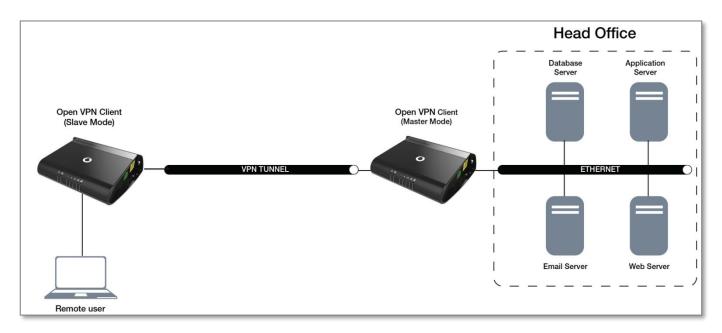


Figure 16 - OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer mode diagram

### Configuring an OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Connection

Perform the following steps on two Vodafone MachineLink routers:

- 1 Login to your MachineLink routers using the "root" account.
- 2 Click on the **Networking** menu, click the **VPN** menu on the left, and then click the **OpenVPN** item. The OpenVPN lists are displayed.





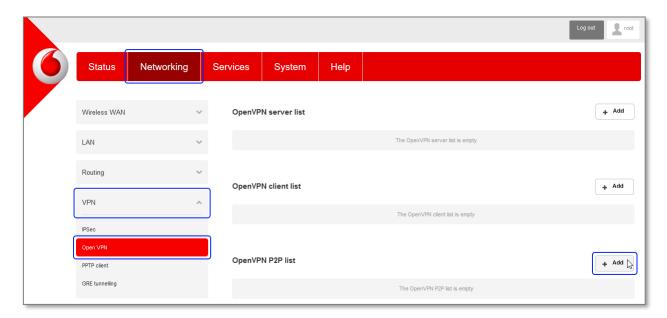


Figure 17 - OpenVPN profile list

3 Click the **+Add** button next to the **OpenVPN P2P list**. The configuration window is displayed.



Figure 9 - OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Mode





- 4 Set the **OpenVPN profile** option to **ON**.
- 5 In the **Profile name** field, type a name for the OpenVPN Client profile you are creating.
- 6 In the **Server IP address** field, type the WAN IP address of the OpenVPN Server.
- 7 In the **Server port** field, enter the Server Port and packet type to use for the connection.
- In the **Local IP address** and **Remote IP address** fields, enter the local and remote IP addresses to use for the OpenVPN tunnel. The slave should have the reverse settings of the master.
- 9 Under the Remote Network section, enter the network address and network mask. The Network Address and Network Mask fields inform the Master node of the LAN address scheme of the Slave.
- Press the **Generate** button to create a secret key to be shared with the slave. When the timestamp appears, you can click the **Download** button to save the file to exchange with the other router.
- When you have saved the secret key file on each router, use the **Browse** button to locate the secret key file for the master and then press the **Upload** button to send it to the slave. Perform the same for the other router, uploading the slave's secret key file to master.
- 12 When they are uploaded click the **Save** button to complete the Peer-To-Peer OpenVPN configuration.





## OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Example

## OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Master

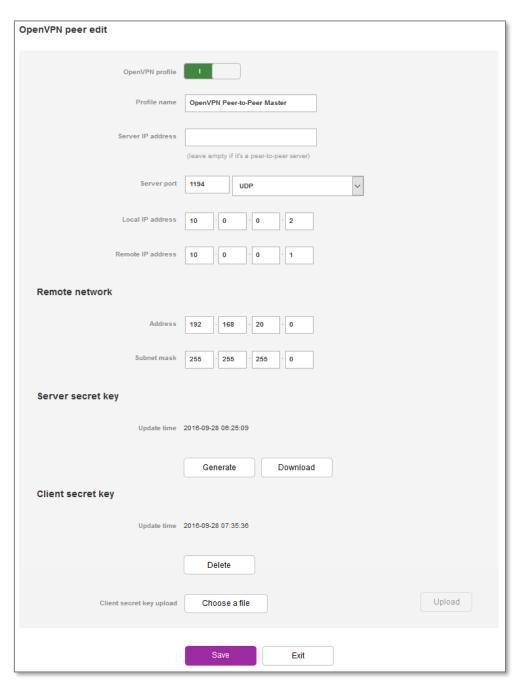


Figure 18 - OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Master example





### OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Slave



Figure 19 - OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Slave example

### Verifying the OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Connection Status

Open a command prompt on either the master or the slave and ping the OpenVPN Gateway address assigned to the remote router. See the screenshots below for an example.





#### OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Master

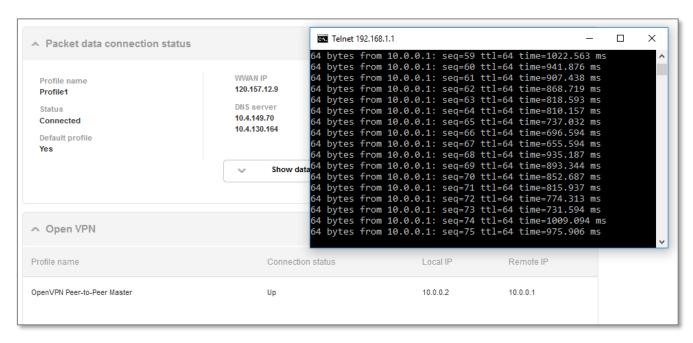


Figure 20 - OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Master verification

#### OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Slave

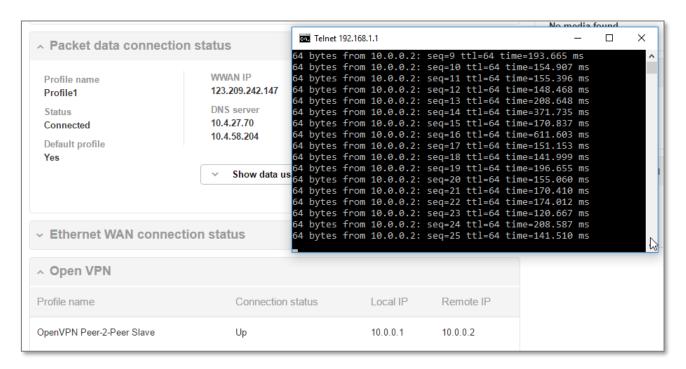


Figure 21 - OpenVPN Peer-To-Peer Slave verification





# Appendix: Country codes

Code	Country	Code	Country	Code	Country	Code	Country
AX	Åland Islands	DM	Dominica	KE	Kenya	ОМ	Oman
AD	Andorra	DO	Dominican Republic	KG	Kyrgyzstan	PA	Panama
AE	United Arab Emirates	DZ	Algeria	КН	Cambodia	PE	Peru
AF	Afghanistan	EC	Ecuador	KI	Kiribati	PF	French Polynesia
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	EE	Estonia	КМ	Comoros	PG	Papua New Guinea
Al	Anguilla	EG	Egypt	KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	PH	Philippines
AL	Albania	EH	Western Sahara	KR	Korea (South)	РК	Pakistan
AM	Armenia	ER	Eritrea	KW	Kuwait	PL	Poland
AN	Netherlands Antilles	ES	Spain	КҮ	Cayman Islands	РМ	St. Pierre and Miquelon
AO	Angola	ET	Ethiopia	KZ	Kazakhstan	PN	Pitcairn
AQ	Antarctica	FI	Finland	LA	Laos	PR	Puerto Rico
AR	Argentina	FJ	Fiji	LC	Saint Lucia	PS	Palestinian Territory
AS	American Samoa	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	LI	Liechtenstein	PT	Portugal
AT	Austria	FM	Micronesia	LK	Sri Lanka	PW	Palau
AU	Australia	FO	Faroe Islands	LS	Lesotho	PY	Paraguay
AW	Aruba	FR	France	LT	Lithuania	QA	Qatar
AZ	Azerbaijan	FX	France, Metropolitan	LU	Luxembourg	RE	Reunion
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	GA	Gabon	LV	Latvia	RO	Romania
ВВ	Barbados	GB	Great Britain (UK)	LY	Libya	RS	Serbia
BD	Bangladesh	GD	Grenada	MA	Morocco	RU	Russian Federation
BE	Belgium	GE	Georgia	МС	Monaco	RW	Rwanda
BF	Burkina Faso	GF	French Guiana	MD	Moldova	SA	Saudi Arabia
BG	Bulgaria	GG	Guernsey	ME	Montenegro	SB	Solomon Islands
ВН	Bahrain	GH	Ghana	MG	Madagascar	sc	Seychelles
BI	Burundi	GI	Gibraltar	МН	Marshall Islands	SE	Sweden
BJ	Benin	GL	Greenland	МК	Macedonia	SG	Singapore
ВМ	Bermuda	GM	Gambia	ML	Mali	SH	St. Helena
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GN	Guinea	ММ	Myanmar	SI	Slovenia
во	Bolivia	GP	Guadeloupe	MN	Mongolia	SJ	Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands
BR	Brazil	GQ	Equatorial Guinea	МО	Macau	SK	Slovak Republic





Code	Country	Code	Country	Code	Country	Code	Country
BS	Bahamas	GR	Greece	МР	Northern Mariana Islands	SL	Sierra Leone
ВТ	Bhutan	GS	S. Georgia and S. Sandwich Isls.	MQ	Martinique	SM	San Marino
BV	Bouvet Island	GT	Guatemala	MR	Mauritania	SN	Senegal
BW	Botswana	GU	Guam	MS	Montserrat	SR	Suriname
BZ	Belize	GW	Guinea-Bissau	МТ	Malta	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
CA	Canada	GY	Guyana	MU	Mauritius	SU	USSR (former)
СС	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	нк	Hong Kong	MV	Maldives	SV	El Salvador
CF	Central African Republic	НМ	Heard and McDonald Islands	MW	Malawi	SZ	Swaziland
СН	Switzerland	HN	Honduras	МХ	Mexico	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
CI	Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	HR	Croatia (Hrvatska)	MY	Malaysia	TD	Chad
СК	Cook Islands	нт	Haiti	MZ	Mozambique	TF	French Southern Territories
CL	Chile	HU	Hungary	NA	Namibia	TG	Togo
СМ	Cameroon	ID	Indonesia	NC	New Caledonia	TH	Thailand
CN	China	IE	Ireland	NE	Niger	TJ	Tajikistan
со	Colombia	IL	Israel	NF	Norfolk Island	TK	Tokelau
CR	Costa Rica	IM	Isle of Man	NG	Nigeria	TM	Turkmenistan
CS	Czechoslovakia (former)	IN	India	NI	Nicaragua	TN	Tunisia
CV	Cape Verde	10	British Indian Ocean Territory	NL	Netherlands	то	Tonga
СХ	Christmas Island	IS	Iceland	NO	Norway	TP	East Timor
CY	Cyprus	IT	Italy	NP	Nepal	TR	Turkey
CZ	Czech Republic	JE	Jersey	NR	Nauru	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
DE	Germany	JM	Jamaica	NT	Neutral Zone	TV	Tuvalu
DJ	Djibouti	JO	Jordan	NU	Niue	TW	Taiwan
DK	Denmark	JP	Japan	NZ	New Zealand (Aotearoa)	TZ	Tanzania

Code	Country			
<b>UA</b> Ukraine				
UG	Uganda			
UM	US Minor Outlying Islands			
US	United States			





Code	Country			
UY	Uruguay			
UZ	Uzbekistan			
VA	Vatican City State (Holy See)			
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines			
VE	Venezuela			
VG	Virgin Islands (British)			
VI	Virgin Islands (U.S.)			
VN	Viet Nam			
VU	Vanuatu			
WF	Wallis and Futuna Islands			
WS	Samoa			
YE	Yemen			
YT	Mayotte			
ZA	South Africa			
ZM	Zambia			
СОМ	US Commercial			
EDU	US Educational			
GOV	US Government			
INT	International			
MIL	US Military			
NET	Network			
ORG	Non-Profit Organization			
ARPA	Old style Arpanet			

Table 1 - Country codes