TheGreenBow IPSec VPN Client

Configuration Guide

AboCom MH2400
Firmware v3.0

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1 Introduction

1.1 Goal of this document
This configuration guide describes how to configure TheGreenBow IPSec VPN Client with a AboCom MH2400 VPN router.

1.2 VPN Network topology
In our VPN network example (diagram hereafter), we will connect TheGreenBow IPSec VPN Client to the LAN behind the AboCom MH2400 router. The VPN client is connected to the Internet with a DSL connection or through a LAN. All the addresses in this document are given for example purpose.

1.3 AboCom MH2400 Restrictions
Depending on the firmware version, AboCom MH2400 may not support NAT-T. The IPSec VPN Client cannot connect if it stands on a LAN.

1.4 AboCom MH2400 VPN Gateway
Our tests and VPN configuration have been conducted with AboCom MH2400 firmware release version 3.0.
# 2 AboCom MH2400 VPN configuration

This section describes how to build an IPSec VPN configuration with your AboCom MH2400 VPN router. Once connected to your VPN gateway, you must select “Security” and “VPN” tabs.

### Necessary Item
- **Name**: abocom
- **VLAN interface**: VLAN 1, VLAN 2, VLAN 3, VLAN 4
- **To Destination**
  - Remote Gateway
  - Fixed IP or Domain Name (Max: 30 characters)
  - Remote Gateway or Client — Dynamic IP
- **Authentication Method**
  - LOCAL PEM
  - Remote PEM
  - Preshared Key (Max: 103 characters)
- **Encapsulation**
- **ISAKMP Algorithm**
- **ENC Algorithm**
- **AUTH Algorithm**
- **Group**
- **IPSec Algorithm**
  - Data Encryption + Authentication
  - Encapsulation
  - AUTH Algorithm
  - Group

### Optional Item
- **Perfect Forward Secrecy**: GROUP 1
- **ISAKMP Lifetime**: 3600 Seconds (Range: 1200 - 86400)
- **IPSec Lifetime**: 288000 Seconds (Range: 1200 - 86400)
- **Mode**: Main mode
- **My ID**: (Max: 39 characters)
- **Peer ID**: (Max: 39 characters)
- **GRE/IPSec**
  - GRE Local IP
  - GRE Remote IP
- **Dead Peer Detection**: Delay [ ] Second, Timeout [ ] Second (Delay Range: 0 - 10, 0: means disable; Timeout Range: 1 - 100)
- **Manual Connect**
3 TheGreenBow IPSec VPN Client configuration

3.1 VPN Client Phase 1 (IKE) Configuration

The remote VPN Gateway IP address is either an explicit IP address, or a DNS Name

Phase 1 configuration

The remote VPN Gateway IP address is either an explicit IP address, or a DNS Name
3.2 VPN Client Phase 2 (IPSec) Configuration

You may notice that we have selected SHA as authentication algorithm despite that fact MD5 algorithm is used for phase 2 in AboCom MH2400 advanced settings. The real authentication algorithm used is defined in main configuration page of the AboCom MH2400 router settings.

3.3 Open IPSec VPN tunnels

Once both AboCom MH2400 router and TheGreenBow IPSec VPN Client have been configured accordingly, you are ready to open VPN tunnels. First make sure you enable your firewall with IPSec traffic.

1. Click on "Save & Apply" to take into account all modifications we’ve made on your VPN Client configuration
2. Click on "Open Tunnel", or generate traffic that will automatically open a secure IPSec VPN Tunnel (e.g. ping, IE browser)
3. Select "Connections" to see opened VPN Tunnels
4. Select "Console" if you want to access to the IPSec VPN logs and adjust filters to display less IPSec messaging. The following example shows a successful connection between TheGreenBow IPSec VPN Client and a Microsoft Windows 2000 Server.
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Frame 1 (142 bytes on wire, 142 bytes captured)

ethernet II, Src: 00:10:00:01:ff:ff, Dst: 00:10:00:00:ff:ff
4 Tools in case of trouble

Configuring an IPSec VPN tunnel can be a hard task. One missing parameter can prevent a VPN connection from being established. Some tools are available to find source of troubles during a VPN establishment.

4.1 A good network analyser: ethereal

Ethereal is a free software that can be used for packet and traffic analysis. It shows IP or TCP packets received on a network card. This tool is available on website [http://www.ethereal.com/](http://www.ethereal.com/). It can be used to follow protocol exchange between two devices. For installation and use details, read its specific documentation.
5 VPN IPSec Troubleshooting

5.1 « PAYLOAD MALFORMED » error (wrong Phase 1 [SA])

If you have an « PAYLOAD MALFORMED » error you might have a wrong Phase 1 [SA], check if the encryption algorithms are the same on each side of the VPN tunnel.

5.2 « INVALID COOKIE » error

If you have an « INVALID COOKIE » error, it means that one of the endpoint is using a SA that is no more in use. Reset the VPN connection on each side.

5.3 « no keystate » error

Check if the preshared key is correct or if the local ID is correct (see « Advanced » button). You should have more information in the remote endpoint logs.

5.4 « received remote ID other than expected » error

The « Remote ID » value (see « Advanced » Button) does not match what the remote endpoint is expected.
5.5 « NO PROPOSAL CHOSEN » error

If you have an « NO PROPOSAL CHOSEN » error, check that the « Phase 2 » encryption algorithms are the same on each side of the VPN Tunnel.

Check « Phase 1 » algorithms if you have this:

5.6 « INVALID ID INFORMATION » error

If you have an « INVALID ID INFORMATION » error, check if « Phase 2 » ID (local address and network address) is correct and match what is expected by the remote endpoint.

Check also ID type (“Subnet address” and “Single address”). If network mask is not check, you are using a IPV4_ADDR type (and not a IPV4_SUBNET type).

5.7 I clicked on “Open tunnel”, but nothing happens.

Read logs of each VPN tunnel endpoint. IKE requests can be dropped by firewalls. An IPSec Client uses UDP port 500 and protocol ESP (protocol 50).

5.8 The VPN tunnel is up but I can’t ping!

If the VPN tunnel is up, but you still cannot ping the remote LAN, here are a few guidelines:

- Check Phase 2 settings: VPN Client address and Remote LAN address. Usually, VPN Client IP address should not belong to the remote LAN subnet
- Once VPN tunnel is up, packets are sent with ESP protocol. This protocol can be blocked by firewall. Check that every device between the client and the VPN server does accept ESP
- Check your VPN server logs. Packets can be dropped by one of its firewall rules.
- Check your ISP support ESP
• If you still cannot ping, follow ICMP traffic on VPN server LAN interface and on LAN computer interface (with Ethereal for example). You will have an indication that encryption works.
• Check the “default gateway” value in VPN Server LAN. A target on your remote LAN can receive pings but does not answer because there is a no “Default gateway” setting.
• You cannot access to the computers in the LAN by their name. You must specify their IP address inside the LAN.
• We recommend you to install ethereal (http://www.ethereal.com) on one of your target computer. You can check that your pings arrive inside the LAN.
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