Quick Note 11

Configuring a Digi TransPort as a PPTP Server for Windows Clients

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Outline

PPTP is popular, easy to configure and is supported on multiple platforms including mobile phones. In this example, a simple VPN tunnel will be configured to allow access to Windows clients.

The router must be on firmware version 5048 or higher and have a public IP address. It is assumed that the router is already configured with internet access.

In this Quick Note a WR21 will be shown, but this is applicable to every TransPort model.

1.2 Corrections

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1.3 Version

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2 CONFIGURING THE TRANSPORT ROUTER

This section assumes the WR21 is using a GSM/UMTS W-WAN module and that PPP 1 will be used as WAN connection. Please note that also other types of WAN connection can be used as long as the TransPort is reachable via a Public IP address.

2.1 Configure the Cellular WAN Interface

![Configuration - Network > Interfaces > Mobile](image)

- **Service Plan / APN:** Your.APN.goes.here
- **SIM PIN:** (Optional)
- **Confirm SIM PIN:**
- **Username:** username (Optional)
- **Password:** •••••• (Optional)
- **Confirm Password:**

**Mobile Connection Settings**

- Re-establish connection when no data is received for a period of time

**Mobile Network Settings**

- Enable NAT on this interface
- IP address  IP address and Port
- Enable iPsec on this interface
- Enable the firewall on this interface

**Mobile Firmware (OTA) Update**

**SIM Selection**

**Advanced**

**SMS Settings**

![Apply Button]
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2.2 Configure the PPP Instance

An unused PPP instance needs to be configured as an answering PPP that will use PPTP for its underlying connectivity. The PPP number will vary depending on the product.

Click on “Load answering defaults”:

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<td>SIM</td>
<td>1 (PPP 1)</td>
<td>The following config will apply to SIM 1 &amp; PPP 1</td>
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<td>Service Plan / APN</td>
<td>Your APN</td>
<td>Contact your service provider to obtain the APN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SIM PIN</td>
<td>Your PIN code</td>
<td>The SIM PIN (Optional)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Username/Password</td>
<td>APN Username</td>
<td>Contact your service provider to obtain the APN username/password (Optional)</td>
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Configuration - Network > Interfaces > Advanced > PPP 0 - 9 > PPP 5
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After loading answering defaults (“Answer config loaded” will be shown), return to the same config page and change the “This PPP interface will use <interface> <interface#>“ properties to set the layer 1 interface to PPTP 0.

**Configuration - Network > Interfaces > Advanced > PPP 0 - 9 > PPP 5**

[Image: Configuration page showing options to load answering defaults, load dialling defaults, and a field for specifying the PPP interface with PPTP 0 selected.]

Leave the other settings at their default values.
2.3 Configure the PPTP Instance

Tick the check boxes for “Enable Server Mode”, and then click the ‘Apply’ button.
2.4 Configuring the VPN User

Configure the VPN login credentials for the VPN user. Configure a username and password. Set the (router management) Access Level to None.

If more PPTP tunnels are required, repeat all of above sections using another unused PPP instance, PPTP instance and user configuration.
3 CONFIGURING THE WINDOWS CLIENT

This section will describe a step by step process to configure the windows client to connect to the PPTP VPN server using different Windows versions (XP, Vista and 7).

3.1 Using Windows XP

Create a new network connection and specify the following options:

![Configure network connection]

![Select network connection type]

Virtual Private Network connection

Connect to the network using a virtual private network (VPN) connection over the Internet.
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The first screenshot shows the "New Connection Wizard" interface where you can specify a connection name. The default name is "VPN to Office". This name is used to identify the connection in the Windows operating system.

The second screenshot demonstrates the "Public Network" section of the wizard. Here, you have the option to "Do not dial the initial connection". This setting ensures that the connection is not automatically initiated, which can be useful for managing network resources or when the connection is not needed immediately.

These steps are crucial in setting up a secure and efficient connection for remote access.
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[Image 1: Screen shot of the New Connection Wizard showing VPN server selection with IP address entry.

Image 2: Screen shot of the New Connection Wizard showing the completion message after connection setup.]
View the properties of the newly created VPN connection and click on the Networking tab. Change the Type of VPN to PPTP VPN.

Click on the Security tab, remove the tick from “Require data encryption (disconnect if none)”, and then click OK.
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Type in the username and password configured on the TransPort earlier, and then click Connect.
3.2 Using Windows Vista

Create a new network connection and specify the following options.
View the Properties of the newly created VPN connection and click on the Networking tab. Change the Type of VPN to 'PPTP VPN'.
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Click on the Security tab, remove the tick from “Require data encryption (disconnect if none)”, and then click OK.

Type in the username and password configured on the TransPort earlier, and then click Connect.
3.3 Using Windows 7

Go to Control Panel\All Control Panel Items\Network and Sharing Center and create a new network connection following the screenshots:
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View the Properties of the newly created VPN connection, click on the Security tab, and then configure the following settings:
After closing the VPN Properties, right click the VPN connection and select ‘Connect’.
Type in the username and password configured on the TransPort earlier, and then click 'Connect':
4 CHECK THE VPN CONNECTION

The VPN Connection can be checked on the Windows Client by looking at the VPN connection Status Details:

As shown, the VPN client is connected to the server and has received the IP configuration that has been configured in PPP 5 on the TransPort.
The PPPTP and PPP5 events in the TransPort Event Log show that the VPN is UP:

Management - Event Log

08:27:53, 16 Jul 2015, Telnet session closed
08:27:11, 16 Jul 2015, Login from Remote IP: 59.182.88.52
08:27:11, 16 Jul 2015, GP socket connected: 37.84.194.233:23 -> 59.182.88.52:57041
08:27:08, 16 Jul 2015, PPP 5 up
08:27:07, 16 Jul 2015, PPP 5 Start IPCP
08:27:07, 16 Jul 2015, PPP Login OK by VPN-User0 lvl 4
08:27:07, 16 Jul 2015, PPP 5 Start AUTHENTICATE
08:27:07, 16 Jul 2015, PPP 5 Start LCP
08:27:07, 16 Jul 2015, PPP 5 Start
08:27:07, 16 Jul 2015, PPTP Call 0 up
08:27:07, 16 Jul 2015, PPTP Tunnel 0 up

This can also be checked here:
5 CONFIGURATION AND Firmware/Hardware

5.1 WR21 Configuration File

This is the config.dao file used for the purpose of this Quick Note:

```plaintext
eth 0 IPaddr "192.168.1.1"
addp 0 enable ON
pptp 0 listen ON
lapb 0 ans OFF
lapb 1 tinact 120
lapb 3 dtemode 0
lapb 4 dtemode 0
lapb 5 dtemode 0
lapb 6 dtemode 0
ip 0 cidr ON
def_route 0 ll_ent "ppp"
def_route 0 ll_add 1
dhcp 0 IPmin "192.168.1.100"
dhcp 0 respdelms 500
dhcp 0 mask "255.255.255.0"
dhcp 0 gateway "192.168.1.1"
dhcp 0 DNS "192.168.1.1"
sntp 0 server "time.etherios.com"
dyndns 0 epassword "PTNzVEQdFA=="
ppp 0 timeout 300
ppp 1 name "W-WAN (HSPA 3G)"
ppp 1 phonenum "*98*1#"
ppp 1 IPaddr "0.0.0.0"
ppp 1 timeout 0
ppp 1 use_modem 1
ppp 1 aodion 1
ppp 1 autoassert 1
ppp 1 r_chap OFF
ppp 3 defpak 16
ppp 4 defpak 16
ppp 5 r_addr ON
ppp 5 IPaddr "1.2.3.4"
ppp 5 mask "255.255.255.255"
ppp 5 DNSport 53
ppp 5 IPmin "10.10.10.0"
ppp 5 IPrange 5
ppp 5 ans ON
ppp 5 timeout 60
ppp 5 ndis ON
ppp 5 metric 1
ppp 5 netip "0.0.0.0"
ppp 5 ip2count 3
ppp 5 ripauth 1
ppp 5 inrip ON
ppp 5 maxneg 80
ppp 5 l_accm "0x00000000"
```
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```
ppp 5 r_accm "0xffffffff"
ppp 5 l_mru 1500
ppp 5 r_mru 1500
ppp 5 l_acfc ON
ppp 5 l_pap ON
ppp 5 l_chap ON
ppp 5 l_comp ON
ppp 5 l_pfc ON
ppp 5 r_callb 1
ppp 5 l_md5 1
ppp 5 r_md5 ON
ppp 5 r_ms1 ON
ppp 5 r_ms2 ON
ppp 5 lcn 1027
ppp 5 defpak 128
ppp 5 baklcn 1027
ppp 5 radiuscfg 1
web 0 prelogin_info ON
web 0 showgswiz ON
modemcc 0 info_asy_add 3
modemcc 0 init_str "+CGQREQ=1"
modemcc 0 init_str1 "+CGQMIN=1"
modemcc 0 apn "internet.t-d1.de"
modemcc 0 link_retries 10
modemcc 0 stat_retries 30
modemcc 0 sms_interval 1
modemcc 0 sms_access 1
modemcc 0 sms_concat 0
modemcc 0 init_str_2 "+CGQREQ=1"
modemcc 0 init_str1_2 "+CGQMIN=1"
modemcc 0 apn_2 "Your.APN.goes.here"
modemcc 0 link_retries_2 10
modemcc 0 stat_retries_2 30
modemcc 0 sms_access_2 1
modemcc 0 sms_concat_2 0
ana 0 l1on ON
ana 0 lapdon 0
ana 0 asydon 1
ana 0 logsize 45
cmd 0 unitid "ss%Ss>"
cmd 0 cmdhua "99"
cmd 0 hostname "digi.router"
cmd 0 asyled_mode 2
cmd 0 tremto 1200
cmd 0 rcihttp ON
user 0 access 0
user 1 name "username"
user 1 epassword "KD5lSVJDVVg="
user 1 access 0
user 2 name "VPN-User0"
user 2 epassword "PDZxU0FFQFU="
user 2 access 4
user 3 access 0
user 4 access 0
```
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user 5 access 0
user 6 access 0
user 7 access 0
user 8 access 0
user 9 access 0
local 0 transaccess 2
sslsvr 0 certfile "cert01.pem"
sslsvr 0 keyfile "privrsa.pem"
ssh 0 hostkey1 "privSSH.pem"
ssh 0 nb_listen 5
ssh 0 v1 OFF
templog 0 mo_autooff ON
cloud 0 ssl ON

Power Up Profile: 0
5.2 Hardware and Firmware

Digi TransPort WR21-UX2B-DE1-XX Ser#:237416
Software Build Ver5.2.11.4. Jun 5 2015 04:39:32 WW
ARM Bios Ver 7.42u v43 454MHz B987-M995-F80-08140,0 MAC:00042d039f68
Async Driver Revision: 1.19 Int clk
Ethernet Port Isolate Driver Revision: 1.11
Firewall Revision: 1.0
EventEdit Revision: 1.0
Timer Module Revision: 1.1
(B)USBHOST Revision: 1.0
L2TP Revision: 1.10
PPTP Revision: 1.00
TACPLUS Revision: 1.00
MODBUS Revision: 0.00
RealPort Revision: 0.00
MultiTX Revision: 1.00
LAPB Revision: 1.12
X25 Layer Revision: 1.19
MACRO Revision: 1.0
PAD Revision: 1.4
X25 Switch Revision: 1.7
V120 Revision: 1.16
TPAD Interface Revision: 1.12
GPS Revision: 1.0
TELITUPD Revision: 1.0
SCRIBATSK Revision: 1.0
BASTSK Revision: 1.0
PYTHON Revision: 1.0
CLOUDSMS Revision: 1.0
TCP (HASH mode) Revision: 1.14
TCP Utils Revision: 1.13
PPP Revision: 5.2
WEB Revision: 1.5
SMTP Revision: 1.1
FTP Client Revision: 1.5
FTP Revision: 1.4
IKE Revision: 1.0
PollANS Revision: 1.2
PPPOE Revision: 1.0
BRIDGE Revision: 1.1
MODEM CC (Ericsson 3G) Revision: 5.2
FLASH Write Revision: 1.2
Command Interpreter Revision: 1.38
SSLCLI Revision: 1.0
OSPF Revision: 1.0
BGP Revision: 1.0
QOS Revision: 1.0
PWRCRTL Revision: 1.0
RADIUS Client Revision: 1.0
SSH Server Revision: 1.0
SCP Revision: 1.0
SSH Client Revision: 1.0
CERT Revision: 1.0
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