



Clientless SSL VPN End User Set-up

This section is for the system administrator who sets up Clientless (browser-based) SSL VPN for end users. It summarizes configuration requirements and tasks for the user remote system. It also specifies information to communicate to users to get them started using Clientless SSL VPN. This section includes the following topics:

- [Requiring Usernames and Passwords](#)
- [Communicating Security Tips](#)
- [Configuring Remote Systems to Use Clientless SSL VPN Features](#)
- [Capturing Clientless SSL VPN Data](#)



Note

We assume you have already configured the security appliance for Clientless SSL VPN.

Requiring Usernames and Passwords

Depending on your network, during a remote session users might have to log in to any or all of the following: the computer itself, an Internet service provider, Clientless SSL VPN, mail or file servers, or corporate applications. Users might have to authenticate in many different contexts, requiring different information, such as a unique username, password, or PIN.

[Table 38-1](#) lists the type of usernames and passwords that Clientless SSL VPN users might need to know.

Table 38-1 *Usernames and Passwords to Give to Clientless SSL VPN Users*

Login Username/ Password Type	Purpose	Entered When
Computer	Access the computer	Starting the computer
Internet Service Provider	Access the Internet	Connecting to an Internet service provider
Clientless SSL VPN	Access remote network	Starting a Clientless SSL VPN session
File Server	Access remote file server	Using the Clientless SSL VPN file browsing feature to access a remote file server
Corporate Application Login	Access firewall-protected internal server	Using the Clientless SSL VPN web browsing feature to access an internal protected website
Mail Server	Access remote mail server via Clientless SSL VPN	Sending or receiving e-mail messages

Communicating Security Tips

Advise users always to log out from the session. (To log out of Clientless SSL VPN, click the logout icon on the Clientless SSL VPN toolbar or close the browser.)

Advise users that using Clientless SSL VPN does not ensure that communication with every site is secure. Clientless SSL VPN ensures the security of data transmission between the remote PC or workstation and the security appliance on the corporate network. If a user then accesses a non-HTTPS web resource (located on the Internet or on the internal network), the communication from the corporate security appliance to the destination web server is not secure.

Configuring Remote Systems to Use Clientless SSL VPN Features

Table 38-2 includes the following information about setting up remote systems to use Clientless SSL VPN:

- Starting Clientless SSL VPN
- Using the Clientless SSL VPN Floating Toolbar
- Web Browsing
- Network Browsing and File Management
- Using Applications (Port Forwarding)
- Using E-mail via Port Forwarding
- Using E-mail via Web Access
- Using E-mail via e-mail proxy

Table 38-2 also provides information about the following:

- Clientless SSL VPN requirements, by feature
- Clientless SSL VPN supported applications
- Client application installation and configuration requirements
- Information you might need to provide end users
- Tips and use suggestions for end users

It is possible you have configured user accounts differently and that different features are available to each Clientless SSL VPN user. Table 38-2 organizes information by feature, so you can skip over the information for unavailable features.

Table 38-2 Clientless SSL VPN Remote System Configuration and End User Requirements

Task	Remote System or End User Requirements	Specifications or Use Suggestions
Starting Clientless SSL VPN	Connection to the Internet	Any Internet connection is supported, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home DSL, cable, or dial-ups • Public kiosks • Hotel hook-ups • Airport wireless nodes • Internet cafes
	Clientless SSL VPN-supported browser	We recommend the following browsers for Clientless SSL VPN. Other browsers might not fully support Clientless SSL VPN features. On Microsoft Windows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Explorer version 6.0 • Firefox 1.x On Linux: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firefox 1.x On Macintosh OS X: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safari version 1.0 • Firefox 1.x
	Cookies enabled on browser	Cookies must be enabled on the browser in order to access applications via port forwarding.
	URL for Clientless SSL VPN	An https address in the following form: <code>https://address</code> where <i>address</i> is the IP address or DNS hostname of an interface of the security appliance (or load balancing cluster) on which Clientless SSL VPN is enabled. For example: <code>https://10.89.192.163</code> or <code>https://cisco.example.com</code> .
	Clientless SSL VPN username and password	
	[Optional] Local printer	Clientless SSL VPN does not support printing from a web browser to a network printer. Printing to a local printer is supported.

Table 38-2 Clientless SSL VPN Remote System Configuration and End User Requirements (continued)


Task	Remote System or End User Requirements	Specifications or Use Suggestions
Using the Floating Toolbar in a Clientless SSL VPN Connection		<p>A floating toolbar is available to simplify the use of Clientless SSL VPN. The toolbar lets you enter URLs, browse file locations, and choose preconfigured web connections without interfering with the main browser window.</p> <p>If you configure your browser to block popups, the floating toolbar cannot display.</p> <p>The floating toolbar represents the current Clientless SSL VPN session. If you click the Close button, the security appliance prompts you to confirm that you want to close the Clientless SSL VPN session.</p> <p> Tip TIP: To paste text into a text field, use Ctrl-V. (Right-clicking is disabled on the Clientless SSL VPN toolbar.)</p>
Web Browsing	Usernames and passwords for protected websites	<p>Using Clientless SSL VPN does not ensure that communication with every site is secure. See “Communicating Security Tips.”</p> <p>The look and feel of web browsing with Clientless SSL VPN might be different from what users are accustomed to. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clientless SSL VPN title bar appears above each web page. • You access websites by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Entering the URL in the Enter Web Address field on the Clientless SSL VPN Home page. – Clicking on a preconfigured website link on the Clientless SSL VPN Home page. – Clicking a link on a webpage accessed via one of the previous two methods. <p>Also, depending on how you configured a particular account, it might be that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some websites are blocked. • Only the web sites that appear as links on the Clientless SSL VPN Home page are available.

Table 38-2 *Clientless SSL VPN Remote System Configuration and End User Requirements (continued)*

Task	Remote System or End User Requirements	Specifications or Use Suggestions
Network Browsing and File Management	File permissions configured for shared remote access	Only shared folders and files are accessible via Clientless SSL VPN.
	Server name and passwords for protected file servers	—
	Domain, workgroup, and server names where folders and files reside	Users might not be familiar with how to locate their files through your organization network.
	—	Do not interrupt the Copy File to Server command or navigate to a different screen while the copying is in progress. Interrupting the operation can cause an incomplete file to be saved on the server.

Table 38-2 Clientless SSL VPN Remote System Configuration and End User Requirements (continued)


Task	Remote System or End User Requirements	Specifications or Use Suggestions
Using Applications (called Port Forwarding or Application Access)	Note	On Macintosh OS X, only the Safari browser supports this feature.
	Note	Because this feature requires installing Sun Microsystems Java™ Runtime Environment and configuring the local clients, and because doing so requires administrator permissions on the local system, it is unlikely that users will be able to use applications when they connect from public remote systems.
	 Caution	Users should always close the Application Access window when they finish using applications by clicking the Close icon. Failure to quit the window properly can cause Application Access or the applications themselves to be disabled.
	Client applications installed	—
	Cookies enabled on browser	—
	Administrator privileges	User must have administrator access on the PC if you use DNS names to specify servers because modifying the hosts file requires it.
	Sun Microsystems Java Runtime Environment (JRE) version 1.4.x and 1.5.x installed. Javascript must be enabled on the browser. By default, it is enabled.	If JRE is not installed, a pop-up window displays, directing users to a site where it is available. On rare occasions, the port forwarding applet fails with JAVA exception errors. If this happens, do the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear the browser cache and close the browser. 2. Verify that no JAVA icons are in the computer task bar. Close all instances of JAVA. 3. Establish a Clientless SSL VPN session and launch the port forwarding JAVA applet.
	Client applications configured, if necessary. Note The Microsoft Outlook client does not require this configuration step. All non-Windows client applications require configuration. To see if configuration is necessary for a Windows application, check the value of the Remote Server. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Remote Server contains the server hostname, you do not need to configure the client application. • If the Remote Server field contains an IP address, you must configure the client application. 	To configure the client application, use the server's locally mapped IP address and port number. To find this information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start Clientless SSL VPN on the remote system and click the Application Access link on the Clientless SSL VPN Home page. The Application Access window appears. 2. In the Name column, find the name of the server you want to use, then identify its corresponding client IP address and port number (in the Local column). 3. Use this IP address and port number to configure the client application. Configuration steps vary for each client application.
Note	Clicking a URL (such as one in an -e-mail message) in an application running over Clientless SSL VPN does not open the site over Clientless SSL VPN. To open a site over Clientless SSL VPN, cut and paste the URL into the Enter (URL) Address field.	

Table 38-2 Clientless SSL VPN Remote System Configuration and End User Requirements (continued)

Task	Remote System or End User Requirements	Specifications or Use Suggestions
Using E-mail via Application Access	Fulfill requirements for Application Access (See Using Applications)	To use mail, start Application Access from the Clientless SSL VPN Home page. The mail client is then available for use.
	<p>Note If you are using an IMAP client and you lose your mail server connection or are unable to make a new connection, close the IMAP application and restart Clientless SSL VPN.</p> <p>Other mail clients</p>	<p>We have tested Microsoft Outlook Express versions 5.5 and 6.0.</p> <p>Clientless SSL VPN should support other SMTPS, POP3S, or IMAP4S e-mail programs via port forwarding, such as Lotus Notes, and Eudora, but we have not verified them.</p>
Using E-mail via Web Access	Web-based e-mail product installed	<p>Supported products include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outlook Web Access <p>For best results, use OWA on Internet Explorer 6.x or higher, or Firefox 1.x.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lotus iNotes <p>Other web-based e-mail products should also work, but we have not verified them.</p>
Using E-mail via E-mail Proxy	<p>SSL-enabled mail application installed</p> <p>Do not set the security appliance SSL version to TLSv1 Only. Outlook and Outlook Express do not support TLS.</p>	<p>Supported mail applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Outlook Microsoft Outlook Express versions 5.5 and 6.0 Eudora 4.2 for Windows 2000 <p>Other SSL-enabled mail clients should also work, but we have not verified them.</p>
	Mail application configured	

Capturing Clientless SSL VPN Data

The CLI capture command lets you log information about websites that do not display properly over a Clientless SSL VPN connection. This data can help your Cisco customer support engineer troubleshoot problems. The following sections describe how to use the capture command:

- [Creating a Capture File](#)
- [Using a Browser to Display Capture Data](#)



Note

Enabling Clientless SSL VPN capture affects the performance of the security appliance. Be sure to disable the capture after you generate the capture files needed for troubleshooting.

Creating a Capture File

Perform the following steps to capture data about a Clientless SSL VPN session to a file.

Step 1 To start the Clientless SSL VPN capture utility, use the **capture** command from privileged EXEC mode.

capture *capture_name* **type webvpn user** *webvpn_username*

where:

- *capture_name* is a name you assign to the capture, which is also prepended to the name of the capture files.
- *webvpn_user* is the username to match for capture.

The capture utility starts.

Step 2 A user logs in to begin a Clientless SSL VPN session. The capture utility is capturing packets.

Stop the capture by using the **no** version of the command.

no capture *capture_name*

The capture utility creates a *capture_name.zip* file, which is encrypted with the password **koleso**.

Step 3 Send the .zip file to Cisco Systems, or attach it to a Cisco TAC service request.

Step 4 To look at the contents of the .zip file, unzip it using the password **koleso**.

The following example creates a capture named *hr*, which captures Clientless SSL VPN traffic for user2 to a file:

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hostname# capture hr type webvpn user user2
WebVPN capture started.
  capture name    hr
  user name      user2
hostname# no capture hr
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Using a Browser to Display Capture Data

Perform the following steps to capture data about a Clientless SSL VPN session and view it in a browser.

Step 1 To start the Clientless SSL VPN capture utility, use the **capture** command from privileged EXEC mode.

capture *capture_name* **type webvpn user** *webvpn_username*

where:

- *capture_name* is a name you assign to the capture, which is also prepended to the name of the capture files.
- *webvpn_username* is the username to match for capture.

The capture utility starts.

Step 2 A user logs in to begin a Clientless SSL VPN session. The capture utility is capturing packets.

Stop the capture by using the **no** version of the command.

Step 3 Open a browser and in the address box enter

`https://IP_address or hostname of the security appliance/webvpn_capture.html`

The captured content displays in a sniffer format.

- Step 4** When you finish examining the capture content, stop the capture by using the **no** version of the command.
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