



About This Guide

This guide describes how to install, use, and manage the Cisco VPN Client for the following operating systems:

- Linux for Intel—Red Hat Version 6.2 or later, or compatible libraries with glibc Version 2.1.1-6 or later, using kernel Versions 2.2.12 or later.
- Solaris UltraSPARC 5
- SunBlade

Audience

This guide is for remote clients who want to set up virtual private network (VPN) connections to a central site. Network administrators can also use this guide for information about configuring and managing VPN connections for remote clients. You should be familiar with UNIX platforms and know how to use UNIX applications. Network administrators should be familiar with UNIX system configuration and management and know how to install, configure, and manage internetworking systems.

Contents

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- [Chapter 1, “Understanding the VPN Client.”](#) This chapter provides a brief introduction to the VPN Client software.
- [Chapter 2, “Installing the VPN Client.”](#) This chapter describes how to install the VPN Client software on your workstation.
- [Chapter 3, “User Profiles.”](#) This chapter describes how to set up user profiles for connection entries.
- [Chapter 4, “Using the Command-Line Interface.”](#) This chapter describes the command-line interface and lists the commands and their descriptions.
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Related Documentation

The following is a list of user guides and other documentation related to the VPN Client for Linux and Solaris and the VPN devices that provide the connection to the private network.

- *Release Notes for the Cisco VPN Client, Version 4.6*
- *Cisco VPN Client Administrator Guide, Release 4.6*
- *Cisco VPN 3000 Series Concentrator Getting Started Guide, Release 4.1*
- *Cisco VPN 3000 Series Concentrator Reference Volume I: Configuration, Release 4.1*
- *Cisco VPN 3000 Series Concentrator Reference Volume II: Administration and Monitoring, Release 4.1*

Terminology

In this user guide:

- The term *Cisco VPN device* refers to the following Cisco products:
 - Cisco IOS devices that support Easy VPN server functionality
 - VPN 3000 Series Concentrators
 - Cisco PIX Firewall Series
- The term *PC* refers generically to any personal computer.

Document Conventions

This guide uses the following typographic conventions:

- **Boldface** font—Describes user actions and commands.
- *Italic* font—Describes arguments that you supply the values for.
- `Screen` font—Describes terminal sessions and information displayed by the system.
- **Boldface screen** font—Describes information that you must enter.



Note

Means *reader take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to material not covered in the manual.



Caution

Means *reader be careful*. In this situation, you might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

Data Formats

When you configure the VPN Client, enter data in these formats unless the instructions indicate otherwise.

- IP Address—Use standard 4-byte dotted decimal notation (for example, 192.168.12.34). You can omit leading zeros in a byte position.
- Host names—Use legitimate network host or end-system name notation (for example, VPN01). Spaces are not allowed. A host name must uniquely identify a specific system on a network. A host name can be up to 255 characters in length.
- User names and Passwords—Text strings for user names and passwords use alphanumeric characters in both upper- and lower case. Most text strings are case sensitive. For example, simon and Simon would represent two different user names. The maximum length of user names and passwords is generally 32 characters, unless specified otherwise.

Obtaining Documentation

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<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/home/home.htm>

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Cisco TAC Website

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If you are a Cisco.com registered user, and you cannot resolve your technical issues by using the Cisco TAC website, you can open a case online at this URL:

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