

OpenVPN Bridges

Prepare OpenVPN

- Rather than repeating the already excellent documentation from Ubuntu, we are just going to give you the URL with the instructions to follow in order to get a OpenVPN server installed and configured.
- [Install OpenVPN on Ubuntu 18.04](#)
- You can complete the steps up to and including **Simple Server Configuration**.
- After this we will remove the `/etc/openvpn/server.conf` file and replace it with the following three files.
- Please adapt to your server, especially the value of **local** to reflect the public IP Address of your server.
- We are going to use OpenVPN configured as follows:
 - We are not going to use encryption of the tunnel.
 - We are not going to use the PKI
 - We are compressing the data
 - We are using a username and password given by the client and pass it onto a script to verify if the client is valid.
- Remove `/etc/openvpn/server.conf`

```
sudo rm /etc/openvpn/server.conf
```

OpenVPN server config for br0.101

- Create a file called `/etc/openvpn/server_vlan_101.conf`.
- Be sure to check the correct value for eth0.101. It might be eth1.101 with your config. (up `"/etc/openvpn/up.sh br0.101 eth1.101"`)

```
mode server

auth none
cipher none

tmp-dir /dev/shm

auth-user-pass-verify /home/system/openvpn_auth.pl via-file
client-cert-not-required
username-as-common-name
script-security 2

local 198.27.111.78
port 1194
proto udp
dev tap
```

```
ca ca.crt
cert server.crt
key server.key # This file should be kept secret
dh dh2048.pem

up "/etc/openvpn/up.sh br0.101 eth0.101"
server-bridge 10.101.0.1 255.255.0.0 10.101.0.2 10.101.0.100

ifconfig-pool-persist ipp.txt
;client-config-dir ccd
keepalive 10 120
comp-lzo
persist-key
persist-tun
status openvpn-status.log
verb 4
```

OpenVPN server config for br0.102

- Create a file called **/etc/openvpn/server_vlan_102.conf**.
- Be sure to check the correct value for eth0.102. It might be eth1.102 with your config. (up `"/etc/openvpn/up.sh br0.102 eth1.102"`)

```
mode server

auth none
cipher none

tmp-dir /dev/shm

auth-user-pass-verify /home/system/openvpn_auth.pl via-file
client-cert-not-required
username-as-common-name
script-security 2

local 198.27.111.78
port 1195
proto udp
dev tap
ca ca.crt
cert server.crt
key server.key # This file should be kept secret
dh dh2048.pem

up "/etc/openvpn/up.sh br0.102 eth0.102"
server-bridge 10.102.0.1 255.255.0.0 10.102.0.2 10.102.0.100

ifconfig-pool-persist ipp.txt
```

```
;client-config-dir ccd
keepalive 10 120
comp-lzo
persist-key
persist-tun
status openvpn-status.log
verb 4
```

OpenVPN server config for br0.103

- Create a file called **/etc/openvpn/server_vlan_103.conf**.
- Be sure to check the correct value for eth0.103. It might be eth1.103 with your config. (up `"/etc/openvpn/up.sh br0.103 eth1.103"`)

```
mode server

auth none
cipher none

tmp-dir /dev/shm

auth-user-pass-verify /home/system/openvpn_auth.pl via-file
client-cert-not-required
username-as-common-name
script-security 2

local 198.27.111.78
port 1196
proto udp
dev tap
ca ca.crt
cert server.crt
key server.key # This file should be kept secret
dh dh2048.pem

up "/etc/openvpn/up.sh br0.103 eth0.103"
server-bridge 10.103.0.1 255.255.0.0 10.103.0.2 10.103.0.100

ifconfig-pool-persist ipp.txt
;client-config-dir ccd
keepalive 10 120
comp-lzo
persist-key
persist-tun
status openvpn-status.log
verb 4
```

Prepare /etc/openvpn/up.sh

- You'll see in the config files there are reference to two scripts.
 - **/etc/openvpn/up.sh** is called when the tap interface comes up.
 - **/home/system/openvpn_auth.pl** is used to verify the clients.
 - Create the **/etc/openvpn/up.sh** file

```
sudo vi /etc/openvpn/up.sh
```

- Give it the following content:

```
#!/bin/sh

BR=$1
ETHDEV=$2
TAPDEV=$3

/sbin/ip link set "$TAPDEV" up
/sbin/ip link set "$ETHDEV" promisc on
/sbin/brctl addif $BR $TAPDEV
```

- Make it executable

```
sudo chmod 755 /etc/openvpn/up.sh
```

Prepare openvpn_auth.pl

- You can run the OpenVPN server separate from the RADIUSdesk server.
- The **openvpn_auth.pl** script can then be copied to the server running the OpenVPN server.
- You just have to configure the **openvpn_auth.pl** script to point to your RADIUSdesk server to do the API calls when authenticating a client.
- The **openvpn_auth.pl** script is traditionally under **/usr/share/nginx/html/cake2/rd_cake/Setup/Scripts/**.
- Copy this file to a convenient location on the OpenVPN server and edit the following to point to your RADIUSdesk server.

```
my $protocol='http';
my $server_name_or_ip='198.27.111.78';
my $api_path="/cake2/rd_cake/openvpn_servers/auth_client.json";
```

- Make sure this file is executable in its new location:

```
sudo chmod 755 /home/system/openvpn_auth.pl
```

Restart OpenVPN service

- Restart the OpenVPN service.

```
sudo service openvpn stop
sudo service openvpn start
#You should now see the following
* Starting virtual private network daemon(s)...
Autostarting VPN 'server_vlan_101'
Autostarting VPN 'server_vlan_102'
Autostarting VPN 'server_vlan_103'
```

Check the bridges

- Confirm that the bridges each have a tap interface included:

```
brctl show
bridge name bridge id          STP enabled  interfaces
br0.101      8000.000c294aafdf    no          eth0.101
              tap0
br0.102      8000.000c294aafdf    no          eth0.102
              tap1
br0.103      8000.000c294aafdf    no          eth0.103
              tap2
```

- ifconfig should also include a list of three tap interfaces

```
tap0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 22:1a:35:b6:01:d7
          inet6 addr: fe80::201a:35ff:feb6:1d7/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:16 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:10 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:100
          RX bytes:768 (768.0 B)  TX bytes:820 (820.0 B)

tap1      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr ca:e0:7d:c0:ea:a0
          inet6 addr: fe80::c8e0:7dff:fec0:eea0/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:8 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:100
          RX bytes:0 (0.0 B)  TX bytes:648 (648.0 B)

tap2      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr f2:36:e7:d2:da:c1
          inet6 addr: fe80::f036:e7ff:fed2:dac1/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:8 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
```

```
collisions:0 txqueuelen:100  
RX bytes:0 (0.0 B) TX bytes:648 (648.0 B)
```

- If your server has only **one** interface card, be sure to add the following line to the **/etc/rc.local** file to ensure OpenVPN is only started up after the bridges have been set up



```
/sbin/brctl addif br0.103 eth1.103  
/sbin/ip addr add 10.103.0.1/16 dev br0.103  
/sbin/ip link set dev br0.103 up  
  
#Add the startup of OpenVPN  
/usr/sbin/service openvpn start  
  
exit 0
```

- We are making good progress. Next we will install and configure **Coova Chilli** so that it runs an instance on each VLAN.
- To confirm everything will come up after a power cycle, go ahead and reboot the server.

```
sudo reboot
```

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