

Re: Hopeless Windows VPN client as gateway in a Linux Network?

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Børge Nygaard Austvold wrote:

> Hi,
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> I've got couple of linux machines setup in a local network via a DSL router
> as the gateway to internet and it works fine. The problem is that the only
> way to connect to my office network is via a Windows Shiva VPN client. So I
> installed windows on a box and tried to use it as a second gateway in the
> linux network.
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> The problem is that the VPN client adds a server assigned routing to my
> windows routing table with destination 0.0.0.0 and gateway 0.0.0.0 to the
> VPN interface with metric 1. I've tried to edit the routing table, but the
> VPN client detects any changes in the routing table and flushes a brand new
> one that overwrites any changes that I made.
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> So my billion dollar question is. Is it any way to use this windows box as a
> second gateway in my network to connect to my office? I've prefer to have It
> always connected any use the windows box as a gateway. Can I use VMware and
> NAT? create a bridge or do I have to roll out a mile long cable to connect
> to my office from Linux?
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> Anybody? Please help, I prefer to do development on linux, but since the
> VPN software only runs on windows I'm forced to work in this environment
> unless a bright brain out there can help me....
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You're not likely to like it, but ...

Many corporate VPN clients go to great trouble to deny all other networking for the duration of the VPN connection. This is done to prevent uncontrolled sneak paths between the corporate intranet and the Internet. It seems that you have such a thing.

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