

APPLICATION NOTE 003

WeConnect

Industrial Remote Access – Made Easy

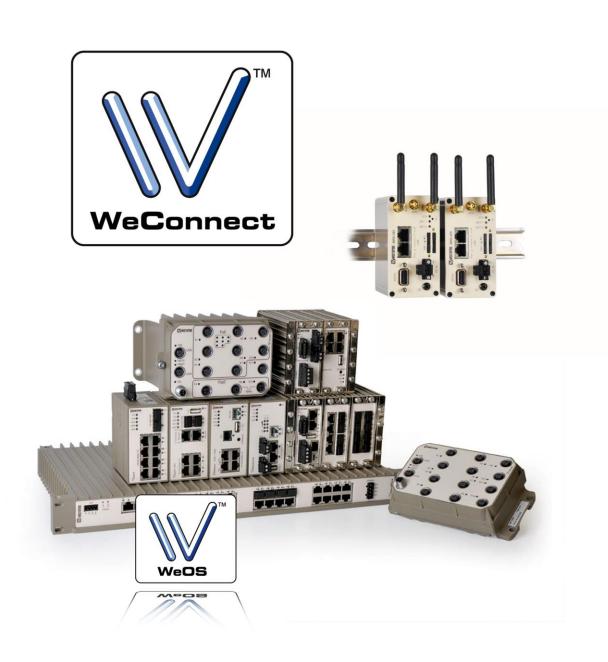




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Application Note Network Layout

This Application Note shows how to use the Westermo WeConnect service to access remote sites without having public IP-addresses or any other connectivity servers.

Background

WeConnect controls exactly which units are allowed to access any resources within a customer network.

It securely interconnect Clients (PCs, Smartphones or Tablets using VPN software) and Nodes (WeOS or MRD VPN routers with connected Device Networks).

Nodes and Clients are placed in WeConnect Secure Networks, the Secure Networks control how Clients and Nodes are allowed to connect to each other.

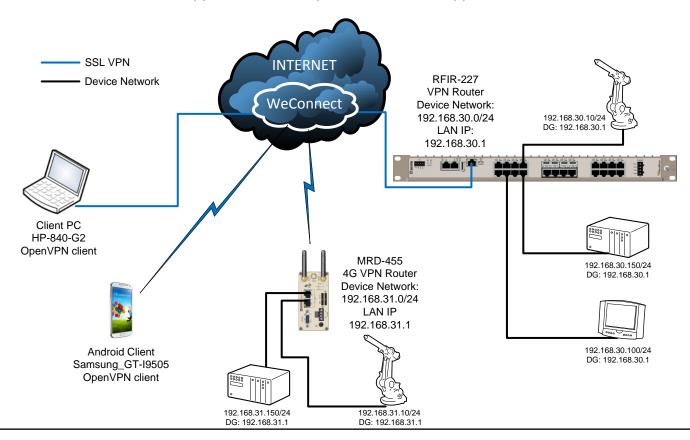
Both Clients and Nodes use secure SSL VPNs to safely access WeConnect over the unsecure Internet.

No public IP-addresses are needed on either Clients or Nodes, only an access to Internet is required. This dramatically decreases the risk of unwanted Internet traffic hitting the remote networks.

All WeOS products (with VPN functionality) as well as Westermo MRD 3G/4G and ADSL units can be used with WeConnect.

All configuration in this Application Note is made using WeOS version 4.17.0 and MRD software version 1.7.1.10.B00680.

SSL software OpenVPN client version 2.3.4 for MS Windows 7 64-bit Professional. Android version 5.0.1, Apple iOS 9 and OpenVPN Connect app version 1.1.16.



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The WeConnect Portal

Setup an Account

When a WeConnect account has been ordered an e-mail with an activation link will be sent out.

1. In the e-mail received click the *Activate account* link to get started.



Welcome to WeConnect

Hi there,

An account has been created for you in WeConnect, click on the button to activate your account.

Activate account

If the button above does not work click on the following link: Activate account.

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2. Fill in the account form, set a secure password and read through the terms and conditions. Activate the account by clicking Create account.

Create your account
Welcome to WeConnect, you are just a few steps away from accessing your account, please tell us a little bit about you.
E-mail
htcmail00@gmail.com
You can not change your e-mail right now, please sign up first.
Name
Mikael Lindahl
Phone
Password Generate a safe password
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Confirm password
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☑ I accept the terms and condition of WeConnect.
Create account



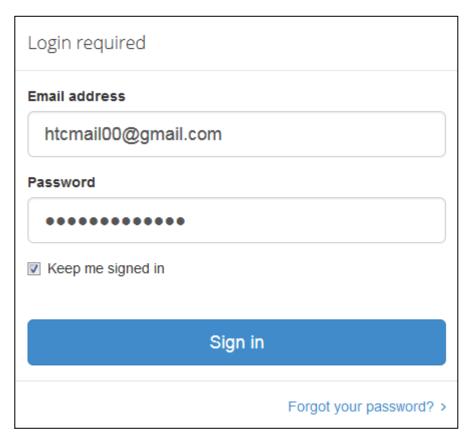
3. Click sign in to get started.

Create your account

Your account has now been created, you will now be able to sign in with your email and chosen password.



4. Sign in using the e-mail address and password created for the account.



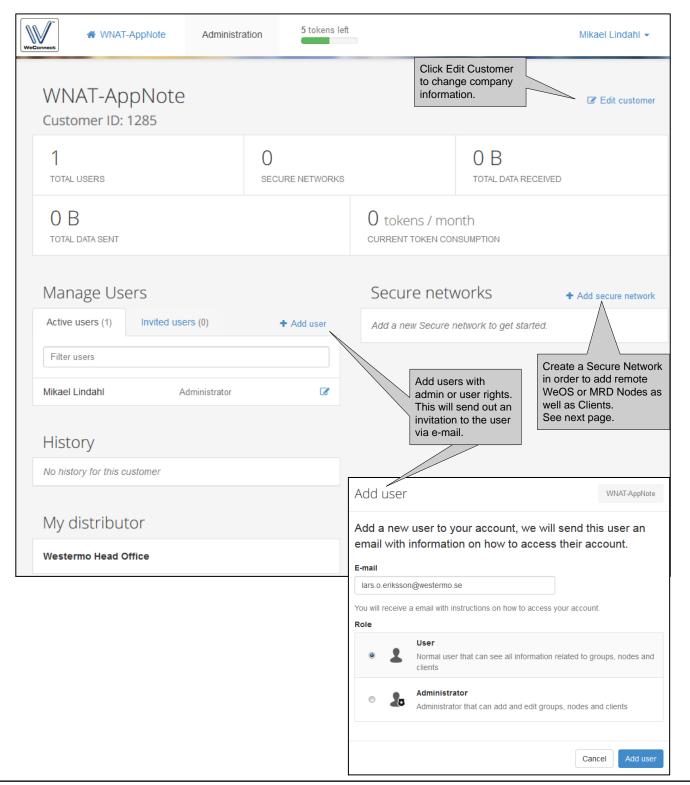


Account Administration

The WeConnect portal is located at https://weconnect.westermo.com.

When logging in for the first time the user will always be forwarded to the Administration screen as no Secure Network has yet been defined.

After a Secure Network is configured the user will then be directed directly to the status screen of that network after log in.





WeConnect Secure Network Creation

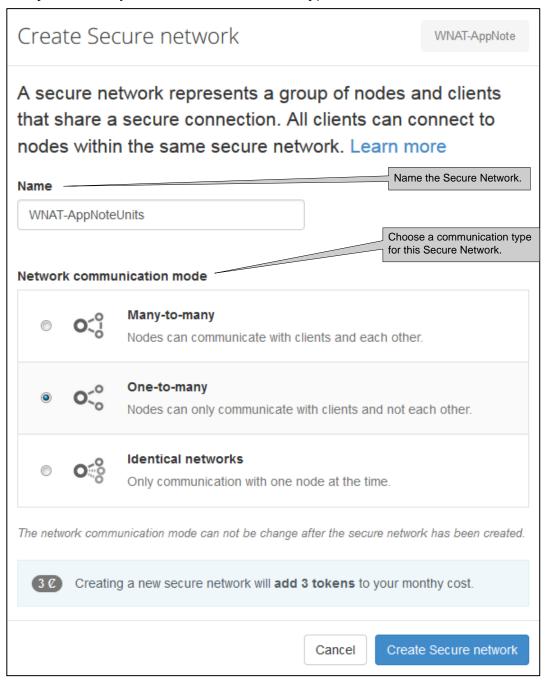
Create a WeConnect Secure Network for the units, Nodes and Clients, that are allowed to communicate with each other.

Many-to-many means that the remote sites can communicate with Clients and directly between each other.

In the *One-to-many* scenario the remote sites can not communicate with each other, only with Clients.

With *Identical networks* all Device Networks are able to have the same LAN subnet. Which Device Network to connect to is controlled from the WeConnect Portal.

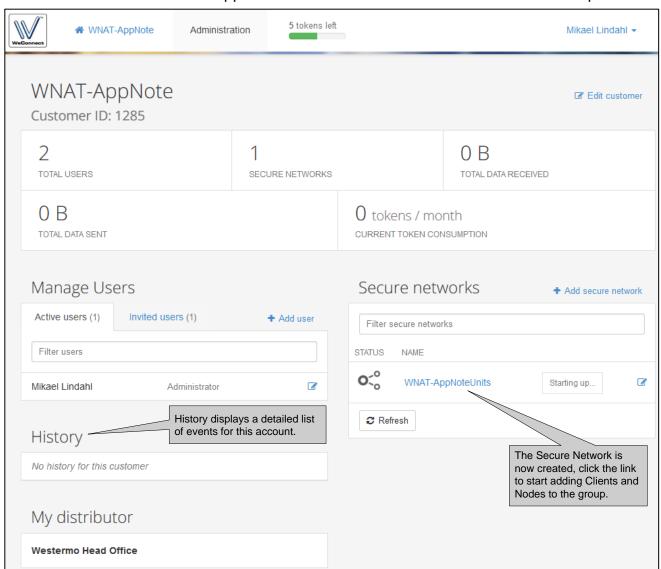
This Application Note will first show a setup based on a *One-to-many* application (*Many-to-many* is basically the same as *One-to-many*) and then an Identical Networks setup.



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The Secure Network will now appear in the Administration view of the WeConnect portal.



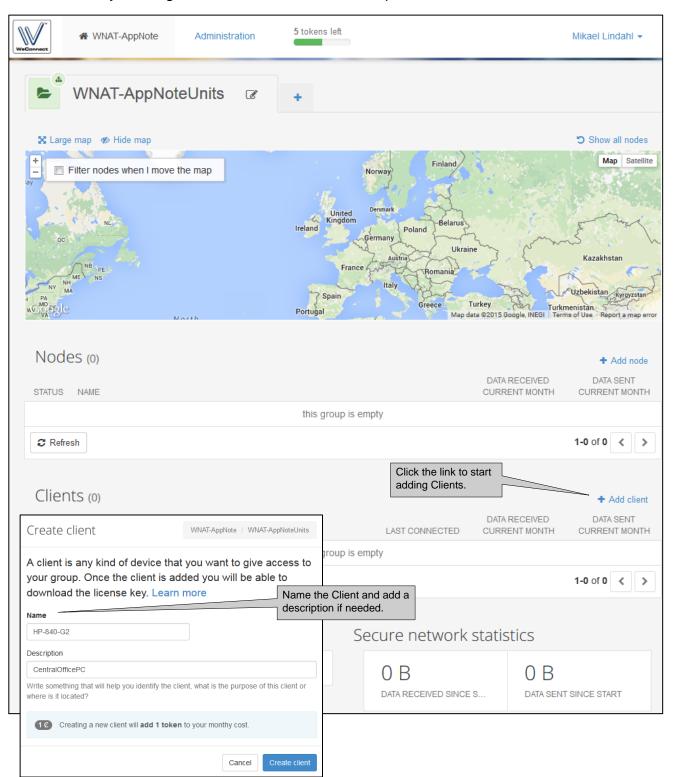


Adding Clients

Clients are PCs, Smartphones or Tablets running an SSL VPN software that setup a secure connection to WeConnect.

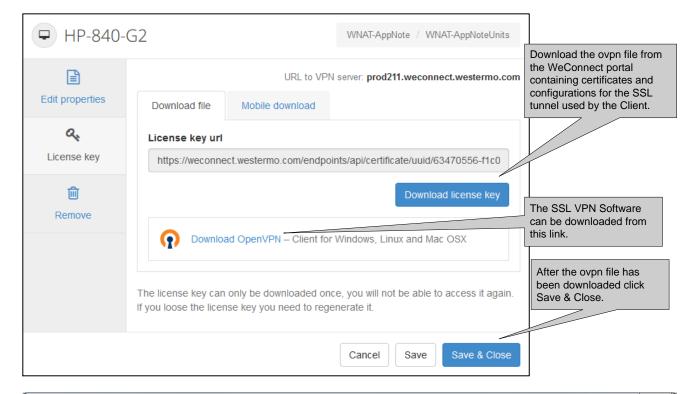
Add a WeConnect PC Client

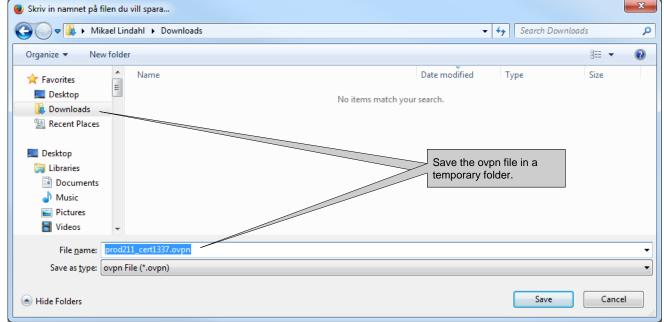
Add a Client by clicking Add client in the WeConnect portal.



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Now the Client is added to the WeConnect portal and the configuration and certificates file for a SSL VPN software client is downloaded.

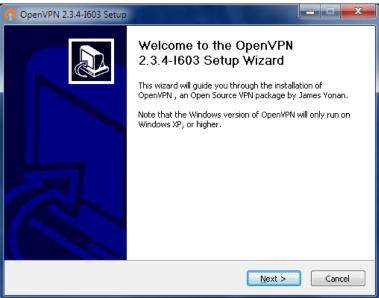


Configure an SSL VPN Software Client

There are many SSL VPN softwares on the market but this Application Note will show how to connect using the OpenVPN software client.

1. Start by downloading the latest client software from the WeConnect Portal (see the previous page) or directly from the OpenVPN homepage: https://openvpn.net/index.php/open-source/downloads.html

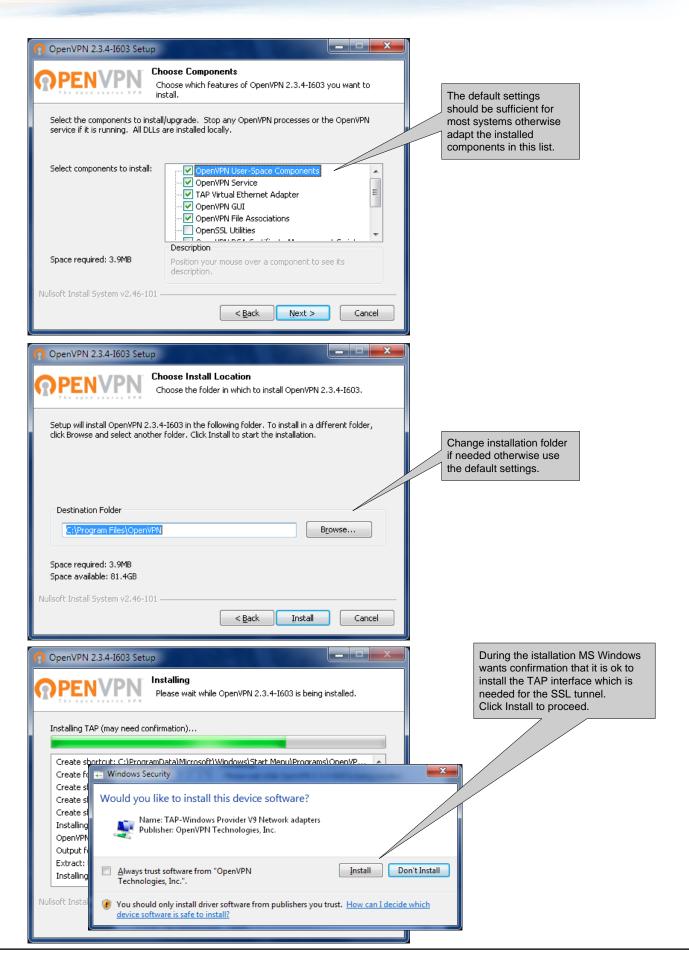






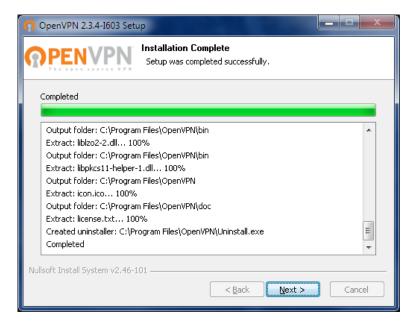
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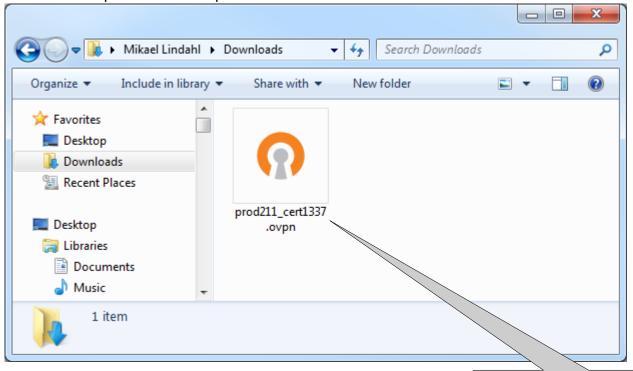


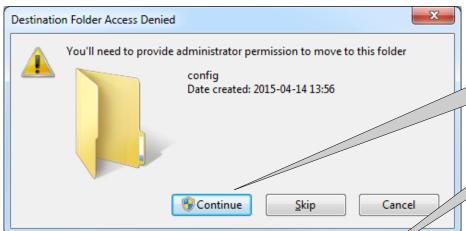
When the installation process has finished an OpenVPN GUI icon will appear on the desktop.



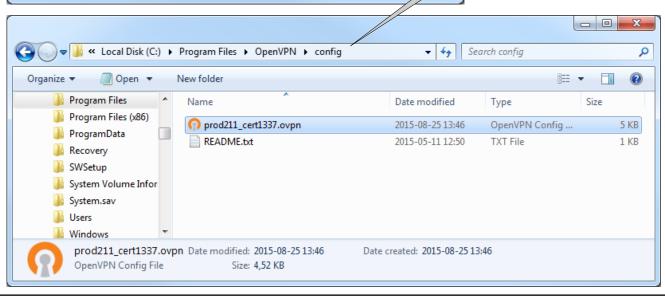


3. Install the opvn file in the OpenVPN software client.



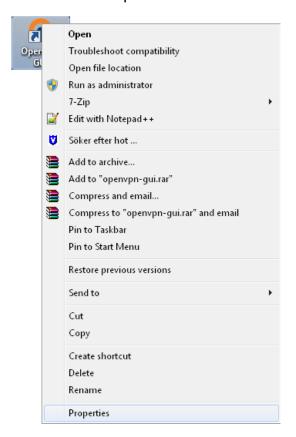


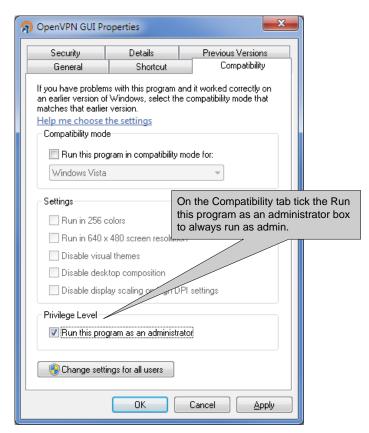
Move the ovpn file to the config folder within the OpenVPN folder. The same location path that was choosen during the installation process, see item 2 of this section. This is an administrator rights folder so click Continue to move the file. The default path for Win 7 64-bit is shown below.



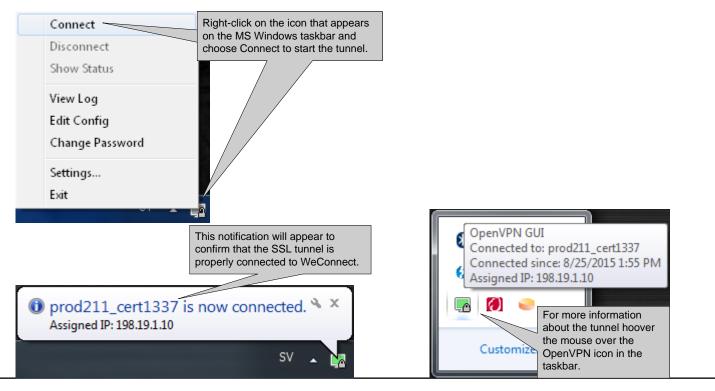


4. The SSL client software must be run as administrator otherwise MS Windows will not allow WeConnect to push out the routes leading to the connected Device Networks. Therefore set administrator rights by right-clicking the OpenVPN GUI icon on the desktop and choose Properties.





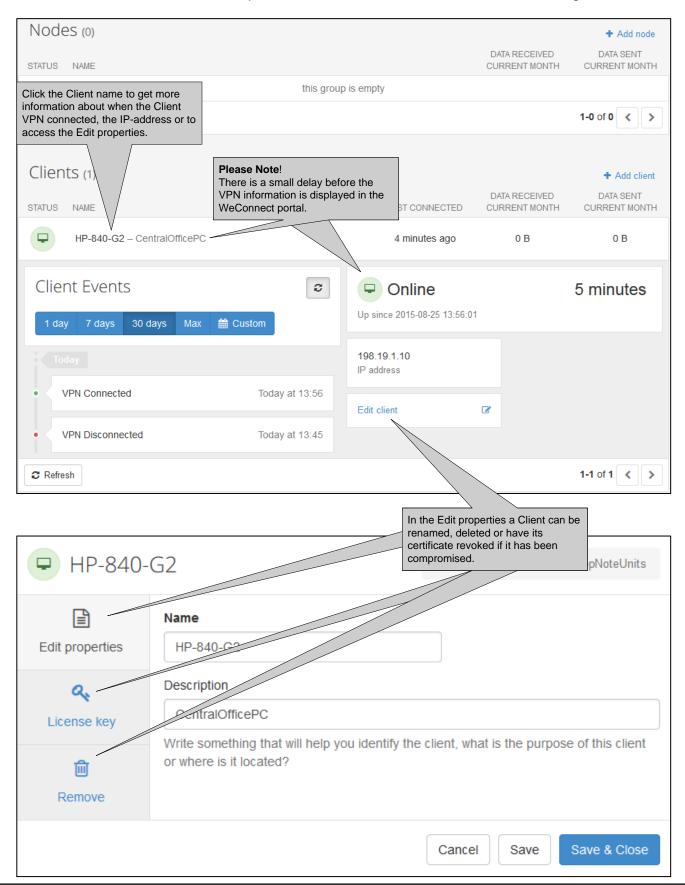
5. Start the tunnel by double-click the OpenVPN GUI icon on the desktop.



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6. The PC Client is now connected to WeConnect through a secure SSL tunnel. This is visible in the WeConnect portal for the Secure Network the Client belongs to.

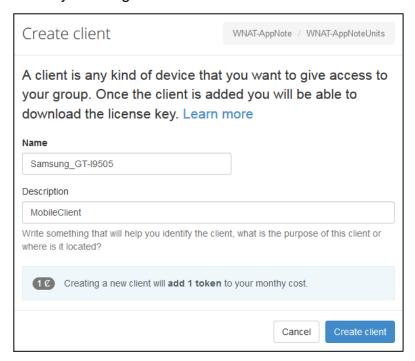




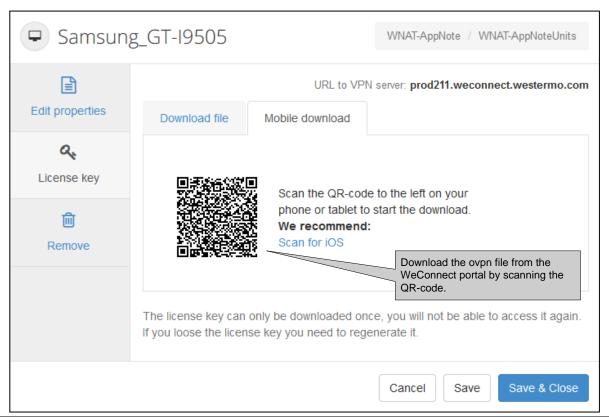
Add a WeConnect Smartphone or Tablet Client

The Smartphone or Tablet client will have to use the *OpenVPN Connect* app available for both Android and Apple devices.

Start by creating a new Client as shown in the section Add a WeConnect PC Client.



Instead of using the Download File tab use the Mobile Download tab.



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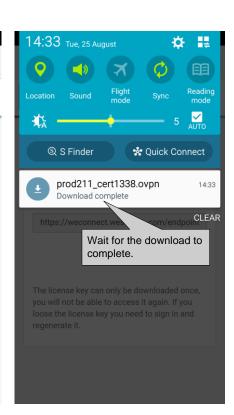


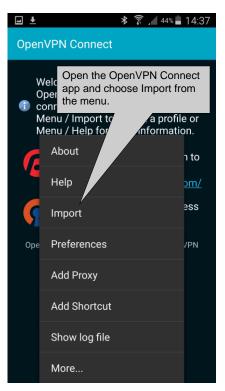
Install the ovpn file received from WeConnect inorder to establish a secured connection to the Device Networks.

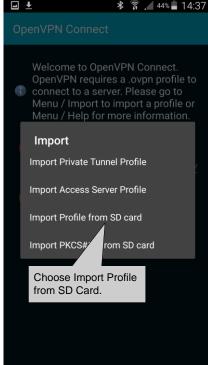
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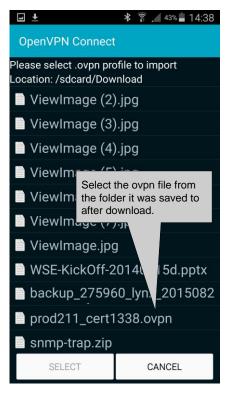






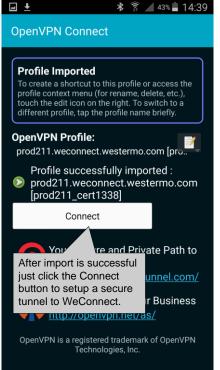


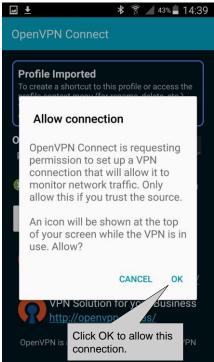




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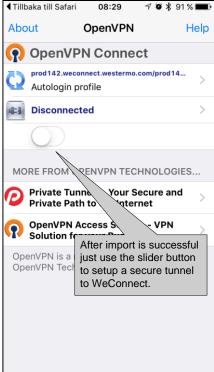
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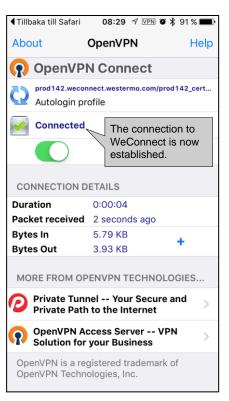












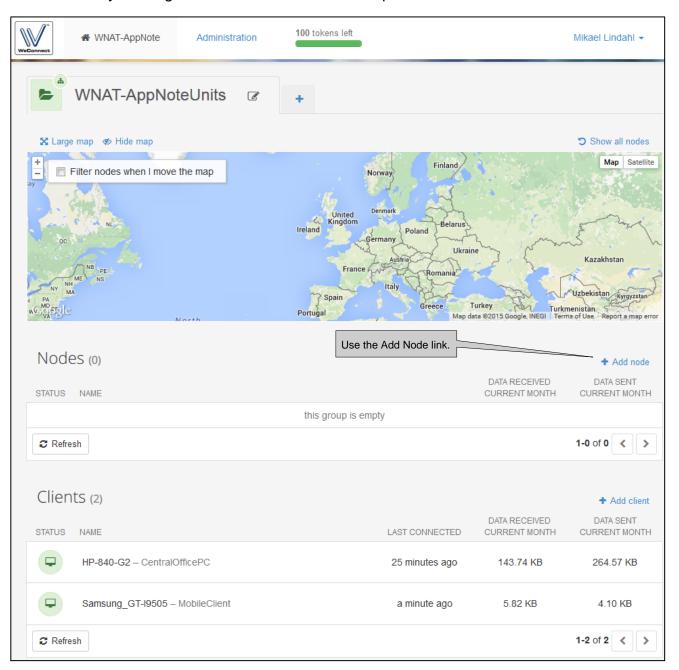


Adding Nodes

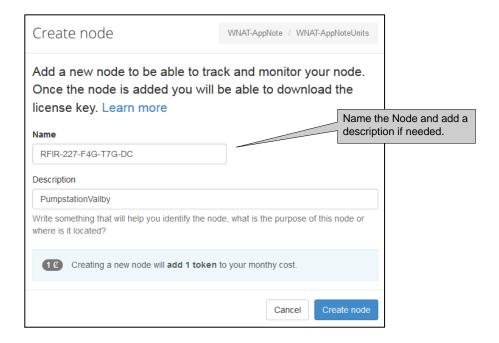
Nodes are network equipment that connects entire networks to WeConnect using SSL VPNs. This Application Note will show what the connection setup looks like for both WeOS and MRD units.

Add a WeConnect Node

Add a Node by clicking Add node in the WeConnect portal.





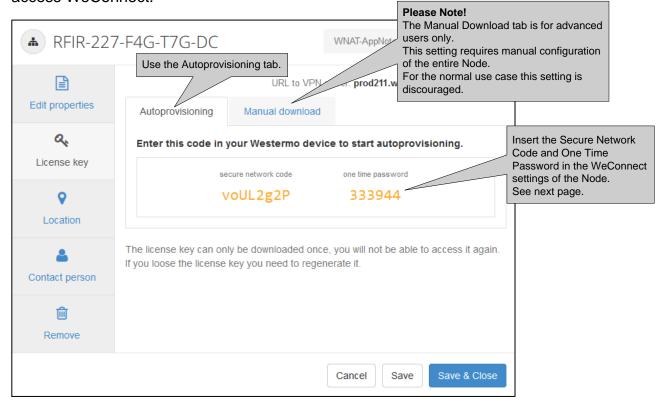


Autoprovisioning

Autoprovisioning is the prefered way of adding Nodes to WeConnect it makes sure that the configuration is done correctly.

Manual configuration is also supported but should in general setups not be used.

When using Autoprovisioning the Node will automatically download and install the required certificates and make the configuration changes necessary for the Node to be able to access WeConnect.





Prepare WeOS Units for Autoprovisioning

1. Start by creating the VLANs needed, one for the WAN side (VLAN 3) and one for the LAN side (VLAN 1 already created by default). Configuration -> VLAN -> VLANs.



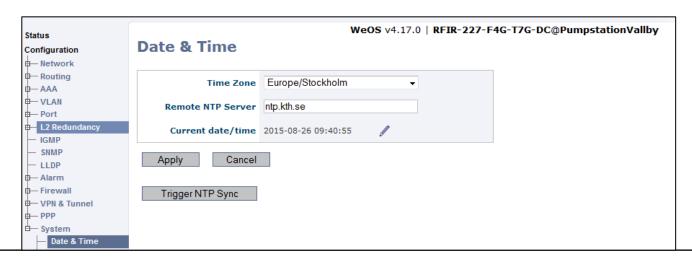
2. Then setup IP-addresses to turn the VLANs into layer 3 interfaces. Configuration -> Network -> Interface.

Please Note! Do not use the 198.18.0.0/16 or 198.19.0.0/16 networks as LAN addresses as these are used by WeConnect.



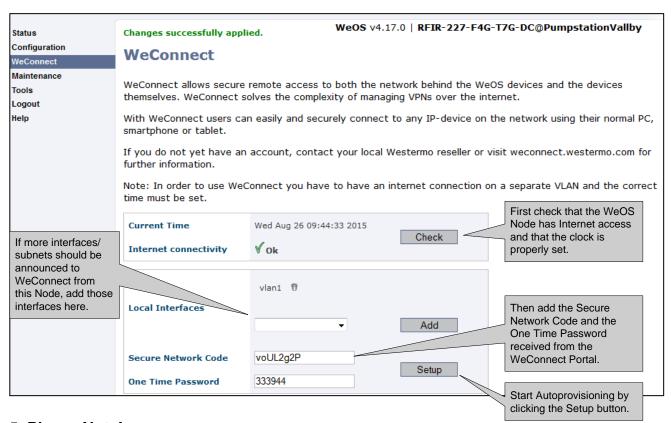
3. Set the correct time for the Node, this is necessary for the certificates to function properly. NTP synchronization is preferred.

Configuration -> System -> Date & Time.



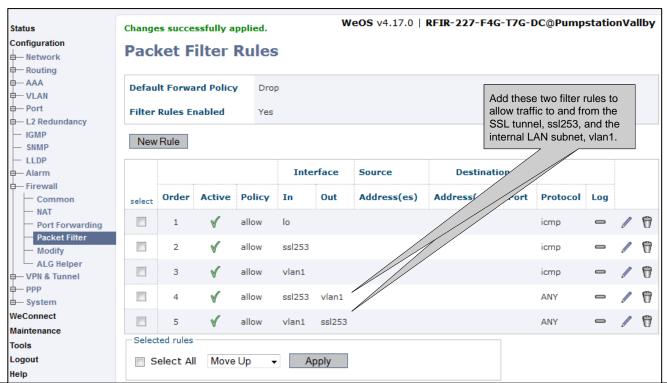


4. Activate the Autoprovisioning function by going to the WeConnect instance in the WeOS menu.



Please Note!

Remember to enable the firewall to protect the WAN Interface of the Node. When the firewall is enabled the traffic to and from the SSL tunnel must be allowed. Configuration -> Firewall -> Packet Filter.

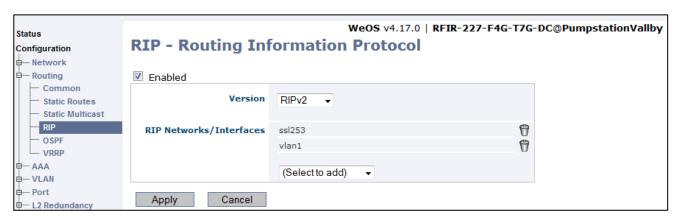


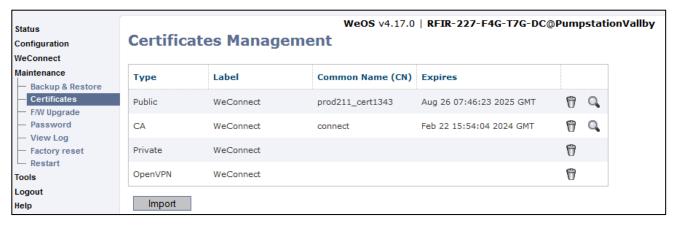


6. Done!

The Node will now automatically download and install the certificates needed and configuration settings for the SSL VPN tunnel from the WeConnect Provisioning Server. It will also configure the appropriate routing using RIPv2 to announce the Device Network(s) to WeConnect.





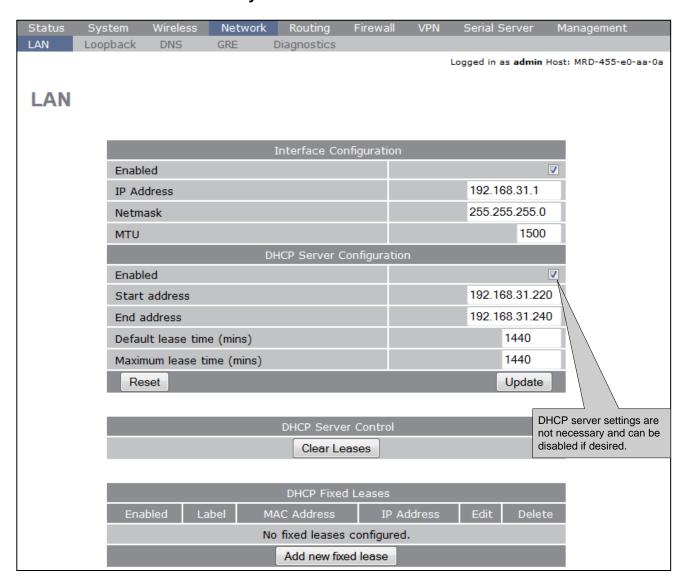




Prepare MRD Units for Autoprovisioning

- 1. Setup an Internet connection for the MRD according to the *Getting started* section of the MRD user guide which can be found on the Westermo WEB page www.westermo.com.
- 2. Configure the Device Network of the MRD. *Network -> LAN*.

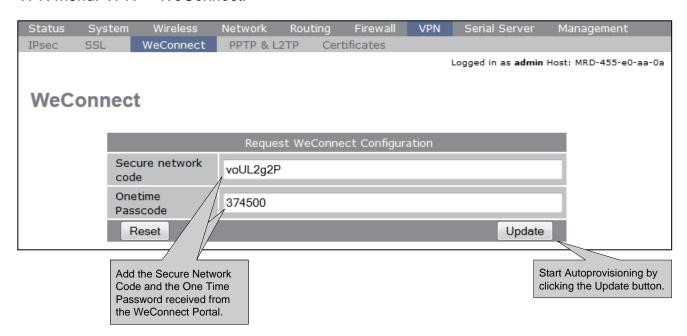
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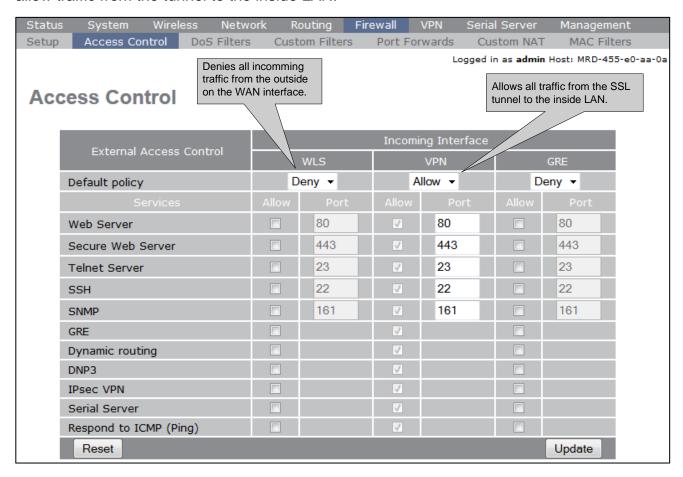
3. Add another Node to the WeConnect portal according to section *Add a WeConnect Node* of this Application Note.



4. Activate the Autoprovisioning function by going to the new WeConnect instance in the VPN menu. *VPN -> WeConnect*.



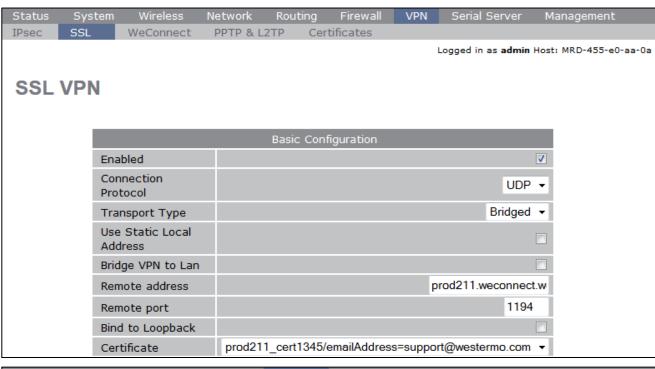
5. The Firewall of the MRD units is enabled by default to protect the WAN interface and to allow traffic from the tunnel to the inside LAN.

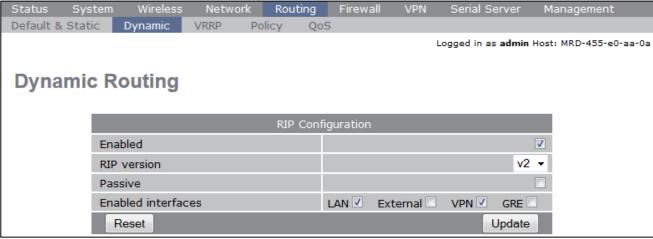




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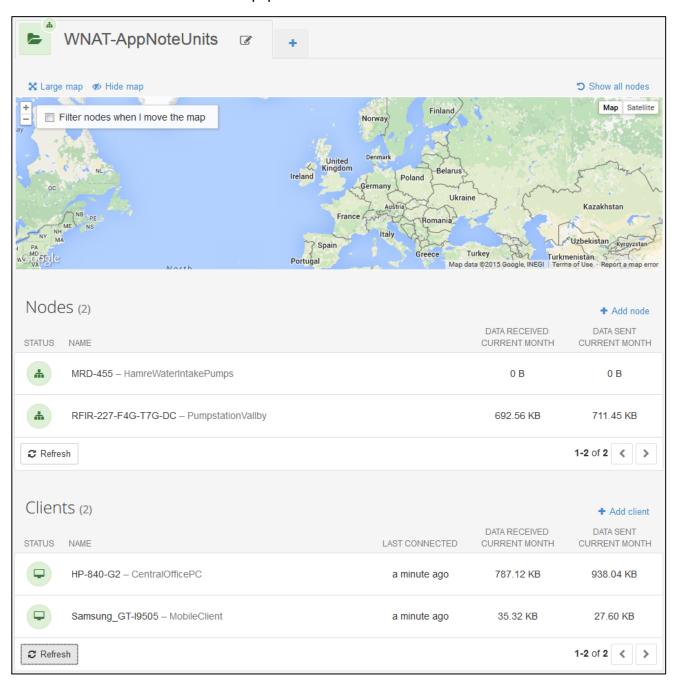








Now all Nodes and Clients are added to WeConnect and are visible in the portal. Connectivity is established to all remote sites through WeConnect without any public IP-addresses on the connected equipment.





Identical Networks Setup

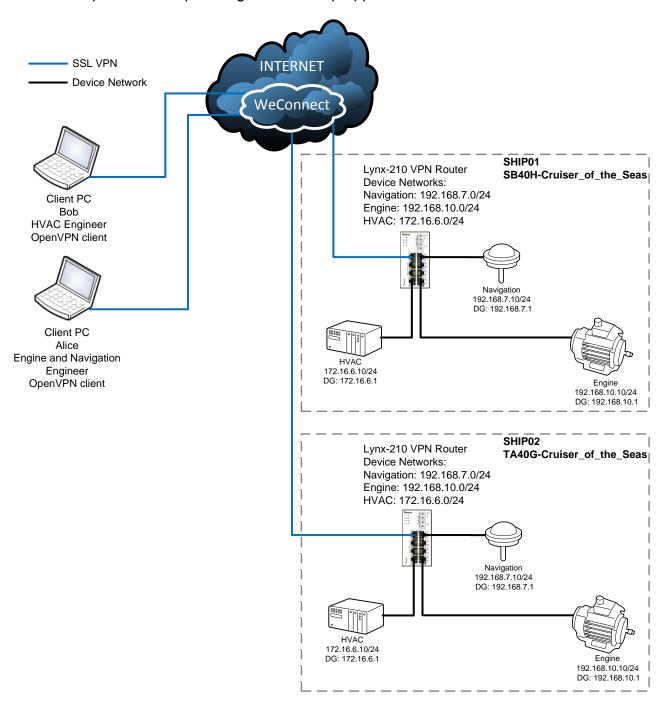
Identical Networks allows all remote sites to use the same LAN subnet address for its Device Network(s).

This is needed when shipping equipment or systems that are configured identically with the same Device Network(s) on all delivered systems.

There is an advanced setting for Identical Networks where roles can be defined.

Because in some systems not all clients are allowed to communicate with all equipment in the network and this is controlled by different roles and which Device Networks these roles are able to access.

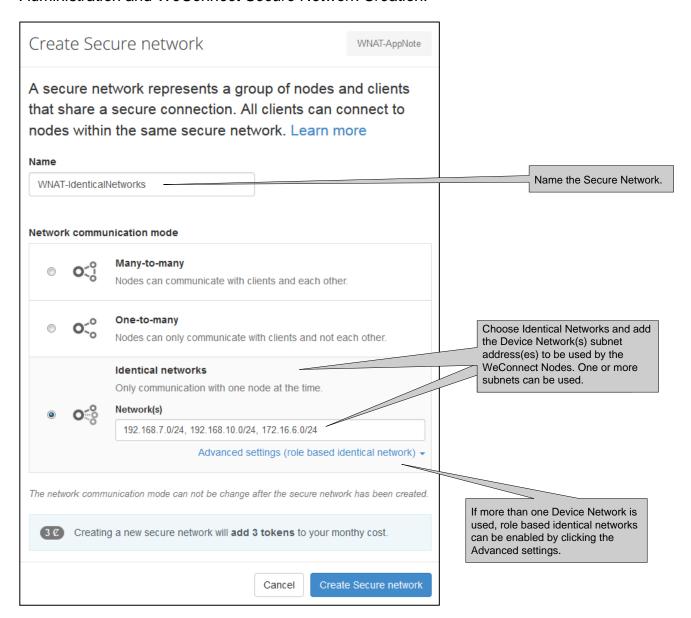
This is examplified with a passenger cruise ship application as shown below.





Setting it Up

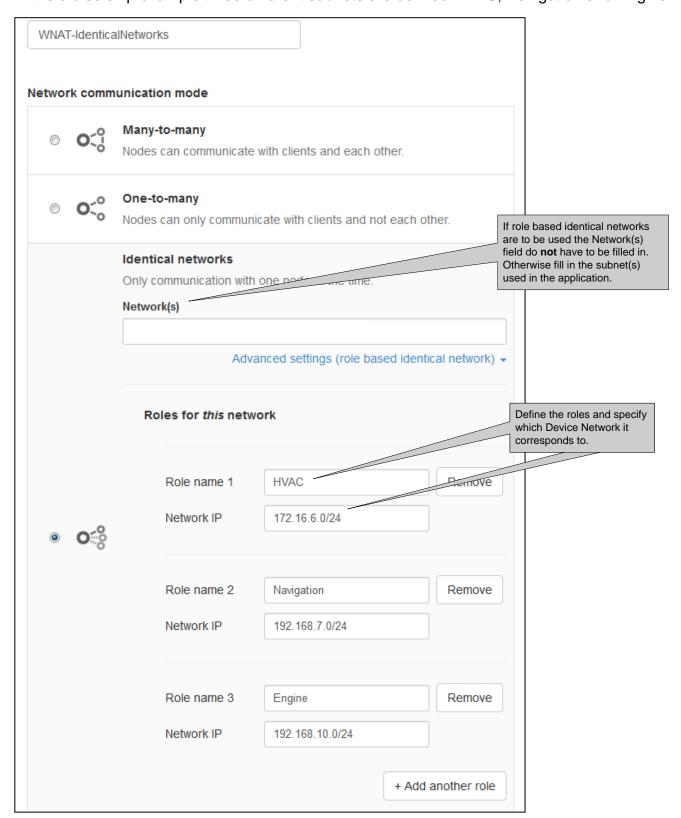
1. Start by adding a new Secure Network in the WeConnect Portal as in sections *Account Administration* and *WeConnect Secure Network Creation*.



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If no role definition is needed proceed to item 3.
 Otherwise define the roles needed for the application.
 In the cruise ship example three different subnets are defined HVAC, Navigation and Engine.

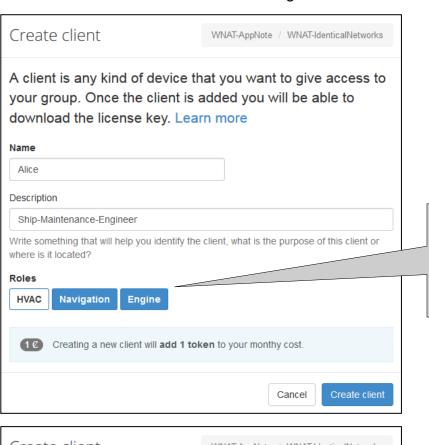


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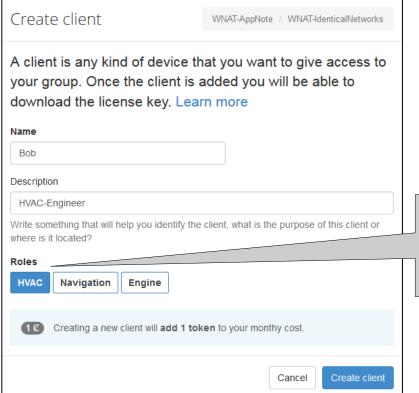
3. Add clients as in the *Adding Clients* section.

If role based identical networks are configured this is where the roles are defined for each client.



Mark the roles that the client shall have. This will dictate exactly which Device Network the client are allowed to access.

In the cruise ship example Alice is an Engine and Navigation engineer so she is only allowed to access the Navigation and Engine networks.

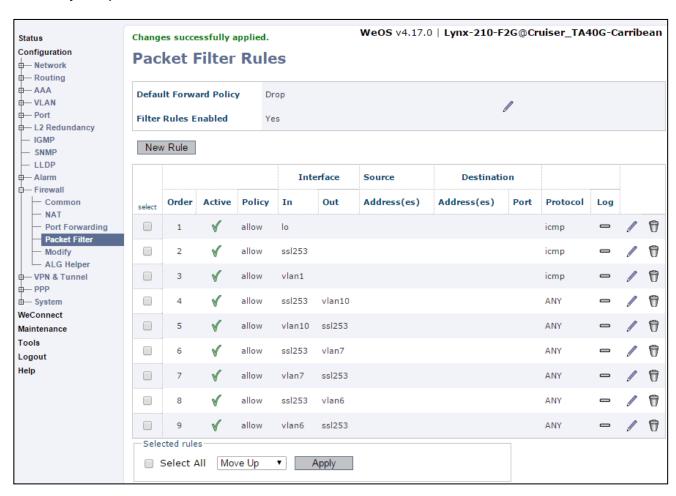


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In the cruise ship example Bob is an HVAC engineer so he is only allowed to access the HVAC network.



- 4. Then add the Nodes as in the Adding Nodes section.
- 5. Finally adapt the firewall for the Device Networks used.





Connecting to Device Networks

6. Connecting to the Nodes requires additional input as all Device Networks have the same subnet addresses so the client must distinguish, in the WeConnect Portal, which Node to connect to.

Please Note! If role based identical networks are configured the clients are still only allowed to access those Device Networks that are defined by their role(s) for each Node, eventhough they share the same VPN tunnel.

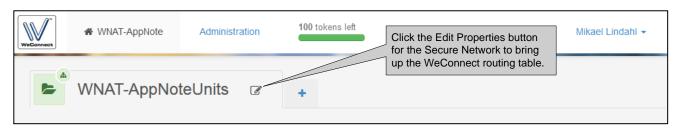


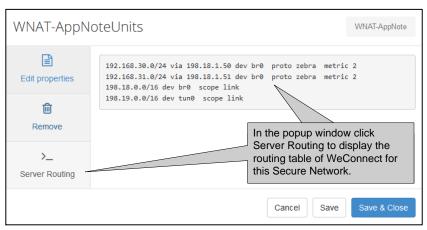


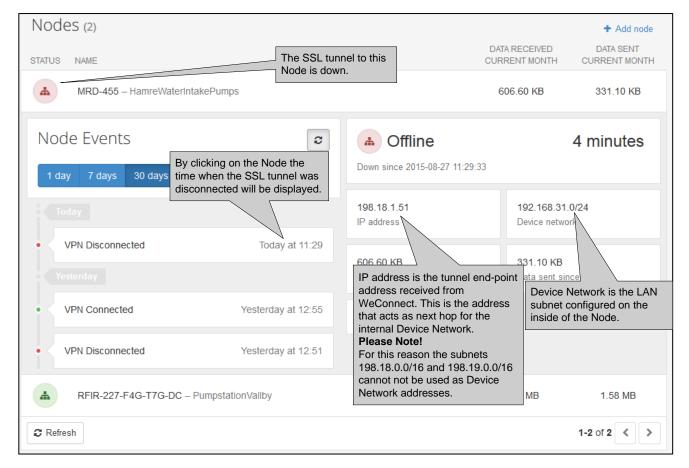
Trouble Shooting

WeConnect Portal

All connections can easily be monitored in the WeConnect portal.





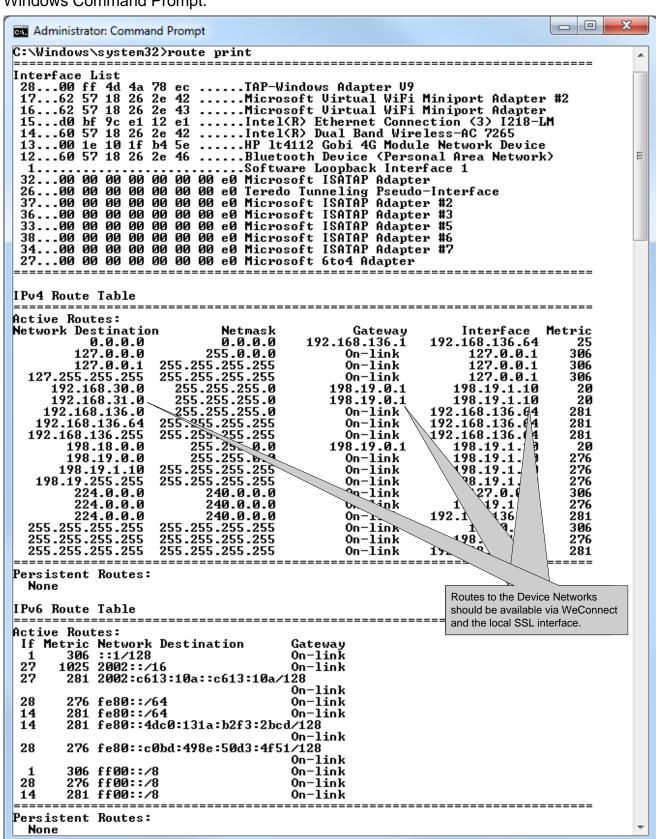


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WeConnect Clients

Verify connectivity with Device Networks by issuing the *route print* command from the MS Windows Command Prompt.



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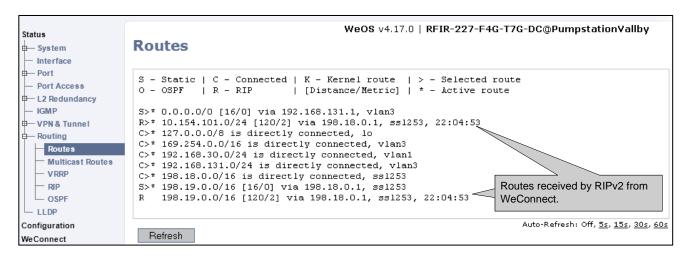
WeConnect Nodes

WeOS Status Information

Verify functionality by checking the status of the SSL tunnel. Status -> VPN & Tunnel -> SSL.



Verify that the proper routes are received from WeConnect. Status -> Routing -> Routes



Problems connecting to the WeConnect provisioning server.

If the auto provisioning server can not be reached this message will be displayed in the WeOS log:

WeConnect download failed with error code: 2

If this occurs make sure that:

-The hostname of the auto provisioning server can be properly resolved.

Problems establishing the VPN tunnel to WeConnect

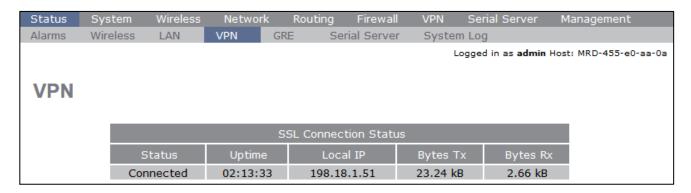
If the VPN tunnel to WeConnect can not be established make sure that:

- -The hostname of the VPN peer (WeConnect) can be properly resolved.
- -UDP port 1194 is allowed out to the Internet from where the Node is located.



MRD Status Information

Verify functionality by checking the status of the SSL tunnel. Status -> VPN.



The System Log will show problems with the tunnel establishment.

A correct tunnel negotiation is shown below.

Status -> System Log.

Aug 26 15:12:05 openvpn[30231]: UDPv4 link local (bound): [undef]:1194

Aug 26 15:12:05 openvpn[30231]: UDPv4 link remote: 52.19.135.38:1194

Aug 26 15:12:08 openvpn[30231]: [server] Peer Connection Initiated with 52.19.135.38:1194

Aug 26 15:12:11 openvpn[30231]: TUN/TAP device tap0 opened

Aug 26 15:12:11 openvpn[30231]: /sbin/ifconfig tap0 198.18.1.51 netmask 255.255.0.0 mtu 1500 broadcast 198.18.255.255

Aug 26 15:12:11 openvpn[30231]: /etc/ip-up tap0 1500 1589 198.18.1.51 255.255.0.0 init

Aug 26 15:12:11 openvpn[30231]: Initialization Sequence Completed

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