

WireGuard

WireGuard® is an extremely simple yet fast and modern VPN that utilizes state-of-the-art [cryptography](#). It aims to be faster, simpler, leaner, and more useful than IPsec, while avoiding the massive headache. It intends to be considerably more performant than OpenVPN. WireGuard is designed as a general purpose VPN for running on embedded interfaces and super computers alike, fit for many different circumstances. Initially released for the Linux kernel, it is now cross-platform (Windows, macOS, BSD, iOS, Android) and widely deployable. It is currently under heavy development, but already it might be regarded as the most secure, easiest to use, and simplest VPN solution in the industry.

Prerequisites

If you want to use your services at home, wherever you are, the following steps are required.

Dynamic DNS

If you do not have a static IP from your Internet Service Provider (ISP), a Dynamic DNS (DDNS) is required. So you need to create an account with one of the providers listed below:

- <https://freedns.afraid.org/>
- <https://www.duckdns.org/>
- <https://www.noip.com/>

Also check your router for these providers. Sometimes you can enter your credentials there.

DDClient

Install `ddclient` and search for your chosen provider and enter your credentials there.

```
pacman -S ddclient
nano /etc/ddclient/ddclient.conf
```

```
systemctl enable --now ddclient.service
```

See also https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Dynamic_DNS#ddclient. Some examples can be found in the table.

Port forwarding

What is it?

We will use Wireguard to access your server over the Internet. To do this, you must open a port in your router and forward it to your server. The wireguard port listens on 51820 by default. If you want to change this, you need to redirect the port to your chosen number and adjust the tutorial accordingly.

The example below is based on [OPNsense](#), but it is basically the same for other devices as well. The example below also has a different destination port (1212). If you want to change this as well, you have to change Endpoint = <server public IP or domain>:1212 under [clients](#) as well:

Firewall: NAT: Port Forward

Edit Redirect entry full help

Disabled Disable this rule

No RDR (NOT)

Interface: WAN

TCP/IP Version: IPv4

Protocol: UDP

Source: Advanced

Destination / Invert:

Destination: WAN address

Destination port range: from: (other) 1212 to: (other) 1212

Redirect target IP: Single host or Network 192.168.100.41

Redirect target port: (other) 51820

Pool Options: Default

Log:

Category:

Description: wireguard

Set local tag:

Match local tag:

No XMLRPC Sync:

NAT reflection: Use system default

Filter rule association: Pass

Rule Information

Created	8/5/23 16:39:46 (root@10.0.1.2)
Updated	8/5/23 17:38:39 (root@10.0.1.2)

Server

Do everything with root.

```
su
```

Packages

```
pacman -S wireguard-tools
```

Keys

```
cd /etc/wireguard/  
umask 077; wg genkey | tee privatekey | wg pubkey > publickey
```

wg0.conf

Interface

Copy and paste the private key under PrivateKey = .

```
cat privatekey
```

```
nano wg0.conf
```

```
[Interface]  
PrivateKey = <Private Key>  
Address = 10.0.0.1/24  
ListenPort = 51820
```

Peer

1. [Go to clients](#) first and follow the instructions.
2. Copy the **publickey** and **presharedkey** of your client.

```
cat /etc/wireguard/clients/phones/pinephone/publickey  
cat /etc/wireguard/clients/phones/pinephone/presharedkey
```

1. Add the peer

```
nano /etc/wireguard/wg0.conf
```

```
[Peer]  
# pinephone  
PublicKey = <client public key>  
PresharedKey = <preshared key>  
AllowedIPs = 10.0.0.2/32
```

Clients

Create clients for *laptop*, *desktop*, *phone* and so on. Wherever you need it for.

```
mkdir -p /etc/wireguard/clients/phones/pinephone/
```

It is better to store them somewhere else. On a USB stick or so. Or just delete it after the configuration.

Keys

```
cd /etc/wireguard/clients/phones/pinephone/  
umask 077; wg genkey | tee privatekey | wg pubkey > publickey | wg genpsk >  
presharedkey
```

```
cat privatekey && cat /etc/wireguard/publickey && cat presharedkey
```

```
nano pinephone.conf
```

```
[Interface]  
PrivateKey = <pinephones-privatekey>  
Address = 10.0.0.2/24  
  
[Peer]  
PublicKey = <server public key>  
PresharedKey = <preshared key>  
Endpoint = <server public IP or domain>:51820  
AllowedIPs = 0.0.0.0/0
```

Optional:

Add another DNS server under [Interface] in the configuration of your client, e.g. if you do not want to use the DNS server of your provider.

```
DNS = `dns server`
```

Permissions

Set the right permissions.

```
chmod -R 600 /etc/wireguard/clients/
```

Copy file

Copy your .conf file to your device.

```
scp pinephone.conf USER@IP:~/
```

Generate QR Code

You can also create an QR code.

```
pacman -S qrencode
```

```
qrencode -t ansiutf8 < pinephone.conf
```

Back to peer

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More clients

If you need more clients, just follow the [clients](#) process again and add the [peer](#) to your server among your other clients.

Stop the Wireguard interface when adding new clients/peers.

```
systemctl stop wg-quick@wg0.service
```

Start

```
systemctl enable --now wg-quick@wg0.service
```

Firewall

Based on [firewalld](#).

1. create a new [zone](#) (name it: **wireguard**)
2. add "wg0 [interface](#)" to your new **wireguard zone**
3. add/open [wireguards service](#) (port 51820) to your **home zone**
4. add/open [https service](#) (port 443) to your **wireguard zone** (to reach your services, which should be based on [ssl](#))
5. add [masquerade](#) to your **home zone**
6. and create a [new policy](#) for internet and services access

Checks

You can check your clients connections via the command `wg` on your wireguard server. You should see:

latest handshake: 1 minute, 52 seconds ago
transfer: 1.22 MiB received, 3.80 MiB sent

Also check the IP address of your clients, for example with <https://dnsleaktest.com>, which should be the IP address of your home, and click the **Extended test** button for the DNS server you are using which can be different on your Android device if DNS isn't set on [clients](#) side.

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