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This guide provides the information that you need to install and use Novell® VPN Client for Linux software.

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# Understanding Novell VPN Client for Linux

# 1

This chapter provides an introduction to Novell<sup>®</sup> VPN Client for Linux by explaining the following:

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## 1.1 Introduction

Novell VPN Client for Linux allows you to remotely access a corporate network. The virtual private network created between the client and the gateway helps you to communicate securely over the Internet using standard protocols. From your Linux workstation, you can connect to a network protected by

- Standard IPsec Gateway (supporting X.509)
- Nortel\* Contivity Server
- Novell Security Manager powered by Astaro\*

## 1.2 Features

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- [Section 1.2.2, “Standard IPsec Gateway-Related Features,” on page 7](#)
- [Section 1.2.3, “Nortel Contivity-Related Features,” on page 8](#)

### 1.2.1 General Features

The following are the general features of the Novell VPN Client for Linux:

- **Interface Options:** Provides both graphical user interface (GUI) and command line interface (CLI) options for connection.
- **Support for Network Address Translation (NAT) Traversal:** Allows the VPN client to work from behind a NAT device.
- **Profile Manager:** An interactive feature that helps in creating, modifying, and deleting user-based profiles specific to the gateways.
- **Non-root access:** Users without root privileges can also use the VPN Client. For details, see [Section 3.1.2, “Non-Root Access,” on page 11](#).

### 1.2.2 Standard IPsec Gateway-Related Features

- **Certificate Mode of Authentication:** Lets you authenticate using x.509 certificates (.pfx format).

### 1.2.3 Nortel Contivity-Related Features

- **Radius Authentication:** Lets you authenticate based on the credentials stored in the Radius server.
- **IP Address Assignment:** Assigns an IP address to the VPN client connecting to the gateway.
- **Dead Peer Detection:** Detects and informs if the Nortel gateway is not responding.

## 1.3 Requirements

The following are the minimum system requirements needed for the VPN Client for Linux to operate:

- PC with Pentium\* III or higher processor
- SUSE® Linux Enterprise (SLED) Desktop 10
- 10 MB in `/opt` and 10 MB in `/usr`
- 128 MB RAM
- Monitor resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels

# Installing Novell VPN Client for Linux

# 2

This chapter provides the following information on how to install the Novell® VPN Client for Linux:

- [Section 2.1, “Installing the Novell VPN Client for Linux,” on page 9](#)
- [Section 2.2, “Uninstalling Novell VPN Client for Linux,” on page 10](#)
- [Section 2.3, “Package Description,” on page 10](#)

## 2.1 Installing the Novell VPN Client for Linux

- [Section 2.1.1, “Prerequisites,” on page 9](#)
- [Section 2.1.2, “Installation,” on page 9](#)
- [Section 2.1.3, “Checking the Installation,” on page 10](#)

### 2.1.1 Prerequisites

- ❑ All IPsec packages (for example FreeS/WAN or IPsec-tools) on your system are uninstalled.

IPsec-tools on your system cannot coexist with the IPsec-tools RPM that gets installed during the VPN Client installation.

- To check for any previously installed IPsec tools, enter

```
rpm -qa ipsec-tools
```

- To uninstall IPsec tools, enter

```
rpm -e ipsec-tools
```

- ❑ You have root privileges.

VPN Client RPM can be installed only with root privileges.

- ❑ If firewall rules are already configured on the VPN Client machine, ensure that the you have the following ports open:

UDP-500

UDP-4500

This is necessary because the VPN connection goes through these ports. For more information, see [Section A.3.6, “Firewall Issues,” on page 24](#).

### 2.1.2 Installation

The VPN Client for Linux can be installed using the Novell Applications pattern in YaST. The VPN Client is not installed by default with SUSE® Linux Enterprise Desktop.

- 1 Launch the YaST Control Center.

**GNOME:** Click *Computer > More Applications > System > YaST*.

**KDE:** Click the menu button > *System > YaST*.

- 2 If you are not logged in as root, type the root password, then click *Continue*.
- 3 Click *Software* in the left column, then click *Software Management* in the right column.
- 4 Click *Patterns* in the *Filter* drop-down list.
- 5 Select *Novell Applications* in the left column, then select `turnpike` in the right column.
- 6 Click *Accept* to install the selected packages.  
YaST displays the progress of the package installation.
- 7 (Conditional) If a message informs you that other package selection have been made to resolve dependencies, click *Continue*.
- 8 (Conditional) If a message prompts you to insert a SUSE Linux CD, put the CD in the CD-ROM drive, then click *OK*.
- 9 After all the packages have been installed, click *Close* to close the YaST Control Center.

### 2.1.3 Checking the Installation

When the VPN Client for Linux is installed on your system, the IKE starts running and the VPN Login icon appears in the SLED menu.

**GNOME:** Click *Computer > More Applications > System > VPN Login*.

**KDE:** Click the menu button > *System > VPN Login*.

If you are a CLI user, enter the following command to determine if the VPN Client for Linux is installed on your system:

```
rpm -qi turnpike
```

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**NOTE:** Currently GNOME and KDE are the supported desktops.

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## 2.2 Uninstalling Novell VPN Client for Linux

- 1 Enter the following to uninstall the Nortel plug-ins:

```
rpm -e nortelplugins
```

- 2 Enter the following to uninstall the IPsec-tools:

```
rpm -e ipsec-tools
```

- 3 Enter the following to uninstall VPN Client:

```
rpm -e turnpike
```

## 2.3 Package Description

The package description provides the detailed information about the files that are installed as part of VPN Client installation. Run the following command to view the package description:

```
rpm -qlp rpm
```

# Using the VPN Client for Linux

# 3

This chapter provides the following information to help you effectively set up and use Novell® VPN Client for Linux:

- Section 3.1, “Access Information: Who Can Use the VPN Client,” on page 11
- Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12
- Section 3.3, “Establishing a VPN Connection,” on page 16

## 3.1 Access Information: Who Can Use the VPN Client

- Section 3.1.1, “Root Access,” on page 11
- Section 3.1.2, “Non-Root Access,” on page 11

### 3.1.1 Root Access

Super user can directly access VPN.

### 3.1.2 Non-Root Access

- “users Group Users” on page 11
- “Non-users group Users” on page 11

#### users Group Users

All users belonging to the primary group *users* created by root can use VPN client. By default, all users belong to this group.


#### Non-users group Users

If *users* is not the primary group of those users who require VPN access, non-root access can be allowed by doing the following:

- 1 Log in as root.
- 2 Open the `/etc/racoon/racoon.conf` file.
- 3 Replace *users* with the name of the group that requires VPN access.

```
#isakmp :::1 [7000];
#isakmp 202.249.11.124 [500];
#admin [7002];          # administrative's port by kmpstat.
#strict_address;      # required all addresses must be bound.
adminsock "/var/racoon/racoon.sock" "root" "users" 660;
}

# Specification of default various timer.
timer
```



4 Restart IKE by entering the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon restart
```

The root cannot allow multiple groups to use VPN client. So, if a new group is permitted by modifying `racoon.conf`, only users belonging to that group can access VPN.

## 3.2 Connection Profiles

Connection profiles comprise a unique configuration of the parameters used for making a successful VPN connection. Each profile in XML format is saved as a `.prf` file. VPN Client provides a Profile Manager to help you with the connection profiles.

The Profile Manager helps you create, edit, or delete profiles. While editing profiles, you are not allowed to change the profile names.

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**NOTE:** You cannot create profiles using CLI. Therefore, use the Profile Manager to create and modify profiles.

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- [Section 3.2.1, “Creating a Profile for Connecting to the Standard IPsec Gateway,” on page 12](#)
- [Section 3.2.2, “Creating a Profile for Connecting to the Nortel Contivity Server,” on page 14](#)
- [Section 3.2.3, “Editing a Profile,” on page 15](#)
- [Section 3.2.4, “Deleting a Profile,” on page 15](#)

### 3.2.1 Creating a Profile for Connecting to the Standard IPsec Gateway

1 Open the VPN Client for Linux dialog.

**GNOME:** Click *Computer > More Applications > System > VPN Login*.

**KDE:** Click the main menu *> System > VPN Login*.

2 In the *Profile name* drop-down list, select *Profile manager*.

3 Click *Add* to create a profile.

4 In the *Profile name* field, specify a name for the profile.

5 Select *Standard IPsec gateway* from the *Gateway type*.drop-down list.



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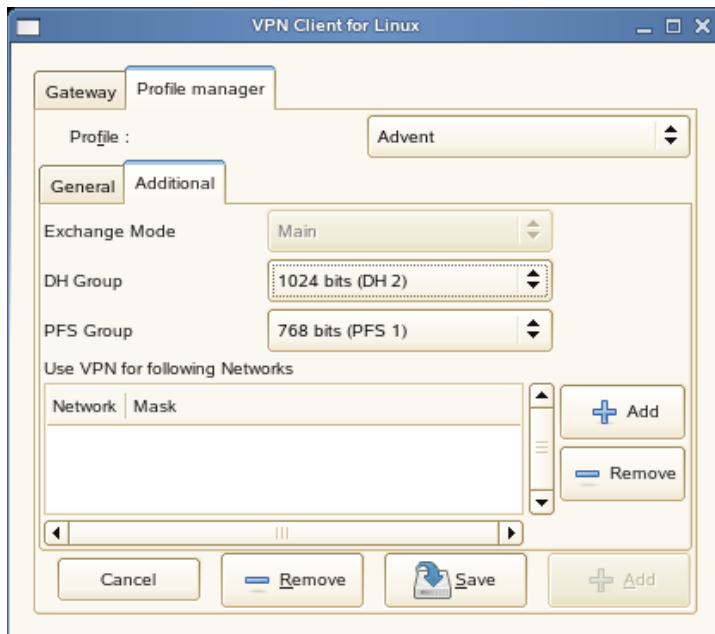
**TIP:** If you have not copied the user certificate in .pfx format, the error No .pfx files appears. For details, refer to [“Copying the User Certificate” on page 16](#).

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6 Specify the following details:

- **Gateway:** Specify the gateway IP address or gateway name.
- **User certificate:** Select the user certificate.

7 Click the *Additional* tab to configure the exchange mode, DH group, PFS group, network, and mask.



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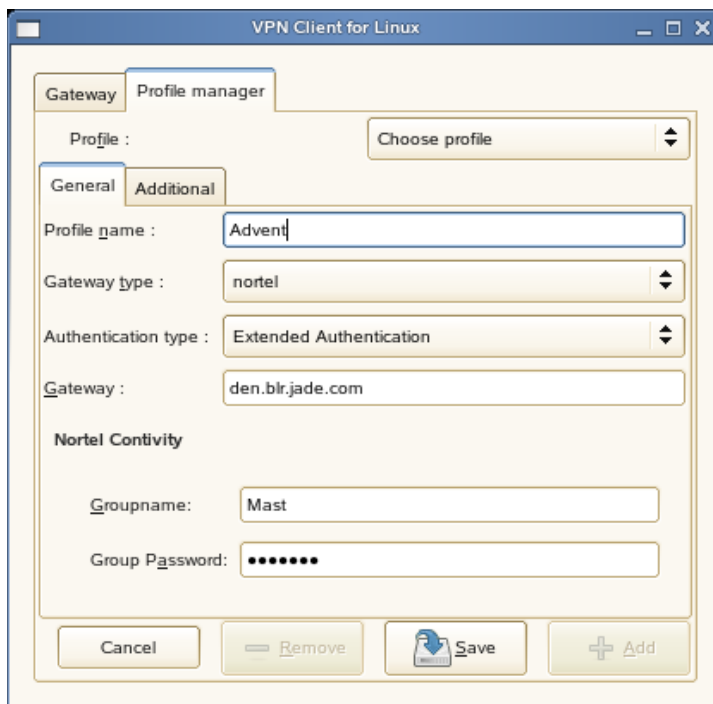
**IMPORTANT:** Ensure that the VPN Client configuration matches the configuration on the gateway you are connecting to.

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- 8 Click *Save* to save the profile.
- 9 Click *Done* to return to the VPN Client dialog.

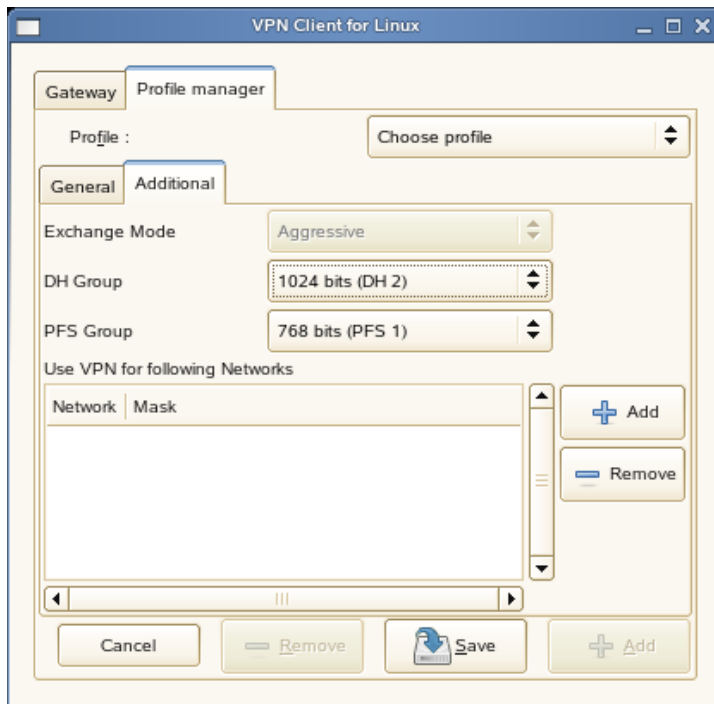
### 3.2.2 Creating a Profile for Connecting to the Nortel Contivity Server

- 1 Open the VPN Client for Linux dialog.  
**GNOME:** Click *Computer > More Applications > System > VPN Login*.  
**KDE:** Click the main menu *> System > VPN Login*.
- 2 In the *Profile name* drop-down list, select *Profile manager*.
- 3 Click *Add* to create a profile.
- 4 In the *Profile name* field, specify a name for the profile.
- 5 Select *Nortel* from the *Gateway type* drop-down list.



- 6 Specify the following details:
  - **Gateway:** Specify the gateway IP address or gateway name.
  - **Groupname:** Specify the user group name.
  - **Group Password:** Specify the group password.

- 7 Click the *Additional* tab to configure the exchange mode, DH group, PFS group, network, and mask.



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**IMPORTANT:** Ensure that the VPN Client configuration matches the configuration on the gateway you are connecting to.

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- 8 Click *Save* to save the profile.
- 9 Click *Done* to return to the VPN Client dialog.

### 3.2.3 Editing a Profile

- 1 Open the VPN Client for Linux dialog.  
**GNOME:** Click *Computer > More Applications > System > VPN Login*.  
**KDE:** Click the main menu > *System > VPN Login*.
- 2 In the *Profile name* drop-down list, select *Profile manager*.
- 3 Click *Choose profile*, then select the name of the profile you want to edit.  
You can edit all the parameters except the profile name.

### 3.2.4 Deleting a Profile

- 1 Open the VPN Client for Linux dialog.  
**GNOME:** Click *Computer > More Applications > System > VPN Login*.  
**KDE:** Click the main menu > *System > VPN Login*.
- 2 In the *Profile name* drop-down list, select *Profile manager*.

- 3 Click *Choose profile*, then select the name of the profile you want to delete..
- 4 Click *Remove*.

## 3.3 Establishing a VPN Connection

VPN Client for Linux lets you establish a connection with a Nortel Contivity server or Standard IPsec gateway. You can do this using either the Graphical User Interface (GUI) or the Command Line Interface (CLI).

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**IMPORTANT:** The CLI and GUI options might not interact properly. We do not recommend using them at the same time.

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- [Section 3.3.1, “Connecting to a Standard IPsec Gateway,” on page 16](#)
- [Section 3.3.2, “Connecting to a Nortel Contivity Server,” on page 17](#)
- [Section 3.3.3, “Using the Command Line Utility,” on page 18](#)

### 3.3.1 Connecting to a Standard IPsec Gateway

- [“Copying the User Certificate” on page 16](#)
- [“Connecting to the Gateway” on page 16](#)

#### Copying the User Certificate

Copy your user certificate in `.pfx` format to the following path:

```
/user's home directory/.turnpike/usercerts
```

#### Connecting to the Gateway

- 1 Open the VPN Client for Linux dialog.

**GNOME:** Click *Computer > More Applications > System > VPN Login*.

**KDE:** Click the main menu *> System > VPN Login*.

- 2 Select a Standard IPsec Gateway profile from the *Profile name* drop-down list.



All the fields in the upper section of the dialog are automatically displayed.

- 3 In the *Password* field, specify the certificate password.
- 4 Click *Connect*.

The *Connection Details* tabbed page displays the progress of the connection.

- 5 Click *Disconnect* if you want to end the connection.

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**NOTE:** In the case of the VPN connection to a Standard IPsec gateway, after Phase 1 is established, any data going to the network is encrypted.

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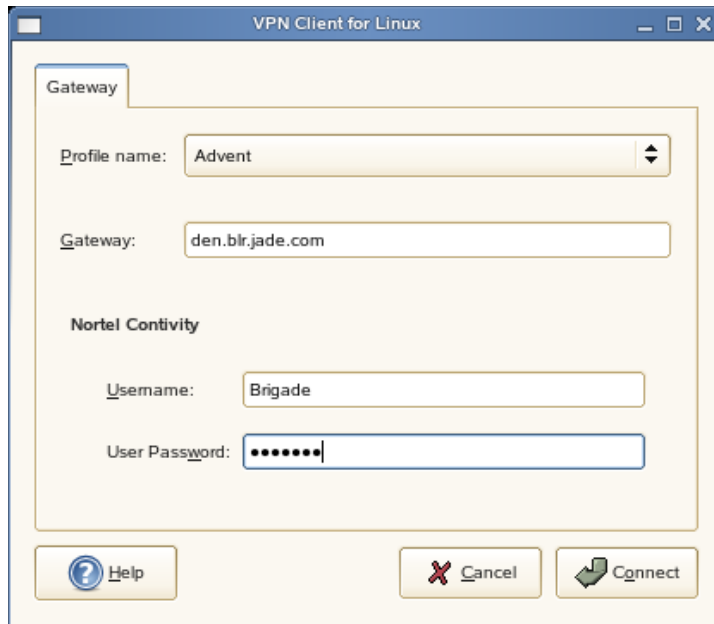
### 3.3.2 Connecting to a Nortel Contivity Server

- 1 Open the VPN Client for Linux dialog.

**GNOME:** Click *Computer > More Applications > System > VPN Login*.

**KDE:** Click the main menu *> System > VPN Login*.

- 2 Select a Nortel Contivity Server profile from the *Profile name* drop-down list.



The Gateway information is automatically displayed.

- 3 In the *Nortel Contivity* section, specify the following details:
  - **Username:** The name of the user who requires the connection.
  - **User Password:** The user password.
- 4 Click *Connect*.
- 5 The *Connection Details* tabbed page displays the progress of the connection.
- 5 Click *Disconnect* if you want to end the connection.

### 3.3.3 Using the Command Line Utility

VPN Client for Linux provides a command line utility (`vpnc`) to carry out the major VPN functions. After installing VPN Client for Linux, you can access `vpnc` help by entering the following in a terminal. You must have root privileges to run this command.

```
vpnc -h
```

This lists all the CLI commands and the available options, described in the following table:

Option	Description
<code>vpnc -c</code>	Connects to the VPN gateway in the PROFILENAME.
<code>vpnc -d</code>	Disconnects from the VPN gateway.
<code>vpnc -h</code>	Displays the VPN Client help.
<code>vpnc -l</code>	Lists the available profiles along with their gateway types.
<code>vpnc -v</code>	Displays a detailed log when used with the connect option as follows: <code>vpnc -v -c</code>

## Creating Profiles Using a CLI

You cannot create connection profiles using the CLI feature. Profiles must be created and edited using the GUI. See [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,”](#) on [page 12](#) for more information.

## Connecting to the Gateway Using a CLI

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**IMPORTANT:** VPN Client for Linux allows only one connection at a time.

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To connect to the gateway, enter any of the following commands:

```
vpnc -c profile
```

```
vpnc --connect profile
```

```
vpnc -v -c profile
```

```
vpnc --verbose --connect profile
```

---

**TIP:** Use the command `vpnc -l` for the list of all available profiles along with their gateway types.

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## Disconnecting from the Server

To disconnect from the server, enter the following command:

```
vpnc -d
```



# Troubleshooting Novell VPN Client for Linux

# A

This appendix provides troubleshooting scenarios that you might encounter while working with the Novell® VPN Client for Linux:

- [Section A.1, “Guidelines for the User,” on page 21](#)
- [Section A.2, “Application Errors,” on page 22](#)
- [Section A.3, “Scenarios,” on page 22](#)
- [Section A.4, “FAQs,” on page 24](#)

## A.1 Guidelines for the User

- [Section A.1.1, “General Guidelines,” on page 21](#)
- [Section A.1.2, “IKE Status,” on page 21](#)
- [Section A.1.3, “IKE Log,” on page 22](#)

### A.1.1 General Guidelines

- Do not to modify the IKE configuration file (`/etc/racoon/racoon.conf`).
- Do not modify the XML files in `/user's home directory/.turnpike/profiles`.
- Do not tamper with IPsec policies or IPsec security association (SA) using the `setkey` command.
- If you are exiting, a session (for instance GNOME or KDE), disconnect from the VPN *before* logout. Otherwise the VPN connection continues.
- Use either the CLI or the GUI option at one time, because these features might not interact properly.

### A.1.2 IKE Status

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**NOTE:** You have to log in as root to check the IKE status.

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To check the IKE status, use the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon status
```

Either of the following statuses is displayed

- **Running:** IKE is up and running.
- **Unused/Dead:** To make the IKE run, use the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon start
```

To stop the IKE daemon, use the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon stop
```

### A.1.3 IKE Log

If IKE is running at the default log level, all information including the error messages gets logged.

The IKE log can be accessed at `/var/log/messages`.

## A.2 Application Errors

Application errors are unidentified errors with the VPN Client application.

If you encounter any of the application errors referred to in [Appendix B, “Error Codes,” on page 27](#), try reinstalling the VPN Client. If the error repeats, try installing the latest version of VPN Client.

## A.3 Scenarios

- [Section A.3.1, “IKE Phase 1 Deleted,” on page 22](#)
- [Section A.3.2, “Failed to Connect to IKE,” on page 22](#)
- [Section A.3.3, “Non-Root User: Failed to Connect to IKE,” on page 23](#)
- [Section A.3.4, “Fragmentation of TCP Packets,” on page 23](#)
- [Section A.3.5, “Profile Creation Failed,” on page 24](#)
- [Section A.3.6, “Firewall Issues,” on page 24](#)

### A.3.1 IKE Phase 1 Deleted

You might encounter the message `IKE Phase 1 Deleted` in the following scenarios.

#### At the Beginning of a Connection

If you get the message at the beginning of a VPN connection, ignore it.

#### While the Connection Is in Process

If your connection status shows *Connecting* for a relatively longer duration, and then you encounter the status message, it means an error has occurred in the connection procedure.

**Possible Cause:** Connectivity issues with your machine.

**Action:** Rectify the connectivity issues and proceed.

**Possible Cause:** The gateway is down or VPN service is not running on the gateway.

**Action:** Ensure that the gateway is prepared for a VPN connection.

**Possible Cause:** Issues with the login credentials.

**Action:** In the case of a Standard IPsec gateway, ensure that the certificate password is valid. If you are connecting to a Nortel Contivity server, ensure that the group credentials are valid.

### A.3.2 Failed to Connect to IKE

- [“Possible Cause” on page 23](#)

- [“Action” on page 23](#)

### Possible Cause

The IKE is not running.

### Action

Check the status of the IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon status
```

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**NOTE:** You have to log in as root to check the IKE status.

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If the status is Dead or Unused, use the following command to start IKE:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon start
```

## A.3.3 Non-Root User: Failed to Connect to IKE

If you are a non-root user and while attempting a VPN connection you receive the message `Failed to connect to the Racoon Daemon`, do the following:

- 1 Ensure that IKE is running.  
For details, refer to [Section A.1.2, “IKE Status,” on page 21](#).
- 2 If IKE is not running, start it.  
For details, refer to [Section A.3.2, “Failed to Connect to IKE,” on page 22](#).
- 3 If IKE is running, check the IKE log.  
For details, refer to [Section A.1.3, “IKE Log,” on page 22](#).
- 4 If you see the message `ERROR: File does not have correct permissions. Expected : 432 Has : 384` in the IKE log, verify that you have the required user privileges to use VPN Client.  
For details, refer to [Section 3.1.2, “Non-Root Access,” on page 11](#).

## A.3.4 Fragmentation of TCP Packets

When connected to a Nortel server, encryption/decryption of IP fragmentation is not handled effectively. Therefore, applications sending IP fragments might not work.

But in the case of TCP applications, you might use the workaround of setting the route MTU (to the gateway server) to less than 1400 for Ethernet. The recommended MTU is 1350.

To do this, after a successful VPN connection, do the following:

- 1 At the command prompt, enter `ip route`.  
The routing information to the VPN server is displayed in the following format:  

```
VPNSERVERIPADDR via GATEWAYIPADDR dev NETWORKDEVICE
```
- 2 Delete the route using the following command:

```
route delete VPNSERVERIPADDR
```

**3** Add the route with your mss value using the following command:

```
route add VPNSERVERIPADDR gw GATEWAYIPADDR NETWORKDEVICE mss  
1350
```

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**TIP:** For variable details, refer to the routing information (discussed in [Step 1](#)).

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## A.3.5 Profile Creation Failed

### Causes

- The system runs out of memory
- Libxml2.so is missing

### Actions

- Ensure that you have a minimum 128 RAM of memory.
- Libxml2.so is provided along with the NLD installation. If for some reason it is missing, install the library.

## A.3.6 Firewall Issues

If you have an iptables firewall running on your machine with policies configured to deny outgoing and incoming packets, configure the following rules to allow the packets:

*Table A-1* Outgoing Packets

Port	Configuration Command
UDP-500	<code>iptables -A OUTPUT -p UDP -s 0/0 -d 0/0 --dport 500 -j ACCEPT</code>
UDP-4500	<code>iptables -A OUTPUT -p UDP -s 0/0 -d 0/0 --dport 4500 -j ACCEPT</code>

*Table A-2* Incoming Packets

Port	Configuration Command
UDP-500	<code>iptables -A INPUT -p UDP -s 0/0 -d 0/0 --dport 500 -j ACCEPT</code>
UDP-4500	<code>iptables -A INPUT -p UDP -s 0/0 -d 0/0 --dport 4500 -j ACCEPT</code>

## A.4 FAQs

This section lists some frequently asked questions and suggests appropriate actions.

- [Section A.4.1, “Where can I get information on the error codes that I encounter while using VPN Client?” on page 25](#)

- [Section A.4.2, “I get a message explaining temporary unavailability of resources. What does this mean?”](#) on page 25
- [Section A.4.3, “What should I do to get IKE debug logs?”](#) on page 25
- [Section A.4.4, “How can I ensure that VPN Client is installed on my system?”](#) on page 25
- [Section A.4.5, “The VPN Client GUI does not fit in the monitor, causing reading difficulties. What should I do?”](#) on page 25

### **A.4.1 Where can I get information on the error codes that I encounter while using VPN Client?**

Refer to the [Appendix B, “Error Codes,”](#) on page 27.

### **A.4.2 I get a message explaining temporary unavailability of resources. What does this mean?**

You get such messages when you send data to a protected network (for example when you use FTP, Telnet, or ping). This is because a new security association is in the process of negotiation.

Retry the application to resolve this issue.

### **A.4.3 What should I do to get IKE debug logs?**

In `/var/log/messages`, go to `/etc/racoon/racoon.conf` and comment out the log debug line.

### **A.4.4 How can I ensure that VPN Client is installed on my system?**

Run the following command:

```
rpm -qi turnpike
```

### **A.4.5 The VPN Client GUI does not fit in the monitor, causing reading difficulties. What should I do?**

Change your monitor resolution to 1024 x 768 pixels.



# Error Codes

# B

This appendix contains the error codes for the Novell® VPN Client for Linux. For each error code, the possible cause and action that you can take are provided.

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## B.1 GUI Messages

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### **B.1.1 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0000 Certificate not found. Ensure that the certificate is available.**

**Possible Cause:** The profile you chose for the VPN connection has an invalid certificate. Possibly, the profile is removed, renamed, or tampered with.

**Action:** Re-create the profile with another certificate. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,”](#) on page 12.

### **B.1.2 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0002 Enter gateway name/IP address.**

**Possible Cause:** You have not specified the IP address/gateway name.

**Action:** Specify the IP address/gateway name to proceed.

### **B.1.3 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0003 The certificate name is too lengthy. Rename the Certificate name to proceed.**

**Possible Cause:** The number of characters in the certificate name has exceeded the limit. Only 80 characters are permitted (including the pathname). For example, `/home/user1/.turnpike/usercerts/mycert.pfx` is treated as having 42 characters.

**Action:** Rename the certificate so that it adheres to the character limit.

### **B.1.4 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0004 Enter the password.**

**Possible Cause:** You have not specified the password.

**Action:** Specify the password.

### **B.1.5 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0006 Certificate not found. Ensure that the certificate is available.**

**Possible Cause:** `/user's home directory/.turnpike/usercerts/` does not contain the certificate file.

**Action:** Copy the certificate file in `.pfx` format to the path mentioned above.

### **B.1.6 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0008 Failed to read certificate.**

**Possible Cause:** Either the certificate is not valid or the password is incorrect.

**Action:** Verify the validity of the certificate and password.

### **B.1.7 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0009 Gateway name/IP address is not valid.**

**Possible Cause:** The gateway name/IP address that you have specified is not valid.

**Action:** Specify a valid gateway name/IP address.

### **B.1.8 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0011 Server address error: Failed to resolve the DNS name. Retry after some time.**

**Possible Cause:** Either the network or DNS server is down.

**Action:** Ensure that your network and DNS server are up and running.

### **B.1.9 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0012 Cannot read profile. Re-create the profile.**

**Possible Cause:** The profile file in XML format is corrupt.

**Action:** Using the Profile Manager, delete the profile and create a new one. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12.](#)

### **B.1.10 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0013 Profile is not valid.**

**Possible Cause:** You have not specified the certificate password.

**Action:** Specify the certificate password.

### **B.1.11 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0014 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** IKE is down.

**Action:** As root, restart IKE.

**Possible Cause:** IKE might be running, but you do not have sufficient user rights.

**Action:** Get access rights to use VPN Client. For details, refer to [Section 3.1.2, “Non-Root Access,” on page 11.](#)

### **B.1.12 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0015 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** IKE is down.

**Action:** Verify the IKE log for details. The log file can be accessed at `/var/log/messages`.

### **B.1.13 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0016 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** IKE is down.

**Action:** Verify the IKE log for details. The log file can be accessed at `/var/log/messages`.

### **B.1.14 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0017 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** Application error. For details, refer to [Section A.2, “Application Errors,” on page 22](#).

**Action:** Restart IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon restart
```

**Possible Cause:** Server failed to respond.

**Action:** Verify the IKE log for details. The log file can be accessed at `/var/log/messages`.

### **B.1.15 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0018 IKE failed to respond. The client is exiting.**

**Possible Cause:** IKE is down.

**Action:** Verify the IKE log for details. The log file can be accessed at `/var/log/messages`.

**Possible Cause:** IKE is down.

**Action:** As root, restart IKE.

### **B.1.16 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0019 Gateway name/IP address is not valid.**

**Possible Cause:** The gateway name/IP address you have specified is not valid.

**Action:** Specify the correct gateway name/IP address.

### **B.1.17 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0020 Failed to meet system requirements.**

**Possible Cause:** gmodule support is not available on your machine.

**Action:** Provide gmodule support to your machine. For details, refer to the [GNOME developer Website \(http://developer.gnome.org/doc/API/2.0/glib/glib-Dynamic-Loading-of-Modules.html\)](http://developer.gnome.org/doc/API/2.0/glib/glib-Dynamic-Loading-of-Modules.html).

### **B.1.18 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0021 Unable to locate the help file. Reinstall the client.**

**Possible Cause:** Issues with VPN Client installation.

**Possible Cause:** The help file is removed.

**Action:** Reinstall the VPN Client.

### **B.1.19 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0022 Profile directory does not exist. Client installation might be incomplete.**

**Possible Cause:** Application error. For details, refer to [Section A.2, “Application Errors,”](#) on [page 22](#).

**Action:** Reinstall VPN Client.

### **B.1.20 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0023 Invalid Network. Re-enter.**

**Possible Cause:** The format in which you specified the network details is not valid.

**Action:** Specify the details in the dotted IP address format (for example, 10.0.0.0).

### **B.1.21 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0024 Invalid Mask. Re-enter.**

**Possible Cause:** The format in which you specified the mask details is not valid.

**Action:** Specify the details in the dotted IP address format (for example, 255.0.0.0).

### **B.1.22 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0025 Time-out occurred while waiting for a connection response from gateway. The client is exiting.**

**Possible Cause:** The connection failed. There is no response after connection attempts for a period of time (more than five minutes).

**Action:** Check the IKE logs to find out the reason. For details, refer to [Section A.1.3, “IKE Log,”](#) on [page 22](#).

### **B.1.23 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0026 Authentication Failed. Verify your Credentials**

**Possible Cause:** You have specified an incorrect username, password, or both.

**Action:** Specify the correct username and password.

### **B.1.24 VPNCLIENT-GUI-0026 Gateway is not responding. The client is exiting.**

**Possible Cause:** The connection failed. There is no response from the VPN gateway.

**Action:** Ensure that the gateway is up and running.

## **B.2 CLI Messages**

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## **B.2.1 VPNCLIENT-CLI-256 Cannot open the file *filename* for editing.**

**Possible Cause:** You do not have the required user rights to open and edit the file.

**Action:** Ensure that you have sufficient user rights. For details, refer to [Section 3.1.2, “Non-Root Access,”](#) on page 11.

## **B.2.2 VPNCLIENT-CLI-258 Gateway name/IP address *gateway name/IP address* is not valid.**

**Possible Cause:** The gateway name/ IP address is not valid.

**Action:** Specify a valid gateway name/IP address in the profile.

## **B.2.3 VPNCLIENT-CLI-259 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** IKE is down.

**Action:** Verify the IKE log for details. The log file can be accessed at `/var/log/messages`.

**Possible Cause:** Application error. For details, refer to [Section A.2, “Application Errors,” on page 22](#).

**Action:** Restart IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon restart
```

## **B.2.4 VPNCLIENT-CLI-260 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** IKE is not running.

**Action:** Start IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon start
```

**Possible Cause:** Application error. For details, refer to [Section A.2, “Application Errors,” on page 22](#).

**Action:** Restart IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon restart
```

## **B.2.5 VPNCLIENT-CLI-261 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** IKE is down.

**Action:** Verify the IKE log for details. The log file can be accessed at `/var/log/messages`.

**Possible Cause:** Application error. For details, refer to [Section A.2, “Application Errors,” on page 22](#).

**Action:** Restart IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon restart
```

## **B.2.6 VPNCLIENT-GUI-262 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** Application error. For details, refer to [Section A.2, “Application Errors,”](#) on page 22.

**Action:** Restart IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon restart
```

## **B.2.7 VPNCLIENT-CLI-263 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** Application error. Refer to [Section A.2, “Application Errors,”](#) on page 22.

**Action:** Restart IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon restart
```

## **B.2.8 VPNCLIENT-CLI-264 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** Application error. Refer to [Section A.2, “Application Errors,”](#) on page 22.

**Action:** Restart IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon restart
```

**Possible Cause:** Server failed to respond. Either the server is not up or the network is down.

**Action:** Ensure that the server and network are up and running.

## **B.2.9 VPNCLIENT-CLI-265 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** IKE is down.

**Action:** As root, restart IKE using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/racoon start
```

## **B.2.10 VPNCLIENT-CLI-266 Cannot read the profile.**

**Possible Cause:** The profile file (in XML format) is corrupt.

**Action:** Using the Profile Manager, delete the profile and create a new one. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,”](#) on page 12.

## **B.2.11 VPNCLIENT-CLI-267 Profile *profile name* is not valid.**

**Possible Cause:** The profile file uses an incorrect file format.

**Action:** Using the Profile Manager, re-create the profile. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12.](#)

## **B.2.12 VPNCLIENT-CLI-268 Profile directory *directory name* does not exist.**

**Possible Cause:** The profile directory is not created or it is removed.

**Action:** Re-create the profile using the Profile Manager provided with the GUI. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12.](#) By default, the profile gets created in the proper directory.

## **B.2.13 VPNCLIENT-CLI-269 Profile *profile name* not found.**

**Possible Cause:** The profile is missing.

**Action:** Re-create the profile using the Profile Manager provided with the GUI. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12.](#)

## **B.2.14 VPNCLIENT-CLI-272 Too many arguments**

**Possible Cause:** You have provided multiple parameters. Only one parameter is allowed at one instance.

**Action:** Provide one option at a time (for example `vpnc -d`). Only the command `vpnc -v -c profile` is allowed to have multiple parameters.

## **B.2.15 VPNCLIENT-CLI-273 Too many arguments**

**Possible Cause:** You have provided more parameters than required.

**Action:** The CLI does not allow more parameters than required for the function. Refer to the [“Connecting to the Gateway Using a CLI” on page 19](#) or use `vpnc -h` before proceeding.

## **B.2.16 VPNCLIENT-CLI-274 Verbose mode has no meaning when specified alone.**

**Possible Cause:** You have used the verbose mode without specifying any other parameter.

**Action:** Verbose mode makes sense only when used along with other parameters. For options, refer to [Section 3.3.3, “Using the Command Line Utility,” on page 18.](#) Specify the parameters as in the example `vpnc -v -c profile` for getting verbose details.

## **B.2.17 VPNCLIENT-CLI-275 Profile *profile name* does not exist.**

**Possible Cause:** The specified profile does not exist.

**Action:** Specify a valid profile. If no valid profile exists, create a new one using the Profile Manager provided with the GUI. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12.](#)

## **B.2.18 VPNCLIENT-CLI-278 Certificate path *path* does not exist.**

**Possible Cause:** The specified profile is corrupt.

**Action:** Re-create the profile using the Profile Manager provided with the GUI. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12.](#)

**Possible Cause:** The certificate path is not created or it is deleted.

**Action:** Re-create the certificate path `/user's home directory/.turnpike/usercerts/` and copy the certificate to this path.

## **B.2.19 VPNCLIENT-CLI-279 Failed to read certificate.**

**Possible Cause:** Either the certificate is not valid or the password is incorrect.

**Action:** Verify the validity of the certificate and password. Relaunch the CLI and specify the correct certificate password.

## **B.2.20 VPNCLIENT-CLI-280 Profile is not valid.**

**Possible Cause:** The specified profile is corrupt.

**Action:** Re-create the profile using the Profile Manager provided with the GUI. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12.](#)

## **B.2.21 VPNCLIENT-CLI-281 Failed to connect to IKE. Restart IKE.**

**Possible Cause:** IKE is not running, the server is not responding, or the network is down.

**Action:** Ensure that IKE, the server, and the network are up and running.

## **B.2.22 VPNCLIENT-CLI-282 Profile is not valid.**

**Possible Cause:** The specified profile is not in the correct format.

**Action:** Re-create the profile using the Profile Manager provided with the GUI. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12.](#)

## **B.2.23 VPNCLIENT-CLI-284 Profile is not valid.**

**Possible Cause:** The gateway IP address you specified in the profile is not valid.

**Action:** Edit the profile (using the Profile Manager provided with the GUI) to specify the correct IP address/gateway name.

## **B.2.24 VPNCLIENT-CLI-285 DNS resolution failed for gateway address specified in the profile.**

**Possible Cause:** You have specified an incorrect DNS name.

**Action:** Ensure that the DNS name you specified is valid.

**Possible Cause:** The network or the DNS server is down.

**Action:** Ensure that the network and the DNS server are up and running.

## **B.2.25 VPNCLIENT-CLI-286 Time-out occurred while waiting for a connection response from gateway. The client is exiting.**

**Possible Cause:** The connection attempt failed.

**Action:** Check the IKE logs to find out the reason. For details, refer to [Section A.1.3, “IKE Log,” on page 22](#).

## **B.2.26 VPNCLIENT-CLI-287 Profile does not exist. Create the profile using the GUI.**

**Possible Cause:** There is no profile directory.

**Action:** Create a profile using the GUI. For details, refer to [Section 3.2, “Connection Profiles,” on page 12](#).

## **B.2.27 VPNCLIENT-CLI-287 Authentication Failed. Verify your Credentials**

**Possible Cause:** You have specified an incorrect username, password, or both.

**Action:** Specify the correct username and password.