

Android L2TP VPN Setup

1. Head to your Android home screen by pressing the corresponding hard or soft-key on your phone. Your home screen or interface may look differ from the example, however the process will largely be the same.
2. Pull up the 'Settings' menu by tapping on the app of the same name from your home screen, or App Dock. Alternatively, you may press the menu hard or soft-key on your phone, then tap the 'Settings' item.
3. Slide through the 'Settings' menu until the 'Wireless & networks' item is visible. Once you have tapped into this menu, move on to the next step.
4. In the 'Wireless & networks' settings menu, locate the 'VPN Settings' item - look to the screenshot for the exact placement and appearance. Move on once you have tapped this item.
5. Under the 'VPN Settings' menu, locate the 'Add VPN' item at the top of this menu. Tap this item to continue.
6. This tutorial details the configuration process for the L2TP protocol - to continue, select the item labeled 'Add L2TP/IPSEC PSK VPN'. When the next screen appears, move on to the next step.
7. Starting off with the 'VPN name' field, fill in a descriptive title for your new VPN connection - feel free to name it whatever you like. After selecting a server to connect to from our available list, tap the 'Set VPN server' item, and enter the chosen address in the dialog. Our example features an invalid hostname, just as an example - you will see an error message if you try to connect to this host.
8. To continue, tap the item labeled 'Set IPSEC pre-shared key'.
9. In this field, enter our pre-shared IPSEC key, which is 'vpn'. After that, tap the 'OK' button to continue.
10. To finalize your settings, first tap the menu hard or soft-key on your phone, and locate the 'Save' option. Tap the 'Save' option to commit your changes and move on to the next step.
11. Depending on whether or not you've ever configured a L2TP/IPSEC VPN before, the screen shown here may or may not appear. If you are presented with the 'Credential Storage Password' dialog, just enter a password of your choosing and confirm it below. You *may* need to enter this password when you connect, so pick something that you can remember. Press the 'OK' button to continue.
12. Once you have saved the configuration, you will be brought back to the previous 'VPN Settings' menu. Confirm that the connection is present and accounted for, and test your settings by tapping the connection name listed under the 'VPNs' category. When the login dialog pops up, move on to the next step.

13. When the login dialog is shown, go ahead and enter your Datho VPN credentials.

Keep in mind that our authentication servers are case-sensitive, and a single miscapitalized letter will cause your connection to error out. Enter your username in the 'Username' field, and your password in the 'Password' field. Your Android device will not store your password in memory like many other devices - this is an intended feature, designed to help keep passwords out of the hands of hackers. If you'd like your device to at least store your username, tick the checkbox labeled 'Remember username'.

To continue with the connection test, tap the 'Connect' button.

14. The current status will be indicated below the connection name -

take note if any error messages appear, and contact our support team for further instructions.

15. After the connection establishes a secure tunnel to our servers, a 'Connected' status message will be indicated under the connection name.

16. If you'd like to check on the status of your VPN session outside of your 'Settings' app,

swipe your finger in a downward motion from the top edge of your screen, pulling down the 'Notification Area'.

Scroll through the 'Notification Area', looking for the icon resembling a key; look for the connection name,

followed by a status message. The counter underneath the icon indicates how long the VPN session has remained open for. Close your notifications, open up your web browser or favorite app, and rest easy knowing your online activities are secure from prying eyes and hackers.