

## Windows XP OpenVPN Setup

1. Click the 'Start' or 'Windows' button in the lower-left hand corner of your screen, click the 'Mozilla Firefox' button, or locate your favorite web browser in the 'All Programs' link - hit the 'Enter' key or click your selection to continue.

**\*\*NOTE:** This tutorial assumes that Mozilla Firefox is the default web browser - if you are using IE or Chrome, some of these steps may need to be slightly modified depending on how download links are handled.

2. In the URL bar of your web browser, browse to the Datho VPN Config Files:

FREE Users: <http://www.dathovpn.com/downloads/configs/FREEplanconfigs.zip>

PAID Users: <http://www.dathovpn.com/downloads/configs/PAIDplanconfigs.zip>.

Download the config file archive to your hard drive. Remember where you save it (we recommend the default "My Documents/Downloads") - you will need to access this file later.

3. If you are using Mozilla Firefox with default settings and extensions, you should see the dialog below - confirm the 'Save File' radio button is selected, and click the 'OK' button. If the 'Downloads' progress window appears, click back to the web browser and move on to the next step.

4. Next, point your web browser to the OpenVPN Community Downloads page. Download and install version 2.3.4. Once you have made your selection, click the appropriate link and move on to the next step.

5. In the resulting dialog, click the 'Save File' button to continue.

6. If the 'Downloads' progress window is not already visible, locate the 'Tools' menu button in the right end browser tool bar. Click this button, locate the 'Downloads' item in the resulting context menu, and click to continue.

7. Start the OpenVPN client installation process by locating the executable file in the 'Downloads' panel you saved earlier. First, click the item to select, then right click to open a context menu. Within this context menu, locate the 'Open' item and click it to continue.

8. For security reasons, you may be prompted to confirm your decision to run this executable file. Click the 'OK' button to continue.

9. Depending on your user privileges or operating system settings, you may or may not see the dialog shown in the example. The installation requires Administrative rights to continue - confirm this access request by clicking the 'Run' button. If a username and password are requested, enter the credentials for an Administrator account. Hit the 'Continue' button and move on to the next step.

10. Once the OpenVPN Client installation has begun, click the 'Next >' button on the first step to continue.

11. Read through the terms of use and agree to those terms by clicking the 'I Agree' button at the bottom of the pane, then move on to the next step.

12. No changes need to be made to the installation options, however you may want to scroll through and confirm that each item is ticked. All available install options will ensure that the tutorial can be successfully completed. Move on to the next step after the 'Next >' button is clicked.

13. Confirm the contents of the 'Destination Folder' field - in most cases, the default option will suffice. For those with external devices plugged in, double-check to confirm that the installer isn't trying to place the destination directory on your external device. Click the 'Install' button to continue to the next step.

14. As the OpenVPN client installs, you may notice a brief pause as the TAP driver is installed. Notice the 'TAP INSTALL (tap-0901)' label, as shown in the example. If a 'Hardware Installation' dialog pops up during this portion of the install, simply click the 'Continue Anyway' button. Once the 'TAP DRIVER' installation finishes, the progress bar will inch forward and finally complete.

15. Once all of the required files and components have been successfully installed, the installer application will indicate this status with a 'Completed' label above the progress bar. Move on to the next step by clicking the 'Next >' button.

16. On the last page of the installer, you may untick the checkbox labeled 'Show Readme'. If you'd like to consult the official documentation, feel free to leave the box ticked before finally clicking the 'Finish' button in the bottom-right corner of the panel. Move on once the installer has terminated.

17. Back on your Desktop, locate the newly created 'OpenVPN GUI' icon, and execute it by right-clicking and selecting the 'Open' item. Alternatively, you may double-click the icon to execute the GUI. You will not immediately see a dialog or new window, however take notice of the new icon in the taskbar in the lower-right corner of your screen. The desktop icon and taskbar icon are similarly styled, however the taskbar icon will have a red shading by default. Once the GUI is running, move on to the next step.

18. Now we need to locate those config files we downloaded in step 2 - should your download location differ from ours, please locate your default downloads directory, and move to step 20. As done previously in the first step, locate the Windows 'Start Menu' button, and click it - find the 'My Documents' item and click it.

19. By default, Firefox saves files to the 'Downloads' folder in the now focused 'My Documents' folder. Locate the 'Downloads' folder, select it, and double-click to continue.

20. For this step, the contents of the '.zip' file, obtained previously in step two, will need to be extracted into the OpenVPN configuration directory. If you downloaded the file to a location other than the default 'Downloads' folder, please move to that location to proceed further. Once there, open the 'configs.zip' file by double-clicking on it. You will see all of the files within the archive. Move on to the next step.

21. Click 'Extract all files' in the left-hand column, under the 'Folder Tasks' category.

22. When the 'Compressed (zipped) Folders Extraction Wizard' opens, click the 'Next >' button - then move to the next step.

23. Within the 'Extraction Wizard' window, locate the destination folder field. Just below the destination field, find the 'Browse' button, and click it to continue.

24. Within the resulting 'Select a destination' dialog, drop down through the menus until the 'config' directory, under the 'OpenVPN' folder, is selected. If you chose the default install path during the install process, you may use the example as a guide - if a different install location was selected, your result may differ from the example. Alternatively, the full path, 'C:\Program Files\OpenVPN\config', can be manually entered into the destination field in the previous window. If entering the destination by hand, or via the copy/paste functions, click the 'Cancel' button, enter the destination and continue to the next step. Those who are following the tutorial to the word may click the 'OK' button after the destination has been chosen.

25. Click the 'Extract' button, and allow the resulting progress bar to finish before taking any further action.

26. When the task is finished, untick the 'Show extracted files when complete' checkbox, and finally click the 'Finish' button. You may close any remaining dialogs, and move on to the next step.

27. After the progress bar indicates the completion of the extraction process, point your cursor to the 'OpenVPN GUI' icon in taskbar on the lower-right corner of your desktop. Right-click the 'OpenVPN GUI' icon, and locate the desired server configuration in the resulting context menu. Mouse over the selected config/server so the pop-out menu appears, then locate and click the 'Connect' item to move on to the next step.

28. Enter your login information into the 'OpenVPN - User Authentication' dialog exactly you provided it to us at sign-up. Our authentication servers are case-sensitive, and a single mis-capitalized letter will result in an error message. If you are unsure that you have the correct credentials, or run into any error messages in any of the following steps, please contact our support team. After you have filled in both fields, click the 'OK' button to continue.

29. After the login process you may notice status messages scrolling through the 'OpenVPN Console'. If you run into any issues, our support team may request the contents of this window. Move on to the next step to complete the setup process.

30. When the secure tunnel is finally established, the console will disappear, and the status indicator shown in the example will appear in your notification area. If any error or warning messages appear, take note of them; look for the 'connected' message above the 'Assigned IP'. Take this opportunity to test the connection by opening your favorite web site or by checking your email. Through the secure OpenVPN tunnel, have the assurance that your online activities are not being monitored by prying eyes.