

How to install and configure SoftEther VPN on Windows

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As we discuss in our guide on how to configure SoftEther VPN server in Windows, SoftEther is both a VPN client and an **SSL VPN** protocol.

To use the SoftEther protocol, you must connect to a SoftEther server using a SoftEther client, but you can also connect to a SoftEther server using the **OpenVPN or L2TP/IPsec protocols**.

The official advice is to use the SoftEther client to take full advantage of a SoftEther server's performance, but this advice is then immediately contradicted for all platforms except Windows...

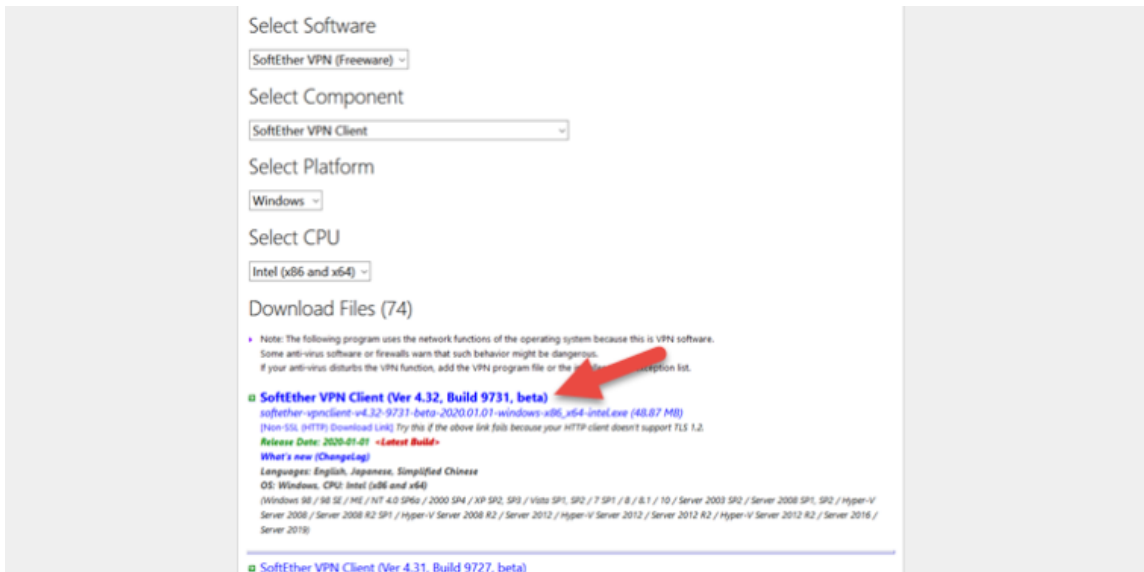
Windows

Only the Windows SoftEther client has a proper GUI, and for other reasons discussed below, Windows is the only platform either we or the SoftEther team recommend running the client software on.

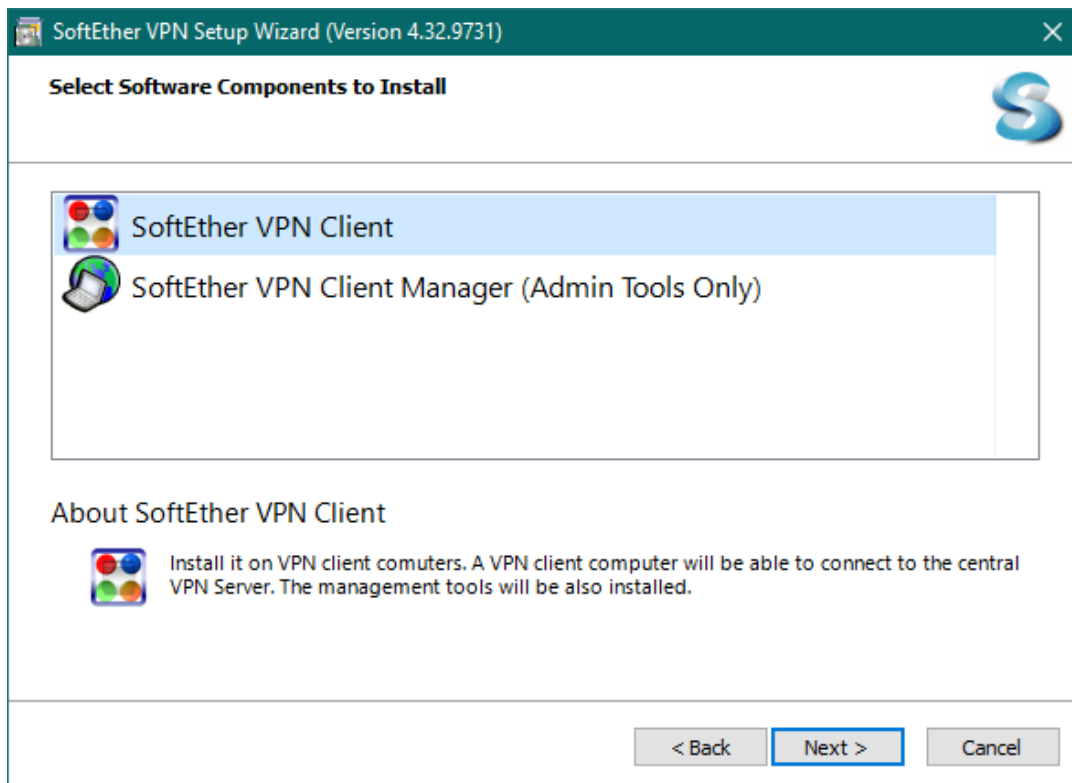
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Download and install the software from the [SoftEther Download Center](#). What we are looking for is the SoftEther VPN Client for the Windows platform. Intel (x86 and x96) will be auto-selected as the CPU option, as it is the one available for Windows.





Choose the latest version of the Client and install it as you would any other Windows program. When asked which components to install, select SoftEther VPN Client.

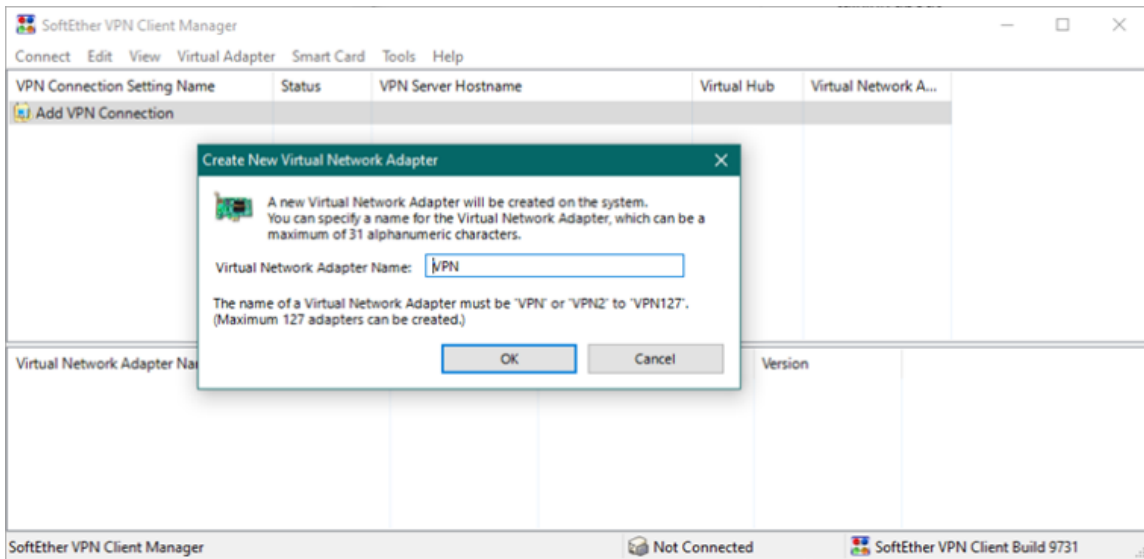


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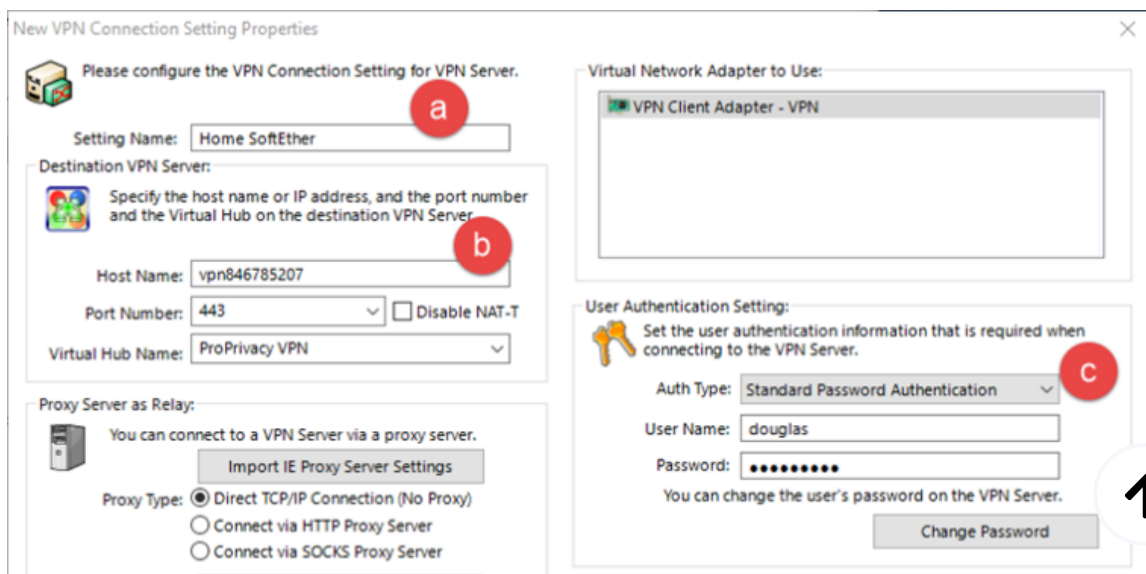
3 Double-click again on **Add VPN Connection** to enter the **New VPN Connection Properties** screen. The exact settings required depend on how the SoftEther server has been configured. At a minimum, you will need to:

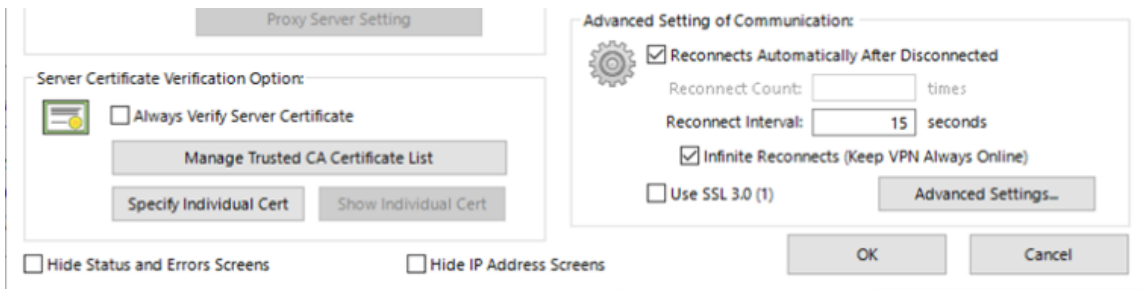
a) Choose a name for the VPN connection.

NOTE: Server to connect to check <https://vikingvpn.nu/about-us/> , “Virtual Hub Name” are the host example VPN15E

b) Enter the Host Name, Port Number and Virtual Hub Name of the VPN server you wish to connect to. The server administrator should be able to supply you with these details.

c) Enter your username and password.

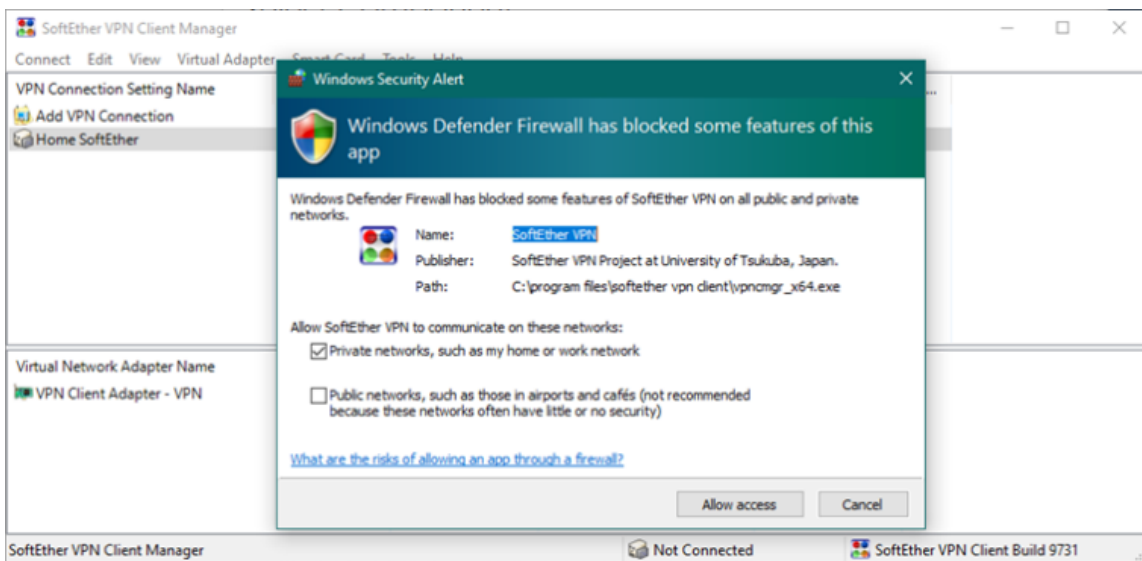




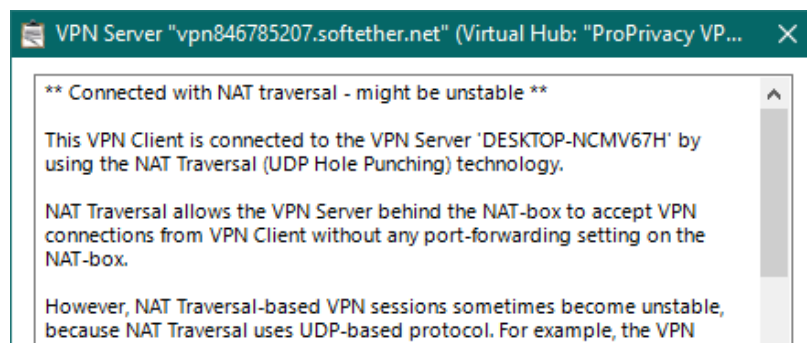
The settings shown above are for the simple VPN server we configured in our [How to set up a home SoftEther VPN server in Windows](#) tutorial.

Click OK when you're done.

- 4 Then just double-click the newly created VPN connection to connect. The first time you do this, Windows Defender may require you to Allow Access through its firewall.



You should probably also read through the NAT traversal warning at least once.



tunnel disconnects every 5 minutes if there is a poor NAT-box between the VPN Server and the VPN Client. Some large-scale NAT gateways in cheap ISPs sometimes cause the same problem on NAT Traversal. This is a problem of routers or ISPs. This is not a problem of SoftEther VPN software.

Do not show this message again

OK

And ta-da! You are connected to the SoftEther server.

The screenshot shows the SoftEther VPN Client Manager application window. The title bar reads "SoftEther VPN Client Manager". The menu bar includes "Connect", "Edit", "View", "Virtual Adapter", "Smart Card", "Tools", and "Help".

VPN Connection Setting Name	Status	VPN Server Hostname	Virtual Hub	Virtual Network A...
Add VPN Connection				
Home SoftEther	Connected	vpn846785207.softether.net (Direct TCP/IP Connection)	ProPrivacy V...	VPN

Virtual Network Adapter Name	Status	MAC Address	Version
VPN Client Adapter - VPN	Enabled	5E-80-47-E6-8F-12	4.25.0.9658

At the bottom of the window, the status bar shows "SoftEther VPN Client Manager", "1 VPN Sessions", and "SoftEther VPN Client Build 9731".