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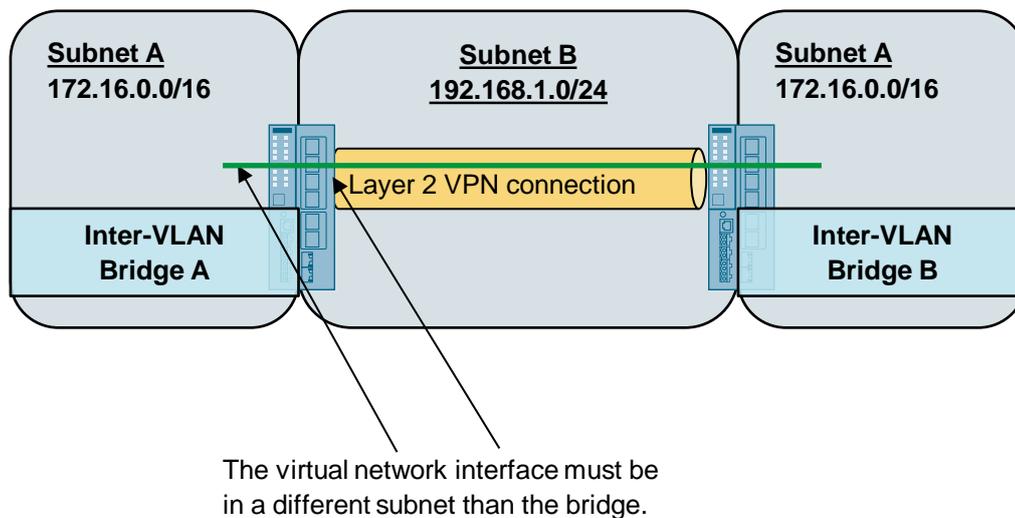
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1 OpenVPN

OpenVPN can be used to set up virtual private networks (VPN). The SCALANCE SC64x-2C can establish a Layer 2 VPN connection to a remote network as an OpenVPN client. The Layer 2 VPN connection is established via a virtual network interface, the so-called TAP device. The TAP device is connected to the actual network via a network bridge (inter-VLAN bridge), in other words, the Layer 2 VPN connection must always be assigned to a bridge and cannot be used directly on a VLAN. With the SCALANCE SC64x-2C, a maximum of 6 VLANs can be assigned to the bridge.

In this example, an inter-VLAN bridge is created to which a VLAN is added.

Figure 1-1



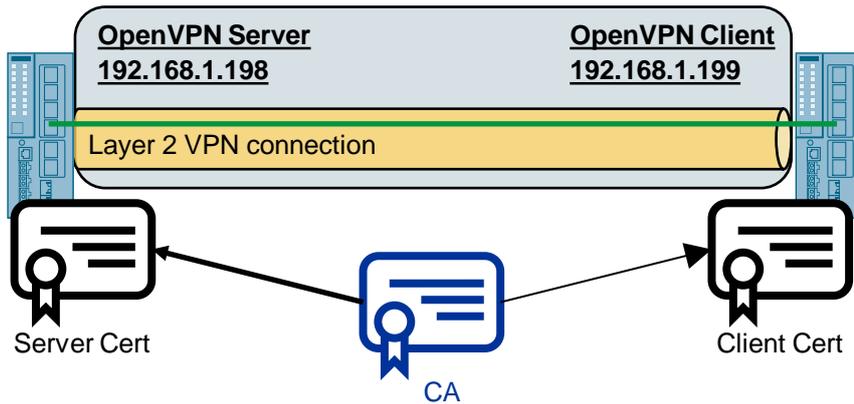
Authentication procedure

OpenVPN server and client need a CA certificate and device certificate to establish the Layer 2 VPN connection. You can also use a user name and password for authentication.

The certificates are created and signed in the TIA Portal, for example.

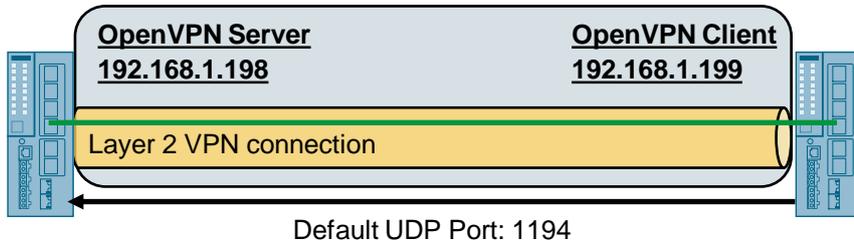
The use of certificates is an asymmetric cryptosystem. Each node (device) has a secret private key and a public key of the partner. The private key makes it possible to authenticate and generate digital signatures.

Figure 1-2



The OpenVPN client establishes the S7 connection to the OpenVPN server. With OpenVPN you can set the transport protocol TCP or UDP as well as the port used.

Figure 1-3

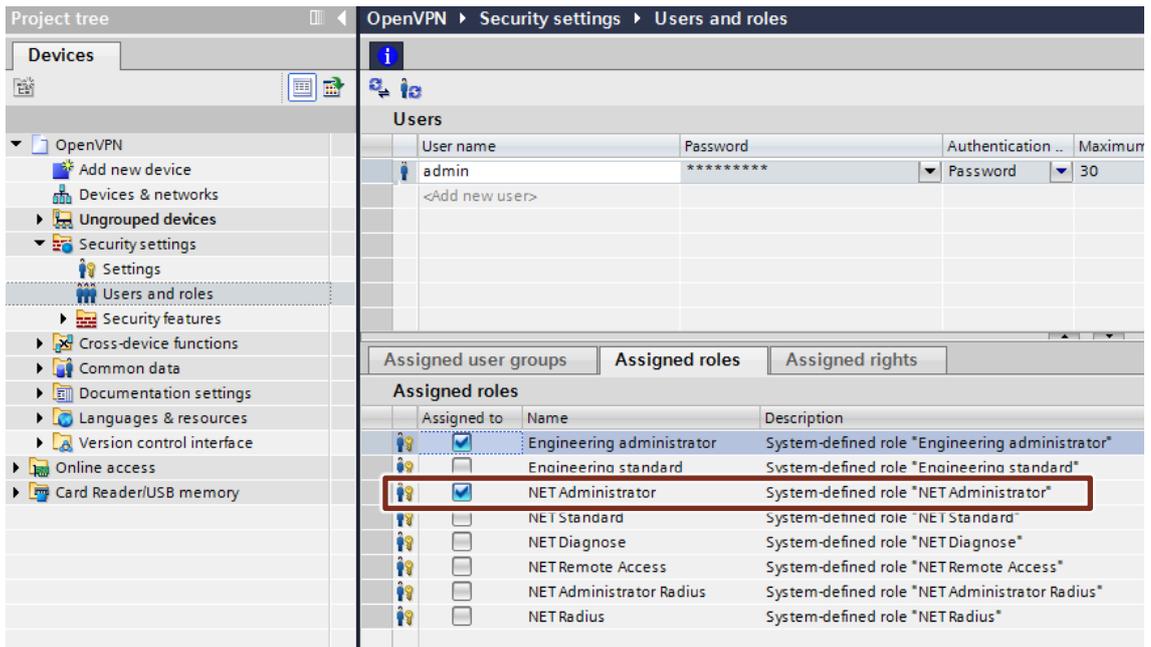


2 Create and Export Certificates

2.1 Requirements

- The STEP 7 project is protected with user name and password because security functions are used.
- The "NET Administrator" role is enabled in the Security settings for the user.
- SCALANCE SC64x-2C firmware V2.1.1 or higher.

Figure 2-1



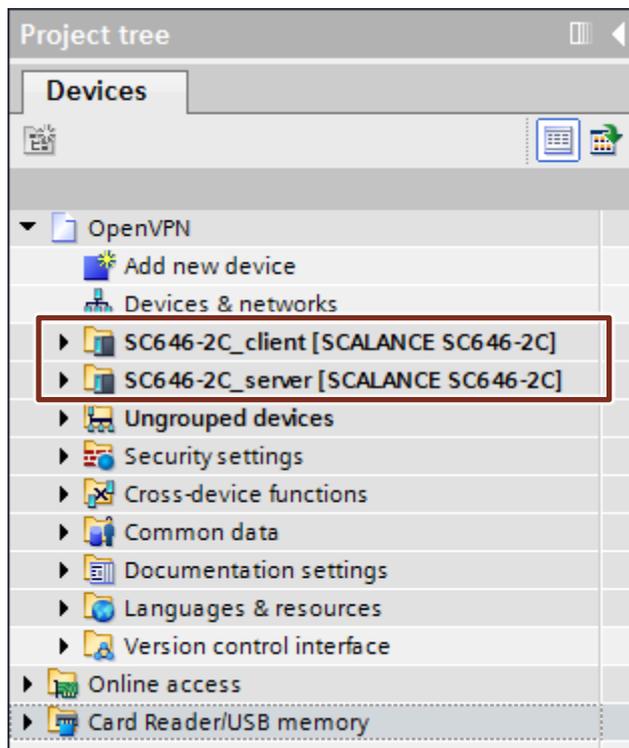
2.2 Add device

1. In the project tree you double-click the "Devices & networks" item. The "Devices & networks" editor opens.
2. Open the Network view in the "Devices & networks" editor.
3. Use drag and drop to add two SCALANCE SC64x-2C devices from the Hardware Catalog to the Network view.

Result

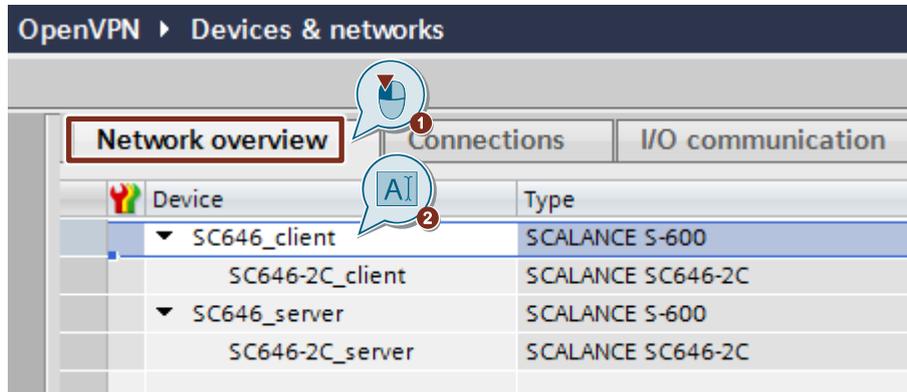
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Figure 2-2



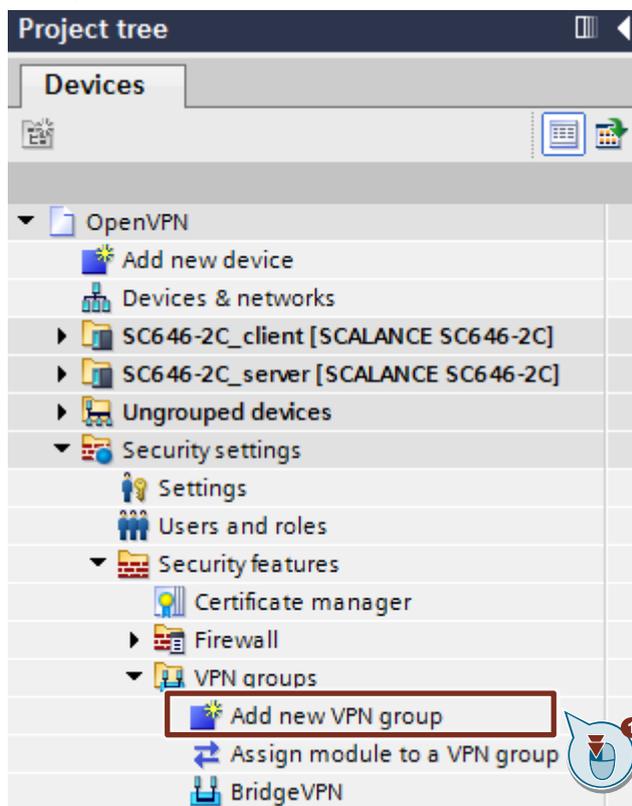
2.3 Change the Station Name

1. In the table area of the Network view you open the "Network overview" tab.
2. Change the station name of the SCALANCE SC64x-2C to keep VPN server and VPN client apart.



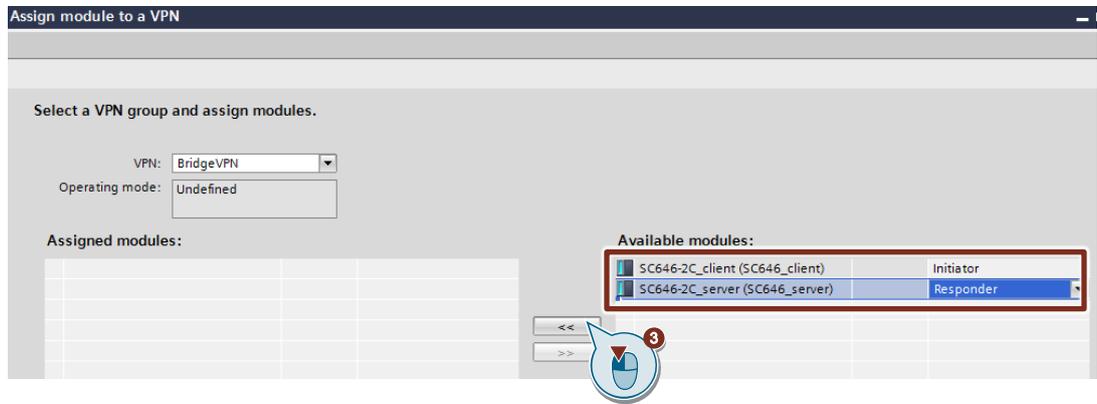
2.4 Add VPN Group

1. Go to "Security settings > Security features > VPN groups" in the Project tree and double-click the "Add new VPN group" command. A new VPN group is added, "BridgeVPN", for example.



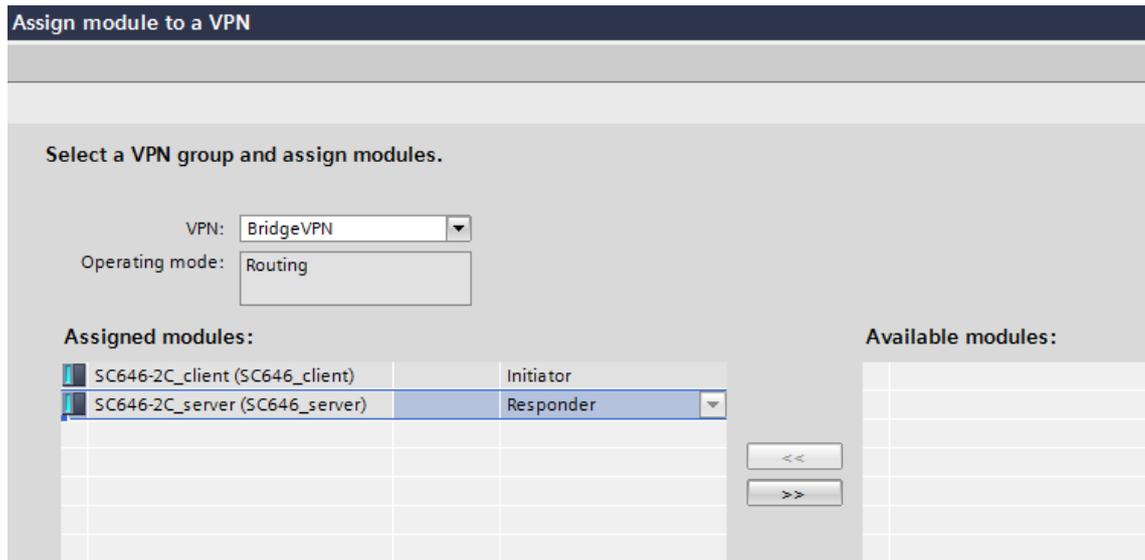
2. Double-click the VPN group "BridgeVPN". The "Assign module to a VPN" dialog opens.

3. Assign the available "SCALANCE SC64x-2C" modules to the VPN group.
 - VPN client: Initiator
 - VPN server: Responder



Result

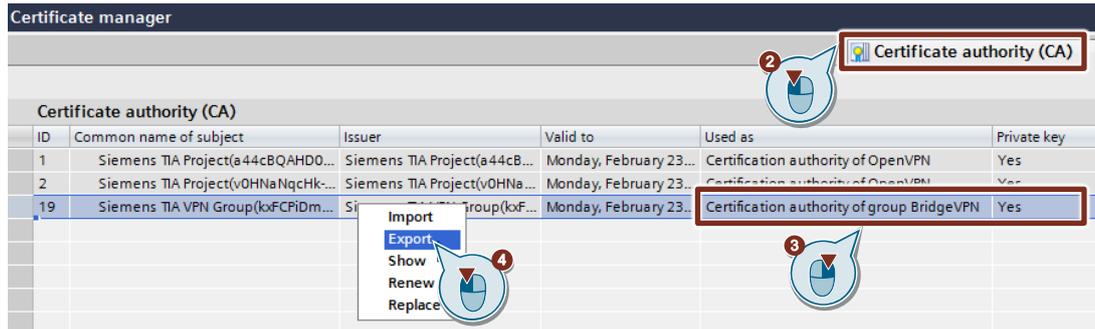
The "SCALANCE SC64x-2C" modules are displayed in the "Assigned modules" area.
Figure 2-3



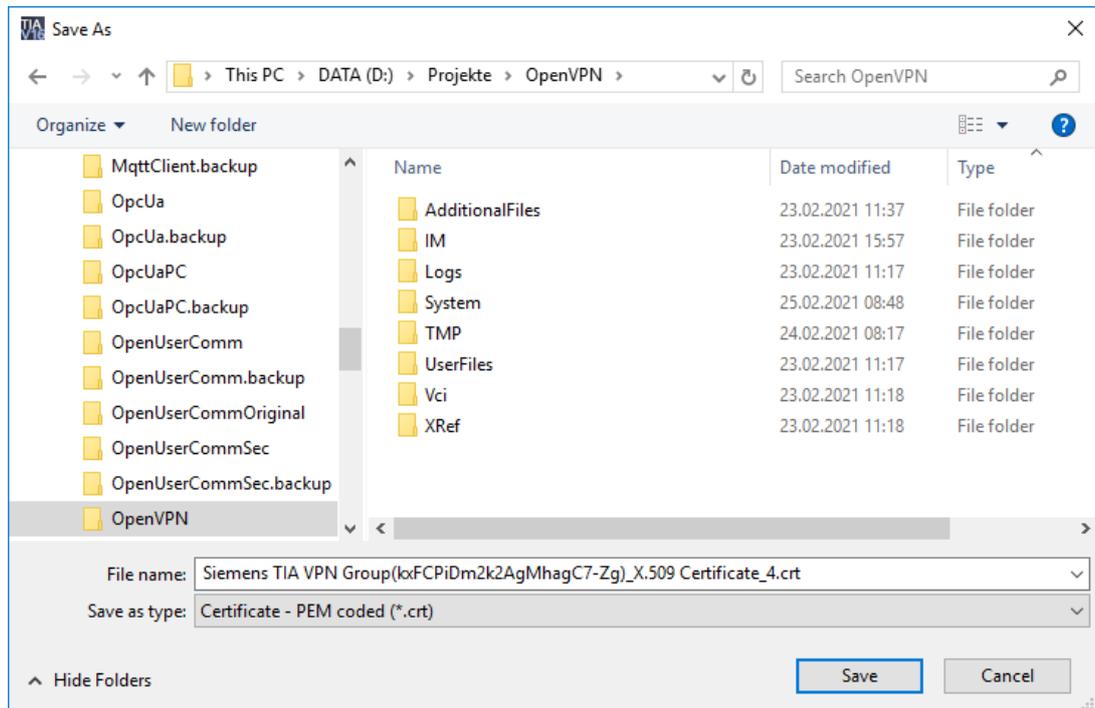
2.5 Export Certificates

2.5.1 Export CA Certificate of the VPN Group

1. In the Project tree, go to "Security settings > Security features" and double-click the "Certificate manager" item. The Certificate manager opens.
2. In the Certificate manager you open the "Certificate authority (CA)" tab.
3. Right-click the CA certificate of the VPN group. The pop-up menu opens.
4. Select the "Export" item.

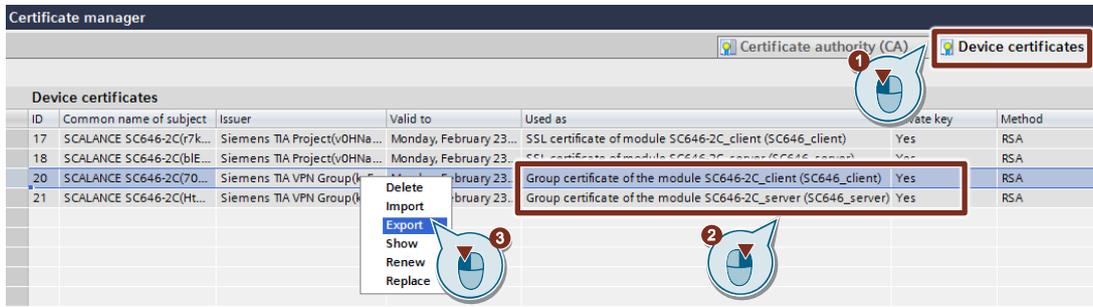


5. Save the certificate as the type "PEM coded (*.crt)". The private code of the certification authority (CA) is not exported as well.

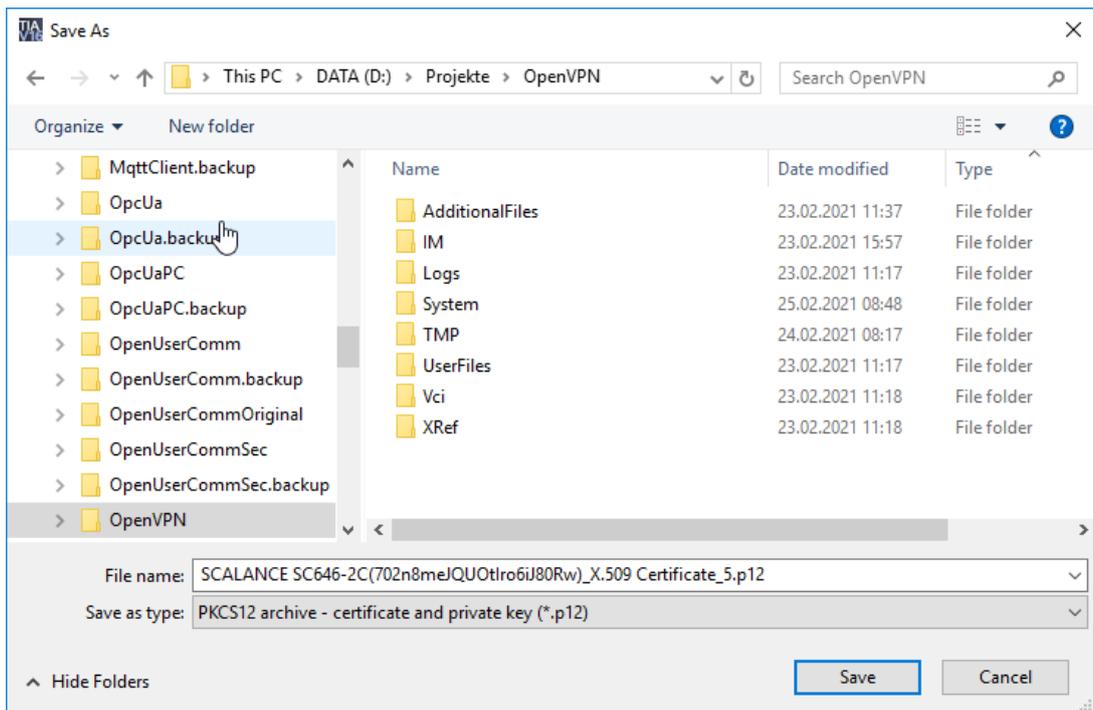


2.5.2 Export Device Certificates

1. In the Certificate manager you open the "Device certificates" tab.
2. Right-click the device certificate of the SCALANCE SC64x-2C. The pop-up menu opens.
3. Select the "Export" item.



4. Save the certificate as the type "PKCS12 archive – certificate and private key (*.p12)". The device certificate is exported with a private key. It is necessary to protect the private key with a password.



Result

You have exported and saved 3 certificates:

- CA certificate of the VPN Group
- Device certificate of the VPN client (*.p12)
- Device certificate of the VPN server (*.p12)

NOTE

If you do not have TIA Portal available, in PCS 7 for example, you can create and export the certificates in the Security Configuration Tool (SCT).

Instructions for this are available at this link:

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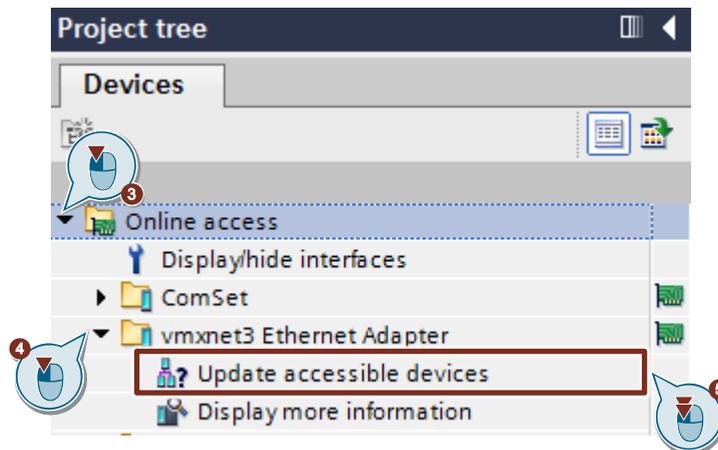
3 Configure SCALANCE SC64x-2C

3.1 Requirements

The SCALANCE SC64x-2Cs (VPN client and VPN server) are reset to the factory settings.

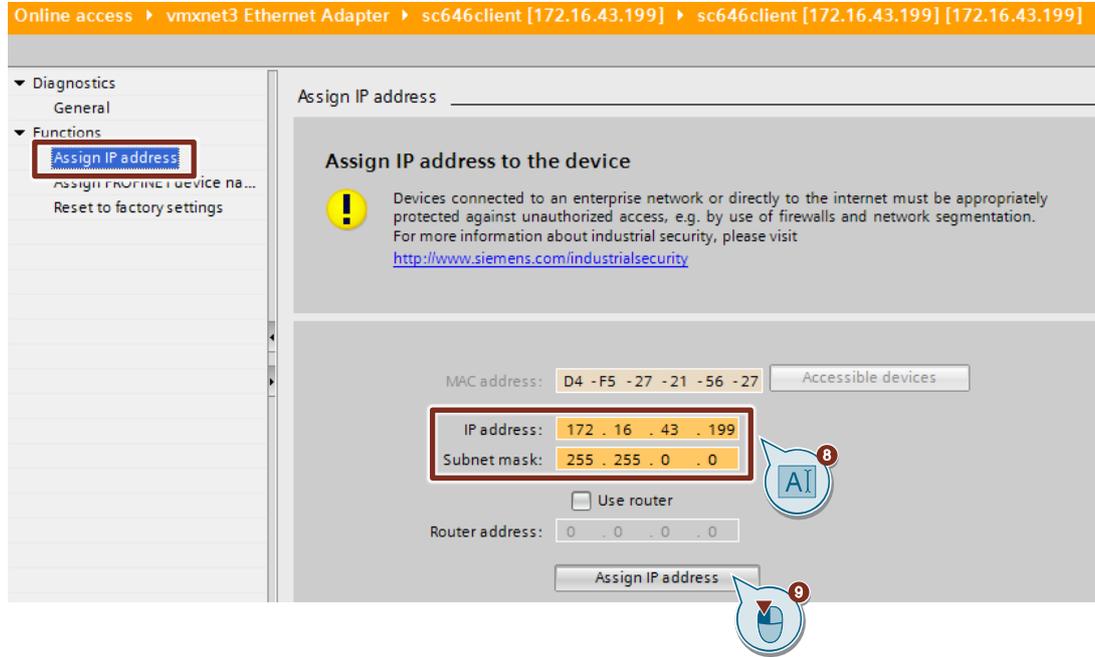
3.2 Assign IP Address to the SCALANCE SC64x-2C

1. Connect the Engineering PC on which TIA Portal is installed to the internal interface of the SCALANCE SC64x-2C.
2. Open TIA Portal.
3. In the Project tree you click the arrow on the left of the "Online access" item. All the available interfaces of the Engineering PC are displayed.
4. Click the arrow on the left of the interface via which the Engineering PC is connected to the internal interface of the SCALANCE SC64x-2C.
5. Double-click the "Update accessible devices" command. The SCALANCE SC64x-2C is displayed with the MAC address.



6. Click the arrow on the left of the SCALANCE SC64x-2C.
7. Double-click the "Online & diagnostics" command. The "Online & Diagnostics" dialog opens.

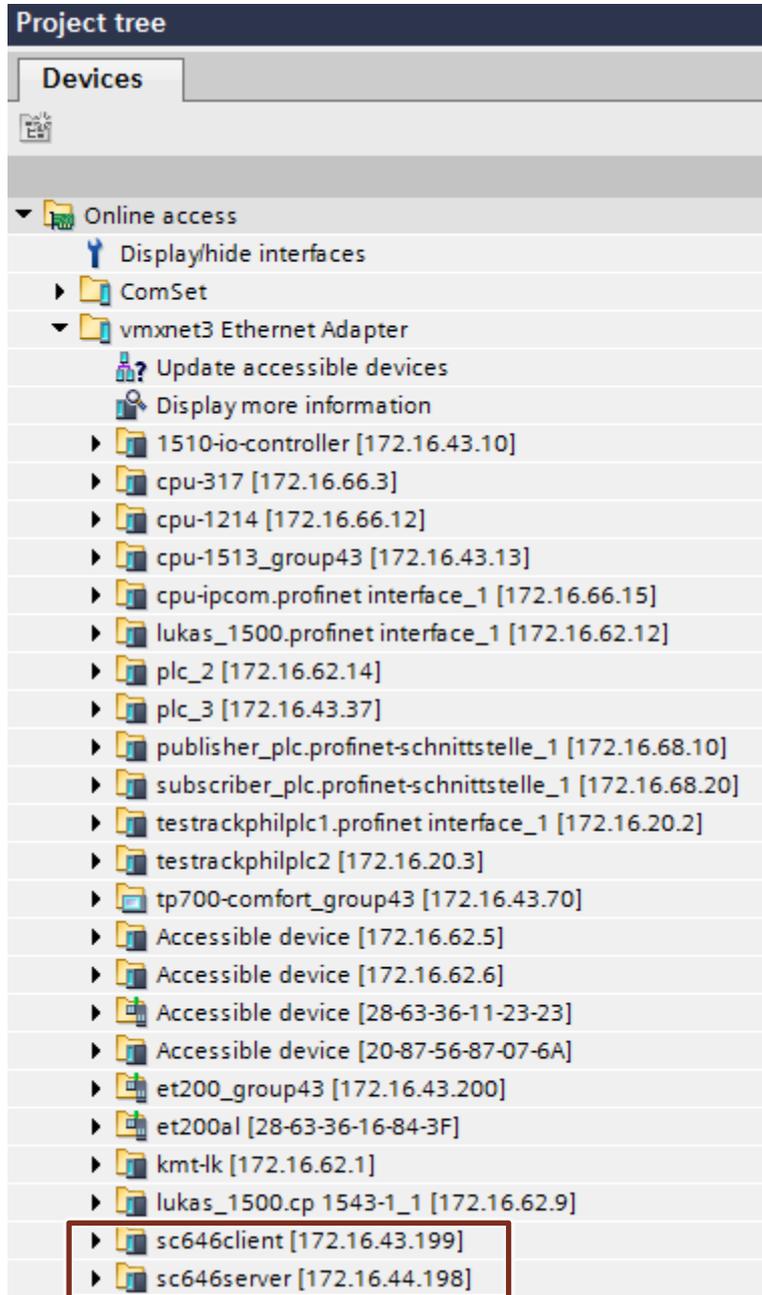
8. Enter the required parameters under "Functions > Assign IP address":
 - IP address: 172.16.43.199
 - Subnet mask: 255.255.0.0
9. Click the "Assign IP address" button.



Result

If the parameters have been successfully transferred to the SCALANCE SC64x-2C, the SCALANCE SC64x-2C can be reached via the assigned IP address.

Figure 3-1



3.3 Configure VPN client

3.3.1 Requirements

You configure the SCALANCE SC64x-2C via the Web Based Management (WBM). The following requirements must be met to access the WBM of the SCALANCE SC64x-2C via a web browser.

- The Engineering PC is connected to the internal interface of the SCALANCE SC64x-2C.
- The SCALANCE SC64x-2C has an IP address that is in the same subnet as the IP address of the Engineering PC.

3.3.2 Start Web Based Management (WBM)

Enter the IP address or the URL of the SCALANCE SC64x-2C in the address field of the web browser.

HTTPS access is enabled by default. If you access the device via HTTP, the address is automatically redirected to HTTPS.

NOTE

Security certificate information

Since the device can only be administered via encrypted access, it is delivered with a self-signed certificate. In the case of certificates with signatures that the operating system does not know, a security message is generated. You can display the certificate.

A message about the security certificate is displayed. Acknowledge this message and continue loading the page.

Result

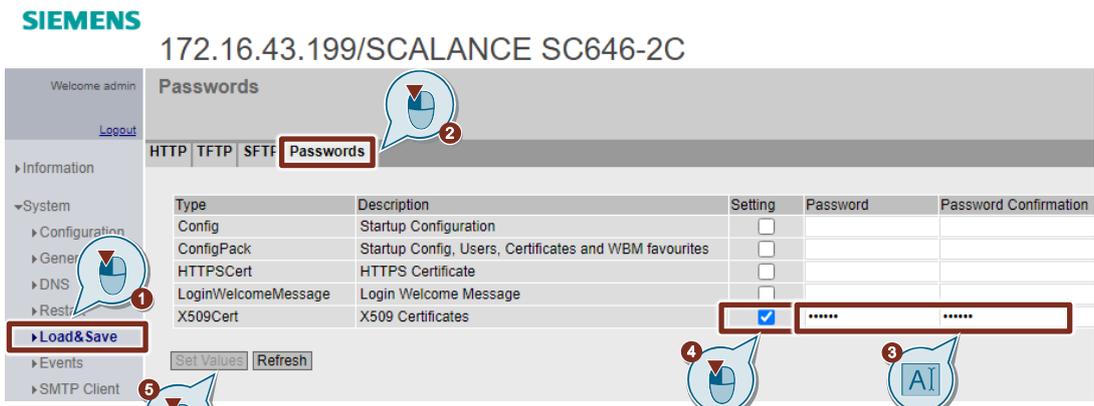
The WBM login page appears.

If you want to access the WBM via an HTTP connection, go to "System > Configuration" for "HTTP Services" and select "Redirect HTTP to HTTPS".

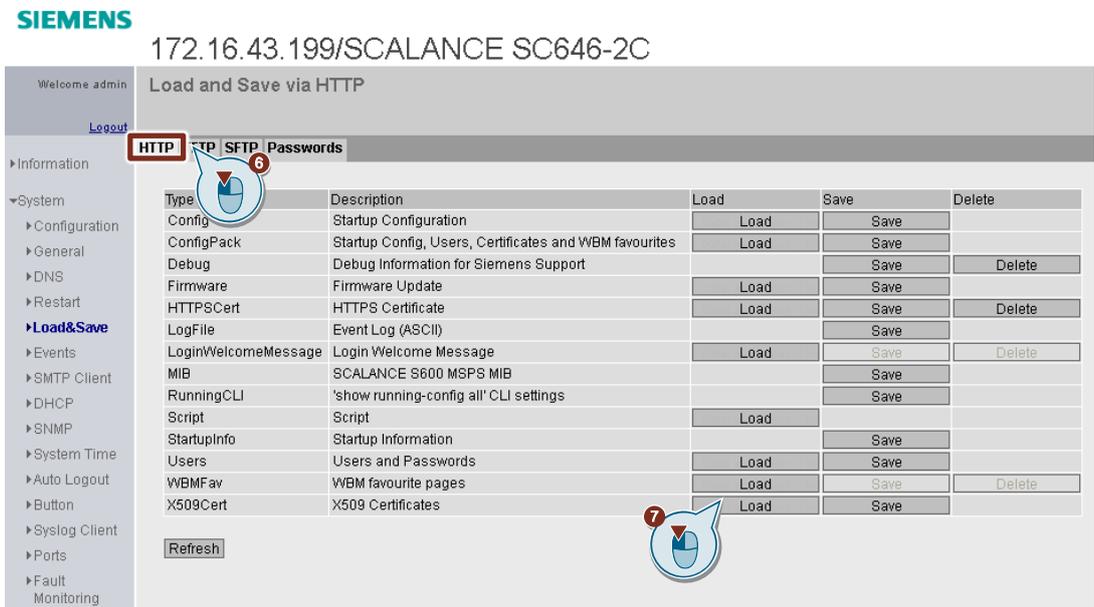
3.3.3 Import Certificates

Import

1. In the WBM, you navigate to "System > Load&Save".
2. Open the "Passwords" tab.
3. For X509 Certificates you enter the password for the private key of the device certificate (*.p12).
4. Activate the checkbox in the "Setting" column for X509 certificates.
5. Click the "Set Values" button.



6. Open the "HTTP" tab.
7. Click the "Load" button for X509 Certificates.



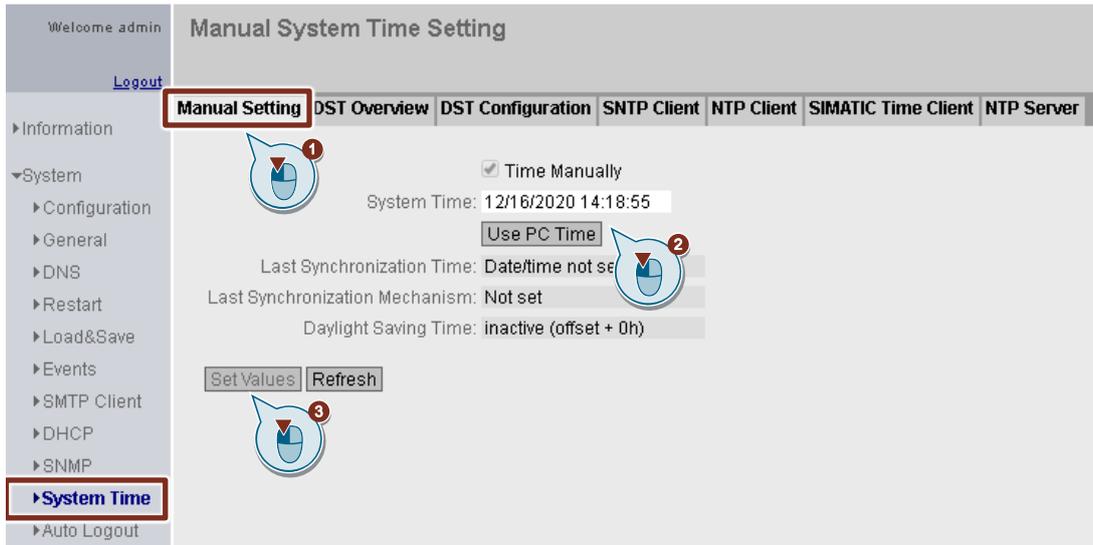
NOTE Load the CA certificate of the certification authority (*.crt) and the device certificate of the VPN client (*.p12).

Set the system time

1. Set the system time manually or set up NTP time synchronization.
To set the system time manually, you go to "System > System Time" and open the "Manual Setting" tab.
2. Click the "Use PC Time" button.
3. Click the "Set Values" button.

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Result

Go to "Security > Certificates" and open the "Overview" tab. The following certificates are shown as valid here.

- CA certificate
- Key file
- Device certificate

Figure 3-2

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Certificates Overview

Overview Certificates

Select	Type	Filename	State	Subject DN	Issuer DN	Issue Date	Expiry Date	Used
<input type="checkbox"/>	CA Cert	Siemens_TIA_VPN_Group(tyFCPIDm2k2AgMhagC7-Z) X_509_Certificate_1.cer	valid	CN=Siemens TIA VPN Group(tyFCPIDm2k2AgMhagC7-Z) C=DE O=Siemens	CN=Siemens TIA VPN Group(tyFCPIDm2k2AgMhagC7-Z) C=DE O=Siemens	02/23/2021 13:28:21	02/22/2037 23:00:00	OpenVP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Key File	SCALANCE SC646-2C(702n8maJQU0tr6U80Rw) X_509	valid	CN=SCALANCE SC646-2C(702n8maJQU0tr6U80Rw) C=DE O=Siemens	CN=Siemens TIA VPN Group(tyFCPIDm2k2AgMhagC7-Z) C=DE O=Siemens	02/23/2021 13:30:01	02/22/2037 23:00:00	OpenVP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Machine Cert	SCALANCE SC646-2C(702n8maJQU0tr6U80Rw) X_509	valid	CN=SCALANCE SC646-2C(702n8maJQU0tr6U80Rw) C=DE O=Siemens	CN=Siemens TIA VPN Group(tyFCPIDm2k2AgMhagC7-Z) C=DE O=Siemens	02/23/2021 13:30:01	02/22/2037 23:00:00	OpenVP

Delete Refresh

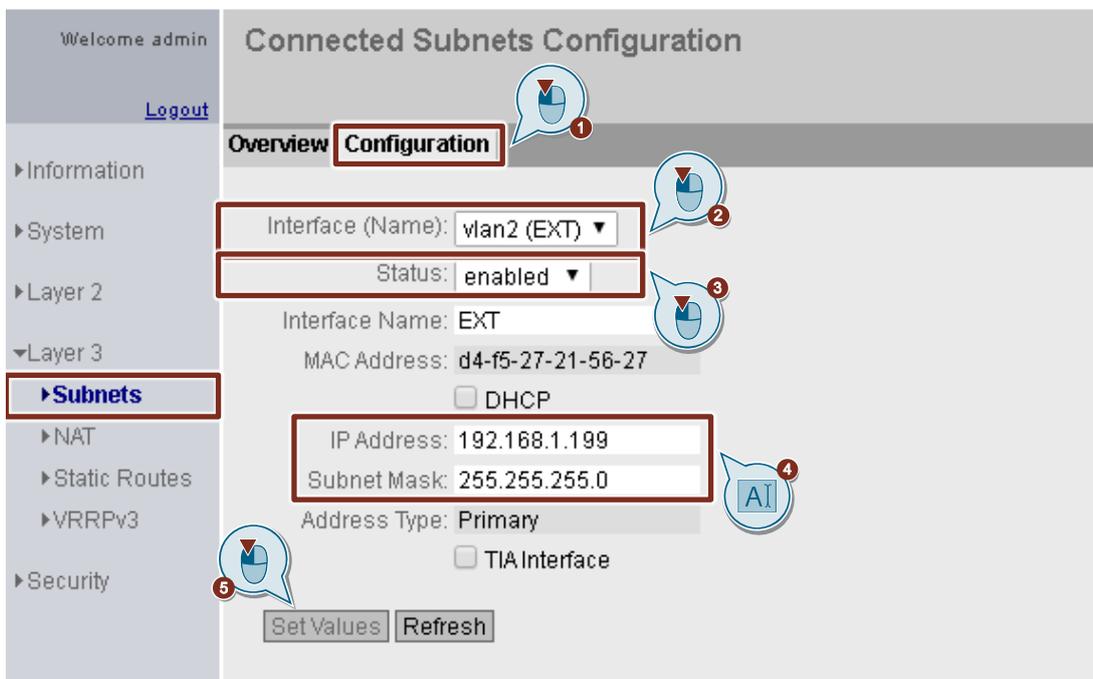
3.3.4 Configure the External Interface

The VPN tunnel is set up on the external interface. Configure the external interface according to the following instructions.

1. Go to "Layer 3 > Subnets" and open the "Configuration" tab.
2. Select the "vlan2 (EXT)" interface.
3. Select the "enabled" status.
4. Enter the required parameters for the external interface:
 - IP address: 192.168.1.199
 - Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
5. Click the "Set Values" button.



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3.3.5 Configure a Bridge

1. Go to "Layer 2 > Inter-VLAN Bridge" and open the "Overview" tab.
2. Enter a bridge ID, "1", for example.
3. Click the "Create" button. Bridge ID "1" is created.



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Inter-VLAN-Bridge Overview

Bridge-ID:

Select	Bridge-ID	Transparent	Enable
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1 entry.

[Create](#) [Delete](#) [Set Values](#) [Refresh](#)

Navigation menu items: Information, System, Layer 2 (Configuration, VLAN, Dynamic MAC Aging, Ring Redundancy, Spanning Tree, LLDP, Unicast, Multicast), **Inter-VLAN Bridge**.

4. Open the "Configuration" tab.
5. Assign the vlan1 as master to the bridge ID "1" so that the vlan1 can be reached via the VPN tunnel.
6. Click the "Set Values" button.

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Information

System

Layer 2

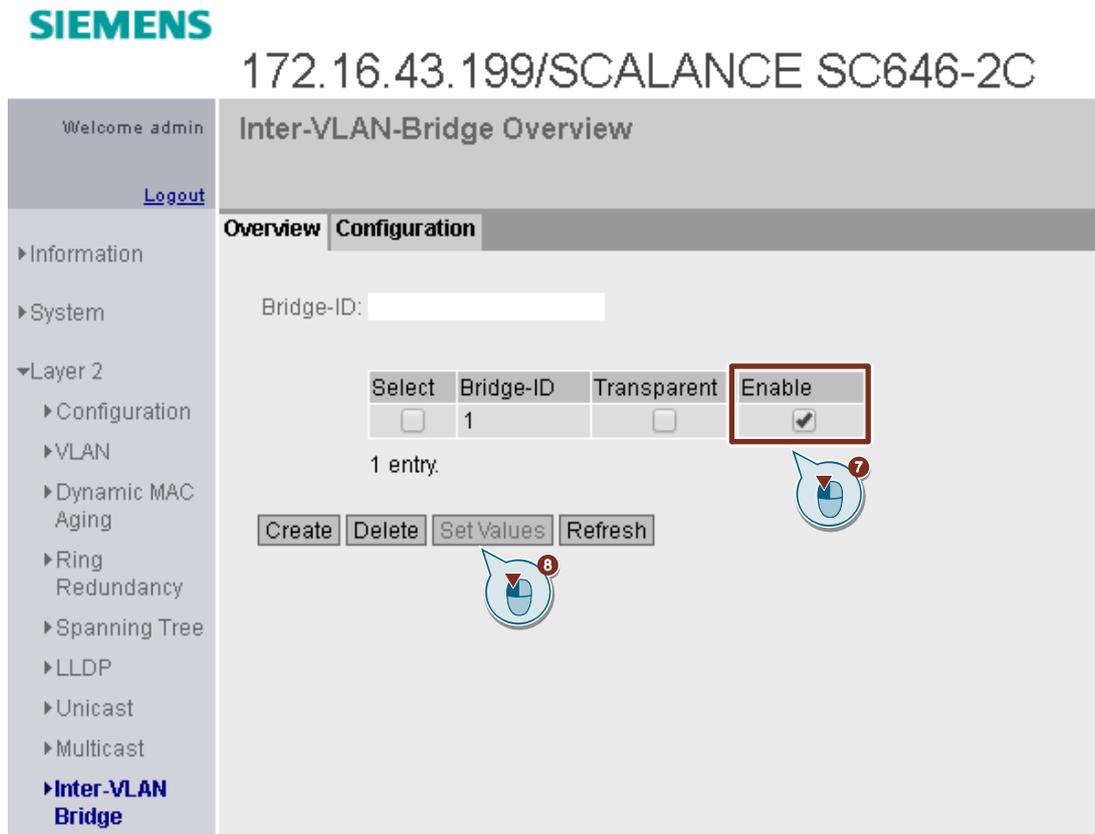
- Configuration
- VLAN
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- Ring Redundancy
- Spanning Tree
- LLDP
- Unicast
- Multicast
- Inter-VLAN Bridge**

Inter-VLAN-Bridge Configuration

Overview **Configuration**

Interface	Bridge-ID	Type
vlan1	1	Master
vlan2	-	-

7. In the "Overview" tab you enable Bridge ID "1".
8. Click the "Set Values" button.



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If you enable the "Transparent" option, the Inter-VLAN bridge and the associated VLANs are switched to Transparent mode when the bridge is activated. Ports belonging to the bridge become transparent ports. This means:

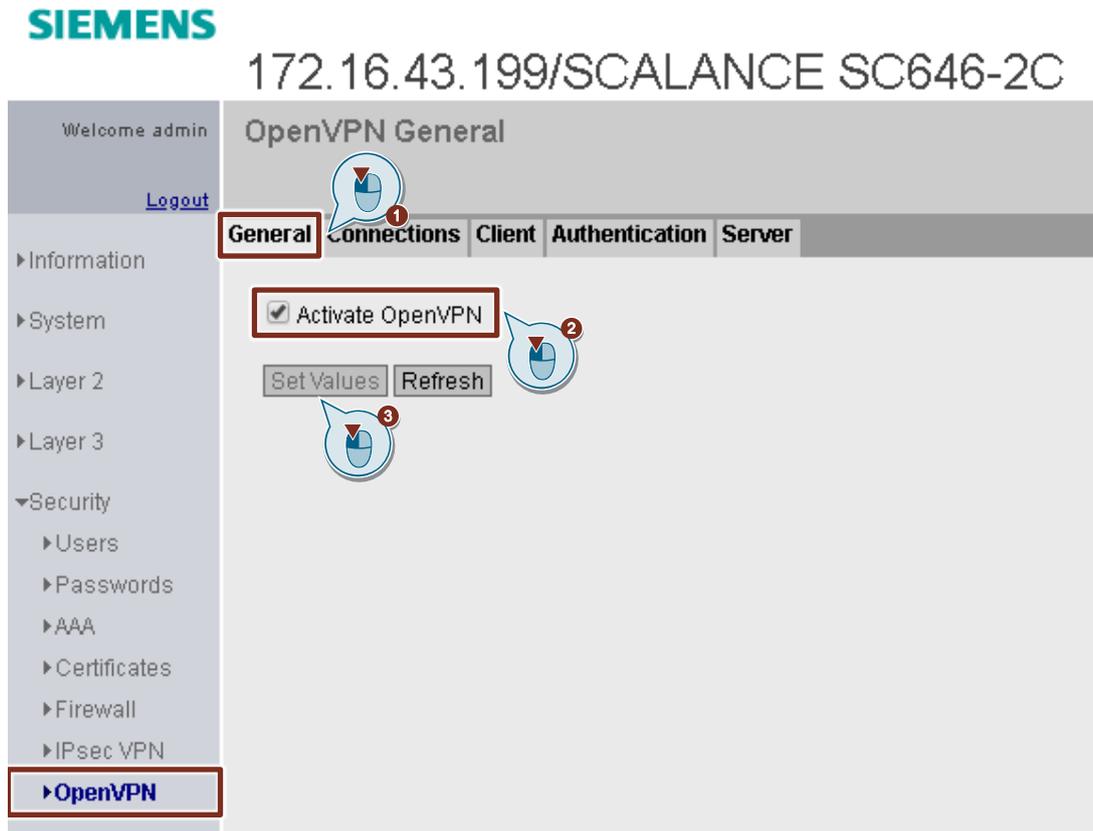
- Tagged messages received at these ports are not evaluated and are forwarded to all other ports of the Inter-VLAN Bridge with unchanged tag. No messages are forwarded from ports that do not belong to the Inter-VLAN Bridge to ports that do belong to the Inter-VLAN Bridge.
- Untagged messages received at these ports are forwarded to all other ports of the Inter-VLAN Bridge likewise untagged.

If you disable the option, the VLAN tags are evaluated.

3.3.6 Configure an OpenVPN Tunnel

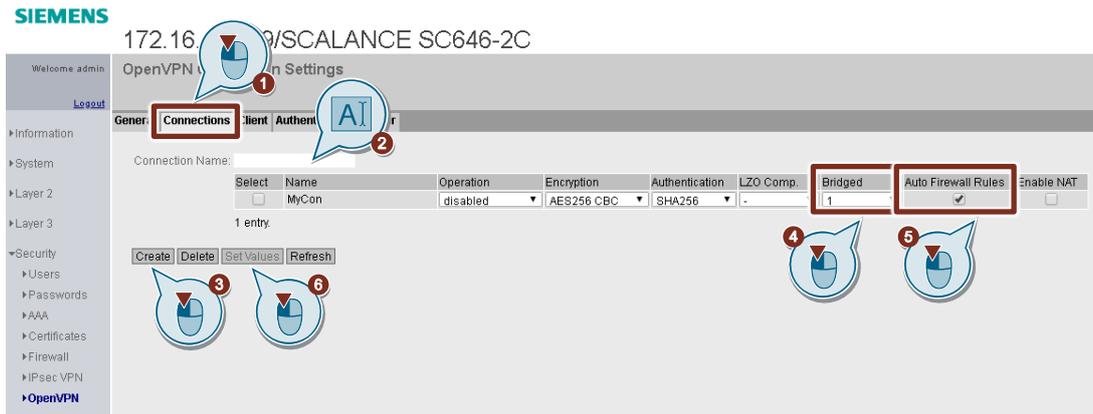
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1. Go to "Security > OpenVPN" and open the "General" tab.
2. Enable the "Activate OpenVPN" function.
3. Click the "Set Values" button.



Create an connection

1. Open the "Connections" tab to create a connection.
2. Enter a connection name, "MyCon", for example.
3. Click the "Create" button.
4. In the "Bridge" column you select the Bridge ID "1" to assign the Bridge ID "1" to the "MyCon" connection.
5. In the "Auto Firewall Rules" column you check the checkbox. This allows Layer 3 traffic and IP traffic through the tunnel.
6. Click the "Set Values" button.



NOTE To change the OpenVPN connection settings, "Operation" must be set to "disabled".

Result

Go to "Security > Firewall" and open the "Predefined MAC Rules" tab.

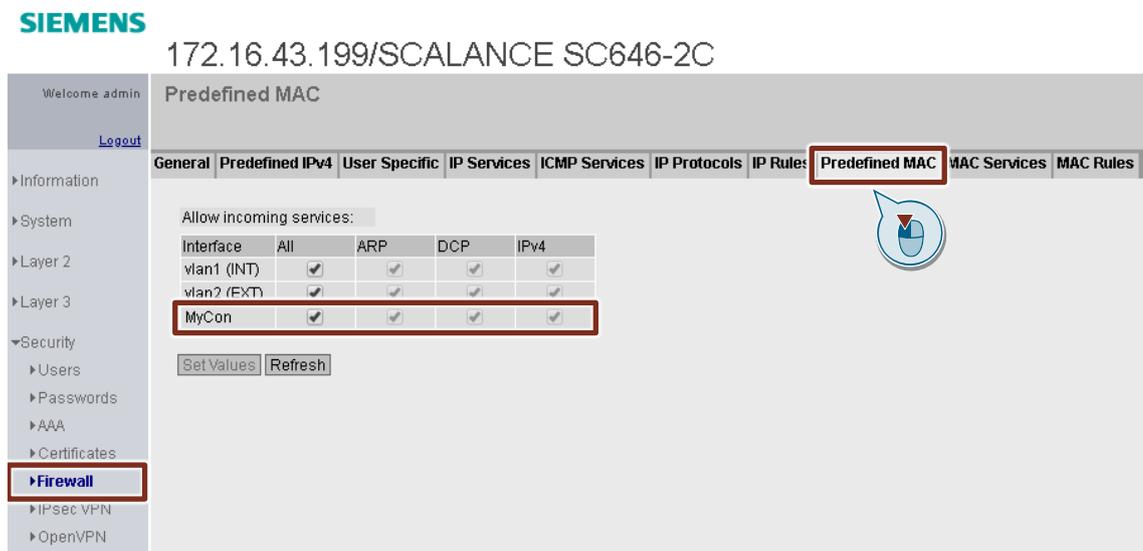
The "MyCon" connection is added automatically and permits the following services by default in the Layer 2 firewall:

- ARP
- DCP
- IPv4

Other services have to be permitted explicitly in the "MAC Rules" tab.

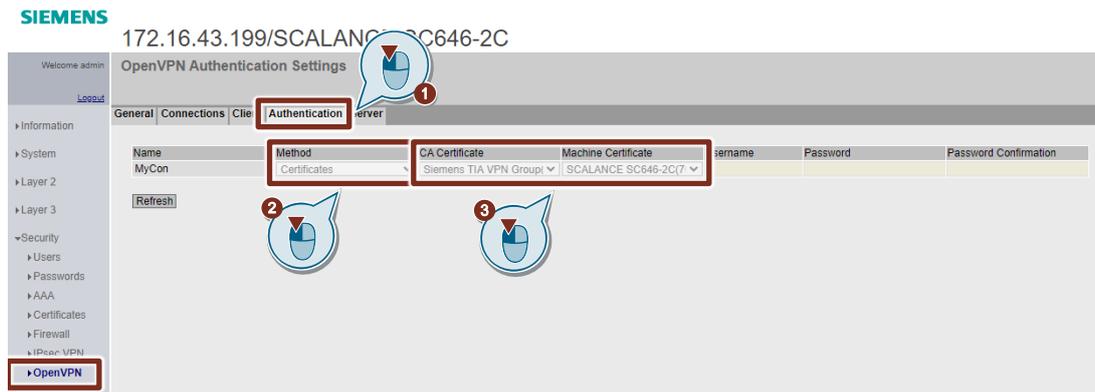
NOTE With the default setting, the services "ARP" and "DCP" as well as any IP traffic via the VPN tunnel are permitted.

Figure 3-3



Define the authentication procedure

1. Go to "Security > OpenVPN" and open the "Authentication" tab.
2. Select the "Certificates" method.
3. Select the imported certificates in the following columns:
 - CA certificate
 - Device certificate
4. Click the "Set Values" button.



NOTE

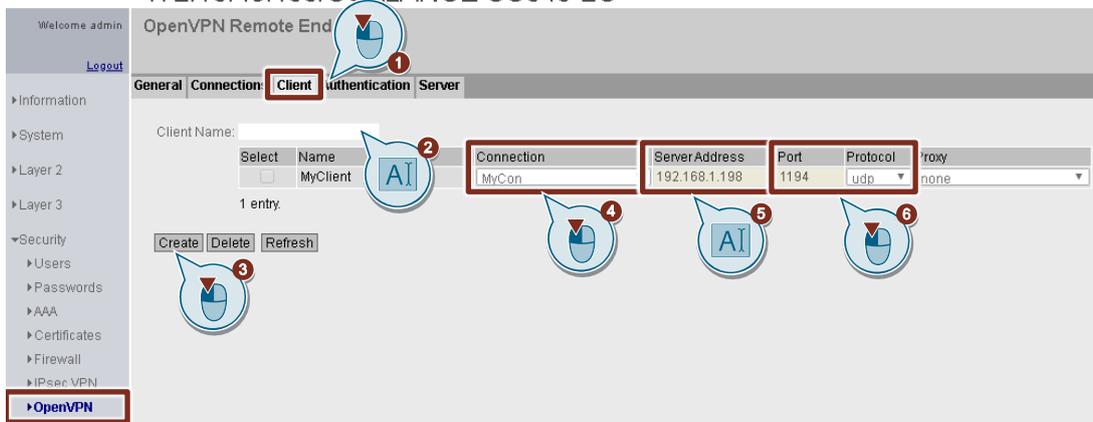
User name and password are also used for authentication. All VPN clients of the VPN server must use the same user name and password.

Settings for VPN client

1. Go to "Security > OpenVPN" and open the "Client" tab.
2. Enter a client name, "MyClient", for example.
3. Click the "Create" button.
4. In the "Connection" column you select the "MyCon" connection.
5. Enter the IP address of the VPN server, 192.168.1.198, for example.
6. Select the protocol and enter the port.
 - Protocol: "udp"
 - Port: 1194 (default)
7. Click the "Set Values" button.

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3.4 Configure VPN Server

3.4.1 Requirements

The requirements listed in section [3.3.1](#) must be fulfilled.

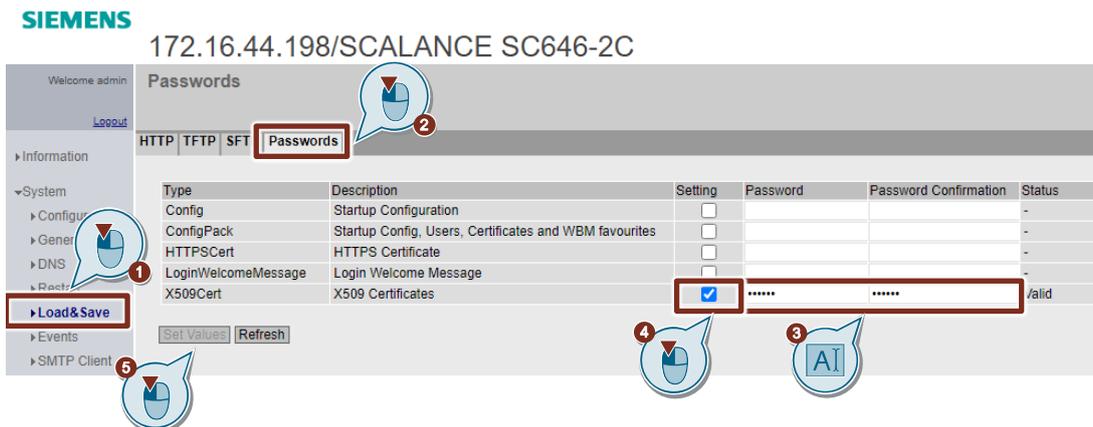
3.4.2 Start Web Based Management (WBM)

Section [3.3.2](#) describes how to start the WBM.

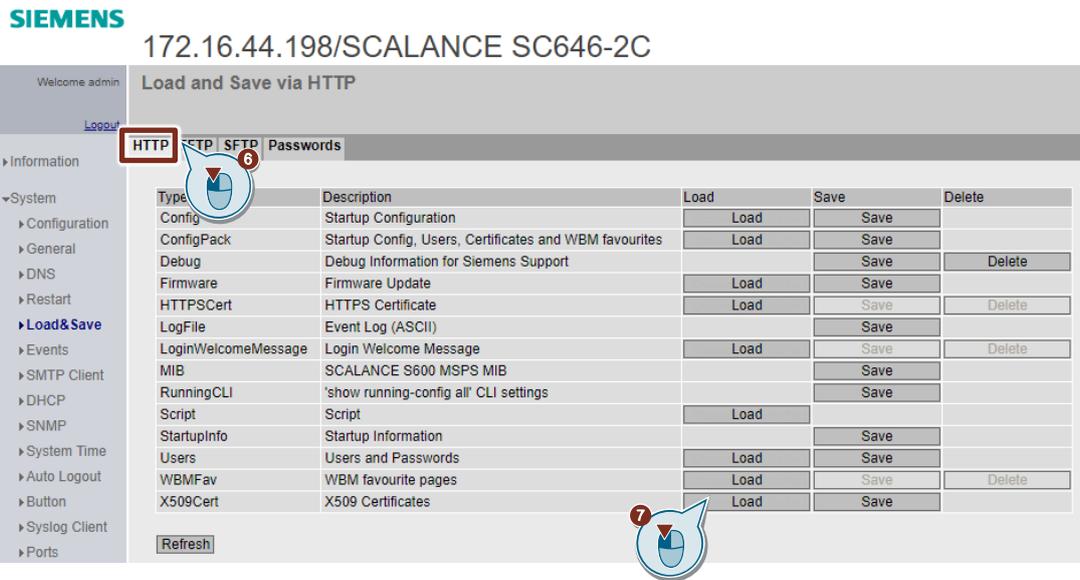
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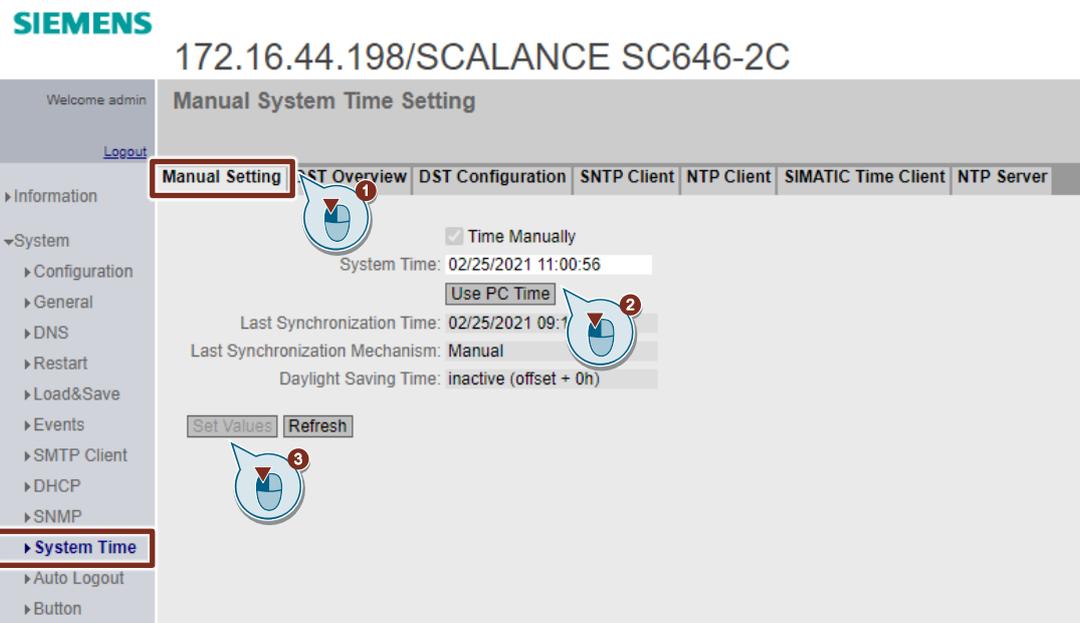


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2. Click the "Use PC Time" button.
3. Click the "Set Values" button.

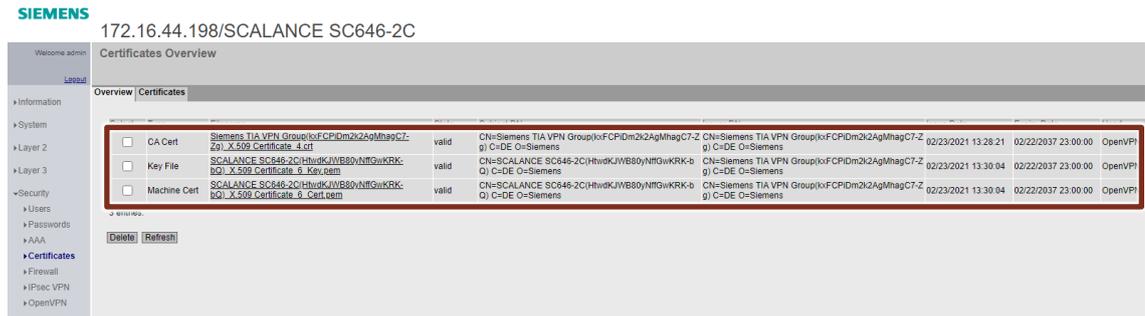


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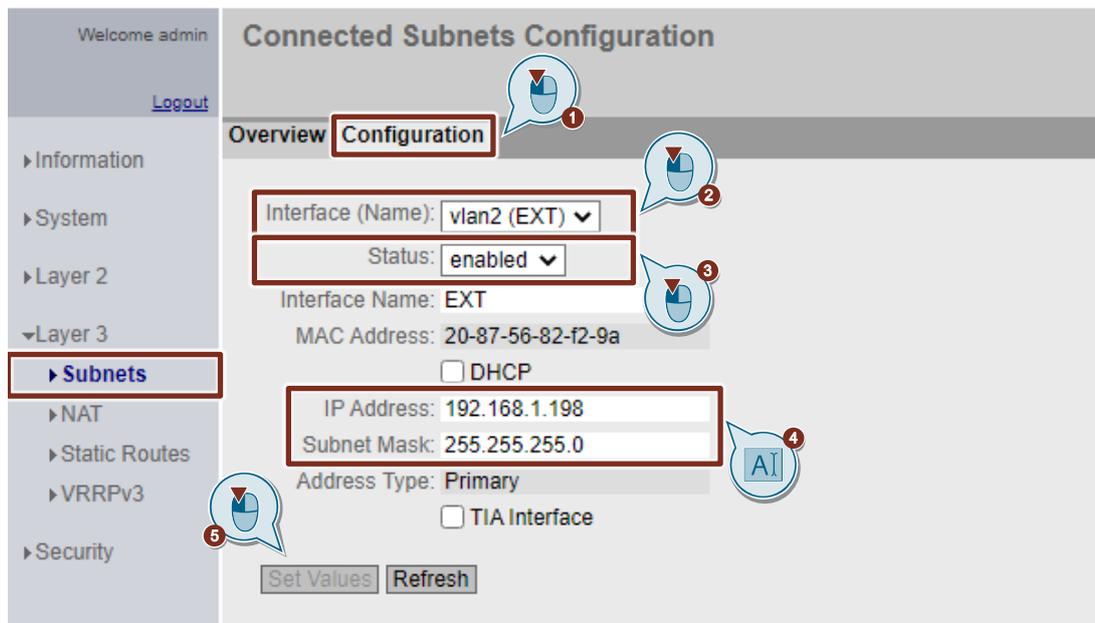
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 - Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
5. Click the "Set Values" button.

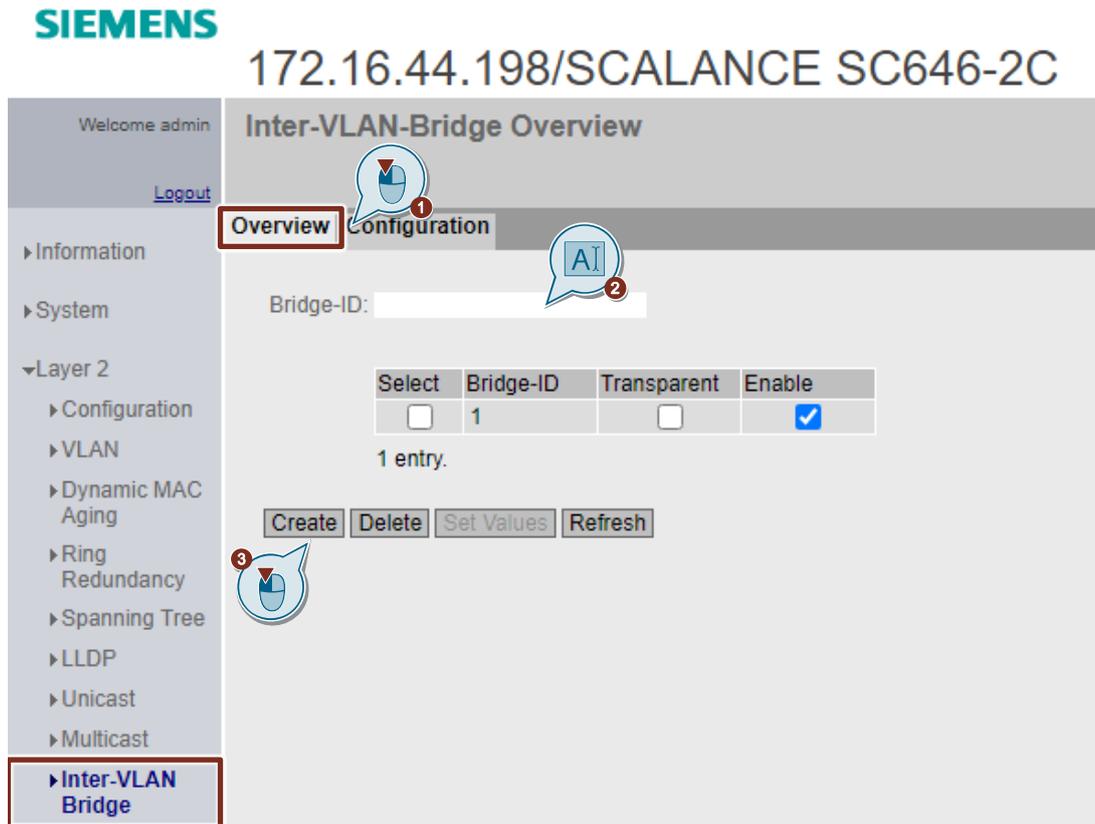


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3.4.5 Configure a Bridge

1. Go to "Layer 2 > Inter-VLAN Bridge" and open the "Overview" tab.
2. Enter a bridge ID, "1", for example.
3. Click the "Create" button. Bridge ID "1" is created.



4. Open the "Configuration" tab.
5. Assign the vlan1 as master to the bridge ID "1" so that the vlan1 can be reached via the VPN tunnel.
6. Click the "Set Values" button.

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Welcome admin

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Information

System

Layer 2

- Configuration
- VLAN
- Dynamic MAC Aging
- Ring Redundancy
- Spanning Tree
- LLDP
- Unicast
- Multicast
- Inter-VLAN Bridge**

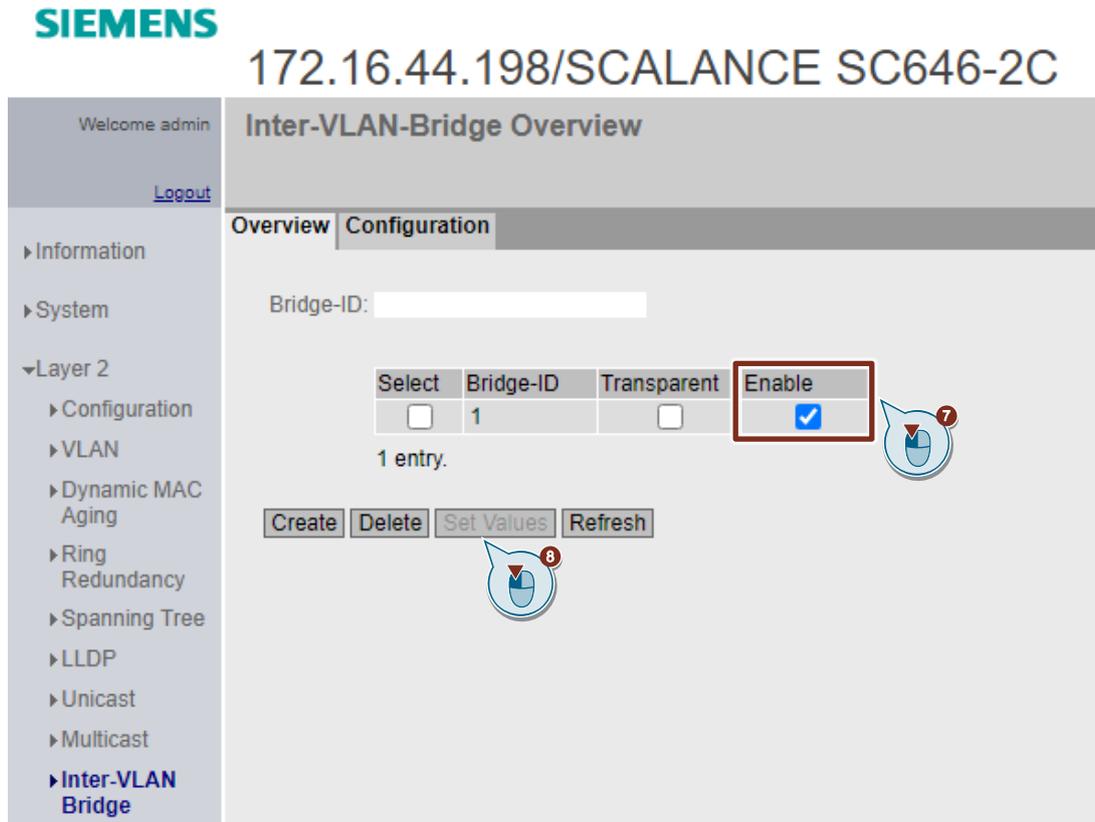
Inter-VLAN-Bridge Configuration

Overview **Configuration**

Interface	Bridge-ID	Type
vlan1	1	Master
vlan2	-	-

[Set Values](#) [Refresh](#)

7. In the "Overview" tab you enable Bridge ID "1".
8. Click the "Set Values" button.



If you enable the "Transparent" option, the Inter-VLAN bridge and the associated VLANs are switched to Transparent mode when the bridge is activated. Ports belonging to the bridge become transparent ports. This means:

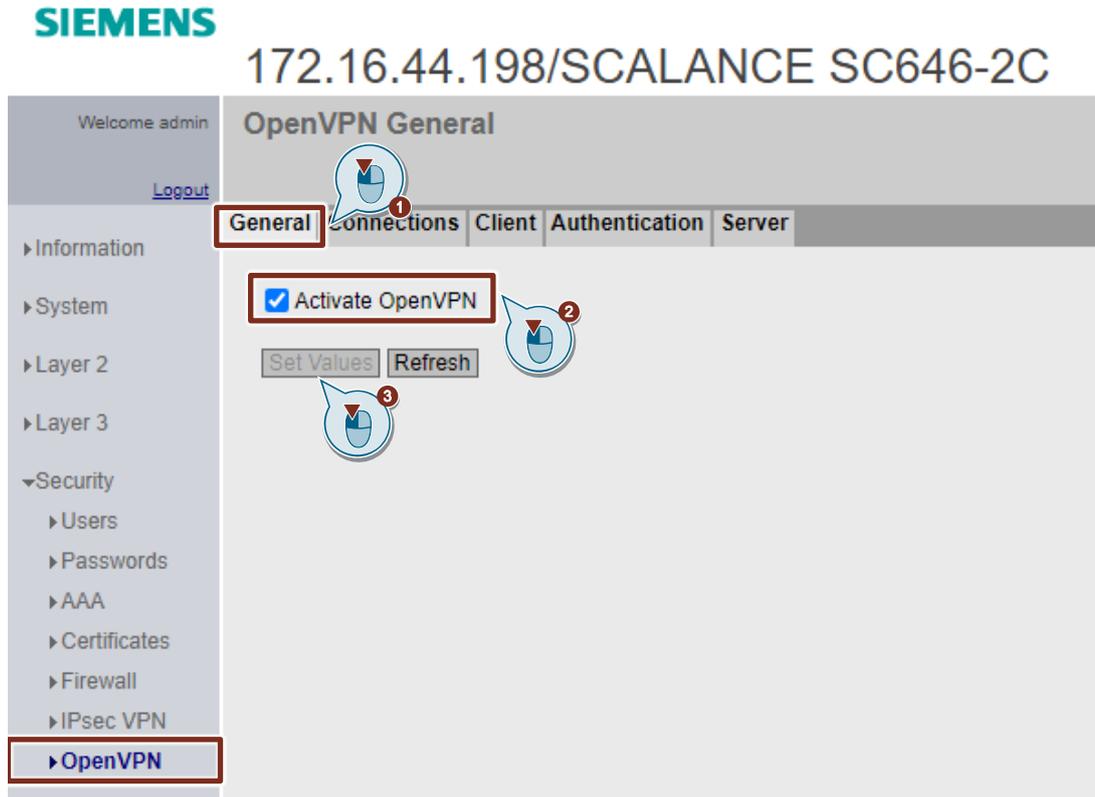
- Tagged messages received at these ports are not evaluated and are forwarded to all other ports of the Inter-VLAN Bridge with unchanged tag. No messages are forwarded from ports that do not belong to the Inter-VLAN Bridge to ports that do belong to the Inter-VLAN Bridge.
- Untagged messages received at these ports are forwarded to all other ports of the Inter-VLAN Bridge likewise untagged.

If you disable the option, the VLAN tags are evaluated.

3.4.6 Configure an OpenVPN-Tunnel

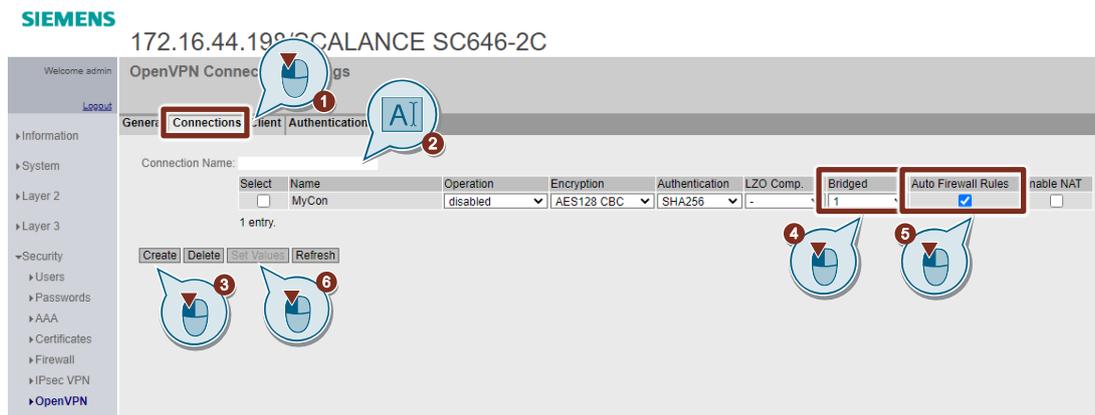
Activate OpenVPN

1. Go to "Security > OpenVPN" and open the "General" tab.
2. Enable the "Activate OpenVPN" function.
3. Click the "Set Values" button.



Create a connection

1. Open the "Connections" tab to create a connection.
2. Enter a connection name, "MyCon", for example.
3. Click the "Create" button.
4. In the "Bridge" column you select the Bridge ID "1" to assign the Bridge ID "1" to the "MyCon" connection.
5. In the "Auto Firewall Rules" column you check the checkbox. This allows Layer 3 traffic and IP traffic through the tunnel.
6. Click the "Set Values" button.



NOTE To change the OpenVPN connection settings, "Operation" must be set to "disabled".

Result

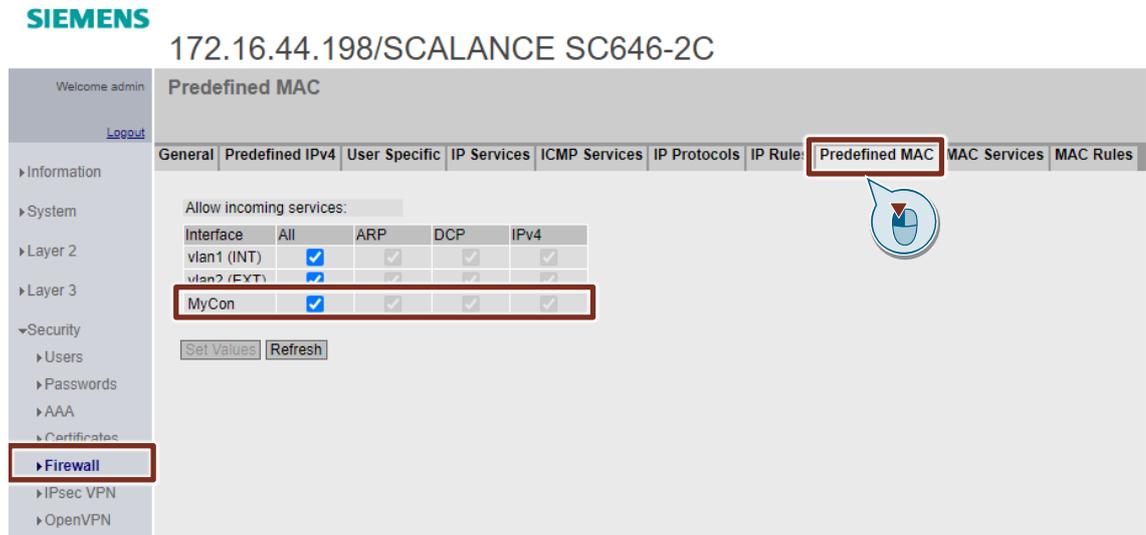
Go to "Security > Firewall" and open the "Predefined MAC Rules" tab.

The "MyCon" connection is added automatically and permits the following services by default in the Layer 2 firewall:

- ARP
- DCP
- IPv4
- Other services have to be permitted explicitly in the "MAC Rules" tab.

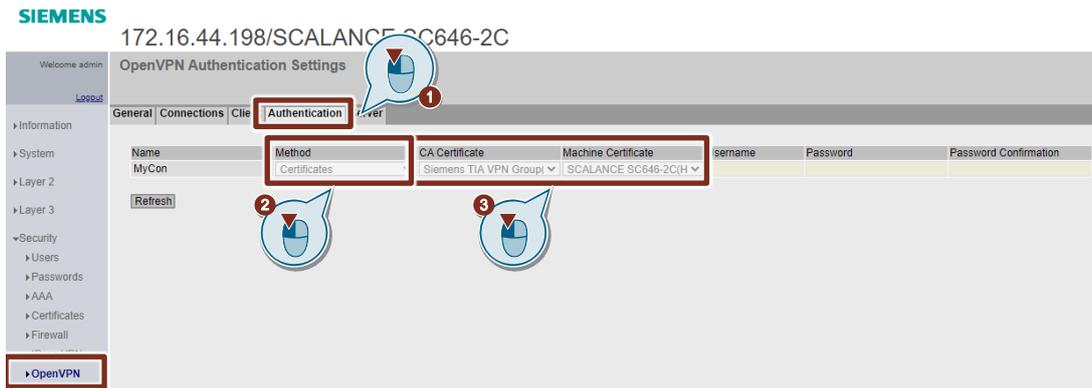
NOTE With the default setting, the services "ARP" and "DCP" as well as any IP traffic via the VPN tunnel are permitted.

Figure 3-5



Define the authentication procedure

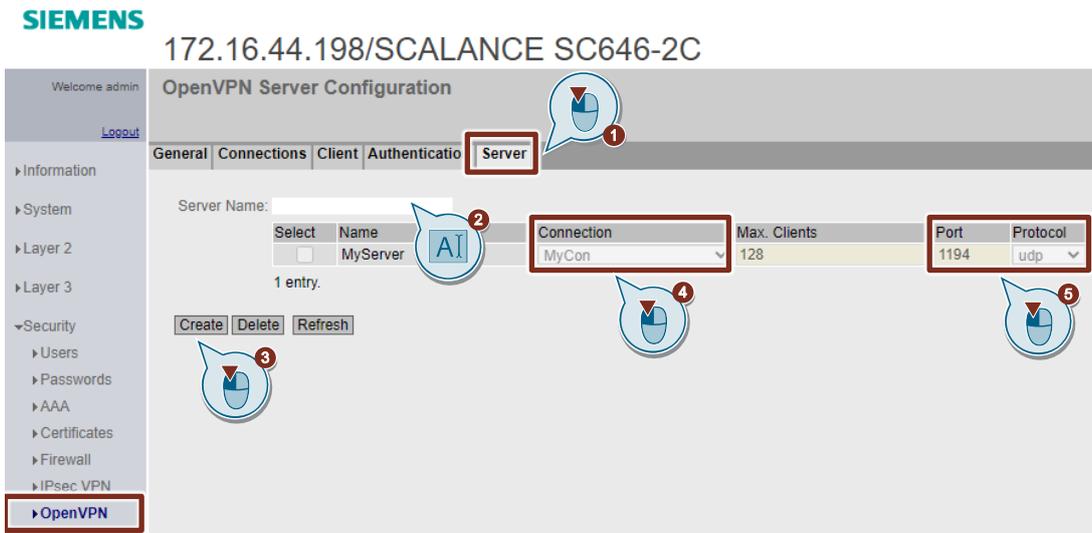
1. Go to "Security > OpenVPN" and open the "Authentication" tab.
2. Select the "Certificates" method.
3. Select the imported certificates in the following columns:
 - CA certificate
 - Device certificate
4. Click the "Set Values" button.



NOTE User name and password are also used for authentication.

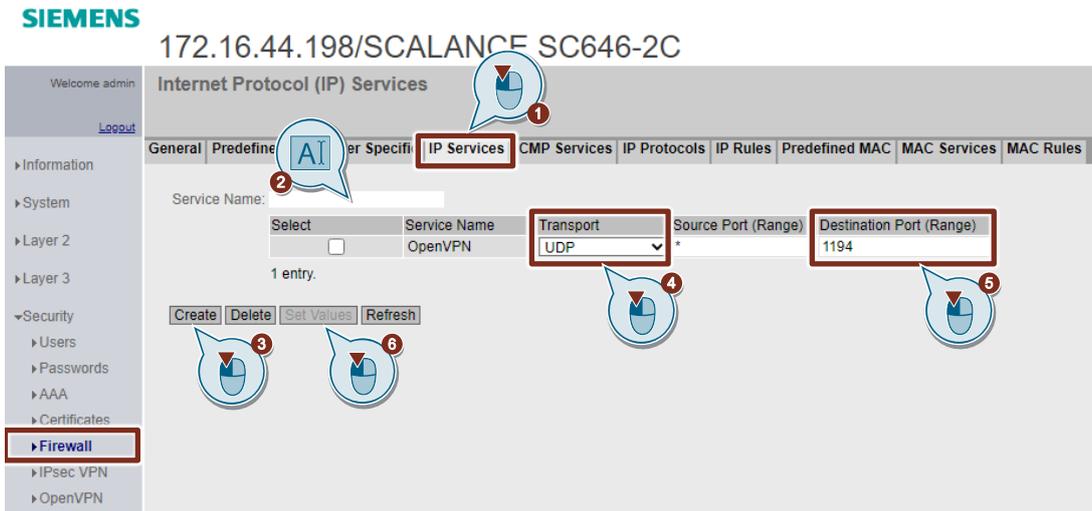
Settings for VPN server

1. Go to "Security > OpenVPN" and open the "Server" tab.
2. Enter a server name, "MyServer", for example.
3. Click the "Create" button.
4. In the "Connection" column you select the "MyCon" connection.
5. Select the protocol and enter the port.
 - Protocol: "udp"
 - Port: 1194 (default)
6. Click the "Set Values" button.



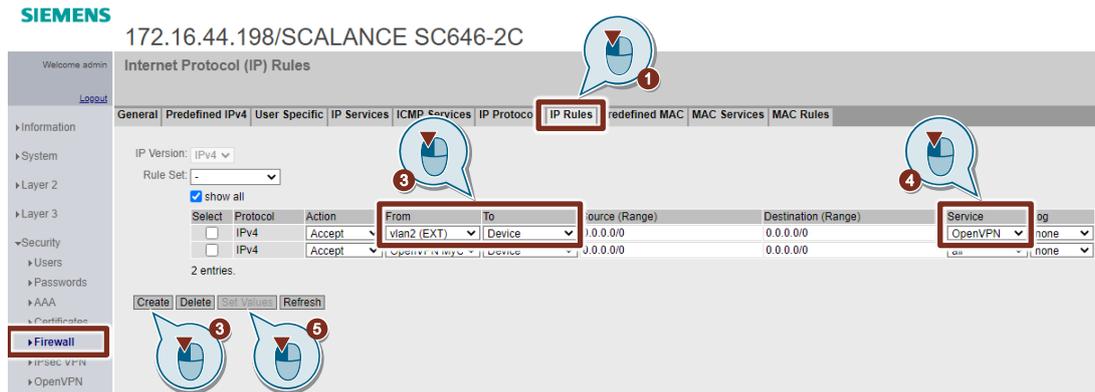
Create IP service

1. Go to "Security > Firewall" and open the "IP Services" tab.
2. Enter a name for the service, "OpenVPN", for example.
3. Click the "Create" button.
4. Configure the service according to the VPN settings. In the "Transport" column, select the "UDP" protocol.
5. In the "Destination Port (Range)" column, select port "1194".
6. Click the "Set Values" button.



Create IP rule

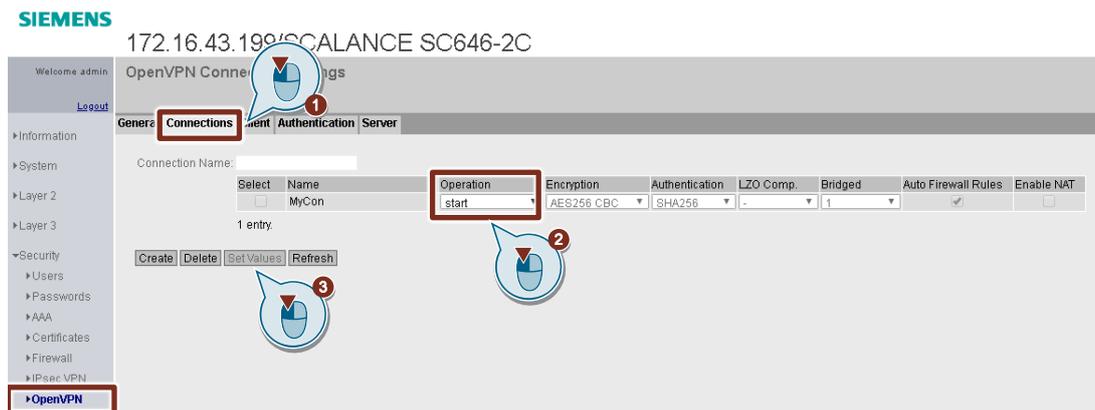
1. Go to "Security > Firewall" and open the "IP Rules" tab.
2. Click the "Create" button to create a new IP rule.
3. Create an IP rule that permits access from "vlan2 (EXT)" to "Device".
4. In the "Service" column, select the previously created IP service "OpenVPN".
5. In the "Action" column, select the "Accept" item.
6. Click the "Set Values" button.



3.5 Start OpenVPN Connection

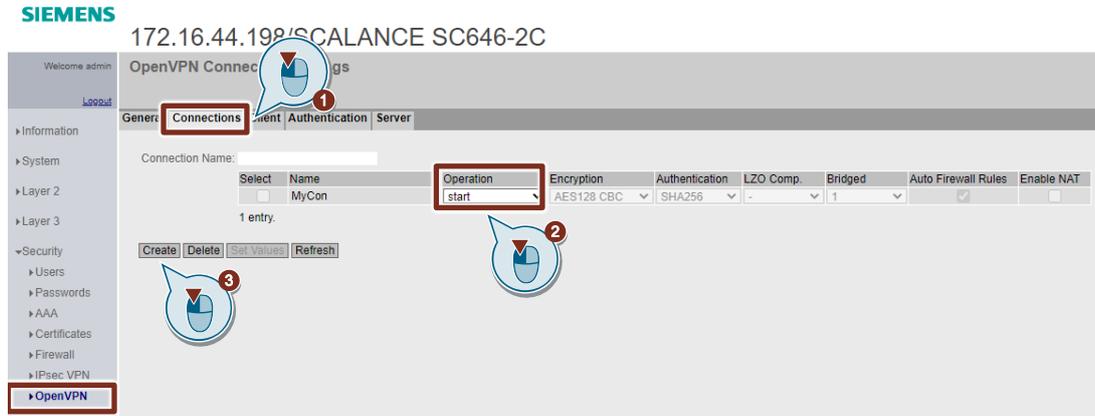
Start OpenVPN connection in the VPN client

1. In the VPN client, go to "Security > OpenVPN" and open the "Connections" tab.
2. In the "Operation" column, select the "start" item.
3. Click the "Set Values" button.



Start OpenVPN connection in the VPN server

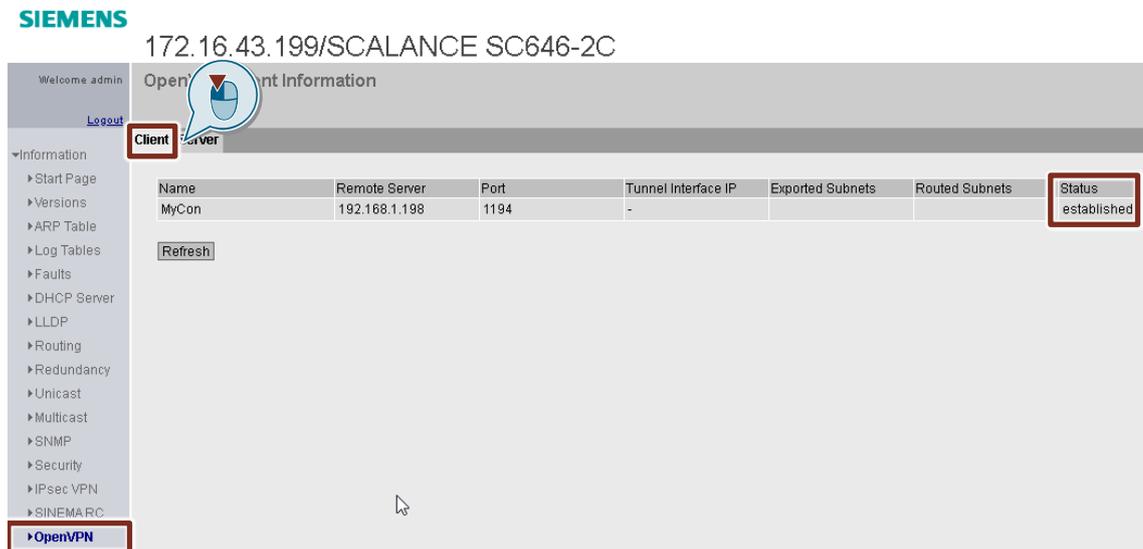
1. In the VPN server, go to "Security > OpenVPN" and open the "Connections" tab.
2. In the "Operation" column, select the "start" item.
3. Click the "Set Values" button.



Result

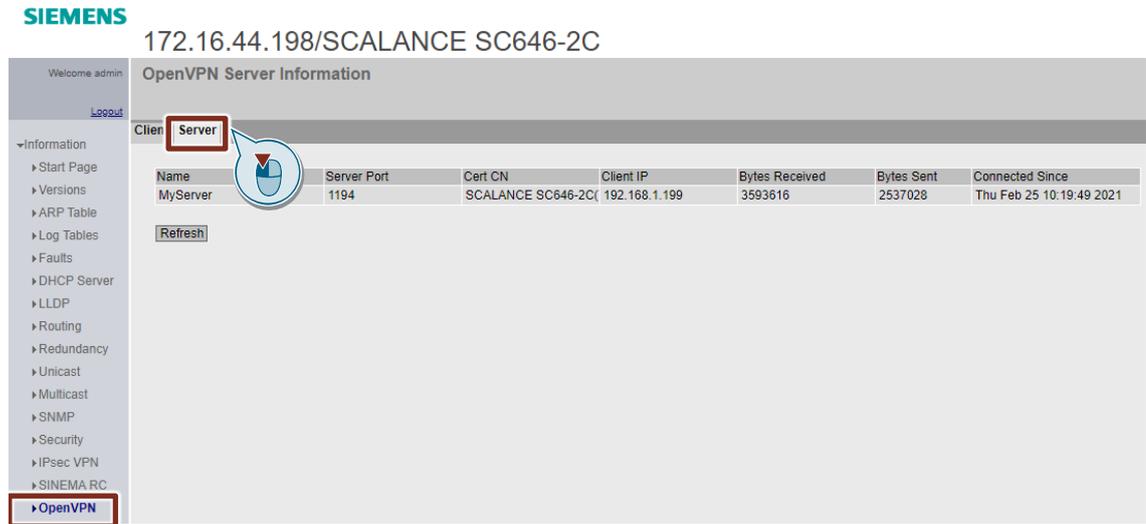
In the VPN client, go to "Information > OpenVPN" and open the "Client" tab. The status of the OpenVPN tunnel is displayed. The OpenVPN tunnel is established.

Figure 3-6



In the VPN server, go to "Information > OpenVPN" and open the "Server" tab.
The OpenVPN connection is displayed.

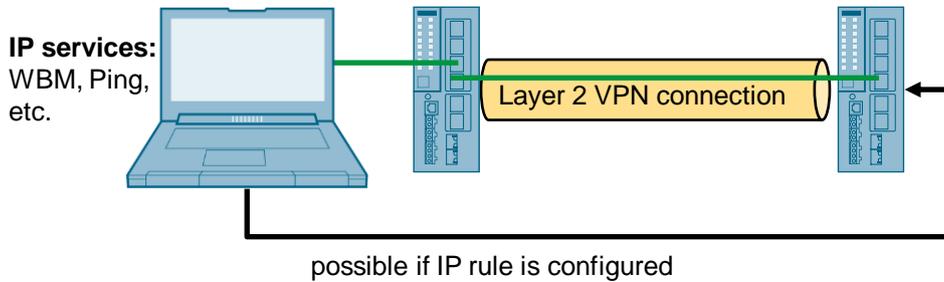
Figure 3-7



3.6 Further Informationen

Create IP rule to access the internal IP-address of the tunnel partner

Figure 3-8

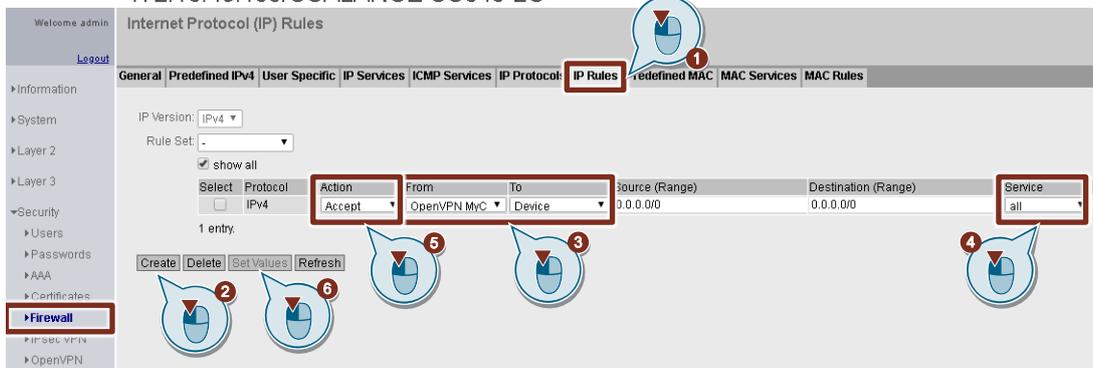


If the internal IP address of the tunnel partner is to be accessible, to access the WBM or ping, for example, it is necessary to create an IP rule.

1. In the VPN client, go to "Security > Firewall" and open the "IP Rules" tab.
2. Click the "Create" button to create a new IP rule.
3. Create an IP rule that permits access from the OpenVPN connection to "Device".
4. In the "Service" column, select the "all" item.
5. In the "Action" column, select the "Accept" item.
6. Click the "Set Values" button.

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NOTE

Create the IP rule in the VPN client and in the VPN server.

Visibility via DCP (Discovery and Configuration Protocol)

The internal interface of the tunnel partner is not visible via DCP (Discovery and Configuration Protocol). The devices connected to the internal interface of the tunnel partner are visible via DCP.

Figure 3-9

