

# VPN-Cubed Datacenter Connect API Guide v20101115



You have an Amazon AWS account that CohesiveFT can use for enabling your access to the VPN-Cubed AMIs.

You have agreed to the terms of service provided for the VPN-Cubed AMIs.

Access to a deployment launch tool for launching the VPN-Cubed AMI

- ElasticFox
- AWS Console
- Rightscale

Ability to create/configure EC2 security groups using a tools like; ElasticFox, AWS Console, CohesiveFT's Elastic Server On-Demand, or EC2 Command Line tools

Basic knowledge of Linux software installation and use of command line tools.

This guide assumes you know how to configure and launch a VPN-Cubed Manager. If you do not please review those steps for your selected VPN-Cubed version and edition at [www.cohesiveft.com/vpncubed](http://www.cohesiveft.com/vpncubed)

For support requests use our community forums at:

<http://getsatisfaction.com/cohesiveft>

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# Your Configuration Begins Here!



- For your initial use of the API you will need access to a VPN-Cubed 2.0 AMI.
- You will also need to have available a snapshot of your existing manager configuration or you should make one for use in this API preview.
- The API uses a Ruby script and Ruby language binding for the API. You will need several Ruby libraries on your local machine where you will be making the API calls. Those are listed on the next page.

- 📌 On a Debian/Ubuntu Linux the commands are:
  - apt-get update
  - apt-get install ruby
  - apt-get install rubygems
  - apt-get install rake
  - apt-get install build-essential
  - apt-get install ruby1.8-dev
  - gem install json
  - apt-get install libopenssl-ruby
- 📌 Download the VPN-Cubed API tar/zip (includes “api.rb” and “vpncubed.rb”) available on all the VPN-Cubed pages under Launch Instructions.

VPN3 API calls take several arguments in common across all calls: “-K” for access key, “-S” for access secret, “-H” for the ip address of the manager you are connecting to.

Some of the calls can only be made after a manager is licensed or configured. This will be noted in the documentation for the API call.

Here is an example call that can be made at any time in a VPN3 Manager’s lifecycle.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc_config
```

```
vpn3api_demo: ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S i-6b344d01 -H 174.129.238.73 desc_config
```

Response:

public\_ipaddress: 174.129.238.73

vpncubed\_version: 0.7.9999.2-20100823171847

licensed: false

private\_ipaddress: 10.220.23.235

topology\_checksum: 3309dfc9832c45280b590341e39de1277c17ffbd

The manager is unlicensed at this point, meaning neither a license, nor a snapshot with a license has been provided to it. The private\_ipaddress is the actual underlying LAN address provided by the cloud provider. The topology checksum was randomly generated, and changes with the license and/or snapshot info.



## Basic Workflow Choices:

- A) Use the web UI to “design” one or more networks. Take snapshots of the managers and start API testing from launching managers and calling “import\_snapshot”
- B) Start with launching manager(s). If using Free or Lite Editions start with “create\_keyset”; if using SME or Enterprise Editions you will need to configure the instance(s) with a license provided by CFT and “upload\_license”.

## Notes:

- “Configurable Addressing” is not yet available via API. For testing configurations with configurable addressing use the Web UI to design addressing scheme and save to snapshot.
- There is some inconsistency in command line call arguments as strings; where it is sometimes unclear as an example to represent a CIDR as “192.168.1.0/24” or as 192.168.1.0/24, or if in fact both work.



# API Command Line Calls



Command Line Call	Call Category	Valid Pre-License
reset_password	Admin	<b>Yes</b>
setup_remote_support	Admin	No
setup_admin_ui	Admin	No
server_action	Admin	No
desc_config	Status	<b>Yes</b>
desc_status	Status	No
desc_ipsec_status	Status	No
desc_client_status	Status	No
desc_system_status	Status	No
desc_link_history	Status	No
desc_license	License	No
upload_license	License	<b>Yes</b>
desc_keyset	Clientpacks	No
setup_keyset	Clientpacks	No
desc_clientpacks	Clientpacks	No
fetch_clientpacks	Clientpacks	No
get_next_available_clientpack	Clientpacks	No
edit_clientpack	Clientpacks	No
desc_peering	Peering	No
set_manager_id	Peering	No
add_peer	Peering	No
edit_peer	Peering	No
delete_peer	Peering	No
desc_snapshot	Snapshots	No
create_snapshot	Snapshots	No
delete_snapshot	Snapshots	No
import_snapshot	Snapshots	<b>Yes</b>
fetch_snapshot	Snapshots	No
desc_ipsec_status	IPsec	No
setup_ipsec	IPsec	No
get_ipsec_local_address	IPsec	No
set_ipsec_local_address	IPsec	No
create_ipsec_endpoint	IPsec	No
edit_ipsec_endpoint	IPsec	No
delete_ipsec_endpoint	IPsec	No
desc_ipsec_endpoint	IPsec	No
create_remote_subnet	IPsec	No
delete_remote_subnet	IPsec	No



**Call:** reset\_password

**Argument Switch:** --password

**Argument:** Password as a string

**Allowed Pre-License:** Yes

**Purpose:**

*command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address reset\_password --password "mysuperpassword"*

*ruby \$vpn3api\_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S i-6b344d01 -H 174.129.238.73 reset\_password --password "apidemopassword"*

**Response:**

password\_reset: ok

**Note:** Now that we have changed the password, we use this as our new "-S" argument.



**Call:** setup\_remote\_support

**Argument Switch:** --enabled (true or false)

**Argument:** The "--enabled" arg specifies whether remote support is enabled.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Enables and disables remote support.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address  
setup_remote_support --enabled true
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73 setup_remote_support  
--enabled true
```

**Response:**

TBD

**Call:** setup\_admin\_ui

**Argument Switch:** --enabled (true or false), --username (string), --password (string)

**Argument:** The "--enabled" arg specifies whether the web UI is enabled. The "--username" arg specifies the username for the web UI. The "--password" arg specifies the password for the web UI.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Enables and disables the web UI. Allows the username and password for the web UI to be set.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address setup_admin_ui --  
enabled true --username newusername --password newpassword
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73 setup_admin_ui --  
enabled true --username vpn3 -password vpn3
```

**Response:**

username: vpncubed

enabled: true

**Call:** server\_action

**Argument Switch:** --reboot (true or false)

**Argument:** The "--reboot" arg specifies whether to reboot the VPN3 manager.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Re-boots the manager.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address server_action --reboot true
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73 server_action --reboot true
```

**Call:** desc\_config

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** Yes

**Purpose:** Provides general information about the manager's topology, license state and checksums

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc_config  
  
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc_ipsec_status
```

**Response:**

public\_ipaddress: 174.129.238.73

vpncubed\_version: 0.7.9999.2-20100823171847

licensed: false

private\_ipaddress: 10.220.23.235

topology\_checksum: 3309dfc9832c45280b590341e39de1277c17ffbd

**Call:** desc\_status

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Provides general information on all defined IPsec and client overlay connections

*command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc\_status*

*ruby \$vpn3api\_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc\_ipsec\_status*

**Response:** (list of connected clients, info about connected tunnels)

connected\_clients:

172.31.1.53:

ipaddress: 10.160.139.146

managerid: 3

overlay\_ipaddress: 172.31.1.53

<more>

ipsec:

192.168.1.0/24:

tunnel\_params:

phase1\_cipher: aes\_256

phase1: up

nat\_t: "on"

phase2: up

phase1\_dh\_group: 5

dpd: "on"

phase2\_algo: AES\_256-HMAC\_SHA1

phase1\_prf: sha

connected: true

subnet: 192.168.1.0/24

managerid: 2

endpointid: 4



**Call:** desc\_ipsec\_status

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Provides information on all defined IPsec connections

command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc\_ipsec\_status

*ruby \$vpn3api\_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc\_ipsec\_status*

**Response:**

```
ipsec:
  192.168.1.0/24:
    tunnel_params:
      phase1_cipher: aes_256
      phase1: up
      nat_t: "on"
      phase2: up
      phase1_dh_group: 5
      dpd: "on"
      phase2_algo: AES_256-HMAC_SHA1
      phase1_prf: sha
    connected: true
    subnet: 192.168.1.0/24
    managerid: 2
    endpointid: 4
```



**Call:** desc\_clients\_status

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Provides information on connected overlay network devices (sometimes referred to as OLNDs)

command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc\_ipsec\_status

*ruby \$vpn3api\_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc\_ipsec\_status*

**Response:**

```
connected_clients:  
  172.31.1.53:  
    ipaddress: 10.160.139.146  
    managerid: 3  
    overlay_ipaddress: 172.31.1.53  
<more>
```

**Call:** desc\_system\_status

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Provides information about the underlying appliance; memory, cpu, disk space, etc..

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address  
desc_system_status
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc_system_status
```

**Response:**

TBD

**Call:** desc\_link\_history

**Argument Switch:** --cidr (CIDR)

**Argument:** IP CIDR description of the subnet information is desired for

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Provides information about the connection history of the subnet's IPsec connection

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc_link_history --  
cidr cidr_as_string
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 --cidr "192.168.1.0/24"
```

**Response:**

TBD

**Call:** upload\_license

**Argument Switch:** --license

**Argument:** Valid path to a file containing the encrypted license

**Allowed Pre-License:** Yes

**Purpose:** License a VPN3 Manager to be a part of a specific topology

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address upload_license --  
license /pathtolicensefile/license.txt
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 upload_license --license  
apideo_ipsectrial_license.txt
```

**Response:**

*license: accepted*

**Note:** This call is only available for SME and Enterprise Editions. Free and Lite Editions come preconfigured with the appropriate license.

**Call:** desc\_license

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Provides information about the manager's license

command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc\_license

*ruby \$vpn3api\_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc\_license*

Response:

(see following page)

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc_license
```

capabilities:

- IPsec

topology:

managers:

- manager\_id: 1

  - overlay\_ipaddress: 172.31.1.1

clients:

- 172.31.1.5

- 172.31.1.9

- 172.31.1.13

- 172.31.1.17

- 172.31.1.21

uploaded\_at: Sat Aug 28 15:48:31 +0000 2010

sha1\_checksum: 5f700d95c0e836ecf0cc9996cf6970661136e5b1

uploaded\_at\_i: 1283010511

license\_present: true



**Call:** desc\_keyset

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Returns status of whether cryptographic credentials, which are used to provide overlay devices access to the topology, have been generated.

command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc\_keyset

*ruby \$vpn3api\_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc\_keyset*

**Response:** (One of three states; there are no keys, they are being generated, they have been generated.)

```
keyset_present: false
in_progress: false
```

```
keyset_present: false
running: 0
in_progress: true
```

```
keyset_present: true
created_at: 2010/08/28 19:25:57 +0000
created_at_i: 1283023557
checksum: 0d61536900908f1b985eae65aa9473a2f312c94c
```



**Call:** setup\_keyset

**Argument Switch:** --source, --token

**Argument:** Source Manager with hostname or address as a string, Token is any arbitrary key used to help randomize the checksum, it must be identical for each manager in a topology.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Generates cryptographic credentials which are used to provide overlay devices access to the topology.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H another-manager-ip-address  
setup_keyset --source manager-ip-address --token "arandomstring"
```

**Note:** *--source is not required for the first invocation on a manager in the topology, without --source the keys are generated, with source the keys are pulled from one manager to another.*

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 setup_keyset --token  
"arandomstring"
```

Response:

(see following page)

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 setup_keyset --token  
"arandomstring"
```

Response:

keyset\_present: false

running: 0

in\_progress: true

started\_at\_i: 1283023530

started\_at: 2010/08/28 19:25:30 +0000

After several minutes; query again, and the keyset has been generated.

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc_keyset
```

Response:

keyset\_present: true

created\_at: 2010/08/28 19:25:57 +0000

created\_at\_i: 1283023557

checksum: 0d61536900908f1b985eae65aa9473a2f312c94c



Now invoke the command on ANOTHER overlay manager; and get the keys.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H another-manager-ip-address  
setup_keyset --source manager-ip-address --token "arandomstring"
```

**NOTE: "-H" is a different machine in this example with our previous host as the --source.**

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 setup_keyset --token  
"arandomstring" --source 174.129.238.73
```

Response:

keyset\_present: false

running: 1

in\_progress: true

started\_at\_i: 1283114203

started\_at: 2010/08/29 20:36:43 +0000

**Note:** You will see that the hosts from our example both have the same checksum when a query of "desc\_keyset" is performed. This means the 2 managers can be peered together in the topology.



**Call:** desc\_clientpacks

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Returns detailed information about all of the clientpacks in the topology. If manager's are properly peered, this information can come from any of the managers.

command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager1-ip-address desc\_clientpacks

*ruby \$vpn3api\_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 desc\_clientpacks*

**Response:** (a list of this information for all clientpacks in the topology)

```
172.31.1.17:  
  name: 172_31_117  
  tarball_file: 172_31_117.tar.gz  
  tarball_sha1: 4e81448988b2c72bedc8349cbb0c8ccc5541b457  
  checked_out: false  
  zip_file: 172_31_1_17.zip  
  zip_sha1: 2078a82cd1939037f548bfea3739783ffe0e8b6a  
  enabled: true  
  sequential_id: 1  
  overlay_ipaddress: 172.31.1.17
```



**Call:** fetch\_clientpack

**Argument Switch:** --name, --format, -o

**Argument:** The “--name” is the name of the clientpack as returned by the “desc\_clientpacks” call. The “--format” has two possible values “tarball” (default) or “zip” which as stated, returns the clientpack in that compression format. The “-o” is an output file name for the clientpack

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Clientpacks are compressed files with the necessary information and credentials for an overlay client to be connected to the VPN-Cubed topology.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager1-ip-address fetch_clientpack  
--name 172_31_1_17 --format "zip" -o "mycredentials.zip"
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 fetch_clientpack --name  
"172_31_1_17" --format "zip" -o "mycredentials.zip"
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 fetch_clientpack --name  
"172_31_1_17" --format "tarball" -o "mycredentials.tar"
```

**Response:** No success code is printed. Clientpack is output to the requested file name.

**Call:** `get_next_available_clientpack` (see warning on following page)

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** For situations where devices need overlay credentials but not for a specific address. This is usually in “autoscale” situations.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K “api” -S “myapisecret” -H manager1-ip-address  
get_next_available_clientpack
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68  
get_next_available_clientpack
```

**Response:** (the info of the next available clientpack for use in a subsequent “fetch\_clientpack”)

```
name: 172_31_1_17  
tarball_file: 172_31_1_17.tar.gz  
tarball_sha1: 3c6212414a27a1507fe518038495deeb4b8a382c  
checked_out: true  
zip_file: 172_31_1_17.zip  
zip_sha1: d1590336eb5540d27913d8bff9057a8b36fef8b4  
enabled: true  
sequential_id: 1  
overlay_ipaddress: 172.31.1.17
```



**Warning:** You must use only one manager of the topology for use with “get\_next\_available\_clientpack”! VPN3 Managers are not (at this time) able to synchronize information automatically. Using multiple managers will cause distribution of the same client pack to multiple overlay devices which is not allowed. (Multiple clients with the same credentials will continuously knock each other off of the overlay network.)

Note: The “get\_next\_available\_clientpack” call does not actually fetch the credentials. It provides sufficient information for you to the call “fetch\_clientpack”.

Note: In order for get\_next\_available\_clientpack to not exhaust your pool of clientpacks, devices need to release the clientpack when done by calling “edit\_clientpack” for their clientpack, setting the “--checked\_out” property to “false”.

**Call:** edit\_clientpack

**Argument Switch:** --name, --enabled, --checked\_out

**Argument:** The "--name" switch is the name of a clientpack, Both "--enabled" and "--checked\_out" take "true" or "false" as values.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** For changing properties of clientpacks.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager1-ip-address --name  
"172_31_1_17" --enabled true --checked_out false
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 --name "172_31_1_17"  
--enabled true --check_out false
```

**Response:** (returns the clientpack info for the named clientpack)

```
name: 172_31_1_17  
tarball_file: 172_31_1_17.tar.gz  
tarball_sha1: 3c6212414a27a1507fe518038495deeb4b8a382c  
checked_out: false  
zip_file: 172_31_1_17.zip  
zip_sha1: d1590336eb5540d27913d8bff9057a8b36fef8b4  
enabled: true  
sequential_id: 1  
overlay_ipaddress: 172.31.1.17
```





**Call:** create\_snapshot

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Create a snapshot file on that manager being queried. The snapshot is named based on date, time and IP address of the manager.

command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address create\_snapshot

*ruby \$vpn3api\_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 create\_snapshot*

## Response:

snapshot\_20100830\_1283176087\_174.129.238.68:

size: 912974

created\_at: 2010/08/30 13:48:08 +0000

created\_at\_i: 1283176088

sha1\_checksum: 6b1ddca58d454022ca804c31fc016447613df218

**Note:** Snapshots have a 1-to-1 relationship with managers in a topology. To recover an "N" manager topology from snapshots requires "N" distinct snapshot files.



**Call:** fetch\_snapshot

**Argument Switch:** --name, -o

**Argument:** The "--name" switch is the name of the snapshot desired. "The "-o" switch is for the name of the output file you want for the snapshot.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Download a snapshot file for later use.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address fetch_snapshot --name snapshot_as_string -o mysnapshotfile
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 fetch_snapshot --name snapshot_20100830_1283176087_174.129.238.68 -o m1_snapshot
```

**Response:** The requested snapshot file is downloaded to the file specified by the "-o" switch.

**Call:** delete\_snapshot

**Argument Switch:** --name

**Argument:** The "--name" switch is the name of the snapshot desired.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Delete the named snapshot from the manager.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address delete_snapshot --name snapshot_as_string
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 delete_snapshot --name snapshot_20100830_1283176087_174.129.238.68
```

**Response:** (the call returns the list of remaining snapshots, in this case an empty list)

```
{
```

**Call:** import\_snapshot

**Argument Switch:** --snapshot

**Argument:** The "--snapshot" switch is the file containing the snapshot you wish to import.

**Allowed Pre-License:** Yes

**Purpose:** Imports the snapshot into the manager and triggers a reboot for the configuration to take effect.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address import_snapshot --  
snapshot filename_of_snapshot
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 import_snapshot --  
snapshot m1_snapshot
```

**Response:**

snapshot: accepted

**Call:** desc\_snapshots

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Shows snapshots that have been taken on that manager being queried.

command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc\_snapshots

*ruby \$vpn3api\_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 desc\_snapshots*

**Response:**

snapshots:

snapshot\_20100830\_1283176087\_174.129.238.68:

size: 912974

created\_at: 2010/08/30 13:48:08 +0000

created\_at\_i: 1283176088

sha1\_checksum: 6b1ddca58d454022ca804c31fc016447613df218

latest\_snapshot: snapshot\_20100830\_1283176087\_174.129.238.68

**Note:** This response shows either an empty list token "{}" or returns a list of snapshots with the token "latest\_snapshot" indicating the most recent snapshot created.



## VPN3 API: Manager Peering

Peering Managers is required in all Editions. The Free and Lite Edition allow for only single Manager topologies but the single Manager must be setup up as Manager 1 in order the overlay network to function.

For Free and Lite Editions only run the “set\_manager\_id” as shown below.

```
cmd prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K “api” -S “myapisecret” -H manager-ip-address set_manager_id --id 1  
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 set_manager_id --id 1
```



**Call:** desc\_peering

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Provides the status of whether a manager is peered to other managers.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc_peering
```

**Note:** In the order of operations performed, there are 2 managers; at 174.129.238.68 and 174.129.238.73. Neither of them has been peered so this operation will return false until add\_peer has been called on them. Prior to add\_peer the managers must be given "IDs" for their manager number in the topology via the set\_manager\_id call.

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 desc_peering
```

**Response:**

false

**Call:** set\_manager\_id

**Argument Switch:** --id

**Argument:** The manager ID as an integer, cannot be the same as the id of another manager in the topology, and cannot be greater than the number of managers in the topology.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Sets the Manager ID of a manager so that it can be peered within a topology.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address set_manager_id --id 1
```

**Note:** We will set the manager ID of our example host 174.129.238.68 to "1" and our example host 174.129.238.73 to "2". They will then have the same license, keysets, checksum, and proper manager ids, meaning they can then subsequently be "peered".

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 set_manager_id --id 1
```

Response:

id: 1

managers:

"1":

self: true

id: 1





```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 set_manager_id --id 2
```

## Response:

```
peered: true
id: 2
managers:
  "1":
    not_set: true
    id: 1
  "2":
    self: true
    id: 2
  "3":
    not_set: true
    id: 3
  "4":
    not_set: true
    id: 4
```

Now that Manager ID's are set, add\_peer commands can be done.

**Call:** add\_peer

**Argument Switch:** --id, --name

**Argument:** The "--id" is the manager ID as an integer of the the manager you are peering with, NOT the id of the manager you are calling "add\_peer" on. The "--name" is the IP address or host name of the manager you are peering with.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Creates a peering relationship from a manager to another manager. The peering call is unidirectional. Reciprocal calls must be made to peer two managers together.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager1-ip-address add_peer --id 2 --name manager2-ip-address
```

**Note:** The manager ID of our example host 174.129.238.68 is "1" and our example host 174.129.238.73 is "2".

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 add_peer --id 2 --name 174.129.238.73
```

**Response:** (next page)

## Response:

```
peered: true
id: 1
managers:
  "1":
    self: true
    id: 1
  "2":
    address:174.129.238.73
    reachable: true
    id: 2
  "3":
    not_set: true
    id: 3
  "4":
    not_set: true
    id: 4
```

Now we can do reciprocal manager peering calls to establish the mesh connection between the managers.

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.73 add_peer --id 1 --name 174.129.238.68
```

**NOTE:** Sometimes “reachable” will say :false for a short period of time before the managers finish their connection process. If it says :false for a long period of time, there is an error.



**Call:** delete\_peer

**Argument Switch:** --id

**Argument:** The "--id" is the manager ID as an integer of the the manager you want to break your peering relationship with.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Breaks a peering relationship from a manager to another manager. The peering call is unidirectional. Reciprocal calls must be made to fully break the peer relationship.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager1-ip-address delete_peer --id 2
```

**Note:** The manager ID of our example host 174.129.238.68 is "1" and our example host 174.129.238.73 is "2". When the delete\_peer call is made we are returned to the state prior to the add\_peer call.

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S apidemopassword -H 174.129.238.68 delete_peer --id 2
```

**Response:**

```
peered: true
id: 1
managers:
  "1":
    self: true
    id: 1
  "2":
    not_set: true
    id: 2....
```



**Note:** IPsec configuration from the command line is the most complicated of the calling sequences covered in this document. It requires knowledge of IPsec connectivity.

In order to show the commands a pre-existing network configuration will be connected to via IPsec. We have used an IPSec device running at 184.72.229.148. It is running with NAT-Traversal enabled and uses the preshared key “vpncubedrocks”. It has Perfect Forward Secrecy Enabled and is looking for “aes256” encryption for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 negotiations. It is looking for “sha1” hash method for Phase 1 and Phase 2 negotiations. It uses Diffie Hellman Group 5 when needed.

Our approach with the API will be:

- Create an IPsec endpoint and then interrogate it and manipulate it with the other calls.

**Call:** create\_ipsec\_endpoint

**Argument Switch:** --name (string), --ipaddress (ip address xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx), --secret (string), --pfs (true or false), --extra\_config (string), --cloud\_wan\_subnets, --private\_ipaddress (ip address xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx)

**Argument:** The "--name" arg is a user-supplied name for the connection which will show up as a label in the web UI. The "--ipaddress" arg is the IP Address of the remote gateway. The "--secret" arg is the pre-shared key for the connection. The "--pfs" enables Perfect Forward Secrecy if true, disables if false. The "--extra\_config" arg is a string with additional options for the connection, the string must include line breaks as displayed below. The "--private\_ipaddress" arg is the internal NAT address of the remote gateway.

Allowed Pre-License: No

**Purpose:** Create IPsec connection to the defined remote gateway.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address
create_ipsec_endpoint --name "IPsec Connection" --ipaddress remote-gateway-address --secret
preshared-key --pfs true --extra_config
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73 create_ipsec_endpoint
--name "API_Created_Entry_for_Remote_System" --ipaddress 184.72.229.148 --secret "vpncubedrocks" --
pfs true --extra_config "ike=aes256-sha1
esp=aes256-sha1
dpdaction=restart
dpdtimeout=120
dpddelay=30"
```

**Call:** create\_ipsec\_endpoint (continued)

**Response:**

name: API\_Created\_Entry\_for\_Remote\_System

ipaddress: 184.72.229.148

id: 1

extra\_config:

- ike=aes256-sha1
- esp=aes256-sha1
- dpdaction=restart
- dpdtimeout=120
- dpddelay=30

cloud\_wan\_subnets: []

pfs: true

remote\_subnets: {}

bgp\_peers: {}

**Note:** This defined the remote gateway endpoint. In order to create a live tunnel a subnet definition needs to be added to this endpoint.



**Call:** desc\_ipsec

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Returns information about all IPsec endpoints and subnets defined.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address desc_ipsec
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73 desc_ipsec
```

**Response:** (next page)



**Call:** desc\_ipsec (continued)

**Response:**

this\_endpoint:

ipaddress: 174.129.238.73

asn: 65002

private\_ipaddress: 192.0.2.254

local\_subnet: 172.31.1.0/24

remote\_endpoints:

"1":

name: API\_Created\_Entry\_for\_Remote\_System

ipaddress: 184.72.229.148

id: 1

extra\_config:

- ike=aes256-sha1

- esp=aes256-sha1

- dpdaction=restart

- dpdtimeout=120

- dpddelay=30

cloud\_wan\_subnets: []

pfs: true

remote\_subnets: {}

bgp\_peers: {}



**Call:** setup\_ipsec

**Argument Switch:** --restart (true or false)

**Argument:** The "--restart" arg restarts the VPN3 manager's IPsec subsystem when the value is "true". The value of "false" has no value.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:**

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address setup_ipsec --restart true
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73 setup_ipsec --restart true
```

**Response:**

restart: true

**Call:** get\_ipsec\_local\_ipaddress

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Because VPN3 managers run as virtual instances in virtual infrastructure - there is a possibility that an instance will be re-launched, ending up with a different internal NAT address than it originally had, which would require all connected devices to change their information. As a result VPN3 has a “fake” NAT which is used so that it can remain constant across launches, meaning no reconfiguration by peer gateways.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address  
get_ipsec_local_ipaddress
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73  
get_ipsec_local_address
```

**Response:**

ipsec\_local\_ipaddress: 192.0.2.254

**Call:** set\_ipsec\_local\_ipaddress

**Argument Switch:** None

**Argument:** None

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Because VPN3 managers run as virtual instances in virtual infrastructure - there is a possibility that an instance will be re-launched, ending up with a different internal NAT address than it originally had, which would require all connected devices to change their information. As a result VPN3 has a “fake” NAT which is used so that it can remain constant across launches, meaning no reconfiguration by peer gateways.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address  
set_ipsec_local_ipaddress --ipaddress my_new_persistent_NAT_address
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73  
set_ipsec_local_address --ipaddress 192.0.8.200
```

**Response:**

*Error: OperationNotAllowedError: Detected active IPsec configuration.*

**Note:** This call will not work if there are any defined IPsec subnets or Remote Endpoints. In this case since we defined a remote endpoint; an error it returned.

**Call:** edit\_ipsec\_endpoint

**Argument Switch:** --endpointid (integer), --name (string), --ipaddress (ip address xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx), --secret (string), --pfs (true or false), --extra\_config (string), --cloud\_wan\_subnets, --private\_ipaddress (ip address xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx)

**Argument:** The “--endpointid” arg is the id number of the specific endpoint which is being edited. The “--name” arg is a user-supplied name for the connection which will show up as a label in the web UI. The “--ipaddress” arg is the IP Address of the remote gateway. The “--secret” arg is the pre-shared key for the connection. The “--pfs” enables Perfect Forward Secrecy if true, disables if false. The “--extra\_config” arg is a string with additional options for the connection, the string must include line breaks as displayed below. The “--private\_ipaddress” arg is the internal NAT address of the remote gateway.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Edit IPsec connection to the defined remote gateway.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address
edit_ipsec_endpoint --endpointid 1 --private_ipaddress gateway_nat_address
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73
create_ipsec_endpoint --endpointid 1 --private_ipaddress 192.168
```

**Response:** (next page)



**Call:** edit\_ipsec\_endpoint (continued)

**Response:**

name: API\_Created\_Entry\_for\_Remote\_System

ipaddress: 184.72.229.148

id: 4

extra\_config:

- ike=aes256-sha1

- esp=aes256-sha1

- dpdaction=restart

- dpdtimeout=120

- dpddelay=30

cloud\_wan\_subnets: []

pfs: true

private\_ipaddress: 192.0.4.250

remote\_subnets: {}

bgp\_peers: {}

**Note:** In this example we used edit\_ipsec\_endpoint to add a property we didn't set the first time; the NAT address of the remote gateway.

**Call:** desc\_ipsec\_endpoint

**Argument Switch:** --endpointid

**Argument:** The "--endpointid" arg specifies which of the defined remote endpoints for which detailed information is desired.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Returns detailed information about the IPsec endpoint specified.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address  
desc_ipsec_endpoint --endpointid integer_of_one_of_the_endpoints
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73 desc_ipsec_endpoint --  
endpointid 1
```

**Response:**

The same information is returned for this single IPsec endpoint specified - identical to the information returned via desc\_ipsec.

**Call:** create\_remote\_subnet

**Argument Switch:** --endpointid (integer), --subnet (CIDR)

**Argument:** The “--endpointid” arg specifies the remote endpoints for which a subnet tunnel is to be created. The subnet is a CIDR specification for the subnet at the remote gateway.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Creates an IPsec tunnel to the remote gateway for communicating with the subnet specified.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address
create_remote_subnet --endpointid integer_of_one_of_the_endpoints --subnet cidr_spec
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73 create_remote_subnet
--endpointid 1 --subnet 192.168.1.0/24
```

**Response:**

remote\_subnets:

"2":

id: 2

subnet: 192.168.1.0/24

**Note:** The endpoint info is returned along with a “remote\_subnets:” section. The endpoint IDs and remote subnets share the same numbering sequence. In this case with the endpoint having an ID of “1”, the next endpoint or subnet gets an id of “2”, as seen in this response.





**Call:** delete\_remote\_subnet

**Argument Switch:** --endpointid (integer), --subnetid (integer)

**Argument:** The "--endpointid" arg specifies the remote endpoint for which a subnet tunnel is to be deleted. The "--subnetid" arg specifies a subnet which must be associated with the endpoint chosen.

**Allowed Pre-License:** No

**Purpose:** Removes an IPsec tunnel to the remote gateway as specified by the subnet id.

```
command prompt> ruby vpncubed.rb -K "api" -S "myapisecret" -H manager-ip-address  
delete_remote_subnet --endpointid integer_of_one_of_the_endpoints --subnetid subnet_id
```

```
ruby $vpn3api_home/vpncubed.rb -K api -S "apidemopassword" -H 174.129.238.73 delete_remote_subnet  
--endpointid 1 --subnetid 2
```

**Response:**

The endpoint info is returned.

**Issue appears to be “hopping” on and off the network.** This is usually the result of the same client keys being installed on two client machines in the network. Only one client machine can use a set of credentials at a given time.

**Fetch Keyset appears to hang or not work.** Check to see if the Amazon security group is correct for port 8000 between the manager you are getting the keyset from and the manager you are do the fetch from. If they are separated across Amazon USA and Amazon EU you will need to have thier security group reference the public IP addresses. When you do the “Fetch Keyset” command use the managers public IP address.

**Manager IDs seem correct, EC2 security groups seem correct, but managers, especially ones launched via separate launch commands will not “peer”.** Review your worksheet and your launch commands. Ensure that the managers were all launched with the same alphanumeric string.

End

