

ASA/PIX: Remote VPN Server with Inbound NAT for VPN Client Traffic with CLI and ASDM Configuration Example

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[Introduction](#)

This document describes how to configure the Cisco 5500 Series Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) to act as a remote VPN server using the Adaptive Security Device Manager (ASDM) or CLI and NAT the Inbound VPN Client traffic. The ASDM delivers world-class security management and monitoring through an intuitive, easy-to-use Web-based management interface. Once the Cisco ASA configuration is complete, it can be verified through the Cisco VPN Client.

[Prerequisites](#)

[Requirements](#)

This document assumes that the ASA is fully operational and configured to allow the Cisco ASDM or CLI to make configuration changes. The ASA is also assumed to be configured for Outbound NAT. Refer to [Allow Inside Hosts Access to Outside Networks with the use of PAT](#) for more information on how to configure Outbound NAT.

Note: Refer to [Allowing HTTPS Access for ASDM](#) or [PIX/ASA 7.x: SSH on the Inside and Outside Interface Configuration Example](#) to allow the device to be remotely configured by the ASDM or

Secure Shell (SSH).

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance Software version 7.x and later
- Adaptive Security Device Manager version 5.x and later
- Cisco VPN Client version 4.x and later

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, make sure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Related Products

This configuration can also be used with Cisco PIX Security Appliance version 7.x and later.

Conventions

Refer to [Cisco Technical Tips Conventions](#) for more information on document conventions.

Background Information

Remote access configurations provide secure remote access for Cisco VPN clients, such as mobile users. A remote access VPN lets remote users securely access centralized network resources. The Cisco VPN Client complies with the IPSec protocol and is specifically designed to work with the security appliance. However, the security appliance can establish IPSec connections with many protocol-compliant clients. Refer to [ASA Configuration Guides](#) for more information on IPSec.

Groups and users are core concepts in the management of the security of VPNs and in the configuration of the security appliance. They specify attributes that determine users access to and use of the VPN. A group is a collection of users treated as a single entity. Users get their attributes from group policies. Tunnel groups identify the group policy for specific connections. If you do not assign a particular group policy to users, the default group policy for the connection applies.

A tunnel group consists of a set of records that determines tunnel connection policies. These records identify the servers to which the tunnel users are authenticated, as well as the accounting servers, if any, to which connection information is sent. They also identify a default group policy for the connections, and they contain protocol-specific connection parameters. Tunnel groups include a small number of attributes that pertain to the creation of the tunnel itself. Tunnel groups include a pointer to a group policy that defines user-oriented attributes.

Configurations

Configure the ASA/PIX as a Remote VPN Server with ASDM

Complete these steps in order to configure the Cisco ASA as a remote VPN server with ASDM:

1. Open your browser and enter **https://<IP_Address of the interface of ASA that has been configured for ASDM Access>** in order to access the ASDM on the ASA. Make sure to authorize any warnings your browser gives you related to SSL certificate authenticity. The default username and password are both blank. The ASA presents this window to allow the download of the ASDM application. This example loads the application onto the local computer and does not run in a Java applet.
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Cisco ASDM 6.1



Cisco ASDM 6.1(3) provides an intuitive graphical user interface that makes it easy to set up, configure and manage your Cisco Security Appliances.

Cisco ASDM runs as either a local application or Java Web Start.

Running Cisco ASDM as a local Application

When you run Cisco ASDM as a local application, it connects to your Security Appliance from your desktop via SSL. Running Cisco ASDM as an application has these advantages:

- You can invoke ASDM from desktop shortcuts. No browser is required.
- One desktop shortcut allows you to connect to *multiple* Security Appliances.



Install ASDM Launcher and Run ASDM

Running Cisco ASDM as Java Web Start

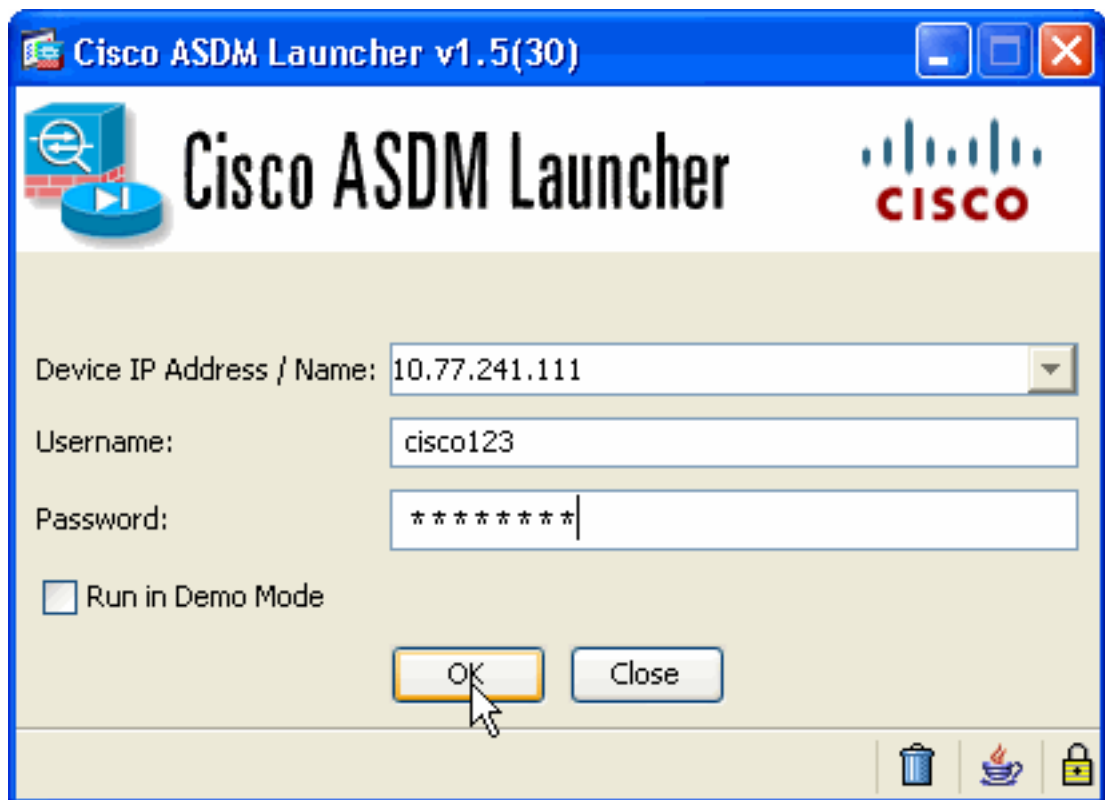
You can run Cisco ASDM as Java Web Start that is dynamically downloaded from the device to which you connect.

- Click **Run ASDM** to run Cisco ASDM.
- Click **Run Startup Wizard** to run Startup Wizard. Startup Wizard walks you through, step by step, the initial configuration of your security appliance.

Run ASDM

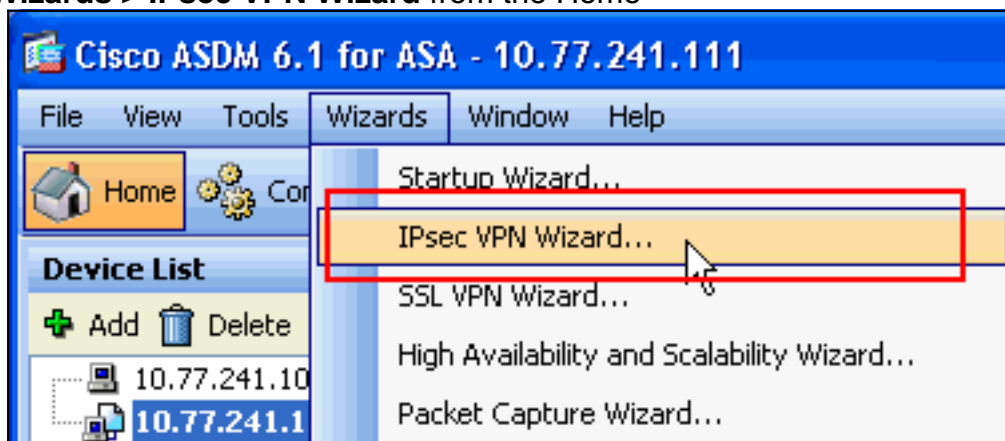
Run Startup Wizard

2. Click **Download ASDM Launcher and Start ASDM** in order to download the installer for the ASDM application.
3. Once the ASDM Launcher downloads, complete the steps directed by the prompts in order to install the software and run the Cisco ASDM Launcher.
4. Enter the IP address for the interface you configured with the **http -** command, and a username and password if you specified one. This example uses **cisco123** as the username and **cisco123** as the



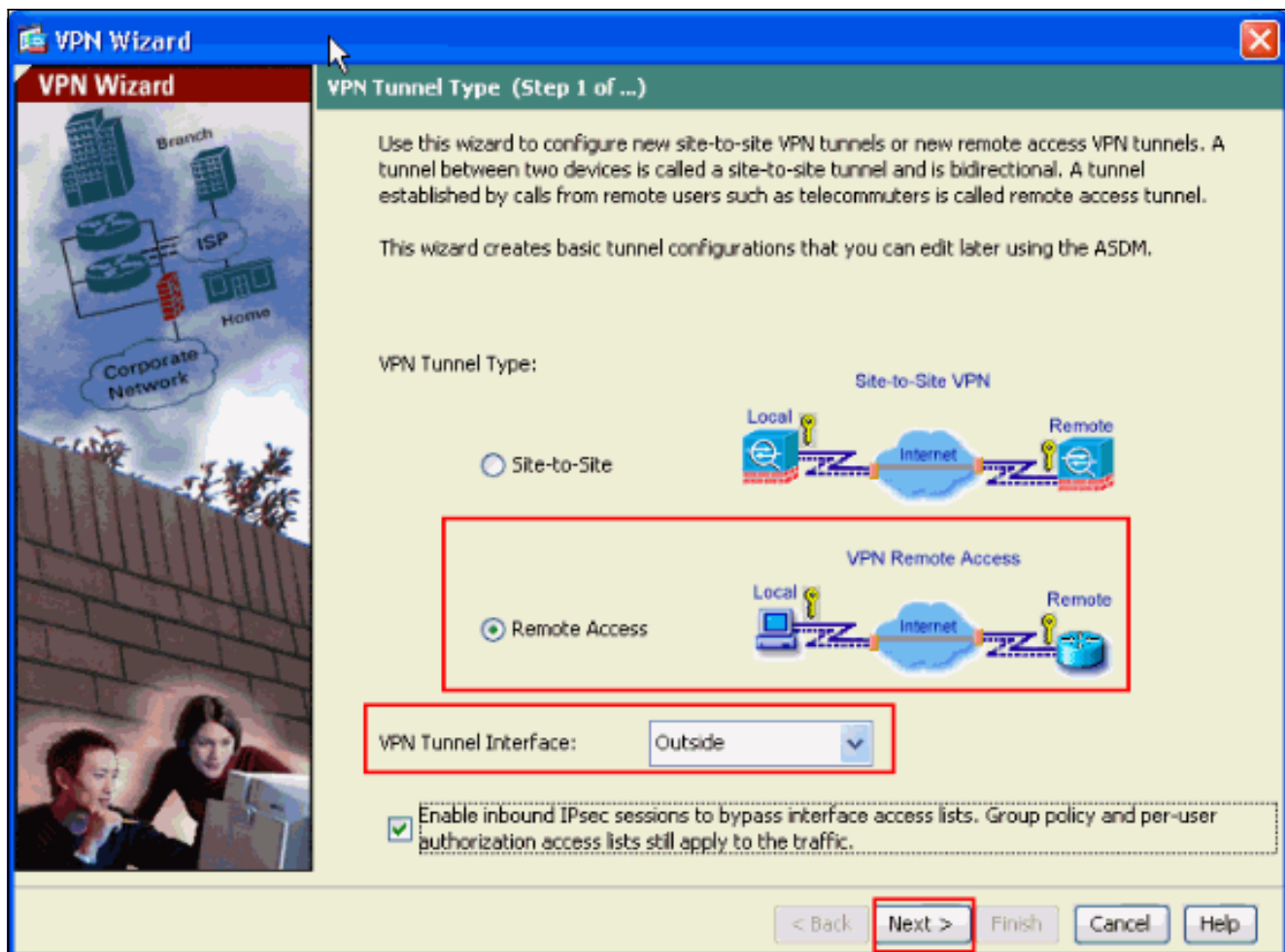
password.

5. Select **Wizards > IPsec VPN Wizard** from the Home

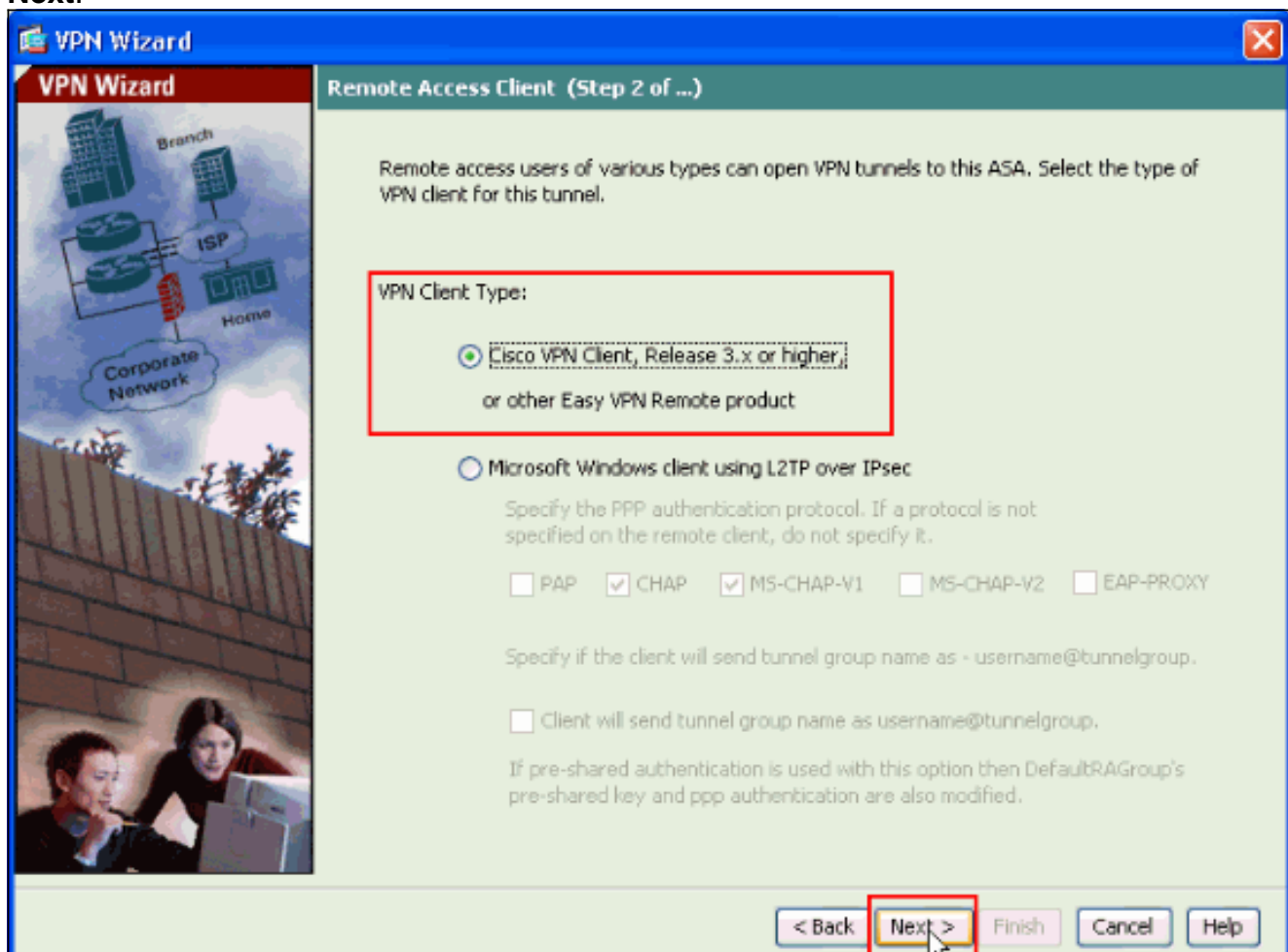


window.

6. Select the **Remote Access** VPN tunnel type and ensure that the VPN Tunnel Interface is set as desired, and click **Next** as shown here.



7. The VPN Client Type is chosen, as shown. **Cisco VPN Client** is chosen here. Click **Next**.



8. Enter a name for the **Tunnel Group Name**. Enter the authentication information to use, which is the **pre-shared key** in this example. The pre-shared key used in this example is **cisco123**. The Tunnel Group Name used in this example is **cisco**. Click **Next**.

VPN Wizard

VPN Client Authentication Method and Tunnel Group Name (Step 3 of ...)

The ASA allows you to group remote access tunnel users based on common connection parameters and client attributes configured in the subsequent screens. Configure authentication method and tunnel group for this remote connection. Use the same tunnel group name for the device and the remote client.

Authentication Method

Pre-shared key

Pre-Shared Key:

Certificate

Certificate Signing Algorithm: rsa-sig

Certificate Name:

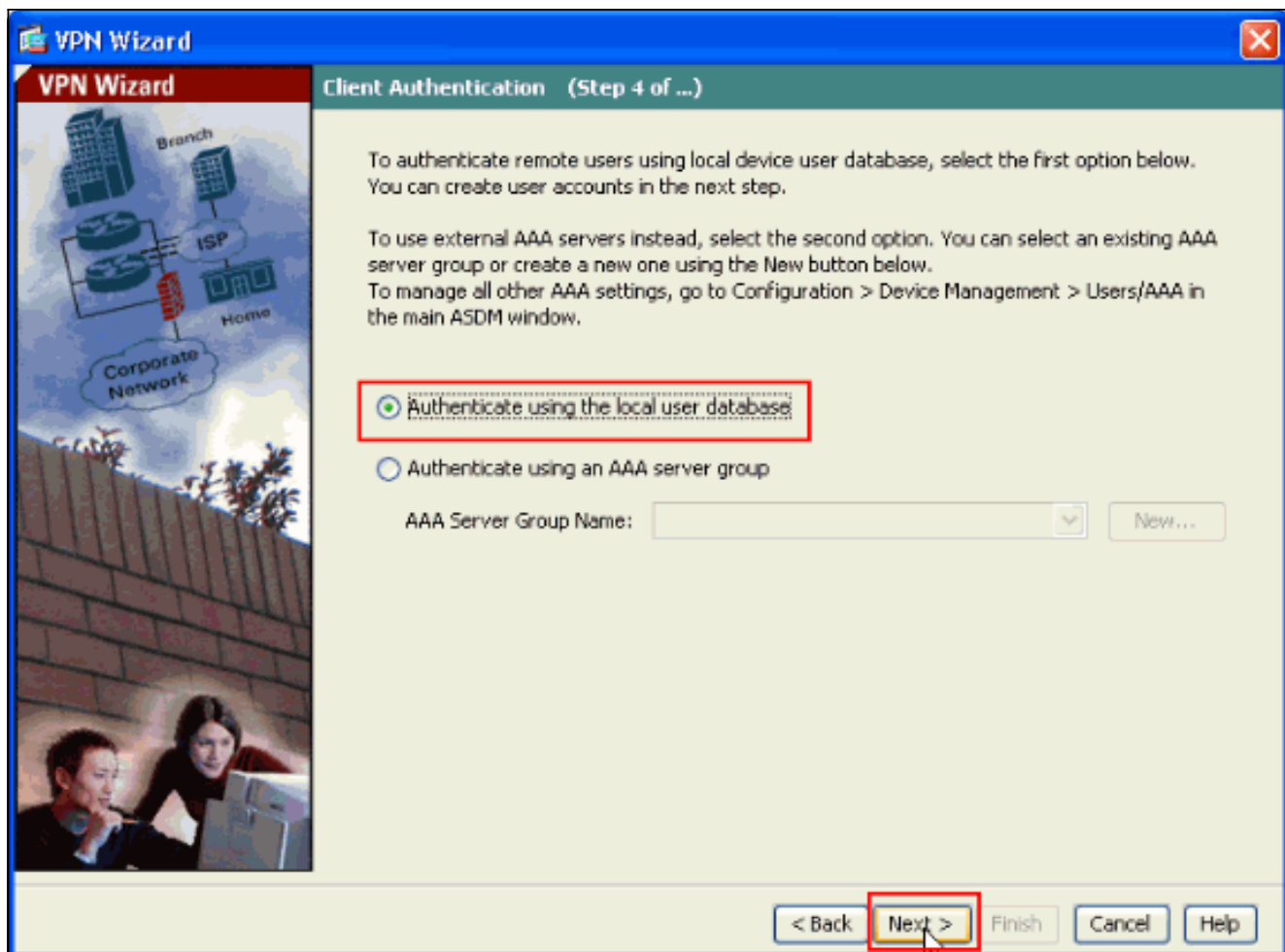
Challenge/response authentication (CRACK)

Tunnel Group

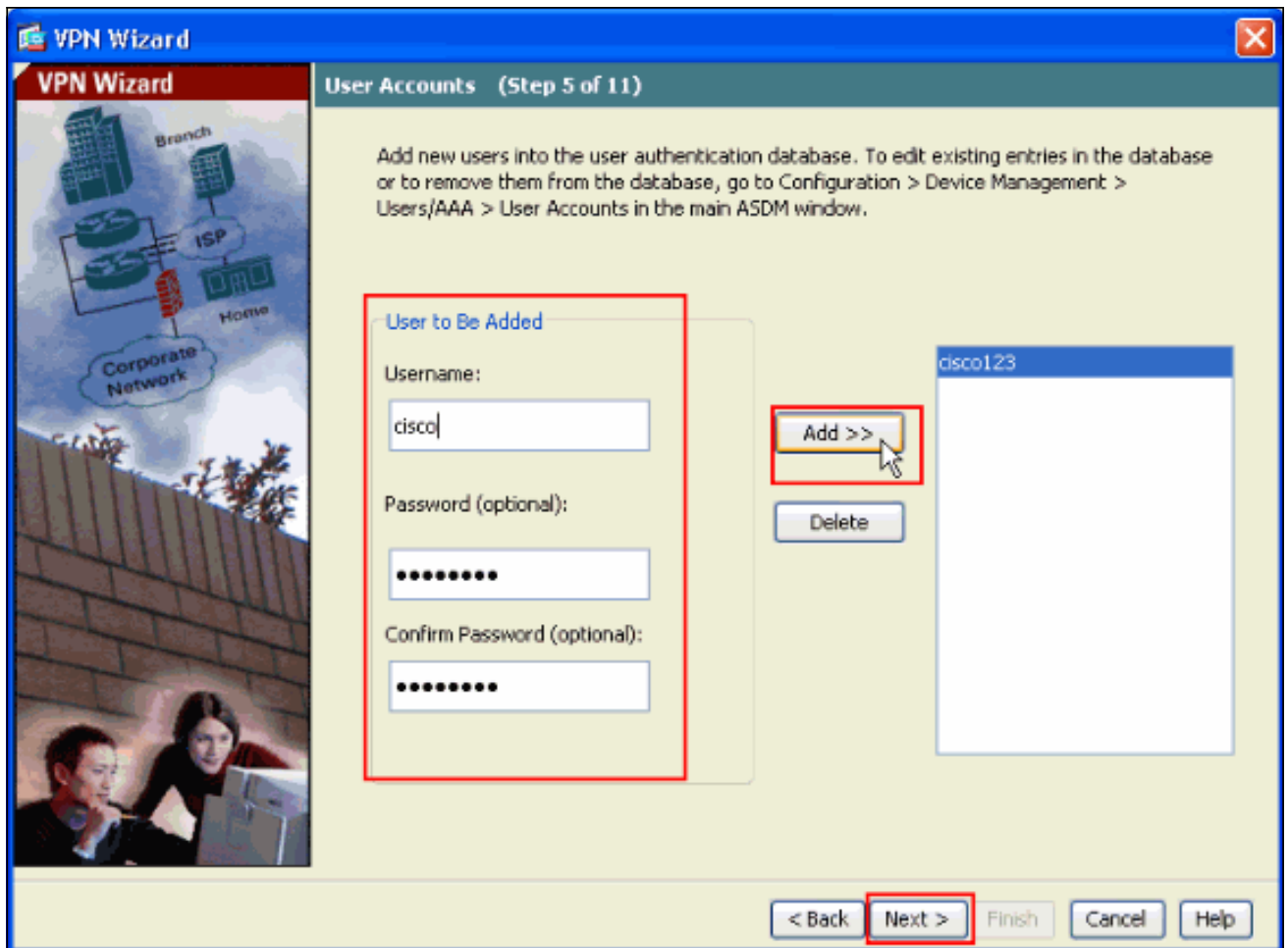
Tunnel Group Name:

< Back **Next >** Finish Cancel Help

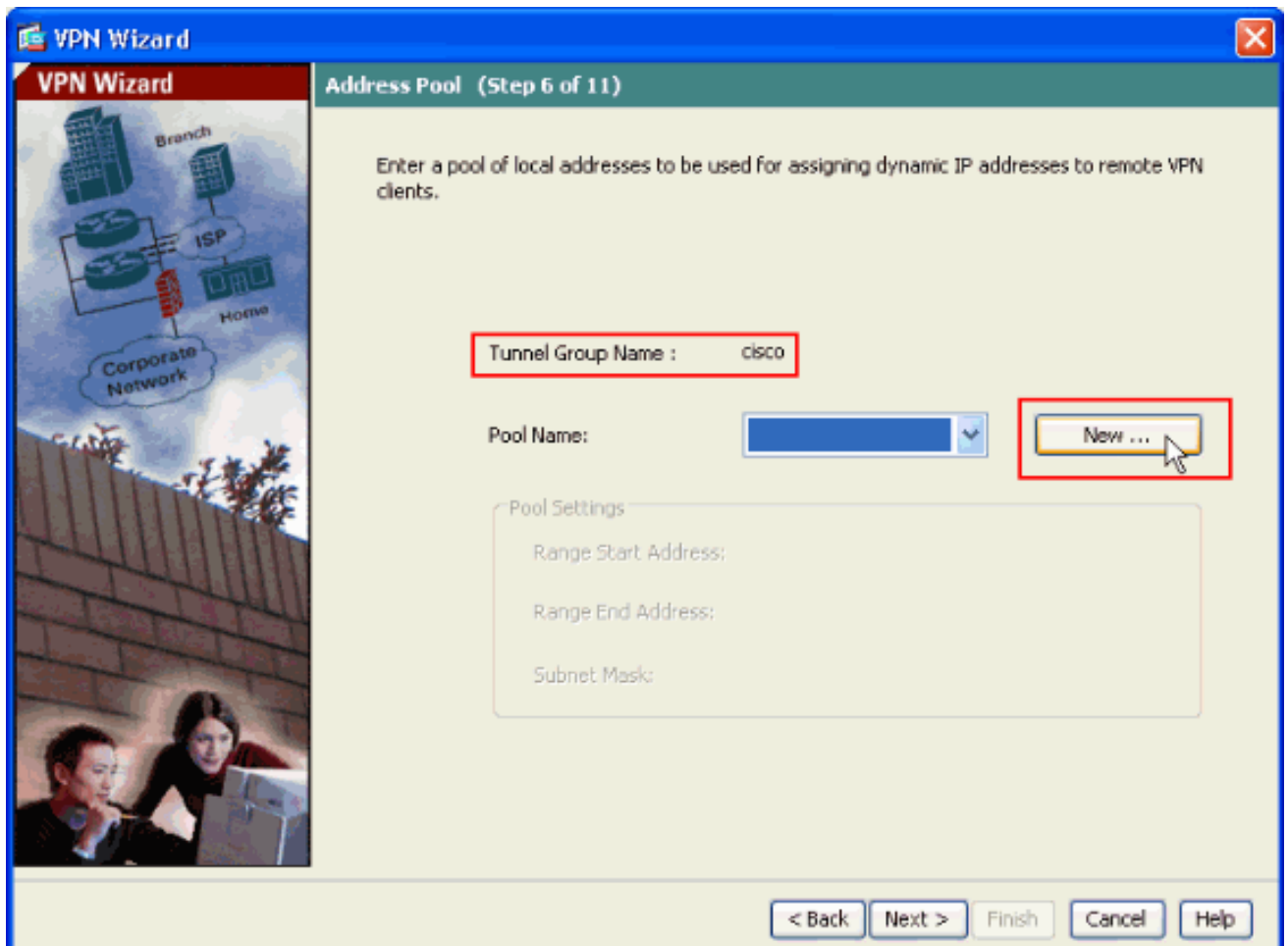
9. Choose whether you want remote users to be authenticated to the local user database or to an external AAA server group. **Note:** You add users to the local user database in step 10. **Note:** Refer to [PIX/ASA 7.x Authentication and Authorization Server Groups for VPN Users via ASDM Configuration Example](#) for information on how to configure an external AAA server group with ASDM.



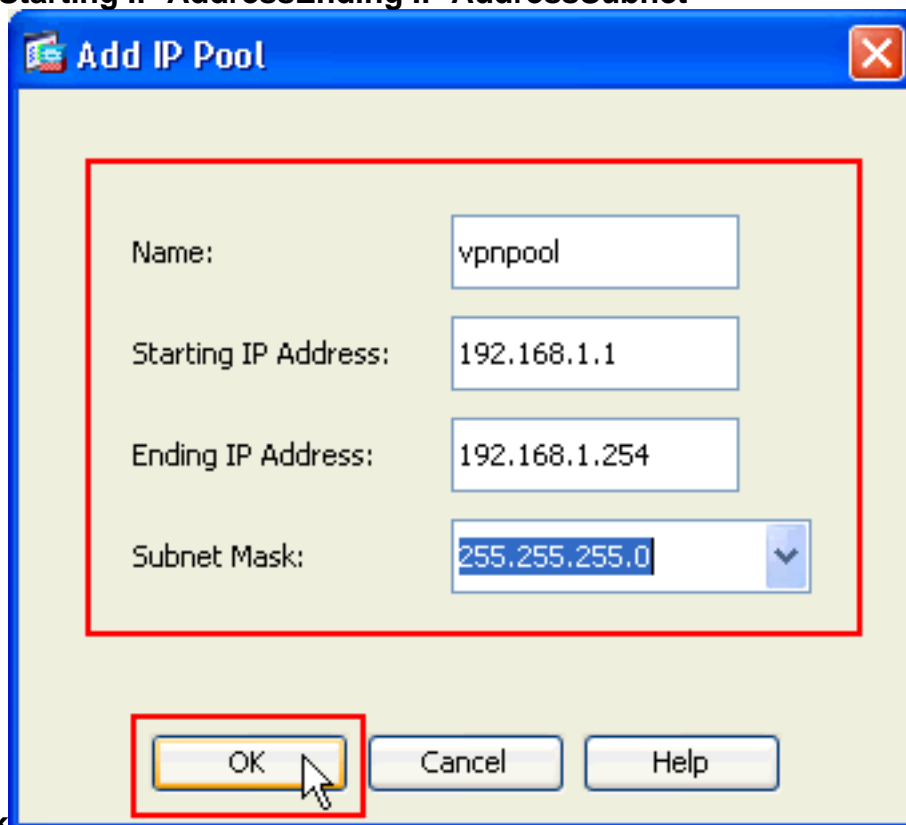
10. Provide a **Username** and optional **Password** and click **Add** in order to add new users to the user authentication database. Click **Next**. **Note:** Do not remove existing users from this window. Select **Configuration > Device Management > Users/AAA > User Accounts** in the main ASDM window to edit existing entries in the database or to remove them from the database.



11. In order to define a pool of local addresses to be dynamically assigned to remote VPN Clients, click **New** to create a new **IP Pool**.

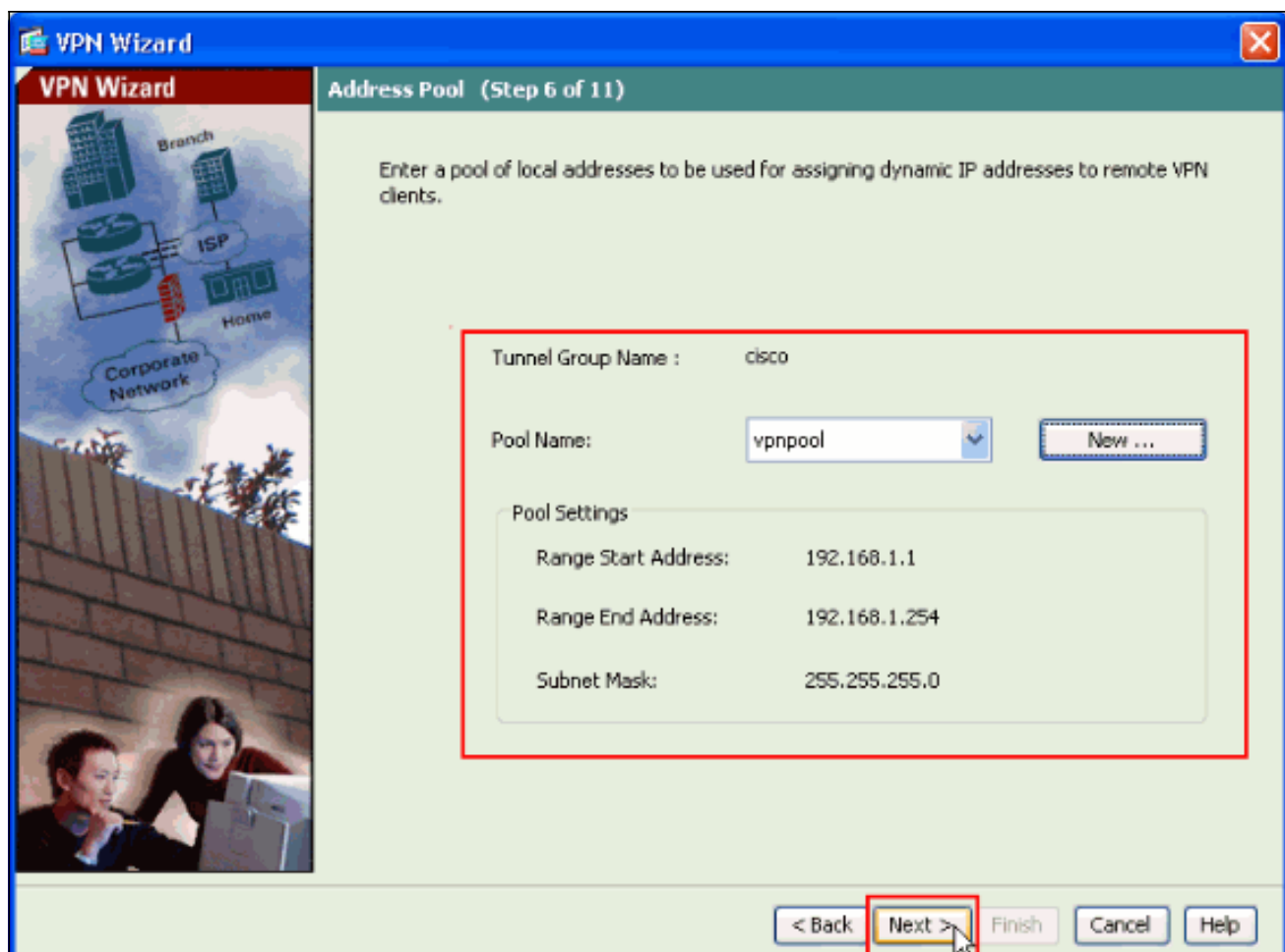


12. In the new window titled **Add IP Pool** provide this information, and click **OK**.
Name of the IP Pool **Starting IP Address** **Ending IP Address** **Subnet**

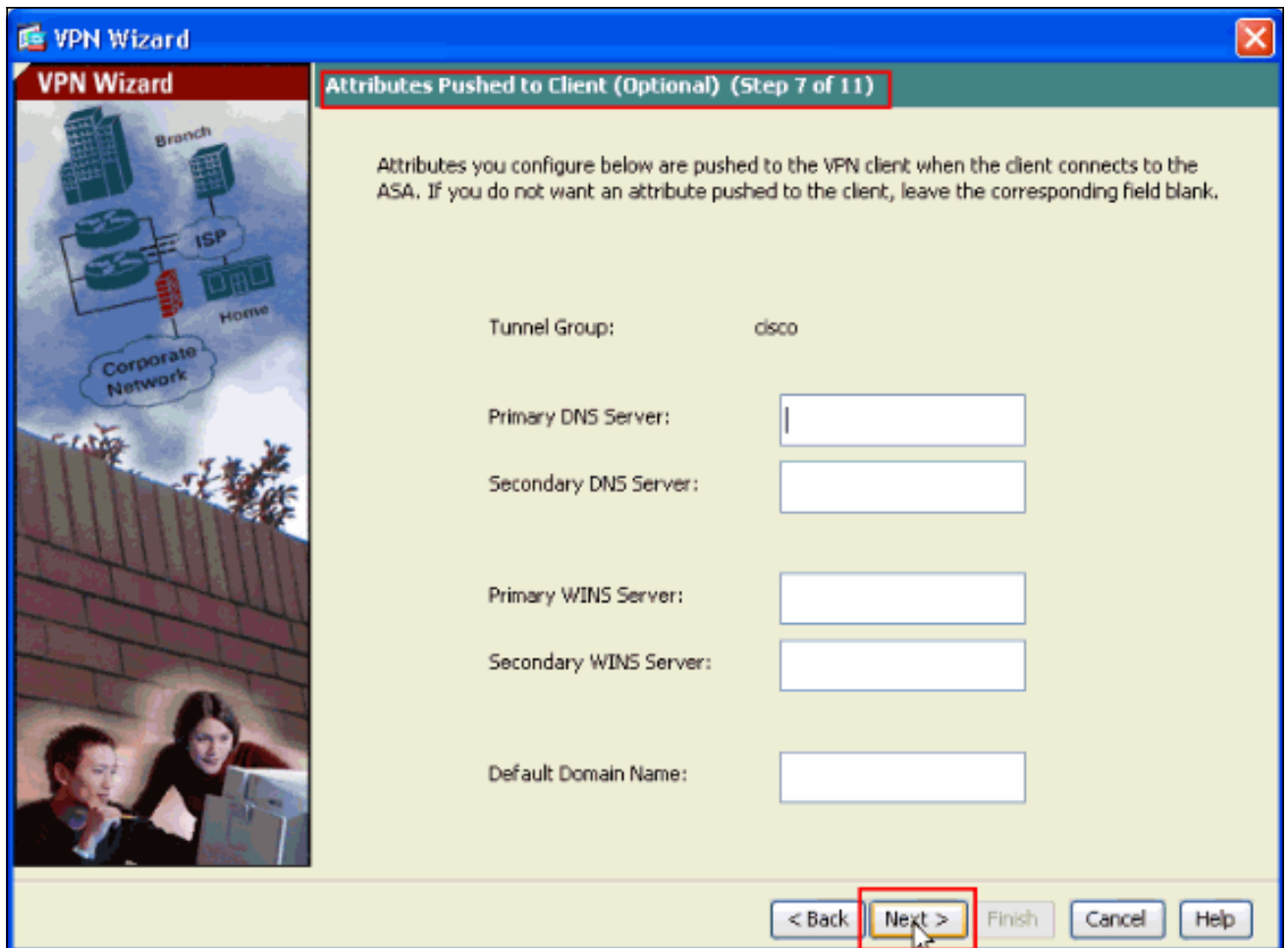


Mask

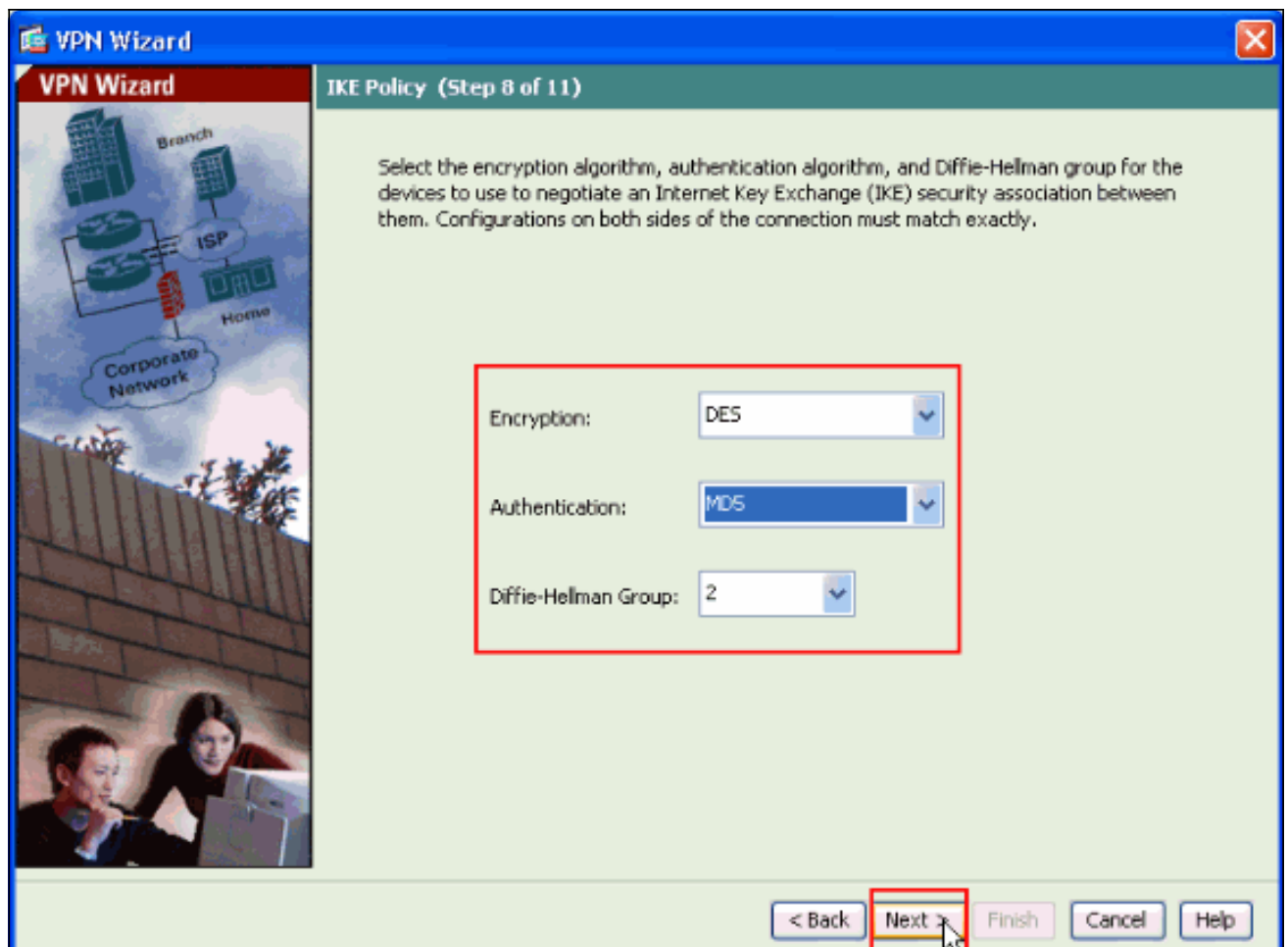
13. After you define the pool of local addresses to be dynamically assigned to remote VPN Clients when they connect, click **Next**.



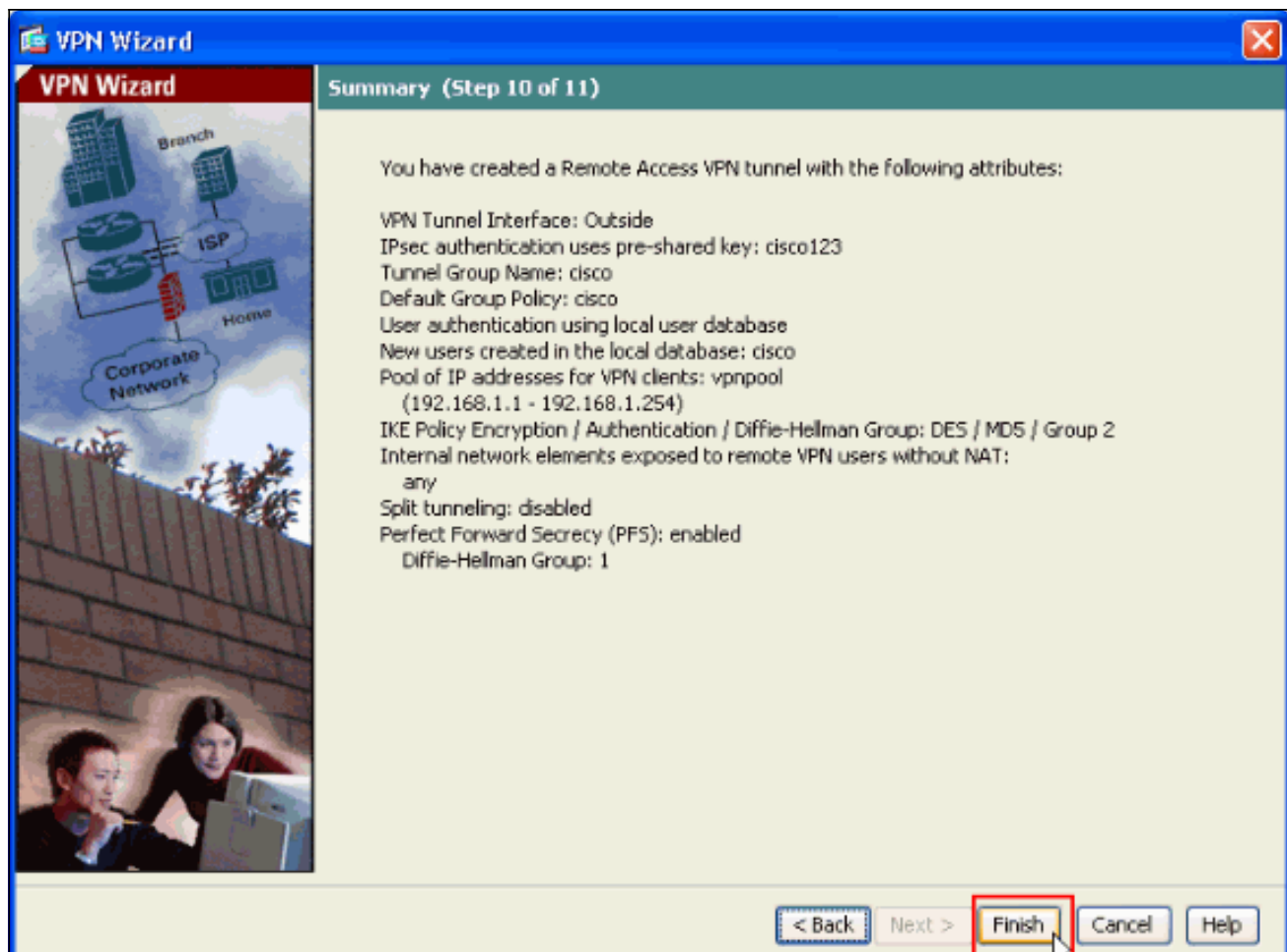
14. *Optional:* Specify the DNS and WINS server information and a Default Domain Name to be pushed to remote VPN Clients.



15. Specify the parameters for IKE, also known as IKE Phase 1. Configurations on both sides of the tunnel must match exactly. However, the Cisco VPN Client automatically selects the proper configuration for itself. Therefore, no IKE configuration is necessary on the client PC.



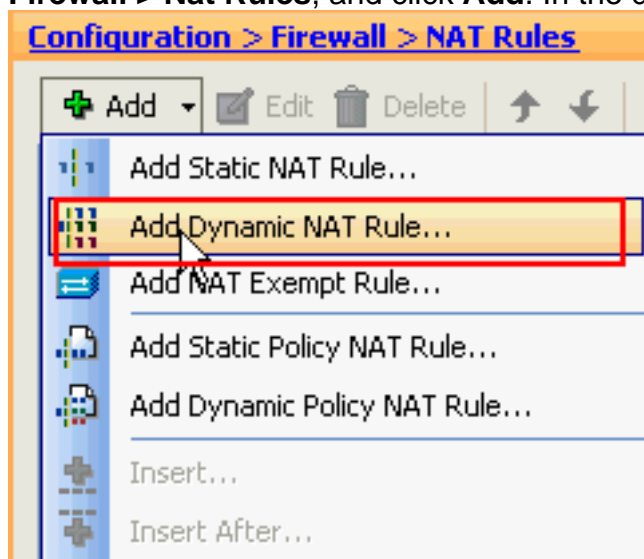
16. This window shows a summary of the actions that you have taken. Click **Finish** if you are satisfied with your configuration.



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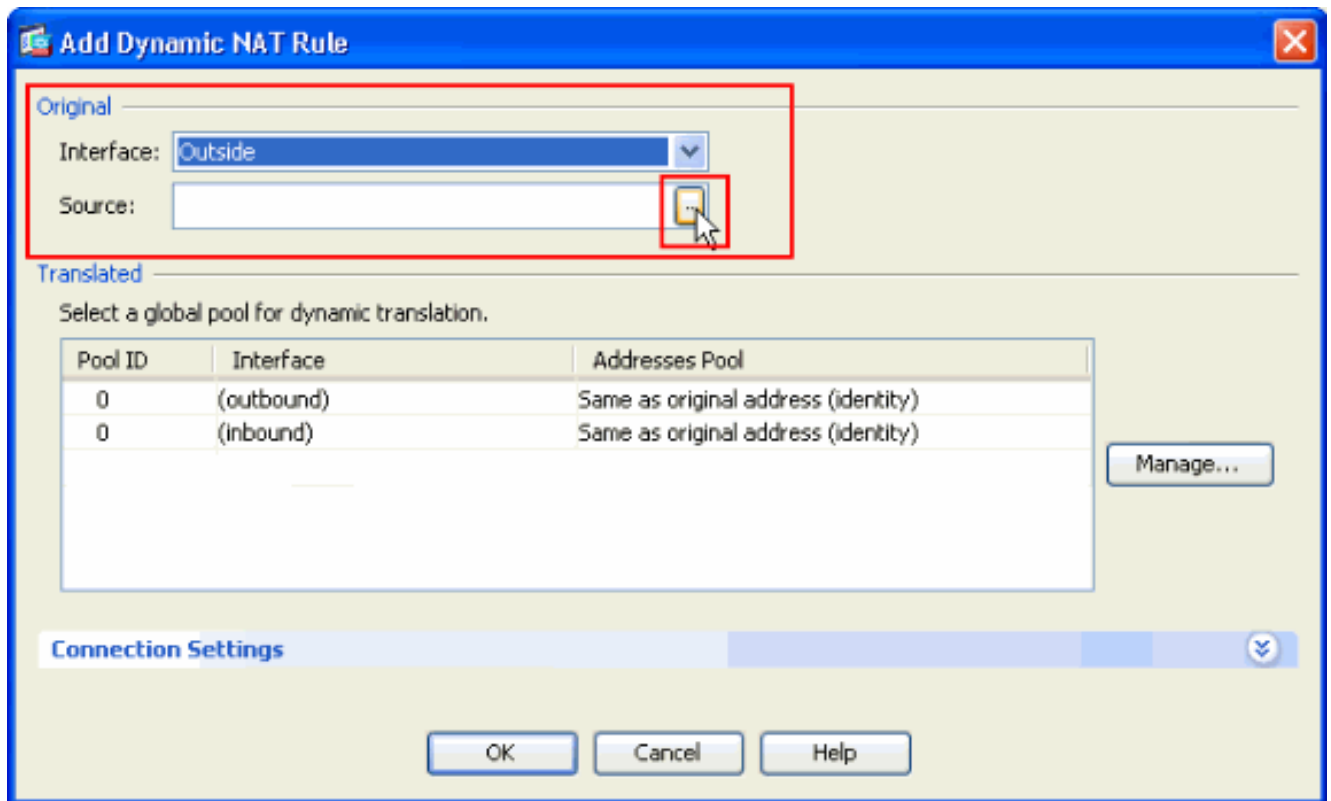
Complete these steps in order to configure the Cisco ASA to NAT Inbound VPN Client traffic with ASDM:

1. Choose **Configuration > Firewall > Nat Rules**, and click **Add**. In the drop-down list, select

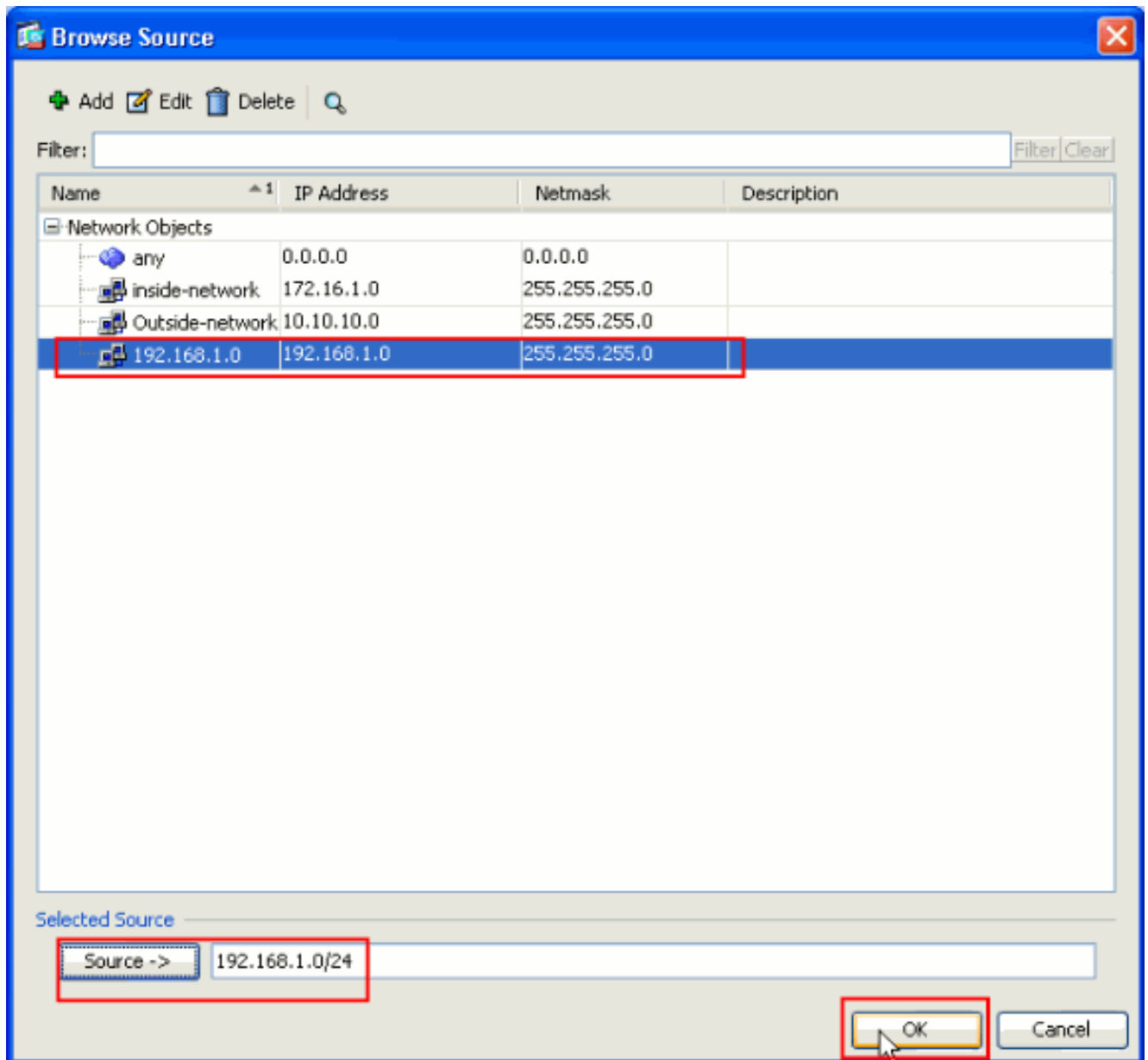


Add Dynamic NAT Rule.

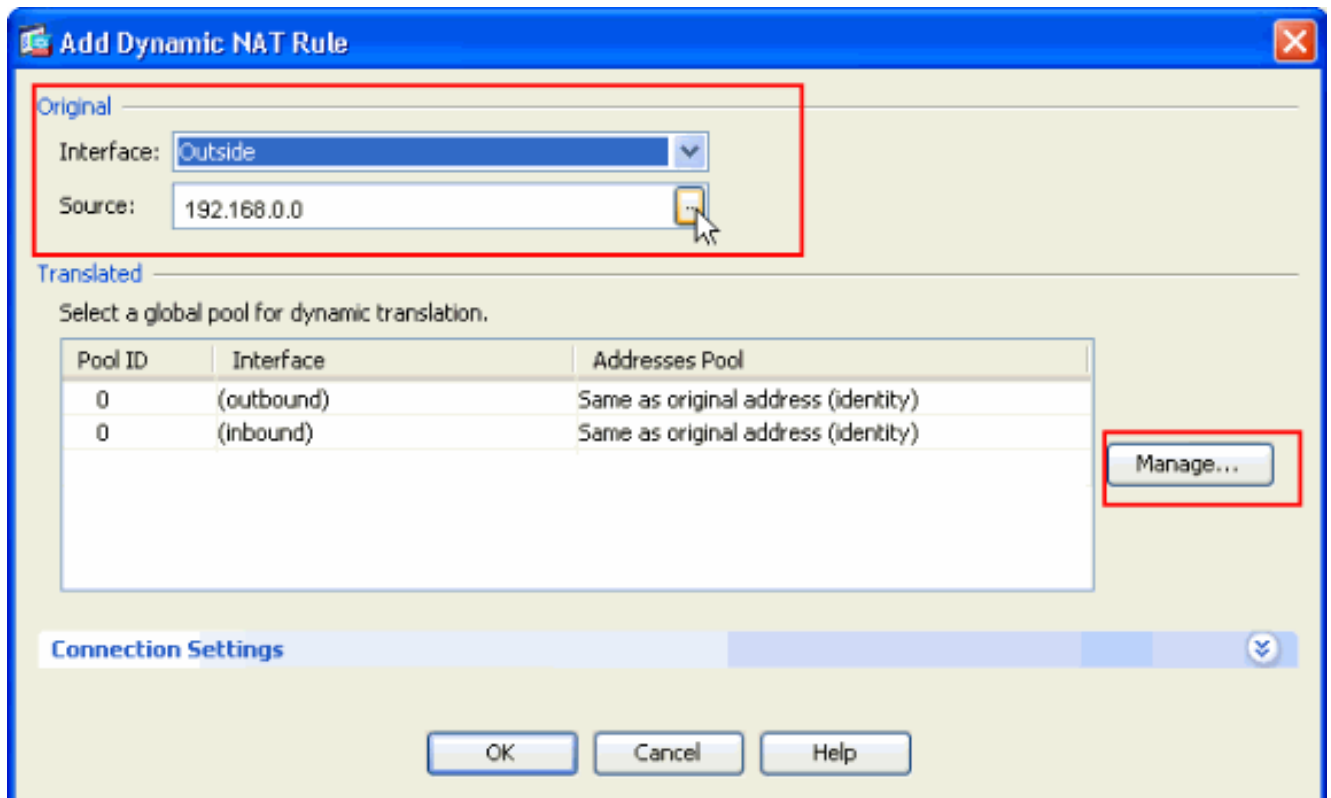
2. In the **Add Dynamic NAT Rule** window, choose **Outside** as the Interface, and click the browse button next to the **Source** box.



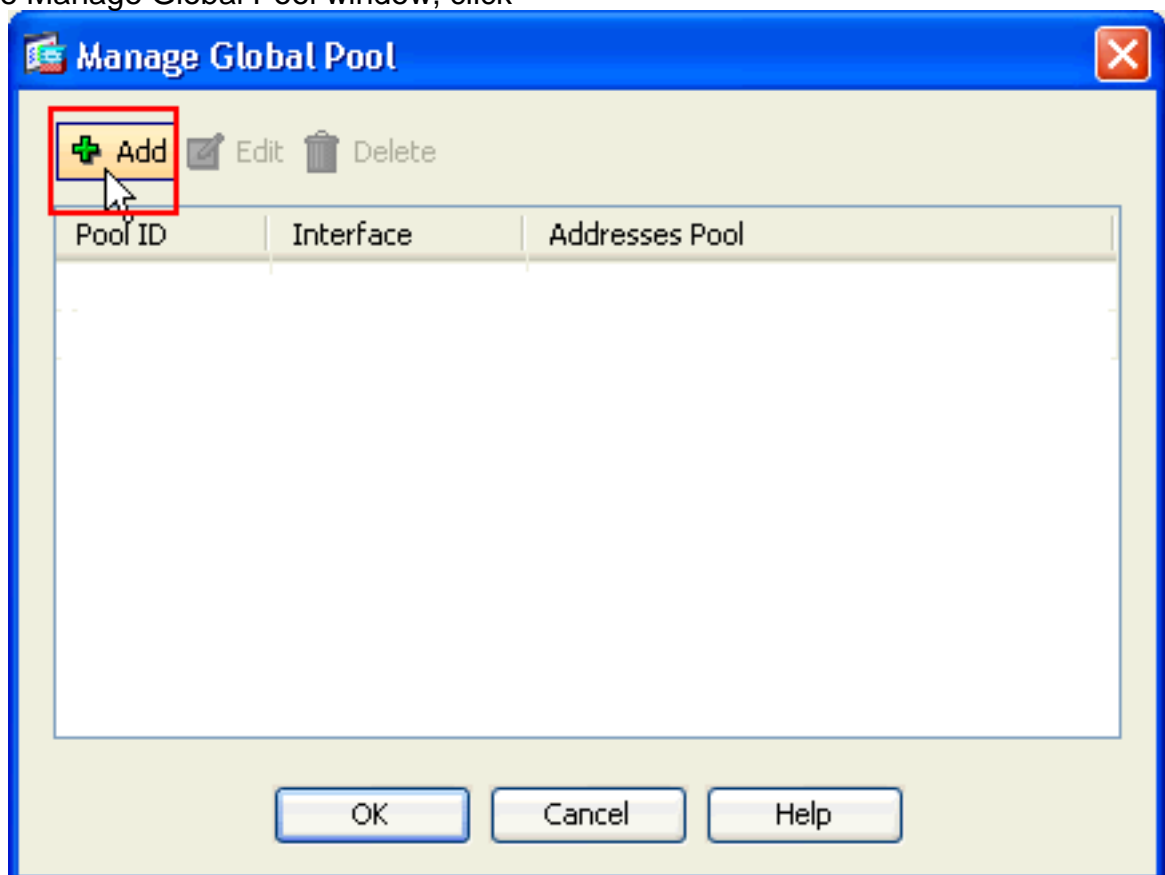
3. In the Browse Source window, select the proper network objects and also choose the **source** under the Selected Source section, and click **OK**. Here the 192.168.1.0 Network Object is chosen.



4. Click **Manage**.

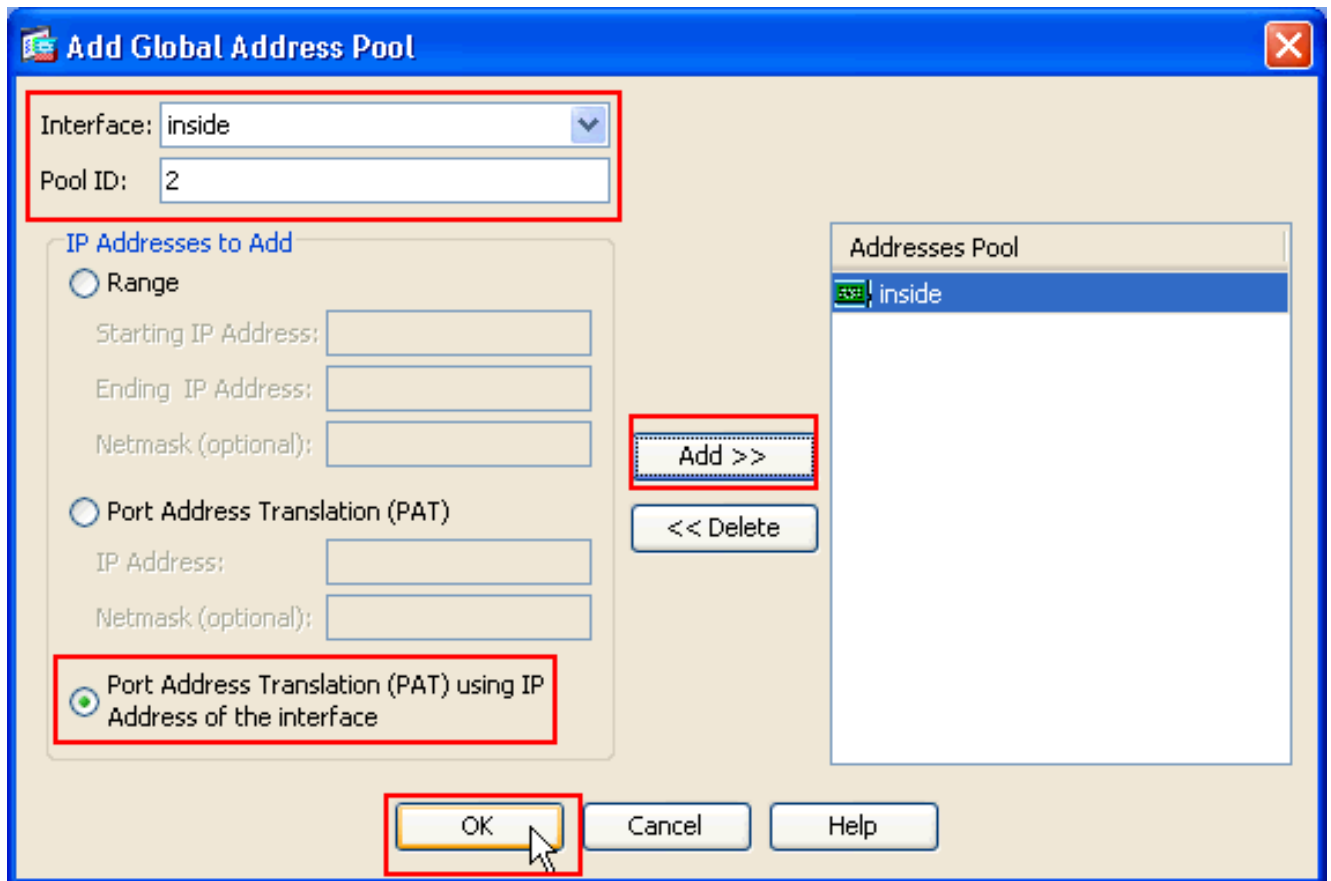


5. In the Manage Global Pool window, click

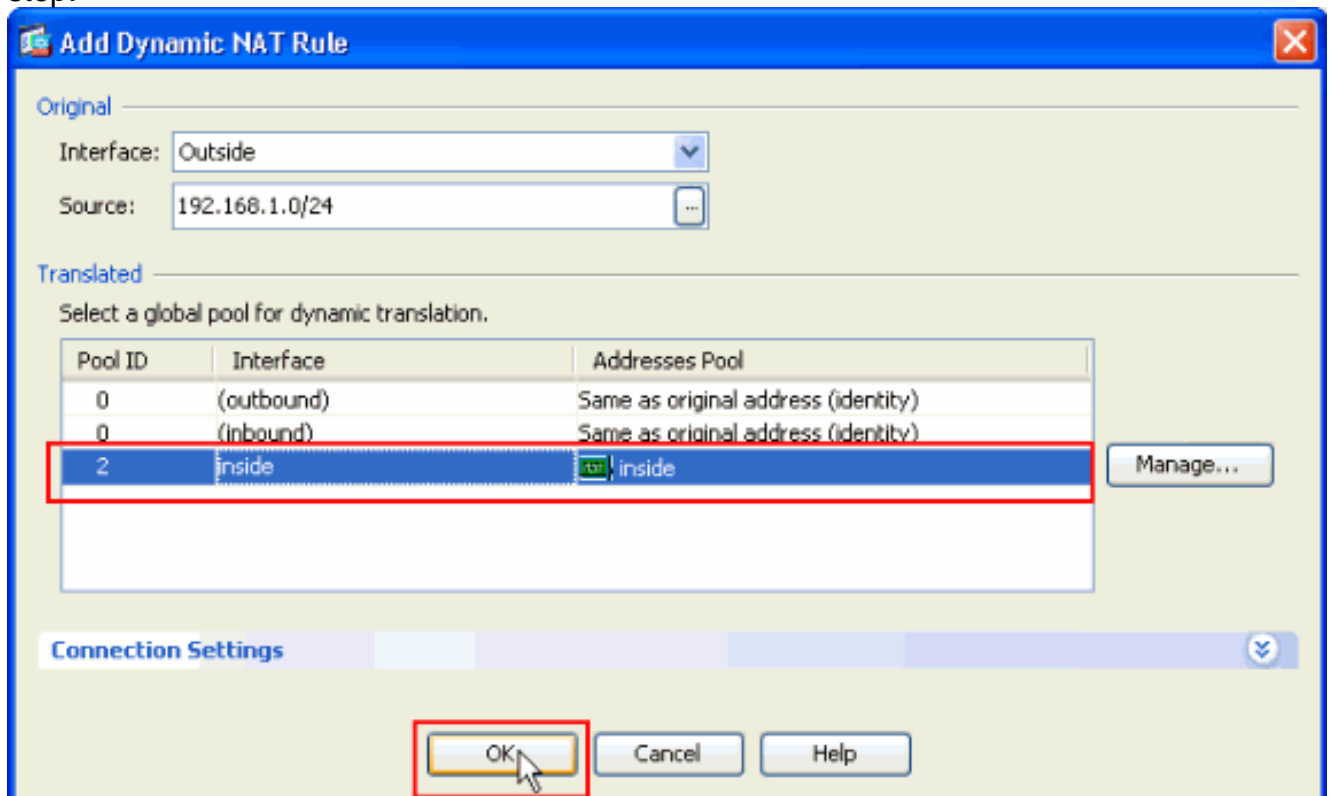


Add.

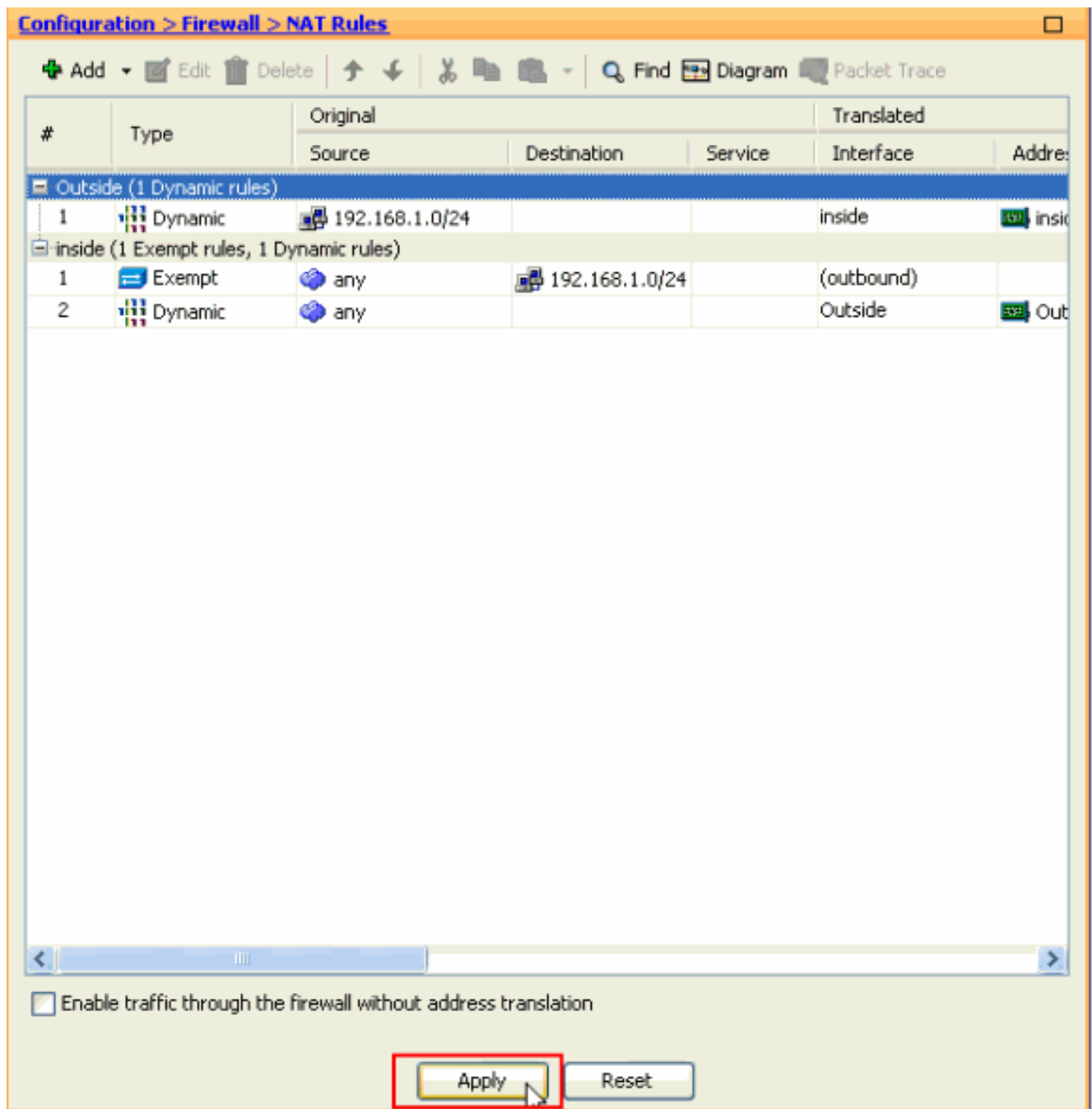
6. In the Add Global Address Pool window, choose **Inside** as the Interface and **2** as the **Pool ID**. Also make sure that the radio button next to **PAT using IP Address of the interface** is selected. Click **Add>>**, and then click **OK**.



- Click **OK** after you select the global pool with the **Pool ID 2** configured in the previous step.



- Now click **Apply** so that the configuration is applied to the ASA. This completes the configuration.



[Configure the ASA/PIX as a Remote VPN Server and for Inbound NAT with the CLI](#)

Running Config on the ASA Device

```

ciscoasa#show running-config : Saved ASA Version 8.0(3)
! hostname ciscoasa enable password 8Ry2YjIyt7RRXU24
encrypted names ! interface Ethernet0/0 nameif Outside
security-level 0 ip address 10.10.10.2 255.255.255.0 !
interface Ethernet0/1 nameif inside security-level 100
ip address 172.16.1.2 255.255.255.0 ! ! passwd
2KFQnbNIdI.2KYOU encrypted boot system disk0:/asa803-
k8.bin ftp mode passive access-list inside_nat0_outbound
extended permit ip any 192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0 pager
lines 24 logging enable mtu Outside 1500 mtu inside 1500
ip local pool vpnpool 192.168.1.1-192.168.1.254 mask
255.255.255.0 no failover icmp unreachable rate-limit 1
burst-size 1 asdm image disk0:/asdm-615.bin asdm history
enable arp timeout 14400 nat-control global (Outside) 1
interface global (inside) 2 interface nat (Outside) 2

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192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0 outside nat (inside) 0 access-
list inside_nat0_outbound nat (inside) 1 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0
route Outside 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 10.10.10.3 1 timeout xlate
3:00:00 timeout conn 1:00:00 half-closed 0:10:00 udp
0:02:00 icmp 0:00:02 timeout sunrpc 0:10:00 h323 0:05:00
h225 1:00:00 mgcp 0:05:00 mgcp-pat 0:05:00 timeout sip
0:30:00 sip_media 0:02:00 sip-invite 0:03:00 sip-
disconnect 0:02:00 timeout uauth 0:05:00 absolute
dynamic-access-policy-record DfltAccessPolicy http
server enable no snmp-server location no snmp-server
contact !--- Configuration for IPsec policies. !---
Enables the crypto transform configuration mode, !---
where you can specify the transform sets that are used
!--- during an IPsec negotiation. crypto ipsec
transform-set ESP-DES-SHA esp-des esp-sha-hmac crypto
ipsec transform-set ESP-DES-MD5 esp-des esp-md5-hmac
crypto dynamic-map SYSTEM_DEFAULT_CRYPTOMAP 65535 set
pfs group1 crypto dynamic-map SYSTEM_DEFAULT_CRYPTOMAP
65535 set transform-set ESP-DES-SHA ESP-DES-MD5 crypto
map Outside_map 65535 ipsec-isakmp dynamic
SYSTEM_DEFAULT_CRYPTOMAP crypto map Outside_map
interface Outside crypto isakmp enable Outside !---
Configuration for IKE policies. !--- Enables the IKE
policy configuration (config-isakmp) !--- command mode,
where you can specify the parameters that !--- are used
during an IKE negotiation. Encryption and !--- Policy
details are hidden as the default values are chosen.
crypto isakmp policy 10 authentication pre-share
encryption des hash sha group 2 lifetime 86400 crypto
isakmp policy 30 authentication pre-share encryption des
hash md5 group 2 lifetime 86400 telnet timeout 5 ssh
timeout 60 console timeout 0 management-access inside
threat-detection basic-threat threat-detection
statistics access-list group-policy cisco internal
group-policy cisco attributes vpn-tunnel-protocol IPSec
!--- Specifies the username and password with their !---
respective privilege levels username cisco123 password
ffIRPGpDSOJh9YLq encrypted privilege 15 username cisco
password ffIRPGpDSOJh9YLq encrypted privilege 0 username
cisco attributes vpn-group-policy cisco tunnel-group
cisco type remote-access tunnel-group cisco general-
attributes address-pool vpnpool default-group-policy
cisco !--- Specifies the pre-shared key "cisco123" which
must !--- be identical at both peers. This is a global
!--- configuration mode command. tunnel-group cisco
ipsec-attributes pre-shared-key * ! class-map
inspection_default match default-inspection-traffic ! !
policy-map type inspect dns migrated_dns_map_1
parameters message-length maximum 512 policy-map
global_policy class inspection_default inspect dns
migrated_dns_map_1 inspect ftp inspect h323 h225 inspect
h323 ras inspect netbios inspect rsh inspect rtsp
inspect skinny inspect esmtp inspect sqlnet inspect
sunrpc inspect tftp inspect sip inspect xdmcp ! service-
policy global_policy global prompt hostname context
Cryptochecksum:f2ad6f9d5bf23810a26f5cb464e1fdf3 : end
ciscoasa#

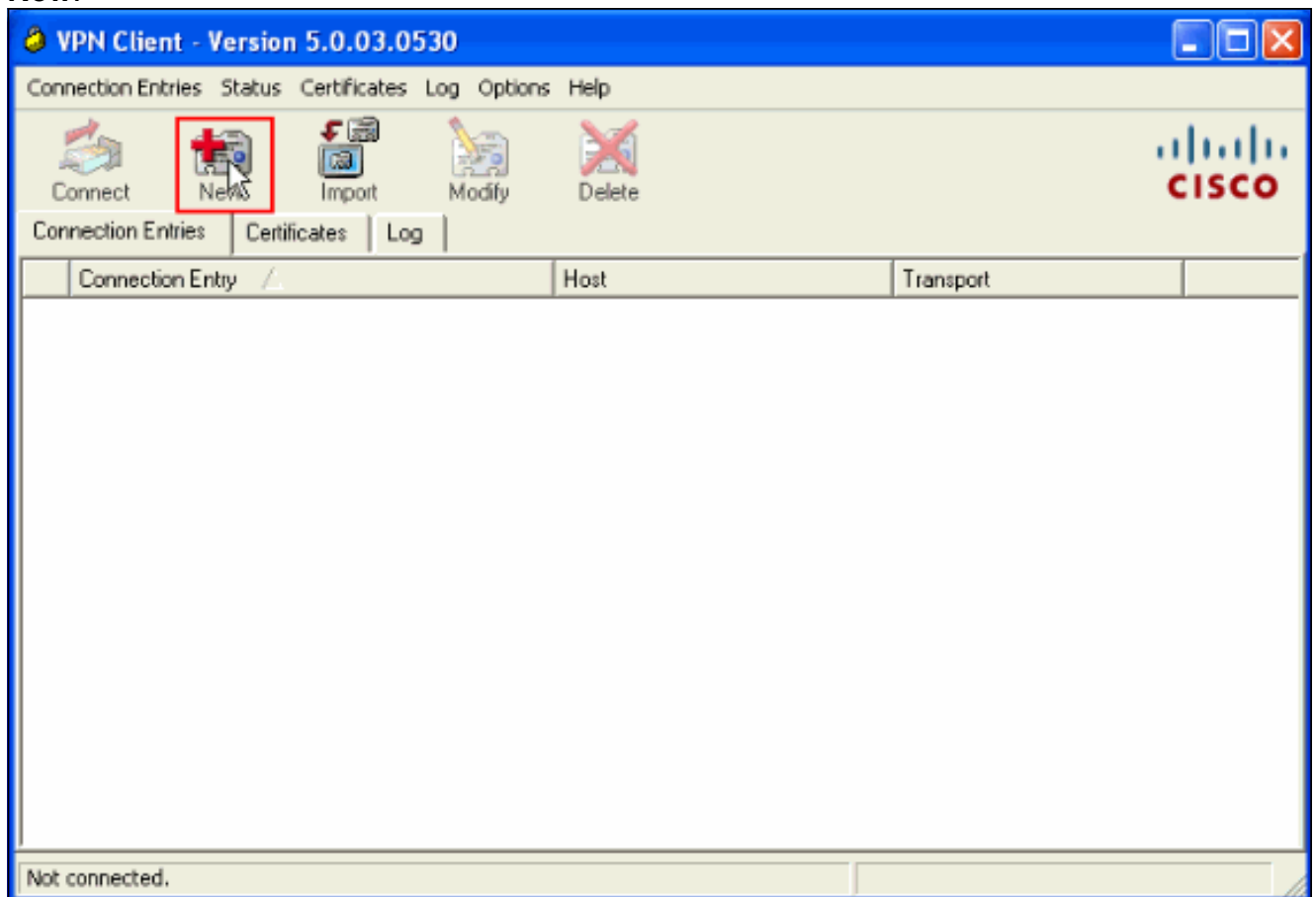
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Verify

Attempt to connect to the Cisco ASA through the Cisco VPN Client in order to verify that the ASA

is successfully configured.

1. Click **New**.



2. Fill in the details of your new connection. The Host field must contain the IP address or hostname of the previously configured Cisco ASA. The Group Authentication information must correspond to that used in **step 4**. Click **Save** when you are

VPN Client | Create New VPN Connection Entry

Connection Entry: MyVPNClient

Description:

Host: 10.10.10.2

Authentication | Transport | Backup Servers | Dial-Up

Group Authentication Mutual Group Authentication

Name: cisco

Password: *****

Confirm Password: *****

Certificate Authentication

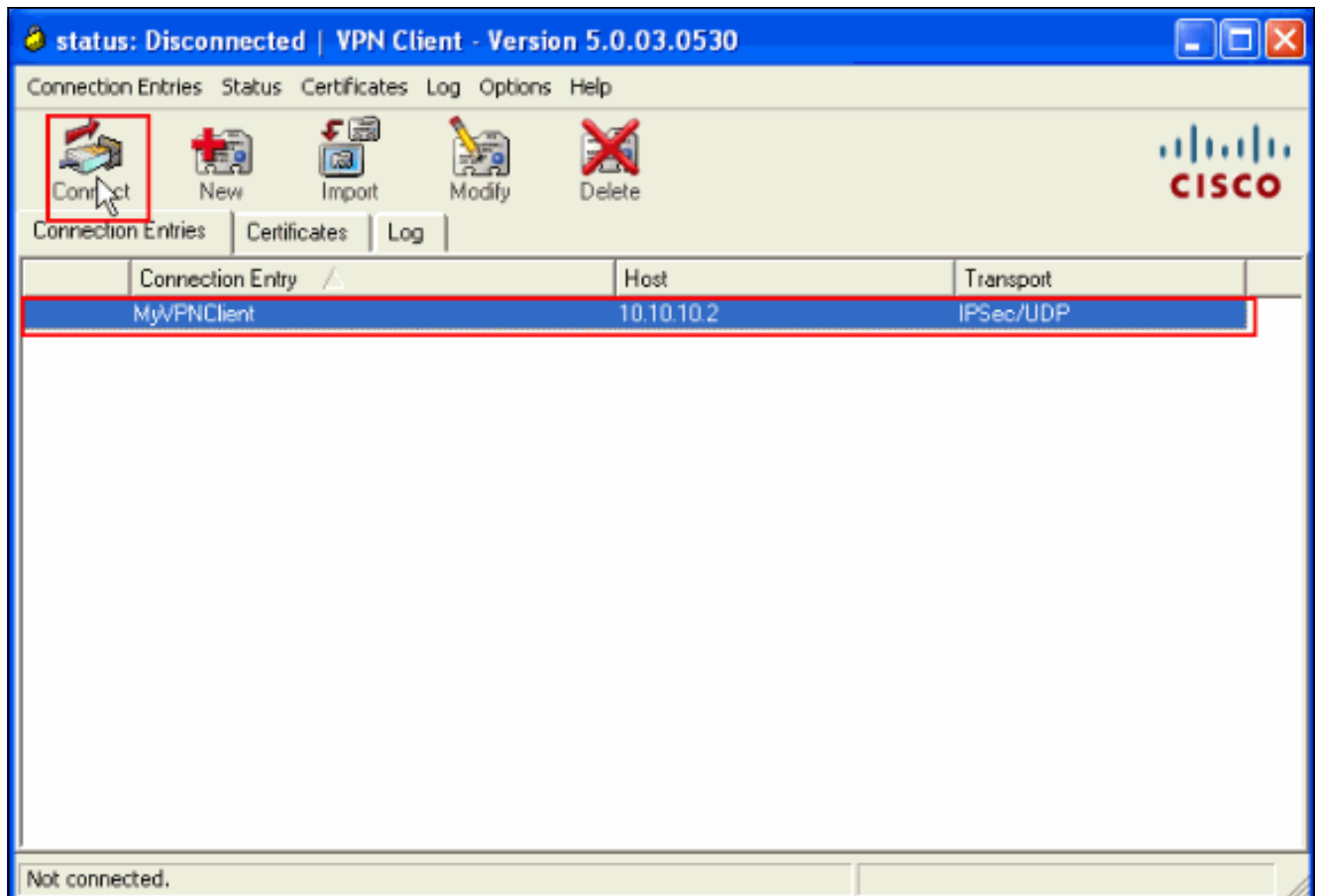
Name: [Dropdown]

Send CA Certificate Chain

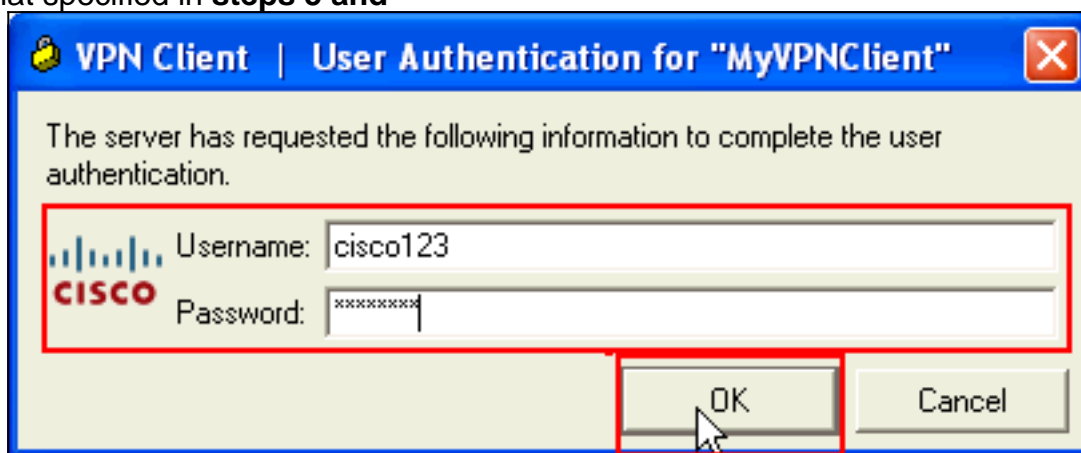
Erase User Password | **Save** | Cancel

finished.

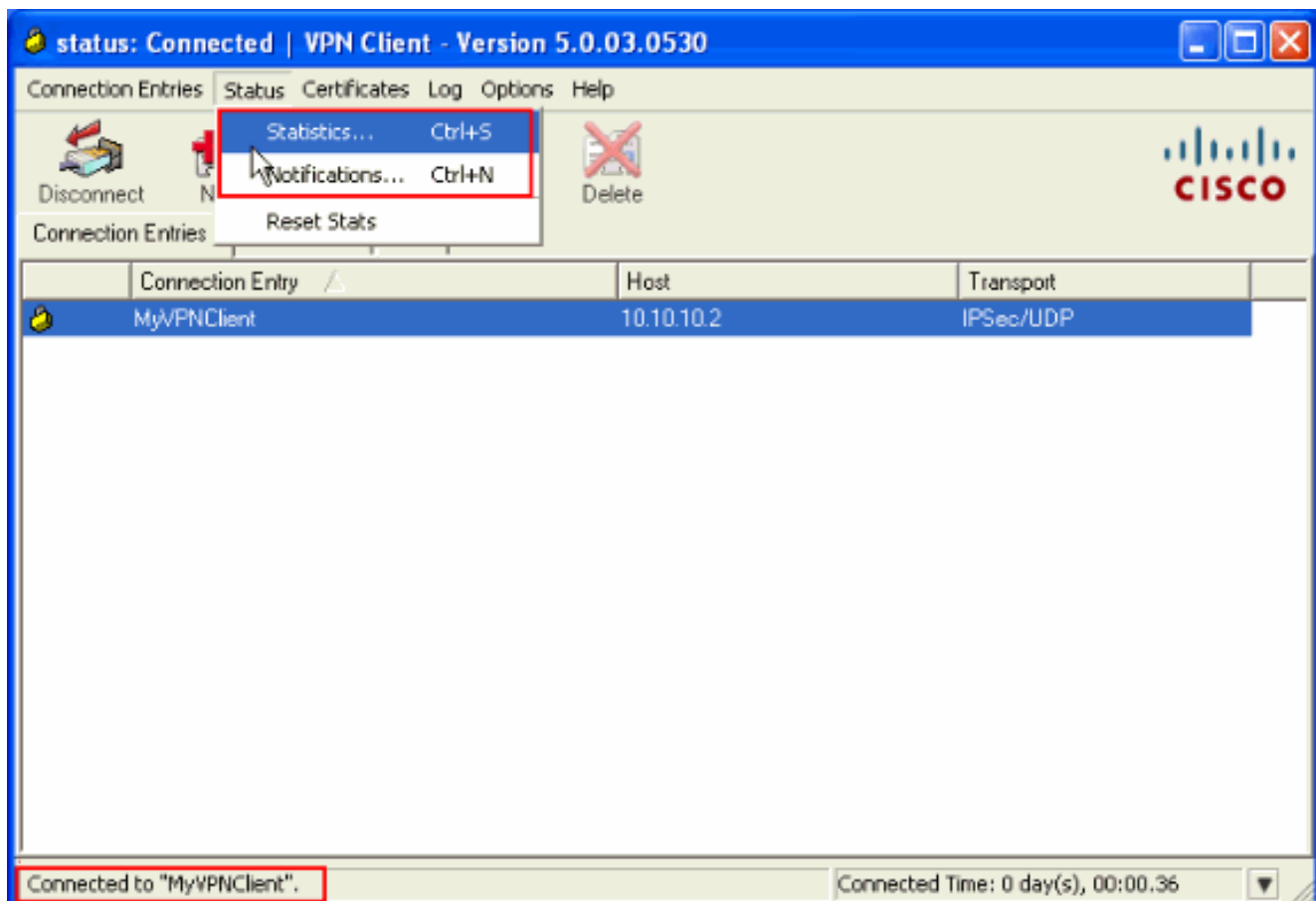
3. Select the newly created connection, and click **Connect**.



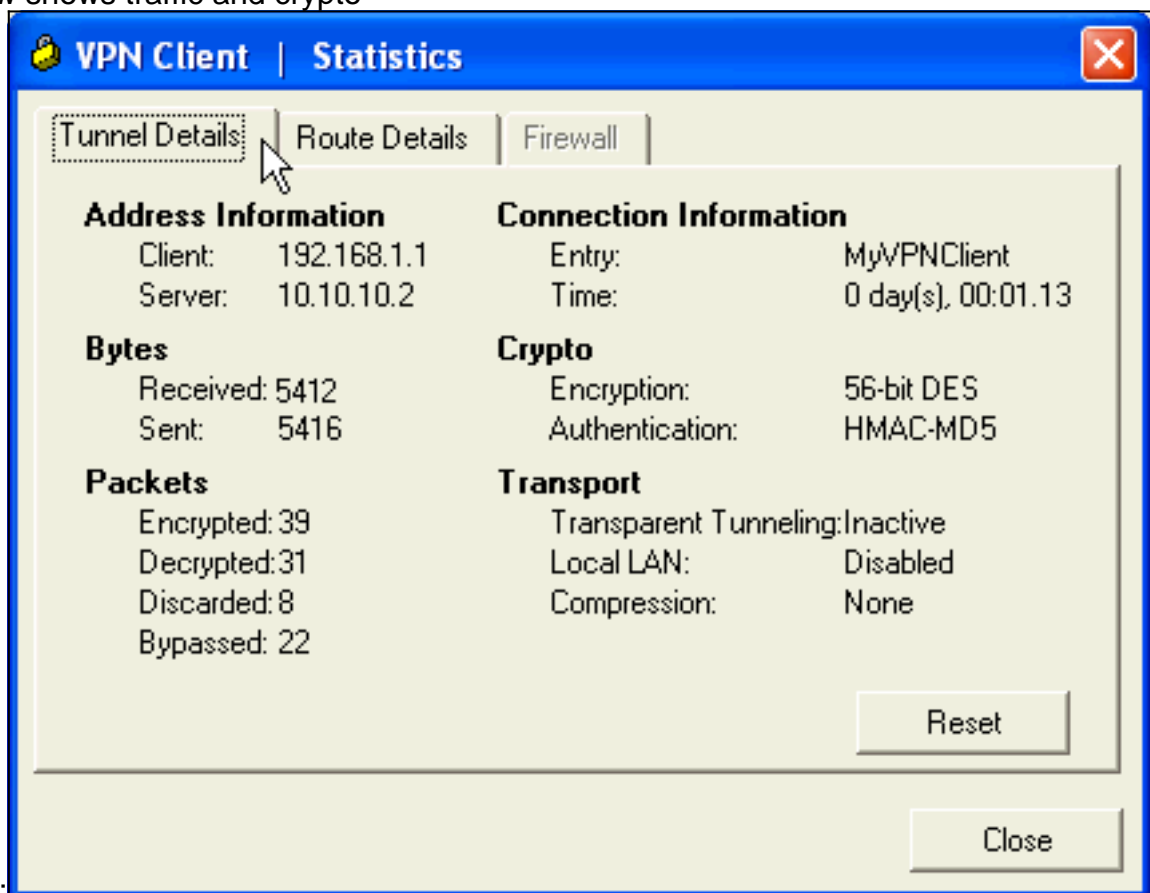
4. Enter a username and password for extended authentication. This information must match that specified in **steps 5 and**



- 6.
5. Once the connection is successfully established, choose **Statistics** from the Status menu in order to verify the details of the tunnel.

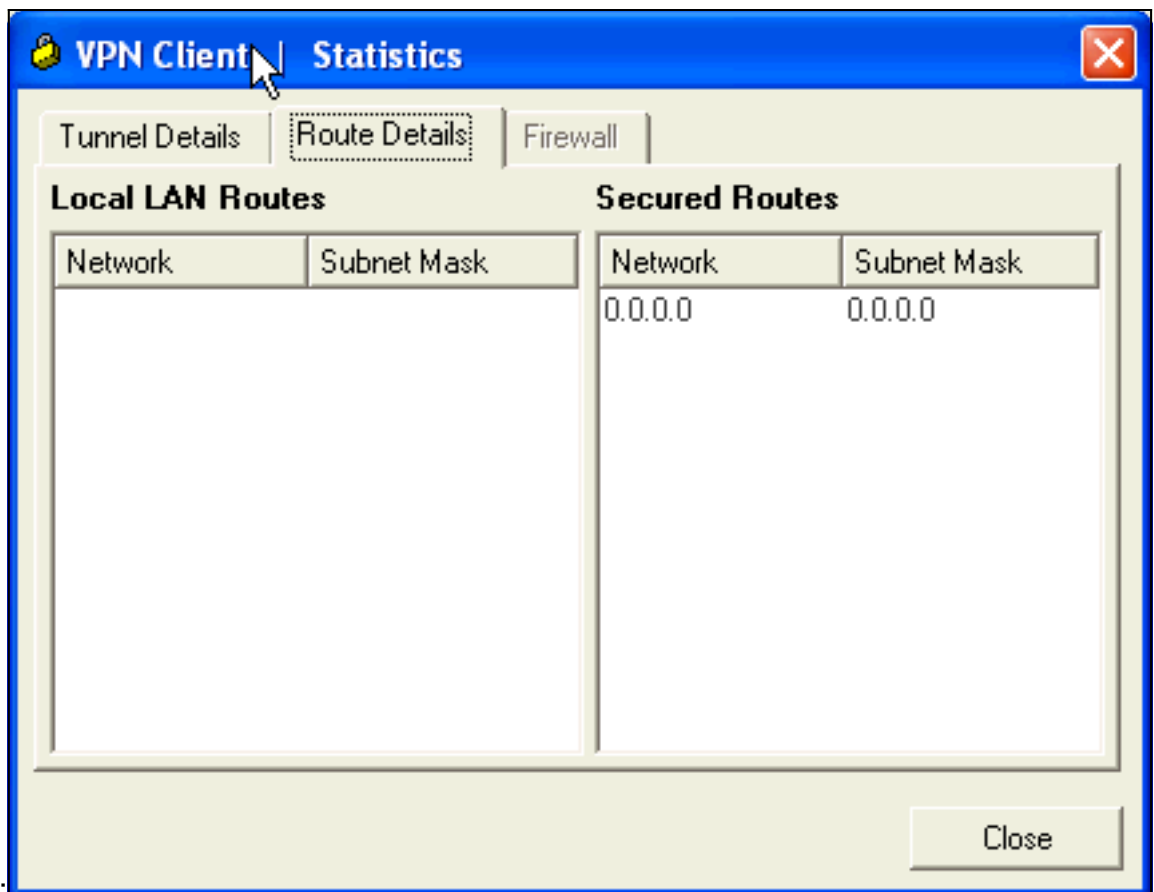


This window shows traffic and crypto



information:

This window shows split tunneling



information:

[ASA/PIX Security Appliance - show Commands](#)

- **show crypto isakmp sa**—Shows all current IKE SAs at a peer.

```
ASA#show crypto isakmp sa
Active SA: 1 Rekey SA: 0 (A tunnel will report 1 Active and 1 Rekey SA during rekey) Total
IKE SA: 1 1 IKE Peer: 10.10.10.1 Type : user Role : responder Rekey : no State : AM_ACTIVE
```
- **show crypto ipsec sa**—Shows all current IPsec SAs at a peer.

```
ASA#show crypto ipsec sa
interface: Outside Crypto map tag: SYSTEM_DEFAULT_CRYPTOMAP, seq num: 65535, local addr:
10.10.10.2 local ident (addr/mask/prot/port): (0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0/0/0) remote ident
(addr/mask/prot/port): (192.168.1.1/255.255.255.255/0/0) current_peer: 10.10.10.1, username:
cisco123 dynamic allocated peer ip: 192.168.1.1 #pkts encaps: 20, #pkts encrypt: 20, #pkts
digest: 20 #pkts decaps: 74, #pkts decrypt: 74, #pkts verify: 74 #pkts compressed: 0, #pkts
decompressed: 0 #pkts not compressed: 20, #pkts comp failed: 0, #pkts decomp failed: 0 #pre-
frag successes: 0, #pre-frag failures: 0, #fragments created: 0 #PMTUs sent: 0, #PMTUs rcvd:
0, #decapsulated frgs needing reassembly: 0 #send errors: 0, #recv errors: 0 local crypto
endpt.: 10.10.10.2, remote crypto endpt.: 10.10.10.1 path mtu 1500, ipsec overhead 58, media
mtu 1500 current outbound spi: F49F954C inbound esp sas: spi: 0x3C10F9DD (1007745501)
transform: esp-des esp-md5-hmac none in use settings = {RA, Tunnel, } slot: 0, conn_id:
24576, crypto-map: SYSTEM_DEFAULT_CRYPTOMAP sa timing: remaining key lifetime (sec): 27255
IV size: 8 bytes replay detection support: Y outbound esp sas: spi: 0xF49F954C (4104099148)
transform: esp-des esp-md5-hmac none in use settings = {RA, Tunnel, } slot: 0, conn_id:
24576, crypto-map: SYSTEM_DEFAULT_CRYPTOMAP sa timing: remaining key lifetime (sec): 27255
IV size: 8 bytes replay detection support: Y
```
- `ciscoasa(config)#debug icmp trace !---` *Inbound Nat Translation is shown below for Outside to Inside* ICMP echo request translating Outside:192.168.1.1/768 to inside:172.16.1.2/1 ICMP echo reply from inside:172.16.1.3 to Outside:172.16.1.2 ID=1 seq=7936 len=3 2 *!---* *Inbound Nat Translation is shown below for Inside to Outside* ICMP echo reply untranslating inside:172.16.1.2/1 to Outside:192.168.1.1/768 ICMP echo request from Outside:192.168.1.1 to inside:172.16.1.3 ID=768 seq=8192 len=32 ICMP echo request translating Outside:192.168.1.1/768 to inside:172.16.1.2/1 ICMP echo reply from inside:172.16.1.3 to Outside:172.16.1.2 ID=1 seq=8192 len=3 2 ICMP echo reply untranslating inside:172.16.1.2/1 to Outside:192.168.1.1/768 ICMP echo request from 192.168.1.1 to 172.16.1.2 ID=768 seq=8448 len=32 ICMP echo reply from 172.16.1.2 to 192.168.1.1 ID=768 seq=8448 len=32 ICMP echo request from 192.168.1.1 to 172.16.1.2 ID=768 seq=8704 len=32 ICMP echo reply from

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172.16.1.2 to 192.168.1.1 ID=768 seq=8704 len=32 ICMP echo request from 192.168.1.1 to  
172.16.1.2 ID=768 seq=8960 len=32 ICMP echo reply from 172.16.1.2 to 192.168.1.1 ID=768  
seq=8960 len=32
```

[Troubleshoot](#)

This section provides information you can use to troubleshoot your configuration.

The [Output Interpreter Tool](#) ([registered](#) customers only) (OIT) supports certain **show** commands. Use the OIT to view an analysis of **show** command output.

Refer to [Most Common L2L and Remote Access IPSec VPN Troubleshooting Solutions](#) for more information on how to troubleshoot Site-Site VPN.

[Related Information](#)

- [Cisco ASA 5500 Series Adaptive Security Appliances](#)
- [Cisco Adaptive Security Device Manager](#)
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