# Highly loaded certificate-based VPN solution

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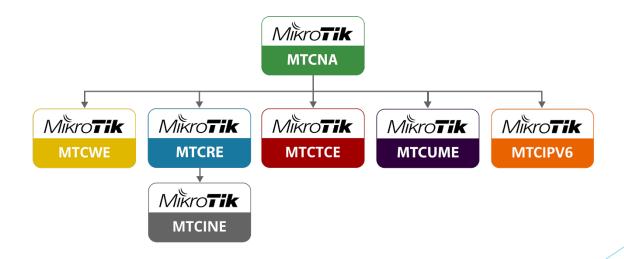




#### About ME

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Certificates:







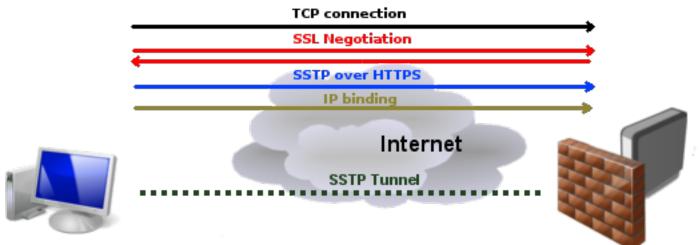
# Which type of VPN is Right for you?

- PPTP obsolete, many security issues
- L2TP+IPSec Use IPSec UDP 500,4500,1701 ports
- SSTP SSL/TLS encryption, Use TCP 443 port
- OpenVPN Opensource, Use TCP 1194 port





#### What is SSTP?



- Secure Socket Tunneling Protocol (SSTP) is a form of <u>virtual private network</u> (VPN) tunnel that provides a mechanism to transport <u>PPP</u> traffic through an <u>SSL/TLS</u> channel.
- ► TCP 443 Difficult to block because it use the same port as HTTPS





# Advantages and disadvantages

#### **ADNAVTAGES**

- SSTP encryption offers a decent level of security, almost on par with OpenVPN (SSL 3.0 + 256-bit encryption).
- SSTP is easy to configure on platforms it is built into.
- The SSTP VPN protocol is very difficult to block because it uses TCP port 443 (the same one HTTPS uses).
- SSTP offers good speeds if you have enough bandwidth.

#### **DISADNAVTAGES**

- SSTP is closed-source and solely owned by Microsoft.
- The SSTP protocol is available on a limited number of platforms -Windows, Linux, Android, and routers.



# The challenge

- ▶ 4000+ VPN clients
- Data encryption and integrity
- High availability
- Scalability





## Routeros License level

Level number	0 (Trial mode)	1 (Free Demo)	3 (WISP CPE)	4 (WISP)	5 (WISP)	6 (Controller)
Price	no keyr₽	registration required &	do not sell	\$45	\$95	\$250
Initial Config Support	-	-	-	15 days	30 days	30 days
Wireless AP	24h trial	-	-	yes	yes	yes
Wireless Client and Bridge	24h trial	-	yes	yes	yes	yes
RIP, OSPF, BGP protocols	24h trial	-	yes(*)	yes	yes	yes
EoIP tunnels	24h trial	1	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited
PPPoE tunnels	24h trial	1	200	200	500	unlimited
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VLAN interfaces	24h trial	1	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited
HotSpot active users	24h trial	1	1	200	500	unlimited
RADIUS client	24h trial	-	yes	yes	yes	yes
Queues	24h trial	1	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited
Web proxy	24h trial	-	yes	yes	yes	yes
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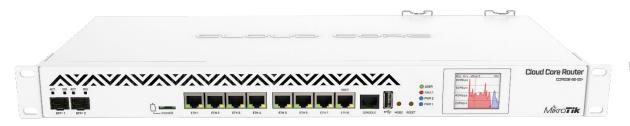
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#### Cloud hosted router



- Virtualized platform
- Can run on multiple hypervisors:
  - VMware
  - XEN
  - HyperV
  - Virtualbox
  - Others
- ► CHR has full RouterOS features enabled by default but has a different licensing model than other RouterOS versions.





# **CHR License**

License	Speed limit	Price
Free	1Mbit	FREE
P1	1Gbit	\$45
P10	10Gbit	\$95
P-Unlimited	Unlimited	\$250





- Self-signed certificate
  - RouterOS
  - OpenSSL
- Commercial SSL certificate
  - Comodo
  - Symantec
  - Unizeto
- Free SSL certificate
  - Let's Encrypt
  - SSL For FREE







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#### certbot instructions

My HTTP website is running Software



on



Help, I'm not sure!







- Install CertBot using official manuals https://certbot.eff.org/#ubuntuxenial-other
- 2. Create Certificates manually and put domain TXT record

#certbot certonly --preferred-challenges=dns --manual -d \*.\$DOMAIN



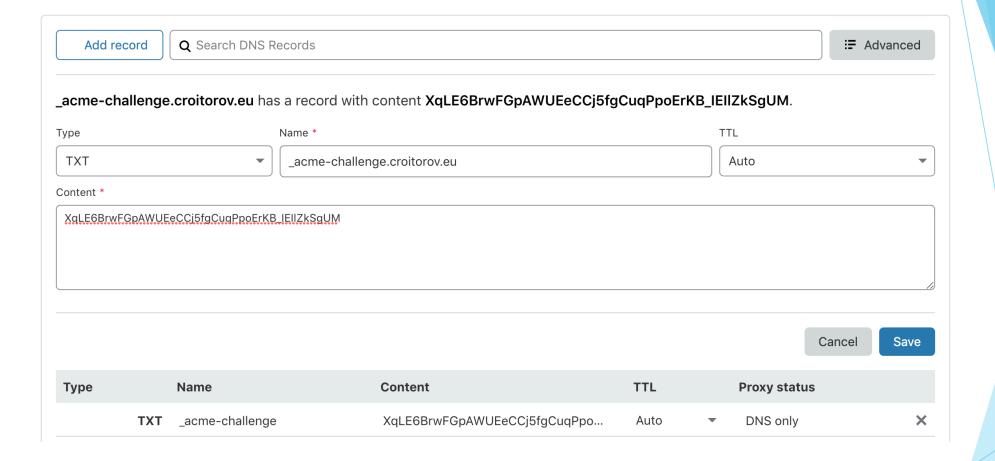


# 3. Now you need to create a DNS TXT record on your domain name

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NOTE: The IP of this machine will be publicly logged as having requested this certificate. If you're running certbot in manual mode on a machine that is not your server, please ensure you're okay with that.
Are you OK with your IP being logged?
(Y)es/(N)o: Y
Please deploy a DNS TXT record under the name _acme-challenge.croitorov.eu with the following value:
4JN5bWoCD5RePXPTbPcw0RypFTiw001n1LTHk437XbU
Before continuing, verify the record is deployed.
Press Enter to Continue











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Press Enter to Continue Waiting for verification Cleaning up challenges		
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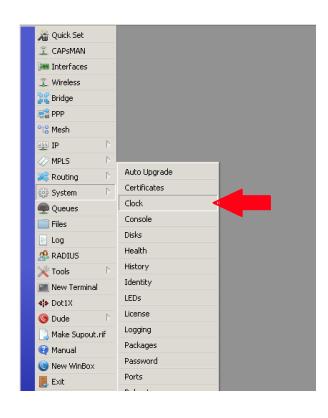


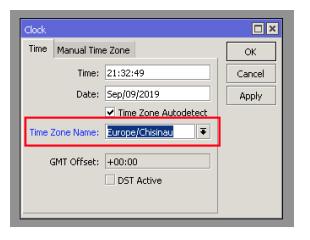
# Mikrotik Configuration





# Clock & Time zone setting

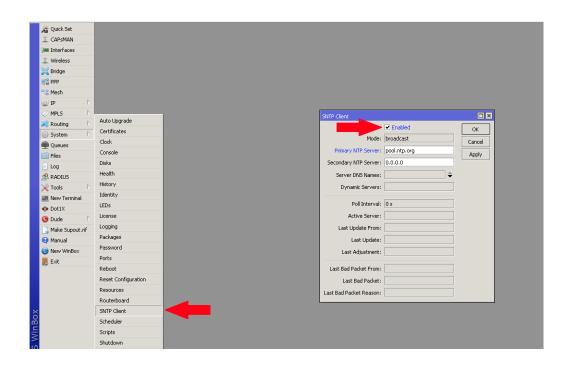








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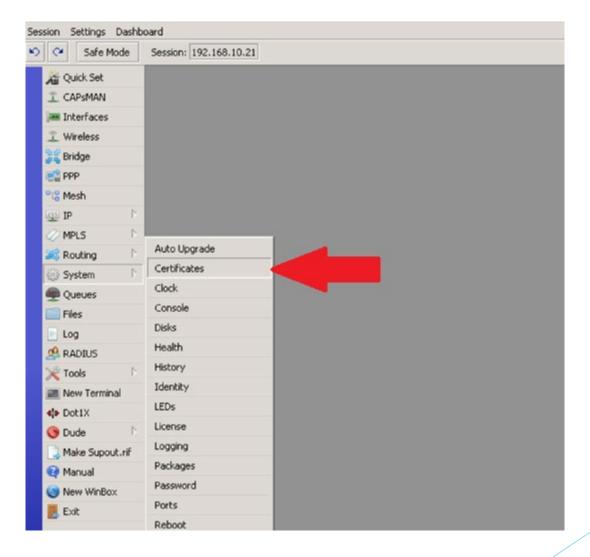


SNTP Client		□×
	✓ Enabled	ОК
Mode:	unicast	Cancel
Primary NTP Server:	178.17.161.12	Apply
Secondary NTP Server:	0.0.0.0	<u></u>
Server DNS Names:	<b>\$</b>	
Dynamic Servers:		
Poll Interval:	32 s	
Active Server:	178.17.161.12	
Last Update From:	178.17.161.12	
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Last Bad Packet Reason:		





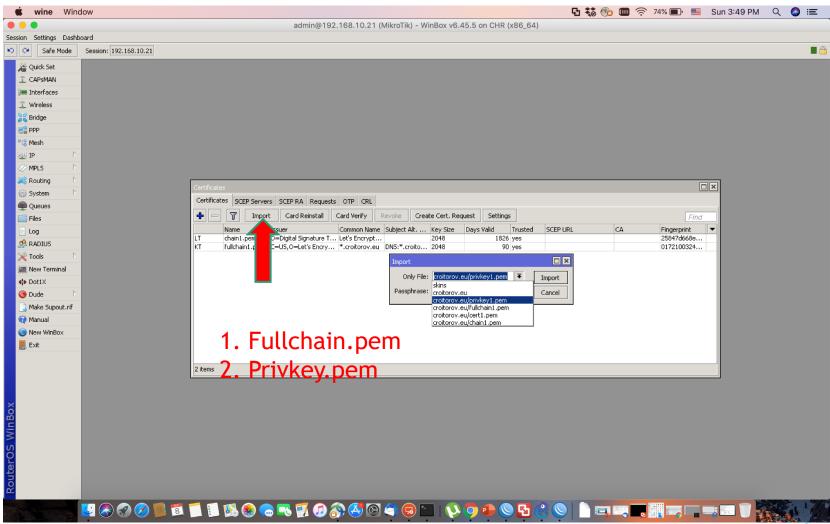
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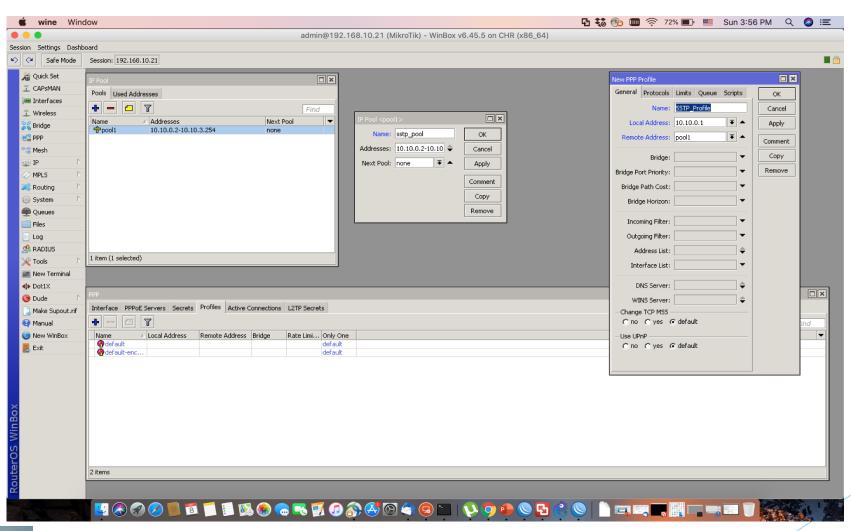
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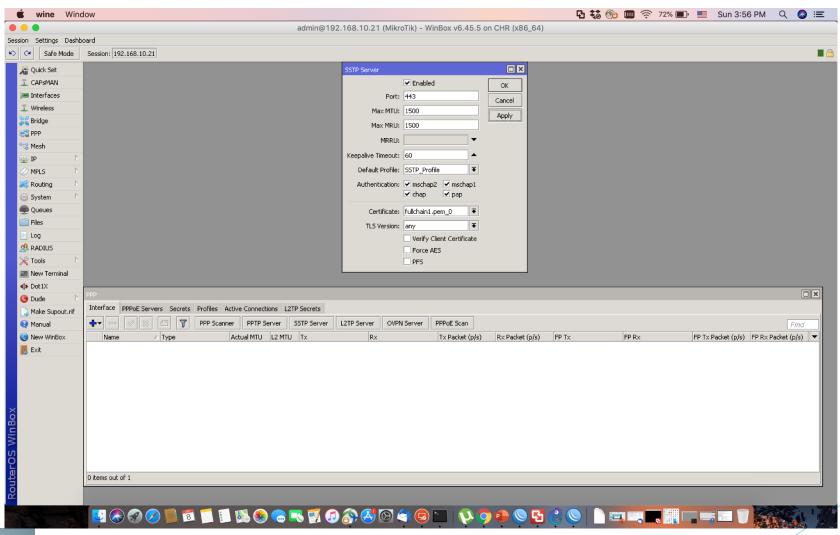
#### Create PPP Profile







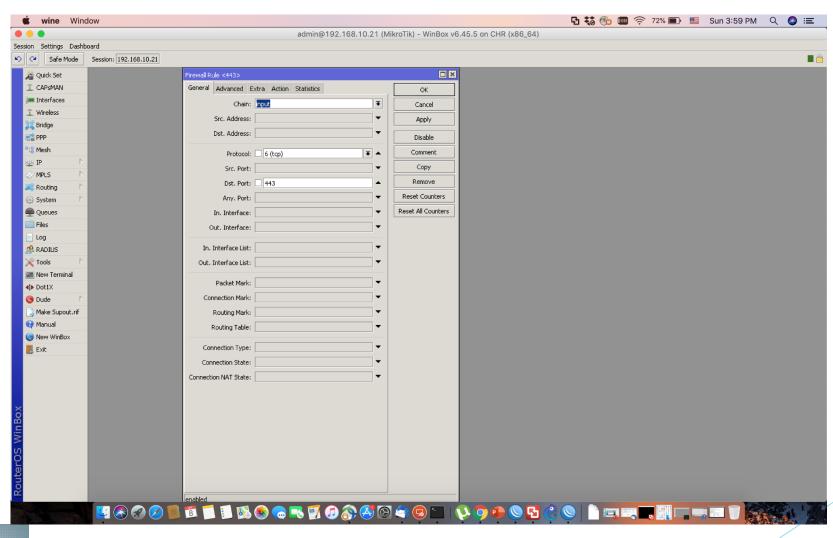
#### **Enable SSTP Server**







#### Create Firewall Rule







#### Create domain records



Cancel

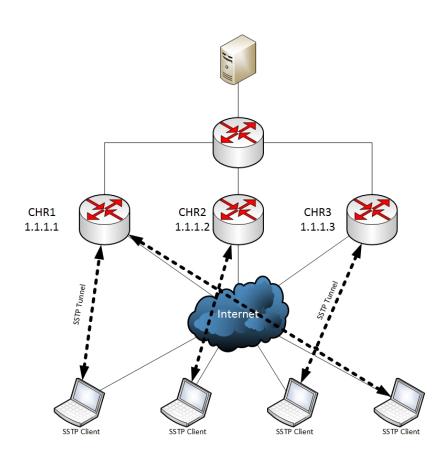
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	<b>A</b> vpn	1.1.1.2	Auto ▼ DNS only	/ - reserved IP X		
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# The topology







# **DEMO**





# Thank you!



