



Configuring a Tunnel Interface  
VPN with DHCP Relay using IP  
Helper

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**Step 1: Configure the Tunnel Interface VPN Policy on each unit. This is done under VPN > Settings.**

On the General tab of the new VPN Policy configuration window, configure the following settings.

- Policy Type: Tunnel Interface
- Authentication Method: IKE using Preshared Secret
- Name: Enter a desired policy name
- IPsec Primary Gateway Name/Address: Enter the remote unit's WAN IP.
- Enter a shared secret that will be used on each side of the tunnel.

### General tab (Central site):

The screenshot shows the 'General' tab of the VPN Policy configuration window. The 'Security Policy' section is configured as follows:

- Policy Type: Tunnel Interface
- Authentication Method: IKE using Preshared Secret
- Name: 20.1.1.2
- IPsec Primary Gateway Name or Address: 20.1.1.2

The 'IKE Authentication' section is configured as follows:

- Shared Secret: [Redacted]
- Confirm Shared Secret: [Redacted]  Mask Shared Secret
- Local IKE ID: IP Address
- Peer IKE ID: IP Address

### General tab (Remote site):

The screenshot shows the 'General' tab of the VPN Policy configuration window. The 'Security Policy' section is configured as follows:

- Policy Type: Tunnel Interface
- Authentication Method: IKE using Preshared Secret
- Name: 20.1.1.1
- IPsec Primary Gateway Name or Address: 20.1.1.1

The 'IKE Authentication' section is configured as follows:

- Shared Secret: [Redacted]
- Confirm Shared Secret: [Redacted]  Mask Shared Secret
- Local IKE ID: IP Address
- Peer IKE ID: IP Address

Enter your desired Proposal settings on each side of the tunnel. An example of the **Proposals** tab is shown below:

The screenshot shows the 'Proposals' tab of the VPN Policy configuration window. The 'IKE (Phase 1) Proposal' section is configured as follows:

- Exchange: Main Mode
- DH Group: Group 2
- Encryption: 3DES
- Authentication: SHA1
- Life Time (seconds): 28800

The 'IPsec (Phase 2) Proposal' section is configured as follows:

- Protocol: ESP
- Encryption: 3DES
- Authentication: SHA1
- Enable Perfect Forward Secrecy
- Life Time (seconds): 28800

On the **Advanced** tab, configure Keep Alive, Management via this SA, and any other desired options. Ensure the **VPN Policy Bound To** dropdown menu is set to the WAN Interface that the tunnel will use to connect. In this example, the X6 WAN Interface is used on the Central site, while the Remote site uses X1 WAN.

**Advanced tab (Central site):**



**Advanced tab (Remote site):**



Once complete, the tunnel will be established, and will look like this:

**Central:**



**Remote:**



**Step 2: Create routes on each unit. This can be done under Network > Routing. Options include Route-All VPN (all Internet traffic routes through the Central site over the tunnel) and the more traditional Split Tunnel VPN (only traffic destined for a remote subnet routes through the tunnel). Address Objects can be created while creating routes, or can be done before creating routes, under Network > Address Objects.**

**Step 2a – Central site routes:**

In the example below, the Remote site has 3 networks: 2 LANs (X0 and X2), and 1 WLAN (W0). I have added one route per remote network.

#	Source	Destination	Service	Gateway	Interface	Metric	Priority	Probe	Comment	Configure
1	Any	192.168.168.0	Any	0.0.0.0	20.1.1.2	1	4			
2	Any	192.168.169.0	Any	0.0.0.0	20.1.1.2	1	5			
3	Any	172.16.96.0	Any	0.0.0.0	20.1.1.2	1	6			

**Note: Create one route per remote network. The example below only shows one network route, but as shown above, three routes were created since three networks need to communicate over the tunnel.**

**Detailed route configuration:**

- Source: Any
- Destination: Remote network Address Object. The Object should be assigned to the VPN Zone.
- Service: Any
- Interface: Select the Tunnel Interface name from the dropdown list.
- Allow Automatic Access Rule creation for simplicity, or disable it for granularity.

## General

## Route Policy Settings

Source: Any

Destination: 192.168.168.0

Service: Any

Gateway: 0.0.0.0

Interface: 20.1.1.2

Metric: 1

Comment:

Disable route when the interface is disconnected

Permit TCP acceleration

Auto-add Access Rules

## Step 2b – Remote site routes:

## Route-All Option:

## General

## Route Policy Settings

Source: Any

Destination: Any

Service: Any

Gateway: 0.0.0.0

Interface: 20.1.1.1

Metric: 1

Comment:

Disable route when the interface is disconnected

Auto-add Access Rules

## General

## Advanced

## NAT Policy Settings

Original Source: 192.168.168.0

Translated Source: X1 IP

Original Destination: Any

Translated Destination: Original

Original Service: Any

Translated Service: Original

Inbound Interface: Any

Outbound Interface: X1

Comment:

Enable NAT Policy

## Split Tunnel Option:

In this example, only one network exists on the Central site, thus only one route is created.

## General

## Route Policy Settings

Source: Any

Destination: 192.168.10.0

Service: Any

Gateway: 0.0.0.0

Interface: 20.1.1.1

Metric: 1

Comment:

Disable route when the interface is disconnected

Auto-add Access Rules

**Step 3: On the Remote site, enable IP Helper and create IP Helper Policies for DHCP Relay. Options include DHCP Relay to the Central firewall's internal DHCP server and DHCP Relay to an external DHCP server behind the Central firewall.**

**Step 3a: Enable IP Helper and DHCP Protocol Support. An example is shown below.**



**Step 3b: Configure an IP Helper Policy for each network that requires remote DHCP.**

#### Internal DHCP Option:

In this example, DHCP is relayed to the X0 LAN IP of the Central site. The Central firewall's internal DHCP server provides DHCP to remote VPN systems.

Policies

<input type="checkbox"/> Relay Protocol	Source	Destination	Comment	Enable
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface X0	192.168.10.1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface X2	192.168.10.1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface W0	192.168.10.1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### External DHCP Option:

In this example, DHCP is relayed to the Central site's LAN DHCP server. The LAN server at the Central site provides DHCP to remote VPN systems.

Policies

<input type="checkbox"/> Relay Protocol	Source	Destination	Comment	Enal
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface X0	192.168.10.103		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface X2	192.168.10.103		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface W0	192.168.10.103		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Step 4: Configure DHCP scopes for each remote network. Each network requires it's own DHCP scope on the DHCP server.**

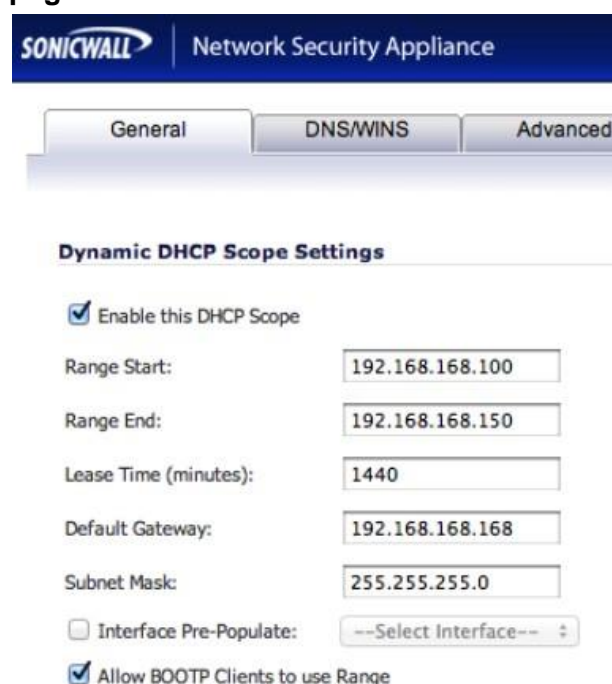
**Note: DHCP Leases will be displayed on the Remote site firewall, on the Network > IP Helper page, as well as on the server which provided the lease.**

#### Internal DHCP configuration:

If you plan to use the Central firewall's internal DHCP server, you will need to create a scope for each remote subnet, as shown below. This can be done on the Network > DHCP Server page. The scope must be large enough to support all of the DHCP clients on the remote network.

**Note: Do not use the "Interface Pre-Populate" option. This will populate the DHCP scope configuration with information from the selected interface. Once the scope has been added, you will notice that the Interface reads "N/A".**

**Note: Leases can be found on the Network > DHCP Server page.**



## External DHCP configuration:

If you plan to use an external DHCP server, you will need to create a scope for each remote subnet on the DHCP server, as shown in the screenshots below. The screenshots are taken from Windows 2003Server.

### Configure the Scope's name and description.

**New Scope Wizard**

**Scope Name**  
You have to provide an identifying scope name. You also have the option of providing a description.

Type a name and description for this scope. This information helps you quickly identify how the scope is to be used on your network.

Name:

Description:

< Back   Next >   Cancel

Configure the desired IP Range. Set the appropriate Subnet Mask.

**New Scope Wizard**

**IP Address Range**  
You define the scope address range by identifying a set of consecutive IP addresses.

Enter the range of addresses that the scope distributes.

Start IP address:

End IP address:

A subnet mask defines how many bits of an IP address to use for the network/subnet IDs and how many bits to use for the host ID. You can specify the subnet mask by length or as an IP address.

Length:

Subnet mask:

< Back   Next >   Cancel

## Set a DHCP Lease Duration.

**New Scope Wizard**

**Lease Duration**  
The lease duration specifies how long a client can use an IP address from this scope.

Lease durations should typically be equal to the average time the computer is connected to the same physical network. For mobile networks that consist mainly of portable computers or dial-up clients, shorter lease durations can be useful. Likewise, for a stable network that consists mainly of desktop computers at fixed locations, longer lease durations are more appropriate.

Set the duration for scope leases when distributed by this server.

Limited to:

Days:    Hours:    Minutes:

< Back   Next >   Cancel

### Configure the DHCP options.

**New Scope Wizard**

**Configure DHCP Options**  
You have to configure the most common DHCP options before clients can use the scope.

When clients obtain an address, they are given DHCP options such as the IP addresses of routers (default gateways), DNS servers, and WINS settings for that scope.

The settings you select here are for this scope and override settings configured in the Server Options folder for this server.

Do you want to configure the DHCP options for this scope now?

Yes, I want to configure these options now

No, I will configure these options later

< Back   Next >   Cancel

Enter the Default Gateway IP that each DHCP client will use.

**New Scope Wizard**

**Router (Default Gateway)**  
You can specify the routers, or default gateways, to be distributed by this scope.

To add an IP address for a router used by clients, enter the address below.

IP address:

Add   Remove   Up   Down

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Enter the IPs of any DNS servers you would like to use.

**New Scope Wizard**

**Domain Name and DNS Servers**  
 The Domain Name System (DNS) maps and translates domain names used by clients on your network.

You can specify the parent domain you want the client computers on your network to use for DNS name resolution.

Parent domain:

To configure scope clients to use DNS servers on your network, enter the IP addresses for those servers.

Server name:  IP address:

Activate the scope.

**New Scope Wizard**

**Activate Scope**  
 Clients can obtain address leases only if a scope is activated.

Do you want to activate this scope now?

Yes, I want to activate this scope now

No, I will activate this scope later

Enter the IPs of any WINS servers you would like to use.

**New Scope Wizard**

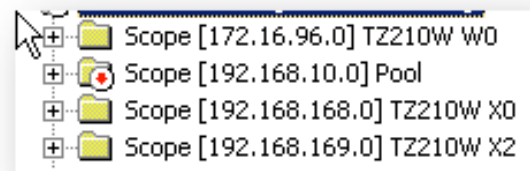
**WINS Servers**  
 Computers running Windows can use WINS servers to convert NetBIOS computer names to IP addresses.

Entering server IP addresses here enables Windows clients to query WINS before they use broadcasts to register and resolve NetBIOS names.

Server name:  IP address:

To change this behavior for Windows DHCP clients modify option 046, WINS/NBT Node Type, in Scope Options.

Below, the screenshots show the three configured (and active) scopes for the remote subnets, and two leases provided by the server to remote client systems.



Client IP Address	Name	Lease Expiration	Type
192.168.168.66	netbook.	8/13/2011 9:51:42 PM	DHCP
192.168.168.50		8/14/2011 12:28:00 PM	DHCP

## RESOLUTION FOR SONICOS 6.5 AND LATER

SonicOS 6.5 was released September 2017. This release includes significant user interface changes and many new features that are different from the SonicOS 6.2 and earlier firmware. The below resolution is for customers using SonicOS 6.5 and later firmware.

### Step 1: Configure the Tunnel Interface VPN Policy on each unit. This is done under Manage |VPN | Base Settings.

On the General tab of the new VPN Policy configuration window, configure the following settings.

- Policy Type: Tunnel Interface
- Authentication Method: IKE using Preshared Secret
- Name: Enter a desired policy name
- IPsec Primary Gateway Name/Address: Enter the remote unit's WAN IP.
- Enter a shared secret that will be used on each side of the tunnel.

#### General tab (Central site):

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#### Security Policy

Policy Type:

Authentication Method:

Name:

IPsec Primary Gateway Name or Address:

#### IKE Authentication

Shared Secret:

Confirm Shared Secret:   Mask Shared Secret

Local IKE ID:

Peer IKE ID:

#### General tab (Remote site):

General
Proposals
Advanced

#### Security Policy

Policy Type:

Authentication Method:

Name:

IPsec Primary Gateway Name or Address:

#### IKE Authentication

Shared Secret:

Confirm Shared Secret:   Mask Shared Secret

Local IKE ID:

Peer IKE ID:

Enter your desired Proposal settings on each side of the tunnel. An example of the **Proposals** tab is shown below:

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#### IKE (Phase 1) Proposal

Exchange:

DH Group:

Encryption:

Authentication:

Life Time (seconds):

#### Ipsec (Phase 2) Proposal

Protocol:

Encryption:

Authentication:

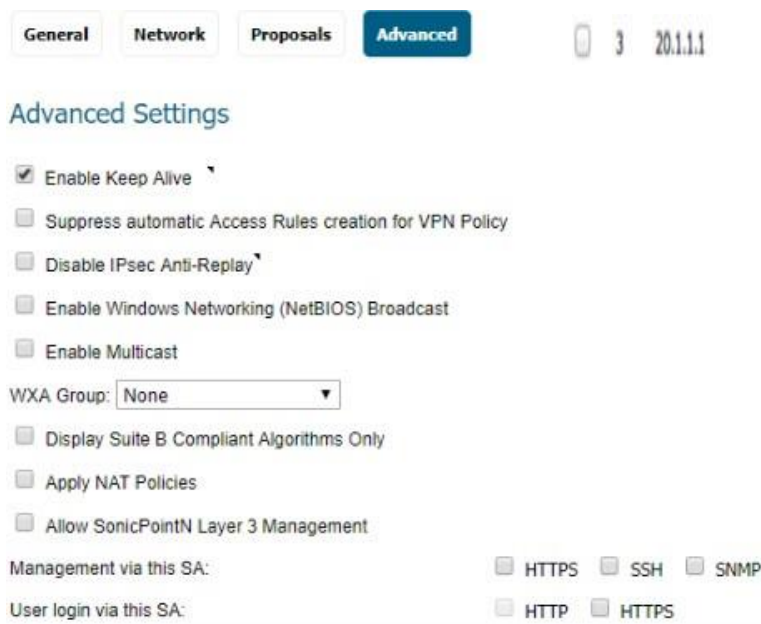
Enable Perfect Forward Security

Life Time (seconds):

On the **Advanced** tab, configure Keep Alive, Management via this SA, and any other desired options. Ensure the **VPN Policy Bound To** dropdown menu is set to the WAN Interface that the tunnel will use to connect. In this example, the X6 WAN Interface is used on the Central site, while the Remote site uses X1 WAN.



## Advanced tab (Central site):



General Network Proposals **Advanced** 3 20.1.1.1

### Advanced Settings

- Enable Keep Alive
- Suppress automatic Access Rules creation for VPN Policy
- Disable IPsec Anti-Replay
- Enable Windows Networking (NetBIOS) Broadcast
- Enable Multicast

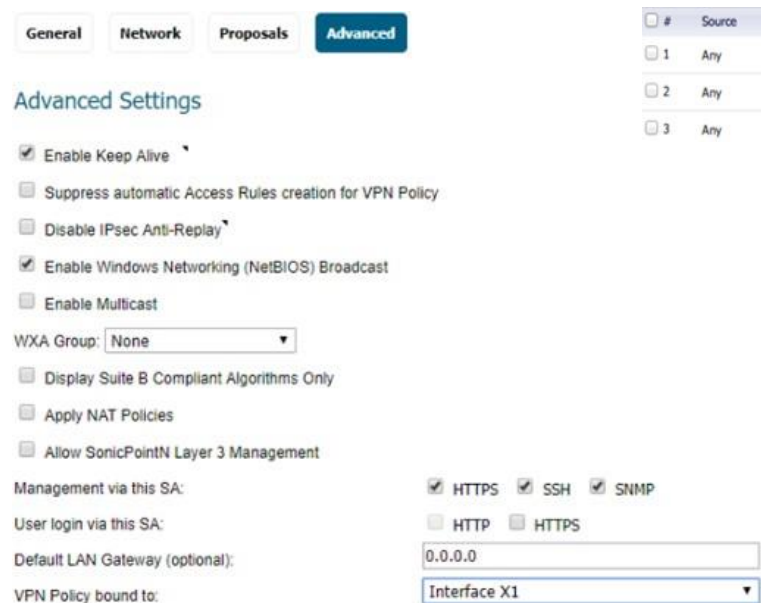
WXA Group: None

- Display Suite B Compliant Algorithms Only
- Apply NAT Policies
- Allow SonicPointN Layer 3 Management

Management via this SA:  HTTPS  SSH  SNMP

User login via this SA:  HTTP  HTTPS

## Advanced tab (Remote site):



General Network Proposals **Advanced**

### Advanced Settings

- Enable Keep Alive
- Suppress automatic Access Rules creation for VPN Policy
- Disable IPsec Anti-Replay
- Enable Windows Networking (NetBIOS) Broadcast
- Enable Multicast

WXA Group: None

- Display Suite B Compliant Algorithms Only
- Apply NAT Policies
- Allow SonicPointN Layer 3 Management

Management via this SA:  HTTPS  SSH  SNMP

User login via this SA:  HTTP  HTTPS

Default LAN Gateway (optional): 0.0.0.0

VPN Policy bound to: Interface X1

Once complete, the tunnel will be established, and will look like this:  
 Central:



3 20.1.1.2 20.1.1.2 ESP: 3DES/HMAC SHA1 (IKE)

## Remote:

**Step 2: Create routes on each unit. This can be done under Network | Routing. Options include Route-All VPN (all Internet traffic routes through the Central site over the tunnel) and the more traditional Split Tunnel VPN (only traffic destined for a remote subnet routes through the tunnel). Address Objects can be created while creating routes, or can be done before creating routes, under Network > Address Objects.**

## Step 2a – Central site routes:

In the example below, the Remote site has 3 networks: 2 LANs (X0 and X2), and 1 WLAN (W0). I have added one route per remote network.

#	Source	Destination	Service	Gateway	Interface	Metric	Priority	Probe	Comment	Configure
1	Any	192.168.168.0	Any	0.0.0.0	20.1.1.2	1	4			
2	Any	192.168.169.0	Any	0.0.0.0	20.1.1.2	1	5			
3	Any	172.16.96.0	Any	0.0.0.0	20.1.1.2	1	6			

**Note: Create one route per remote network. The example below only shows one network route, but as shown above, three routes were created since three networks need to communicate over the tunnel.**

## Detailed route configuration:

- Source: Any
- Destination: Remote network Address Object. The Object should be assigned to the VPN Zone.
- Service: Any
- Interface: Select the Tunnel Interface name from the dropdown list.
- Allow Automatic Access Rule creation for simplicity, or disable it for granularity.

**General**

**Route Policy Settings**

Source: Any

Destination: 192.168.168.0

Service: Any

Gateway: 0.0.0.0

Interface: 20.1.1.2

Metric: 1

Comment:

Disable route when the interface is disconnected

Permit TCP acceleration

Auto-add Access Rules

### Step 2b – Remote site routes:

#### Route-All Option:

**General**

**Route Policy Settings**

Source: Any

Destination: Any

Service: Any

Gateway: 0.0.0.0

Interface: 20.1.1.1

Metric: 1

Comment:

Disable route when the interface is disconnected

Auto-add Access Rules

**Note:** If using the Route-All option, a NAT Policy must be created on the Central site for translation to the WAN IP. An example NAT Policy for the Remote site's X0 LAN can be found below.

**General** **Advanced**

**NAT Policy Settings**

Original Source: 192.168.168.0

Translated Source: X1 IP

Original Destination: Any

Translated Destination: Original

Original Service: Any

Translated Service: Original

Inbound Interface: Any

Outbound Interface: X1

Comment:

Enable NAT Policy

#### Split Tunnel Option:

In this example, only one network exists on the Central site, thus only one route is created.

**General**

**Route Policy Settings**

Source: Any

Destination: 192.168.10.0

Service: Any

Gateway: 0.0.0.0

Interface: 20.1.1.1

Metric: 1

Comment:

Disable route when the interface is disconnected

Auto-add Access Rules

**Step 3: On the Remote site, enable IP Helper and create IP Helper Policies for DHCP Relay. Options include DHCP Relay to the Central firewall's internal DHCP server and DHCP Relay to an external DHCP server behind the Central firewall.**

**Step 3a: Enable IP Helper and DHCP Protocol Support. An example is shown below.**

Under **Manage | Network | IP Helper**

IP Helper Settings

Enable IP Helper

Relay Protocols

Name	Port	Port	Raw	Protocol	Timeout(secs)	IP Translation	Enable	Configure
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	67	68		UDP	30		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**Step 3b: Configure an IP Helper Policy for each network that requires remote DHCP.**

**Internal DHCP Option:**

In this example, DHCP is relayed to the X0 LAN IP of the Central site. The Central firewall's internal DHCP server provides DHCP to remote VPN systems.

Policies

Relay Protocol	Source	Destination	Comment	Enable
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface X0	192.168.10.1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface X2	192.168.10.1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface W0	192.168.10.1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**External DHCP Option:**

In this example, DHCP is relayed to the Central site's LAN DHCP server. The LAN server at the Central site provides DHCP to remote VPN systems.

Policies

Relay Protocol	Source	Destination	Comment	Enable
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface X0	192.168.10.103		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface X2	192.168.10.103		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> DHCP	Interface W0	192.168.10.103		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Step 4: Configure DHCP scopes for each remote network. Each network requires it's own DHCP scope on the DHCP server.**

**Note: DHCP Leases will be displayed on the Remote site firewall, on the Network > IP Helper page, as well as on the server which provided the lease.**

**Internal DHCP configuration:**

If you plan to use the Central firewall's internal DHCP server, you will need to create a scope for each remote subnet, as shown below. This can be done on the Network > DHCP Server page. The scope must be large enough to support all of the DHCP clients on the remote network.

**Note: Do not use the "Interface Pre-Populate" option. This will populate the DHCP scope configuration with information from the selected interface. Once the scope has been added, you will notice that the Interface reads "N/A".**

**Note: Leases can be found on the Network | DHCP Server page.**

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**Dynamic DHCP Scope Settings**

Enable this DHCP Scope

Range Start:

Range End:

Lease Time (minutes):

Default Gateway:

Subnet Mask:

Interface Pre-Populate:

Allow BOOTP Clients to use Range

## External DHCP configuration:

If you plan to use an external DHCP server, you will need to create a scope for each remote subnet on the DHCP server, as shown in the screenshots below. The screenshots are taken from Windows 2003 Server.

### Configure the Scope's name and description.

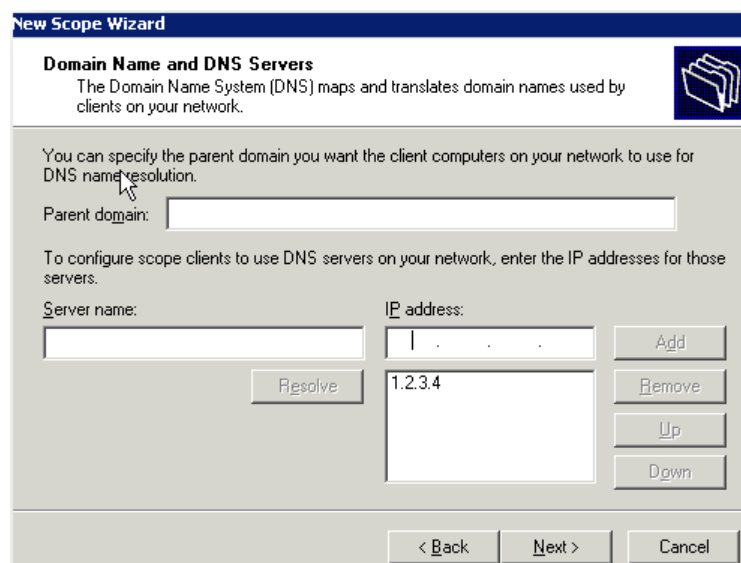
Configure the desired IP Range. Set the appropriate Subnet Mask.

### Set a DHCP Lease Duration.

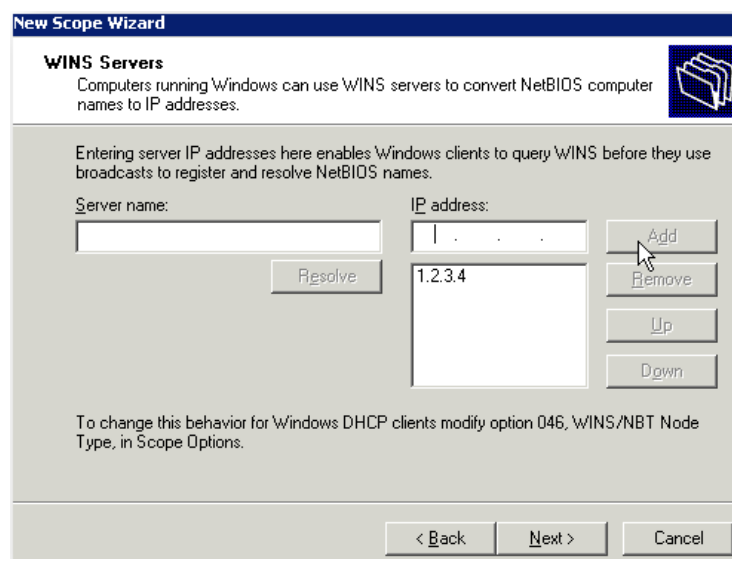
### Configure the DHCP options.

### Enter the Default Gateway IP that each DHCP client will use.

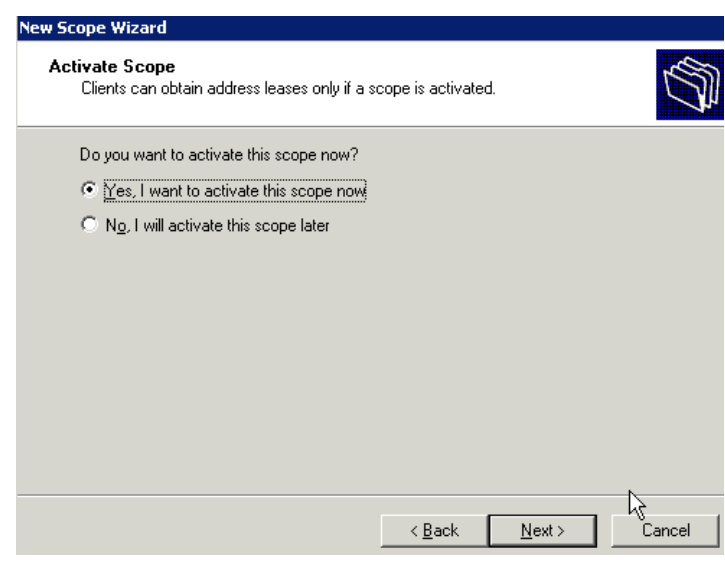
### Enter the IPs of any DNS servers you would like to use.



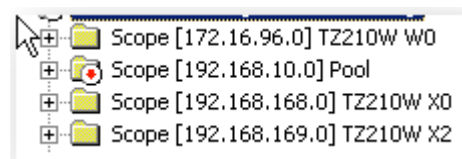
### Enter the IPs of any WINS servers you would like to use.



### Activate the scope.



Below, the screenshots show the three configured (and active) scopes for the remote subnets, and two leases provided by the server to remote client systems.



Client IP Address	Name	Lease Expiration	Type
192.168.168.66	netbook.	8/13/2011 9:51:42 PM	DHCP
192.168.168.50		8/14/2011 12:28:00 PM	DHCP