

RE: [fw-wiz] VPN endpoints

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I think it really depends on the purpose of the VPN. I implemented a VPN solution that bypassed the firewall completely. Why? Because it is used for administrative network access, ie. in case the firewall was out of whack.

For client access, my preference is to protect the VPN's external interface by putting it in the DMZ. Then put the internal interface inside. That way you can filter packets where they should be filtered--at the firewall.

@@ron Smith

"Let smiths perform the work of smiths."

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We are planning to put a VPN endpoint at our site for remote access. We

know nothing about the remote client computers, we just provide an authentication mechanism for the users. The question concerns where we put the VPN endpoint on our network.

I figure it this way: 2 VPN device interfaces, either of which can go outside the firewall, on a DMZ, or inside the firewall. That gives us 9

possible arrangements, some of which are ridiculous, but fun to consider. We came down to two configurations.

One approach is putting the internal interface on a DMZ. The other approach is to have the VPN bypass the firewall entirely. I am looking for

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advice on which approach is better, and reasons why.

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