

## Re: Putty 0.53 hangs if Microsoft VPN connection is started

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>>>> "PB" == PieterB <pieterb@gewis.nl> writes:

PB> Hi there, This happens to me quite often. When you open a SSH2  
PB> connection to a host, and then open a Microsoft VPN (MS-CHAP2)  
PB> connection, the SSH2 connection will not respond anymore.

PB> Does anybody know if this is fixed in 0.53b? Is this a problem  
PB> with Putty, or with Microsoft or Microsoft TCP/IP stack.

PB> Workaround is of course to first close all Putty session, and then  
PB> create the VPN connection and log back in.

PB> Tested with Microsoft XP (all recent patches applied).

This probably has nothing to do with SSH. When you open a VPN connection, it will normally alter your default route to send all non-local traffic over the tunnel to the remote network. So existing TCP connections to other external destinations are likely to become unusable for a variety of reasons. Even if the peer is reachable via the new route through the VPN network, NAT/firewall/addressing restrictions may prevent your packets from getting there, or from being recognized if they do.

You can fix this on a case-by-case basis by installing a route to the peer following the original path, after you bring up the VPN.

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