

Re: Remote Connected on VPN – NOW what?

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OK. One last question, I hope. I'm testing this while in the office. I am able to connect to our server and login as the administrator. However, I logged in as a user (who is set up as a "Mobile" user). When I tried to "Connect to my computer at work", I get the following message:

"Connectivity to the remote computer could not be established. Ensure that the remote computer is on and connected to the Windows SBS network."

Is there a Windows firewall issue here (on her computer)? Is there something I need to do on her machine?

"Steve" wrote:

Ports 4125 and 443. You need to rerun the CEICW and make the proper selections as well as to setup a self signed certificate.

"Tom" <Tom@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:C2A58EB8-1A24-465A-A849-54AFA12C3C4B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

OK. This is starting to make more sense to me. I wasn't aware that RWW and the VPN were separate things. I've connected to both in my testing. However, I think my PIX firewall is blocking access using RWW. I have a Cisco guy who helps me program that. What port forwarding do I need to do have him set on the firewall?

Problem almost solved, I think.

"Lanwench [MVP – Exchange]" wrote:

Tom <Tom@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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I'll try the \\servername. Meanwhile, can you explain a little more what RWW is?

Remote Web Workplace. Go to <https://localhost/remote> on your server itself to see what the main page looks like. Users and admins get different "welcome" pages when they log in (so the users won't see the option to log into the server via RD, for example).

The feature of RWW you're going to be the most interested in, is the "connect to my computer at work" Remote Desktop option. It's a poor man's terminal server.

That said, if you also get a dedicated TS box on your network, you will see the option to "connect to my company's application sharing server" on the main page.

Is it secure like VPN?

I'd say it's more secure. Not only because it goes over SSL for encryption, but also, it doesn't create any kind of tunnel between the host & client computer through which Bad Things might travel. Remote Desktop just shows you screenshots – no data is actually travelling between your computer and the host, so it's not only better performing, it's also less likely to expose your corporate network to whatever nasty things are lurking on your employees' home computers.

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Am I going to have issues with our PIX firewall using RWW? Thank you very much.

No, you shouldn't, if you know how to do your port forwarding properly.

"Lanwench [MVP – Exchange]" wrote:

Tom
<Tom@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

I didn't think this was supposed to be complicated. All I want to do is be able to access our shared network drive while out of the office.

OK – you can do that if your VPN is working. When your VPN connection is up try going to \\servername\sharename.

Additionally, it looks like I should have the ability to get right to the desktop of a client

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computer in
the office
when I am
remote.

That's what RWW is for (no
VPN required)

As you can
see, I just
followed
the
suggested
wizards,
etc. And it
APPEARS
that I got
successfully
connected. I
want to
know the
best
and most
secure way
for myself
and others
in our office
to access
the network
when out of
the office.
Thanks.

RWW & remote desktop to
their XP Pro computers or a
separate W2003
Terminal Services box,
hands down.

"Holz"
wrote:

On
Thu,
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-0800,
Tom
wrote:

I
can
connect,
and
it
shows
that
I'm
connected
in
the
systray.
But
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can't
see
anything.
What
am
I
doing
wrong?

What
do
you
want
to
see?
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launch
RDP
to
take
over
a
computer?
What
exactly
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want
to
do?

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