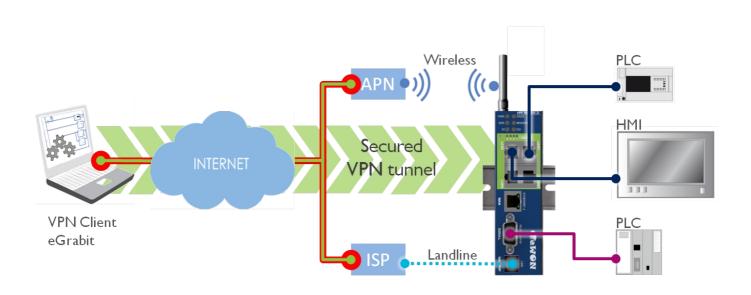
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Direct VPN Connection Using a Modem



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Hardware and software requirements

Hardware requirements

In order to follow this guide you will need:

■ 1 eWON with VPN capabilities (for example : eWON 2005CD)

Software requirements

eWON configuration software:

The eWON is configured through its embedded web server. So all you need is a standard Web Browser software like Internet Explorerⁱ or Firefoxⁱⁱ.

Additionally we suggest you to download the eBuddy utility on our website : http://support.ewon.biz.

This utility allows to list all the eWONs on your network and to change the default IP address of an eWON to match your LAN IP address range. With eBuddy you can also easily backup/restore your configuration or upgrade the firmware of your eWON (if required).

eGrabit:

To establish the VPN connection you need to install eGrabit on your PC. This software will act as VPN Client for the VPN connection to the VPN server (eWON).

eGrabit can be downloaded for free from our website: http://support.ewon.biz.

eWON Firmware Version

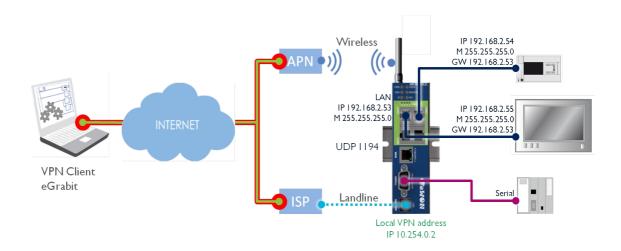
To be able to follow this guide your eWON needs a firmware version 5.4s0 or higher. A simple way to realize the eWON firmware upgrade is to use eBuddy, the eWON software companion.



Introduction Chapter 2.

Introduction

With its embedded PSTN, ISDN or GSM/GPRS modem, the eWON is your access point to field applications and your service gateway to perform remote maintenance on distant equipments.



In this document, we will see how to reach your eWON and PLC(s) from your PC through a VPN connection.

Here are the steps to reach your eWON through a VPN connection:

- Configure your eWON for Internet connection
- Configure your eWON to act as VPN server
- Install and configure the eGrabit software on your PC to act as VPN client

If you want to reach devices connected to your eWON:

 Set your eWON LAN IP address as default gateway on the devices behind the eWON

eWON configuration for Internet connection

To establish an Internet connection using the eWON modem, you can configure it manually or using the eWON Wizard which is efficient and easier. To open the eWON Wizard, click on *Configuration* in the toolbar and then on the icon. If you choose the Wizard option, please go directly to Chapter 4. Should you have any problem in configuring your eWON for the Internet connection using Wizard, refer to our document AUG-019-0-EN (https://support.ewon.biz)

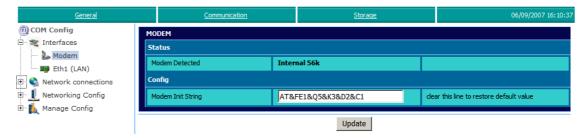
In this guide, we will focus on the manual configuration only.

Modem Configuration

To configure the modem of your eWON, follow this path:

 $\textbf{Configuration} \rightarrow \textbf{System Setup} \rightarrow \textbf{Communication} \rightarrow \textbf{Interfaces} \rightarrow \textbf{Modem}$

PSTN Modem



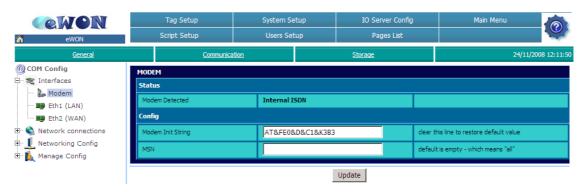
Let the *Modem Init String* unchanged.

You can adapt the string if the modem needs special settings to comply with your local telephone system.

ISDN Modem

Here, you can insert your MSN which identifies your equipment on your ISDN network.





GSM/GPRS Edge Modem



Let the *Modem Init String* unchanged.

Enter the PIN code of your SIM card.

If you want to use GPRS, enable the *PDP context definition* and enter the *Access Point Name* (APN) for your GPRS connection.

The APN specifies to which network your mobile will be connected. So the information of which APN to use should be provided by the Service Provider of your SIM card.



NOTE

If your SIM card has an empty PIN code, then enter 0000 in the \ast GSM PIN Code» field or leave it empty.



Only for firmware versions older then 5.4s0 you must specify 0000 otherwise the GSM connection will not work.

IMPORTANT



The PIN code is only checked when the eWON starts up. So if you change the PIN code, you will have to reboot he eWON to take the changes into account.

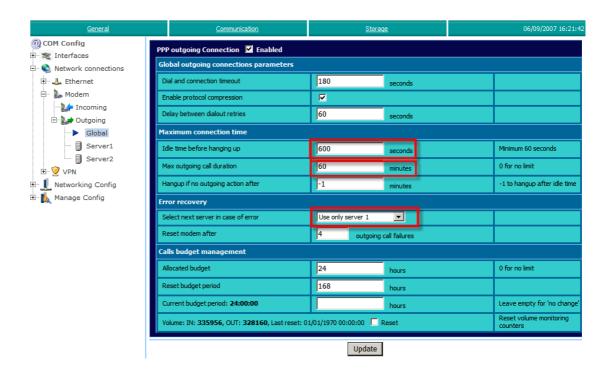
The other fields (upper part) cannot be modified, they only give you status information:

- The Modem Detected field displays the textual description of the eWON internal modem detected.
- The Signal Level field shows the current signal level for your GSM/GPRS communication. The signal level must be between 20 and 31 (signal levels lower than 18 could work, but the communication could be slower or even interrupted). If you get 0 or 99, check your local environment and your antenna isolation/power.
- The **Network** field indicates if you are able to connect to the GSM/GPRS network. You should read **«Home network»** (when you are in your country) and **«Roaming»** (when you are abroad) to communicate safely.
- The *Operator* field displays the current GSM provider that you are using.



Setup outgoing connection to the ISP provider

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Enable the **PPP outgoing Connection**.

Change if needed the *Maximum connection Time* settings:

The *Idle time before hanging up* parameter defines the number of seconds that eWON will keep the connection established if there is no communication. If there is no traffic for this amount of time, eWON will hang up. By default this parameter is set to 120 sec. By setting the *Idle time before hanging up* to 600 seconds, eWON will drop the Internet connection after 10 minutes of inactivity.

By default the *Max outgoing call duration* is set to 60 minutes. So the eWON will drop the Internet connection after 1 hour. Even if there is still traffic on the modem connection. Increase this parameter if you want to stay connected for a longer time. Put it on 0 to define no time limit for the connection.

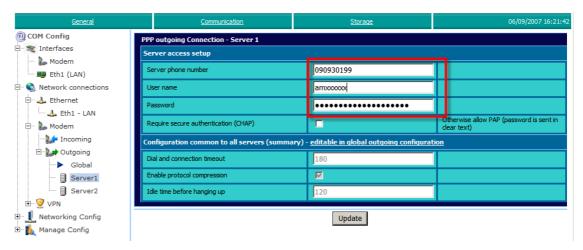
For the *Error recovery* choose *Use only server 1* if you do not specify a second ISP.

The *Call budget management* allows you to manage the costs of the outgoing connection. The default settings allow you to use 24 hours of outgoing connection during one week (168 hours). Set to 0 to disable the call budget management.



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PSTN or ISDN Modem



Enter here the phone number, *User name* and *Password* of your ISP (Internet Service Provider).

GSM/GPRS or Edge Modem



Select the connection type you want to use:

If you want to connect using GPRS or Edge then choose «GPRS» in the **Connection type** and leave the **User name** and **Password** fields empty.

If you want to connect to an ISP using the GSM data connection, then chose the **Remote access connection** and enter the Server phone number, user name and password of your ISP.



Configure the Internet Connection

Configuration \rightarrow System Setup \rightarrow Communication \rightarrow Networking Config \rightarrow Internet Connection



Set the Network connection to Modem Connection.

Check only the *Maintain connection* box if you want that your eWON stays always connected to the Internet. This is especially useful for GPRS or Edge connections.

Enable the **Publish IP address** to ask eWON to publish its public Internet address for every new Internet connection. To see how to apply the Publish address option, please refer to Chapter 5.



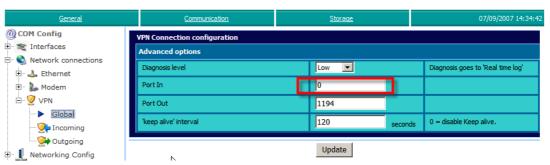


The *Maintain connection* feature will only reactivate the Internet connection once the Internet connection is closed. The duration of the Internet connection must still be configured using the *Maximum connection Time* fields of the PPP outgoing connection (see page 8).

eWON configuration for VPN connection

Specify the VPN incoming connection

 $\textbf{Configuration} \to \textbf{System Setup} \to \textbf{Communication} \to \textbf{Network connections} \to \textbf{VPN} \to \textbf{Global}$



Here you can change the Port number on which eWON will «listen for» incoming VPN traffic.



Port in: 0 = default behavior



If VPN is initiated by an external source (eGrabit), then eWON listens on port 1194 (hard coded).

 $\textbf{Configuration} \to \textbf{System Setup} \to \textbf{Communication} \to \textbf{Network connections} \to \textbf{VPN} \to \textbf{Incoming}$



Check Listen for incoming VPN connection.

Enter a **Passphrase** and remember this **Passphrase** for the eGrabit configuration. Let the **VPN IP addresses config** on **Automatic**.



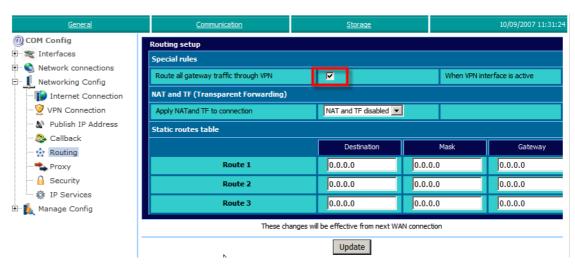
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Check the Listen for incoming VPN from client.

Specify the VPN routing

Configuration → System Setup → Communication → Networking Config → Routing



Check the **Route all Gateway Traffic through VPN** to route all the gateway traffic through the VPN tunnel.

Do not enable the NAT and TF.

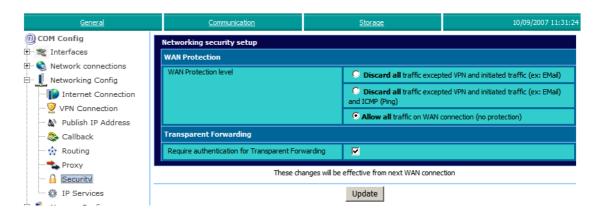




The NAT and Transparent Forwarding are not needed because the packets will use the VPN tunnel. Only for special networking configurations the NAT and TF have to be activated.



Specify the security level



Choose the **WAN Protection level** you want to apply.

For testing purposes, it is better to start first with the *Allow all traffic* option.

Once your VPN connection has been tested, you can then choose the *Discard all traffic excepted VPN* to restrict the Internet access on your eWON. Your eWON will then be accessible only through VPN.



Publish the eWON IP address

When you connect to your eWON using GPRS or ISP, the online address is probably not fixed. So to be able to reach your eWON, you need to know its online IP address.

Thanks to the eWON *Publish IP address* feature, you can enable the *Publish by email* or *Publish by dynamic DNS*. Bear in mind that the IP publishing will not work if your did not enable this option in the *Networking Config* (see page 10)

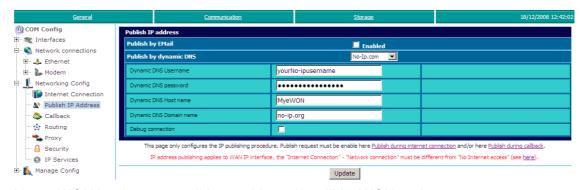
Configure the Publish IP Address

Configuration → System Setup → Communication → Networking Config → Publish IP Address



Enable the **Publish by Email** box and enter the email address where the public IP address has to be sent to.

If you want to use dynamic DNS (No-IP, DynDns, EasyDns,...), you can enable the **Publish by dynamic DNS** and specify the settings of your No-IP account in the following page:



Your eWON be thus accessible at address http://MyeWON.no-ip.org.



Configure the SMTP Server

If you prefer the address to be published by email, you will have to configure the **SMTP Server**.

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Enter the **SMPT Server Address** and **Port information**.

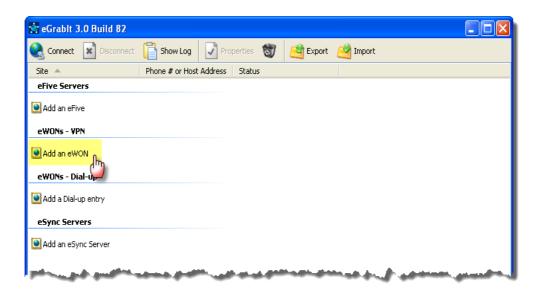
Specify the email address that will be used to send the email. Generally this email address must be compatible with your SMTP Server and ISP account.

eGrabit configuration Chapter 6.

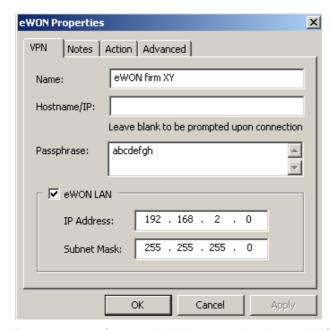
eGrabit configuration

While the eWON acts as VPN Server, thanks to the eGrabit software, your PC will act as VPN Client.

Launch eGrabit.



Click on «Add an eWON» under the «eWONs -VPN» section.



Enter a name for your VPN connection (ex.: eWON firm XY)

In the «Hostname/IP» field, insert the public Internet address of your eWON. You can let this field empty to specify the address for every new connection (best option if you receive the IP-address by email through the *Publish IP address* feature of the eWON)

If you have configured your eWON to publish address by DNS, the «Hostname/IP» should be this Dynamic DNS name.



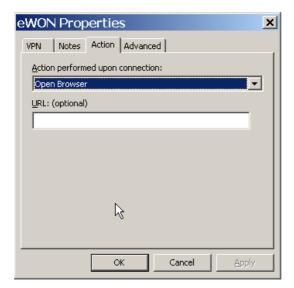
In the «Passphrase» field enter the Passphrase you have previously configured in your eWON.

In the «eWON LAN» section enter the IP address range of the devices connected to the LAN side of the eWON. This information will be used to automatically add the route on your PC to route the packets through the VPN tunnel.

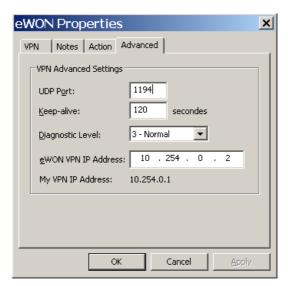
NOTE



Make sure you insert the IP address range and *NOT* the IP address. So, if the eWON IP address is 192.168.2.13, mask 255.255.255.0, enter 192.168.2.0 mask 255.255.255.0.



In the «Action», tab choose the action to perform once the VPN connection is established. By default the eWON internal Web pages will be displayed.



In the «Advanced» tab, you can specify the UDP port to use for the VPN connection. By default 1194 is used because eWON uses port 1194 in default config (see page 11).



How to «Wake up» the eWON

When you use a GPRS or Edge connection, you probably do not want your eWON to remain permanently connected to the Internet (simply for cost reasons)

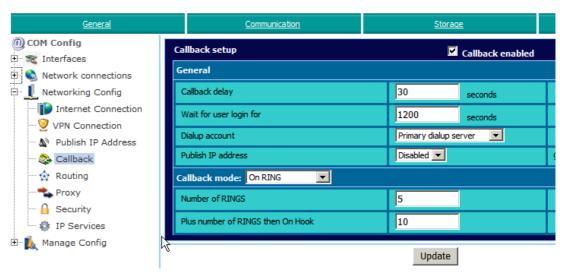
So, how can I «Wake up» my eWON from remote to ask it to connect to the Internet?

Callback feature

eWON has a callback feature.

You can for example call your eWON, let ring 7 times and hang up. The eWON will then trigger the outgoing connection to the Internet.

Configuration → System Setup → Communication → Networking Config → Callback



Check the Callback enabled check box.

You can let the other settings unchanged.

Configured like explained before, the eWON will trigger the callback if the modern rings between 5 and 15 times. After 15 rings the eWON will pick up the line to allow incoming dialup-connection (if enabled).

The Internet connection will be established using the primary dialup server (**Server 1**).



With SMS

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\textbf{Configuration} \rightarrow \textbf{Script Setup} \rightarrow \textbf{Edit Script}
```

If your eWON is equipped with a GPRS or Edge modem and if your GSM SIM card subscription allows SMS receiving, then you can «Wake up» the eWON using SMS.

The script shown hereunder will send a email after the SMS reception. The scheduled email will then activate the outgoing connection to the Internet as configured in the *Outgoing Connection* settings of the eWON.

```
InitSection:
ONSMS "Goto HSms"
HSms:
a% = Getsys Prg, "SmsRead"
If (a%<>0) Then
    f$ = Getsys Prg, "smsfrom"
    a$ = Getsys Prg, "smsmsg"
    If a$ = "Connect" Then
        Sendmail "MyMail@abc.be","", "eWON Wake up by SMS", "The eWON online IP address
is: [$dtSV$seOnlineIpAddr]"
    LOGEVENT "eWON Wake up by SMS from GSM number: " + f$, 120
    ENDIF
    Goto Hsms
Endif
End
```

The contents of the SMS has to be «Connect» to launch the «Wake up» process.

The «LogEvent» function is used to track the action done by SMS.



To add the following code in the eWON, select *Init Section* and click on the *Edit* button, insert your script and click on the *Update* button.



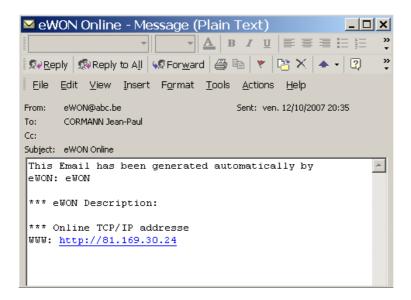
To make your script start at the eWON boot, click on *Script Control:*Check the *Script starts at eWON Boot* box and click on *Update Autorun mode.*



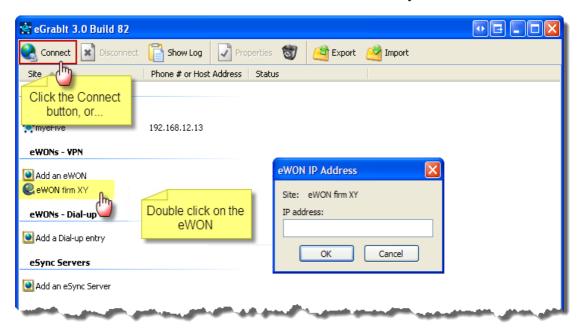
To start the Script click on the *RUN* button.

Establish the VPN connection

If you have configured your eWON to publish the IP address by email, you will receive an email specifying the Online TCP/IP address of the eWON after the «Wake up» of the eWON and once the eWON is connected to the Internet,.



Launch eGrabit and double click on the «eWON - VPN» link you have created earlier.

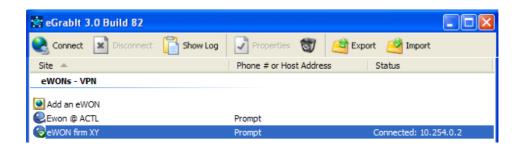


Enter the eWON public IP address and click on **OK**. If you have configured your Publish IP address by dynamic DNS, just click on the VPN link;

Now eGrabit tries to establish the VPN connection to the eWON.



Once the connection is established, you will see the following information in the eGrabit window:



As you can see, eGrabit is connected to the «eWON firm XY» on IP address 10.254.0.2. This address is the default VPN address of the eWON (refer to page 11).

If you have introduced the eWON LAN IP address when configuring eGrabit, you will now be able to access your eWON on its local IP address and also the devices behind the eWON using the VPN tunneling.

Configured that way, eGrabit will then launch your Web browser to open the eWON Web Interface on IP address 10.254.0.2 (= eWON VPN IP address)



IMPORTANT



To be able to reach the Ethernet devices connected to the eWON using the VPN tunnel you will have to specify on every Ethernet device the eWON as default Gateway, (or create the adequate routing).

Troubleshooting Chapter 8.

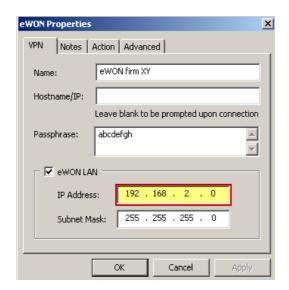
Troubleshooting

PC cannot connect to the eWON

- Check the Passphrase that you chose when configuring eGrabit.
- Make sure that the eWON Internet connection does actually allow incoming connections on port UDP 1194. Ask your Internet provider to open this port or adapt the port used for the VPN connection to another opened port.

If a VPN connection has been established, but the devices cannot be reached

 Check the eGrabit settings. Make sure that you have introduced the eWON IP address range and not the whole IP address.



 You can also have a look at the route that has been created by eGrabit on your PC. Open a DOS command window (Run: cmd) and type «route print». You will have to find a route for the eWON LAN as you specified in eGrabit. As you can see the address for the LAN 10.0.120.0 will be routed through the VPN connection (10.254.0.2 = eWON VPN address).

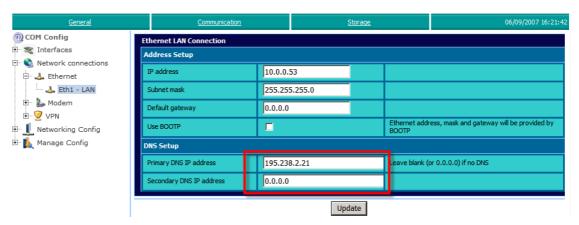


Publish IP address does not work

 If you did not receive an email or if the dyn DNS does not work, have a look to the *Event Log* of the eWON. If the message is «DNS-Unable to resolve host name», try to put a DNS manually in the eWON. Normally, the DNS should be allocated to the eWON by the Internet connection (ISP, APN, ...). To obtain the DNS to use, contact your Internet provider.



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Here you can specify the DNS IP address if needed.

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