

SSL VPN FAQ: USING THE ANYCONNECT CLI COMMANDS

The **Cisco AnyConnect** VPN Client provides a command line interface (CLI) for users who prefer to issue commands instead of using the graphical user interface. The following sections describe how to launch the CLI command prompt.

For Windows

To launch the CLI command prompt and issue commands on a Windows system, locate the file *vpncli.exe* in the Windows folder C:\Program Files\Cisco\Cisco AnyConnect VPN Client. Double-click the file *vpncli.exe*.

For Linux

To launch the CLI command prompt and issue commands on a Linux system, locate the file *vpn* in the folder */opt/cisco/vpn/bin/*. Execute the file *vpn*. You can run the CLI in interactive mode, in which it provides its own prompt, or you can run it with the commands on the command line. The following table shows the CLI commands. The following examples shows the user establishing and terminating a connection from the command line:

Command	Action
connect	<i>IP address or alias</i> Client establishes a connection to a specific security appliance.
disconnect	Client closes a previously established connection.
exit	Exits the CLI interactive mode.
help or ?	Gets usage information for CLI commands.
hosts	Lists all saved VPN server hosts.
quit	Exits the CLI interactive mode.
state or status	Displays current state of the VPN subsystem.
stats	Displays statistics about an established connection.
version	Displays the version of the currently installed Cisco AnyConnect VPN Client

/opt/cisco/vpn/bin/vpn connect 1.2.3.4

Establishes a connection to a security appliance with the address *1.2.3.4*.

/opt/cisco/vpn/bin/vpn connect some_asa_alias

Establishes a connection to a security appliance by reading the profile and looking up the alias *some_asa_alias* in order to find its address.

/opt/cisco/vpn/bin/vpn stats

Displays statistics about the vpn connection.

/opt/cisco/vpn/bin/vpn disconnect

Disconnect the vpn session if it exists.