

Application notes



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Link management

Link manager is a mechanism providing switching of several pre-configured alternative links (alternative static routes). Link switch is triggered in case of the active link failure. Link failure can be detected passively – by checking link interface physical status (see Watched interface parameter) and actively by ICMP ping (see Link testing parameter).

Link testing is active on currently active link and all higher priority links (to detect when they are available again). Lower priority links can also be tested (see Test backup link parameter). When the current link fails, link manager switches to the next functional lower priority link. If the link is not being checked (Test backup link parameter is disabled), it is assumed to be functional. Routing rules are updated automatically on link switchover.

IPsec tunnels can be bound to particular links via Peer ID parameter. In such a case the individual IPsec tunnel is activated/deactivated together with the respective link. It is automatically switched back to the higher priority link once it is restored.

See more details and all parameters explained in the User manual.

The application note will show you several examples using the Link management features.

- Dual "Internet" access
- Simple IPsec tunnel configuration
- P2P connection utilizing IPsec tunnel controlled by Link management
- M!DGE3 units as remotes in P2MP connection

All the examples can be applied both to RipEX2 and M!DGE3 with just slight differences, such as a cellular interface is the "MAIN" in M!DGE3, whereas in RipEX2 it is "EXT". In RipEX2 you can also utilize a "Radio" interface which cannot be set in M!DGE3.

All examples utilize MIDGE3 cellular routers, because using Link management is more frequent in cellular devices than in radio modems.

1. Dual "Internet" access

The 1st example is not really used frequently, but can demonstrate nicely the main purpose of link priorities local management . You can also imagine private APN instead of public "internet" APN if it suits you better.



Fig. 1: Dual Internet connection

The scenario explains using the ETH4 port as a primary WAN link and having LTE (WWAN) only as a backup in case of primary WAN failure. This situation can be beneficial if WAN speed is in hundreds of Mbit/s, but the speed of 2G/3G/4G is lower, shared among other users within the BTS coverage etc.

This scenario starts with a unit in factory setup. Login to the unit and go to the SETTINGS > Device > Unit menu and choose appropriate Unit name – in our example, it is "m3_internet_dual".

M!DGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7 りり	emote access UNIT
Unit time: 2023-08-31 12:16:45 (UTC+0)	General Service USB Time Sleep mode
	Unit
😝 STATUS	Name m3_internet_dual
	Note
To SETTINGS	Location
Interfaces	Contact
Routing	• All information above is used in SNMP device info.
Firewall	
VPN	
Quality of service	
Security	
Device	
Unit	
Configuration	

Fig. 2: Unit name

Configuring the NTP time synchronization is recommended. The unit has a correct time and eventual debugging is always easier, go to the SETTINGS > Device > Unit > Time menu.

Set a correct Time zone and add at least one NTP server IP address which is accessible within your APN.

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7	Remote access	UNIT
Unit time: 2023-08-31 12:25:11 (UTC+0)	General Service USB Time Sleep mode	
	Status	
😝 STATUS	3 seconds	
🕨 🏟 SETTINGS	NTP state not synced Stratum 8	
Interfaces	Dispersion [ms] 0.000	
Routing		
Firewall	Time	
VPN	Change device time manually 2023-08-31 12:25:11 Update in device U	lse browser time
Quality of service		
Security	NTP minimum polling int 1 min.	
Device	Time zone Europe/Prague	
Unit Unit	NTP servers	
Configuration Events	I VTP server IP 195.113.144.201 Note	

Fig. 3: NTP settings

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7	⁴ I Remote access	ETHERNET
Unit time: 2023-08-31 12:37:20	Network interfaces Ports	
	Status	
🚱 STATUS	Networkinterfecee	
SETTINGS	Network Interfaces	
Interfaces	∥ 🗹 Name bridge 🔽 ETH1 🗹 ETH2 🗹 ETH3 🗌 ETH	H4 🔲 ETH5 🔽 Allow unit management
Ethernet	V IP / Mask 192.168.1.1/24 Note	
	+ Add IP/Subnet	
Cellular	II 🖌 Name 😡 ETH1 🔤 ETH2 🔤 ETH3 🗹 ETH	H4 📃 ETH5 🔽 Allow unit management
Routing	IP / Mask 192.168.132.200/24 Note	
Firewall	+ Add IP/Subnet	

Go to the SETTINGS > Interfaces > Ethernet menu and configure correct IP addresses.

Fig. 4: Ethernet settings

Set ETH1-3 Network interface IP to 192.168.1.1/24. The ETH4 is our WAN with 192.168.132.200/24 and we name it "wan".

Go to the SETTINGS > Interfaces > Cellular menu and configure your cellular profile to suit your SIM card and provider's setup. In our case, we just set 'internet' as our APN. There is no need to configure "Link testing" now (we do it later in the Link management itself).

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7		CELLULAR		
Vnit time: 2023-08-31 12:38:44 (UTC+0)	MAIN EXT SIM1 SIM2			
	Cellular MAIN Enabled	Edit		×
Interfaces	Parameters		Enable profile	*
Ethernet	Masquerade On 👻	Access po	pint name (APN) internet	
COM Terminal servers	Allow unit management On	P	Authentication None referred service 4G (LTE) fi	rst v
Cellular	Profile switching Off 🗸	Head	ler compression Off	*
Routing — Firewall	Cellular profiles	Da	ata compression Off	* *
VPN	Minimum number of 1 rows of table Cellular profile	es has been reached.	MTU [B] 1430	\$
Quality of service	• 0		Note	
Security ————————————————————————————————————	Preferred service: 4G (LTE) first	Confirm	n and close	Close

Fig. 5: Cellular WWAN (MAIN) interface

Go to the SETTINGS > Routing > Link management menu and enable this feature. Click on the "Add link" button and configure the WAN/ETH4 link.

- Label: "wan_eth4"
- Link type: "static"
- Gateway: 192.168.132.254
 - This "broadband" connection can be simulated by any other device with 192.168.132.254 IP, or set it to match your actual LAN Internet setup.
- Watch ETH4 so that the link goes up/down based on ETH4 physical status (cable connected/disconnected).
- Enable Link testing
 - Target address we will ping 192.168.132.254 Gateway IP if the IP is not accessible three times in a row, the link is considered down. Once the ping succeeds, the link becomes up again.
 - Choose required timing we set short intervals due to high Ethernet speed and requirement for fast reaction on link changes

MIDGE3 NoName @10.9.8.7			GEMENT
	Status	Add link	×
		Enable link	
		Label	wan_eth4
		Link type	Static 🗸
🌣 SETTINGS	Links	Gateway	192.168.132.254
	Table does not contain any data	Watch ETH1	
		Watch ETH2	
	+ Add link	Watch ETH3	
		Watch ETH4	
		Link testing	On 🗸
		Test period [s]	5
		Repeat period [s]	5
		Reply timeout [s]	2
		Passes [No]	1
		Retries [No]	3
		Target address	192.168.132.254
		Enable second target address	Off 🗸
		Test backup link	On 🗸
		Note	
		Confirm and close	Close

Fig. 6: WAN/ETH4 Link management

Configure 2nd link via the cellular WWAN (MAIN) interface:

Label: "wwan_cellular"

- Link type: "WWAN (MAIN)"
- Link testing: On
 - $\circ\,$ We ping the Google server IP 8.8.8.8 in longer intervals

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7			GEMENT	
Î .				
Unit time: 2023-08-31 12:53:03 (UTC+0)	Status			
		Add link		×
		Enable link	Image: A start of the start	
🕏 🖏 SETTINGS	Links	Label	wwan_cellular	
Interfaces	• wan eth4	Link type	WWAN (MAIN)	~
Routing	Link type:	Link testing	On	~
Static	Static Watch	Test period [s]	30	0
Link management	ETH4	Repeat period [s]	5	0
Rahel	Link testing:	Reply timeout [s]	5	$\hat{}$
OSPF		Passes [No]	1	0
BGP	+ Add link	Retries [No]	3	$\hat{}$
Firewall		Target address	8.8.8.8	
		Enable second target address	Off	~
VPN		Test backup link	On	~
Quality of service		Note		
Security				_
Device		Confirm and close	CI	ose

Fig. 7: WWAN/cellular Link management

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7	Remote access				LINK MANAGEMENT
Unit time: 2023-08-31 12:54:23 (UTC+0)	Status				
n status	Link management	Enabled			
SETTINGS	Links				
Interfaces	• wan_eth4	1	• wwan_cellular	/	
Routing	Link type: Static	F <u>in</u>	Link type:	s _{lin}	
Static	Watch:				
Link management	Link testing:		Link testing:		
Babel	On	Ē	On	Ē	
OSPF			ι		
BGP	+ Add link				

Fig. 8: Link management summary

Go to the SETTINGS > Routing > Static menu and add 0.0.0.0/0 default gateway via "link manager".

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7 1 ^{3/1} Remote ac	cess STATIC
Unit time: 2023-08-31 12:55:18 (UTC+0)	Status
STATUS	Static routes
SETTINGS	Destination IP / Mask 0.0.0/0 Mode Link manager Persistent route Local preferred source address 0.0.0. Metric 0 Note
Interfaces	+ Add
Routing Static	

Fig. 9: Default route controlled by Link manager

Go to the "Changes" basket, verify the changes and if all is OK, click on the "Send configuration" button to store the configuration in the unit.

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7	Remote access		CHANGES TO COMMIT
Unit time: 2023-08-31 12:57:43 (UTC+0)	< <u>Return to configuration</u>		
	Your current chang	ges	
🚯 STATUS	🆏 Settings 🕽 Device 🔰 Unit	Seneral	
🌣 SETTINGS	Name:	NoName 🌩 m3_internet_dual	
	🌣 Settings 👂 Device 👂 Unit	> <u>Time</u>	
& DIAGNOSTICS	Time zone:	Etc/UTG Europe/Prague	
ADVANCED	🌣 Settings 👂 Device 👂 Unit	> Time > <u>NTP servers</u> > 1	
	ID:	0	
	Enable NTP server: Note:	On (Empty)	
	NTP server IP:	195.113.144.201	

Fig. 10: Changes to commit

Test description

Go to the SETTINGS > Routing > Link management and open the Status menu. Click on the "Start auto refresh" button and see the states of configured links.

MIDGE3 m3_internet_dual @10.9.8.7	1 ¹⁾ '1 Remote access		LINK MANAGEMENT
<u>^</u>			
Unit time: 2023-08-31 15:00:26 (UTC+2)	Status 3 seconds • Stop a	uto refresh	
n status	Link ID Link label Link state 0 wan_eth4 up 1 wwan cellular up	Link role ACTIVE backup	
SETTINGS	2 man_condian ap	zunap	
Interfaces	✓ Link management Enabled		
Routing			
Static	Links		
Link management			
Babel	• wan_eth4	• wwan_cellular	
OSPF	Link type: Static	Link type:	
BGP	Watch:	WWAN (MAIN)	
Firewall VPN	LIH4 Link testing: On	Link testing: On	

Fig. 11: Link management status

If you go to the DIAGNOSTICS – Information – Routing menu, you can check the System routing, i.e., the default 0.0.0.0/0 route is via 192.168.132.254 (or via cellular if a backup link is used).

MIDGE3 m3_internet_dual @10.9.8.7	1 ⁰ 1 Remote access	ROUTING
^		
Unit time: 2023-08-31 15:01:13 (UTC+2)	System Dynamic Link management Babel OSPF BGP	
	System routing	
🕥 STATUS	3 seconds	
🍫 SETTINGS	System routing table default via 192.168.132.254 dev if_wan proto linkmng 10.9.8.0/28 dev service proto kernel scope link src 10.9.8.7	
	192.168.1.0/24 dev if_bridge proto kernel scope link src 192.168.1.1 linkdown 192.168.132.0/24 dev if_wan proto kernel scope link src 192.168.132.200	
Overview		
Information		
Interfaces		
Routing		

Fig. 12: System routing

The Link management tab has the same output as from its Settings menu.

You can also check the Monitoring menu – check the ETH4 and WWAN (MAIN) interfaces to see data being sent/received.

To simulate issues:

- Disconnect and connect ETH cable from ETH4 port
- Disconnect and connect the Gateway device (192.168.132.254) so that MIDGE3 ETH4 port is "up", but the Link testing fails.
- You can detach the cellular antenna(s) to simulate cellular issues as well.

2. Simple IPsec tunnel configuration

Very often, encrypted communication is a must, or regular LANtoLAN traffic is just simply discarded in operator's network, or even in your broadband connection.

IPsec VPN tunnel is suitable to solve the security/encryption and also LANtoLAN communication.

Note: Due to routing purposes, GRE L2/L3 are frequently used together with IPsec.



Fig. 13: Simple IPsec tunnel – diagram

Configuration steps start after the Example 1.1 is completed.

Go to the SETTINGS > VPN > IPsec menu and enable it. Add a new VPN configuration. Configure it to suit the opposite site. We suggest multiple parameters

- Enable both Make-before-break and MOBIKE for faster and more reliable tunnel switching
- Enable DPD detection to detect IPsec tunnel failures
- Set the Start state to "Start" so this MIDGE3 initiates the IPsec connection keep in mind the opposite site (Peer) should be set to "Passive" state (waiting for incoming connections).

Keep the "Management mode" to "Off" – this is a special parameter for our Link management, but not yet configured for this example.

Possible IPsec setup overview:

MIDGE 3 m3_dual @10.9.8.7	01 Remote access
Unit time: 2023-08-31 16:12:20 (UTC+2)	Status
🕅 STATUS	IPsec Enabled
SETTINGS	IPsec settings
Interfaces	Make-before-break
Firewall	IPsec associations
VPN	Edit VPI configuration Peer address 10.203.0.29 Local ID client Peer ID server Management mode Off 🗸
IPsec	Traffic selectors
GRE	Local network address / Mask 192.168.1.0/24 Remote network address / Mask 192.168.2.0/24 Protocol All Note
Quality of service	
Security	+ Add traffic selector

Fig. 14: IPsec configuration

Note: The Unit name is changed to "m3_dual".

Test description

If you have both Links functional and you can reach the IPsec Peer IP, you can do the same tests as in the previous example, but now including the IPsec status check within the SETTINGS > VPN > IPsec menu and its Status.

You can also try to ping between laptops connected to both ends of IPsec tunnel during changing the active link.

3. P2P connection utilizing IPsec tunnel controlled by Link management

Sometimes, we can see that the server also has two WAN IP addresses, each accessible via different Link. If we kept the same setup as above, we would not be able to connect to one of the IP addresses, because IPsec provides only one Peer IP address.

To solve this situation, we can use Link management to control what Peer IP (and even other IPsec parameters) to use via various links.

We cannot define two same IPsec tunnels differing only in Peer IP. Once there are some overlaps in traffic selectors, it cannot be saved, because that would cause networking issues.

In the following example, we

- Define two IPsec tunnels with different Peer IPs
 - One will be set as "Master" and will be configured with proper Traffic selectors
 - One will be set as "Slave" and will become active only if the primary Link fails and will use the same Traffic selectors as the Master tunnel
- · The IPsec server will have two different IPs for its WAN
 - We utilize another M!DGE3 to demonstrate this example i.e., we'll configure two M!DGE3 units in point-to-point scenario. One connection will be via Ethernet; one connection via private APN (WWAN).



Fig. 15: Link management, p2p - IPsec control

Most of the configuration is already done within the previous chapters (1.1 and 1.2) so we just edit the configuration of the unit on the left side of the diagram, the one with 10.203.0.28 IP on its WWAN and 192.168.132.200 on its ETH4/WAN. Afterwards, we need to do the complete setup of the 2nd unit.

Go to the SETTINGS > Routing > Link management and enable "IPsec control" option.

MIDGE 3 m3_dual @10.9.8.7	1 ⁰ ¶ Remote access	
, in the second s		
Unit time: 2023-09-01 10:21:49 (UTC+2)	Status	
🕅 STATUS	✓ Link management Enabled	
SETTINGS	IPsec control On 🗸	
Interfaces	Links	
Routing	wan eth4	/
Static Link management	Link type: Static Watch:	i <u>k</u>
Babel	ETH4 IPsec association: IPsec association: server server	
Firewall	Link testing: On	â
VPN	+ Add link	

Fig. 16: Enabling IPsec control

Go to the SETTINGS > VPN > IPsec menu and edit the tunnel created in the previous example – set the "Management mode" to "Link manager (Master)". Set the "Peer address" to primary 192.168.132.201, "Local ID" to 192.168.132.200 and "Peer ID" to 192.168.132.201.

MIDGE 3 ^{m3_dual} @10.9.8.7 I ^{3/4} Remote a	ccess IPSEC Pill Changes M Notifications
	✓ IPsec Enabled
Unit time: 2023-09-01 10:32:25 (UTC+2)	
	IPsec settings
🚱 STATUS	Make-before-break
SETTINGS	IPsec associations
Interfaces	Edit VPN configuration
Routing	Peer address 192.168.132.201 Local ID 192.168.132.200 Peer ID 192.168.132.201 Image:
Firewall	Traffic selectors
VPN	
IPsec	Local network address / Mask 192.168.1.0/24
GRE	Remote network address / Mask 192.168.2.0/24 Protocol All
Quality of service	NOTE
Security	+ Add traffic selector

Fig. 17: Management mode "Link manager" (Master)

Copy the current tunnel using the "Copy" button and edit it.

• Change the "Peer address" to 10.203.0.29

- Change the "Management mode" to "Link manager (Slave)"
- Set the Local ID to 10.203.0.28
- Set the Peer ID to 10.203.0.29
- Delete its Traffic selectors

Edit VPN configuration Peer address 10.203.0.29	Local ID 10.203.0.28	
Peer ID 10.203.0.29	Management mode Link manager (SI 💙	
Traffic selectors+ Add traffic selector		

Fig. 18: Link manager (Slave) IPsec association

Complete IPsec configuration:

MIDGE3 ^{m3_dual} ^{@10.9.8.7} I [%] 1 Remote	access IPSEC Pill Changes 🕫 Notifications O
	✓ IPsec Enabled
Unit time: 2023-09-01 10:29:37 (UTC+2)	IPsec settings
🚱 STATUS	Make-before-break
SETTINGS	IPsec associations
Interfaces	Edit VPI I configuration
Routing	Peer address 192.168.132.201 Local ID 192.168.132.200 Peer ID 192.168.132.201 Nanagament mode Liek management V
Firewall	
VPN	
GRE	Local network address / Mask 192.168.20/24 Protocol All
Quality of service	Note
Security	+ Add traffic selector
Device	Edit VPI / configuration
Services	Peer address 10.203.0.29 Local ID 10.203.0.28 Peer ID 10.203.0.29
& DIAGNOSTICS	Management mode Link manager (SI 💌
# ADVANCED	Traffic selectors + Add traffic selector
	+ Add VPN configuration

Fig. 19: IPsec configuration

Go back to the SETTINGS > Routing > Link management menu and edit the "wwan_cellular" link's IPsec association to "10.203.0.29" so it uses the backup IPsec tunnel.

MIDGE3 m3_dual @10.9.8.7	Remote access		LINK MANA	GEMENT	
	Status		Edit link		×
STATUS	Link management Enabled		Enable link Label	vwan_cellular	
Refraces	Links		Link type IPsec association	WWAN (MAIN)	* *
Static Link management Babel	• wan_eth4	wwan_cellular Link type: WWAN (MAIN)	Link testing Test period [s] Repeat period [s] Renly timeout [s]	On 30 5	 ▶ ○
	ITT4 IPsec association: 192.168.132.201 Link testing: On	IPsec association: 192.168.132.201 Link testing: On	Passes [No] Retries [No] Target address	1 3 10.203.0.1	0
VPN Quality of service Security Device	+ Add link		Enable second target address Test backup link Note	Off On	~
			Confirm and close	Cl	ose

Fig. 20: IPsec association of the backup link (WWAN MAIN)

Once within this page, edit the Gateway and Target address of the primary "wan_eth4" link to 192.168.132.201 (opposite unit's IP address).

The last required change must be done in the SETTINGS > Routing > Static menu. We need to define additional route so that at least the opposite M!DGE3's WWAN IP is always routed via WWAN (MAIN), or we can add the whole APN subnet (in our case, we have a private APN subnet 10.203.0.0/17).

	MIDGE3 m3_dual @192.168.132.200	1 ⁰ 'I Remote access	STATIC
	^		L
	Unit time: 2023-09-01 13:19:34 (UTC+2)	Status	
	😚 STATUS	Static routes	
•	🇞 SETTINGS	II Destination IP / Mask 0.0.0.0/0 Mode Link manager Destination IP / Mask 10.203.0.0/17 Mode WWAN (MAIN) ✓ 	Persistent route Persistent route
	Interfaces		
Þ	Routing	+ Add	
Þ	Static		
	Link management		

Fig. 21: Static routing for private APN subnet

Without such a rule, Link test via WWAN (MAIN) while operating over primary WAN/ETH4 would always fail.

Apply the changes.

We need to configure the 2nd M!DGE3 unit. You can either download the configuration file of the 1st M!DGE3 unit and upload the file into this one. Once uploaded, edit all the required parameters. But we do it step-by-step from the factory settings.

Change the Unit's name in the SETTINGS > Device > Unit menu to "m3_server_dual". Configure the NTP time synchronization as well, if applicable.

	MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7	Remote access	UNIT
	Unit time: 2023-09-01 08:47:52 (UTC+0)	General Service USB Time Sleep mode	
		Unit	
	😝 STATUS	Name m3_server_dual	
Ì	•	Note	
	✿ SETTINGS	Location	
	Interfaces	Contact	
	Routing	• All information above is used in SNMP device info.	
	Firewall	-	
	VPN		
	Quality of service		
	Security		
Þ	Device		
•	Unit		

Fig. 22: Unit name

Go to the SETTINGS > Interfaces > Ethernet menu. Set the correct 192.168.2.1/24 IP address for the "bridge" interface and create "wan" interface with 192.168.132.201/24 IP address and mask, set on ETH4.

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7	Remote access ETHERNET
Unit time: 2023-09-01 09:10:06 (UTC+0)	Network interfaces Ports
STATUS	Status
SETTINGS	Network interfaces
Interfaces	II 🔽 Name bridge 🗹 ETH1 🗹 ETH2 🗹 ETH3 🗌 ETH4 🔲 ETH5 🔽 Allow unit management
Ethernet COM Terminal servers	IP / Mask 192.168.2.1/24 Note + Add IP/Subnet
Cellular	II 🔽 Name 🚾 ETH1 🗌 ETH2 📄 ETH4 💭 ETH5 🔽 Allow unit management
Routing	II / Mask 192.168.132.201/24 Note

Fig. 23: Ethernet settings

Go to the SETTINGS > Interfaces > Cellular menu and enable the interface. Configure the APN to suit your operator's network.

Go to the SETTINGS > Routing > Link management menu. Enable it and configure two links. We configure and name them similarly to the "client" MIDGE3 unit.

Link management

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7	⁹ 1 Remote access	LINK MANA	GEMENT
Unit time: 2023-09-01 08:56:29 (UTC+0)	Status	Add link	×
		Enable link	~
CTATUC		Label	wan_eth4
P3 STATUS		Link type	Static 🗸
SETTINGS	Links	Gateway	192.168.132.200
Interfaces	Table does not contain any data.	Watch ETH1	
Interfaces		Watch ETH2	
Routing	+ Add link	Watch ETH4	
Static		Link testing	On 🗸
Link management		Test period [s]	5
Babel		Popert period [c]	5
OSPF		Repeat period [5]	5
BGP		Reply timeout [s]	Z
Firewall		Passes [No]	1
 VPN		Retries [No]	3
		Target address	192.168.132.200
Quality of service		Enable second target address	Off 🖌
Security		Test backup link	On 🗸
Device		Note	
Services		Confirm and close	Close

Fig. 24: Primary "wan_eth4" link

Set values other than default for the primary link:

- Label to "wan_eth4"
- Gateway "192.168.132.200"
- Watch ETH4
- Enable Link testing and decrease timing
- Target address "192.168.132.200"

M!DGE3 NoName @10.9.8.7	Remote access			LINK MANA	GEMENT	
Unit time: 2023-09-01 08:58:32 (UTC+0)	Status					
O CTATUS				Edit link		×
Pa STATUS				Enable link	Image: A start and a start and a start a st	
🕏 🤹 SETTINGS	Links			Label	wwan_cellular	
Interfaces			• wap etha	Link type	WWAN (MAIN)	~
Deutine		- Pic		Link testing	On	~
Routing	Static		Static	Test period [s]	30	\$
Static	Watch: ETH4		ETH4	Repeat period [s]	5	\$
Link management				Reply timeout [s]	5	\$
Babel				Passes [No]	1	\$
DSPF	+ Add link			Retries [No]	3	\diamond
BGP				Target address	10.203.0.28	
Firewall				Enable second target address	Off	~
VPN				Test backup link	On	~
Quality of service				Note		
Security						
Device				Confirm and close	С	lose

Fig. 25: Backup "wwan_cellular" link

Create the backup link and set

- Label to "wwan_cellular"
- Link type to "WWAN (MAIN)"
- Enable Link testing and edit the timing
- Target address to 10.203.0.28

Go to the SETTINGS > Routing > Static menu. Set the default route via Link manager and add the private APN subnet routing via WWAN (MAIN).

MIDGE3 m3_server_dual @10.9.8.7	I ⁰ 1 Remote access STATIC
^	
Unit time: 2023-09-01 13:22:45 (UTC+2)	Status
🕅 STATUS	Static routes
SETTINGS	Image:
Interfaces	
Routing	- Add
Static	

Fig. 26: Static routing via Link manager

Go to the SETTINGS > VPN > IPsec menu and enable it. Enable "Make-before-break" and add a VPN configuration.

The tunnel setup, other than factory settings, or important:

- · Start state: passive
- MOBIKE: On
- DPD: On (action: Hold)
- · Passphrase: racom
- Peer address: 192.168.132.200
- Local ID: 192.168.132.201
- Peer ID: 192.168.132.200

Add the Traffic selectors for local 192.168.2.0/24 and remote 192.168.1.0/24 subnets.

MIDGE 3 NoName @10.9.8.7	Remote access IPSEC
Unit time: 2023-09-01 09:05:17 (UTC+0)	Status
😝 STATUS	IPsec Enabled
🕨 🎝 SETTINGS	IPsec settings
Interfaces	Make-before-break
Routing	
Firewall	IPsec associations
VPN	Edit VPN configuration Peer address 192.168.132.200 Local ID 192.168.132.201 Peer ID 192.168.132.200
IPsec	Traffic selectors
GRE	
Quality of service	Local network address / Mask 192.108.2.0/24 Remote network address / Mask 192.108.1.0/24 Protocol
Security	+ Add traffic selector

Fig. 27: Initial IPsec setup

Go to the SETTINGS > Routing > Link management menu and enable IPsec control option. Go back to IPsec configuration page and set the 1st IPsec association mode to "Master".

Copy the current tunnel using the "Copy" button and edit it.

- Change the "Peer address" to 10.203.0.28
- Change the "Management mode" to "Link manager (Slave)"
- Set the Local ID to 10.203.0.29
- Set the Peer ID to 10.203.0.28

• Delete its Traffic selectors

IPsec associations			
Edit VPN configuration Peer address 192.168.132.200	Local ID 192.168.132.201	Peer ID 192.168.132.200	Management mode Link manager (N 💙
Traffic selectors			
Local network address / Mask 192.168.2.0/24	Remote network address / Mask	192.168.1.0/24 Protocol	All Note
+ Add traffic selector			
Edit VPN configuration Peer address 10.203.0.28	Local ID 10.203.0.29	Peer ID 10.203.0.28	Management mode Link manager (SI 💙
Traffic selectors			
+ Add traffic selector			

Fig. 28: Final IPsec configuration

Go back to the Link management configuration and set the IPsec association of "wwan_cellular" link to "10.203.0.28".

Apply all the changes.

Test description

Do the similar tests like in previous examples

- Disconnect ETH cable(s)
- Disconnect LTE antenna(s)
- Change Link manager's timings
- Run LAN2LAN ICMP tests while switching links

4. MIDGE3 units as remotes in P2MP connection

By combining previous examples, you can achieve multiple goals/topologies. One of possible and typical solutions is that you have a dedicated IPsec server with a static and public IP address (e.g. CISCO router). This device has its own redundancy options regardless of M!DGE3 remote units.

Each our MIDGE3 unit has two WAN interfaces, as described

- Primary WAN via ETH4
- Backup WAN via cellular WWAN (MAIN)

This priority is being controlled by Link manager in each MIDGE3 regardless anything else.

Due to the fact the server has one public IP address, IPsec tunnels do not need to be controlled by the Link manager. The Link manager ensures only routing via correct WAN link.

You can achieve similar topology:



Fig. 29: P2MP topology

If configured correctly, you can also achieve LAN2LAN communication among MIDGE3 units, but through the central IPsec server. You just need to set the Traffic selectors correctly. Number of such lines can be high with increasing number of remote units and possible subnets.

OpenVPN is going to be implemented in M!DGE3/RipEX2 units as a better solution for P2MP scenarios.

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