Troubleshoot Secure Access Error "VPN Establishment Capability for a Remote User Is Disabled. A VPN Connection Will Not Be Established"

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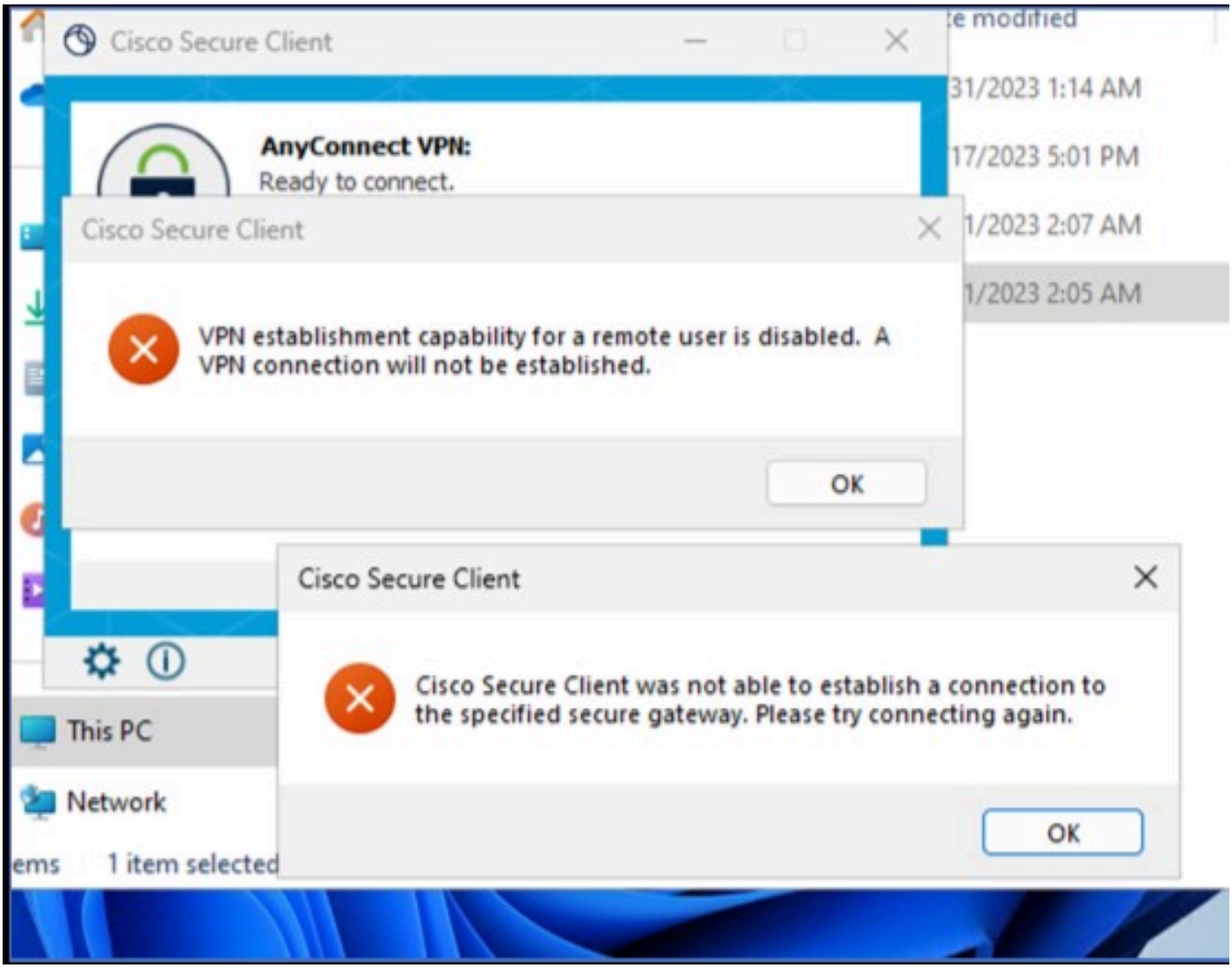
Introduction

This document describes how to resolve error: "VPN establishment capability for a remote user is disabled. A VPN connection will not be established."

Problem

When a user tries to connect with RA-VPN (Remote Access VPN) to the Secure Access headend, the error is printed in the Cisco Secure Client notification popup:

- **VPN establishment capability for a remote user is disabled. A VPN connection will not be established.**
- **Cisco Secure Client was not able to establish a connection to the specified secure gateway. Please try connecting again.**



Cisco Secure Client - Problem connecting to Cisco Secure Access

The mentioned error is generated, when the user is connected via the RDP to the Windows PC, tries to connect to RA-VPN from the given PC, and **WindowsVPN Establishment** is set to **Local Users Only (default option).**

Windows VPN Establishment determines the behavior of the Cisco Secure Client when a user who is remotely logged on to the client PC establishes a VPN connection. The possible values are:

- Local Users Only

Prevents a remotely logged-on (RDP) user from establishing a VPN connection.

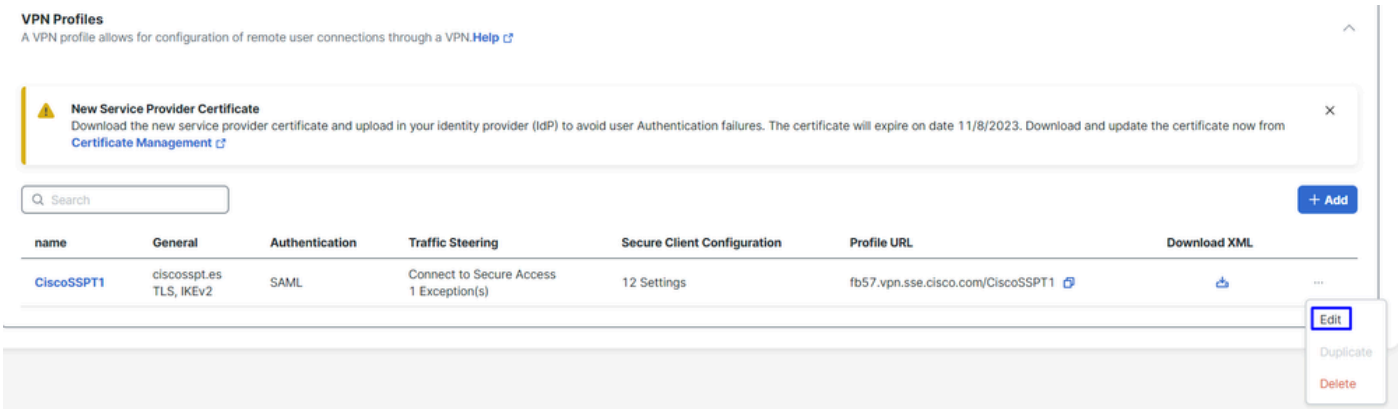
- **Allow Remote Users**

Allows remote users to establish a VPN connection. However, if the configured VPN connection routing causes the remote user to become disconnected, the VPN connection terminates to allow the remote user to regain access to the clients PC. Remote users must wait 90 seconds after VPN establishment if they want to disconnect their remote login session without causing the VPN connection to be terminated.

Solution

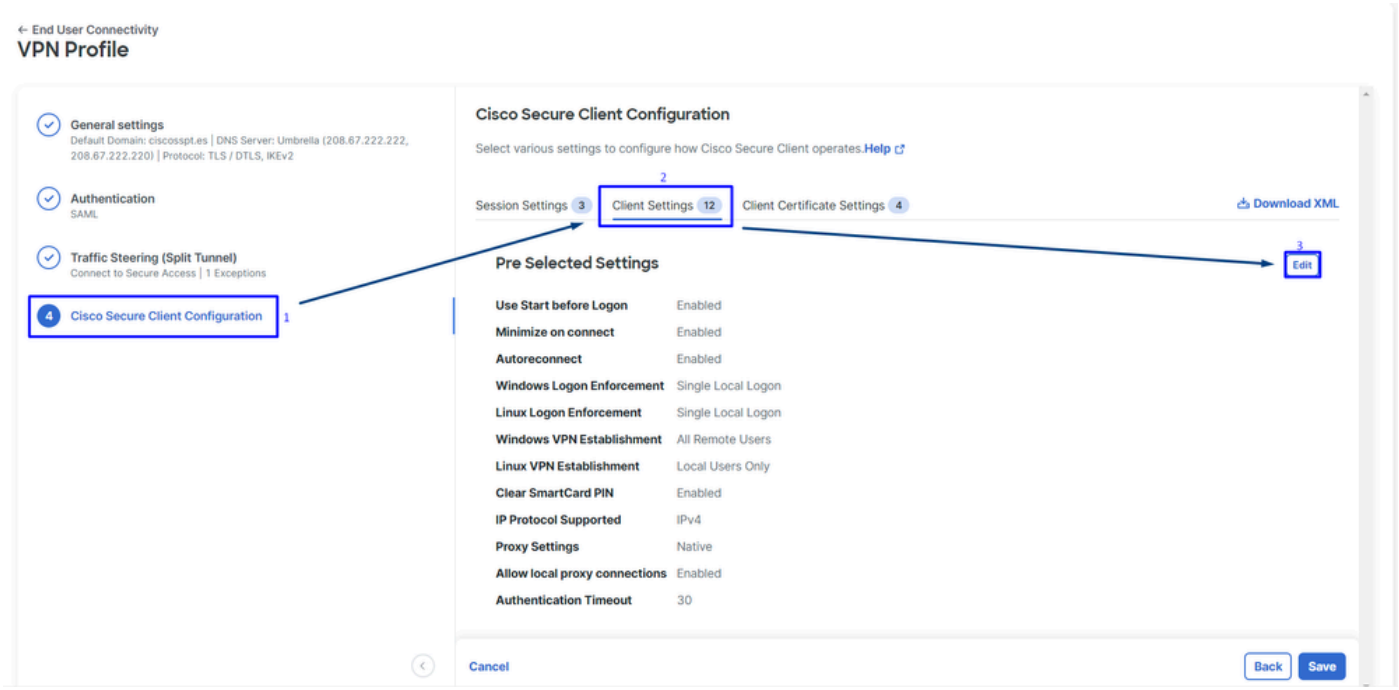
Navigate to Cisco Secure Access Dashboard.

- Click on **Connect > End User Connectivity**
- Click on Virtual Private Network
- Choose the profile that you want to modify and click **Edit**



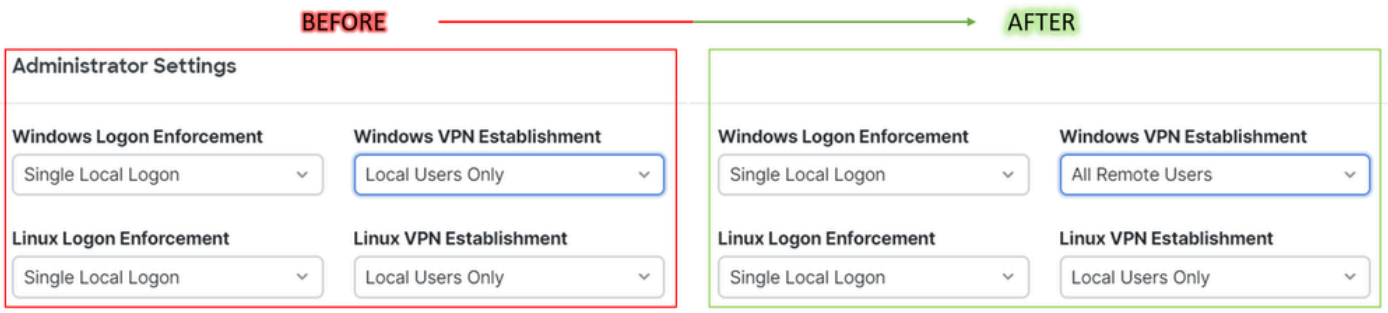
Cisco Secure Access - RA-VPN

Click on Cisco Secure Client Configuration > Client Settings > Edit



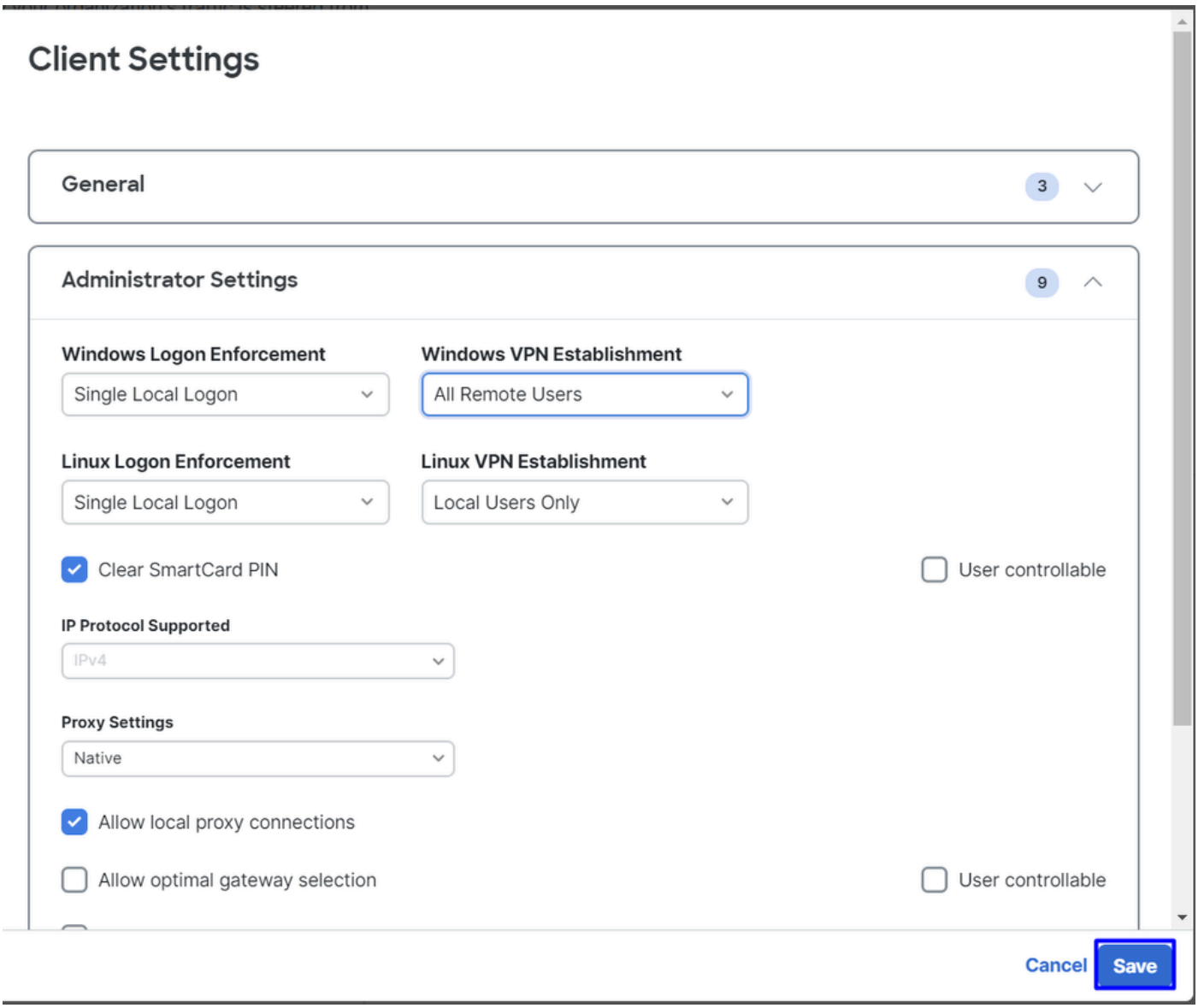
Cisco Secure Access - RA-PVN Client Configuration

Click on Administrator Settigns **and modify** Windows VPN Establishment **from** Local User Only to **All Remote Users**



Cisco Secure Access - Windows Windows VPN Establishment

And click on **Save**



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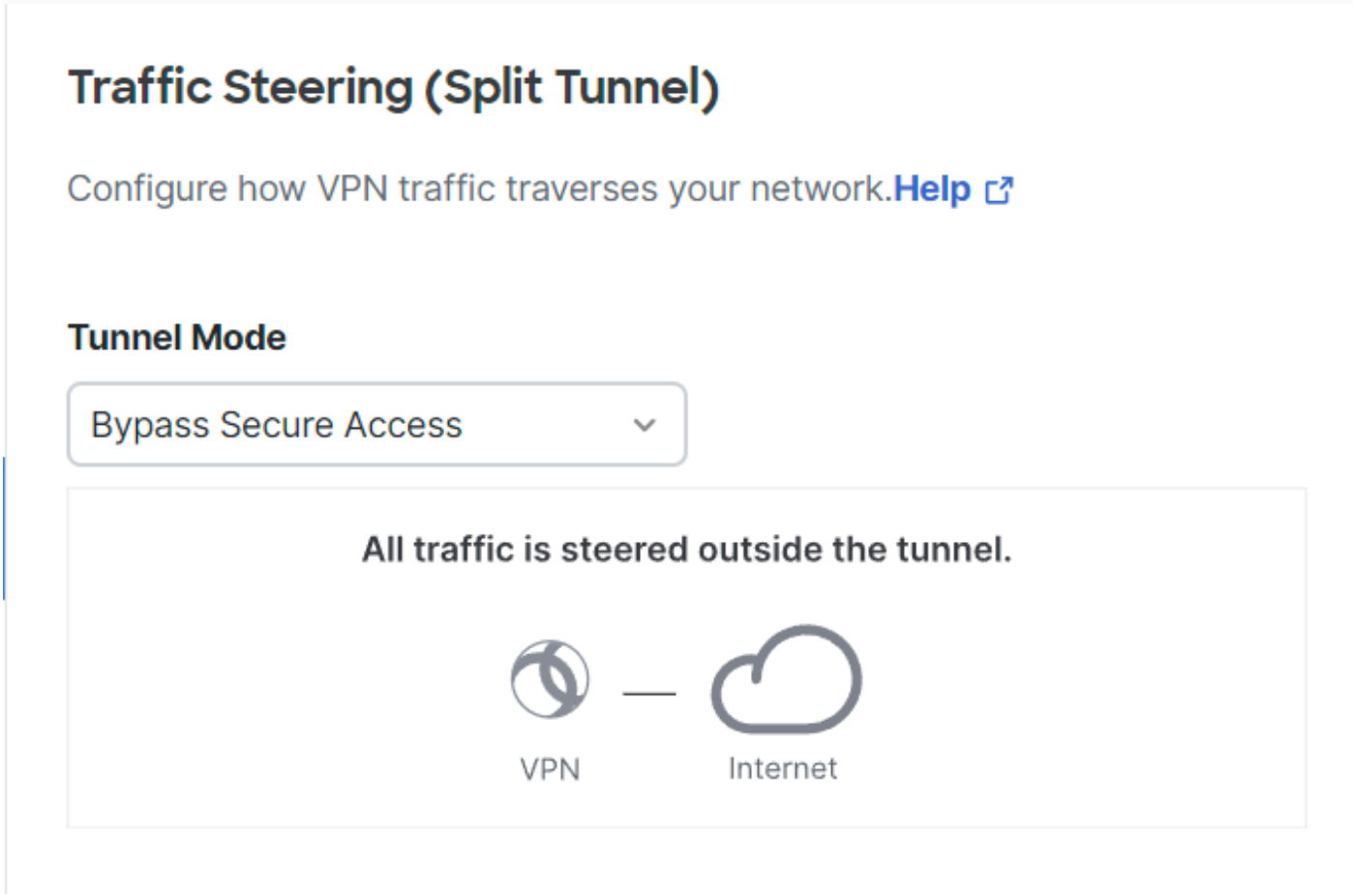
When you establish the RA-VPN session from the remote Windows PC, you must configure the **Tunnel Mode** as **Bypass Secure Access**. Otherwise, you risk losing access to the remote Windows PC.



Cisco Secure Access - Tunnel Mode

For more information about Tunnel Mode check the next article item number **6**:

https://docs.sse.cisco.com/sse-user-guide/docs/add-vpn-profiles

Related Information

- Secure Access UserGuide
- Cisco Technical Support & Downloads