



# **PORTrockIT Bridged In-Path Setup Guide Eli-v5.03.148**

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# Introduction

The following document is intended to guide a user through using Bridgeworks PORTrockIT technology. Network infrastructure changes from company to company - if you are in doubt, or this guide does not cover your scenario, please contact support at [support@4bridgeworks.com](mailto:support@4bridgeworks.com).

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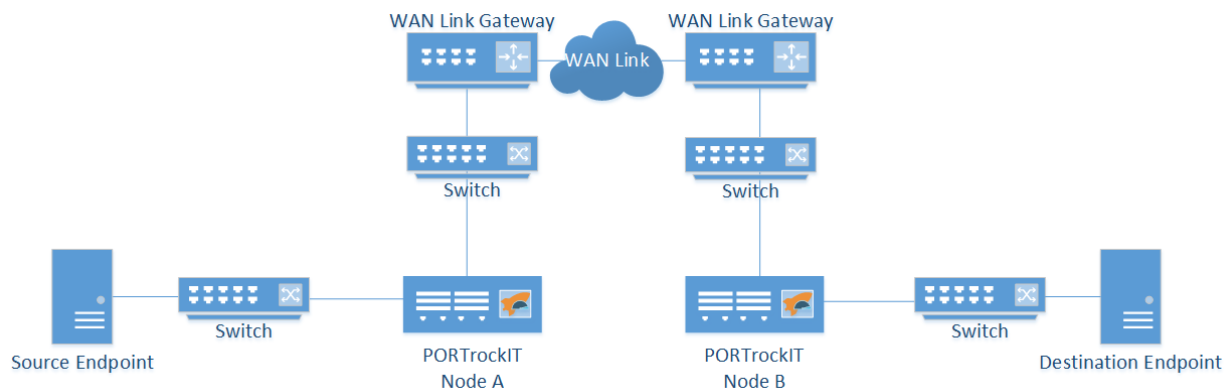
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# Getting Started

Bridgeworks latency mitigating technology allows you to accelerate your network traffic between two different sites. These sites may include data centres, your business centres and the Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud. Each site will require either a PORTrockIT or WANrockIT Node to accelerate your desired traffic. These Nodes can be either physical hardware appliances, virtual machine images for popular platforms or Amazon Machine Images (AMIs).

This PORTrockIT guide gives an overview of the best way to improve the bandwidth utilisation of supported protocols. The following diagram shows a basic example of how the PORTrockIT Nodes could be deployed.



In this case data is accelerated from the *Source Endpoint* to the *Destination Endpoint*. *Node A* is set up to intercept traffic leaving the *Source Endpoint*, accelerating any data that matches the protocol across the *WAN Link* to the connected *Node B*. The traffic then continues on normally to its intended destination.

This basic setup can be extended to work in both directions allowing a bidirectional link between the two *Endpoints*.

Depending on the specific protocol you wish to accelerate and your existing network setup, the exact topology you need will vary.

## Prerequisites

In order to use PORTrockIT technology you must have the following:

- Two PORTrockIT Appliances or Virtual Instances - it is permissible to mix both appliances and virtual instances on the same connection.
- A valid Bridgeworks licence for the application you wish to accelerate.

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# Guide Layout

This guide is divided into a series of ordered steps that should be followed through in order. If at any point you run into trouble with a step please refer to the [Useful Links](#) section at the end of this document.

It is recommended to print this list of steps out and check off each step as you complete them.

- ☐ Step 1. [Initial Setup of your Bridgeworks Node](#)
- ☐ Step 2. [Configuring IPsec](#)
- ☐ Step 3. [Establishing a Link Between Nodes](#)
- ☐ Step 4. [Configuring PORTrockIT Acceleration](#)


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# Initial Setup of your Bridgeworks Node

## Finding Management IP addresses

The default management interfaces on hardware appliances will be named Management A and Management B, and both will have DHCP enabled by default.

By default, virtual instances have management capabilities enabled on all network interfaces, but only Port 1 will have DHCP enabled.

You can enable or disable management capabilities on a per-port basis using the Port Mappings page, see [Port Mappings](#) (  ) for more information.

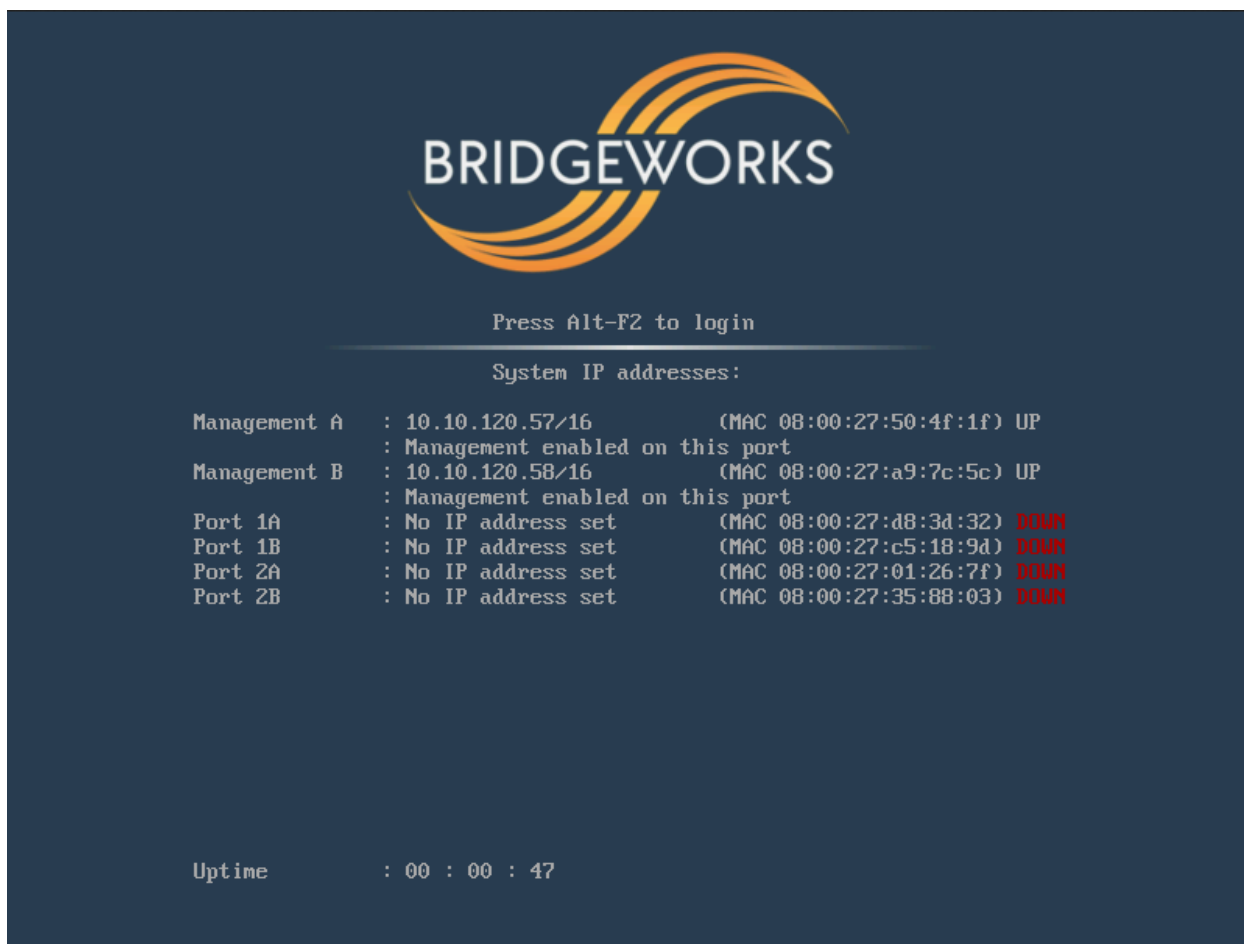
If the PORTrockIT unit successfully connects to your DHCP server, and DNS resolution is enabled on your network, you can access the PORTrockIT's web interface from the default hostname by navigating to: <https://bridgeworks/>

If DHCP fails, then the fallback IP addresses are:

**Management A/Port 1** 10.10.10.10

**Management B** 10.10.10.12

To find the IP addresses of management interfaces easily, it is recommended to use the VGA or virtual console as shown below.



## First Time Login

Proceed to the web interface of the Node by entering the IP address of one of the Management enabled interfaces in to the address bar of your web browser.

On first access, the web interface displays an initial login page that requires a password to be set for the admin user account of the Node.

Before logging into the node for the first time, please provide a password for your admin user.

Enter Password:

Confirm Password:

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Important: During deployment of Azure Nodes you are able to set the initial password if you choose to use password authentication. If you set up your password this way, you will be directed to the login screen.

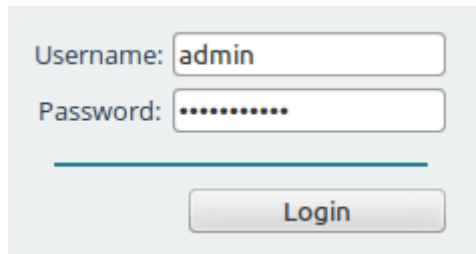
The passwords typed in to the two provided fields must match. Passwords must be a minimum of 5



characters and a maximum of 64 characters in length.

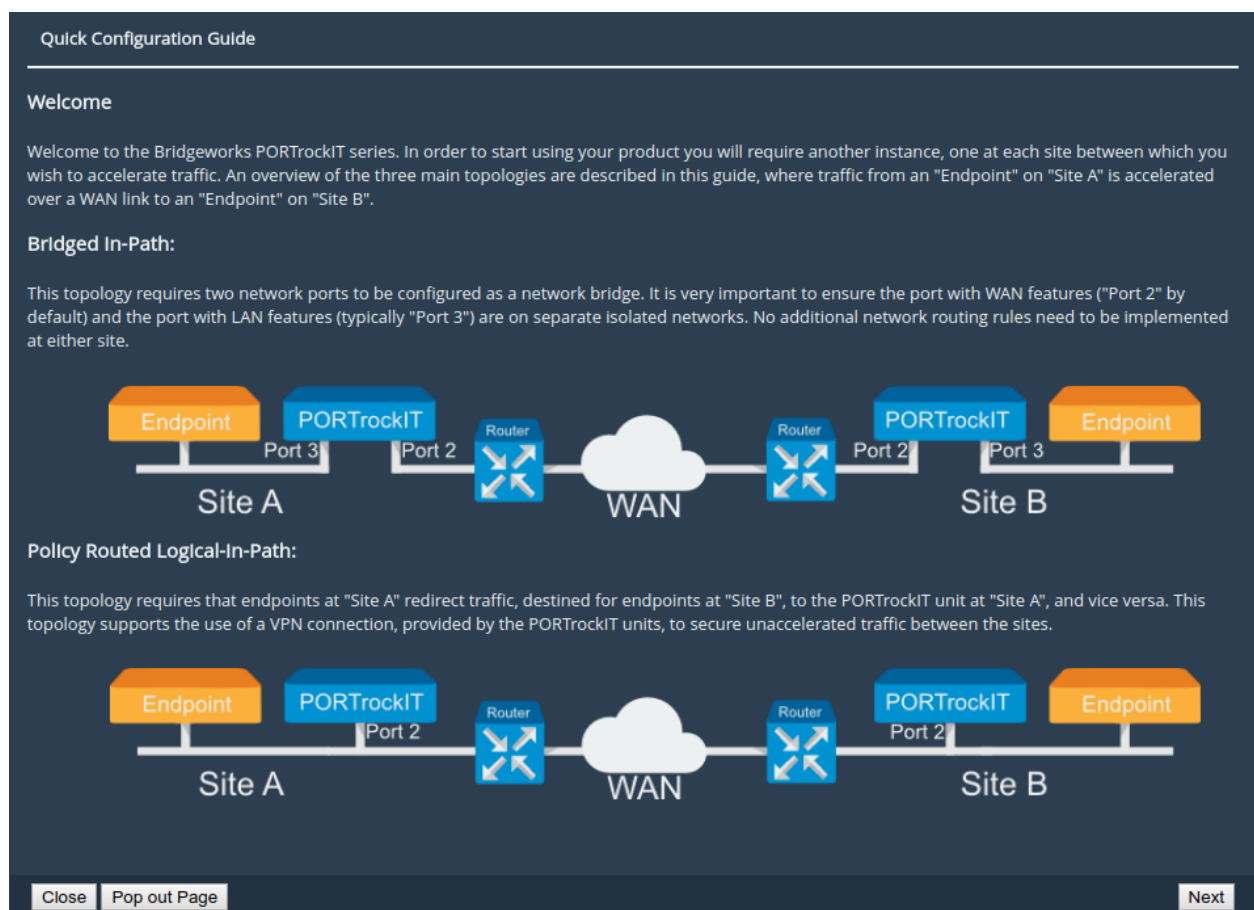
## Logging into the Node

When a valid password is submitted, you are redirected to the login screen. To access the *Node Management Console*, enter the login credentials with the admin username and the password set previously.



A login form with a light gray background. It contains two input fields: 'Username:' with the text 'admin' and 'Password:' with a masked password represented by dots. Below the fields is a 'Login' button.

When you have logged in, the *Quick Configuration Guide* is presented. This gives an overview of a typical setup, as well as key areas that will need to be configured.



The screenshot shows the 'Quick Configuration Guide' interface. It has a dark blue header with the title 'Quick Configuration Guide'. Below the header is a 'Welcome' section with text explaining the need for another instance at each site. The 'Bridged In-Path' section includes a diagram showing Site A and Site B connected via a WAN cloud. Site A has an Endpoint connected to Port 3 of a PORTrockIT unit, which is connected to Port 2 of a Router. Site B has a similar setup. The 'Policy Routed Logical-In-Path' section includes another diagram showing Site A and Site B connected via a WAN cloud. Site A has an Endpoint connected to Port 2 of a PORTrockIT unit, which is connected to a Router. Site B has a similar setup. At the bottom are buttons for 'Close', 'Pop out Page', and 'Next'.

## Network Connections ( )

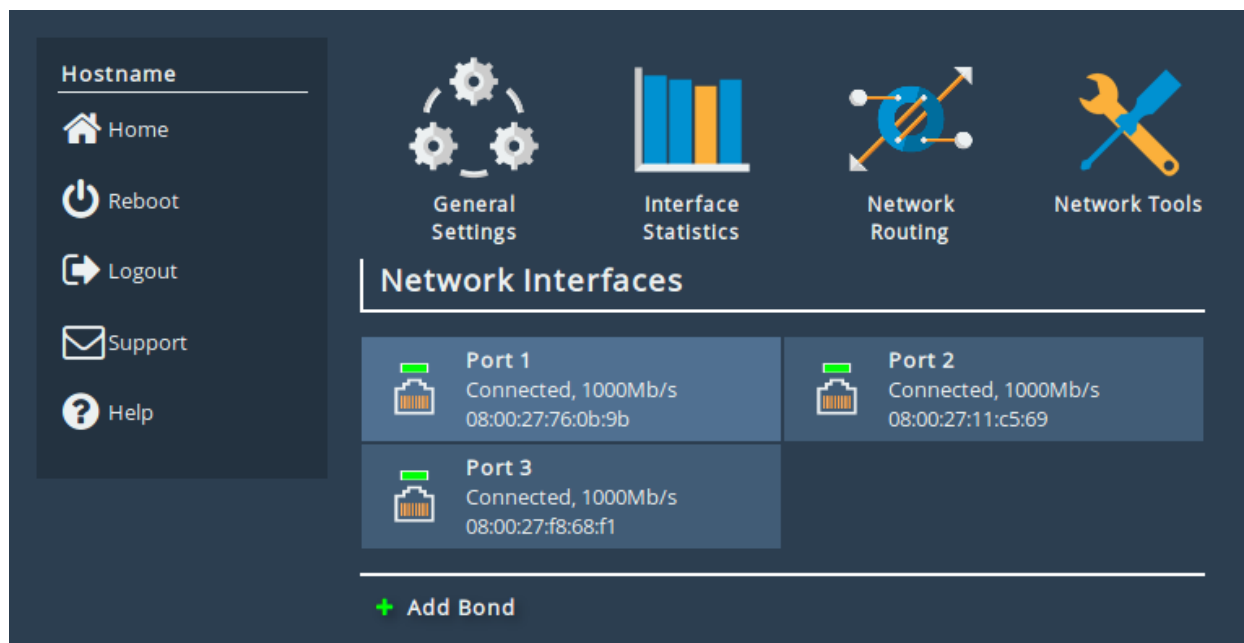
The *Network Connections* page allows for the configuration of static IP addresses, and changing the hostname of the Node. To change the settings click the *Network Connections* icon as shown

below.



## Setting the Hostname/Node Name

The hostname of the Node can be changed by replacing the default name `bridgeworks` with a name of your choice. This name is also the alias name used for identifying your Nodes under the *Node Management* section.



## Changing IP Addresses

Icons representing each port are displayed underneath the *Network Interfaces* heading, alongside a summary of its current state. Clicking on a port leads to the port settings page.

Hostname

Home

Connections

Reboot

Logout

Support

Help

Link Status

Link State:	Up	Link Speed:	1000Mb/s
RX Bytes:	3253477	TX Bytes:	2392844
RX Errors:	0	TX Errors:	0

Settings

IPv4 Address:	10.10.10.158
MTU:	1500

Mapped Protocols

Management

Port Settings

Enable Port:

☒

MTU Size:

1500

☒ Use DHCP to assign an IP address automatically
 ☐ Use the following IP address:

IP Address:

10.10.10.158

Netmask:

255.255.0.0

Gateway:

10.10.10.1

Cancel

Save

The port settings page allows the IP address of a port to be manually assigned. To do so, select the radio button *Use the following IP address*. The fields *IP Address*, *Netmask* and *Gateway* are now available to be filled in. When all fields are complete, click the *Save* button. A reboot is required for the changes to take effect.

## Licence Keys

All PORTrockIT and WANrockIT products require a licence key in order to unlock the acceleration features of the product.

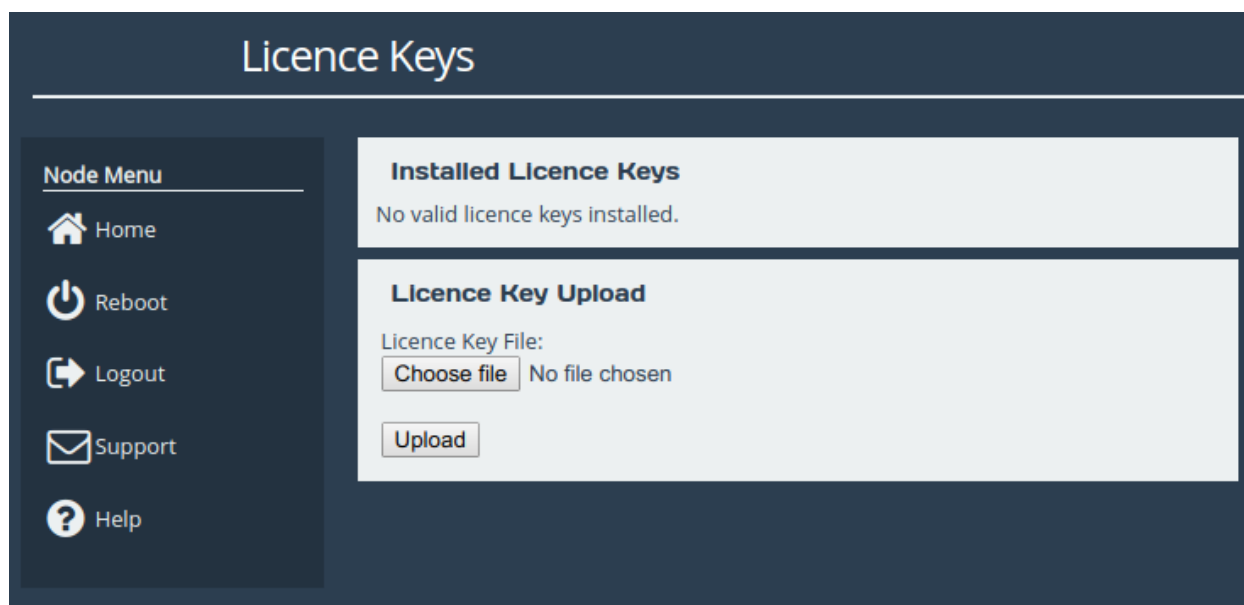
To determine whether there is a valid licence key, log into the Node and navigate to the *Licence Key Management* page. If the page displays *No valid licence keys installed* then you must obtain a licence key to unlock the Node's features. If you do not have a licence key or can no longer locate your key, please contact [support@4bridgeworks.com](mailto:support@4bridgeworks.com).

## Uploading a Licence Key

Once you have received the licence key, log into the web interface of the Node and go to the *Licence Key Management* page.



Click the *Choose file* button and select the licence key to upload.



Click the *Upload* button. The licence key will appear in the table along with the length of time it will remain active.

## Licence Keys

Node Menu

Home

Reboot

Logout

Support

Help

Events

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Reboot required

Installed Licence Keys

ID	Feature Type	Limit	Expires
409348685	WAN	1	1 Days

RemoveDownload

Licence Key Upload

Licence Key File:

Choose file

No file chosen

Upload

A reboot is required for the licence key to take effect.

## Port Mappings ( )

### Overview

*Port Mappings* allows for the assignment of protocols to network interfaces. For example, adding WAN to a port will allow WAN connections and acceleration from that network port. Except for the WAN protocol, protocols are related to the types of traffic to be accelerated on that port.

Virtual instances can have mappings applied to any number of ports, however the number of unique protocols that can be applied is dependent the on the product range.

### Setting Port Mappings

To assign a protocol to a network interface, select the desired protocol from the drop-down list underneath the port to which it should be assigned. Note that the protocol options will vary between PORTrockIT and WANrockIT Nodes.

Node Menu

Home

Reboot

Logout

Support

Help

Licensed To

Instructions

Select which protocols should be active on each network interface. After saving changes, reboot the product for the new configuration to take effect.

Protocols for Port 1:

Management

Add a protocol...

Protocols for Port 2:

WAN

Add a protocol...

Protocols for Port 3:

Add a protocol...

Add a protocol...

Caringo Swarm Object Storage

Commvault VM Backup and Recovery

DataCore Stream Acceleration

IBM Spectrum Protect

NetApp Stream Acceleration

Veeam Backup & Replication

Veritas NetBackup

After selecting a valid protocol from the drop-down list, the name of the protocol appears within a blue box underneath the port.

Node Menu

Home

Reboot

Logout

Support

Help

Instructions

Select which protocols should be active on each network interface. After saving changes, reboot the product for the new configuration to take effect.

Protocols for Port 1:

Management

Add a protocol...

Protocols for Port 2:

WAN x

Add a protocol...

Protocols for Port 3:

NetApp Stream Acceleration x

Add a protocol...

Cancel

Save

A mapping can be removed by clicking on the x next to the name of the protocol



Once the configuration is complete, click on the **Save** button. A reboot is required for the changes to take effect.

When deploying a PORTrockIT Node in the *Bridged In-Path* topology, two separate ports will be required; one with the PORTrockIT protocol mapped and the other with WAN mapped.



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# Configuring IPsec

## Introduction

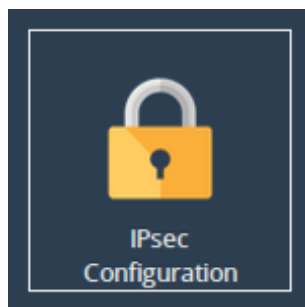
This step will guide you through how to configure IPsec to encrypt traffic between two Bridgeworks Nodes. Using IPsec ensures the integrity, confidentiality and authentication of data communications over an IP network. This step should be done before performing the step [Establishing a Link Between Nodes](#). If you are already connecting your Nodes over an existing VPN link, or a private direct connection then this step is not necessary as your traffic will already be protected.

## Important Notes

- Nodes with IPsec configured to *Encrypt Accelerated Traffic* will only allow connections from other IPsec-enabled Nodes with the same pre-shared key and settings enabled.
- It is recommended to only enable *Encrypt Accelerated Traffic* when data transfer is stopped as WAN communication will be broken until IPsec configuration has been completed on both Nodes.
- It is recommended that HTTPS is enabled (by default it will already be enabled) before configuring IPsec as this ensures that the Pre-Shared Key is transmitted securely between the Node and web browser.

## Enabling IPsec

From the Node's web interface, navigate to the *Node Management* page, then to the *IPsec Configuration* page by clicking the corresponding icon in the top menu.



The IPsec service is disabled by default, so the Node's IPsec Configuration options will be disabled until the *Enable IPsec* checkbox is selected.

The screenshot shows the PORTrockIT IPsec Configuration page. On the left is a dark sidebar with a 'Node Menu' containing links for Home, Nodes, Reboot, Logout, Support, and Help. Below the menu is the 'Licensed To' section, which lists 'Bridgeworks Ltd'. The main content area has a light blue header 'PORTrockIT IPsec Configuration'. It contains three settings: 'Enable IPsec:' with an unchecked checkbox, 'Encrypt Accelerated Traffic:' with an unchecked checkbox, and 'IPsec Pre-Shared Key:' with an empty text field. Below the text field are three buttons: 'Generate Key', 'Show Key', and 'Delete Key'. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the configuration area.

Select the *Enable IPsec* checkbox and the section will be enabled as shown below:

This screenshot shows the same PORTrockIT IPsec Configuration page, but with the 'Enable IPsec:' checkbox checked. The 'Encrypt Accelerated Traffic:' checkbox remains unchecked. The 'IPsec Pre-Shared Key' field is still empty, and the 'Generate Key', 'Show Key', 'Delete Key', and 'Save' buttons are still present.

You can either enter in your own Pre-Shared Key or use the IPsec key generator by clicking *Generate Key*, which will fill in the *IPsec Pre-Shared Key* field as shown below:

**Node Menu**

- Home
- Nodes
- Reboot
- Logout
- Support
- Help

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### PORTrockIT IPsec Configuration

Enable IPsec: ☒

Encrypt Accelerated Traffic: ☐

IPsec Pre-Shared Key:

If the *Encrypt Accelerated Traffic* option is desired then tick the corresponding checkbox. This option will encrypt all WAN links between the two Nodes affecting all accelerated data being passed through them.

If only the VPN functionality is required, i.e. only unaccelerated traffic is required to be encrypted, the *Encrypt Accelerated Traffic* option can be left blank.

Click Save to store the IPsec configuration. This will become active straight away and, if *Encrypt Accelerated Traffic* is selected, any existing WAN connections will break unless they already have IPsec enabled with the same pre-shared key and settings.

## Copying the Pre-Shared Key to other Bridgeworks Nodes

Return to the *IPsec Configuration* page. The PSK should now be hidden as shown:

**Node Menu**

- Home
- Nodes
- Reboot
- Logout
- Support
- Help

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### PORTrockIT IPsec Configuration

Enable IPsec: ☒

Encrypt Accelerated Traffic: ☒

IPsec Pre-Shared Key:

Click *Show Key* to display the stored pre-shared key. Select and copy this key to your clipboard. Please note that if HTTPS is not enabled then the Pre-Shared key will be sent to your web browser in plain text format.

From the web interface of any Bridgeworks Nodes you wish to connect to, follow this section again, but paste in the key from your clipboard instead of generating a new one.

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# Establishing a Link Between Nodes

## Introduction

The following section demonstrates how to connect an On-Premise Node to an Off-Premise Node. The examples below illustrate the WAN connection of two Nodes labelled *Node A* and *Node B*. Establishing a WAN link from *Node A* to *Node B* is required in order to allow hosts/endpoints connected to *Node A* to access target devices or endpoints connected to *Node B*. This process will have to be repeated to establish a connection in the reverse direction if you want the hosts/endpoints at *Node B* to connect to targets connected to *Node A*. If you are using the PORTrockIT product range, it is recommended that you establish a connection both ways unless you are certain one way is sufficient.

There are different types of connection possible, depending on your network infrastructure. Throughout the following example topologies, the Nodes are referred to as *Node A* and *Node B* with a summary of which example IP addresses are used. These examples should be kept in mind through the remaining sections of this guide.

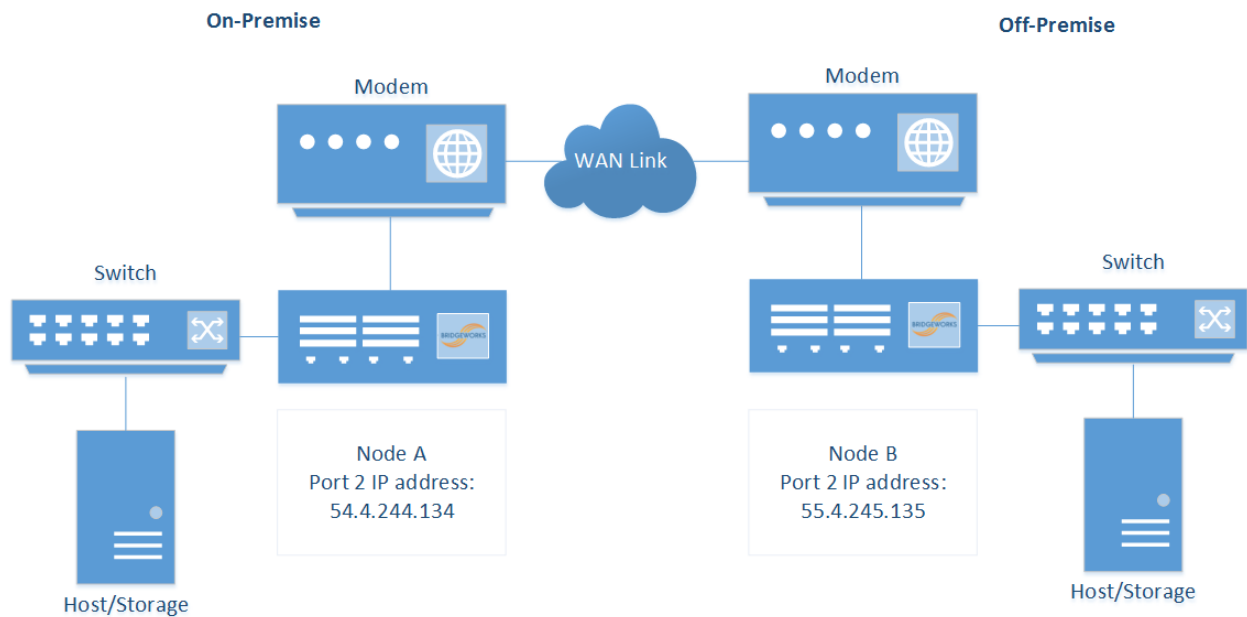
## Firewall

If the WAN link being established is behind a firewall then the following firewall ports will have to be open in both the outbound and inbound direction.

Protocol/Port	Description
TCP 16665	WANrockIT/PORTrockIT main transfer port
UDP 4500	IPsec, used for encrypting WANrockIT/PORTrockIT traffic
UDP 500	IPsec, used for encrypting WANrockIT/PORTrockIT traffic
ESP	IPsec, used for encrypting WANrockIT/PORTrockIT traffic

## Topology 1: Connecting Bridgeworks Nodes which have Public IP addresses

To connect to Bridgeworks Nodes, a public IP address can be assigned directly to the WAN interfaces (by default, *Port 2*) of both Nodes, as shown below. In this case, the WAN port is directly connected into a modem and faces directly out on to a WAN link with a public IP address.

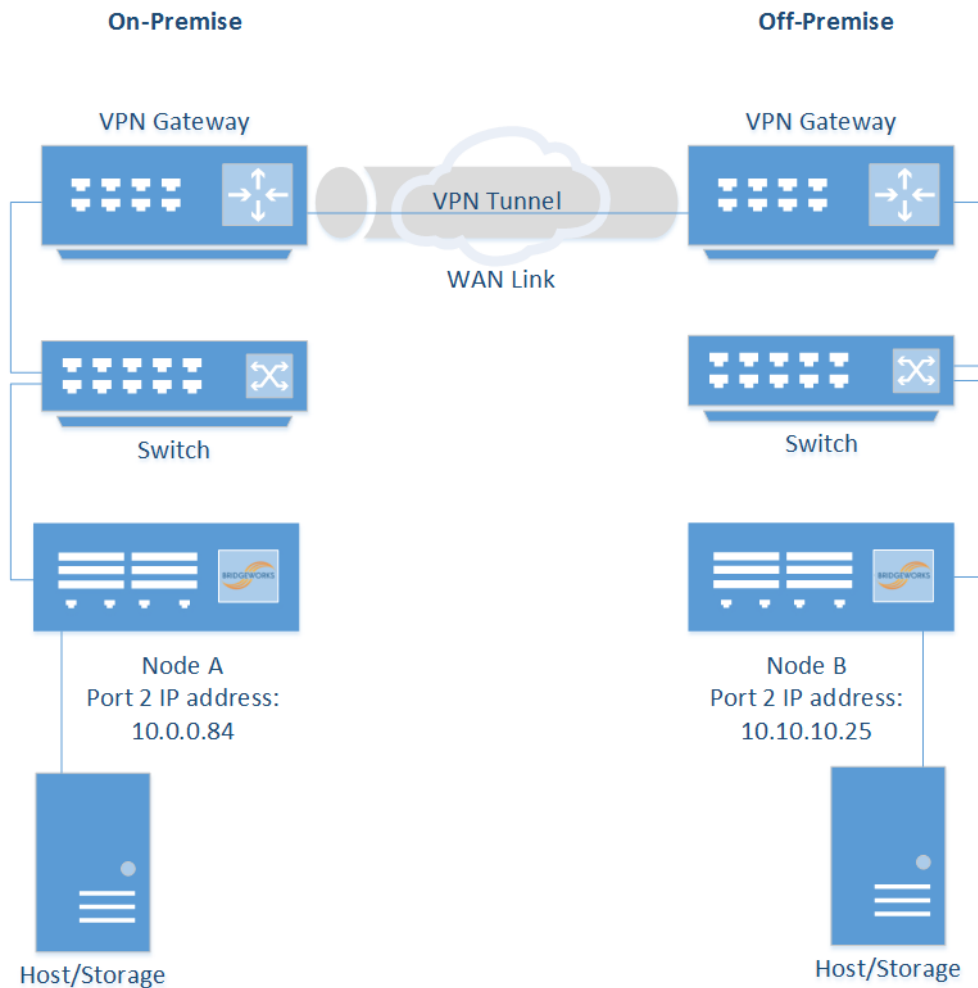


In this example the IP addresses for establishing a Nodal link are the public IP addresses assigned to *Port 2* on the Bridgeworks Nodes:

- Node A: 54.4.244.134
- Node B: 55.4.245.135

## Topology 2: Connecting Bridgeworks Nodes joined via an external VPN

If the On-Premise and Off-Premise sites that will be connected via the Bridgeworks Nodes are already connected via a VPN connection, as per the diagram below, then communication between the private IP addresses on the WAN interface (by default, *Port 2*) of the Bridgeworks Nodes should already be possible.



In this example the IP addresses for establishing a Nodal link are the private IP addresses assigned to *Port 2* on the Bridgeworks Nodes:

- Node A: 10.0.0.84
- Node B: 10.10.10.25

### Topology 3: Connecting Bridgeworks Nodes Using 2 Site NAT

It is possible to connect Bridgeworks Nodes which are behind a NAT, where a router, computer or firewall sits between an internal network and the WAN connection.

The firewall must be configured with the following sets of NAT port forwarding rules:

*Protocol:* TCP

*Destination Port Range:* 16665

*Redirect Target IP:* <IP addresses of WAN port of the Bridgeworks Node>

*Redirect Target Port:* 16665

*Protocol:* UDP

*Destination Port Range:* 4500

*Redirect Target IP:* <IP addresses of WAN port of the Bridgeworks Node>

*Redirect Target Port: 4500*

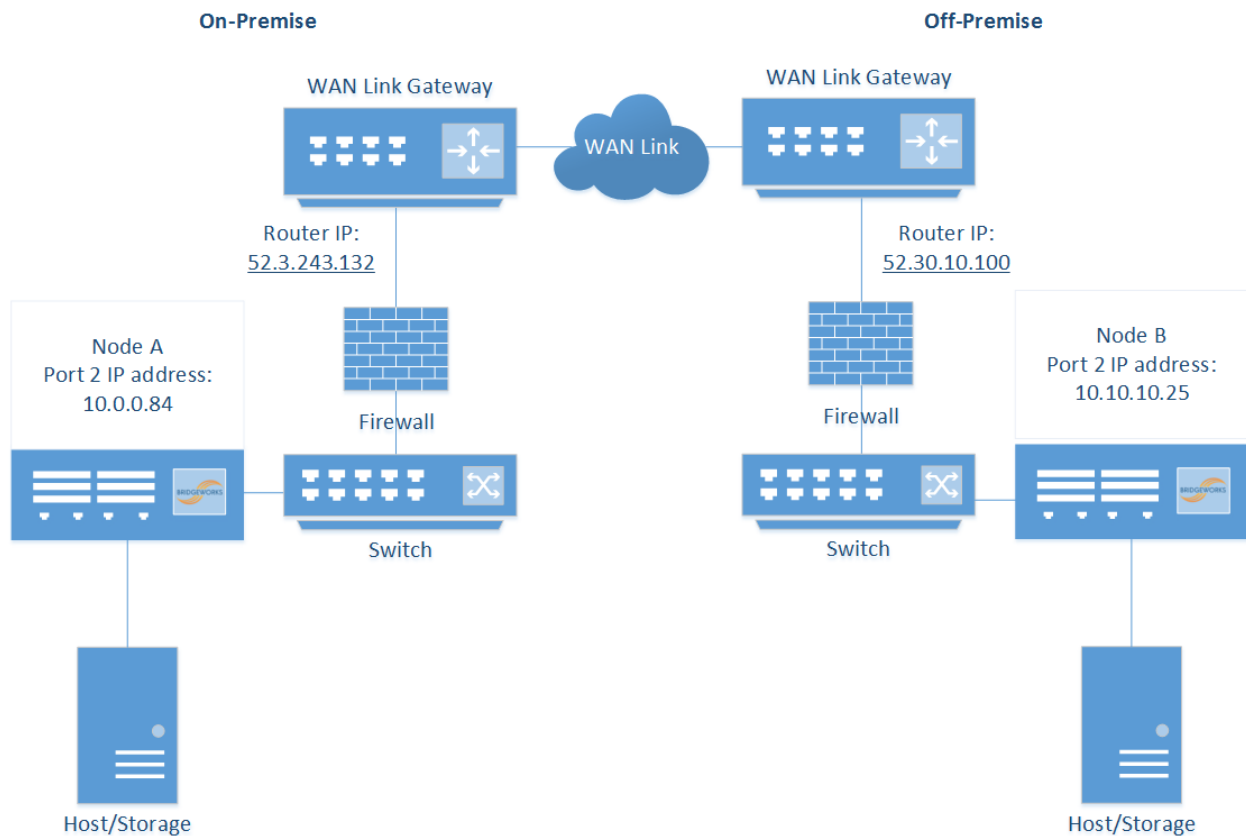
*Protocol: UDP*

*Destination Port Range: 500*

*Redirect Target IP: <IP addresses of WAN port of the Bridgeworks Node>*

*Redirect Target Port: 500*

For further assistance with configuring your NAT, please contact your local network administrator. The following diagram gives an overview of an example NAT setup and where the Bridgeworks Nodes would be placed.



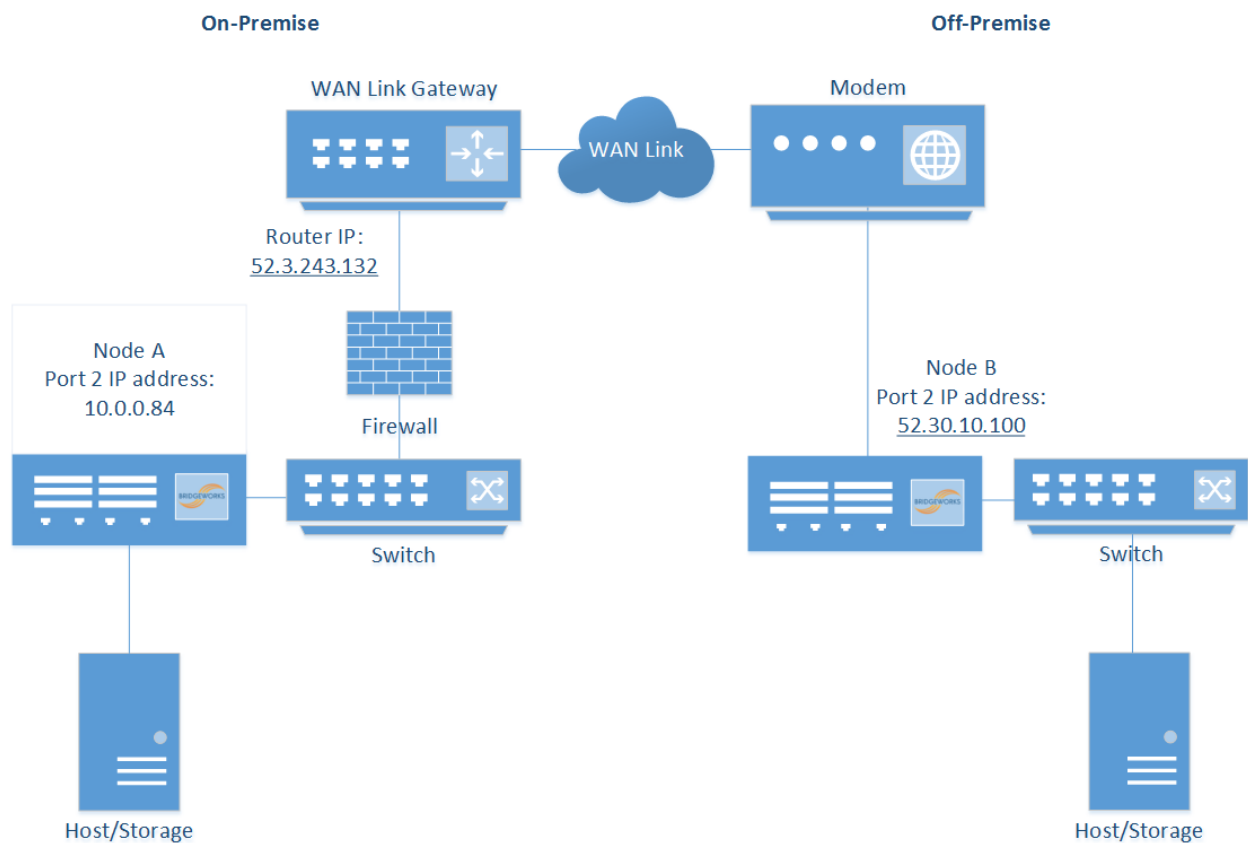
In this example the IP addresses for establishing a Nodal link are the IP addresses of the router, in this case:

- Node A: 52.3.243.132
- Node B: 52.30.10.100

#### **Topology 4: Connecting to a Bridgeworks Node with a NAT on one site**

An alternative to the above topology is for one Bridgeworks Node to be behind a NAT (where a router, computer, or firewall sits between an internal network and the WAN connection), and the second to be accessible through a public IP address. This is useful if you are unable to set any additional firewall policies.





In this example the IP addresses for establishing a Nodal link are the IP address of the router connected to Node A, and the public IP address of Node B.

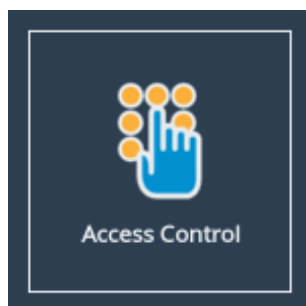
- Node A: 52.3.243.132
- Node B: 52.30.10.100

For a successful connection in this example without setting any firewall policies, Node A must first connect to Node B.

## Access Control

Throughout the following sections which refer to *Node A* and *Node B*, use the IP address types found in the previous examples.

Navigate to the *Access Control* page of Node B by going to *Node Management* and clicking on the corresponding icon.



Ensure that under the heading *Whitelist* the *Enable Whitelist* checkbox is ticked. By default this should be the case.

A screenshot of a web interface. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with a "Node Menu" containing links for Home, Nodes, Reboot, Logout, Support, and Help. Below the menu is a "Licensed To" section for "Bridgeworks Ltd". The main content area has a light blue header "Remote Administration" with a checked checkbox "Enable Remote Administration". Below this is a "Whitelist" section, also with a checked checkbox "Enable Whitelist". Under "Whitelisted IP Addresses", there is a table with one header "IP address" and one row with the text "Use the form below to add an IP to the whitelist". Below the table is a "New IP:" label followed by an input box, and "Add" and "Remove" buttons. At the bottom right are "Cancel" and "Save" buttons.

Under *New IP*, enter the IP address of the WAN port of Node A in the entry box, and click the *Add* button.

**Node Menu**

- Home
- Nodes
- Reboot
- Logout
- Support
- Help

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**Remote Administration**

☒ Enable Remote Administration

**Whitelist**

☒ Enable Whitelist

**Whitelisted IP Addresses**

IP address

Use the form below to add an IP to the whitelist

New IP:

When this has been added successfully you will see the IP address entry added to the list, as shown below.

**Node Menu**

- Home
- Nodes
- Reboot
- Logout
- Support
- Help

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**Remote Administration**

☒ Enable Remote Administration

**Whitelist**

☒ Enable Whitelist

**Whitelisted IP Addresses**

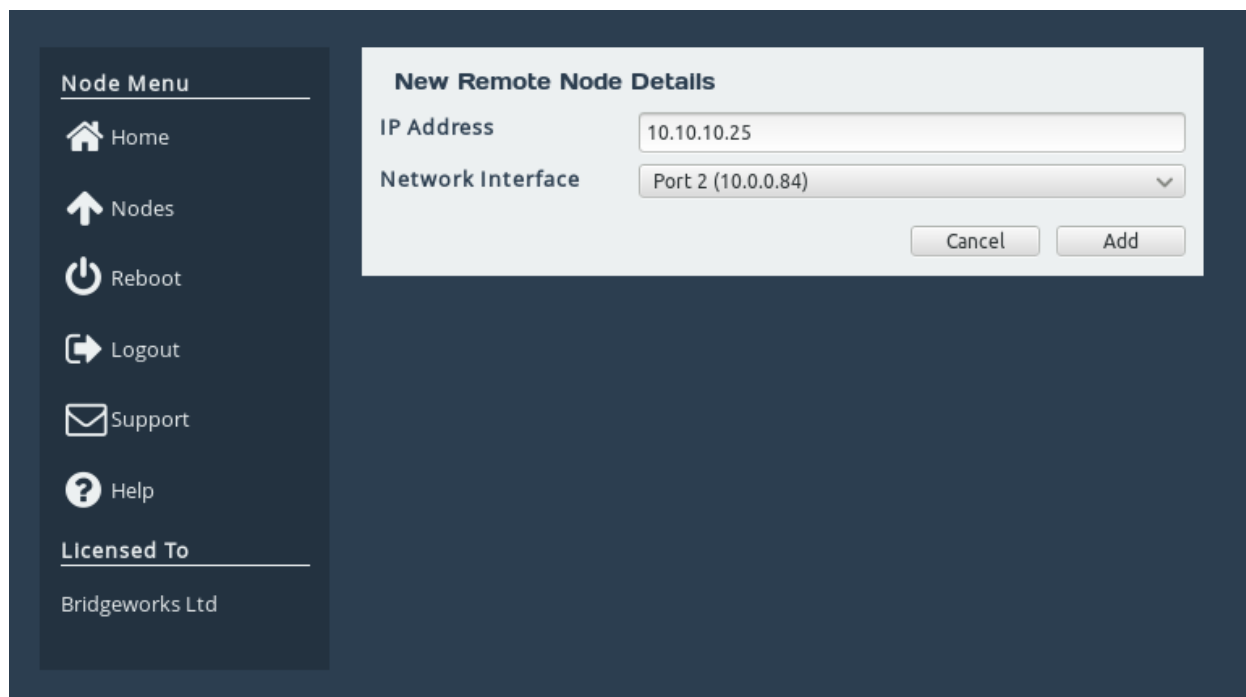
IP address

10.0.0.84

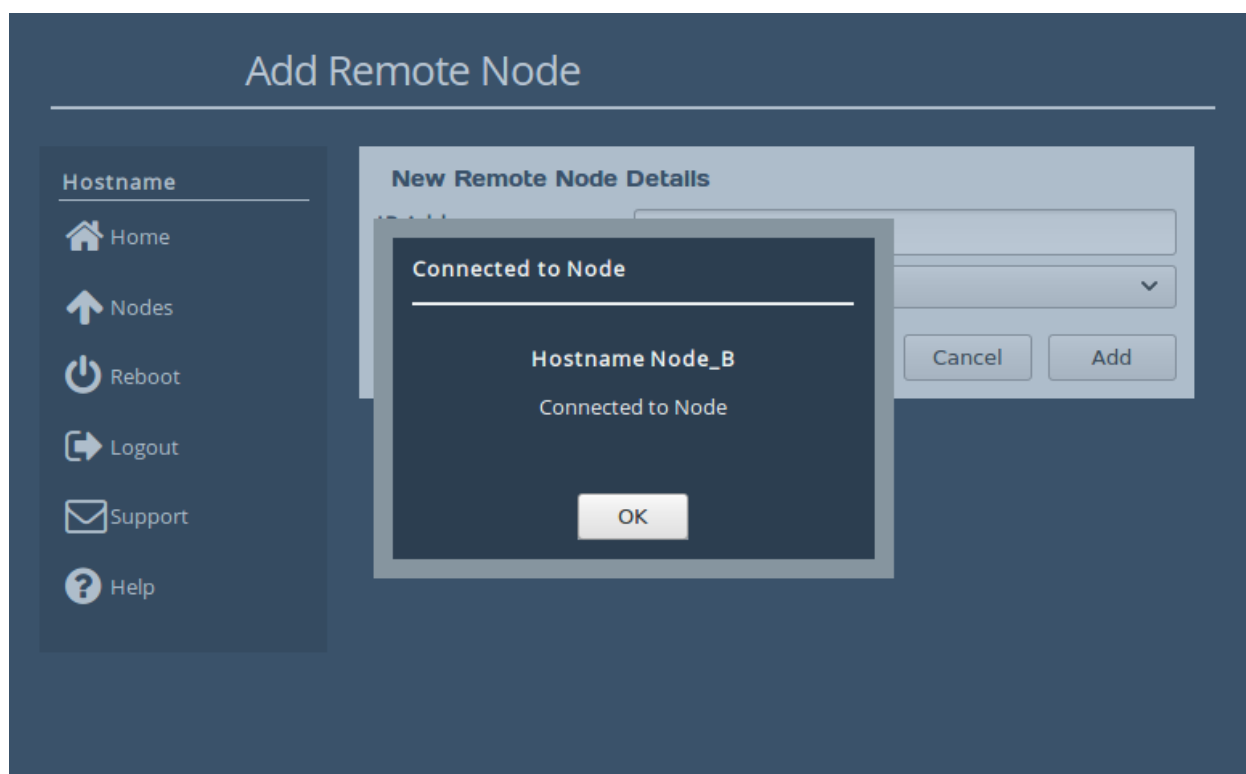
New IP:

## Node Management

The next stage is to perform the Node Discovery on the WAN link. From the *Node Management* page of Node A, click the *Add Node* icon to navigate to the *Add Node* page. Enter the IP address of Node B's WAN port in the address field. The *Network Interface* drop-down allows you to change the interface from which you wish to connect. Multiple options will be present if WAN is mapped to multiple network interfaces. Click *Add*, and a connection will be negotiated between the Nodes.

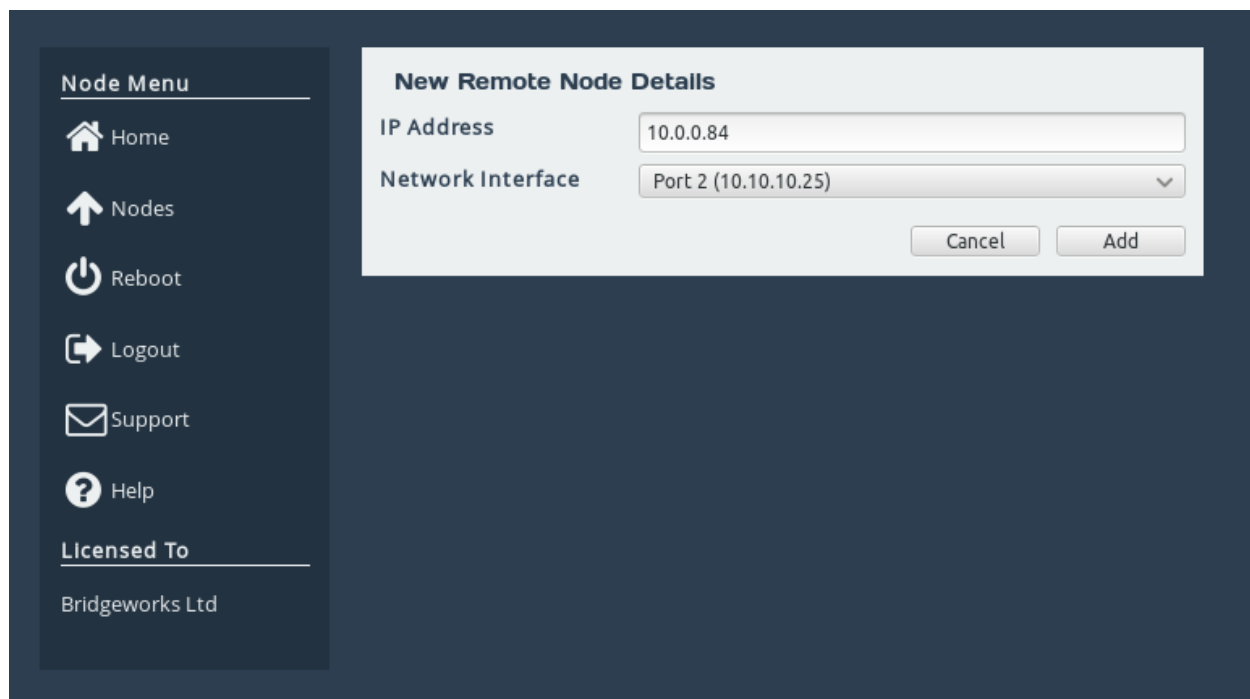


When the connection has been established, a dialog will show the hostname of the remote Node.

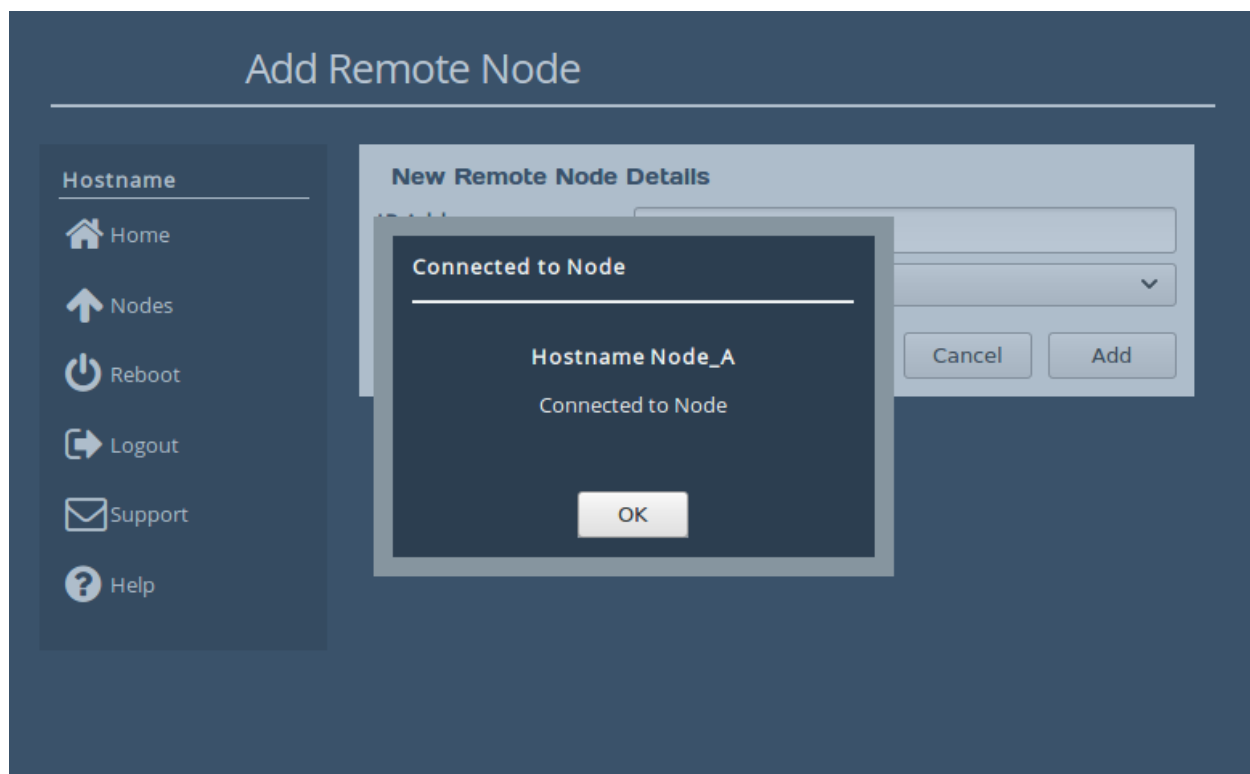


The IP address of Node B is automatically added to the *Access Control* list of Node A when a discovery is initiated. This allows a reverse WAN connection to be made - from Node B to Node A - if your topology requires it.

The next stage is to perform Node discovery in the other direction. From the *Node Management* of Node B, click the *Add Node* button to bring up a dialog box, and enter the IP address of the WAN port of Node A. Click *Add* to negotiate a connection between the Nodes.



When the connection has been established, a dialog will appear.



Congratulations, you have successfully set up a connection between your Nodes.

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# Configuring PORTrockIT Acceleration

## Introduction

This section will guide you through how to configure your PORTrockIT Nodes to sit in between the two Endpoints you wish to accelerate. It is least disruptive to physically connect the PORTrockIT WAN and LAN ports into the network environment once these software steps have been completed.

## Prerequisites

In order to configure PORTrockIT acceleration you must have the following:

- Two PORTrockIT appliances or virtual instances - it is permissible to mix both appliances and virtual instances on the same connection.
- A WAN and PORTrockIT protocol mapping applied.
- A WAN link established between the two PORTrockIT Nodes.

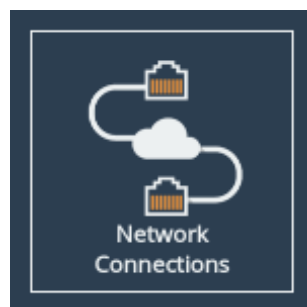
## Important Notes

The PORTrockIT unit will establish an Ethernet bridge between the port that has the PORTrockIT protocol mapping (typically network Port 3) and the WAN port (by default network Port 2). Please ensure that these ports are not connected to the same Ethernet segment.

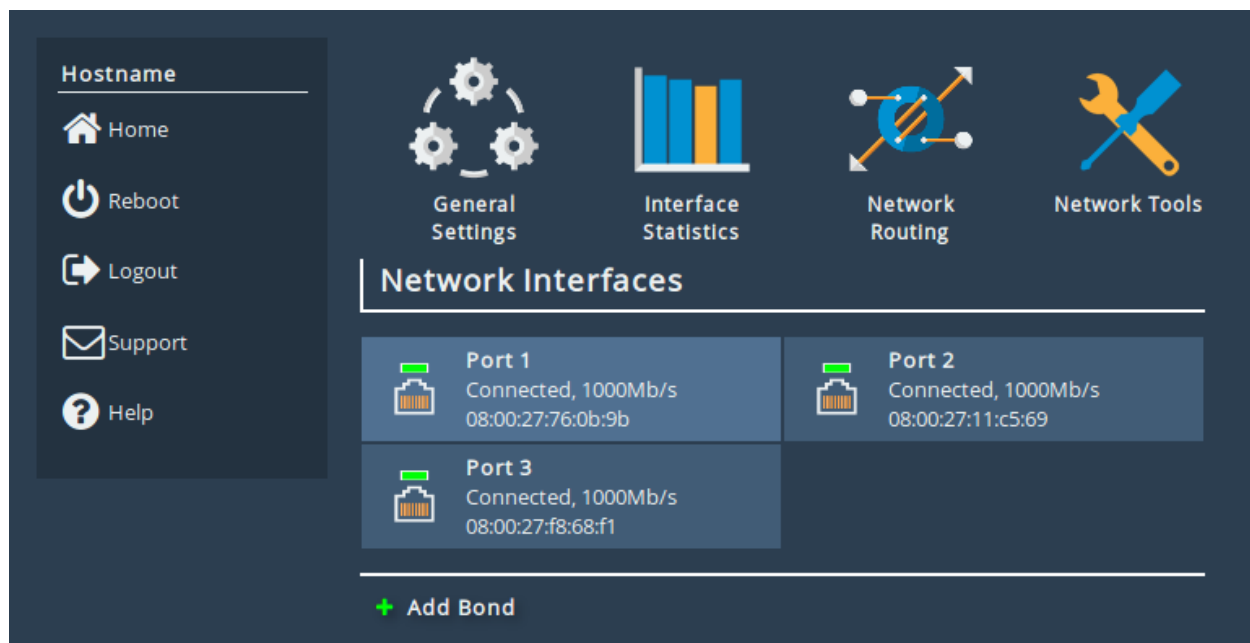
Whenever the PORTrockIT unit is being rebooted the Ethernet bridge will be broken, in order to maintain connectivity during reconfigurations it is recommended to loop-out your PORTrockIT unit at the network switch.

## Network Configuration

In order to accelerate your protocol traffic, the network port must be configured to *Enable Pass-through*. To do this, navigate to *Network Connections* by clicking the corresponding icon from the Home screen.



Then select the network port that has the PORTrockIT protocol mapping.



Once the port is selected the page will display as shown below:

Hostname

Home

Connections

Reboot

Logout

Support

Help

Link Status

Link State: Up

Link Speed: 10Gb/s

RX Bytes: 180

TX Bytes: 0

RX Errors: 0

TX Errors: 0

Settings

IPv4 Address: 10.10.10.45

MTU: 1500

Mapped Protocols

NetApp Stream Acceleration

Port Settings

Enable Port: ☒

MTU Size: 1500

Enable Routing: ☒

Pass-through Configuration

Enable pass-through: ☐

Target port: Not Bridged

Enable Spanning Tree: ☒

☒ Use DHCP to assign an IP address automatically

☐ Use the following IP address:

IP Address: 10.10.10.45

Netmask: 255.255.0.0

Gateway: 10.10.10.1

Cancel

Save

In the *Pass-through Configuration* section ensure *Enable pass-through* is checked and select the mapped WAN port as the *Target port*, by default this will be *Port 2* as shown below:

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Hostname

Home

Connections

Reboot

Logout

Support

Help

Link Status

Link State: Up

Link Speed: 10Gb/s

RX Bytes: 180

TX Bytes: 0

RX Errors: 0

TX Errors: 0

Settings

IPv4 Address: 10.10.10.45

MTU: 1500

Mapped Protocols

NetApp Stream Acceleration

Port Settings

Enable Port: ☒

MTU Size: 1500

Enable Routing: ☒

Pass-through Configuration

Enable pass-through: ☒

Target port: Port 2

Enable Spanning Tree: ☒

☒ Use DHCP to assign an IP address automatically

☐ Use the following IP address:

IP Address: 10.10.10.45

Netmask: 255.255.0.0


Gateway: 10.10.10.1

Cancel

Save

To protect against network issues, the PORTrockIT unit participates in STP (Spanning Tree Protocol) by default to ensure that network loops are not created. Note that PORTrockIT acceleration is disabled when a network loop is detected.

In rare circumstances STP may need to be disabled. Clearing the *Enable Spanning Tree* checkbox will disable STP.



Important: STP is disabled on Bypass cards and cannot be enabled.

Once the changes are complete click **Save**. A reboot of the PORTrockIT Node will be required for the change to become active. This should be completed on both PORTrockIT Nodes before continuing.

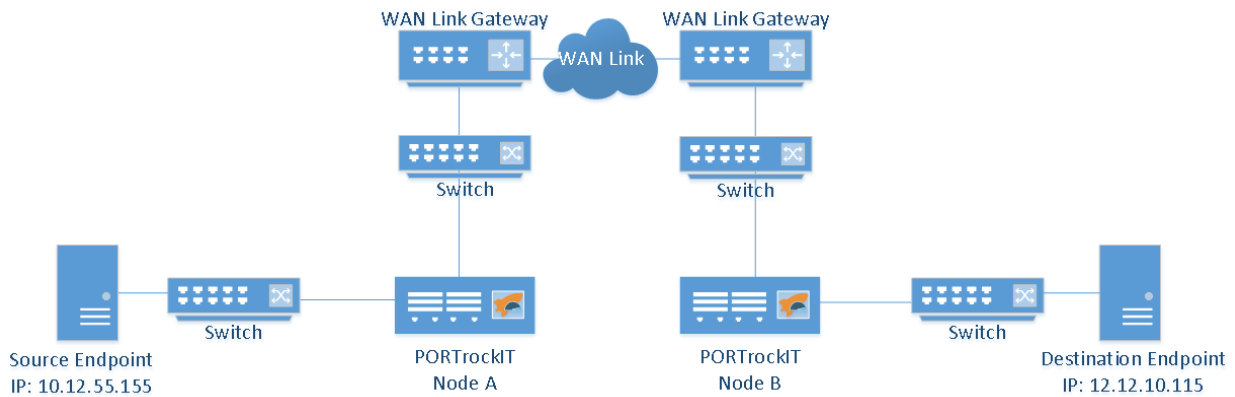
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## Adding Services

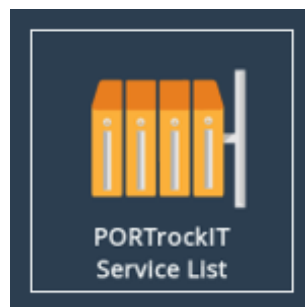
A service defines a part of the local topology, including all information the PORTrockIT Node needs to connect to a target server.

For this section, only the Address will need to be specified to create the service. The topology being used for this example is displayed below.

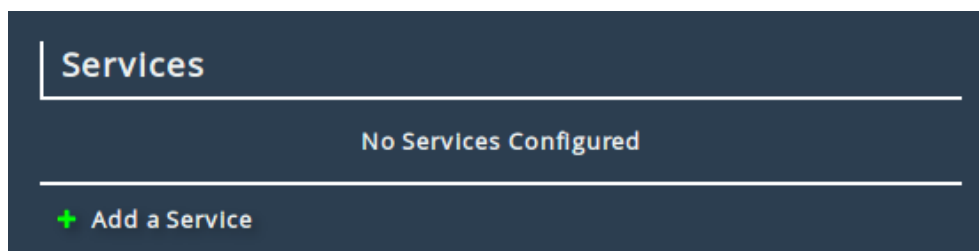


The instructions will need to be carried out using the GUI for both *Node A* and *Node B* to allow for bidirectional connections.

To access service configurations, click on the *PORTrockIT Service List* icon, under the PORTrockIT section on the home screen.



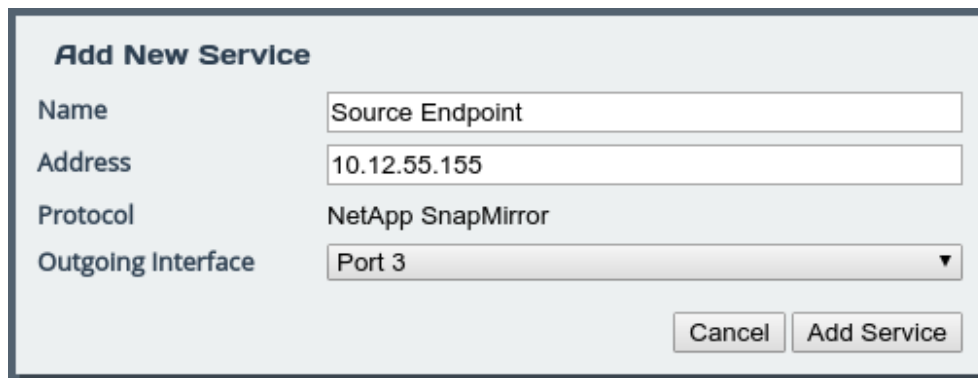
This is where services are displayed and configured.



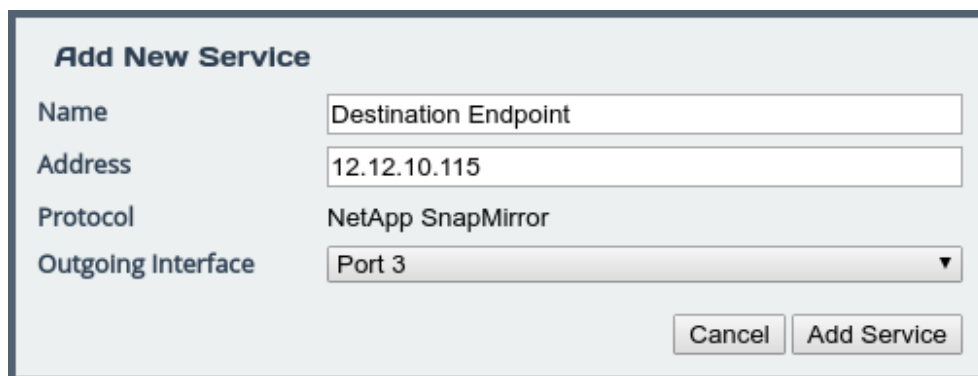
To add a service, click on the *Add a Service* button. This will show a dialog box where local server details can be added. The *Name* field can be changed to something more descriptive if desired. Add the address of the local service into the *Address* field. Options for the address are IPv4, CIDR or a resolvable DNS address.

Configuration for Node A

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Configuration for Node B



The above dialog may look different depending on the settings on the *Port Mappings* page. More details on the available settings are in the Bridgeworks user manuals, please refer to the [Useful Links](#) section.

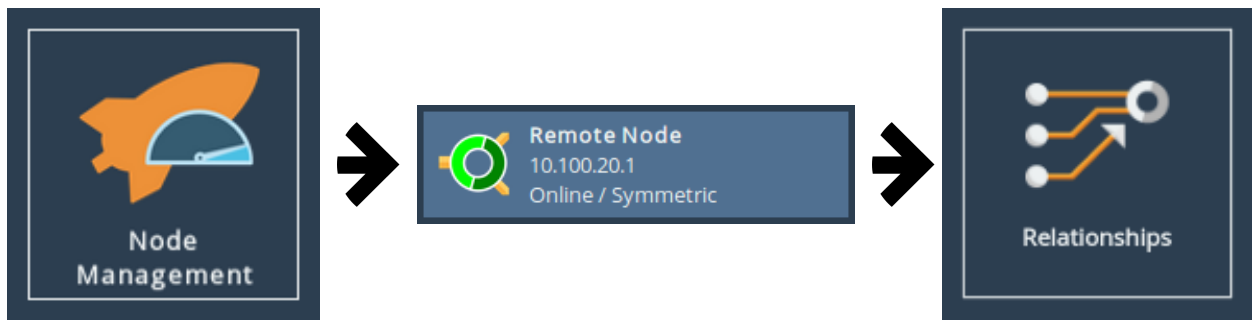
Clicking on the *Add Service* button finishes the creation of the service. The service will now be available to remote Nodes for creating a relationship.

## Establishing Relationships

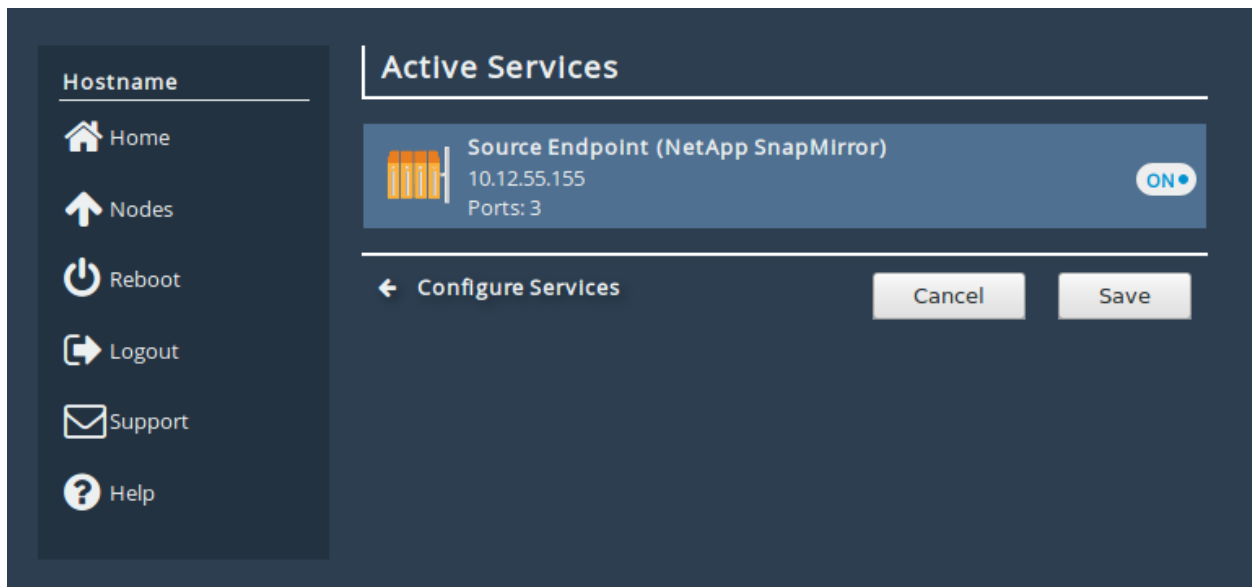
Once a service has been created, it is ready to be associated with one or more remote Nodes. This association between a service and a remote Node is referred to as a relationship. Once the relationships have been created, the PORTrockITs will be ready to accelerate traffic.

The following steps will have to be completed on both *Node A* and *Node B*.

To create the relationship, navigate to the *Node Management* page which is on the main page under the *PORTrockIT* section. From the list of remote Nodes, click on the button for the Node you would like to make a relationship for. From the *Remote Node Management* page the *Relationships* icon can be found under *Applications & Utilities*.

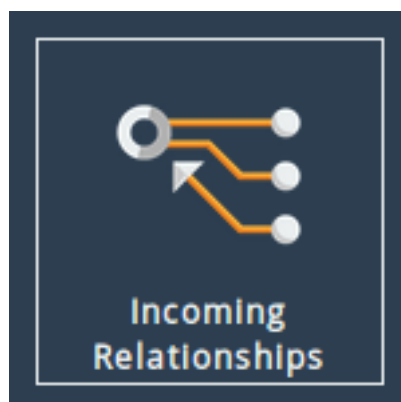


The *Relationships* page will display the service configured in the previous section. If the service is missing or incorrect click on the *Configure Services* button and follow the steps in [Adding Services](#).



To create the relationship, toggle the switch next to the desired service to the "on" position and save the page.

The relationship should now be visible on the remote Node under the *Incoming Relationships* page accessible from the main page under the *PORTrockIT* section.



After navigating to the *Incoming Relationships* page you will be presented with the following:

## Active Incoming Relationships




Remote Node (NetApp SnapMirror)

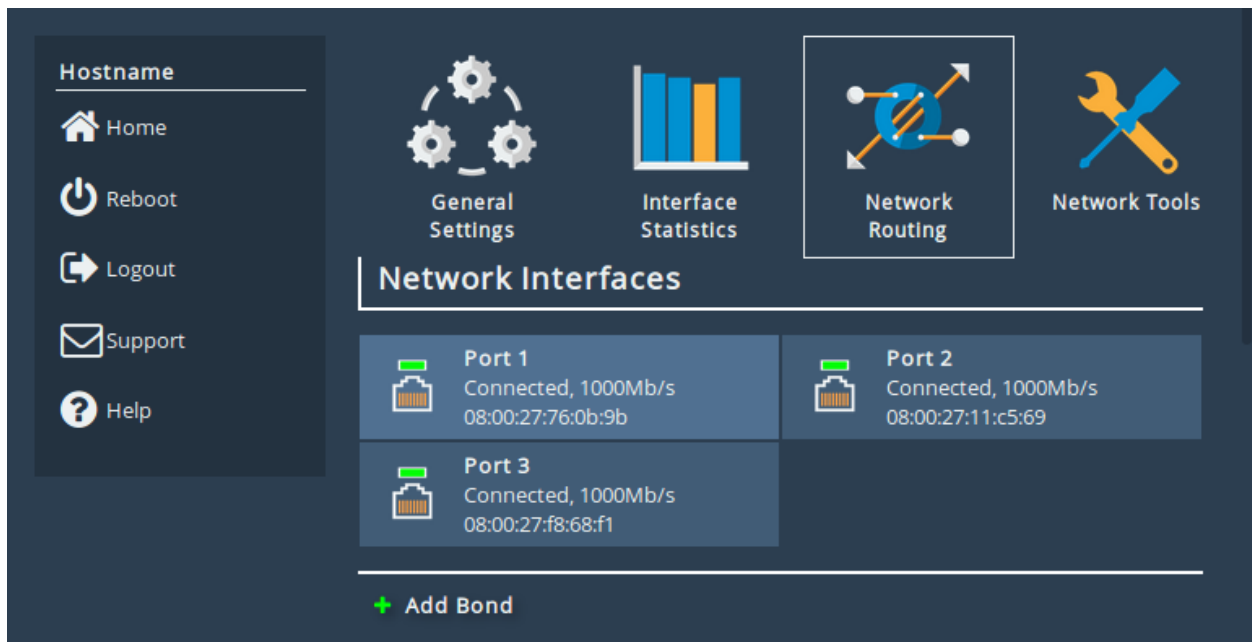
10.12.55.155

No connections

If the relationship is displayed in the *Active Incoming Relationships* list then the relationship was successfully created. After this, the software configuration required for accelerating traffic between PORTrockITs is complete.

## Routing for Relationships

In certain configurations, additional routing will have to be set on the PORTrockIT Node for network traffic to know how to reach its destination. In order to add routing rules, navigate to the *Routing* page, which can be found on the [Network Connections](#) (  ) page as shown below.



The screenshot shows the 'Network Interfaces' section of the PORTrockIT management interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Home, Reboot, Logout, Support, and Help. The main content area has a top navigation bar with icons for General Settings, Interface Statistics, Network Routing (highlighted), and Network Tools. Below this, the 'Network Interfaces' section displays three ports: Port 1, Port 2, and Port 3. Each port is shown as 'Connected, 1000Mb/s' with its corresponding MAC address. At the bottom, there is a '+ Add Bond' button.

Port	Status	Speed	MAC Address
Port 1	Connected	1000Mb/s	08:00:27:76:0b:9b
Port 2	Connected	1000Mb/s	08:00:27:11:c5:69
Port 3	Connected	1000Mb/s	08:00:27:f8:68:f1

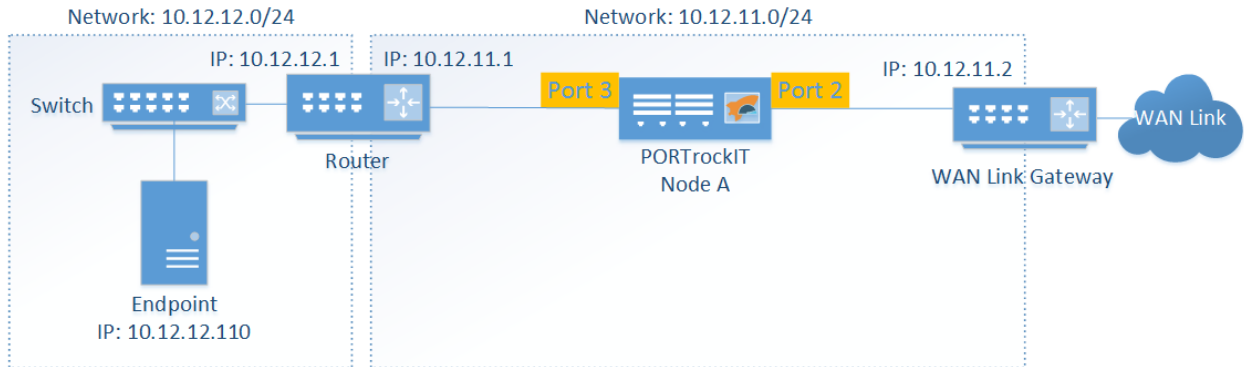


Important: Routes created automatically by the system are added with a metric of 1, allowing you to override defaults by using a metric of 0.

The following section contains example topologies with routing rules. Please substitute the IP addresses in the examples with your own. If your use case is not explained, or you need further assistance please contact [support@4bridgeworks.com](mailto:support@4bridgeworks.com).

## Example 1 - Endpoint on different subnet to LAN interface

In this example the PORTrockIT Node does not know how to send traffic to the 10.12.12.0/24 subnet. Routing rules need to be configured so the Node knows to send traffic to the router and not the WAN link gateway.



This example explains the routing needed on *Node A*, which has the following 3 ports:

**Port 1** Management interface and default route

**Port 2** WAN interface on the 10.12.11.0/24 network

**Port 3** LAN interface bridged to the WAN interface

The router, between *Node A* and the switch attached to the *Endpoint*, has two ports with IPs 10.12.11.1 and 10.12.12.1, and knows how to route traffic between the 2 subnets on either side.

The default routing for *Node A* is shown below.

Global Routing Table				
Destination	Gateway	Interface	Metric	
0.0.0.0/0	10.10.10.1	Port 1	1	Delete
10.10.0.0/16		Port 1	1	Delete
10.12.11.0/24		Port 2	1	Delete
4				

Currently *Node A* doesn't know how to reach the 10.12.12.0/24 network so traffic for the *Endpoint* will be lost. To resolve this, a static route needs to be added.

### Add Static Route

Interface:

Port 2 ▼

Destination:

10.12.12.0

Prefix:

/24

Gateway:

10.12.11.1

Metric:

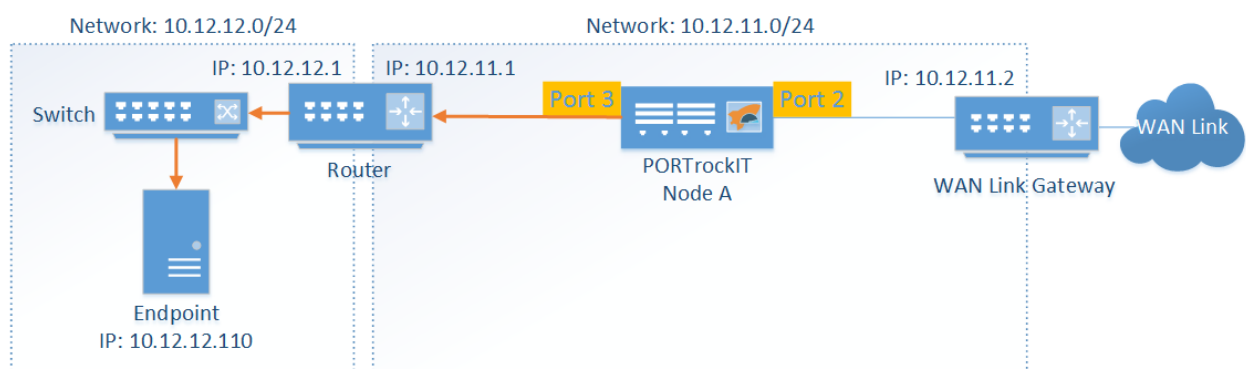
Add route

Clicking *Add route* will add the route and it will now be displayed in the *Global Routing Table* as shown below.

### Global Routing Table

Destination	Gateway	Interface	Metric	
0.0.0.0/0	10.10.10.1	Port 1	1	Delete
10.10.0.0/16		Port 1	1	Delete
10.12.11.0/24		Port 2	1	Delete
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10.12.12.0/24	10.12.11.1	Port 2	1	Delete
4				

Network traffic for the *Endpoint* will be sent from the bridged interface and be directed through the router.

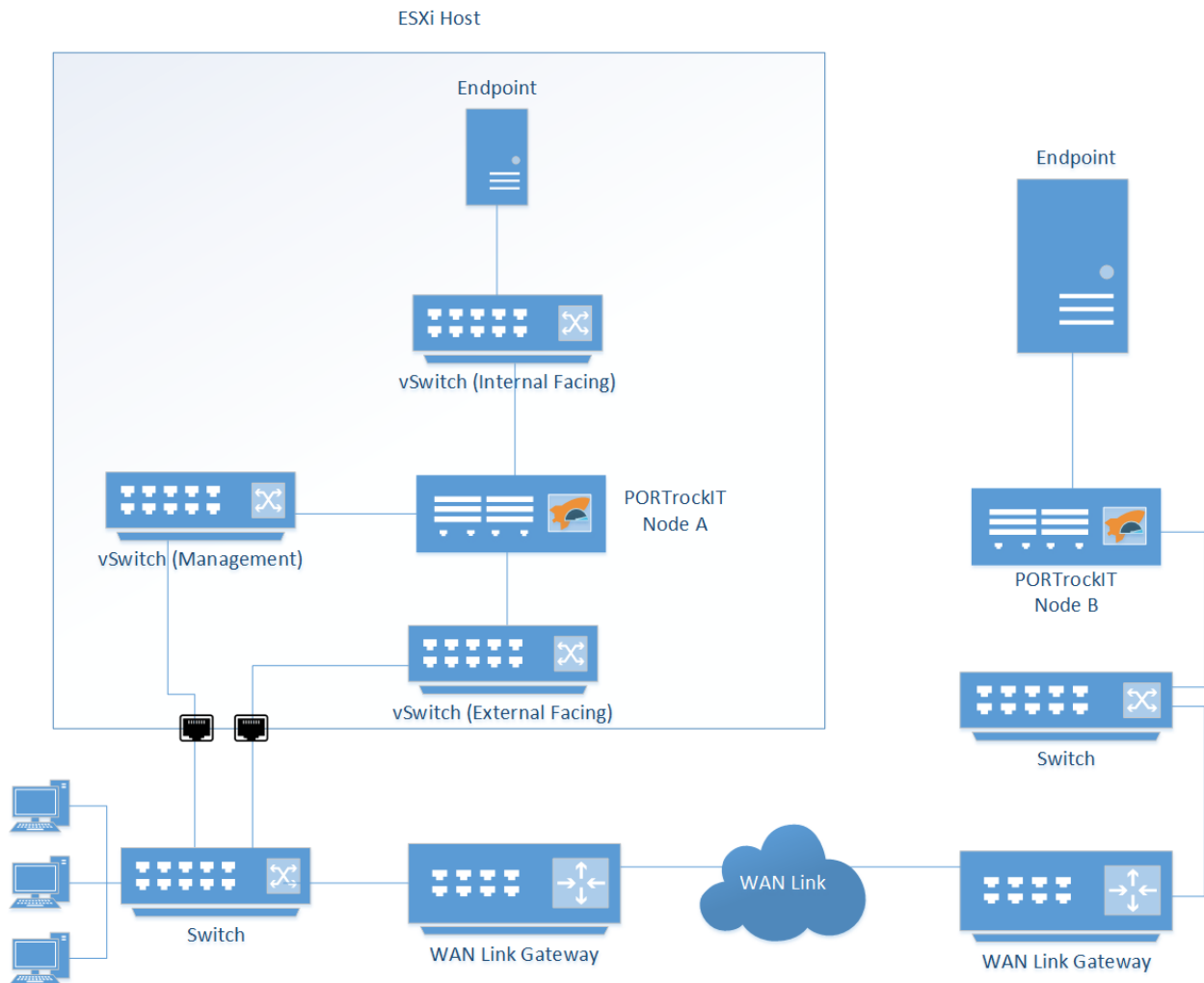


## Physical Connection

Now that the software configuration is complete, the hardware physical interfaces attached to the vSwitch (*Port 2* and *Port 3*) need to be connected, or the vSwitch for *Port 3* needs to be set to be used by the Virtual machines on your ESXi host running the protocol's software. *Port 2* needs to have access to the WAN link. The physical Network Interface attached to *Port 3* needs to connect to the LAN side of your network, with a path to the local machine running the protocol's software. In this way, the PORTrockIT Node acts as a bump in the wire for traffic going between the local

machine and the WAN link. All other traffic going through the PORTrockIT will behave as normal. The PORTrockIT units can be placed at any point along this link in your network topology. An example topology is shown in the diagram below.

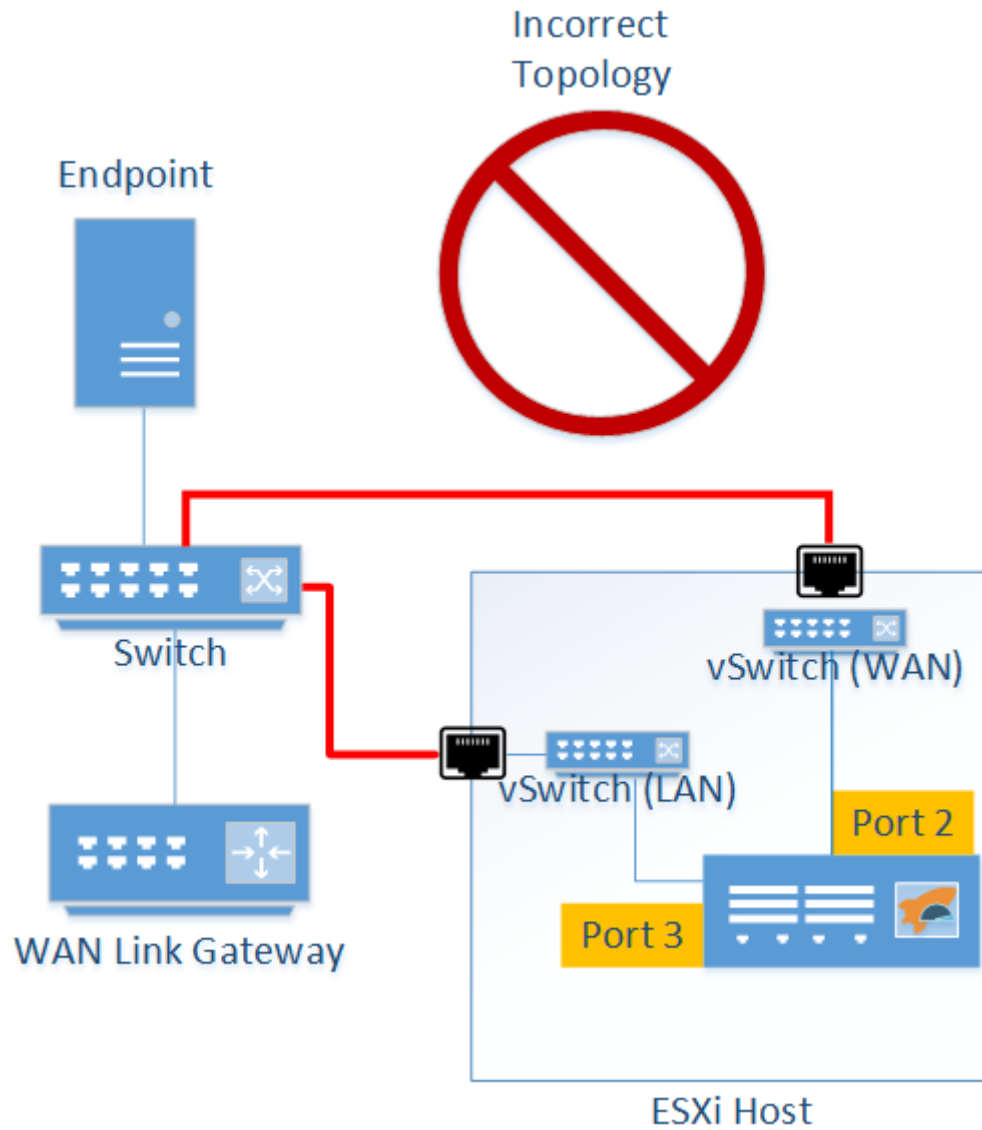
## Basic topology



## An Incorrect Topology

It is very important to make sure that the physical network ports used for *Port 2* and *Port 3* of the PORTrockIT Node do not connect into the same network. This will create a network loop, as if both ends of a network cable were connected into the same switch. An example of an incorrect configuration is shown below where the red lines indicate the incorrect cabling.





If you require any further assistance with your physical network topology please contact Bridgeworks support team at [support@4bridgeworks.com](mailto:support@4bridgeworks.com).

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# Accelerating a Windows Hosts traffic with a guest Hyper-V PORTrockIT

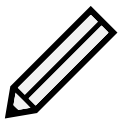
## Introduction

When using Hyper-V it is possible to take network traffic from the host and accelerate it through a virtual instance of a PORTrockIT running as a guest. This type of configuration is applicable for DFSR and Live Migration of VMs.

In order to do this the virtual networking must allow direct communication between the host and the guest PORTrockIT.

There are two solutions to allow a Hyper-V host to communicate with its guest through a virtual network connection:

- Allow the host to tap into existing VNet's the PORTrockIT is using for the LAN link. This would expose the host to all traffic on that VNet.
- Add an additional *internal* VNet specifically to connect the host to the PORTrockIT. This would create a private connection between the host and the PORTrockIT. In addition, this connection could be removed without impeding the existing LAN connection for other accelerated traffic.



Note: The guide here discusses the Host system and Hyper-V Manager. Different terms are used between them. 'vEthernet', 'Virtual Switch' and 'VNet' all refer to the same Virtual Network Connection.

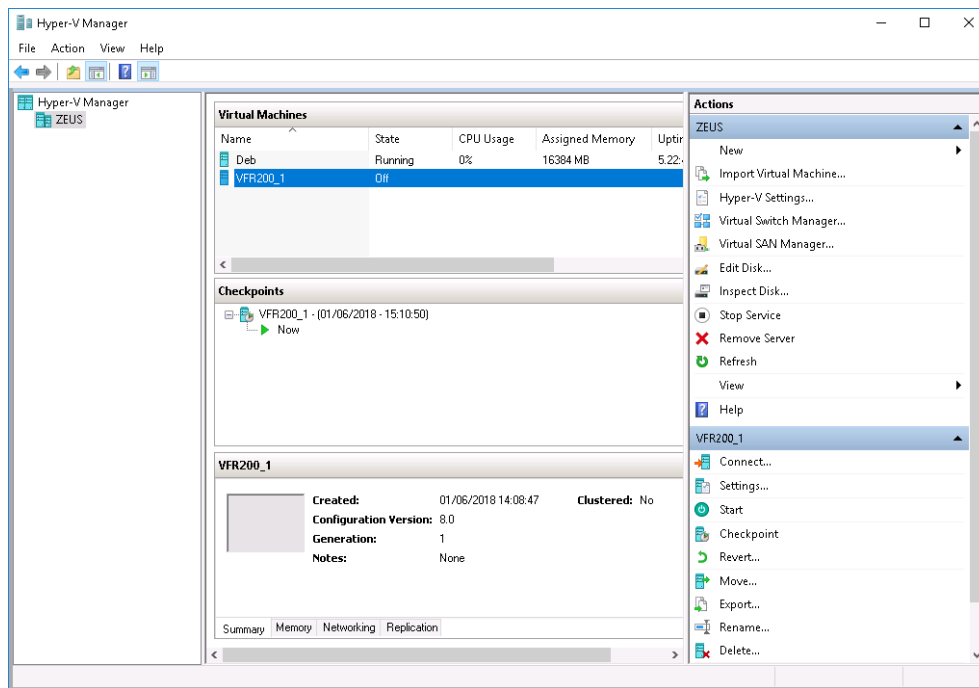
## Connecting host to existing VNet

Setting up a PORTrockIT involves having a WAN and LAN port; if the PORTrockIT was setup to accelerate connections that exist outside of the host, then it should already have the LAN port tied to a physical network connection.

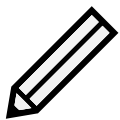
To attach the PORTrockIT to a physical network connection, an *external* network adapter will be required.

To allow the host to connect to the existing external LAN port the settings for that network adapter need to be set.

In the *Virtual Switch Manager* the settings for the desired external switch need to be checked.

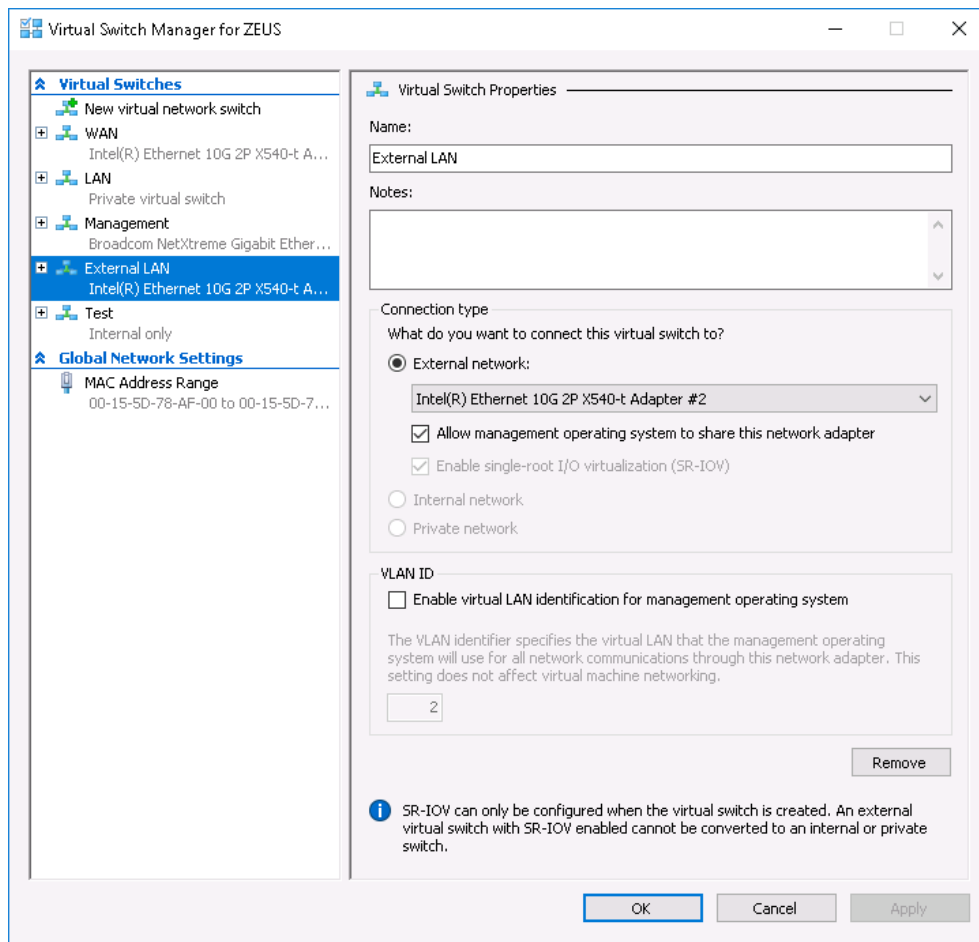


Select the network connection that is used for the PORTrockIT LAN port.

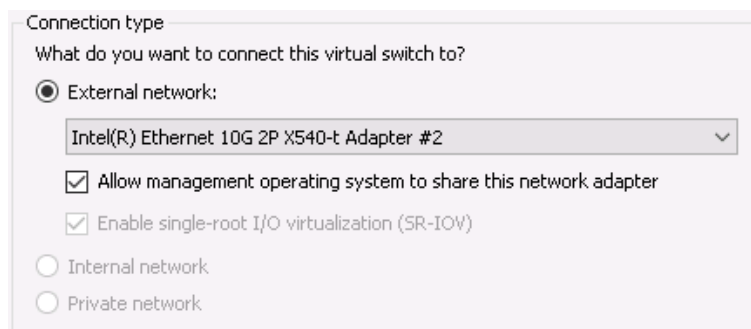


Note: Network connections can be checked by accessing the *Settings* option for the PORTrockIT by right clicking its name in the Hyper-V manager main window and selecting *Settings*. The left hand column will include all network connections that are attached to that PORTrockIT.

In the *Virtual Switch Properties* the *Connection type* will be set to *External network* and have an associated physical network connection.



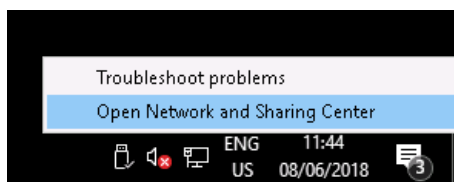
Ensure that the checkbox labeled *Allow management operating system to share this network adapter* beneath the physical network connection dropdown menu is checked.



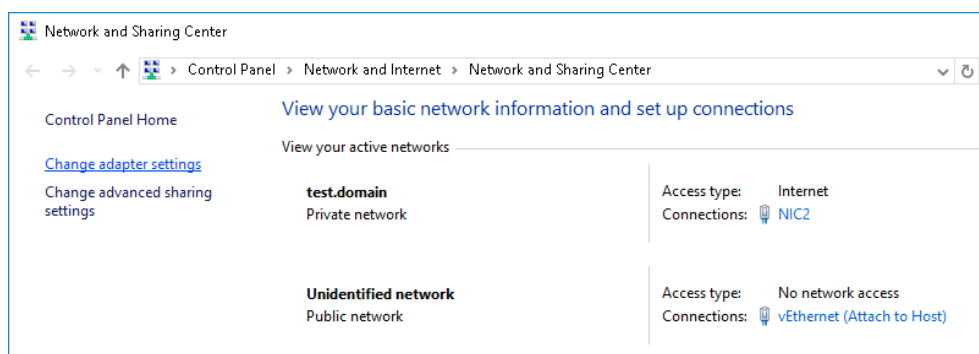
Click *Apply* and then *OK*.

At this stage the virtual switch is now exposed to the host, this can be confirmed by bringing up the *Network Connections* in the host system.

To access the *Network Settings*, right click on the network icon at the bottom right of the screen and select *Open Network and Sharing Center*.

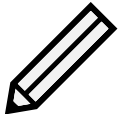


In the new window select *Change adapter settings* in the column on the left.



In the *Network Connections* window there will be a vEthernet with the same name given in the *Virtual Switch Manager*.

If the vEthernet is present then the PORTrockIT LAN port is exposed to the host and can be used to accelerate host data.



Note: Please ensure that the application requiring acceleration is using the PORTrockIT LAN port for its connection and that appropriate services are setup on the PORTrockIT. See Section 7.7: [Routing for Relationships](#).

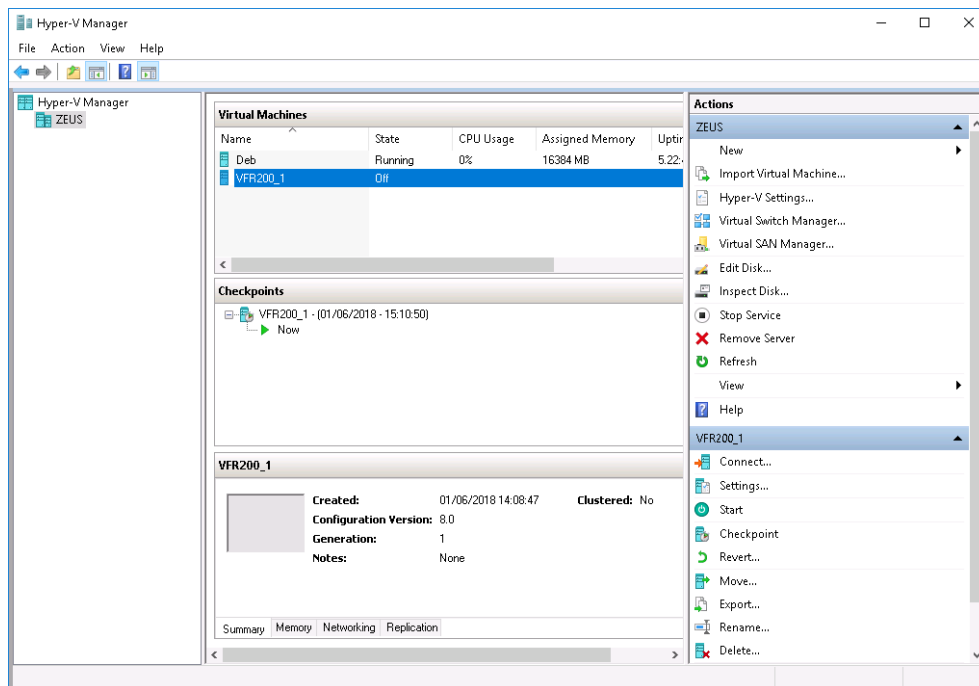
## Adding a dedicated connection

When it is not desirable to have a physical LAN connection to the PORTrockIT, a private network connection can be used to restrict communication to internal guests only.

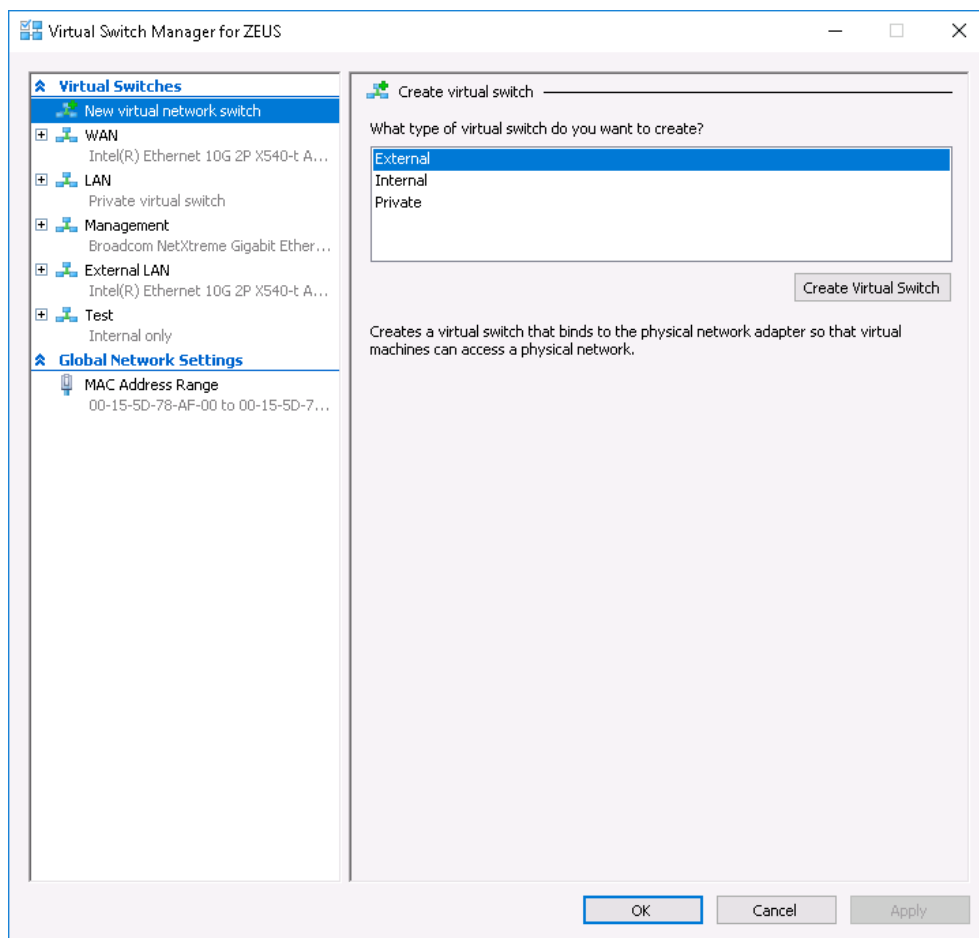
At this point the host would be unable to connect to the private LAN port of the PORTrockIT.

To enable acceleration of the host data another LAN connection needs to be setup.

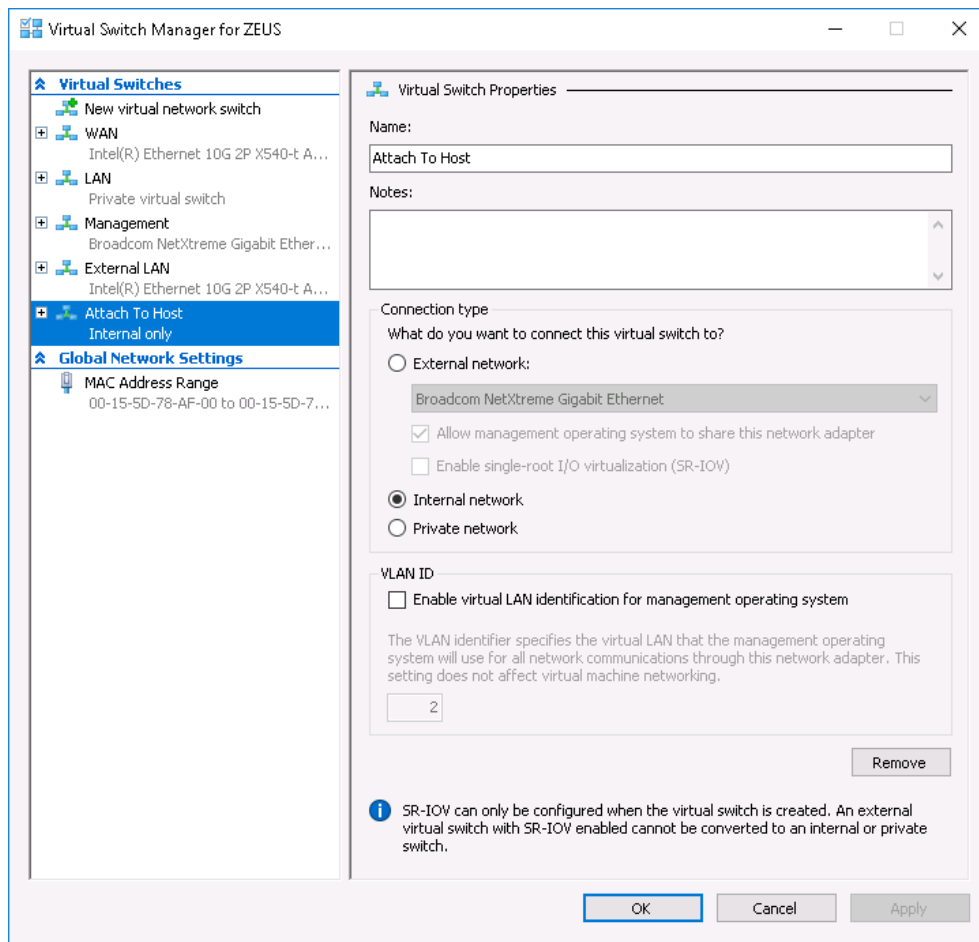
In the Hyper-V manager open the *Virtual Switch Manager*, located in the *Actions* column on the right.



In the *Virtual Switch Manager*, select *New virtual network switch*.



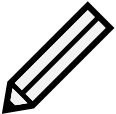
Choose the option to create an *Internal* connection, then click the *Create Virtual Switch* button.

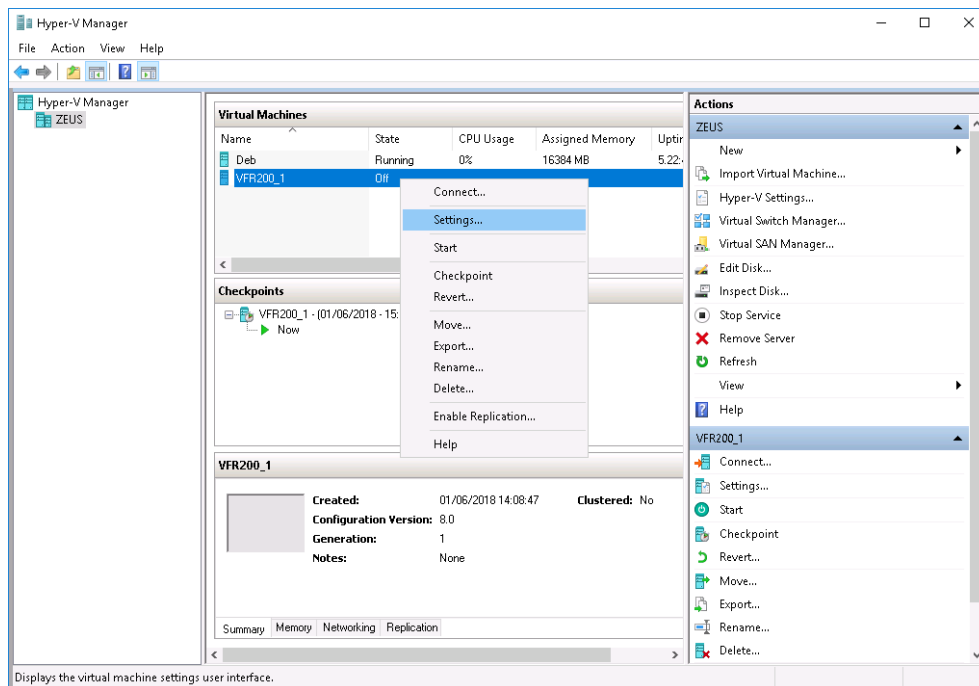


In the new properties section select a name for the network connection.

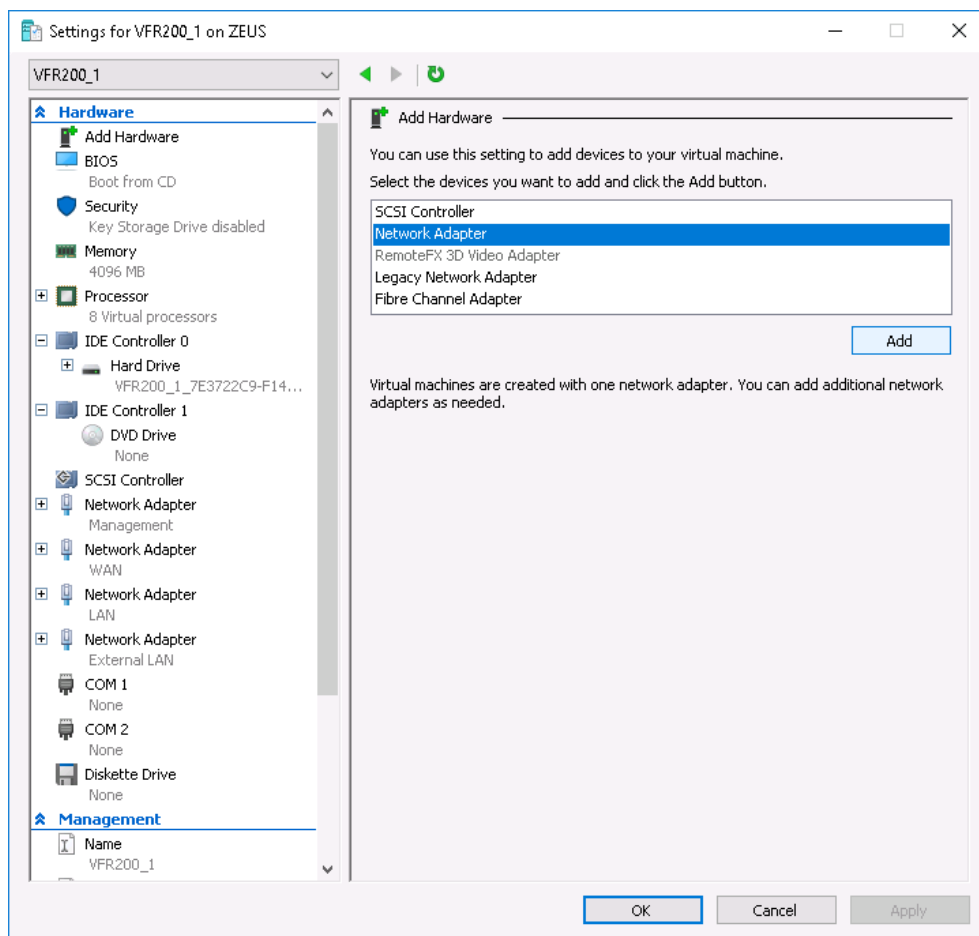
Click on *Apply*, then *OK* at the bottom of the *Properties* page.

The next stage is to close the *Virtual Switch Manager* and bring up the *Settings* page for the PORTrockIT.

	<p>Note: The PORTrockIT needs to be powered off to add or remove network connections.</p>
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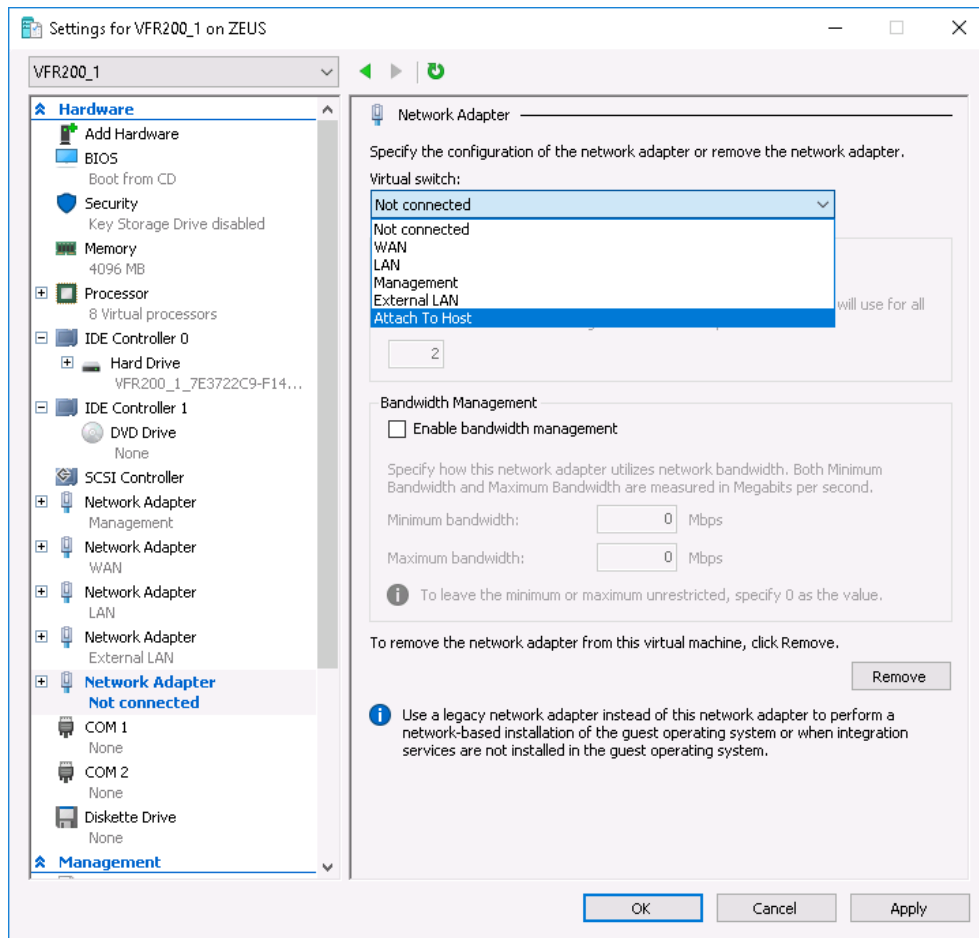
In the *Hardware* column on the left of the new window, select *Add Hardware* at the top, then select the *Network Adapter* and click on *Add*.



At this point an empty Virtual Switch is displayed. Choose the newly created internal switch from



the dropdown menu.



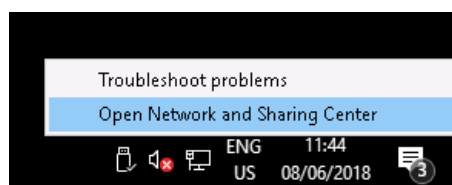
Click *Apply* and then *OK*.

The connection between the Host and PORTrockIT is now available.

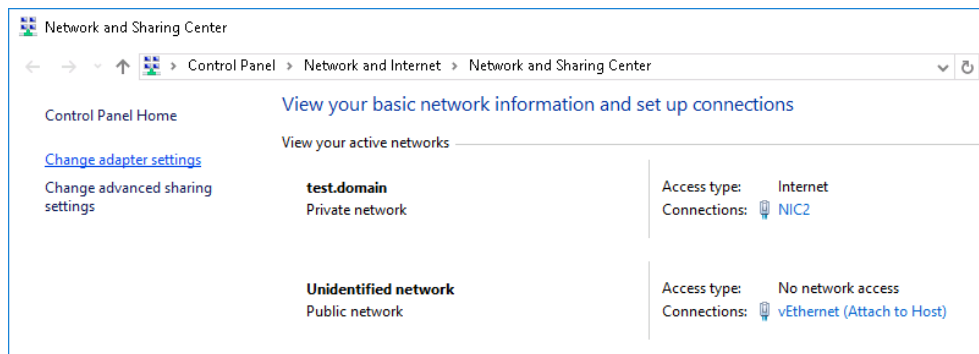
At this stage the PORTrockIT needs to be started and the new port will need a static IP added.

The host will also need a static IP to establish the connection. Bring up the *Network Settings* in the Host and open the settings for the new vEthernet that has been setup. The new Virtual Switch will have same name found in the *Virtual Switch Manager* in the *Hyper-V Manager*.

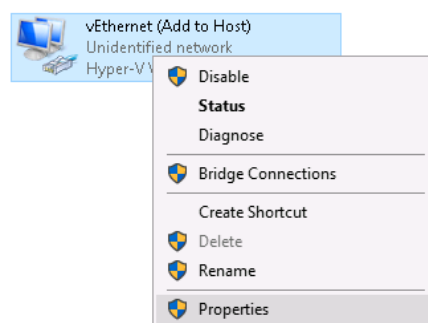
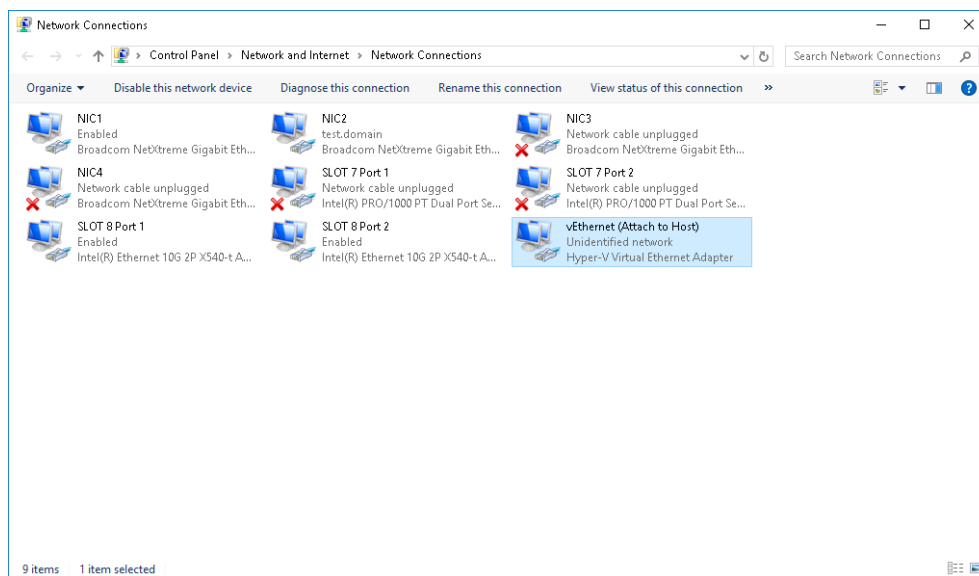
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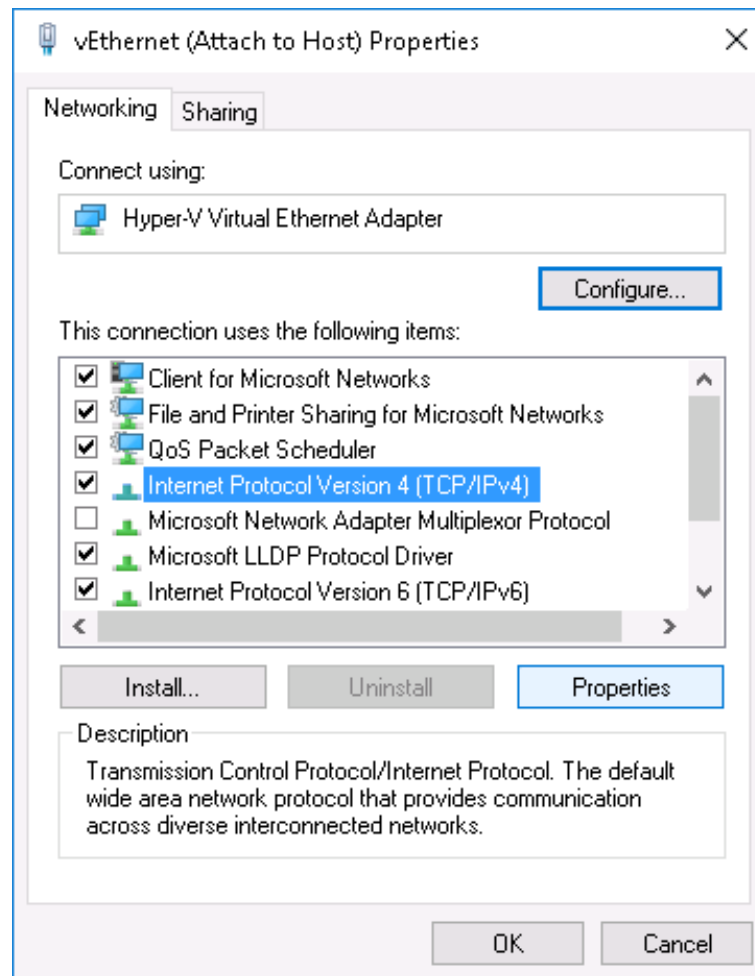
Then in the new window select *Change adapter settings* in the column on the left.



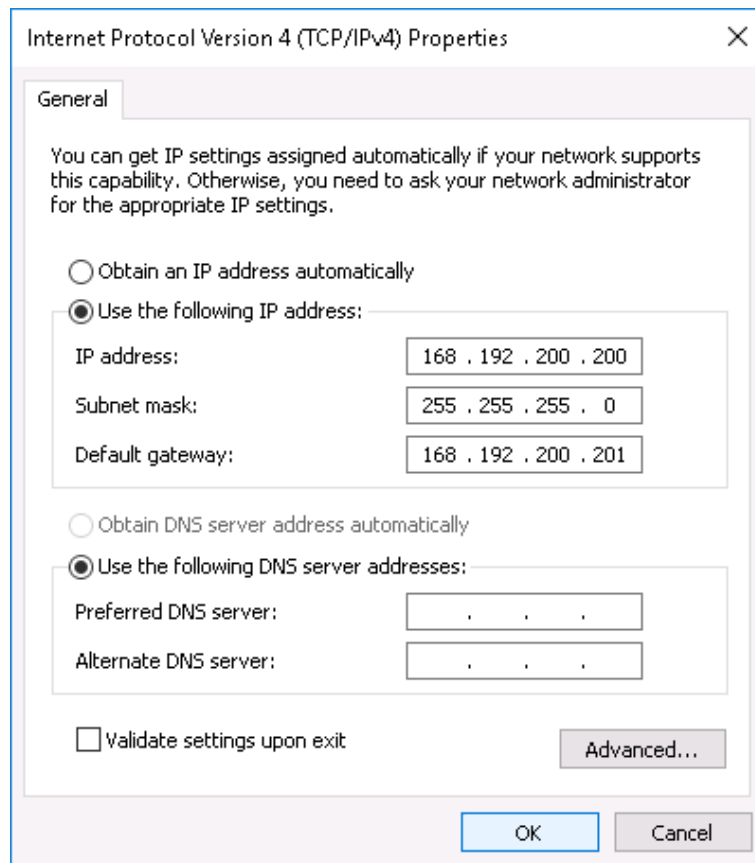
In the *Network Connections* window right click on the internal vEthernet, then click on *properties* from the context menu.



In the properties window, left click on *Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)* and then left click on the *Properties* button.



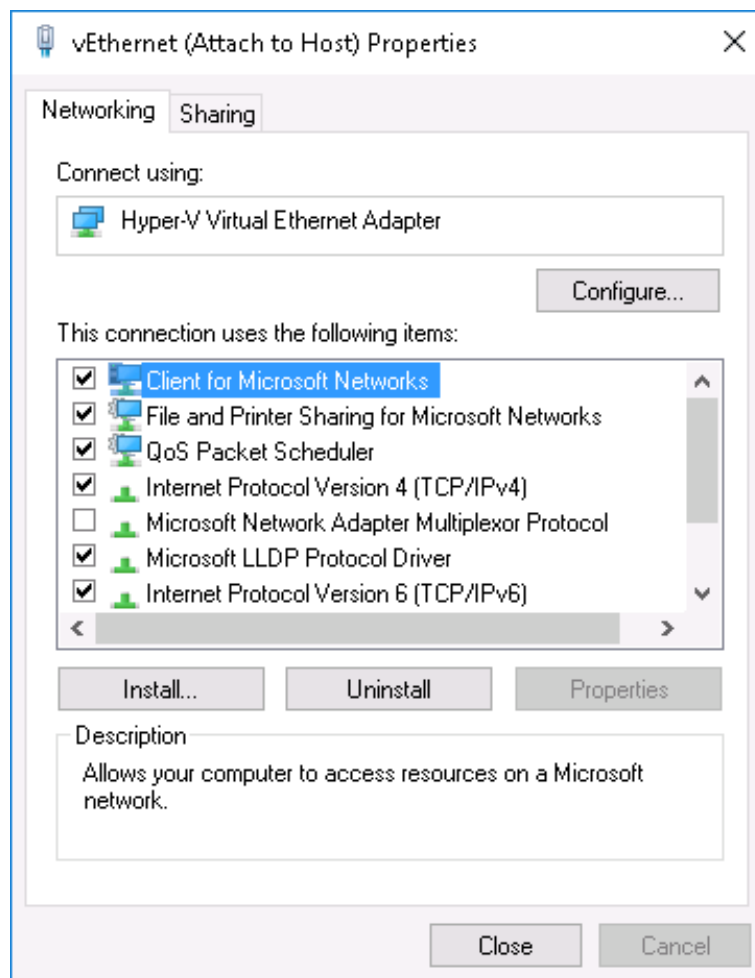
In the new properties window change the radio option to *Use the following IP address*.



Enter the IP address and subnet mask to allow it to communicate with the settings that are used for the same Virtual Switch on the PORTrockIT.

The *Default Gateway* should be set to use the IP of the PORTrockIT.

Click *OK* to close this window, then click *close* in the remaining *Properties* window.



At this stage the host should now have access to communicate with the PORTrockIT.



Note: New port mappings and/or relationships on the PORTrockIT web interface may need to be setup if a new virtual connection was created to connect the host. See Section 7.7: [Routing for Relationships](#).

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# Useful Links

The following section contains links to other guides and FAQs. Support is available through our website: <https://support.4bridgeworks.com/>

The following resources are available online:

- [User Manuals](#)
- [Installation Guides](#)
- [General FAQ](#)
- [AWS FAQ](#)

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