OpenVPN

Start OpenVPN at startup with systemd

1. Move the `.ovpn` file to `/etc/openvpn/`. Choose the `<name-of-connection>` carefully, the name is required to select the connection via systemd.

   ```
   mv <config-file>.ovpn /etc/openvpn/<name-of-connection>.conf
   ```

2. Reload the daemon:

   ```
   systemctl daemon-reload
   ```

3. Start the connection:

   ```
   systemctl start openvpn@<name-of-connection>
   ```

4. Verify that everything worked correctly:

   ```
   systemctl status openvpn@<name-of-connection>
   ```

   If it says `running` and no errors are displayed, everything was successful. If it says `cipher not allowed` check the following paragraph.

5. Enable it with:

   ```
   systemctl enable openvpn@<name-of-connection>
   ```

6. To later disable the automatic start of the connection use:

   ```
   systemctl disable openvpn@<name-of-connection>
   ```

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Cipher Error

> This issue only exists when the CLI-client is `OpenVPN v2.6+` while the corresponding server isn't yet on this state.

1. If there are the following lines in the console output of the connection:

   ```
   Error: negotiated cipher not allowed - AES-256-CBC not in AES-256-
   GCM:AES-128-GCM:CHACHA20-POLY1305
   OPTIONS ERROR: failed to import crypto options
   Failed to open tun/tap interface
   ```

2. Edit your config file. (Maybe under `/etc/openvpn/`) It's required to change the line that

contains `cipher`. Edit `cipher` to `data-ciphers`. It should then look like this:

```
data-ciphers AES-256-CBC
```

3. Finally restart your connection.

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