

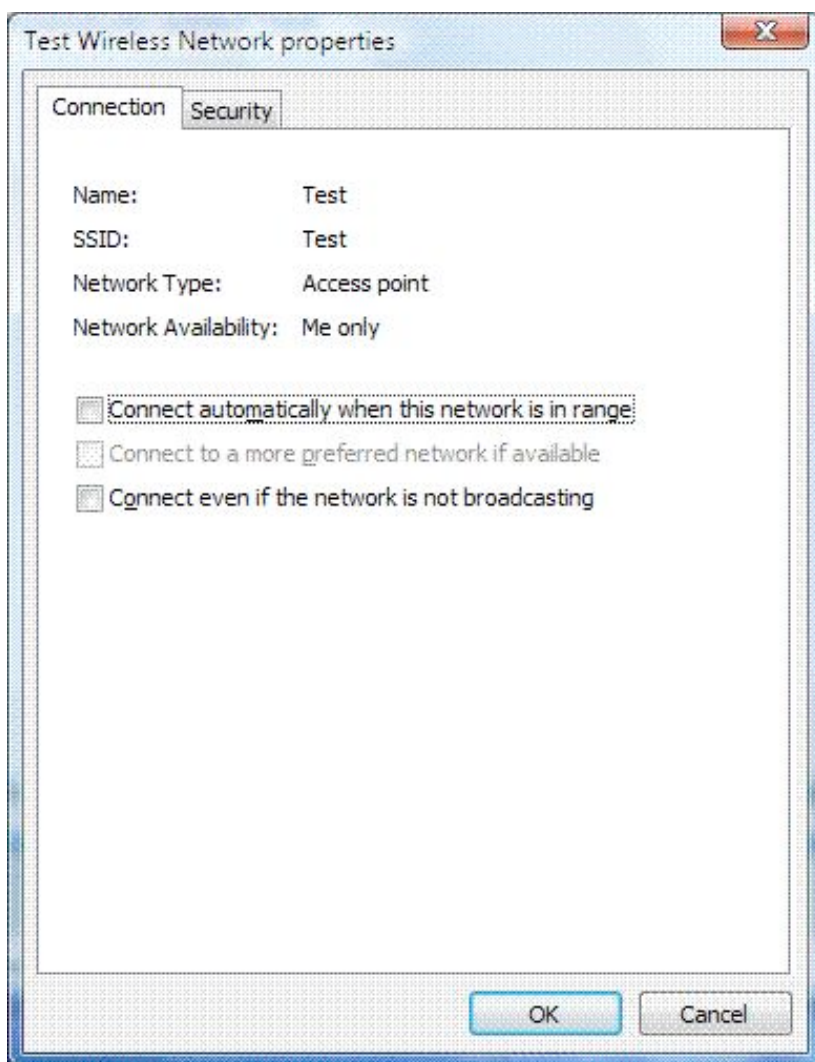
Windows Vista: enabling connection to a Wi-Fi network not broadcasting SSID

By default, the **Windows Vista** operating system is configured **not** to connect to **Wi-Fi wireless networks** in which the **SSID** is not broadcast. SSID (Service Set Identifier) is the unique name that identifies a particular Wi-Fi (802.11) wireless network.

Follow these steps to enable a computer running Windows Vista to connect to a particular Wi-Fi network in which the SSID is not being broadcast.

1. Click the Windows **Start** button, then click **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Network and Internet**.
3. Click **Network and Sharing Center**.
4. Click **Manage wireless networks** (one of the Tasks, at left).
5. Right-click the Wi-Fi wireless network you wish to connect to (in the **Networks you can view and modify** list). Click **Properties** in the pop-up context menu.
6. The Properties page shown below will appear. Click to place a check mark in the box labeled **Connect even if the network is not broadcasting**, then click **OK**.

It should now be possible to connect to this particular Wi-Fi network even though it does not broadcast its SSID. This change applies only to the network selected in step 5 above . You may repeat the procedure for any other available Wi-Fi network.



ProSafe VPN Summary

All other configuration details should follow the ProSafe Owner's Manual or the ProSafe VPN Client Owner's Manual.

Additional Resources

Here are some additional resources you find useful.

Netgear

The network products manufacturer (<http://www.netgear.com/>) has some tech support notes and White Papers on their VPN/Firewall devices and some tips for achieving basic interoperability. They also host a user support forum (<http://forum1.netgear.com/>) on their various products where users can post questions and get answers from their peers.

SafeNet

SafeNet (<http://www.safenet-inc.com/>) is one of the largest OEM providers of VPN client software to VPN/firewall manufacturers. SafeNet has a tech support area (<http://support.safenet-inc.com/>) listing tech notes on their products with various VPN gateways including some individual interoperability examples. SafeNet is the OEM supplier of the Netgear ProSafe VPN Client software.

VPNC

The VPN Consortium (<http://www.vpnc.org/>). VPNC has various writings and White Papers on many manufacturers VPN devices and tips for achieving interoperability.

Practically Networked

Practically Networked (<http://www.practicallynetworked.com/>) has various writings on many manufacturers VPN devices and tips for achieving interoperability. They also have a section dedicated to VPN issues (http://www.practicallynetworked.com/support/VPN_help.htm).

HomeNetHelp

HomeNetHelp (<http://www.homenethelp.com/>) has various writings and White Papers on many manufacturers VPN devices and tips for achieving interoperability. They also host a user support forum on VPN Routers where users can post questions and get answers from their peers.

Disclaimer

Both ProSafe VPN/Firewall Routers and ProSafe VPN Client have several ways of setting up and configuring VPN tunnels. The settings may not be the best for your situation and some settings are situation specific.

This case study is published to guides you to setup your VPN Tunnel and VPNCASESTUDY.COM do not held any responsibility of any mistakes or errors.

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