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These are the protocol, encryption cipher, auth hash and CA settings that should be used for ports on our gateways in a stock OpenVPN setup. The CRL is not necessary, but we recommend using it to prevent connecting to a discontinued server. The settings here do not apply for any of the PIA apps.

We recommend using ports 1198, 1197, 502 and 501 with AES encryption. We also generally recommend using our [OpenVPN configuration files](#) if possible.

You are also able to use GCM ciphers (such as AES-128-GCM) on all of these ports. Simply change the cipher, and also add the line 'ncp-disable' to your config file.

To download the root CA certificate or CRL, right-click on the name and select "Save link as".

| Port | Protocol | Encryption | Auth Hash | Root CA | CRL |
|------|----------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 501 | TCP | AES-256-CBC | SHA256 | ca.rsa.4096.crt | crl.rsa.4096.pem |
| 502 | TCP | AES-128-CBC | SHA1 | ca.rsa.2048.crt | crl.rsa.2048.pem |
| 1197 | UDP | AES-256-CBC | SHA256 | ca.rsa.4096.crt | crl.rsa.4096.pem |
| 1198 | UDP | AES-128-CBC | SHA1 | ca.rsa.2048.crt | crl.rsa.2048.pem |

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