

# stunnel

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**Stunnel is a proxy designed to add TLS encryption functionality to existing clients and servers without any changes in the programs' code.** Its [architecture](#) is optimized for security, portability, and scalability (including load-balancing), making it suitable for large deployments.

Stunnel uses the [OpenSSL](#) library for cryptography, so it supports whatever cryptographic algorithms are compiled into the library. It can benefit from the [FIPS 140-2](#) validation of the OpenSSL FIPS Provider, as long as the building process meets the [OpenSSL FIPS 140-2 Security Policy](#). Our latest Windows installer includes the OpenSSL FIPS Provider.

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