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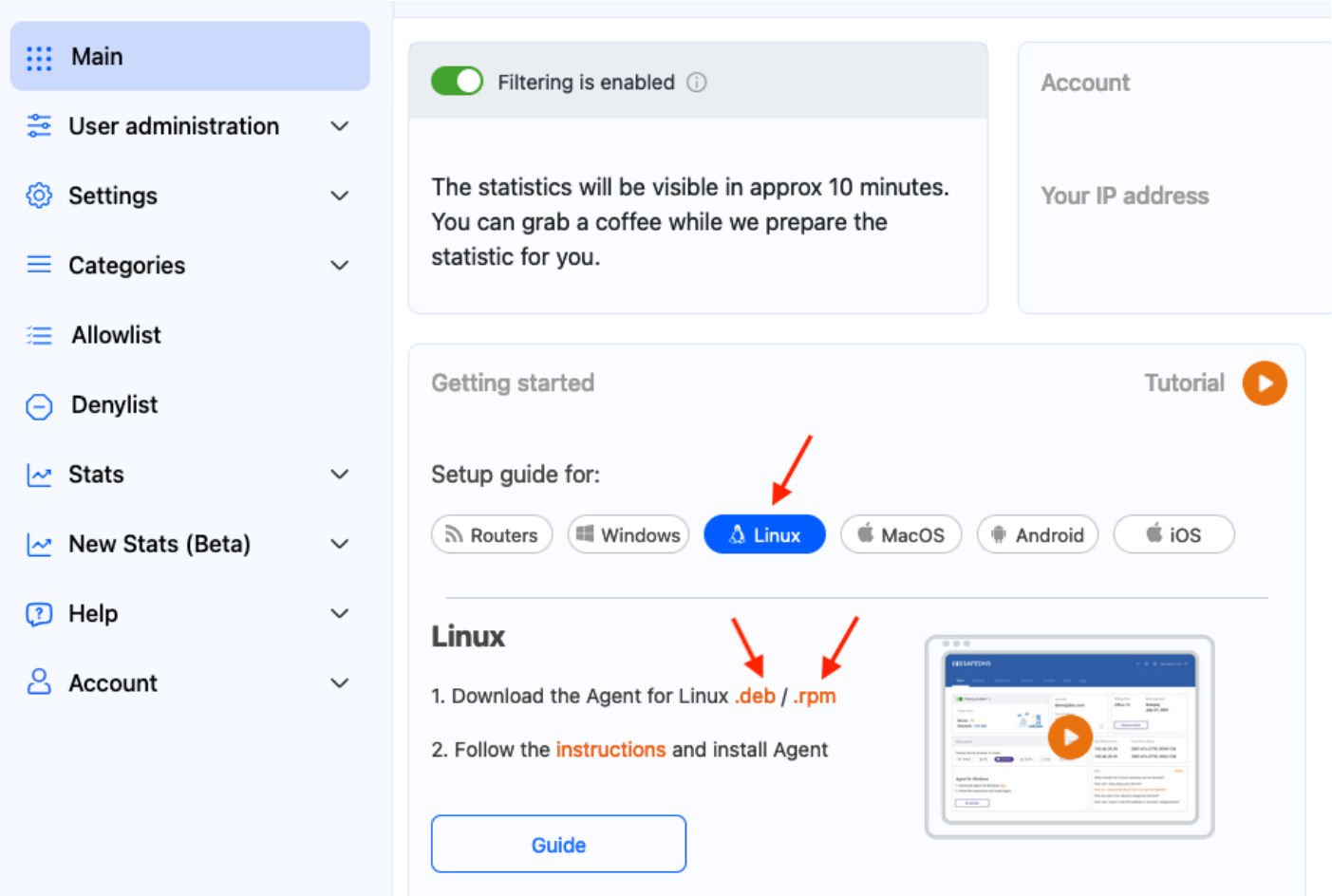
SafeDNS Agent for Linux Setup

Installation requirements: Debian 9, Ubuntu 18–22, PopOS, CentOS 7.
The Agent is available on the following billing plans: **Safe Family, Pro, Pro Plus,** and archived **Safe@Home, Safe@Office**.

Getting Started

1. Log in to your SafeDNS account with your registration email and password.

2. Navigate to the **Getting Started** tab on the main page of the **Dashboard** and select the Linux button. Choose and download the needed package: .**rpm** or .**deb**.



.rpm package

Use the following command for the installation from the Terminal app:

```
sudo rpm -Uvh /home/user/Downloads/safedns-agent-1.3.1-x86_64.rpm
```

Please note, that the path to the file and/or package name might be different.

.deb package

For experienced users. You can use this command to install from the Terminal app:

```
sudo dpkg -i /home/user/Downloads/safedns-agent-1.3.1-x86_64.deb
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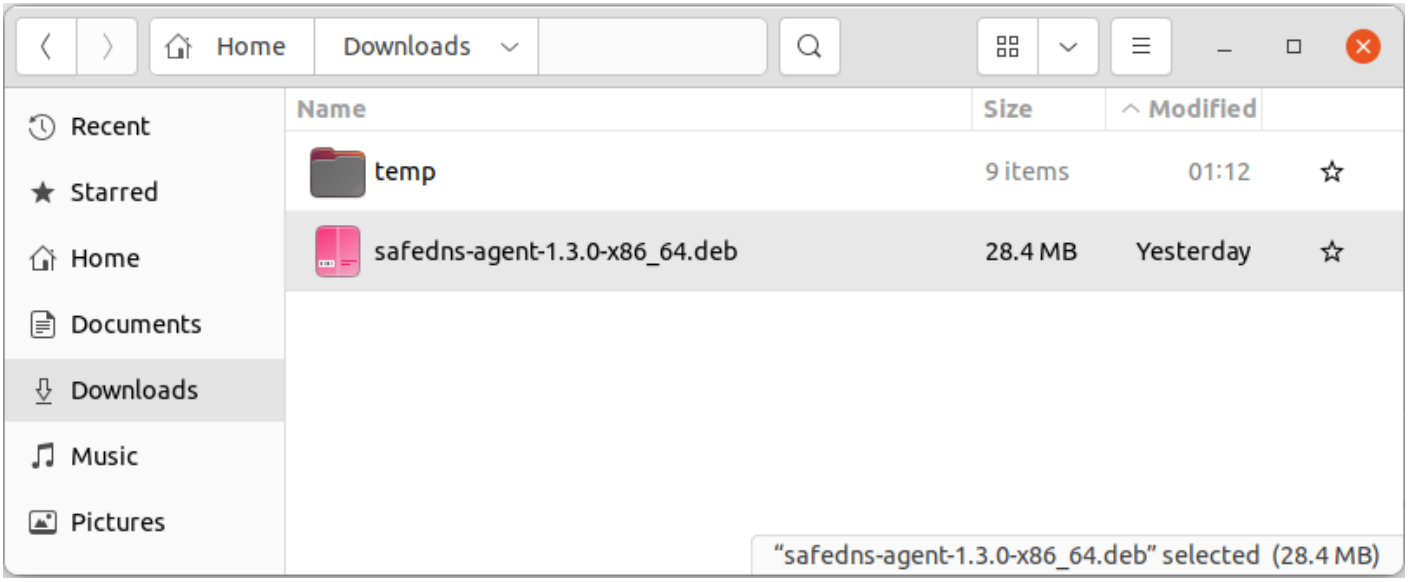
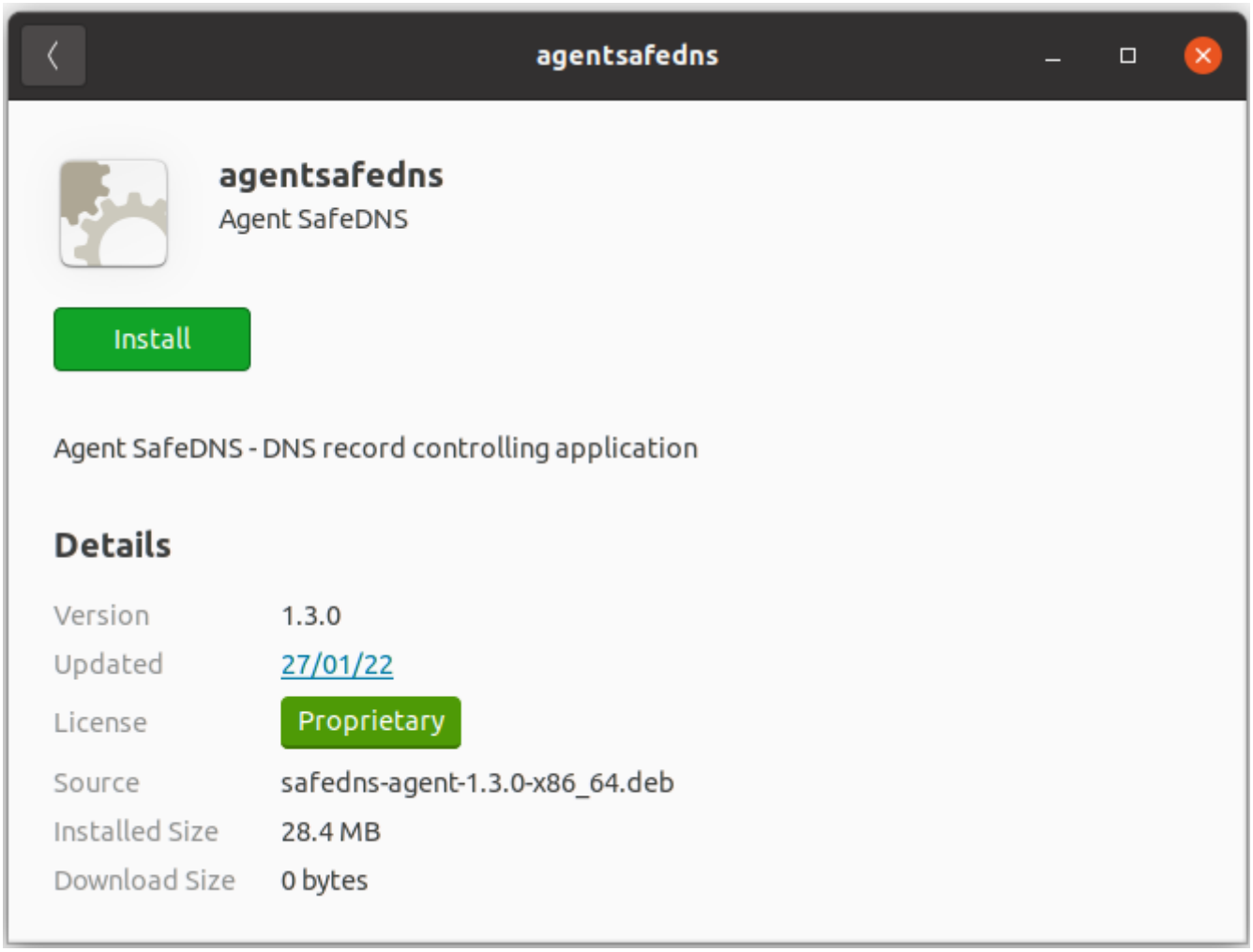
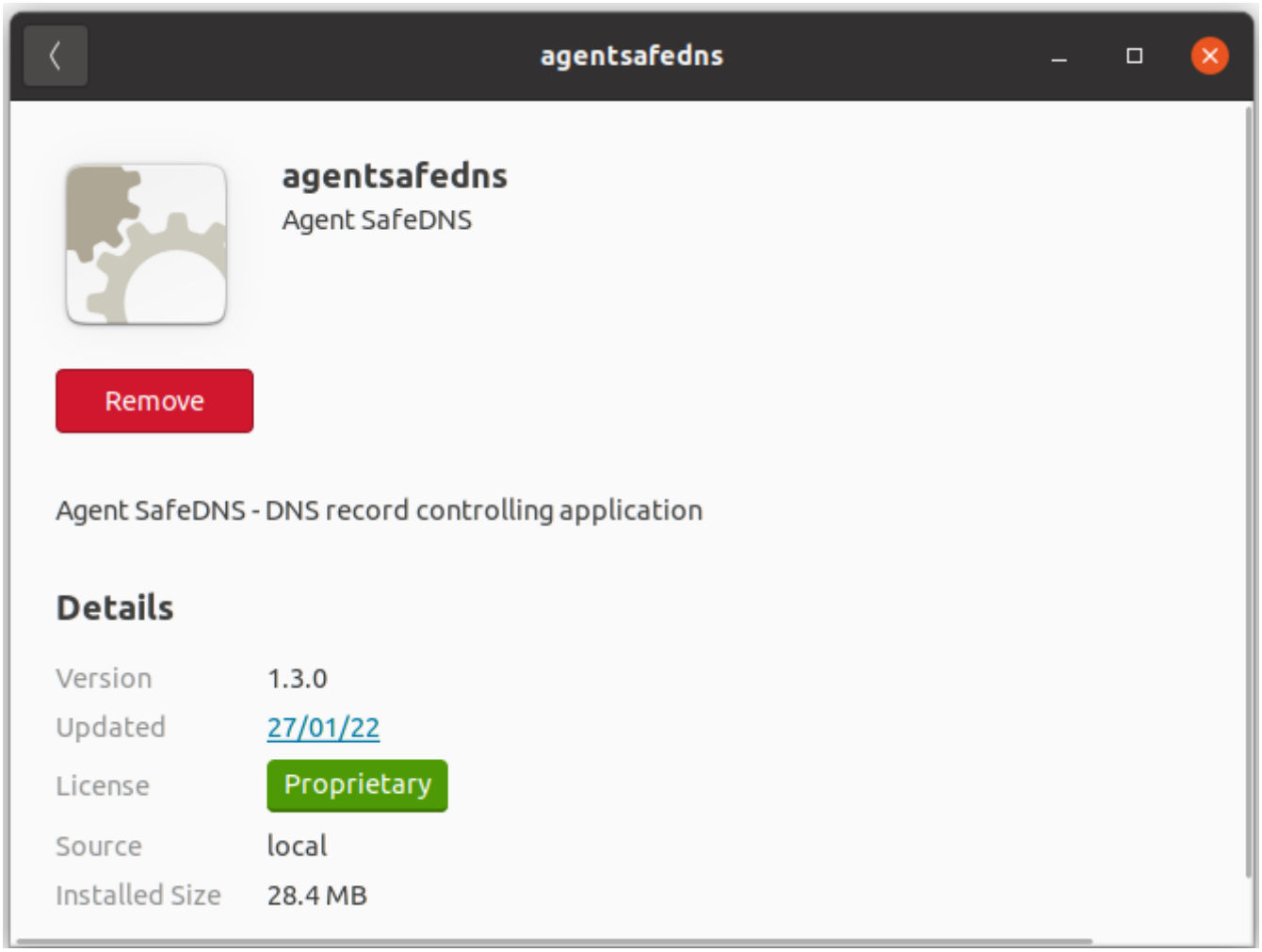


2. Run the downloaded file and install the Agent. Enter the Admin password if prompted.



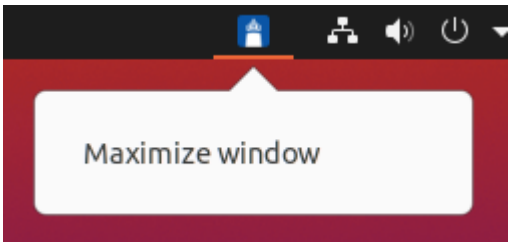
3. You will see the following window once the installation finishes:



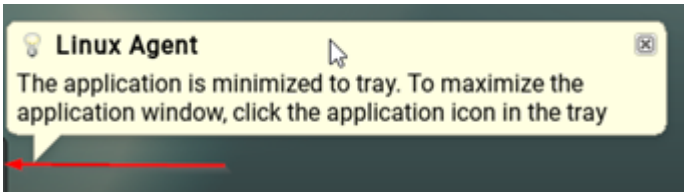
Agent Setup

1. **Restart your system.** The Agent icon will appear in the system tray.

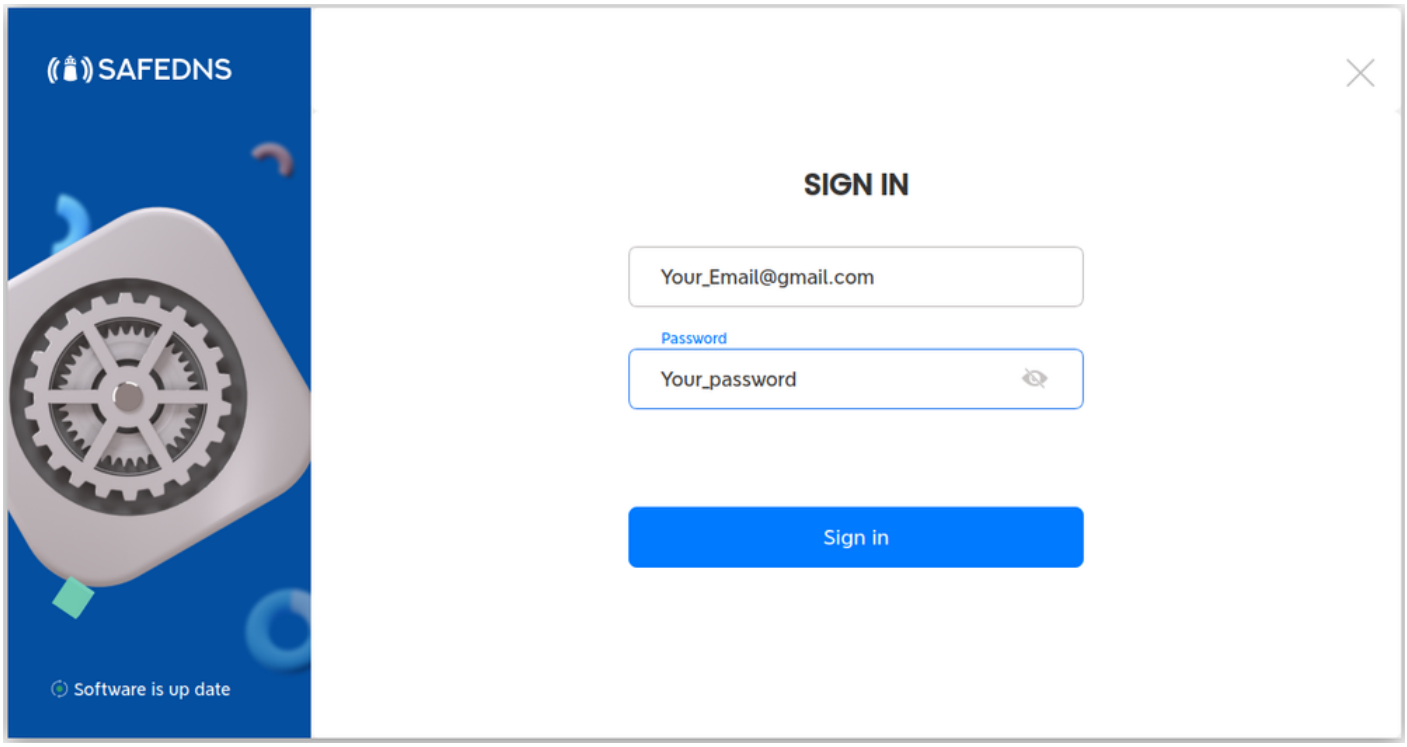
2. Open the Agent by clicking on the icon in the system tray.



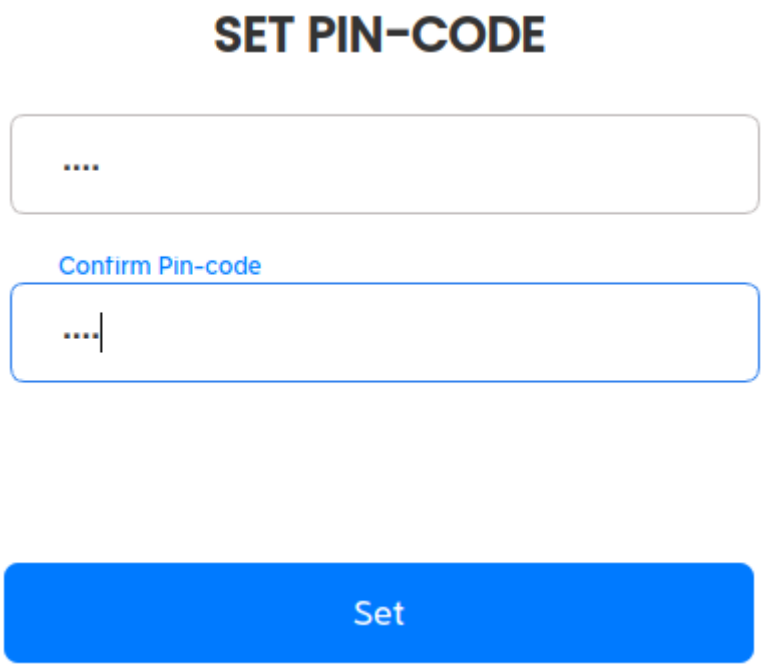
!On **Debian 9,** click on the black line in the bottom right corner, if the tray icon is hidden.



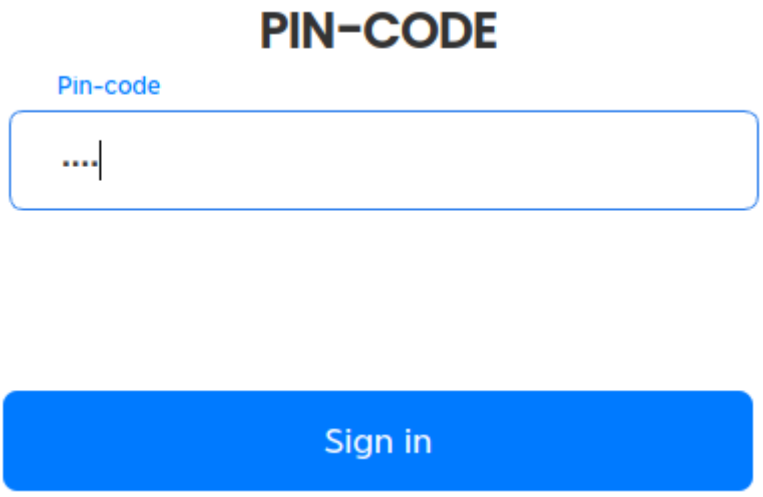
3. Enter your SafeDNS account credentials in the opened window.



4. Set up the security PIN that will be used later to restrict access to the Agent:



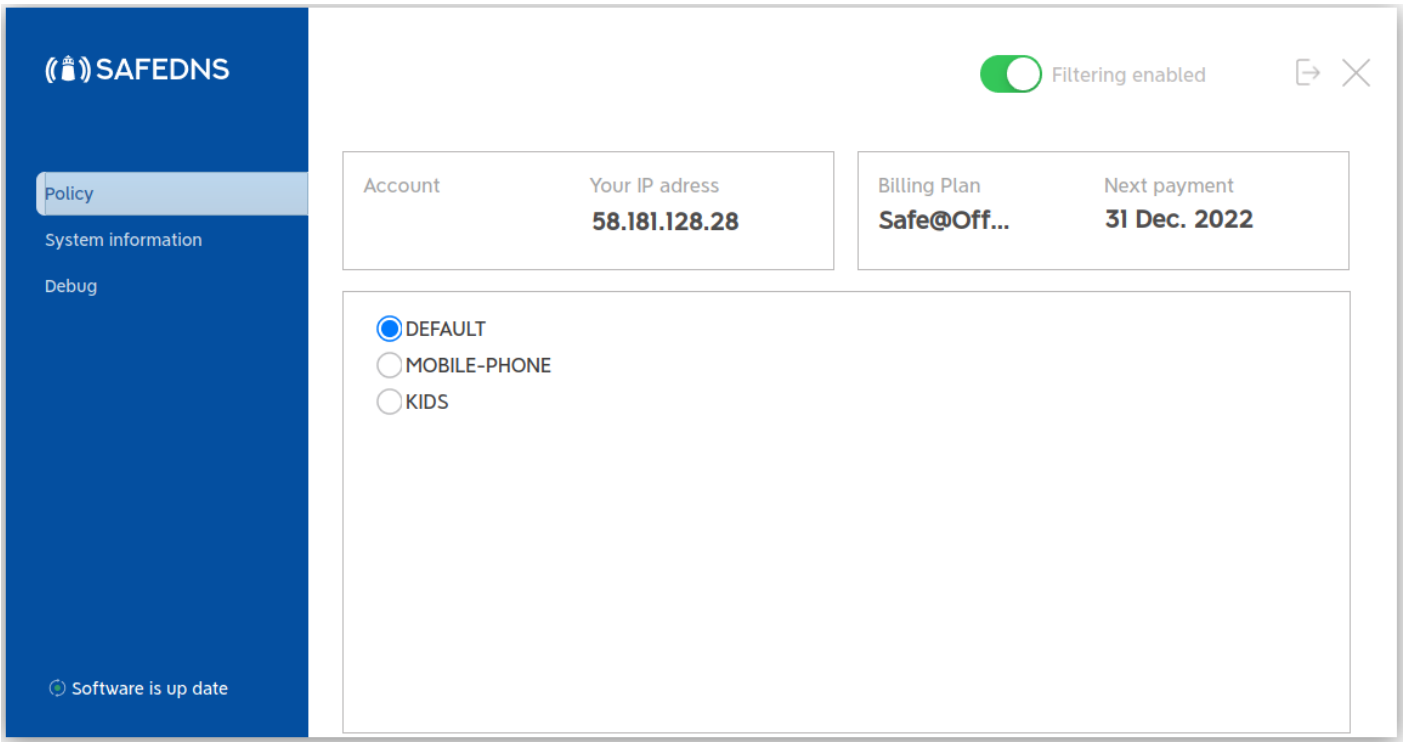
5. Enter the PIN once again to sign in to the Agent:



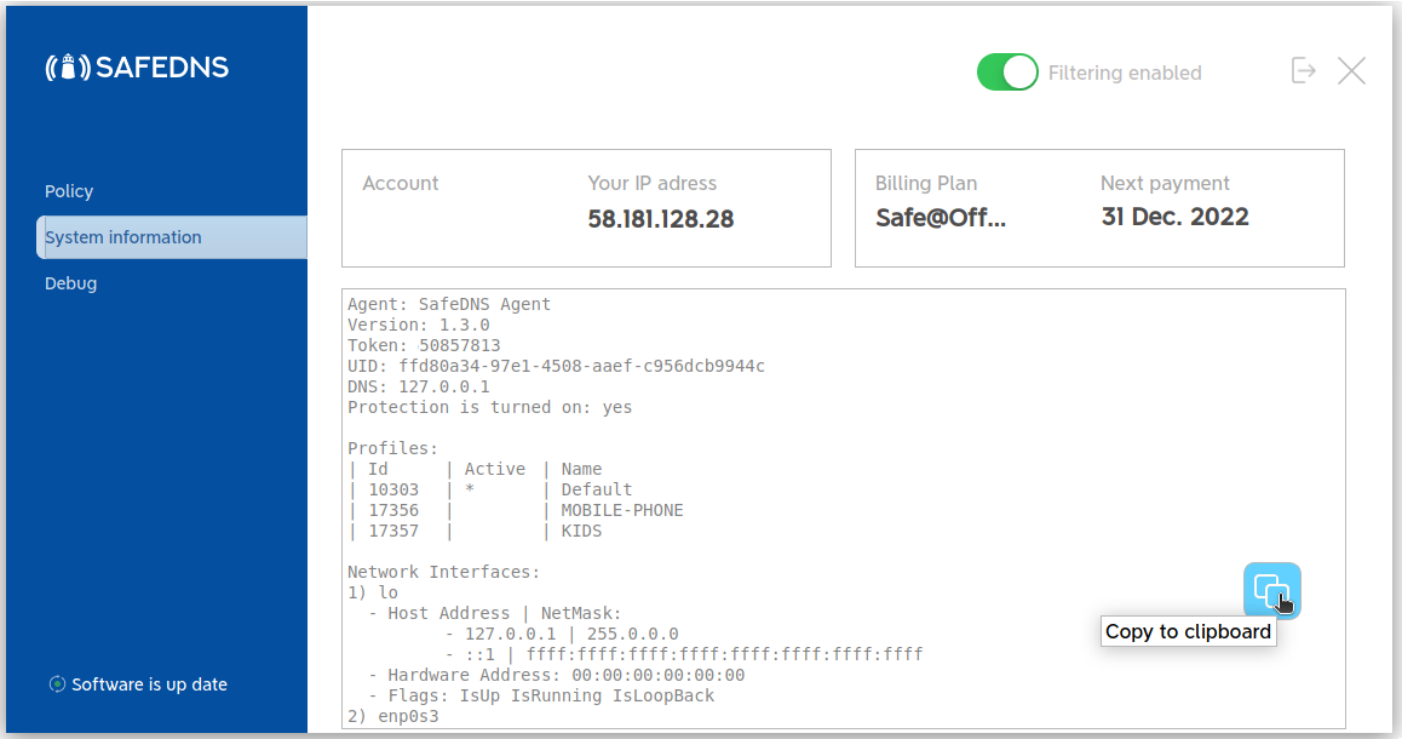
Agent Overview

The main window of the Agent. Here you can view your account information, current IP address, your Billing Plan, and Subscription expiration date.

Use the Policy menu to view and change the current filtering Policy.



The system information menu shows brief information about the Agent, current filtering policies, and the network interfaces. The information in this menu can be copied to the clipboard by clicking the "Copy to clipboard" button.

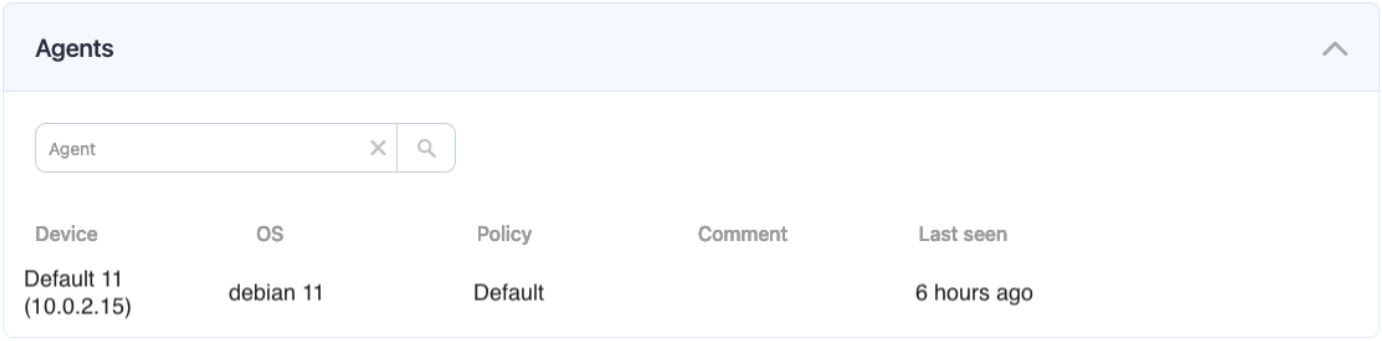


The Debug menu displays the results of the diagnostic commands that are required in case of troubleshooting. To send the debug information to SafeDNS, click the "Send report" button.

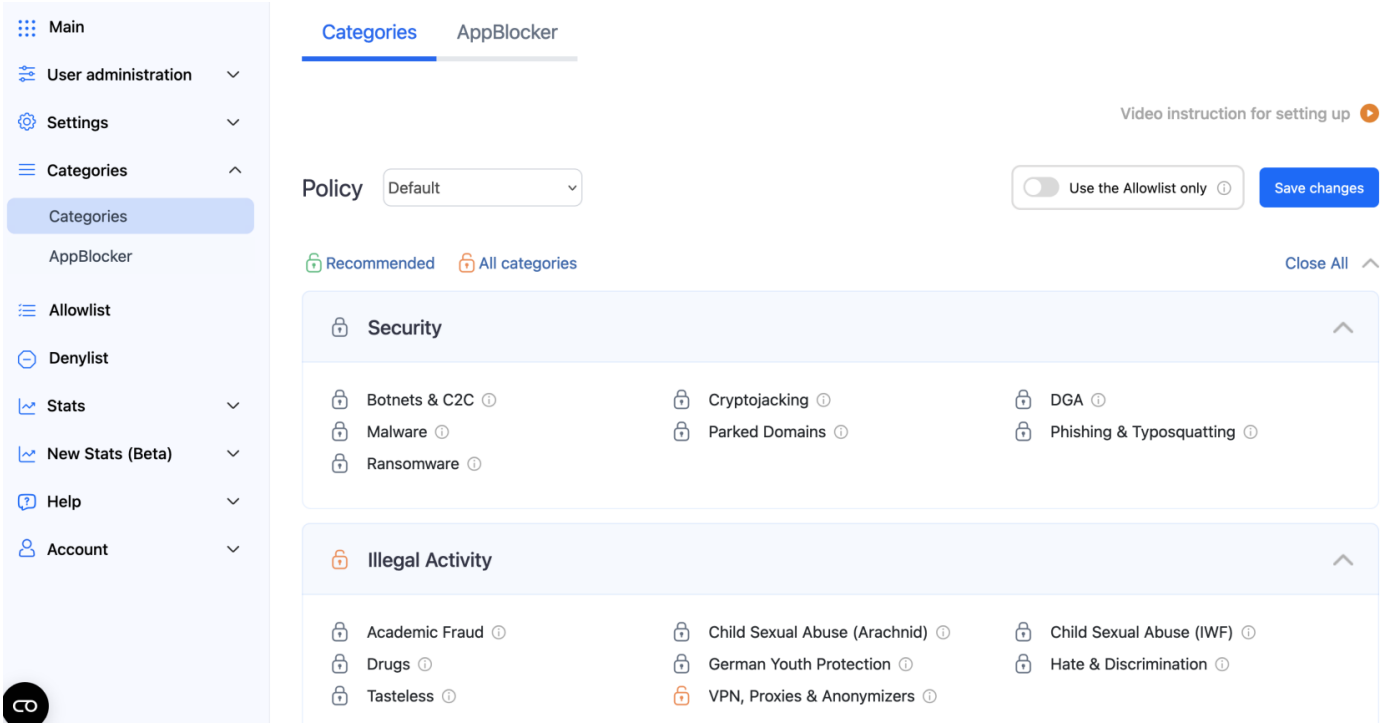
Additional settings

To ensure the Agent was installed correctly, please navigate to the "**Settings**" tab in the SafeDNS Dashboard and scroll down to the bottom.

If you see the record with the Device name and your IP address, it means that the filtering is working.

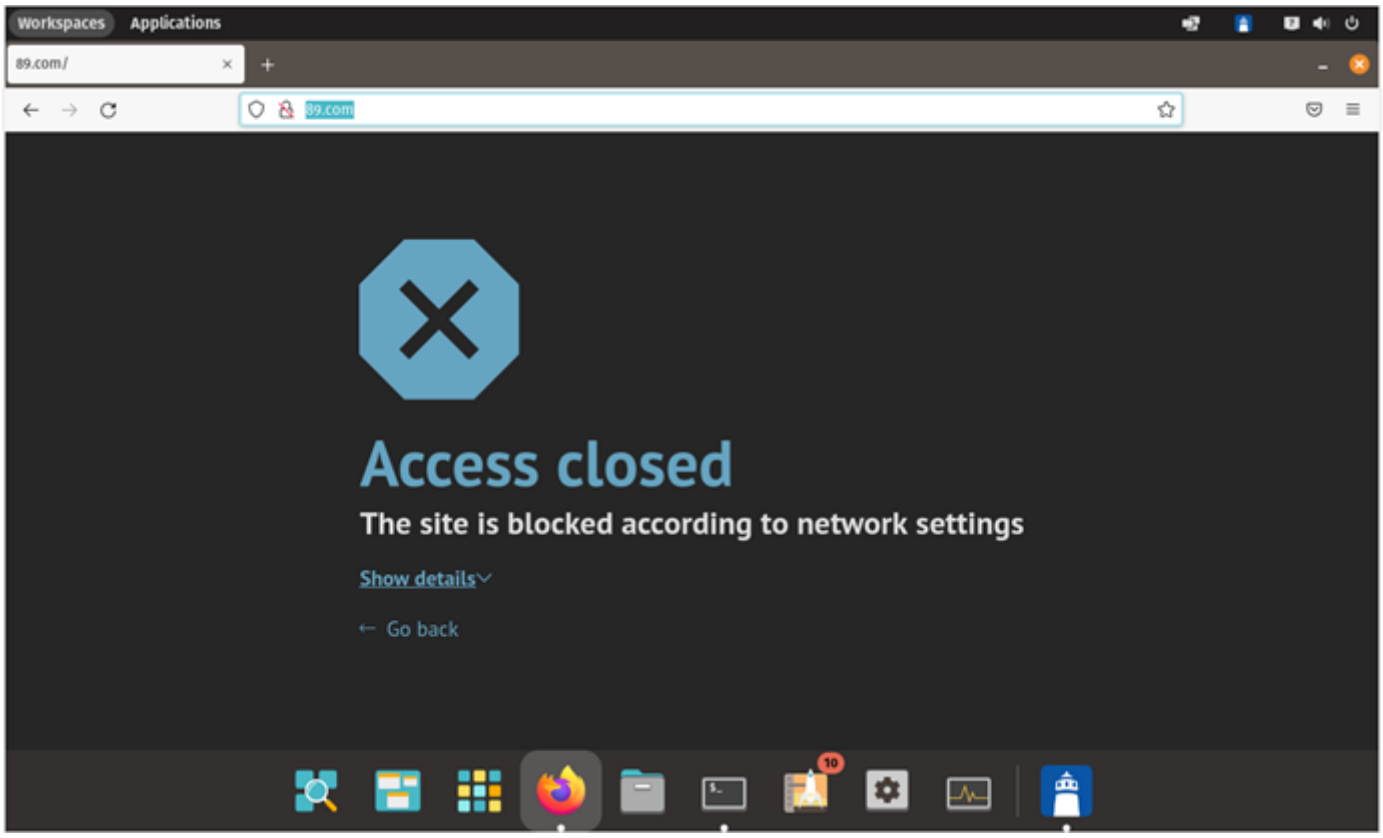


After that, you can adjust the filtering Policy according to your needs. You can select categories to block here.
Don't forget to click the "Save changes" button.



The setup is complete!

A blocked website will display an error message that the Access is closed:



If the filtering doesn't work according to your policy settings, clear the cache of your browser.

> Please note, that settings take 5-7 minutes to apply.
> Stats and filtering status update every 10 minutes.

Uninstallation

For the **.rpm** package, use the following command:

```
sudo rpm -e agentsafedns
```

For the **.deb** package, use the following command:

```
sudo apt-get remove agentsafedns
```

Enter **"y"** if prompted to confirm the Agent removal.

Linux Filtering Setup via OpenVPN

Please note, that this filtering option works via the third-party app OpenVPN.
If you encounter any issues, please contact our Technical Support.

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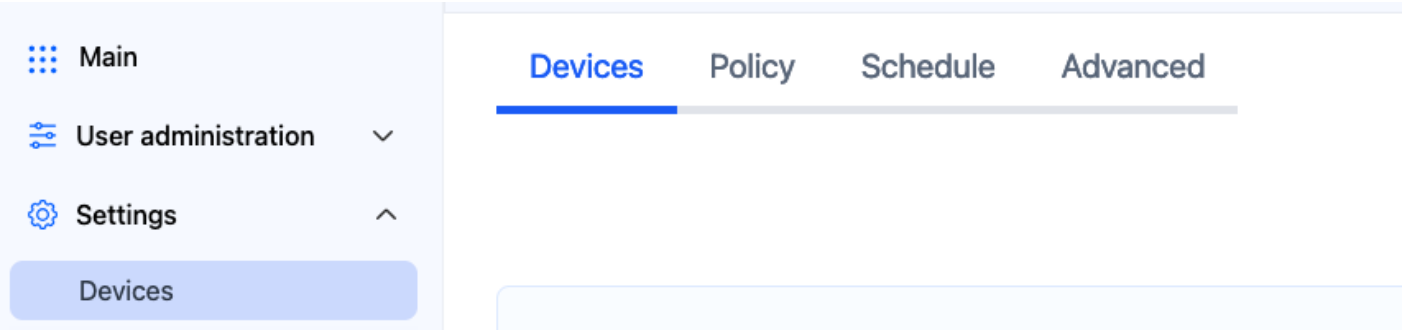
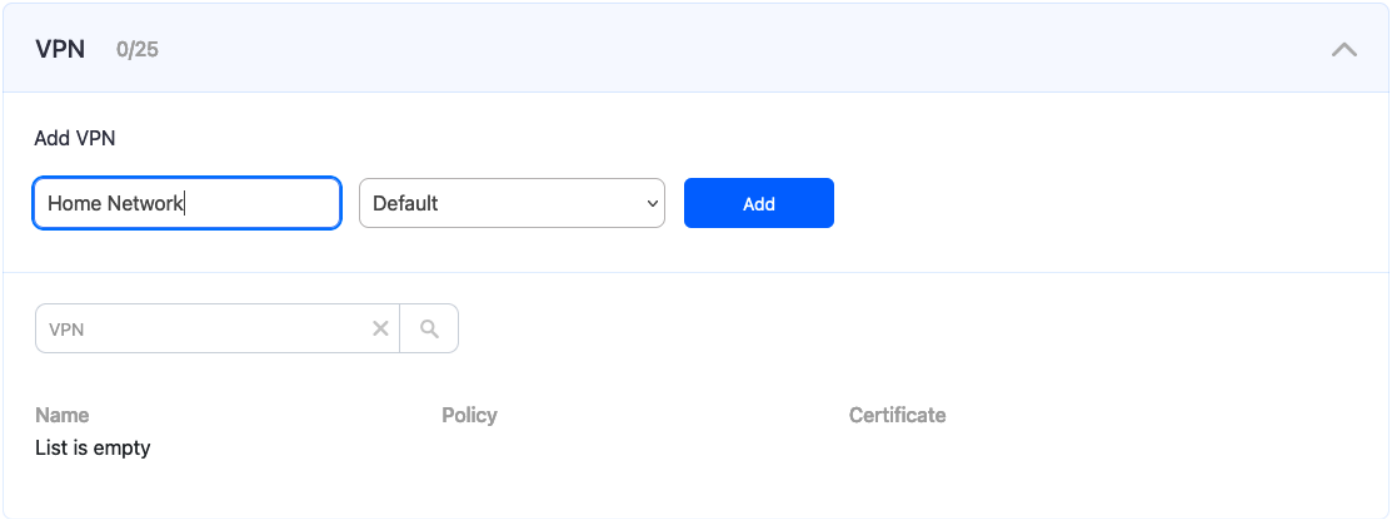
1. Open the SafeDNS Dashboard and navigate to **Settings > Devices**.



2. Scroll down to the VPN section, enter any name for a new VPN connection, and click Add.

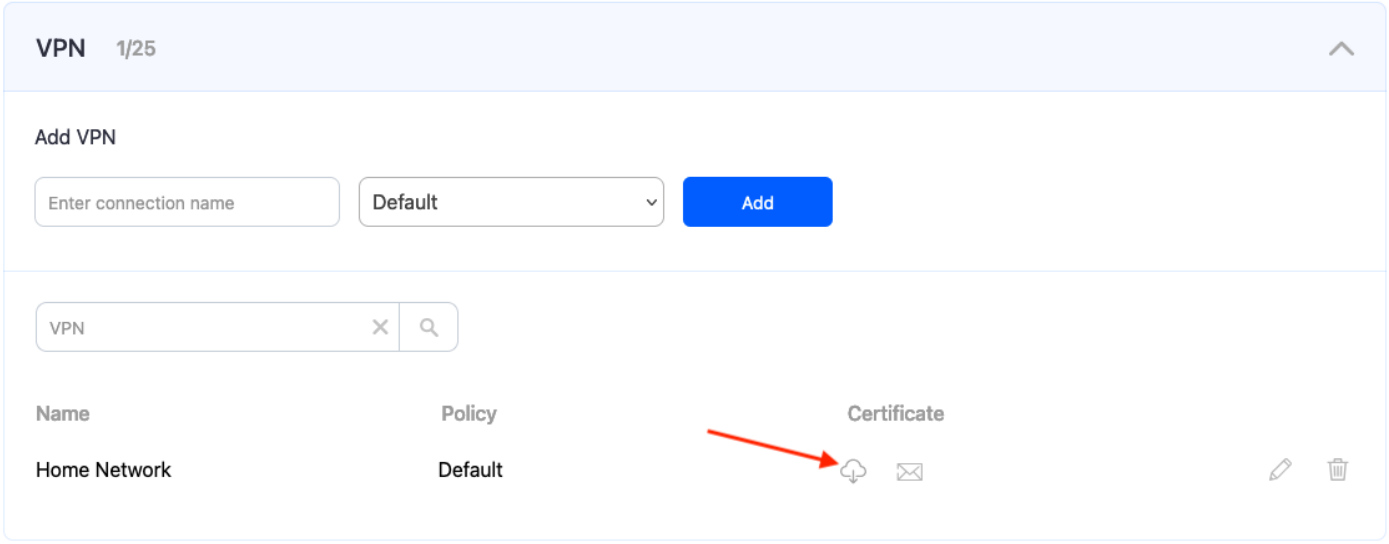
Choose a filtering policy before adding a VPN connection, if needed.



3. Upon creating the connection, two icons will appear in the "Certificate" column. One is for downloading the Certificate, and the other is for sending it by email. Press the "Cloud download" icon.

Multiple devices can use the same filtering policy, but **each device should use its own VPN certificate**.

You can also change the filtering policy of the created VPN connection by clicking on the pencil icon to the right. Please note, that you don't need to redownload your VPN certificate on your mobile device if you change its filtering policy.



Some Linux distributions have the OpenVPN application pre-installed. In this case, skip to **Step 5**.

4. Install the OpenVPN application on your device with the following command:

```
sudo apt install openvpn
```

5. Enter the administrator account password and approve the installation if prompted.

6. Copy the downloaded Certificate to */etc/openvpn*
You can use this command with Terminal opened in folder with the certificate:

```
sudo cp safedns-123456.ovpn /etc/openvpn/
```

7. Start OpenVPN with the following command:

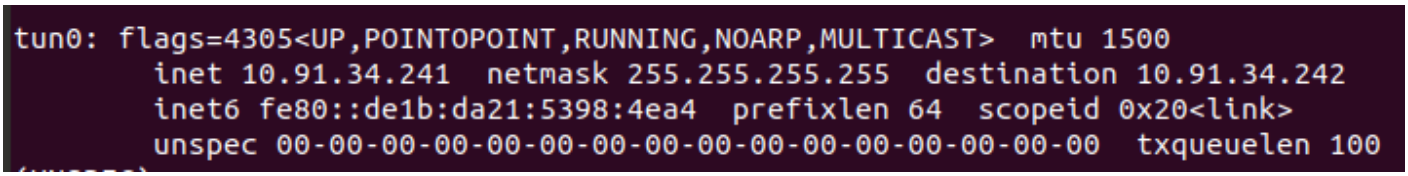
```
sudo openvpn --config /etc/openvpn/safedns-123456.ovpn
```

8. Enter the administrator account password if prompted. If the connection is established correctly, you will see the following notification:

```
Initialization Sequence Completed
```

Your Linux device is now filtered with the SafeDNS filtering policy.

You can check the OpenVPN connection with the ***ifconfig*** command. OpenVPN interface has the name ***tun***:



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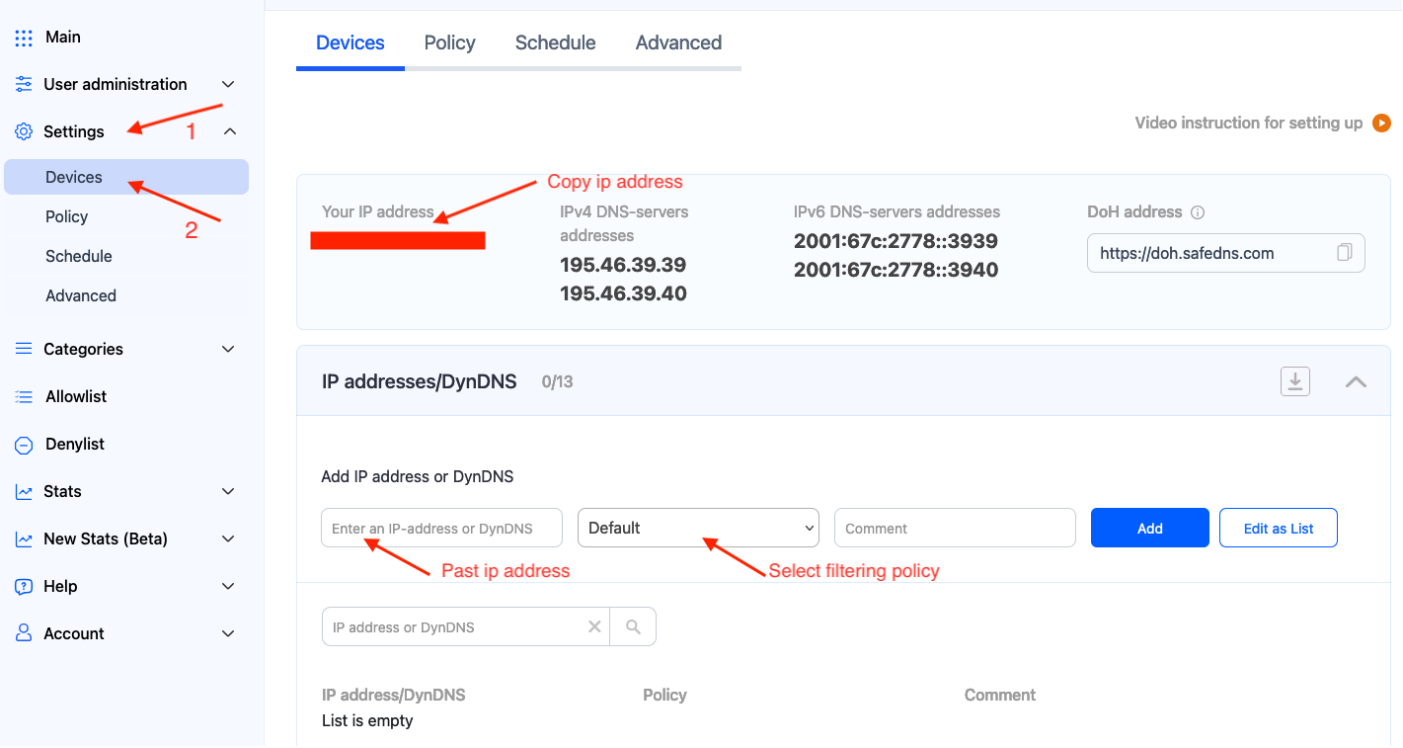
Linux DNS Setup

Static IP address

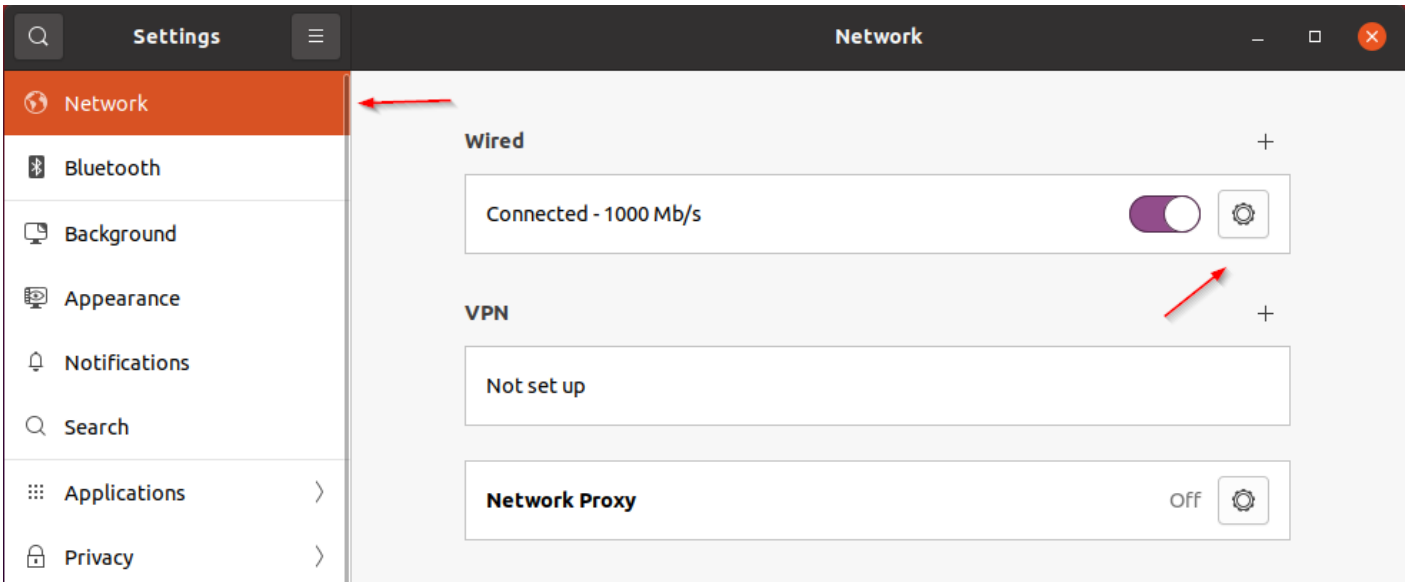
1. Navigate to the SafeDNS **Dashboard > Settings** and copy your IP address in the "**Enter an IP address or DynDNS**" box. Click "**Add**".



2. Change your system’s DNS servers to SafeDNS addresses - **195.46.39.39** and **195.46.39.40**

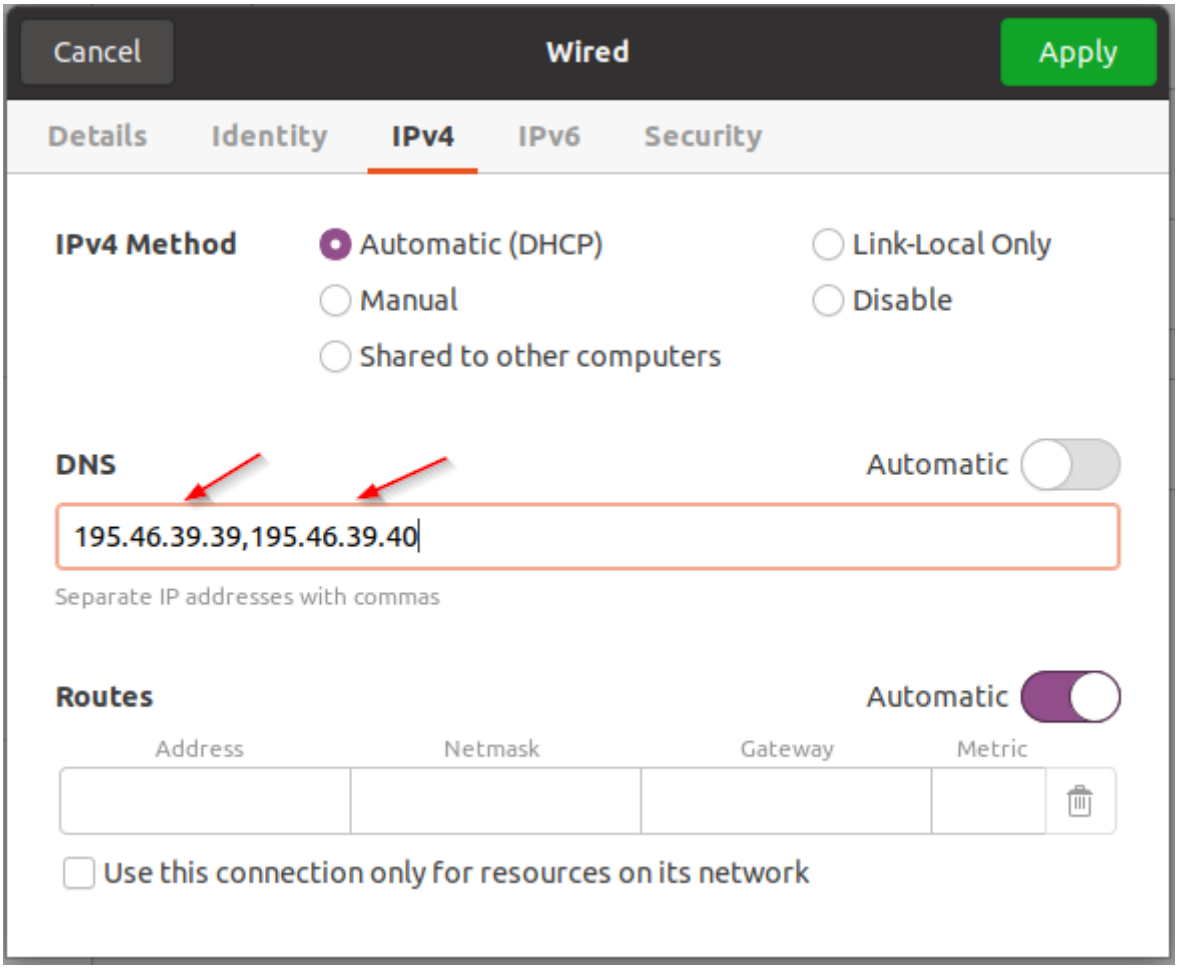
If you configure the network through NetworkManager, it will be sufficient to add SafeDNS servers there.

Open the settings of the current Network Interface.



Add SafeDNS servers: **195.46.39.39** and **195.46.39.40**.

> Please note, that servers must be separated by a comma.



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Dynamic IP address

1. Install and configure **ddclient**.

ddclient package is shipped with most Linux distributions.

If your Linux distribution doesn't have ddclient, you can download it from GitHub.

After ddclient is installed, you need to insert the next configuration in its config file (/etc/ddclient.conf or /etc/ddclient/ddclient.conf):

```
daemon=300
syslog=yes
ssl=yes

protocol=dyndns2
server=www.safedns.com

use=web
web=http://www.safedns.com/nic/myip

# Replace with your email and password for www.safedns.com
login=you@yourmail.com
password=your_password

# Enter any name for your device.
# If you have several computers with dynamic IPs their names must differ.
laptop
```

Reboot your device and start ddclient.

If the similar string is shown in the system logs (/var/log/syslog, /var/log/daemon.log or /var/log/messages), ddclient is successfully configured:

```
Aug 14 12:49:13 laptop ddclient[4105]: SUCCESS: updating laptop: good: IP address set to 18.26.28.10
```

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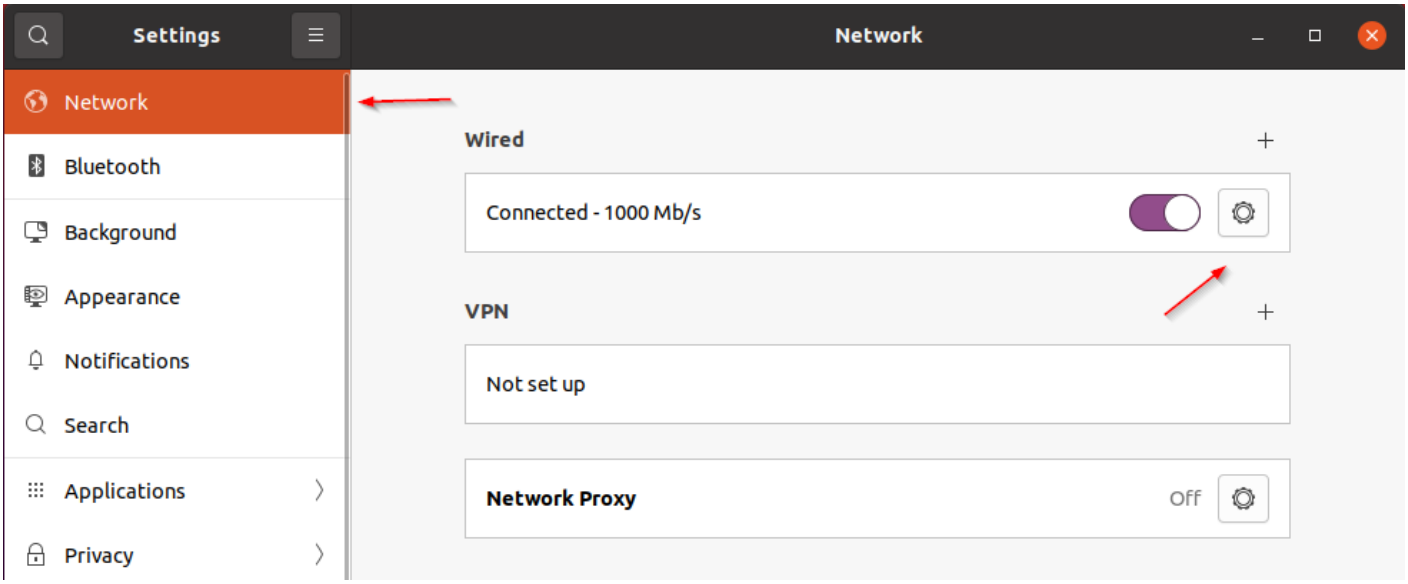

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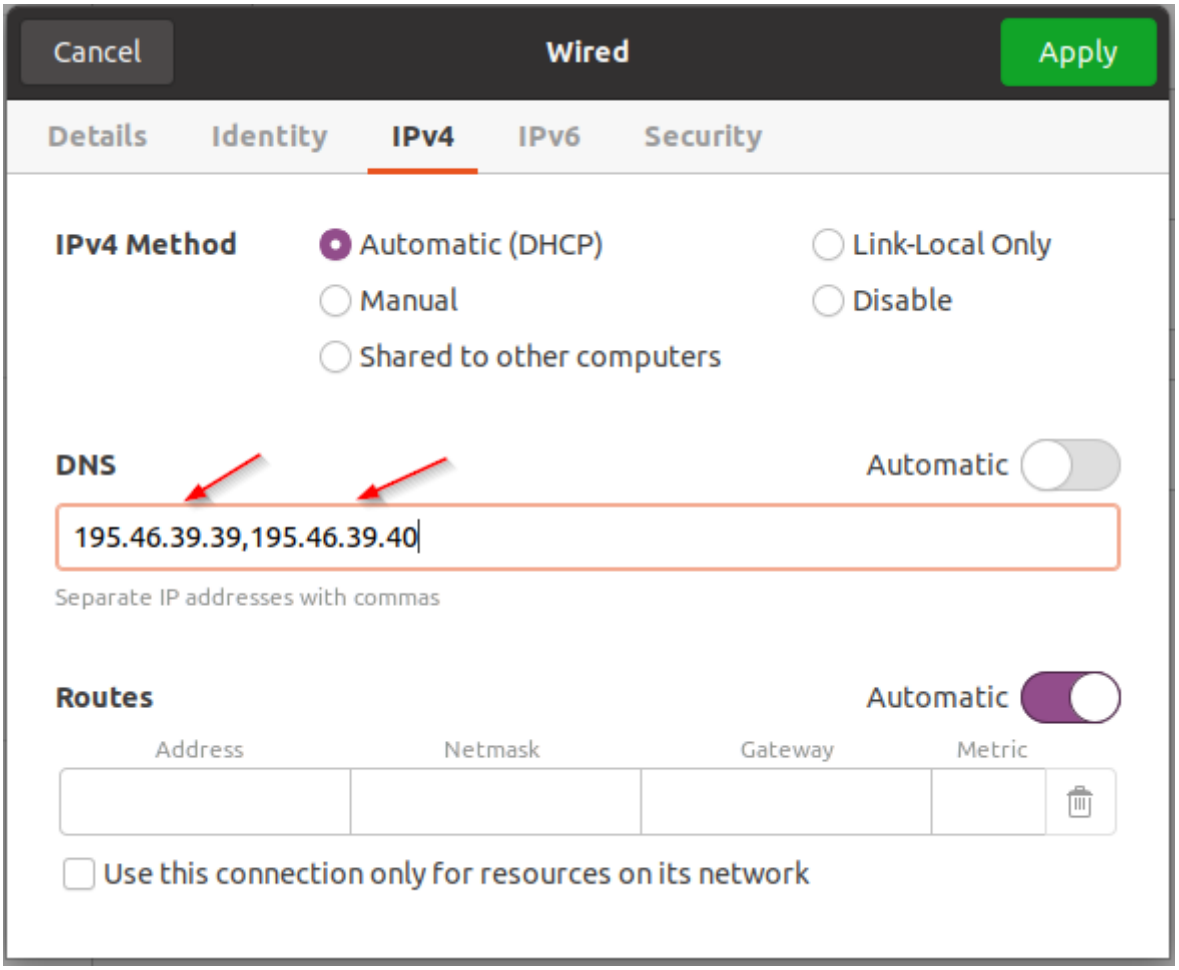

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