

# Windows installer for Stubby

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## Overview

Stubby can be installed

- either via the install/zip packages available on this page or
- by using chocolatey: <https://chocolatey.org/packages/stubby/0.2.5.0>

**In both cases a command line interface for Stubby. A future release will include a Graphical Interface to manage Stubby.**

Stubby has been tested on Windows 10, should work on Windows 8. There is limited support for Windows 7 - see below.

User testing reports, bug reports and patches/pull requests are all welcomed via [the Stubby github issue tracker!](#)

## Installation

The installer currently overwrites all existing files so if you have made changes to the `stubby.yml` then you should create a backup of this file before upgrading!

## Release notes

- Previous versions of the installer were numbered 0.0.1 to 0.0.7. From this release onward we are adopting a new policy. Installer releases will have a 4 component version a.b.c.d. a.b.c gives the Stubby version. d indicates the installer package revision, starting at 0 for the first packaging of a given Stubby version.
- The 0.2.5.0 release now provides a 32bit install as well as a 64bit install.
  - On a 64bit Windows installation, a 32bit install will place files in `C:\Program Files (x86)\Stubby`. All other installs place files in `C:\Program Files\Stubby`.
- This release corrects the default configuration file location to `C:\Program Files\Stubby\stubby.yml`. This path no longer needs to be specified on the command line.
- `stubby.bat` has been updated to look for the configuration file in the same directory as the Stubby executable.

**Latest installer is version 0.2.5.0 built from:**

- getdns version: 1.5.1 (with minor fixes)
- openssl version: 1.1.1b
- stubby version: 0.2.5 (with minor fixes)

**Latest chocolatey package is available here:** <https://chocolatey.org/packages/stubby/0.2.5.0>

**Latest msi and zip installers:**

Description	File	SHA256 Checksum
64bit Windows Installer	<a href="#">stubby-0.2.5.0-x64.msi</a>	25b9a53c93110cf6e345419f6ce961014ae60271eb62830caa055e655179bc1d
32bit Windows Installer	<a href="#">stubby-0.2.5.0-x86.msi</a>	7d2d89967f10a29112f3da4250965433d8699f2d9c4a1cef98465ef73b1611c

Zip file with 64bit install	<a href="#">stubby-0.2.5.0-x64.zip</a>	0ceb46a2f4dee20005c5249d7a01e41e8de d8426d453cd348c2a8179e8628ea9
Zip file with 32bit install	<a href="#">stubby-0.2.5.0-x86.zip</a>	ed4e643666c4fca756a5590004109d65bff9 3547d4867e42240098cdd0e5599a

These contain the following files by the installer.

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- *README.txt* - containing these instructions
- *stubby.exe* - binary
- *stubby.yml* - configuration file
- *getdns\_query.exe* - tool for testing stubby
- *getdns\_server\_mon.exe* - tool for probing servers
- Powershell scripts for modifying system resolvers:
  - *stubby\_setdns\_windows.ps1*
  - *stubby\_resetdns\_windows.ps1*
  - Windows 7 versions of Powershell scripts (see below)
    - *stubby\_setdns\_windows7.ps1*
    - *stubby\_resetdns\_windows7.ps1*
- Scripts to enable Stubby to be configured as a Scheduled Task
  - *stubby.xml*
  - *stubby.bat*

## Configuration

It is recommended to use the default configuration file provided which will use 'Strict' privacy mode and spread the DNS queries among several of the current DNS Privacy test servers. Note that this file contains both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses. It is installed in "*C:\Program Files\Stubby\stubby.yml*"

More information on how to customise the configuration [can be found here](#).

## Run Stubby

Simply invoke Stubby on the command line from a command prompt window (To get a command prompt go to the Windows search box and type 'cmd' and then choose the 'Command prompt' option)

```
> "C:\Program Files\Stubby\stubby.exe" -l
```

The *-l* flag enables full logging. Alternatively a specific logging level can be controlled by using the *-v* flag (run "*C:\Program Files\Stubby\stubby.exe -h*" for details of available levels).

We are working on support for running Stubby as a service on Windows 10. Instructions for setting up a Scheduled task are below.

## Test Stubby

A quick test can be done by opening a separate Command prompt window and using *getdns\_query* (or your favourite DNS tool) on the loopback address:

```
> "C:\Program Files\Stubby\getdns_query" -s @127.0.0.1 www.example.com
```

You should see a *status* of GETDNS\_RESPSTATUS\_GOOD and and *rcode* of GETDNS\_RCODE\_NOERROR in the *getdns\_query* output. You should also see a connection being made in the stubby logs.

## Modify your upstream resolvers

Once this change is made all your DNS queries will be re-directed to Stubby and sent over TLS!  
(You may need to restart some applications to have them pick up the network settings).

For Stubby to re-send outgoing DNS queries over TLS the recursive resolvers configured on your machine must be changed to send all the local queries to the loopback interface on which Stubby is listening.

**In most cases your system will use the 'default' DNS servers that are provided by whatever network you are on at the time. Using the two Powershell commands will be all you need to switch back and forth from Stubby to the default DNS settings for the network you are on.** (The scripts don't store any DNS config information because it can change dynamically). If you want to double check what servers you are using right now you can use then follow [the instructions below](#) to inspect your system settings. If you have reason to think your system uses specific servers on all networks it might be useful to note your existing default nameservers before making this change so you can use the same instructions to reset them!

### To set your nameservers to use Stubby

- From Windows search box type 'cmd' and on the 'Command prompt' option that appears right click and select 'run as Administrator'
- In the command prompt window that appears type

```
PowerShell -ExecutionPolicy bypass -file "C:\Program Files\Stubby\stubby_setdns_windows.ps1"
```

to switch the system DNS resolvers to use Stubby.

You can monitor the DNS traffic using Wireshark watching on port 853.

**If you encounter problems or want to turn Stubby off for any reason then reverse this change to restore the default network settings (no DNS Privacy) by running**

```
PowerShell -ExecutionPolicy bypass -file "C:\Program Files\Stubby\stubby_resetdns_windows.ps1"
```

## Modify your upstream resolvers (Windows 7)

Follow the procedure above, but use the scripts:

- C:\Program Files\Stubby\stubby\_setdns\_windows7.ps1 and
- C:\Program Files\Stubby\stubby\_resetdns\_windows7.ps1

**WARNING:** These scripts can only update DNS servers on the IPv4 service. IPv6 will still use the default DNS servers, sending queries in clear text so one option is to disable IPv6, the other is to manually update the IPv6 addresses (see below).

## Create a Scheduled Task

If you want Stubby to always start when you boot your system, you can create a Scheduled task for this. A template for the task is provided.

To create the task just run

```
schtasks /create /tn Stubby /XML "C:\Program Files\Stubby\stubby.xml"  
/RU <you_user_name>
```

## Known Issues

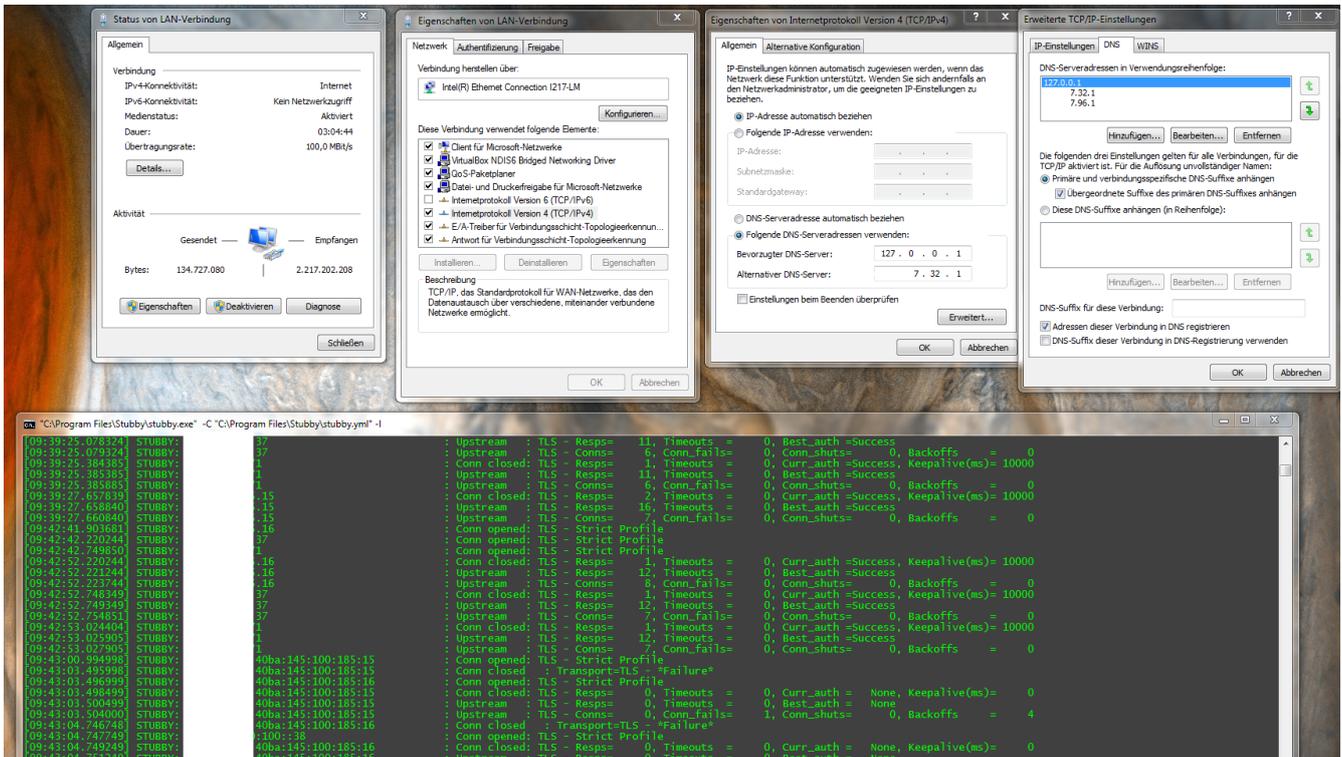
- We are aware of occasional issues when Windows sleeps and resumes when stubby must be restarted to work correctly.
- If you get an error when trying to run Stubby that includes the words "Could not bind on given address" then retry the command from an 'Administrator' Command prompt window
- The '-h' output of stubby.exe shows the wrong path for the installed configuration file. [An issue has been opened for this.](#)
- The installer currently overwrites the stubby.yml file so if changes have been made a backup should be created before upgrading

## Manual update of system revolvers on Windows

If you need to manually inspect or change your system revolvers on Windows through the GUI then do the following:

1. Open the Control Panel
2. Choose 'Network and Internet'
3. Choose 'View network status and tasks' under 'Network and Sharing Center'
4. Choose 'Change adapter settings' from the left hand menu
5. Then choose your interface - most likely either 'Wi-fi' or 'Ethernet'
6. In the dialog that appears, click on the 'Properties' button at the bottom
7. In the list that appears double click on 'Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)'
  1. You can toggle your DNS between using the default DNS servers provided by the network you are on and setting specific servers using the bottom radio buttons on this page
  2. Be sure to press OK and then Close to apply the settings.
8. Repeat step 7 for 'Internet Protocol Version 6 (TCP/IPv6)' if you have IPv6 enabled

A helpful screenshot (in German):



## Opportunistic mode

If you have changed the default config in the stubby.yml file and are running in Opportunistic mode then you may want to add an alternative DNS server in here for robustness. However DNS queries sent to this server will be sent clear text over UDP/TCP, so this is NOT recommended for Strict mode unless required for bootstrapping (e.g. in a corporate network).