

**NAME**

**swanctl** - strongSwan configuration, control and monitoring command line interface.

**SYNOPSIS**

**swanctl***command [option ...]*

**swanctl-h | --help**

**DESCRIPTION**

**swanctl** is a cross-platform command line utility to configure, control and monitor the strongSwan IKE daemon. It is a replacement for the aging **starter**, **ipsec** and **stroke** tools.

**swanctl** uses a configuration file called **swanctl.conf**(5) to parse configurations and credentials. Private keys, certificates and other PKI related credentials are read from specific directories.

To communicate with the IKE daemon, **swanctl** uses the VICI protocol, the Versatile IKE Configuration Interface. This stable interface is usable by other tools and is often preferable than scripting **swanctl** and parsing its output.

**COMMANDS****-i, --initiate**

initiate a connection

**-t, --terminate**

terminate a connection

**-R, --rekey**

rekey an SA

**-d, --redirect**

redirect an IKE\_SA

**-p, --install**

install a trap or shunt policy

**-u, --uninstall**

uninstall a trap or shunt policy

**-l, --list-sas**

list currently active IKE\_SAs

**-P, --list-pols**

list currently installed policies

**-b, --load-authorities**

(re-)load certification authorities information

**-L, --list-conns**

list loaded configurations

**-B, --list-authorities**

list loaded certification authorities information

**-x, --list-certs**

list stored certificates

**-A, --list-pools**

list loaded pool configurations

**-g, --list-algs**

list loaded algorithms and their implementation

**-q, --load-all**

(re-)load credentials, pools, authorities and connections

**-c, --load-conns**

(re-)load connection configuration

**-s, --load-creds**

(re-)load credentials

**-a, --load-pools**

(re-)load pool configuration

**-T, --log**

trace logging output

**-S, --stats**

show daemon infos and statistics

**-f, --flush-certs**  
flush cached certificates

**-r, --reload-settings**  
reload strongswan.conf(5) configuration

**-v, --version**  
show daemon version information

**-h, --help**  
show usage information

## SEE ALSO

[swanctl.conf\(5\)](#)