

Agenda

- Introduction of your presenters
- Case: WTC Amsterdam building network
- Why MikroTik?
- Migration path from Cisco to MikroTik
- Lessons learned



Alex Van der Baan

- Service and Project management Lead at NDI (2006-2015)
- MTCNA & MTCRE
- Working with the MikroTik platform since 2007
- Responsible for the redesign and rollout of the current MikroTik backbone
- Started Proper ICT beginning of 2016
- To assist owners of commercial real estate with the challenges of integrated networking
- To educate and assist managed service providers to move core network and CPE management to MikroTik
- MikroTik distributor since May 2016





Glen Christensen

- Network Lead at NDI
- Working with the MikroTik platform since 2015...love at first sight
- Attended MUM Europe 2016 in Ljubljana
- NDI provides a broad range of ICT services, such as server and desktop support; VOIP and internet connectivity; Remote Office; online backup...
- Directing role in 17 multi-tenant commercial office buildings in the Randstand area
- 3 corporate offices (Amsterdam, Den Haag, Rotterdam), 75
 employees servicing 500+ clients



Our Case

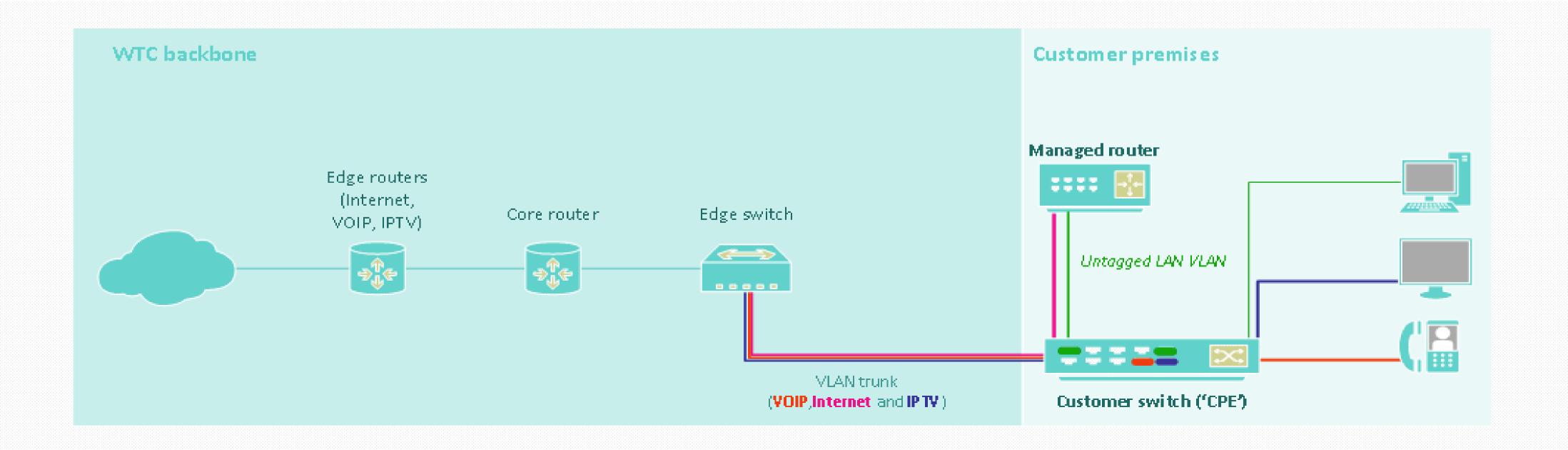


MikroTik plays nice in corporate environments

World Trade Center Amsterdam (NDI ICT Solutions)

- 500+ clients
- International clients
- 1 network with internet, telephony & IP-TV

Legacy Backbone



Design Goals

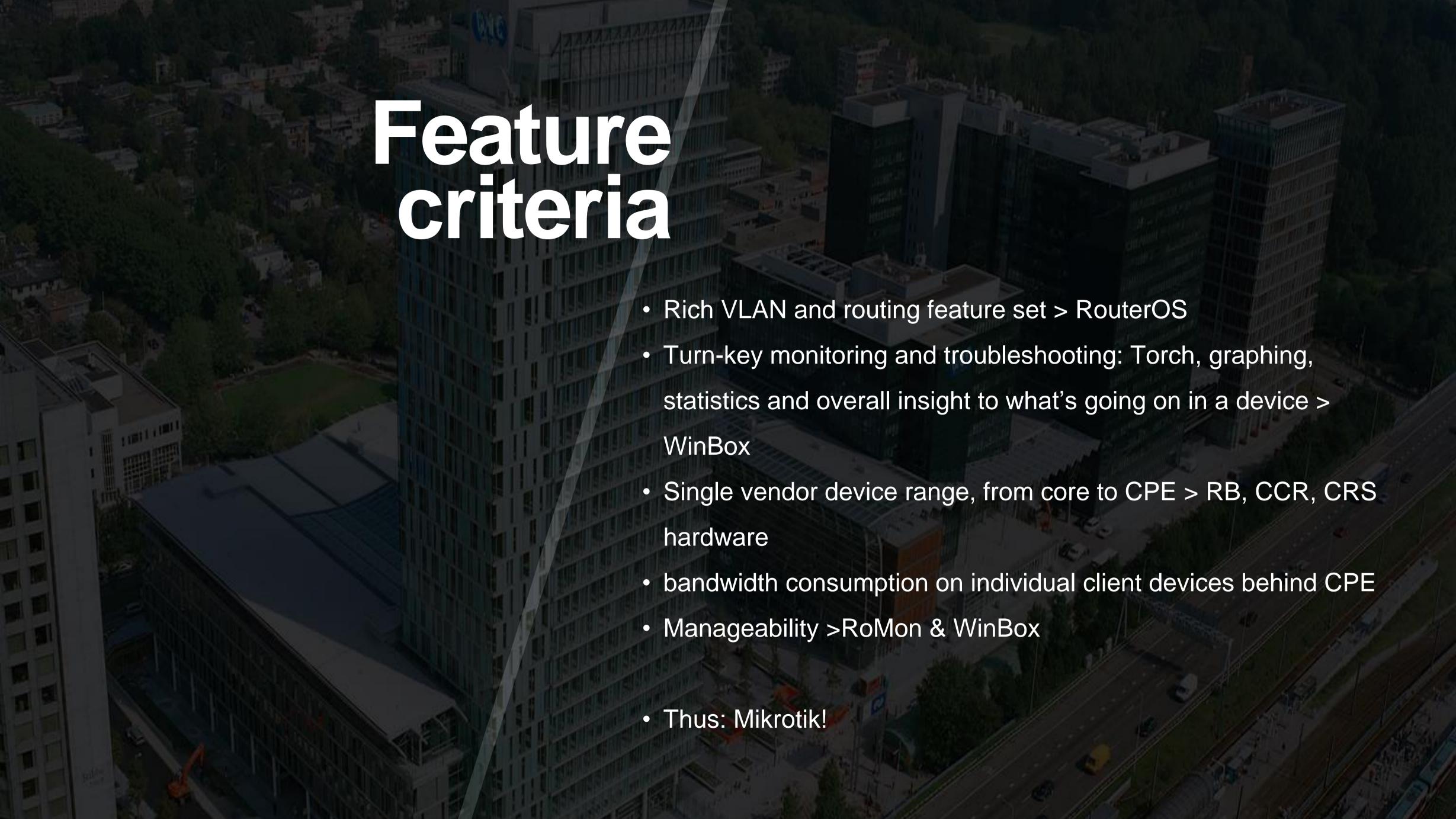
 Demarcation > provide a clear boundary between responsibilities client and provider

- Monitoring
 - bandwidth consumption on CPE
 - bandwidth consumption on individual client devices

behind CPE

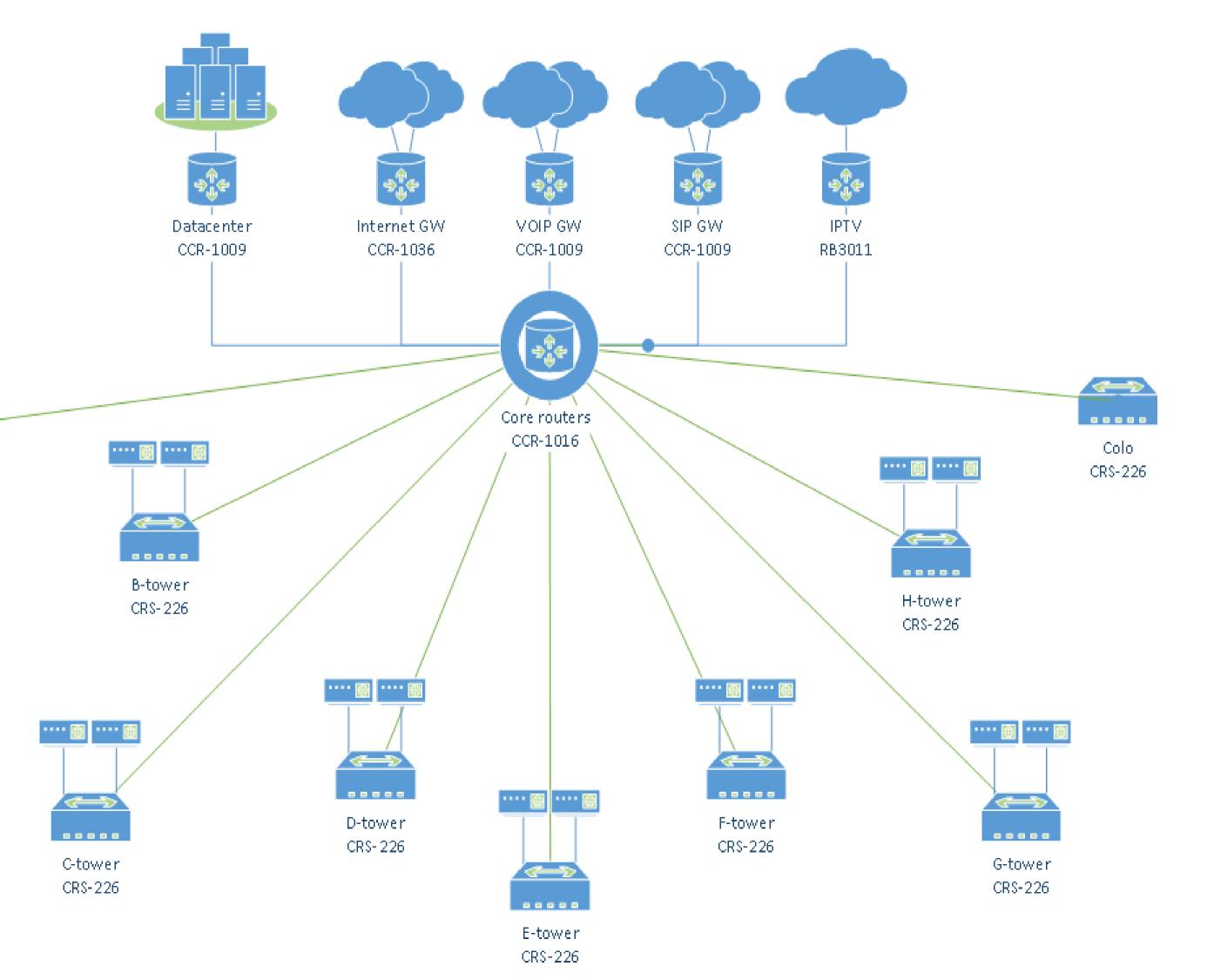
- Efficient allocation of IP addresses by using /32 addressing; flexibility in allocating non-sequential IP addresses
- Hassle-free and rapid deployment/provisioning of services, bandwidth, extra IP addresses
- Flexible traffic shaping to accommodate client-specific needs



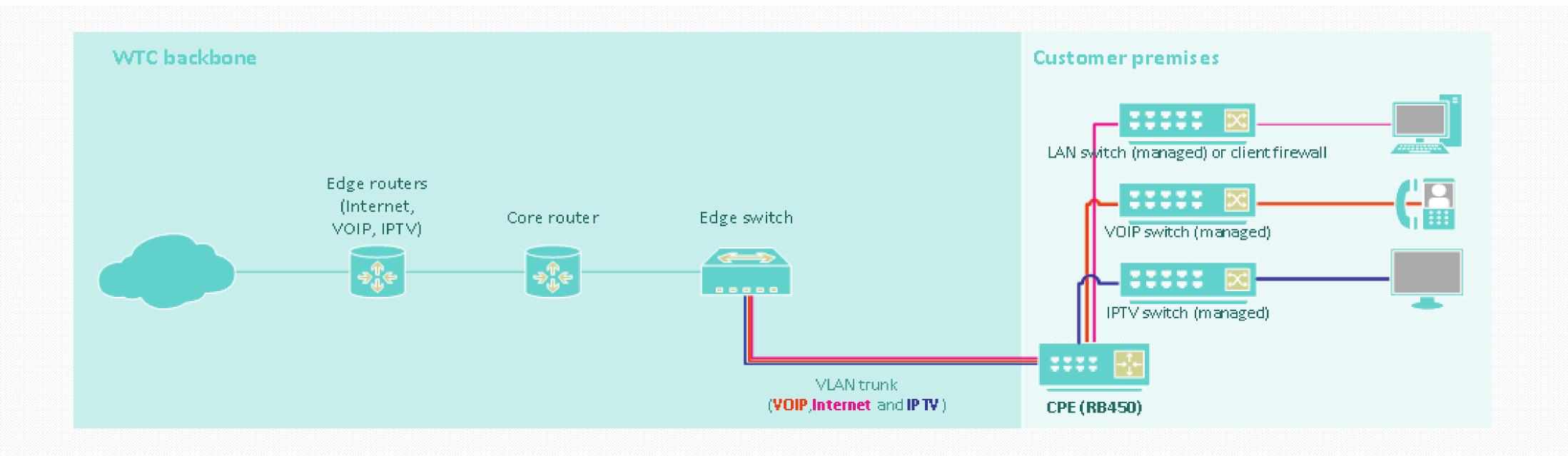


Backbone 2.0 core network

A-tower CRS-226



Backbone 2.0 client network



Migration Playbook

Two flavors

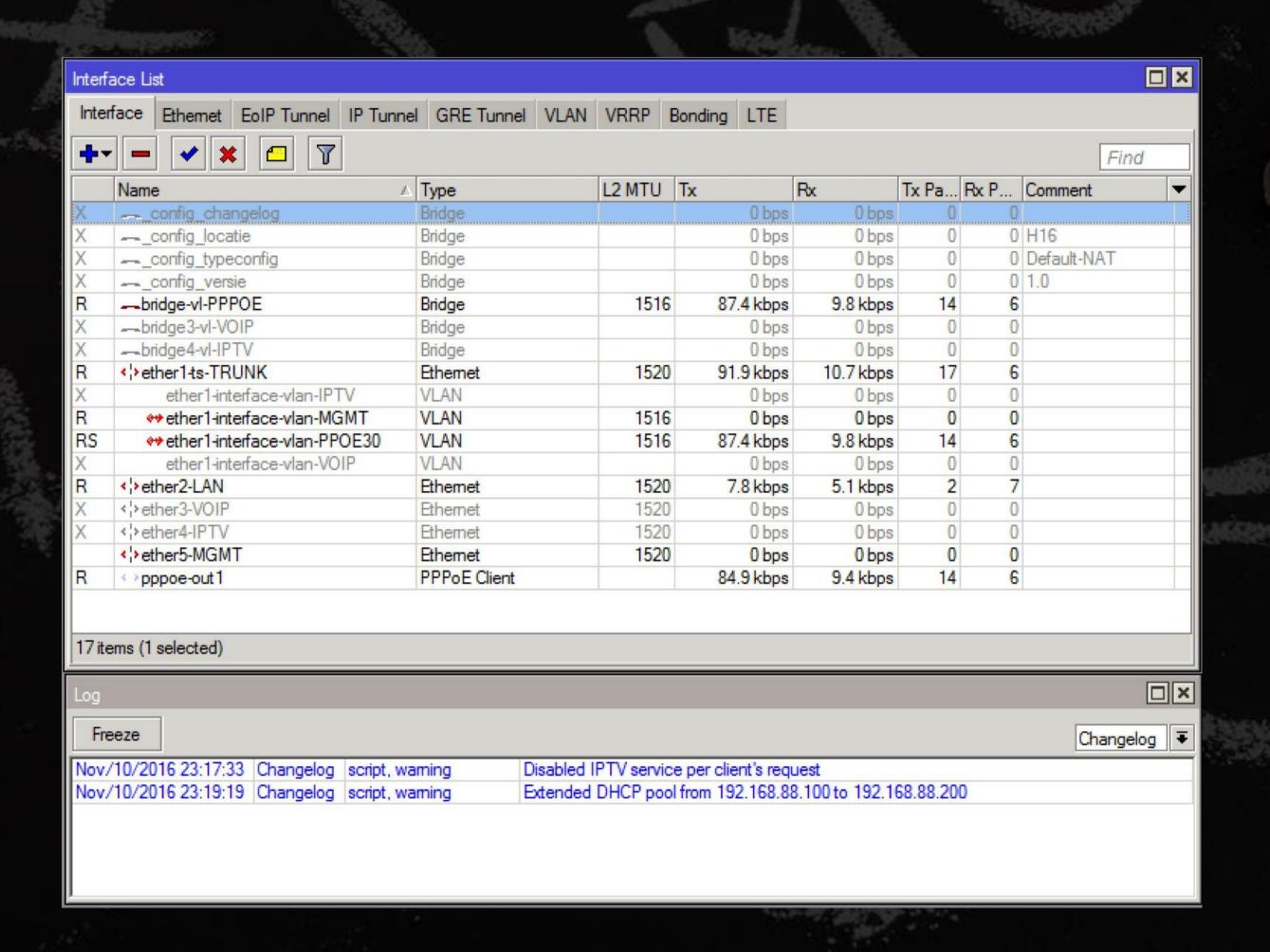
Managed & Bridge mode, always demarcation at MikroTik client device

- NAT/DHCP/ firewall/ VPN/ tailor-made traffic shaping etc.
- Bridge is BYOD

Backbone Deployment

- We decided to migrate managed clients first due to us having full control of the entire process
- Bridge clients easier in config however more difficult to migrate (external engineers, time difference)

Migration Playbook



Migration Stats











Challenges

- IP migration (technical & project management) 2 yrs 3x /24 subnet
- Coordinating external IT departments
- Site Surveying
- Parallel environment for 2 years
- Building new core while migrating away
- Bridge and engineers mode without PTP compatibility (overlapping /30 in cpe while /32 in pppoe)
- CPE config evolving during project

Current improvements

- Darkfiber connectivity to DC
- From Torch-based (ad-hoc) to PRTG monitoring (proactive/historical)
- Mass updating CPE script
- RoMoN management over separate VLAN (layer 2)
- Separate management VLAN (Layer 3)

Wishlist

Software

switch limitations/STP/IGMP snooping

Hardware

- PoE(+) switch
- 48 ports switch
- CCR with 16+ SFP cages

References

Update script

http://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Semi-Automating_CPE_ROS/Firmware/script_updates_and_setting_changes



