MikroTik

Basic guidelines on RouterOS configuration and debugging

Pauls Jukonis

MikroTik, Latvia

Kathmandu, Nepal

June 2017

RouterOS is the same everywhere

RouterOS management tools

RouterOS management

- CLI (Command Line Interface)

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Console

- Webfig

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Webfig

- TikApp

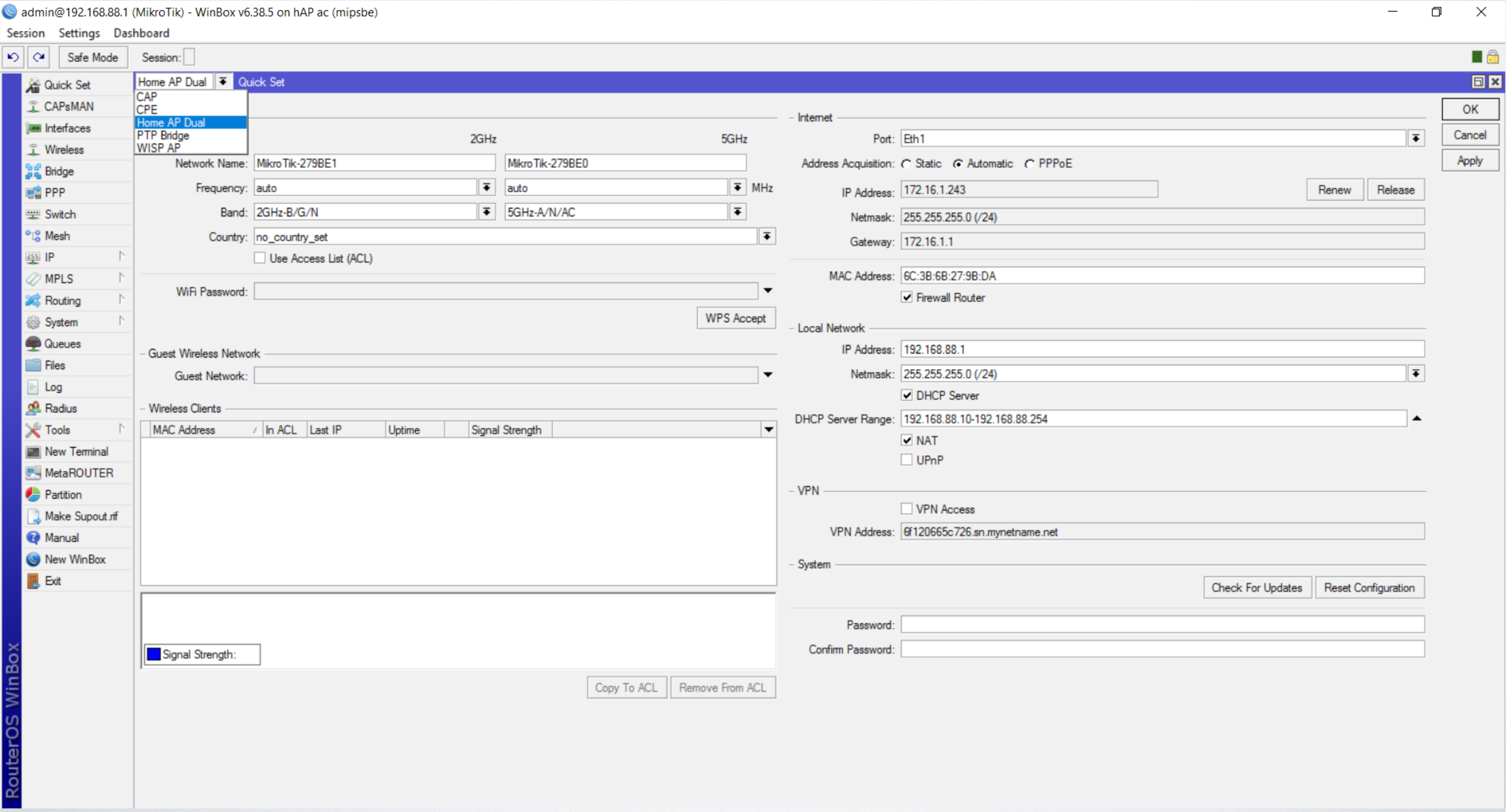
  https://forum.mikrotik.com/viewtopic.php?t=98407

- Winbox

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Winbox

QuickSet

The fastest way how to configure device



admin@192.168.88.1 (MikroTik) - WinBox v6.38.5 on hAP ac (mipsbe)

Home AP Dual

CAP
CPE
Home AP Dual
PTP Bridge
WISP AP

	2GHz	5GHz
Network Name:	MikroTik-279BE1	MikroTik-279BE0
Frequency:	auto	auto MHz
Band:	2GHz-B/G/N	5GHz-A/N/AC

Country: no_country_set

□ Use Access List (ACL)

WiFi Password:

Guest Wireless Network

Guest Network:

Wireless Clients

MAC Address	In ACL	Last IP	Uptime	Signal Strength

Signal Strength:

Internet

Port: Eth1

Address Acquisition: ○ Static ● Automatic ○ PPPoE

IP Address: 172.16.1.243

Netmask: 255.255.255.0 (/24)

Gateway: 172.16.1.1

MAC Address: 6C:3B:6B:27:9B:DA

☑ Firewall Router

Local Network

IP Address: 192.168.88.1

Netmask: 255.255.255.0 (/24)

☑ DHCP Server

DHCP Server Range: 192.168.88.10-192.168.88.254

☑ NAT

□ UPnP

VPN

□ VPN Access

VPN Address: 6f120665c726.sn.mynetname.net

System

Password:

Confirm Password:

Simple security

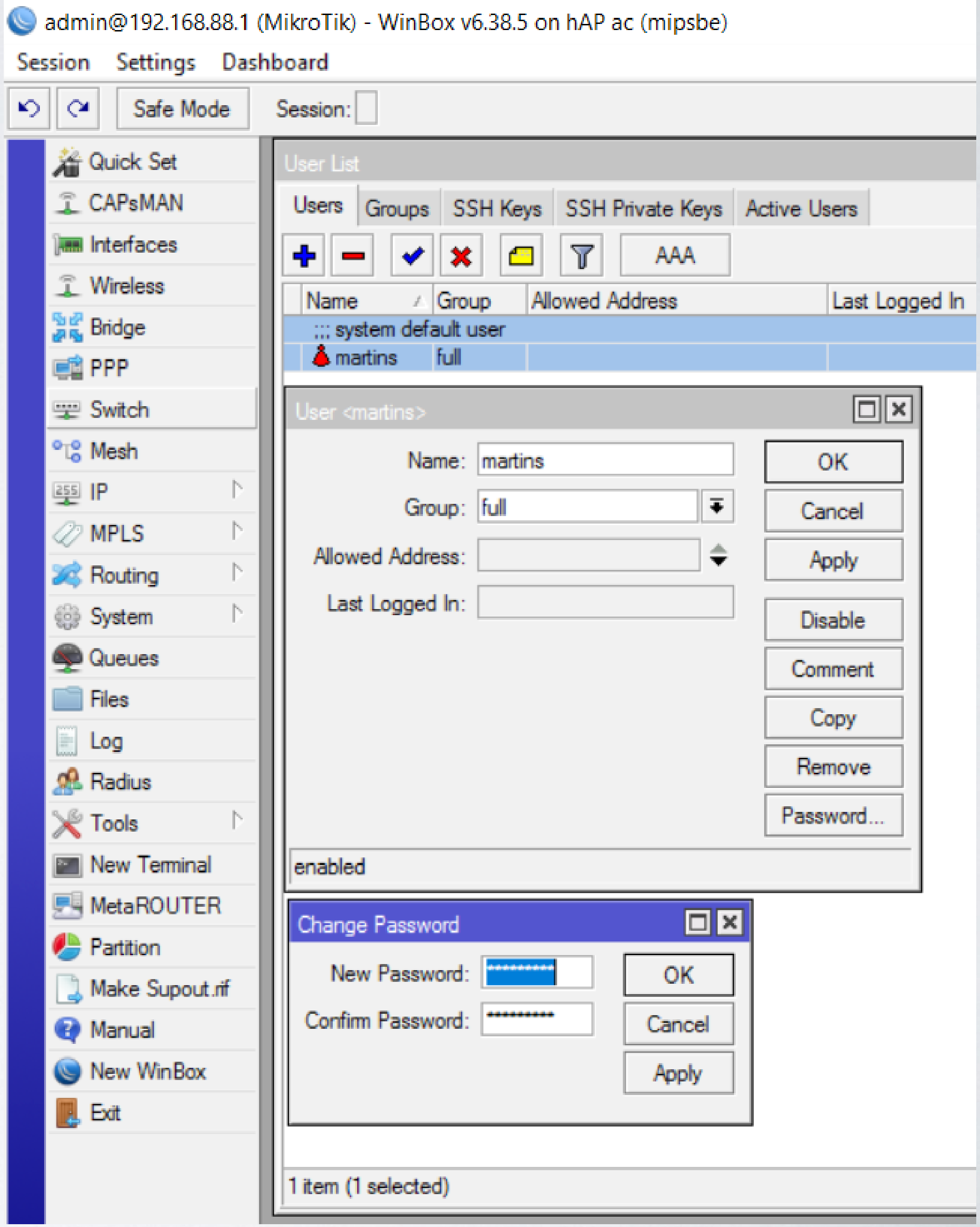
Simple security

- Specify user password

```
/user set admin password=***
```

- Use different username

```
/user set admin name=martins
```



admin@192.168.88.1 (MikroTik) - WinBox v6.38.5 on hAP ac (mipsbe)

Name	Group	Allowed Address	Last Logged In
;;; system default user			
martins	full		

Name: martins

Group: full

Allowed Address:

Last Logged In:

enabled

New Password: **********

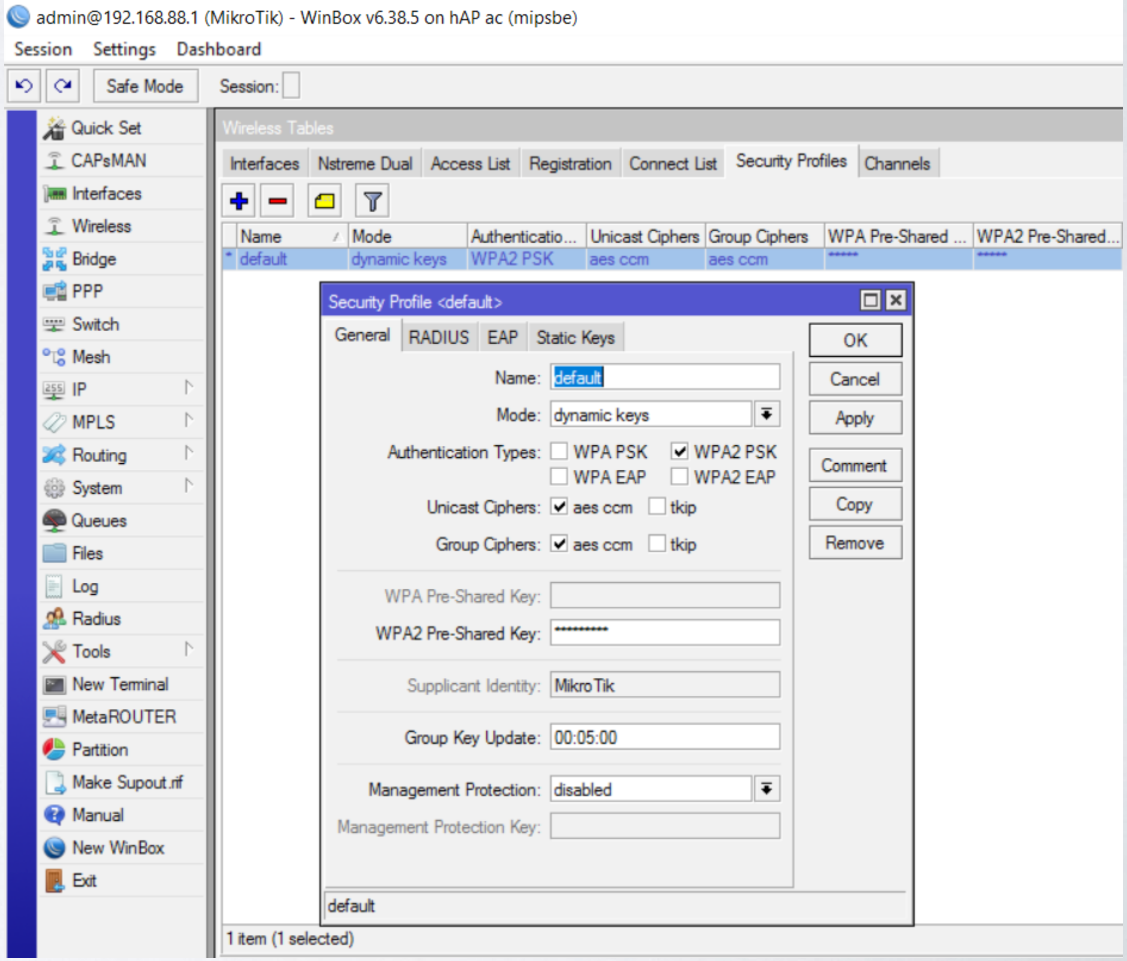
Confirm Password: **********

1 item (1 selected)

Simple security

- Specify password for wireless access

```
/interface wireless security-profiles set default= authentication-types=wpa2-psk
mode=dynamic-keys wpa2-pre-shared-key=********
```



admin@192.168.88.1 (MikroTik) - WinBox v6.38.5 on hAP ac (mipsbe)

Name	Mode	Authenticatio...	Unicast Ciphers	Group Ciphers	WPA Pre-Shared ...	WPA2 Pre-Shared...
* default	dynamic keys	WPA2 PSK	aes ccm	aes ccm	*****	*****

1 item (1 selected)

Security Profile <default>

Name: default

Mode: dynamic keys

Authentication Types: □ WPA PSK ☑ WPA2 PSK □ WPA EAP □ WPA2 EAP

Unicast Ciphers: ☑ aes ccm □ tkip

Group Ciphers: ☑ aes ccm □ tkip

WPA Pre-Shared Key:

WPA2 Pre-Shared Key: **********

Supplicant Identity: MikroTik

Group Key Update: 00:05:00

Management Protection: disabled

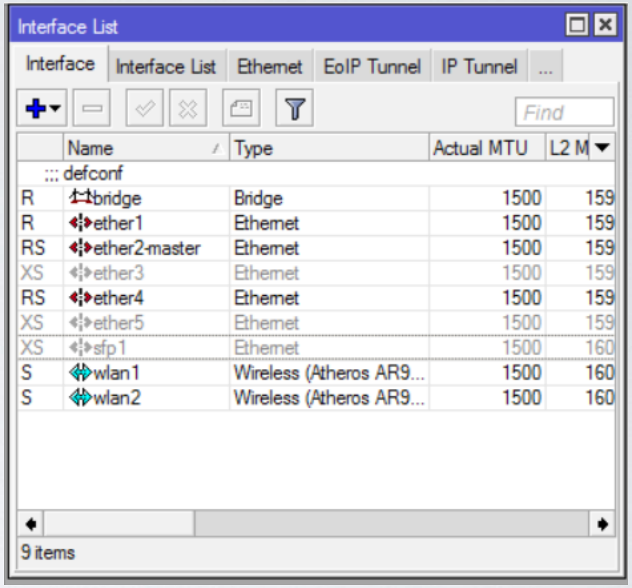
Management Protection Key:

default

Simple security

- Disable unused interfaces

/interface ethernet disable ether3,ether5,sfp1

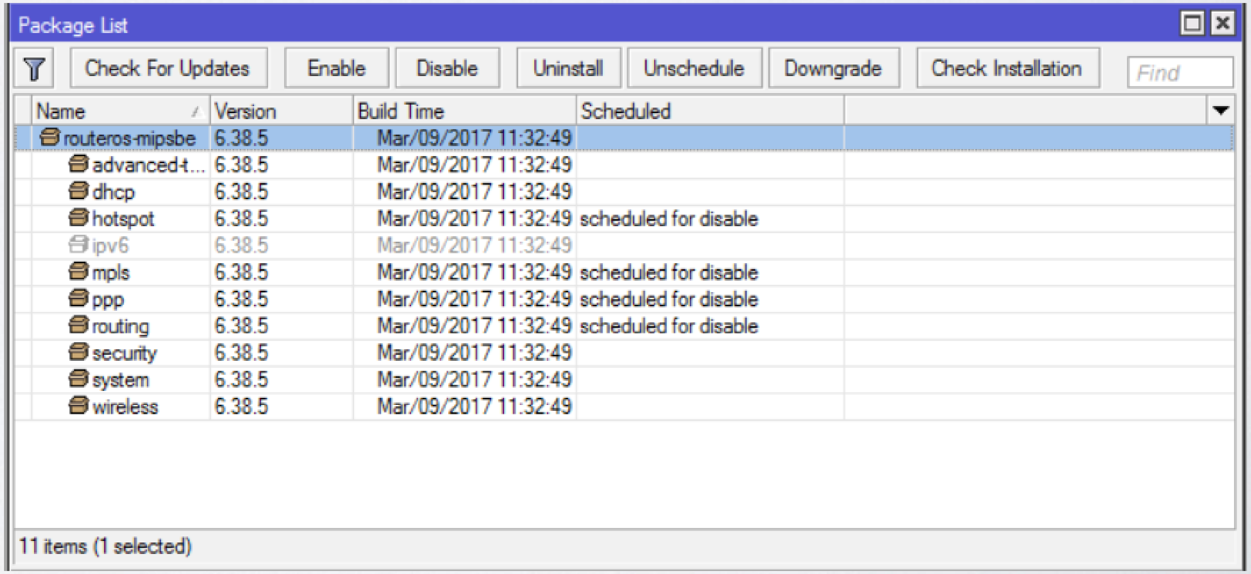


	Name	Type	Actual MTU	L2 M
	::: defconf			
R	bridge	Bridge	1500	159
R	ether1	Ethernet	1500	159
RS	ether2-master	Ethernet	1500	159
XS	ether3	Ethernet	1500	159
RS	ether4	Ethernet	1500	159
XS	ether5	Ethernet	1500	159
XS	sfp1	Ethernet	1500	160
S	wlan1	Wireless (Atheros AR9...	1500	160
S	wlan2	Wireless (Atheros AR9...	1500	160

9 items

- Disable unused packages (mainly IPv6)

/system package disable hotspot,ipv6,mpls,ppp,routing



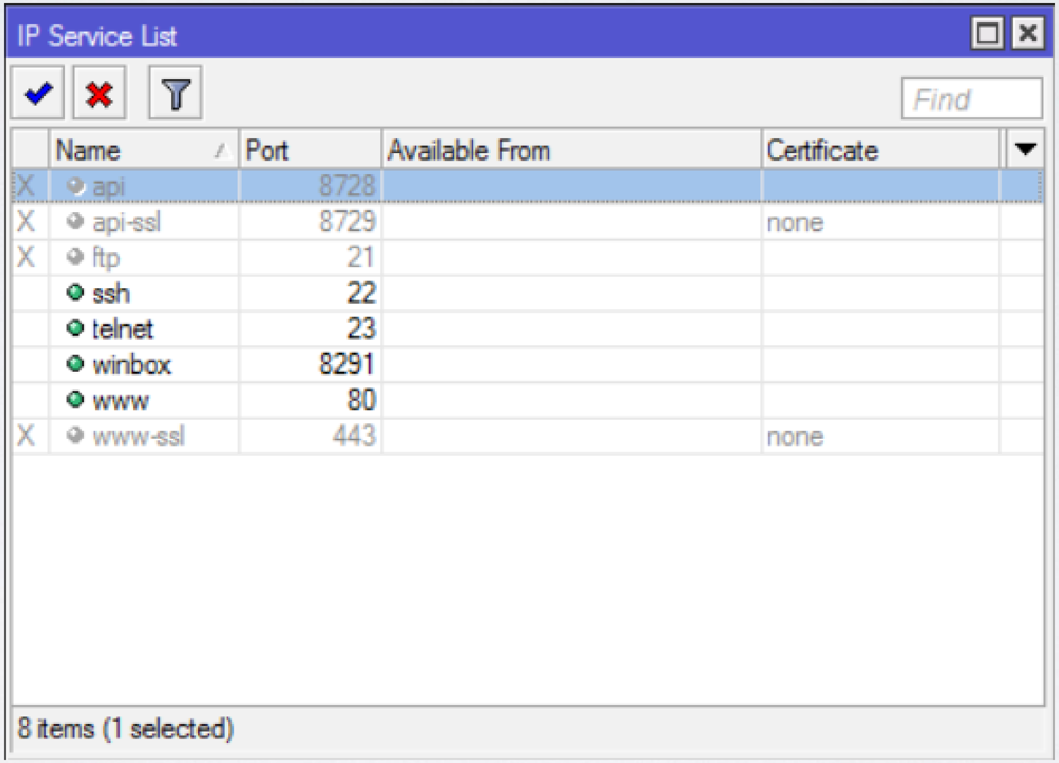
Name	Version	Build Time	Scheduled
routeros-mipsbe	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	
advanced-t...	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	
dhcp	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	
hotspot	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	scheduled for disable
ipv6	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	
mpls	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	scheduled for disable
ppp	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	scheduled for disable
routing	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	scheduled for disable
security	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	
system	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	
wireless	6.38.5	Mar/09/2017 11:32:49	

11 items (1 selected)

Simple security

- Disable IP/Services

  /ip service disable api,api-ssl,ftp,www-ssl



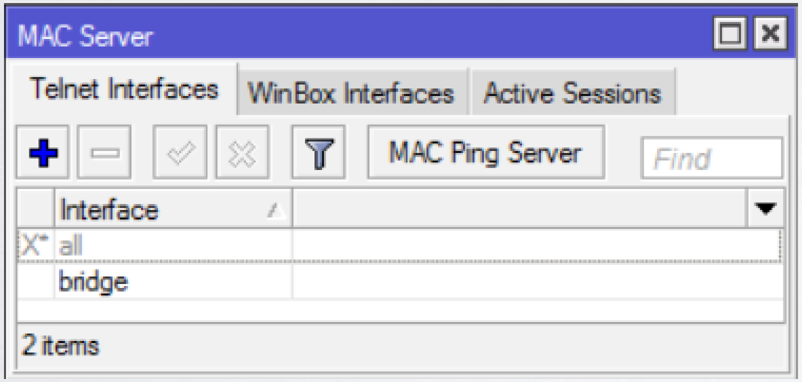
	Name	Port	Available From	Certificate
X	api	8728		
X	api-ssl	8729		none
X	ftp	21		
	ssh	22		
	telnet	23		
	winbox	8291		
	www	80		
X	www-ssl	443		none

8 items (1 selected)

Simple security

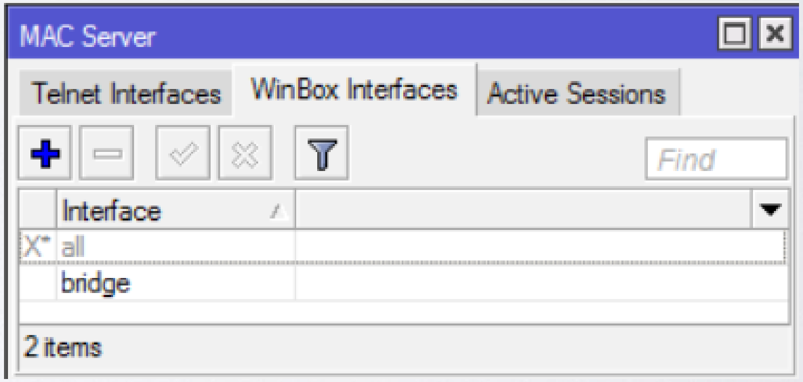
- Adjust MAC access

```
/tool mac-server set [ find default=yes ] disabled=yes

/tool mac-server add interface=bridge

/tool mac-server mac-winbox set [ find default=yes ] disabled=yes

/tool mac-server mac-winbox add interface=bridge
```



	Interface
X*	all
	bridge

2 items



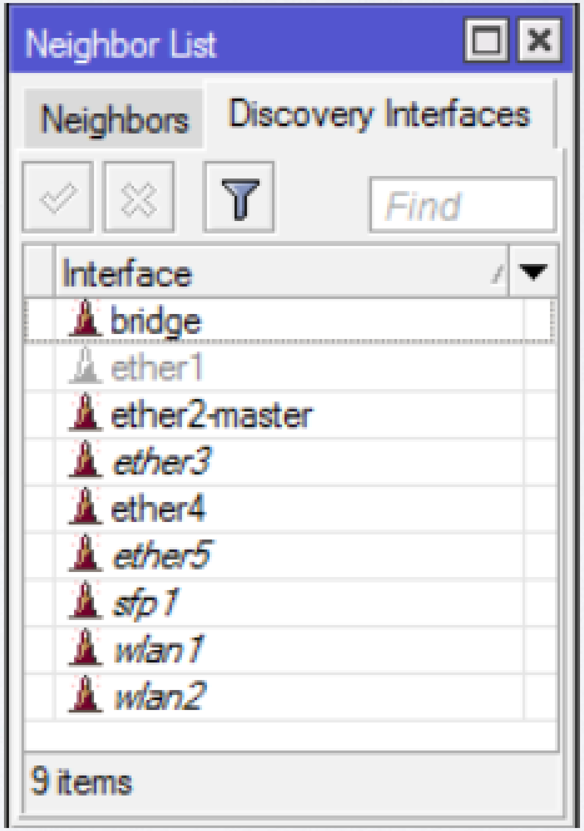
	Interface
X*	all
	bridge

2 items

Simple security

- Hide device in Neighbor Discovery

```
/ip neighbor discovery set ether1  discover=no
```



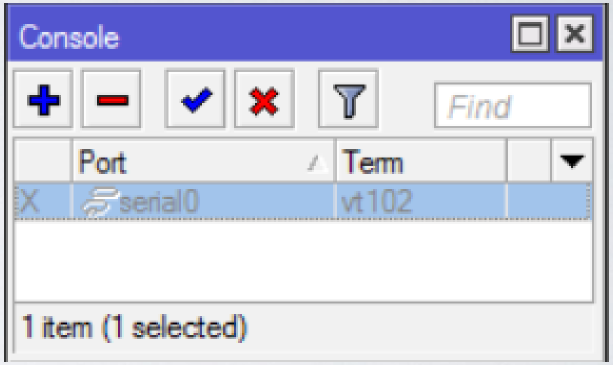
Interface
bridge
ether1
ether2-master
ether3
ether4
ether5
sfp1
wlan1
wlan2

9 items

Simple security

- Disable serial port if not used (and if included)

```
/system console disable [find where port=serial0]
```



Console

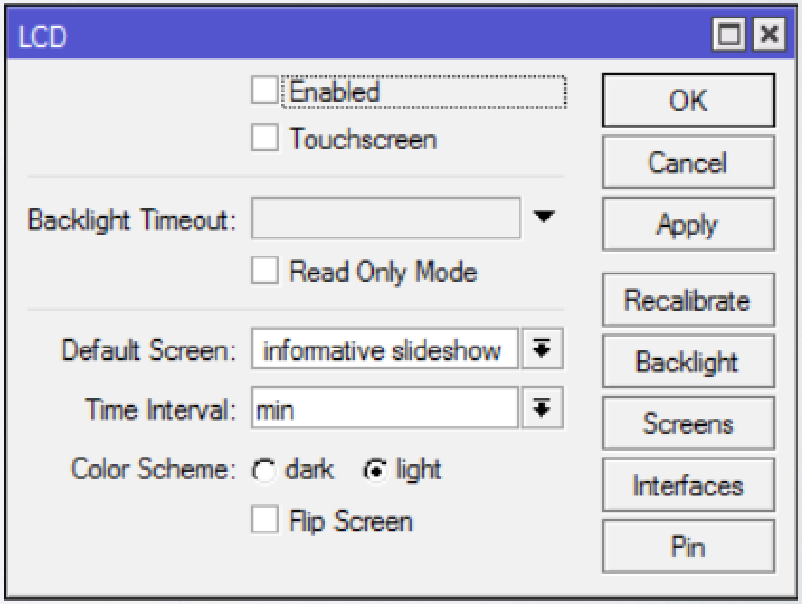
	Port	Term
X	serial0	vt102

1 item (1 selected)

- Disable LCD

```
/lcd set enabled=no
```

```
/lcd set touch-screen=disabled
```



LCD

□ Enabled

□ Touchscreen

Backlight Timeout:

□ Read Only Mode

Default Screen: informative slideshow

Time Interval: min

Color Scheme: ○ dark ● light

□ Flip Screen

Simple security

- Protect reset button

```
/system routerboard settings set protected-routerboot=enabled reformat-hold-button=30s
```

https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:RouterBOARD_settings#Protected_bootloader

Firewall

Firewall

Two approaches

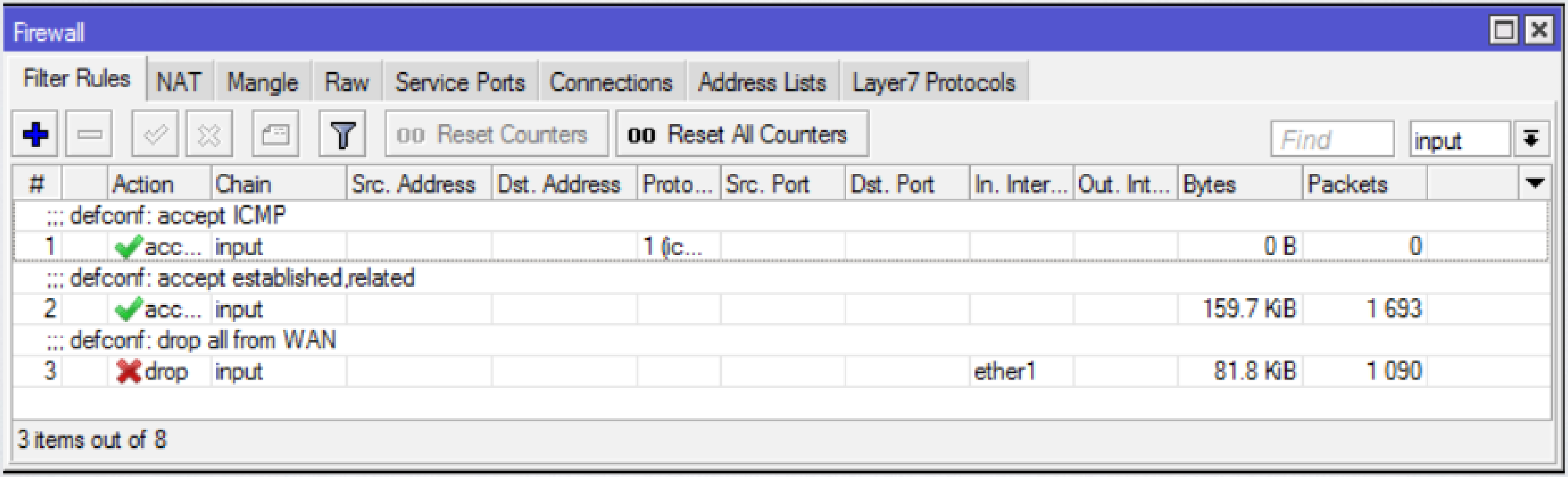
- Drop not trusted and allow trusted
- Allow trusted and drop untrusted

```
/ip firewall filter add chain=forward action=accept src-address=192.168.88.2 out-interface=ether1
/ip firewall filter add chain=forward action=drop src-address=192.168.88.0/24 out-interface=ether1
```

Firewall

- Secure input

```
/ip firewall filter

add chain=input action=accept protocol=icmp

add chain=input action=accept connection-state=established,related

add chain=input action=drop in-interface=ether1
```



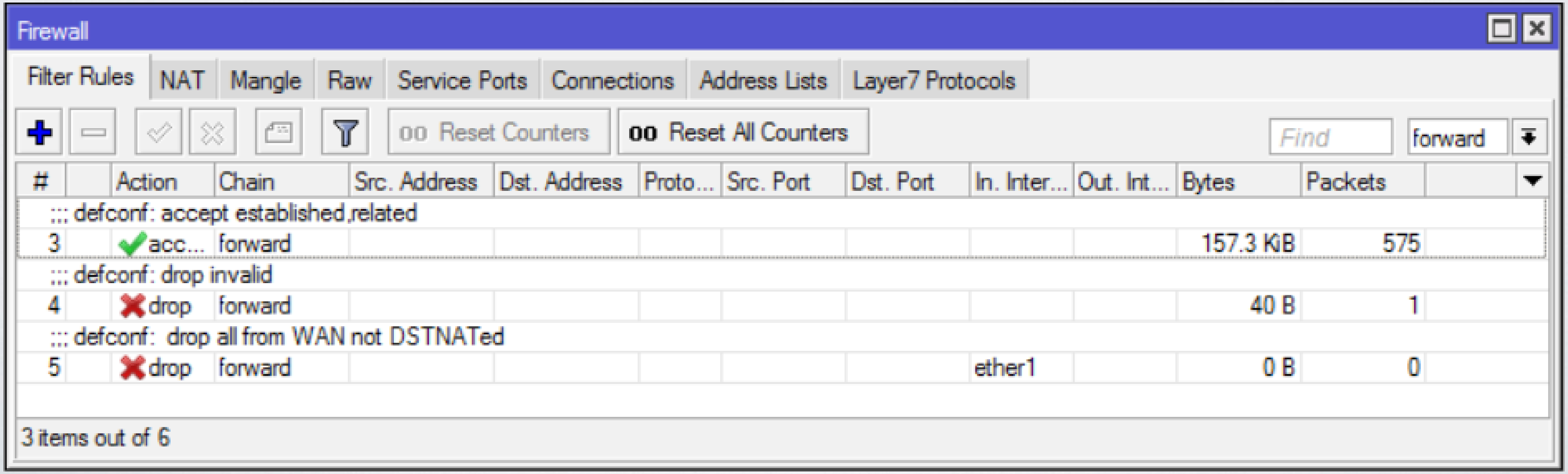
#		Action	Chain	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Proto...	Src. Port	Dst. Port	In. Inter...	Out. Int...	Bytes	Packets
;;; defconf: accept ICMP												
1		✓acc...	input			1 (ic...					0 B	0
;;; defconf: accept established,related												
2		✓acc...	input								159.7 KiB	1 693
;;; defconf: drop all from WAN												
3		✗drop	input						ether1		81.8 KiB	1 090

3 items out of 8

Firewall

- Secure forward

```
/ip firewall filter
add chain=forward action=accept connection-state=established,related
add chain=forward action=drop connection-state=invalid
add chain=forward action=drop connection-state=new connection-nat-state=!dstnat in-interface=ether1
```



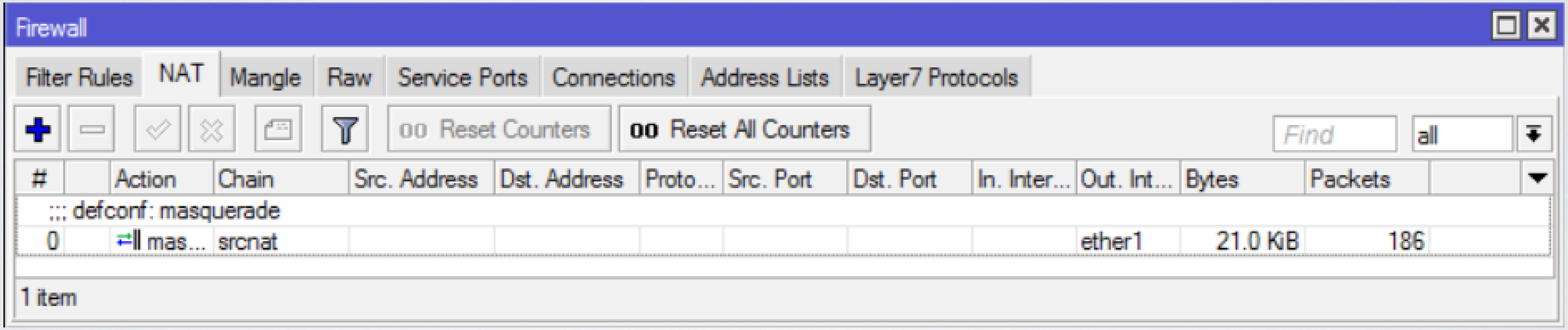
#		Action	Chain	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Proto...	Src. Port	Dst. Port	In. Inter...	Out. Int...	Bytes	Packets
;;; defconf: accept established,related												
3		✓acc...	forward								157.3 KiB	575
;;; defconf: drop invalid												
4		✗drop	forward								40 B	1
;;; defconf: drop all from WAN not DSTNATed												
5		✗drop	forward						ether1		0 B	0

3 items out of 6

Firewall

- NAT to outside (if you can, use src-nat instead of masquerade)

```
/ip firewall nat add chain=srcnat out-interface=ether1 action=masquerade
```

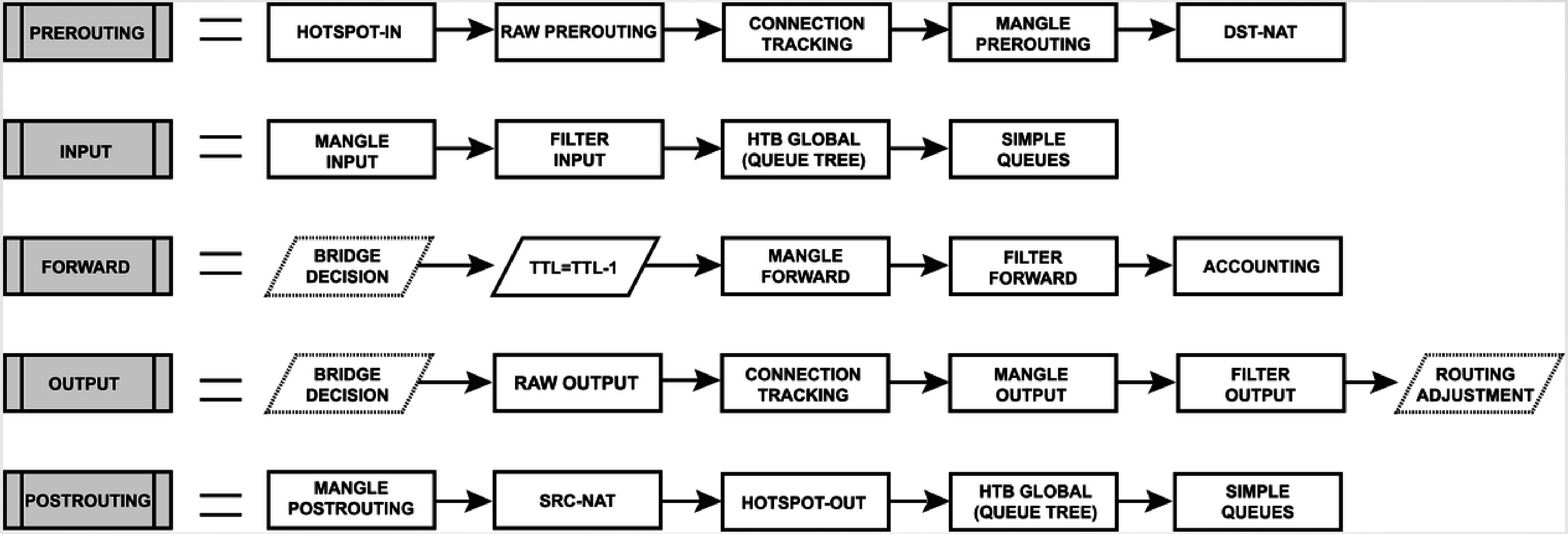


#		Action	Chain	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Proto...	Src. Port	Dst. Port	In. Inter...	Out. Int...	Bytes	Packets
;;; defconf: masquerade												
0		⇄ mas...	srcnat							ether1	21.0 KiB	186

1 item

https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:IP/Firewall/NAT#Masquerade

Firewall



PREROUTING = HOTSPOT-IN → RAW PREROUTING → CONNECTION TRACKING → MANGLE PREROUTING → DST-NAT

INPUT = MANGLE INPUT → FILTER INPUT → HTB GLOBAL (QUEUE TREE) → SIMPLE QUEUES

FORWARD = BRIDGE DECISION → TTL=TTL-1 → MANGLE FORWARD → FILTER FORWARD → ACCOUNTING

OUTPUT = BRIDGE DECISION → RAW OUTPUT → CONNECTION TRACKING → MANGLE OUTPUT → FILTER OUTPUT → ROUTING ADJUSTMENT

POSTROUTING = MANGLE POSTROUTING → SRC-NAT → HOTSPOT-OUT → HTB GLOBAL (QUEUE TREE) → SIMPLE QUEUES

https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Packet_Flow_v6

Firewall

- NAT to LAN

/ip firewall nat add chain=dstnat in-interface=ether1 protocol=tcp dst-port=22

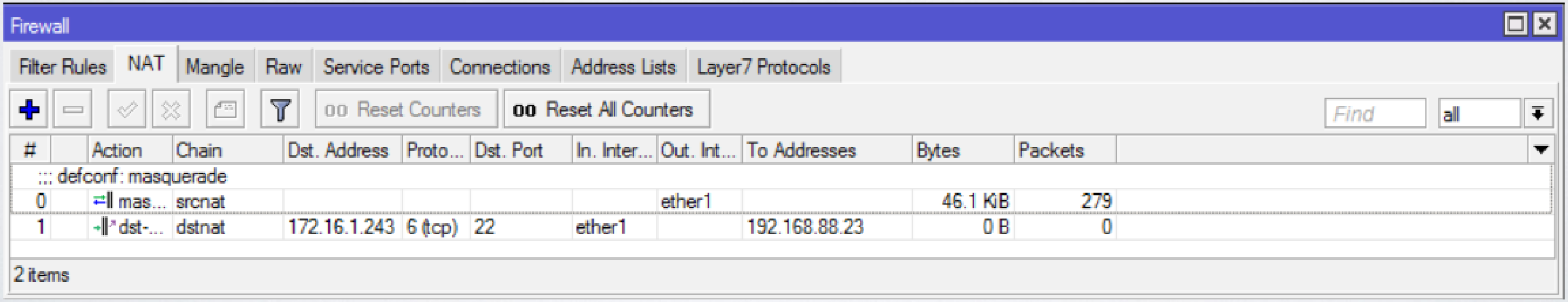
action=dst-nat dst-address=172.16.1.243 to-address=192.168.88.23

Note: In order to make port forwarding work you have to:

Have dst-nat

Have src-nat

Accept traffic in forward chain (example in previous slides)



#		Action	Chain	Dst. Address	Proto...	Dst. Port	In. Inter...	Out. Int...	To Addresses	Bytes	Packets
;;; defconf: masquerade											
0		mas...	srcnat					ether1		46.1 KiB	279
1		dst-...	dstnat	172.16.1.243	6 (tcp)	22	ether1		192.168.88.23	0 B	0

2 items

Firewall

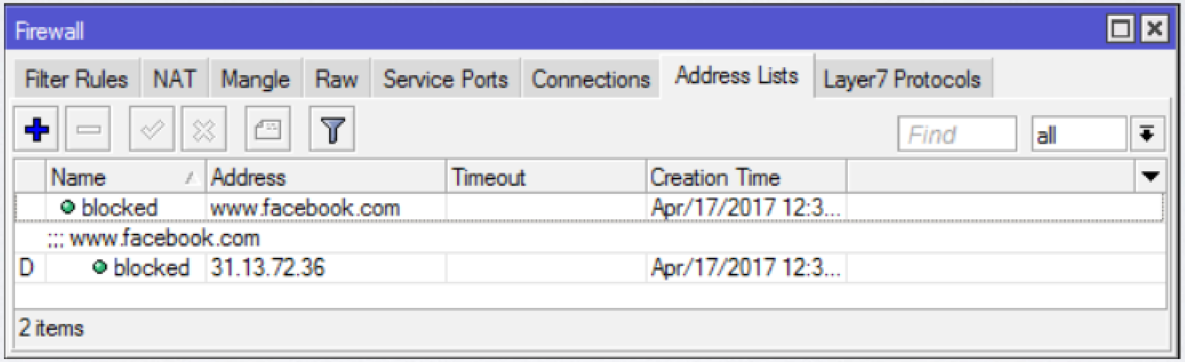
- Hairpin NAT (access local resource through public IP)

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Hairpin_NAT

Firewall

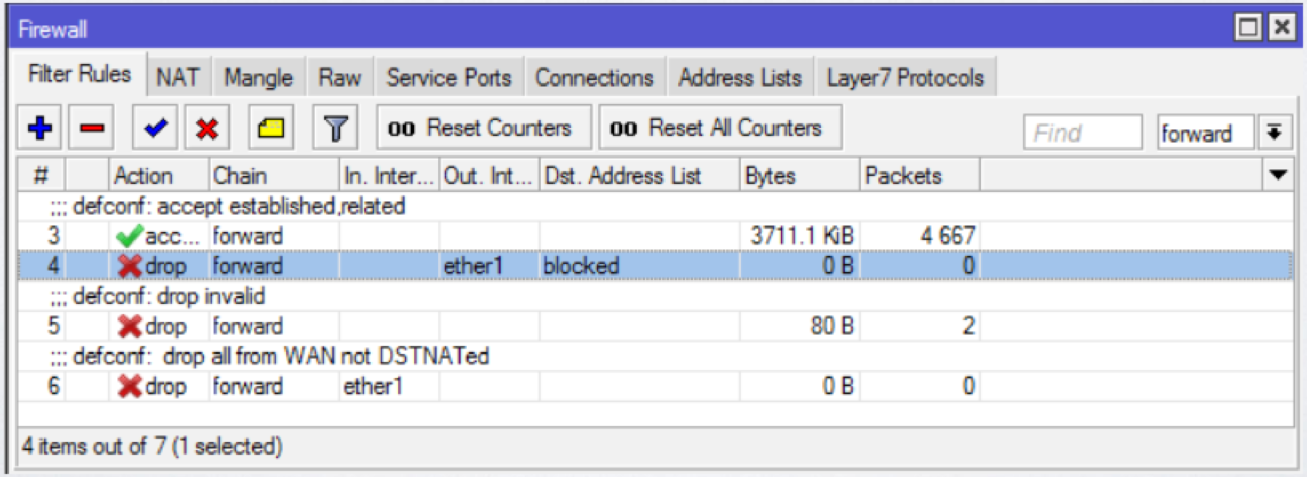
- Block specific traffic

```
/ip firewall address-list add list=blocked address=www.facebook.com

/ip firewall filter add chain=forward action=drop dst-address-list=blocked out-interface=ether1
```



	Name	Address	Timeout	Creation Time
	● blocked	www.facebook.com		Apr/17/2017 12:3...
	;;; www.facebook.com			
D	● blocked	31.13.72.36		Apr/17/2017 12:3...

2 items



#	Action	Chain	In. Inter...	Out. Int...	Dst. Address List	Bytes	Packets
;;; defconf: accept established,related							
3	✓ acc...	forward				3711.1 KiB	4 667
4	✗ drop	forward		ether1	blocked	0 B	0
;;; defconf: drop invalid							
5	✗ drop	forward				80 B	2
;;; defconf: drop all from WAN not DSTNATed							
6	✗ drop	forward	ether1			0 B	0

4 items out of 7 (1 selected)

Firewall

- Protect device against attacks if you allow particular access

```
/ip firewall filter
add chain=input protocol=tcp dst-port=22 src-address-list=ssh_blacklist action=drop
add chain=input protocol=tcp dst-port=22 connection-state=new src-address-list=ssh_stage2 action=add-src-to-address-list address-list=ssh_blacklist address-list-timeout=10d
add chain=input protocol=tcp dst-port=22 connection-state=new src-address-list=ssh_stage1 action=add-src-to-address-list address-list=ssh_stage2 address-list-timeout=1m
add chain=input protocol=tcp dst-port=22 connection-state=new action=add-src-to-address-list address-list=ssh_stage1 address-list-timeout=1m
```

Handle bandwidth

FastTrack

- Remember this rule?

```
/ip firewall filter

add chain=forward action=accept connection-state=established,related
```

- Add FastTrack rule before previous one

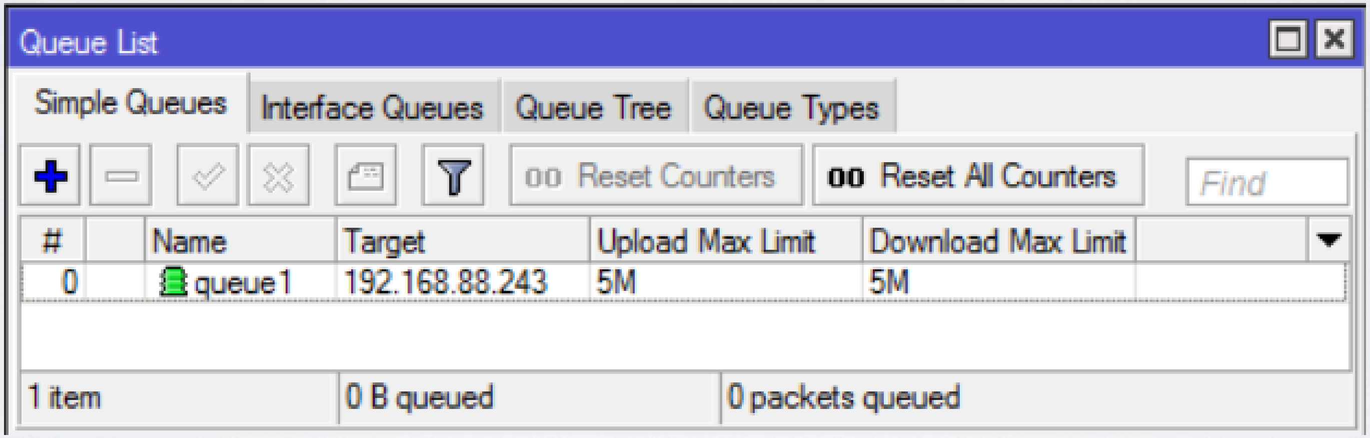
```
/ip firewall filter
```

- `add chain=forward action=fasttrack-connection connection-state=established,related`

Queues

- Add queues to limit traffic for specific resources

```
/queue simple add name=private target=192.168.88.243 max-limit=5M/5M
```



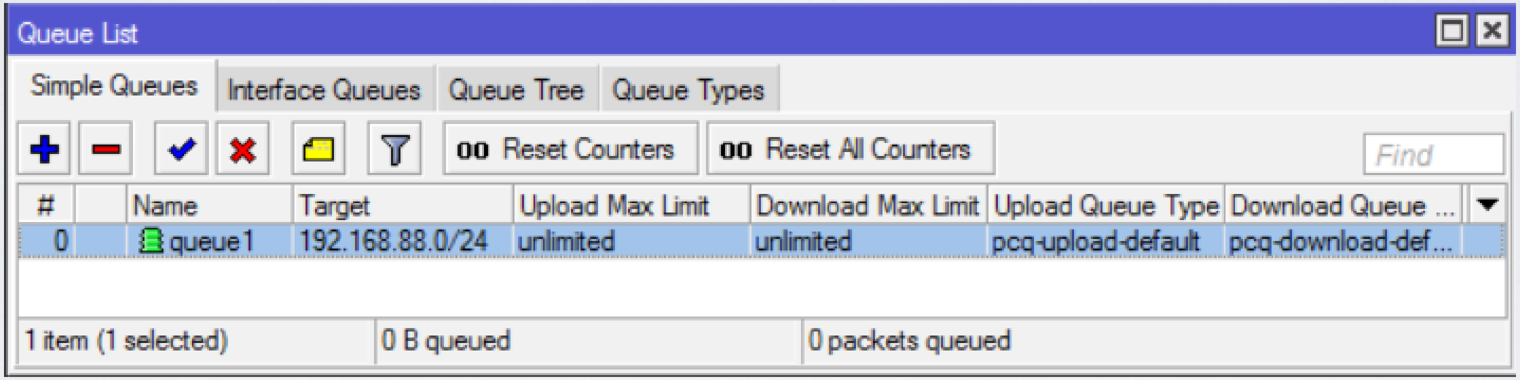
#		Name	Target	Upload Max Limit	Download Max Limit
0		queue1	192.168.88.243	5M	5M

1 item | 0 B queued | 0 packets queued

Queues

- Add queues to limit traffic equally (PCQ)

```
/queue simple add target-addresses=192.168.88.0/24 queue=pcq-upload-default/pcq-download-default
```



#		Name	Target	Upload Max Limit	Download Max Limit	Upload Queue Type	Download Queue ...
0		queue1	192.168.88.0/24	unlimited	unlimited	pcq-upload-default	pcq-download-def...

1 item (1 selected)   0 B queued   0 packets queued

Few advices about queues

https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Tips_and_Tricks_for_Beginners_and_Experienced_Users_of_RouterOS#Queues

What to do when problem appears?

Logging

- Use logging for firewall

```
/ip firewall filter set [find where src-address-list=ssh_blacklist] log=yes log-prefix=BLACKLISTED:
```

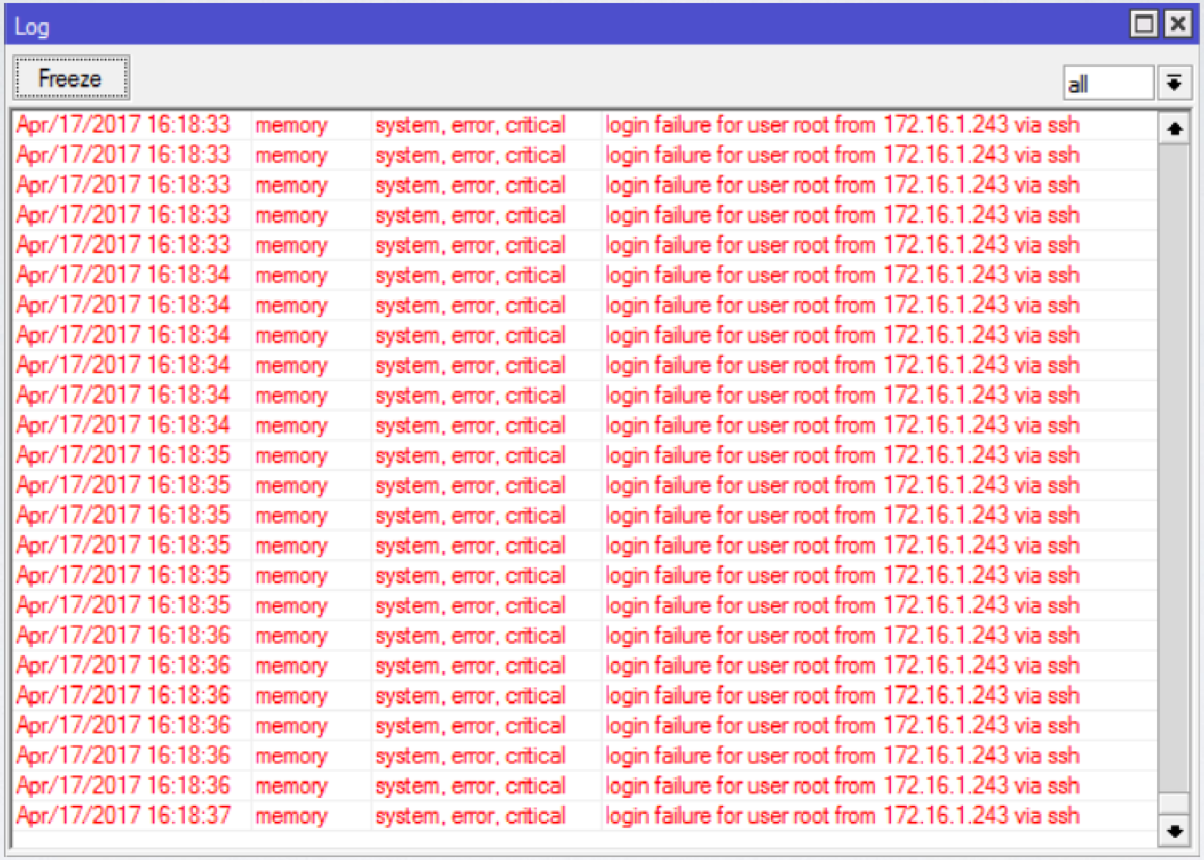
- Use logging for debug topics

```
/system logging add topics=l2pt,debug action=memory
```

- Logging to disk or remote server

```
/system logging action set disk disk-file-name=l2tp_logs disk-file-count=5 disk-lines-per-file=1000
/system logging action set remote remote=192.168.88.3
```

Logging



```
Apr/17/2017 16:18:33  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:33  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:33  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:33  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:33  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:34  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:34  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:34  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:34  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:34  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:34  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:35  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:35  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:35  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:35  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:35  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:35  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:36  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:36  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:36  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:36  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:36  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:36  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
Apr/17/2017 16:18:37  memory  system, error, critical  login failure for user root from 172.16.1.243 via ssh
```

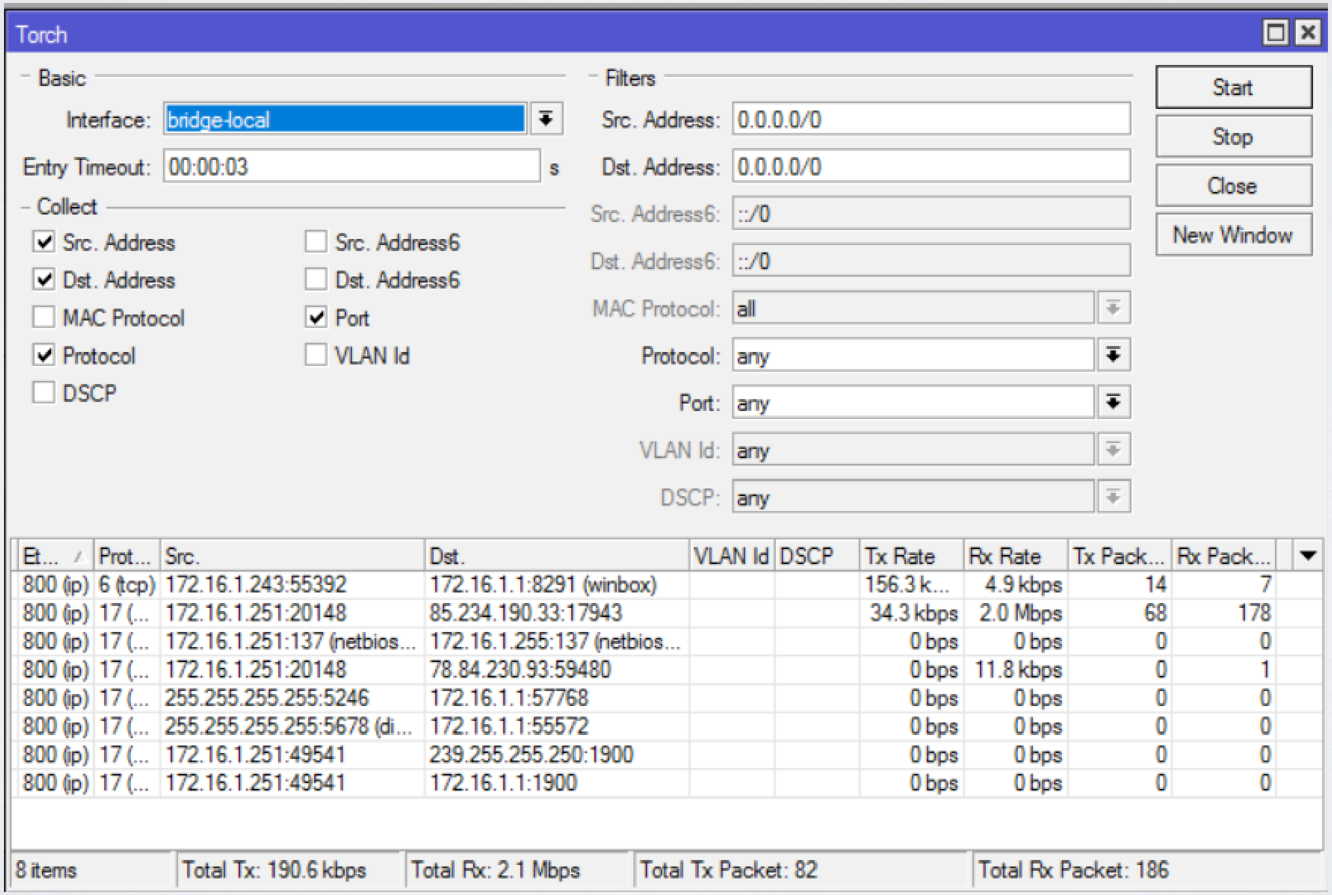
https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:System/Log

Debugging tools

- Torch

Analyse processed traffic

https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Troubleshooting_tools#Torch_.28.2Ftool_torch.29



Basic

Interface: bridge-local

Entry Timeout: 00:00:03 s

Collect

☑ Src. Address ☐ Src. Address6
☑ Dst. Address ☐ Dst. Address6
☐ MAC Protocol ☑ Port
☑ Protocol ☐ VLAN Id
☐ DSCP

Filters

Src. Address: 0.0.0.0/0
Dst. Address: 0.0.0.0/0
Src. Address6: ::/0
Dst. Address6: ::/0
MAC Protocol: all
Protocol: any
Port: any
VLAN Id: any
DSCP: any

Et...	Prot...	Src.	Dst.	VLAN Id	DSCP	Tx Rate	Rx Rate	Tx Pack...	Rx Pack...
800 (ip)	6 (tcp)	172.16.1.243:55392	172.16.1.1:8291 (winbox)			156.3 k...	4.9 kbps	14	7
800 (ip)	17 (...	172.16.1.251:20148	85.234.190.33:17943			34.3 kbps	2.0 Mbps	68	178
800 (ip)	17 (...	172.16.1.251:137 (netbios...	172.16.1.255:137 (netbios...			0 bps	0 bps	0	0
800 (ip)	17 (...	172.16.1.251:20148	78.84.230.93:59480			0 bps	11.8 kbps	0	1
800 (ip)	17 (...	255.255.255.255:5246	172.16.1.1:57768			0 bps	0 bps	0	0
800 (ip)	17 (...	255.255.255.255:5678 (di...	172.16.1.1:55572			0 bps	0 bps	0	0
800 (ip)	17 (...	172.16.1.251:49541	239.255.255.250:1900			0 bps	0 bps	0	0
800 (ip)	17 (...	172.16.1.251:49541	172.16.1.1:1900			0 bps	0 bps	0	0

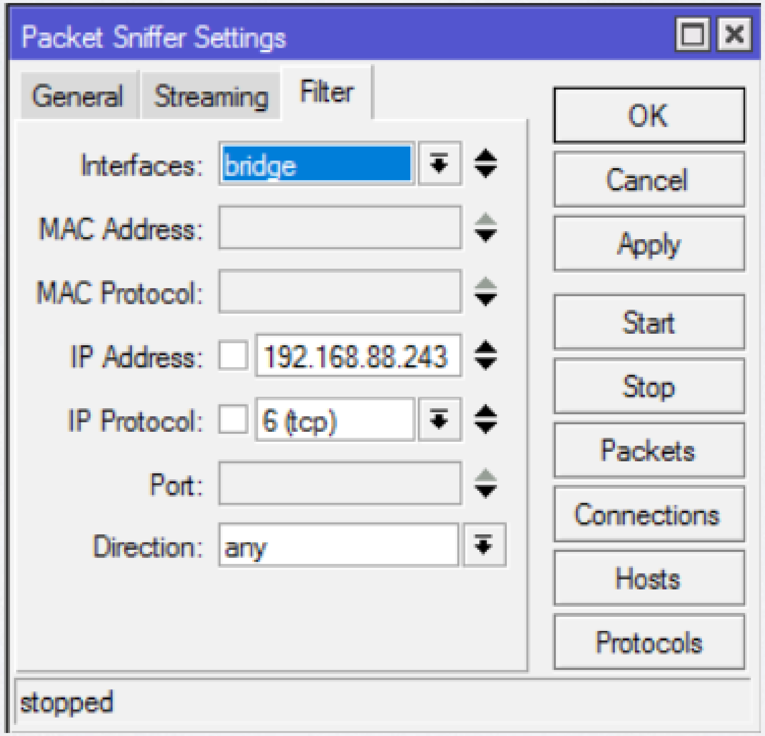
8 items | Total Tx: 190.6 kbps | Total Rx: 2.1 Mbps | Total Tx Packet: 82 | Total Rx Packet: 186

Debugging tools

- Sniffer

  Analyse processed packets

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Troubleshooting_tools#Packet_Sniffer_.28.2F tool_sniffer.29



Packet Sniffer Settings

Interfaces: bridge

MAC Address:

MAC Protocol:

IP Address: □ 192.168.88.243

IP Protocol: □ 6 (tcp)

Port:

Direction: any

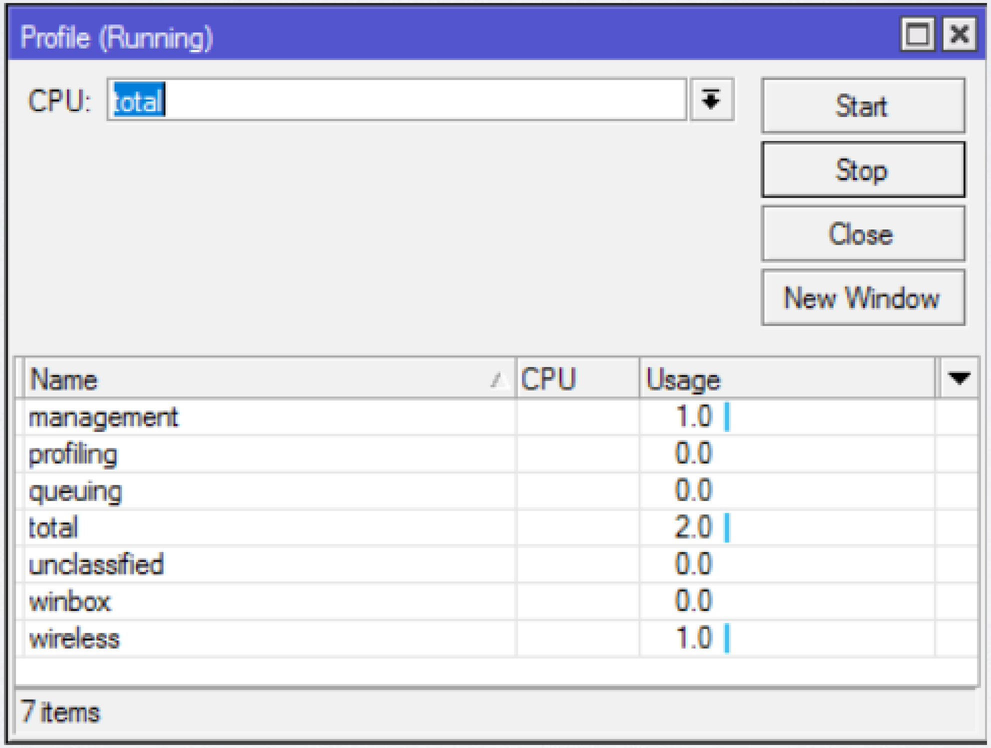
stopped

Debugging tools

- Profiler

  Find out current CPU usage

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Tools/Profiler



CPU: total

Name	CPU	Usage
management		1.0
profiling		0.0
queuing		0.0
total		2.0
unclassified		0.0
winbox		0.0
wireless		1.0

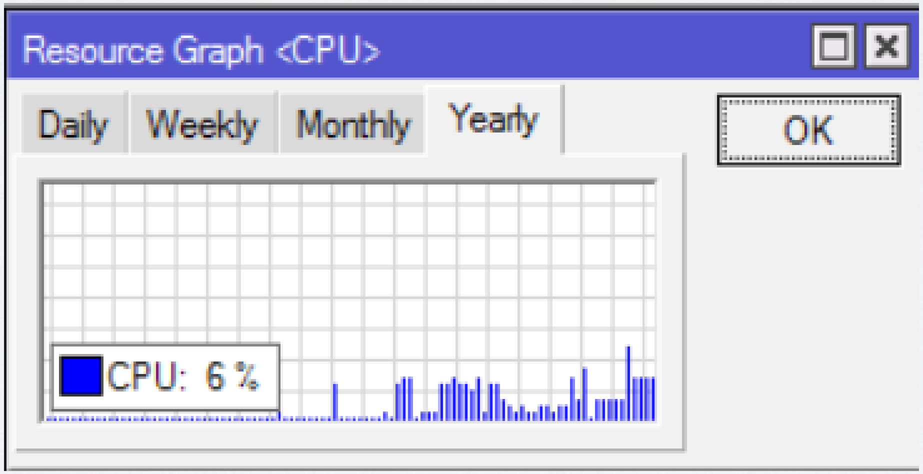
7 items

Debugging tools

- Graphing

  Find out information about Interfaces/Queues/Resources per interval:

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Tools/Graphing



Debugging tools

- The Dude

  Powerful network monitor tool:

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:The_Dude

Keep features and fixes up-to-date

Upgrade device

- **Release candidate**

  The most up-to-date version (hardly tested) with all possible features (also half-implemented) and fixes

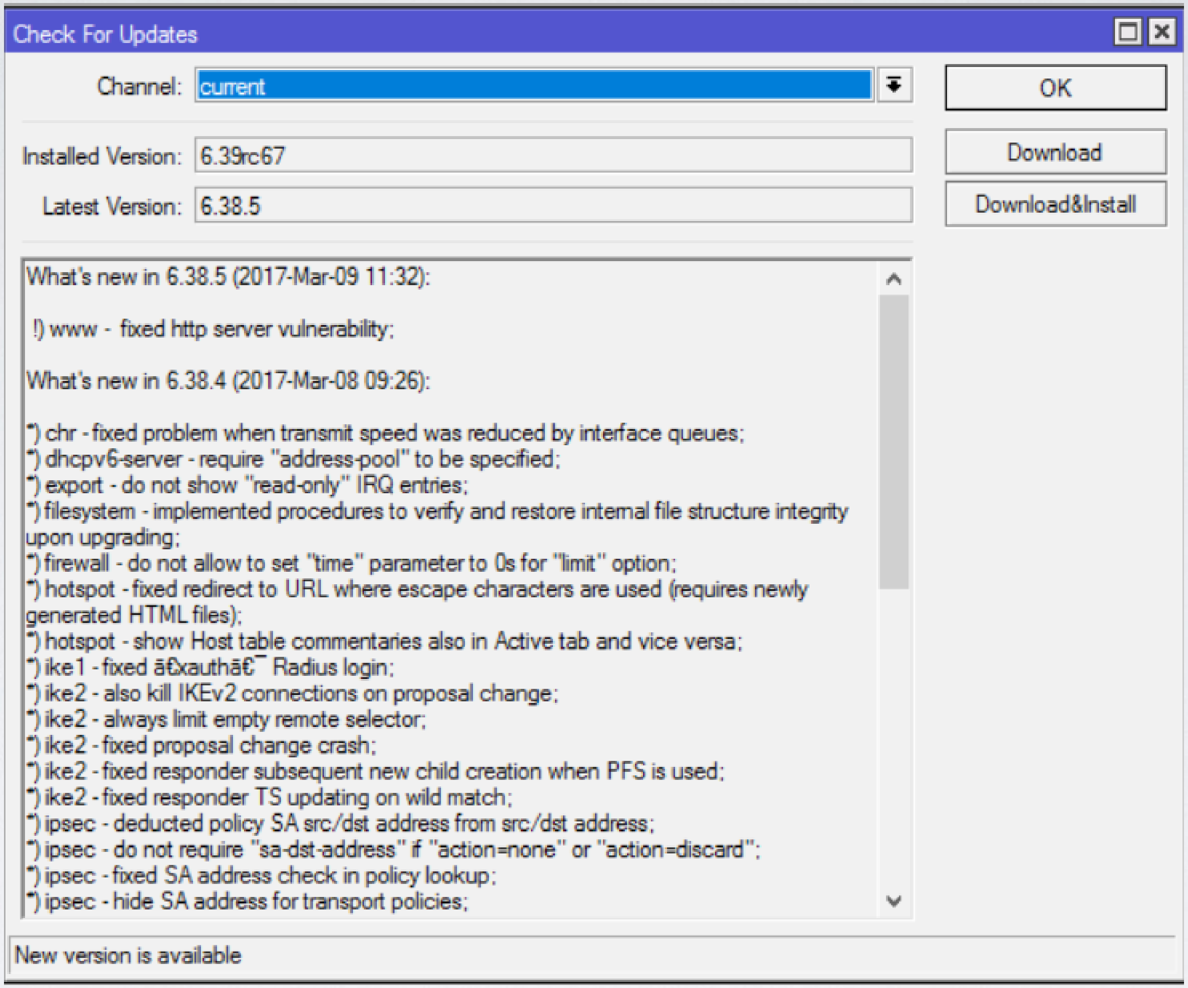
- **Current**

  Latest full release (tested on many different scenarios for long time) with all fully implemented features

- **Bugfix**

  Latest full release (tested on many different scenarios for long time and admitted as trustworthy) with all safe fixes

Upgrade device



Channel: current

Installed Version: 6.39rc67

Latest Version: 6.38.5

```
What's new in 6.38.5 (2017-Mar-09 11:32):

 !) www - fixed http server vulnerability;

What's new in 6.38.4 (2017-Mar-08 09:26):

*) chr - fixed problem when transmit speed was reduced by interface queues;
*) dhcpv6-server - require "address-pool" to be specified;
*) export - do not show "read-only" IRQ entries;
*) filesystem - implemented procedures to verify and restore internal file structure integrity
upon upgrading;
*) firewall - do not allow to set "time" parameter to 0s for "limit" option;
*) hotspot - fixed redirect to URL where escape characters are used (requires newly
generated HTML files);
*) hotspot - show Host table commentaries also in Active tab and vice versa;
*) ike1 - fixed â€xauthâ€˜ Radius login;
*) ike2 - also kill IKEv2 connections on proposal change;
*) ike2 - always limit empty remote selector;
*) ike2 - fixed proposal change crash;
*) ike2 - fixed responder subsequent new child creation when PFS is used;
*) ike2 - fixed responder TS updating on wild match;
*) ipsec - deducted policy SA src/dst address from src/dst address;
*) ipsec - do not require "sa-dst-address" if "action=none" or "action=discard";
*) ipsec - fixed SA address check in policy lookup;
*) ipsec - hide SA address for transport policies;
```

New version is available

https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Upgrading_RouterOS

What to do when software stops working?

Resolve problems

- Backup RouterBOOT

  1) Power device off, press and hold reset button

  2) Power device on and after 1-2 seconds release button

- Netinstall

  1) Test Netinstall

     https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Netinstall

  2) Try to re-install any other router

- Reset device

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Reset

Resolve problems

- Serial port

  1) Shows all available information (also booting)

  2) Will work if problem is related to Layer2/Layer3 connectivity and/or interfaces themselves
- Exchange device
- Choose more powerful device (or multiple devices)

I can not figure it out by myself

Configuration issues

- Consultants/Distributors:
  - https://mikrotik.com/consultants
  - https://mikrotik.com/buy
- Ask for help in forum:
  - https://forum.mikrotik.com/
- Look for an answer in manual
  - https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Main_Page

What to do when hardware stops working?

Hardware issues

- Replace involved accessories
    - Power adapter
    - PoE
    - Cables
    - Interfaces (SFP modules, wireless cards, etc.)
    - Power source

Support

Software issues

- Configuration is not working properly

  Logs and supout file;

  https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Support_Output_File

- Out of memory

  1) Upgrade device (mandatory)

  2) Reboot device and generate supout file (normal situation)

  3) When RAM is almost full generate another supout file (problematic situation)

Support

- Briefly explain what has happened
- When it happens
- What did you do to make it happen
- Send all files (mentioned in previous slides depending on problem)
- Do everything what is asked, if it is possible
- Make notes and document results (even if problem persists)
- Make new files after configuration changes
- Reply within same ticket and provide new information

Feature requests?
Suggestions?

Thank you!