Providing the Customer with Real Time Analytics

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MUM Video

This presentation contains a number of bullet points, it is high recommended that the video in the MUM archive be watched as it provides additional information

Analytics

- Analytics is the discovery, interpretation, and communication of meaningful patterns in data. (Wikipedia)
- We conduct Analytics when we do network fault diagnosis, network upgrade planning and when we diagnose customer service problems.
- MikroTik devices collect the data we need, our challenges are:
 - Extracting the relevant data
 - Interpreting that data
 - Communicating it in a meaningful way

Customer Knowledge

- Minimal, typical user considers networking plug & play
- Allowing access to basic configuration parameters not advisable
 - Channel Frequency
 - Channel Width
 - Firewall
 - Port Forwarding

Customer Service Issues

- Customer expects service to meet his expectations while not understanding technology
- ► These expectations result in service calls
 - Service is slow
 - Streaming video is buffering
 - Service is not working
 - Connection keeps being dropped
- ► These calls cost time and money, increasing the required support staff

Solving the Problem

- Implementation of managed services
 - Every customer has a MikroTik router
 - Powers CPE
 - ▶ Gold Configuration, customized
 - System Identity, IP address, SSID, Wi-Fi password
 - Customer has no access to router configuration
 - ▶ No monthly charge for managing router
- Implemented remote diagnostics
- Increased ROI
 - Reduced truck rolls and operating costs

Complex Networks

- Coverage area indoor/outdoor
 - MikroTik based
- ▶ Design, Install & Manage
- Specific customer requirements

Addressing those Customer Issues

- Service is slow
 - Bandwidth utilization
 - Bandwidth tests
- Streaming video is buffering
 - Bandwidth utilization
 - Interference
- Service is not Working
 - One device or all devices?
 - Connectivity/Authentication
 - ► IP address assignment

Remote Diagnostic Tools

- Use of MikroTik features and tools using either WinBox or command line
 - Interface List
 - DHCP Leases
 - Wireless Registration
 - Wireless Scan
 - Torch
 - ARP Table
 - Graphing
 - Queues
 - Traceroute
 - Packet Sniffer
 - Log

Managed Service Implementation Review

- Goals achieved
 - Reduced truck rolls
 - Increased staff productivity
 - Increased revenue
- Although Winbox may be used for most diagnostic analysis all data is available via:
 - Command Line
 - API
- Analysis of results
 - Many issues could be resolved by customer if he were presented with the results of the diagnostics in a simple graphical manner
- ► The challenge is to access the relevant information and present it to the customer in an easy to understand format.

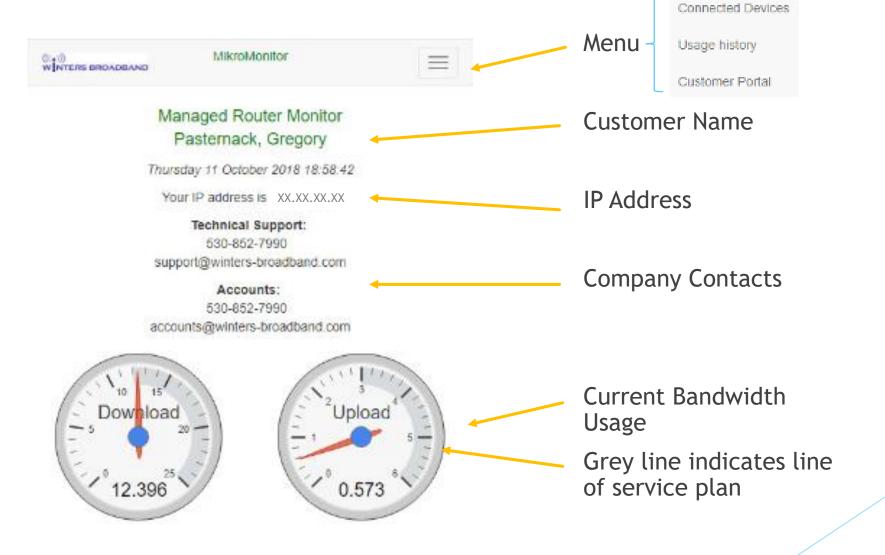
MikroMonitor Goals

- User friendly GUI interface
 - Not another app
 - No configuration
- Intuitive status display of customers service/network
 - Map output from analytical tools into an easily understandable format
 - Display optimized for all types of client devices
 - ▶ All Apple, Android, Windows, Linux ...

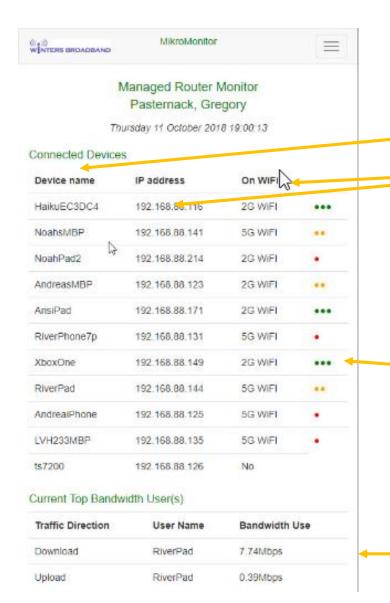
MikroMonitor Features

- Confirm customer is seeing their network and associated devices
 - Display of IP addresses
- Real time display of bandwidth utilization including who is the main user
- Display of connected devices
 - ▶ 2G Wi-Fi, 5G Wi-Fi or Ethernet
 - Display of quality of Wi-Fi connection
- Display of bandwidth usage
 - Daily average
 - Month to date

MikroMonitor - Home



MikroMonitor - Connected Devices



Device Name

IP Address

Device Connectivity

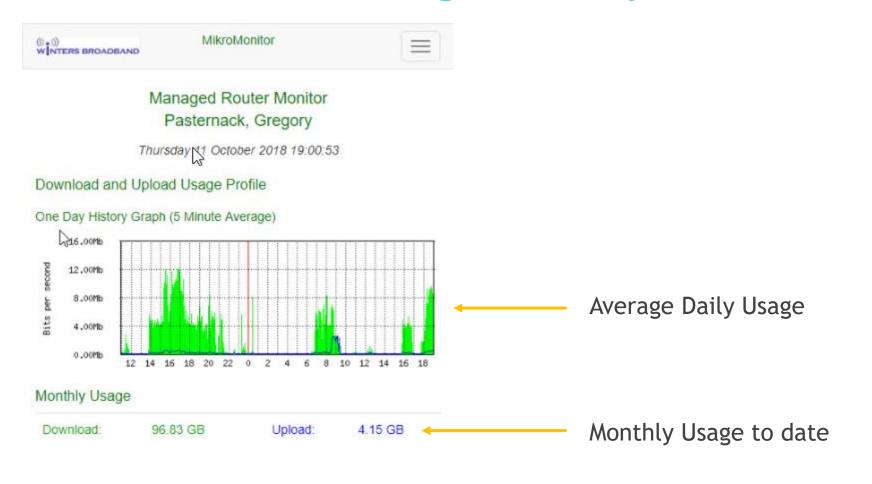
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- 5G Wi-Fi
- Ethernet

Connection Qualify

- Good
- Average
- Poor

Top Current Bandwidth Users

MikroMonitor - Usage History



MikroMonitor Implementation

- Customer must be connected to their home network
 - An attempt to connect to MikroMonitor without connection to the customers home network results in a message advising MikroMonitor is only available when connected to their home network
- Open web browser and navigate to me.winters-broadband.com
 - ▶ DNS server A record associated URL to IP address
- MikroMonitor Home page is displayed
 - Navigated to Connected Devices or Usage Reports
 - Navigation link to company customer portal is included

MikroMonitor Server

- Linux based server
- Custom MikroMonitor application

MikroMonitor Summary

- MikroMonitor uses the power of MikroTik products and their API to deliver a solution empowering the end user providing:
 - Current usage and available bandwidth
 - ▶ Customer can determine if they want to upgrade their service tier
 - Comprehensive display of connected devices and the connection quality
 - Information on top bandwidth user/s
 - Daily and monthly usage statistics
 - Link to company designated portal
 - Support and billing contact information

Enhanced customer experience, reduced service calls, increased revenue

MikroMonitor

Questions?

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