

Centralized Managed Wireless Network Using Mikrotik CAPsMAN V2

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About Company

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- Top Wireless/Security & Network Equipment Distributor in Pakistan.
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- IT managed services
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Presentation Objectives

- Modes of Wireless Networks
- Applications of Wireless Networks
- Centralized Management
- Mikrotik's CAPsMAN & its Deployment
- Questions & Answers

Modes Of Wireless Networks

PTP (Point to Point):

- Required for long distance links
- High throughput (BACKHUAL PURPOSE)

PTMP (Point to Multi Point):

- Mostly in WISP's (One To Many)
- Shared link with multiple users
- Cheap compared to point to point

Centralized Managed Wireless Network (Enterprise Hotspots)

- To provide wireless coverage for the roaming/fixed stations
- Highly managed

Advantage & Disadvantage of Wireless Networks

Advantages:

- Required minimum time for installation
- Low cost
- High availability

Disadvantages / Limitations:

- Bandwidth limitations
- Regulatory limitations (Where Applicable)

Mostly Applications of Wireless Network

- Wireless ISPs
- Wireless CCTV
- Wireless VolP
- Wireless Advertisements
- Wireless SCADA
- Wireless Data Networks

Why We Need Centralized Managed System?

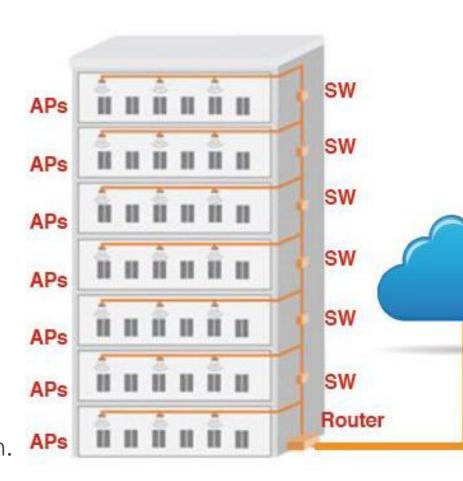
- For high availability of network
- One click management
- One windows statics of network

Applications:

- Hospitals
- Universities
- Industries
- Malls and cafe
- Homes / Apartments
- Ports and container terminals

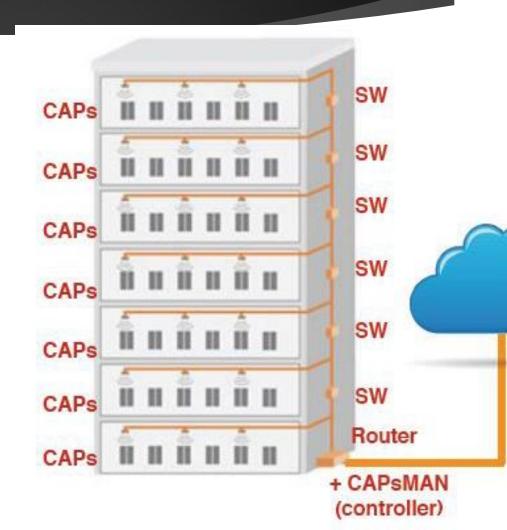
Conventional problems

- Conventionally, administering
 Wireless Access Point is done
 Individually one by one.
 - Administrator has to make sure
 That the configurations are the
 Same for all APs like SSID,
 Security, Access List, Policy, etc.
- That needs more time and
 Manpower if we need to
 changes something for the enterprise
 WLAN Setups i.e Appartment As Shown.



Solution

Using Mikrotik Capsman
It Shall Fix All conventional
Problems.



Solution with MIKROTIK CAPSMAN (Success Story)



Reason to use MIKROTIK CAPSMAN

- Highly flexible
- Reliable
- No additional license required (Comes Free With Routerboard Hardware)
- Highly scalable
- ► CAP can be any MIKROTIK hardware with at least one wireless interface
- Centralized management of RouterOS APs
- Dual Band AP support
- Provisioning of APs
- MAC and IP Layer communication with APs
- Certificate support for AP communication
- Full and Local data forwarding mode
- RADIUS MAC authentication
- Custom configuration support
- Easy availability
- Low cost

Component of CAPs Management System

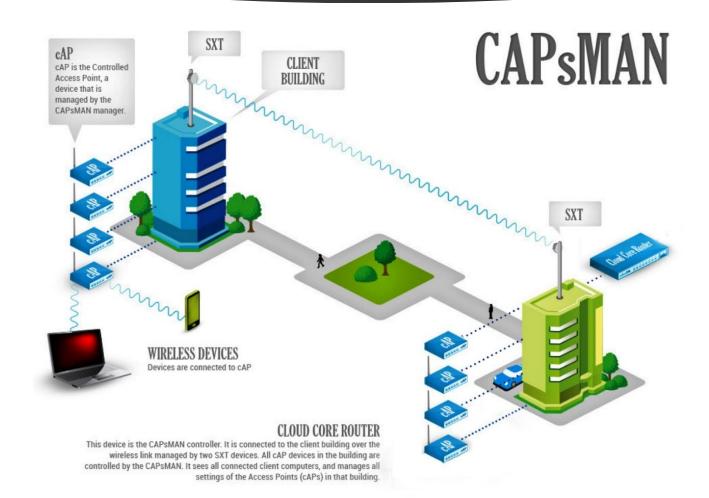
CAPSMAN

- x86 or RouterBOARD based device
- Newest RouterOS v6 version
- Wireless-cm2 package installed and enabled

CAP

- X86 or RouterBOARD based device
- Newest RouterOS v6 version
- Atheros chipset (a/b/g/n/ac) wireless card
- Wireless-cm2 package installed and enabled
- At least Level4 RouterOS license

CAPsMAN Simple Setup



CAPsMAN v2 features

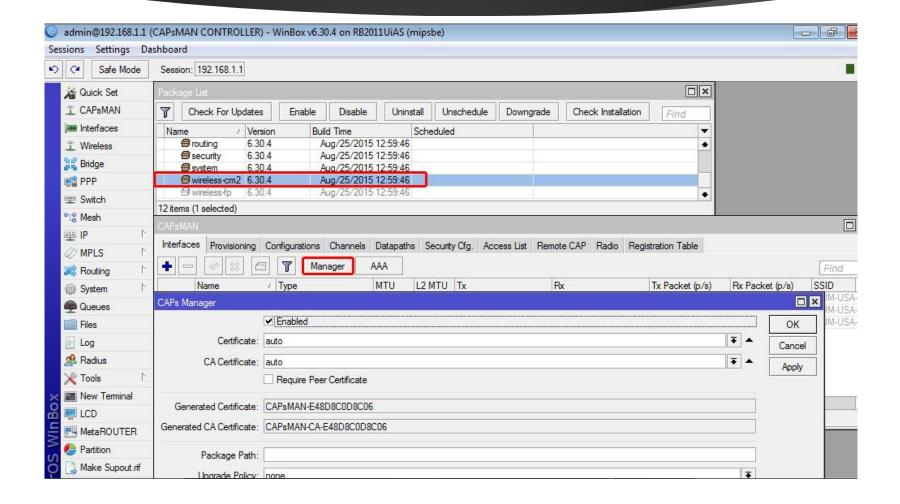
- CAPsMAN automatic upgrade of all CAP clients (configurable)
- Improved CAP<->CAPsMAN data connection protocol
- Added "Name Format" and "Name Prefix" setting for Provision rules
- Improved logging entries when client roams between the CAPs
- Added L2 Path MTU discovery

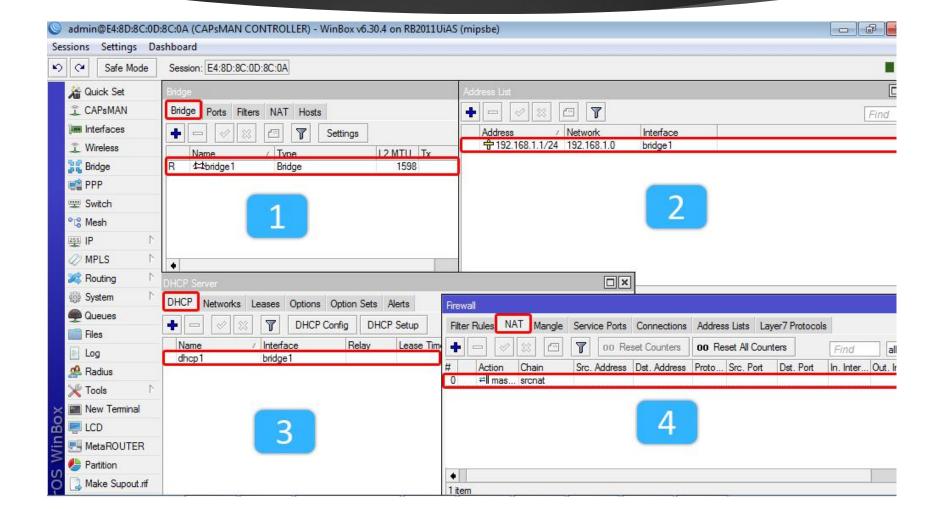
CAPsMAN v2 compatibility

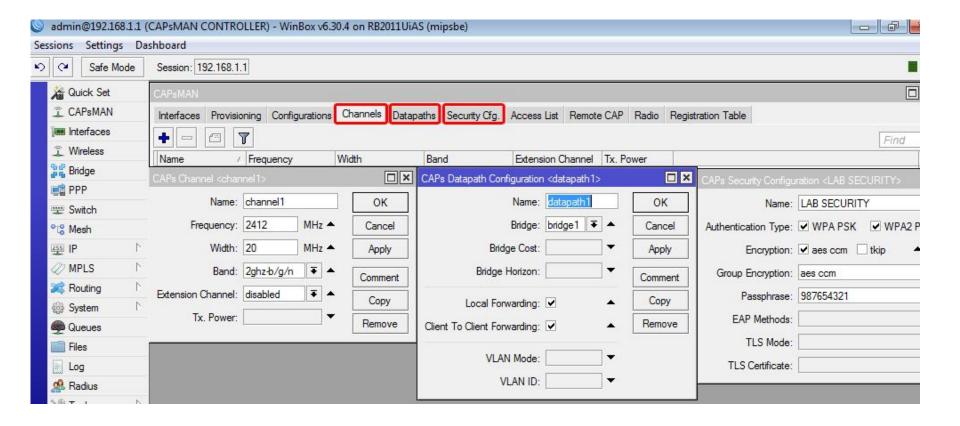
- CAPsMAN v2 is NOT compatible with current CAPsMAN v1 (CAPsMAN v1 CAP devices will not be able to connect to CAPsMAN v2 and CAPsMAN v2 CAP devices will not be able to connect to CAPsMAN v1).
- Both CAPsMAN and CAP devices should have wireless-cm2 package installed in order to make CAPsMAN v2 system to work.

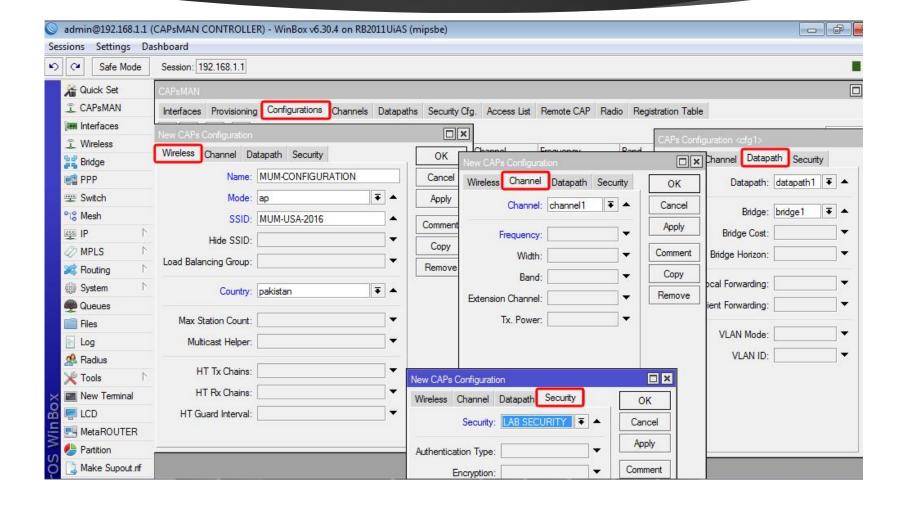
CAPsMAN/Cap Setup Step By Step

- Enable CAPsMAN service
- Create Bridge interface
- Add IP configuration to Bridge interface
- Run DHCP Server with NAT
- Create CAPsMAN Configuration
- Create Provisioning rule
- Enable CAP mode on the Aps
- Efficient Roaming Configuration TIP
- Specific Brand Allow Only Without Authentication

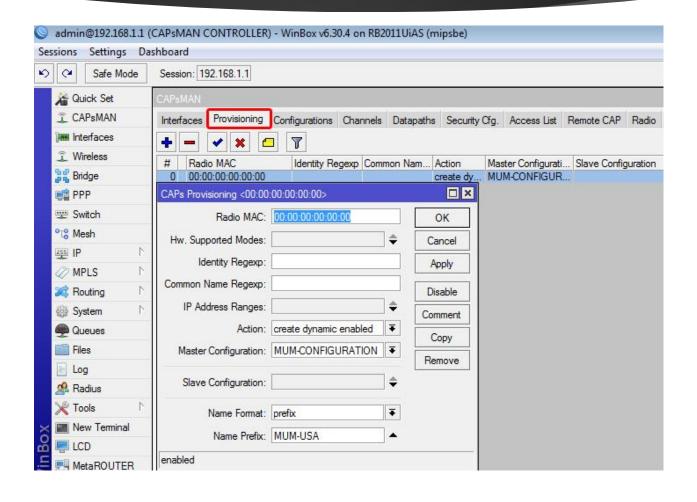








CAPSMAN Setup LAB Complete



CAP to CAPSMAN Connection

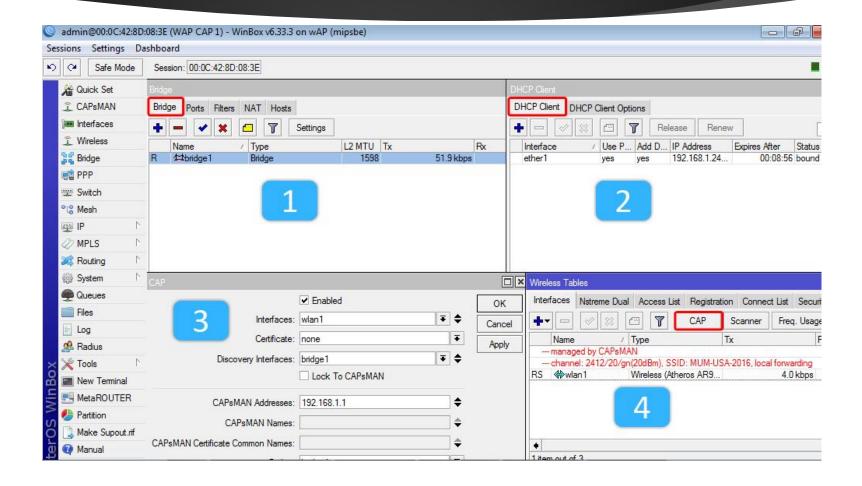
- MAC Layer2:
- No IP configuration required
- CAP an CAPsMAN must be in the same Layer 2 network

- ► IP (UDP) Layer3:
- CAP must reach the
 CAPsMAN using IP protocol
- Can traverse NAT if necessary
- Management connection between CAP and CAPsMAN is secured using DTLS.
- CAP client data traffic is not secured if necessary additional encryption by using IPSec or encrypted tunnels is needed

How Cap Selects CAPSMAN

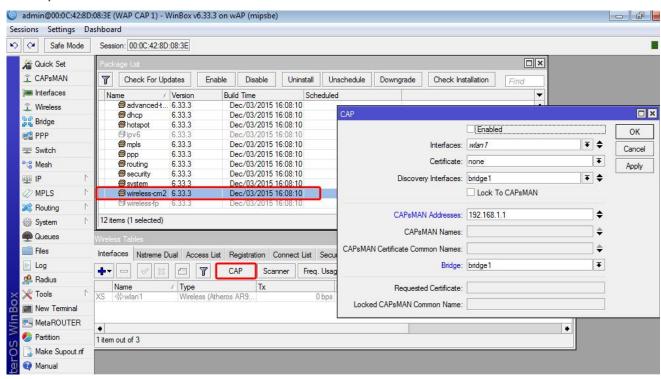
- ► CAP attempts to contact CAPsMAN and build available CAPsMAN list:
- List of CAPSMAN IPs,.
- List of CAPSMAN IPs obtained from DHCP.
- Broadcasting on configured interfaces using IP and MAC Layer.
- CAP selects the CAPsMAN based on such rules:
- If CAPsMAN names setting is matched it will prefer that CAPsMAN earlier in the list
- MAC layer connectivity to CAPsMAN is preferred over IP connectivity
- If list is empty it will connect to any available CAPsMAN

CAP Configuration on AP LAB

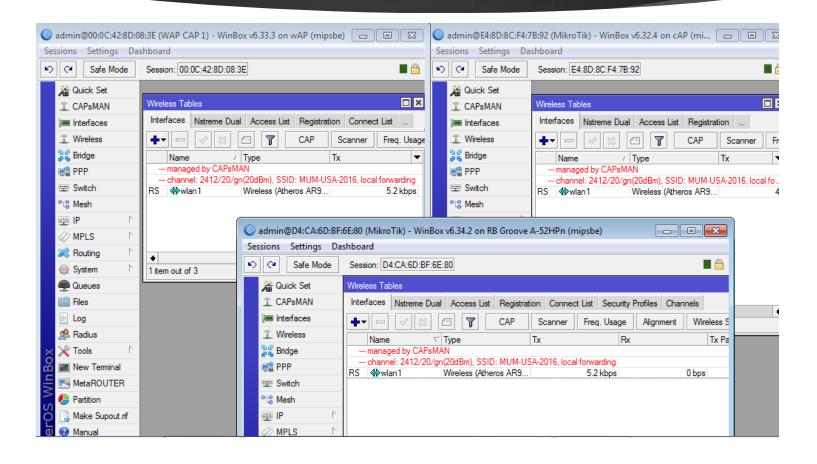


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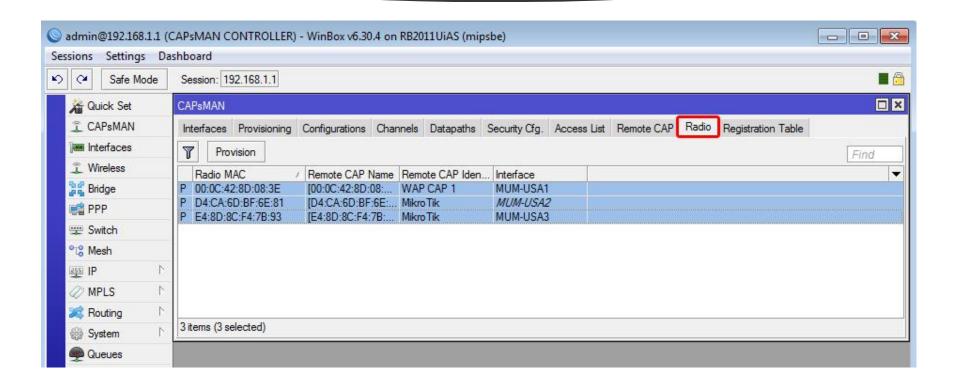
Make sure that the latest package of firmware should be updated



CAP Connected with CAPsMAN LAB



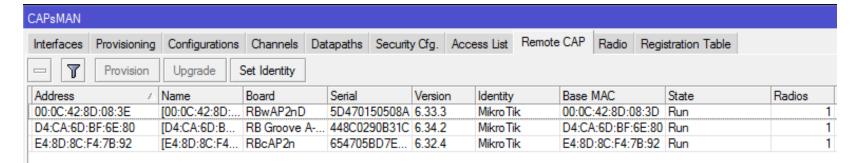
CAP Radio Table on CAPsMAN



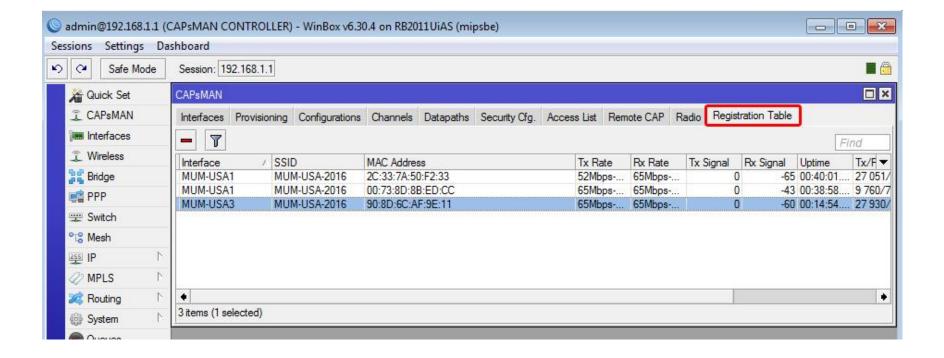
CAP Identification On Capsman

- MAC / IP Address
- RouterBoard model
- Serial Number of the Board
- RouterOS version

- System Identity
- Main wireless MAC
- State of the CAP
- Provided radio count



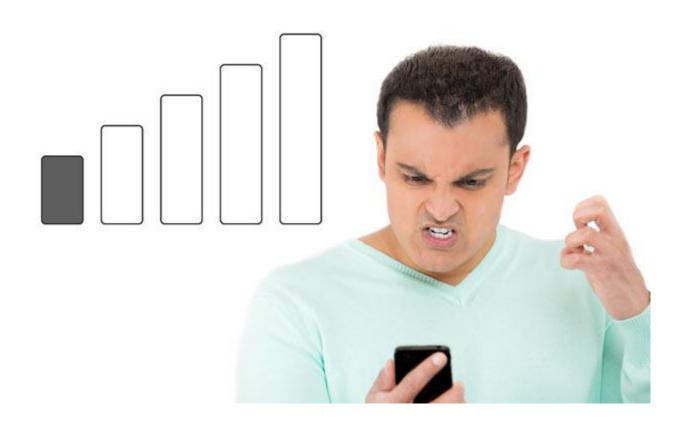
Station Registered on CAPsMAN



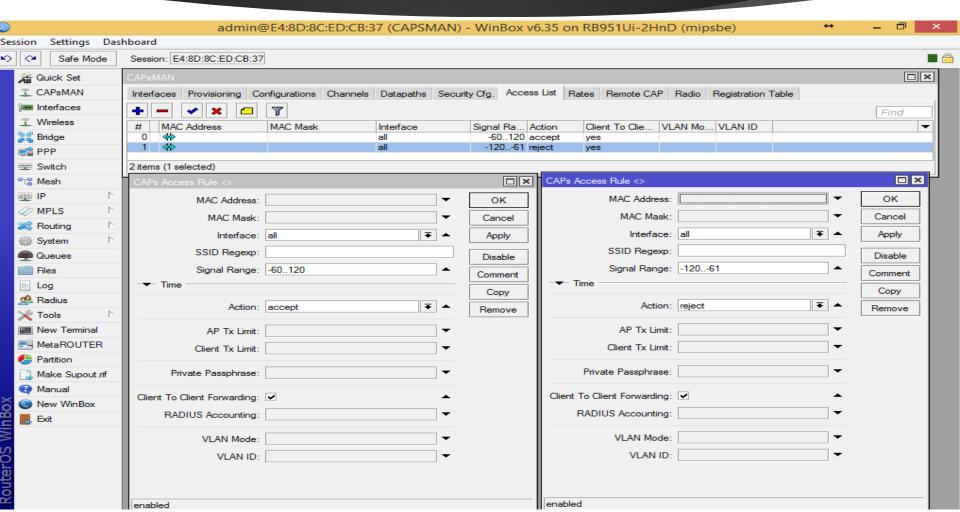
CAPSMAN Access List Features

- MAC Authentication
- Radius Query support
- MAC Mask support
- Signal Range
- Time
- Private Passphrase
- ▶ VLAN ID assignment

Efficient Roaming Configuration TIP



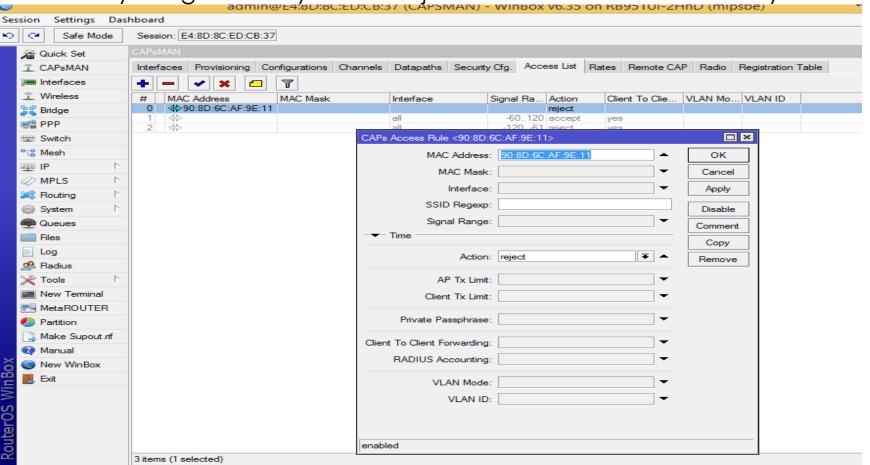
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MAC Authentication

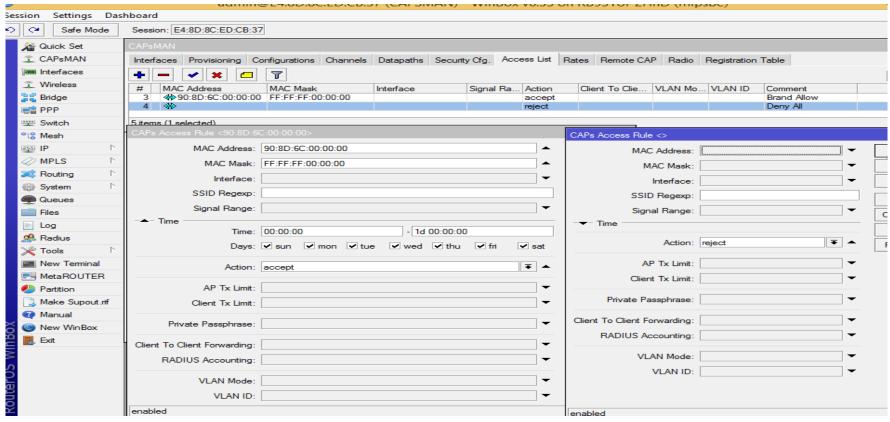
By using this rule you can reject the undesired stations only

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Brand Based Authentication

By using this rule you can allow selected Brands Via Mac Orders



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