



New Features and Updates in RouterOS

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- Independent Network Specialist company
- Not owned by / affiliated to MikroTik Latvia
- Official training and support partner for MikroTik
- Specialist in all forms of wireless and wired networking technologies
- Offers high speed PTP links, carrier independent backbone services, high availability SLA's, Network Management and Configuration services

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 RouterOS

In this Presentation

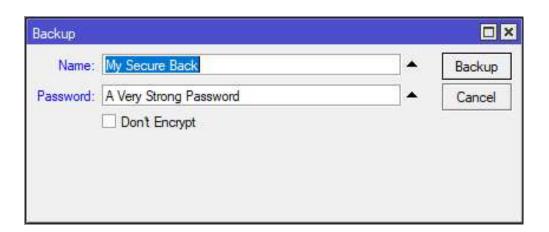
- MikroTik RouterOS is under constant development
- Difficult to keep up to date with new features and improvements to current features
- I hope to change that and bring you up to date with just some of the new features

System Backup and Restore

- PROBLEM: RouterOS backup was vulnerable to cracking with a possibility to reveal users and passwords
- **SOLUTION**: Since RouterOS v6.13 it is possible to encrypt the backup files with RC4
- Encryption the backup file is encrypted by default, if the current RouterOS user has a password configured, or if the "password" parameter is used
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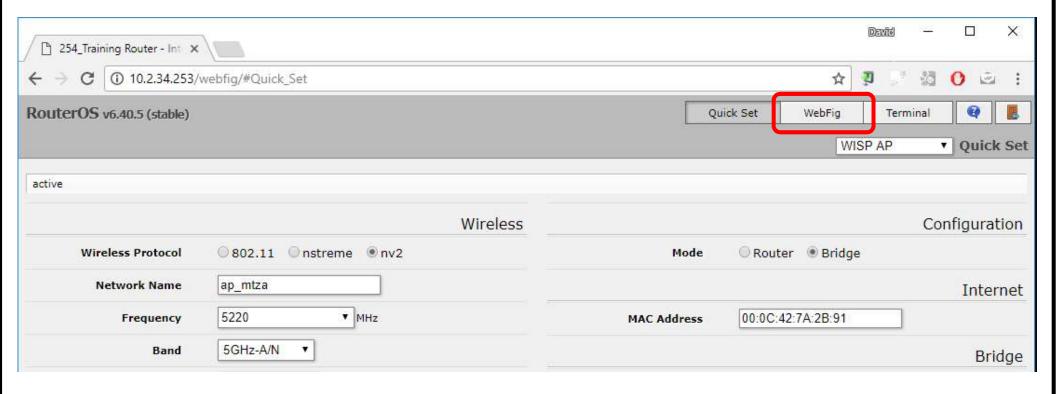


Web Administration

- PROBLEM: You want to provide access to the router, but with limited menu options
- SOLUTION: Use Webfig with a custom designed skin to limit access to certain menus and options

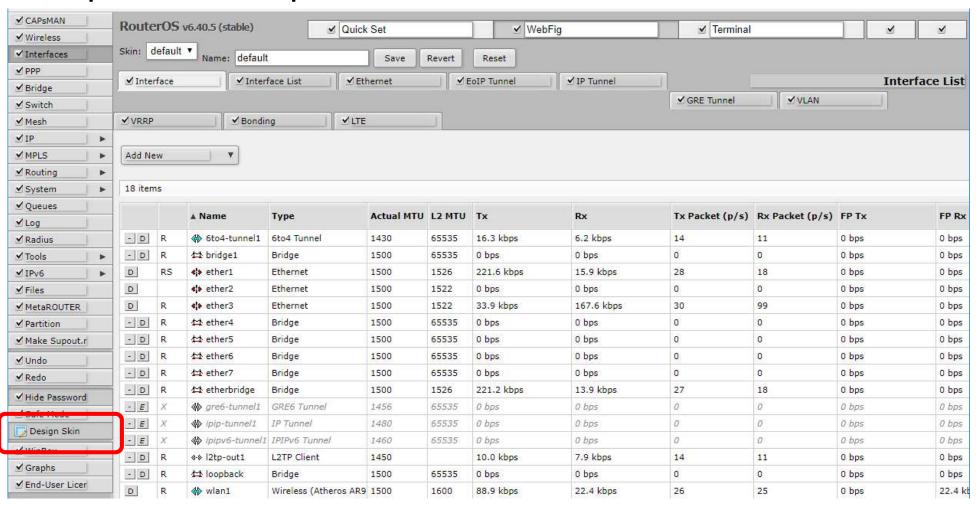
Configuring Skins

- 1. Login to web interface with admin account
- 2. Select the Webfig" option (top right)

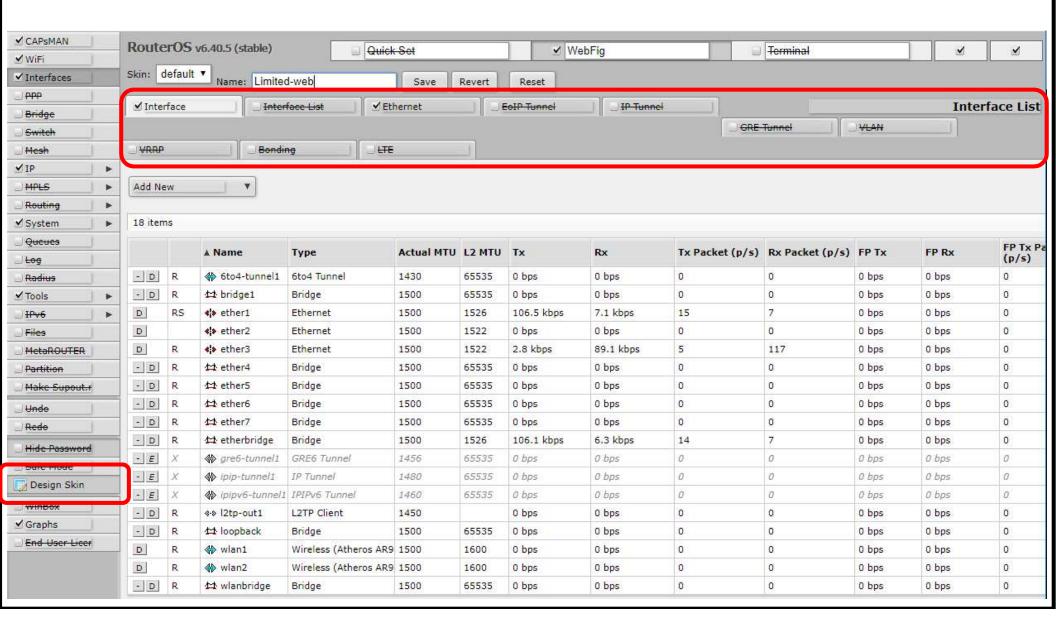


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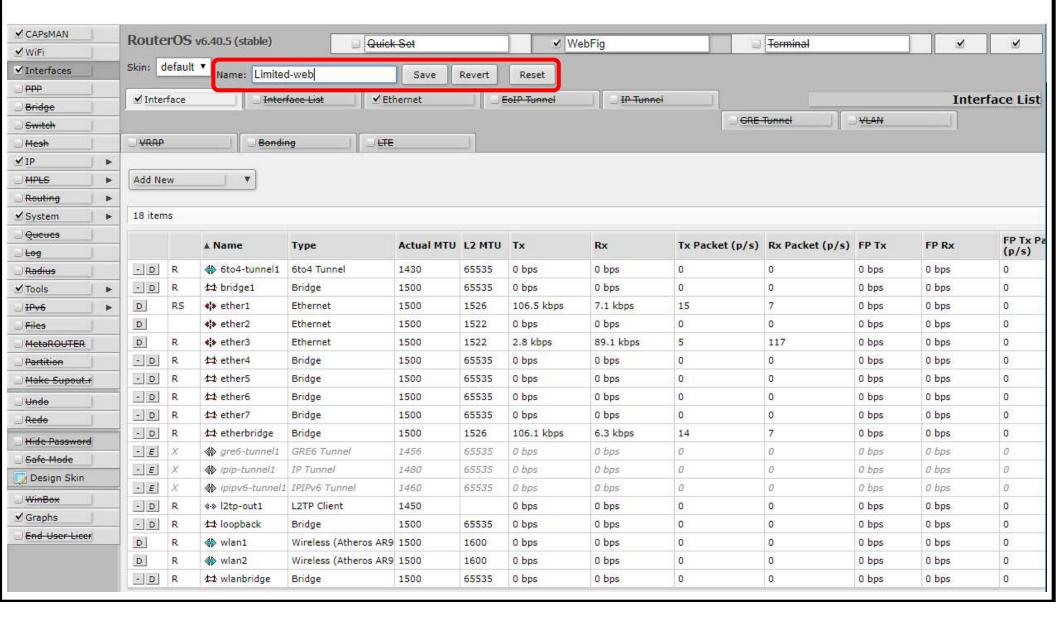
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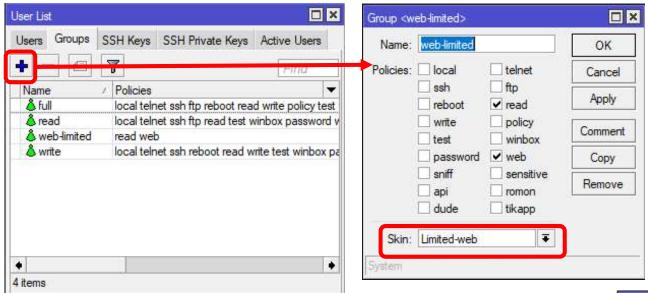
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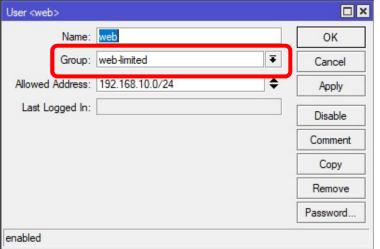


3. Save the modified skin under a new filename



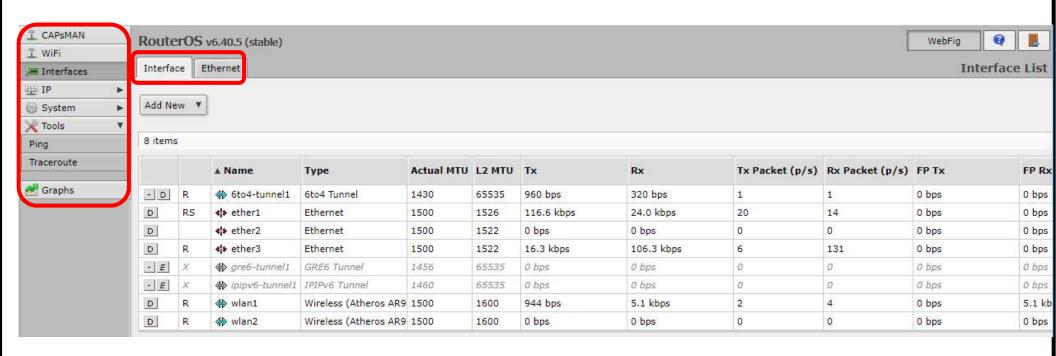
- 4. Under System → User → Group add a new group with limited web only permissions
- 5. Add a new user with membership of the limited group





5. Login with the limited user

You now have a strictly limited view as per your defined skin policy

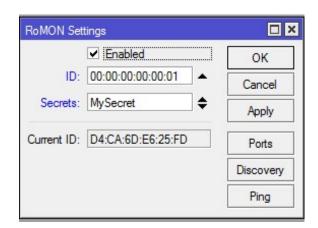


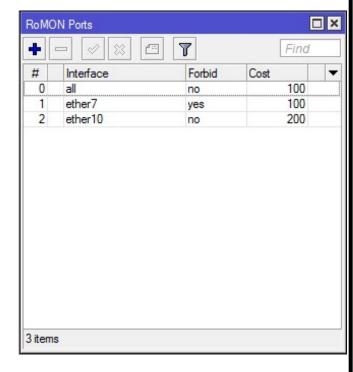
RoMON

- PROBLEM: RouterOS Winbox can only access directly connected routers by MAC addres
- SOLUTION: RoMON Router Management Overlay Network
- RoMON works by establishing an independent MAC layer peer discovery and data forwarding network
- RoMON network operates independently from L2 or L3 forwarding configuration

Configure RoMON

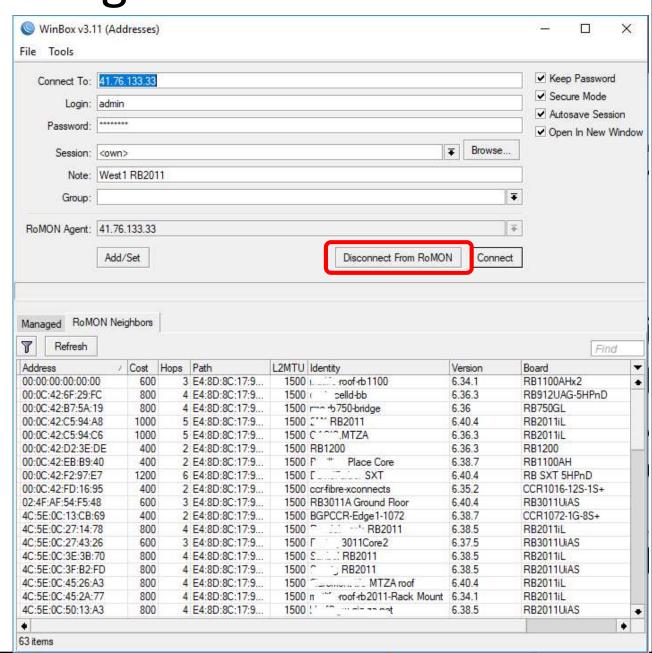
- Tool → RoMON allows the service to be enabled/disabled
- ID can optionally be specified otherwise default is ether1 MAC
- Secrets will encrypt RoMON comms with MD5 – secret must be the same for adjacent ports
- RoMON Ports allows setting up ports individually with costs





Connecting to RoMON

- Winbox V3 must be used
- Select a RoMON enabled router and choose "Connect to RoMON"
- RoMON enabled routers will now be displayed



Wireless System

Wifi Protected Setup (WPS)

NV2 Sync

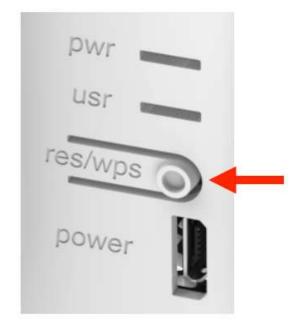
WPS

- WiFi Protected Setup (WPS) is a feature for convenient access to the WiFi without entering the passphrase
- RouterOS supports both WPS accept (for AP) and WPS client (for station) modes
- To easily allow guest access to your access point WPS accept button can be used
- When pushed, it will grant an access to connect to the AP for 2min or until a device (station) connects
- The WPS accept button has to be pushed each time a new device needs to connect

Using WPS

- A RouterOS devices with a WiFi interface has a virtual WPS push button
- Certain routers have a front panel button, check for wps button on the router
- Virtual WPS button is available in QuickSet and in wireless interface menu
- It can be disabled if needed
- WPS client is supported by most operating systems



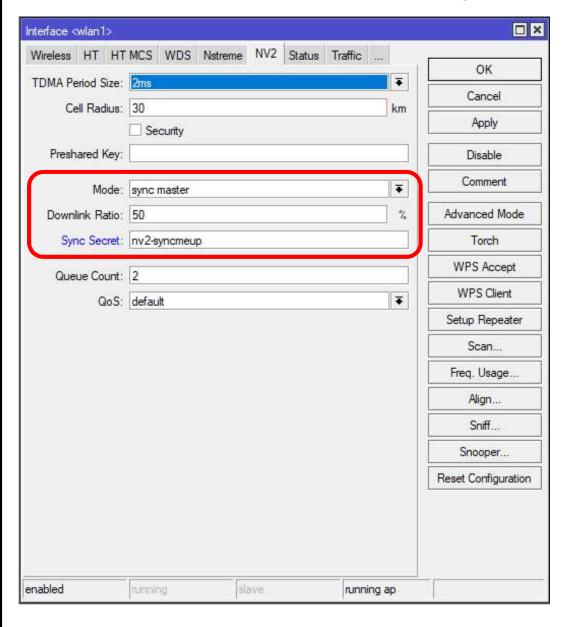


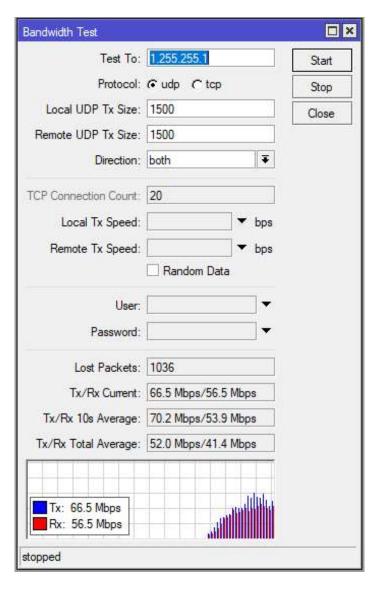
Nstreme Version 2

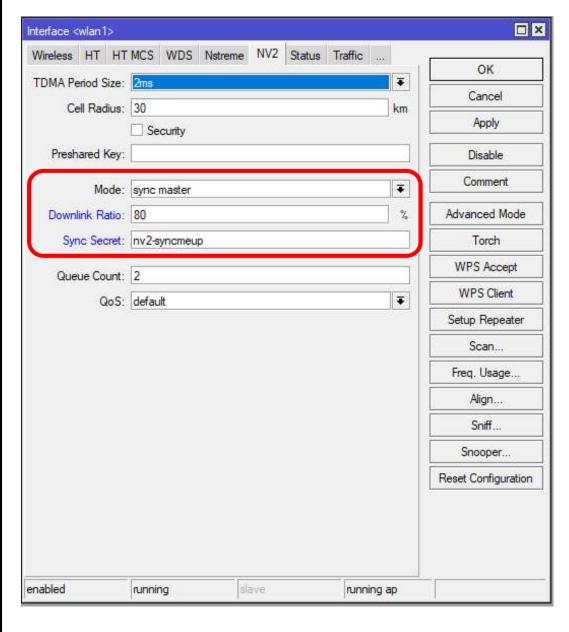
- Nv2 protocol is a proprietary wireless protocol developed by MikroTik for use with Atheros 802.11 wireless chips
- Nv2 is based on TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access) media access technology instead of CSMA (Carrier Sense Multiple Access) media access technology used in regular 802.11 devices.
- TDMA media access technology solves hidden node problem and improves media usage, thus improving throughput and latency, especially in PtMP networks.

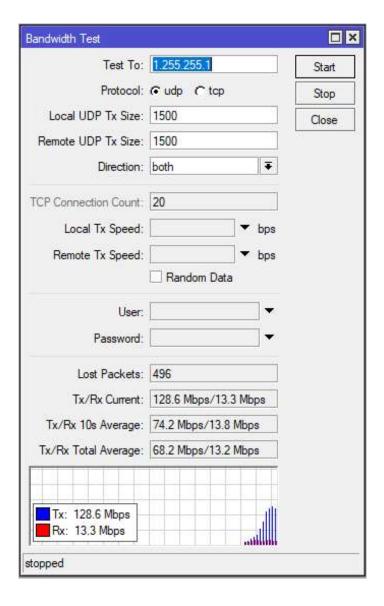
- This (experimental) feature will let multiple MikroTik Nv2 APs on the same location to coexist in a better fashion by reducing the interference between each other.
- This feature will synchronize the transmit/receive time windows of APs in the same frequency, so that all synced MikroTik Nv2 APs transmits/receives at the same time.
- That allows to reuse the same wireless frequency on the location for multiple APs giving more flexibility in frequency planning.

- For Nv2 Synchronization a Master Nv2 AP should be chosen and "nv2-mode=sync-master" should be specified together with "nv2-sync-secret".
- For Nv2 Slave APs the same wireless frequency as Master AP should be used and "nv2-mode=sync-slave" should be specified with the same "nv2-sync-secret" as the in Master AP configuration.
- After Master AP is found the Slave AP will start operating as AP and it adapts the period size and downlink ratio from the synced Master AP.









VPN

Virtual Private Networks

EoIP, VLAN

PPTP,L2TP PPPoE

PPTP and L2TP Tunnels

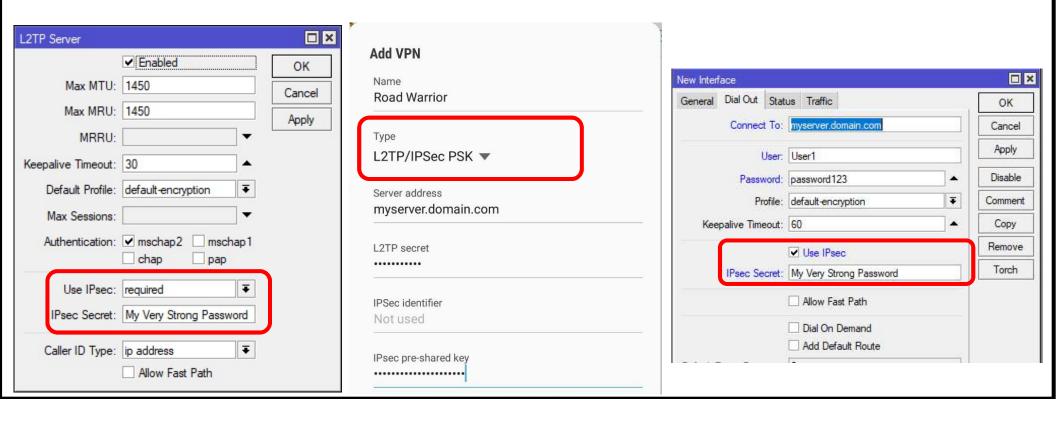
- PROBLEM: VPN's build with PPTP/L2TP use legacy encryption methods
 - OpenVPN and SSTP (Secure Socket Tunneling Protocol) are far more secure, however client and server certificates are required
- SOLUTION: Use L2TP with easy IPSEC setup to securely establish "road warrior" connections for mobile devices

IPSEC

- Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) a set of protocols to support secure communication at the IP layer
- Originally developed alongside IPv6, later backported to IPv4
- Provides encryption to the IP protocol for both IPv4 and IPv6
- Is an extensible protocol under constant development, update and improvement

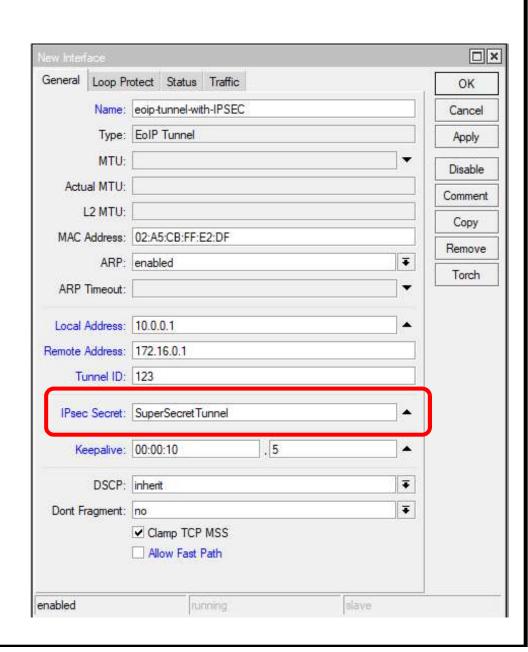
L2TP with IPSEC

- Easy way to provide IPSEC encryption using existing L2TP services
- Set "Use Ipsec" to yes or required as per your policy
- On mobile device choose L2TP/IPsec PSK or similar option



Simple Tunnel with IPSEC

- IPIP, GRE and EoIP tunnels now also support IPSEC encryption under RouterOS
- Simply specify IPSEC secret when setting up tunnel to enable



IP Cloud Service

- If you run a client providing a dynamic IP address you cannot assign a static DNS
- Past solutions include running a DynDNS client or scripting a solution
- IP → Cloud is a free service from MikroTik that will translate your public outgoing IP to a dynamic DNS server hosted on the MikroTik cloud
- Since the name is taken from the routers serial number you can predict what the name will be

[admin@Trainer Dave] /ip cloud> print

ddns-enabled: yes

update-time: yes

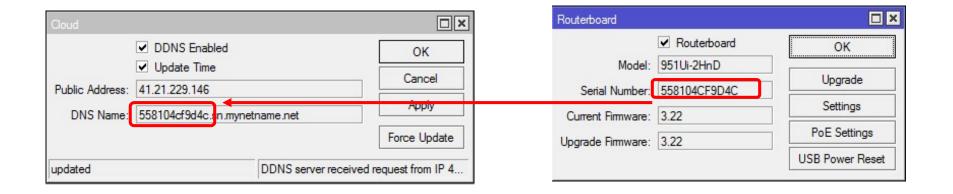
public-address: 41.21.229.146

dns-name: 558104cf9d4c.sn.mynetname.net

status: updated

warning: DDNS server received request from IP 41.21.229.146 but

your local IP was 192.168.5.254; DDNS service might not work.

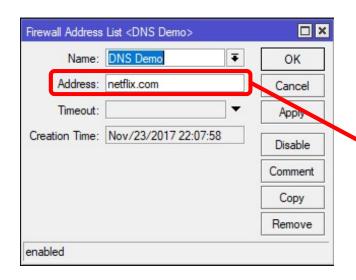


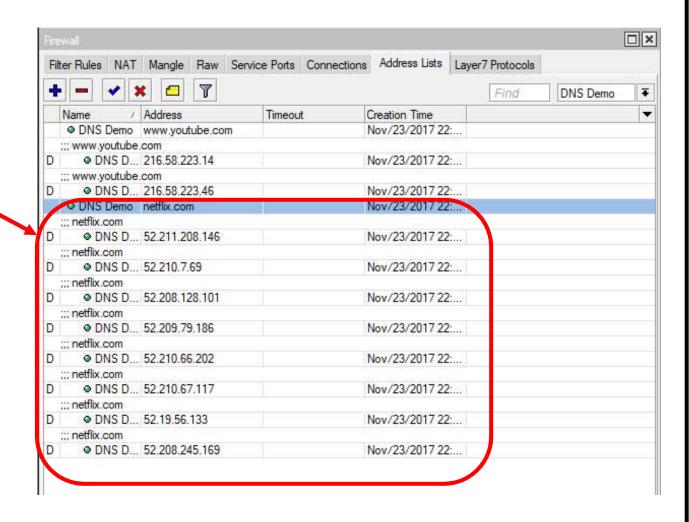
Firewall Improvements

Address list by DNS name
Improved rules for adding addresses

Firewall Address List

- PROBLEM: You need to apply firewall rules by DNS name instead of static address
- SOLUTION: Firewall address list can now track DNS names for dynamic address generation
- Lists will be refreshed according to upstream TTL record
- Domains with multiple servers will generate multiple records





Firewall Address List

- Firewall action "Add src/dst to address list" has improved options
- Choose between a set timeout value, none static or none dynamic

