

MANRS Training Lab

Open source tooling to provide hands-on labs



Context

- Developed for MANRS
- But wider applicability kept in mind all the time

- Initial development funded by ISOC (thanks!)
- Released under GPL3 after completion



Design goals

- Lab content goals
 - Allow student to get hands-on experience with different platforms: Cisco, Junos, Mikrotik, etc...
 - Automatic validation of the results
 - Teach student to use IRR



Design goals

- Management goals
 - Allow self-signup by students (optional)
 - Set a time limit for a lab (optional)
 - Allow teacher to extend time limit, pause, restart, export etc.
 - Allow teacher to view what a student is doing and help them



Component choices

- GNS3 for virtual lab
- Django front-end (uWSGI application)
- Web based interface using web sockets
- Redis for live communication channels
- PostgreSQL database for storage



Hardware requirements

- Heavy hardware preferred
 - Every student gets their own clone
 - Every clone needs a few GB of memory and some CPU cycles
 - Juniper vMX needs a little bit more GB and CPU cores



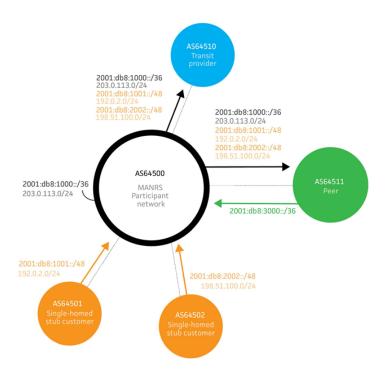
Workflow

- Build a lab template in GNS3
- Link it to the management system
- Configure description, instructions and goals

- Each student gets a clone of the template
 - Either created by teacher or by self-signup

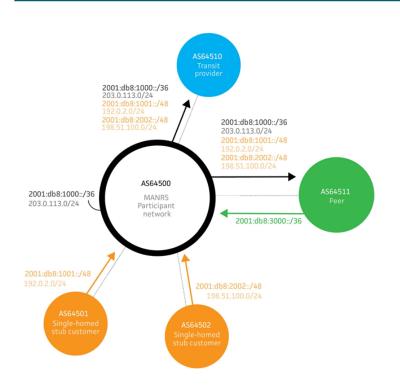


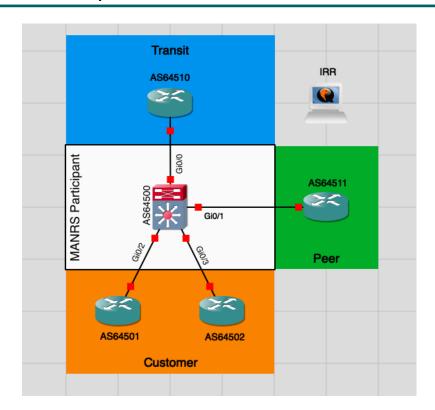
Example: MANRS Lab





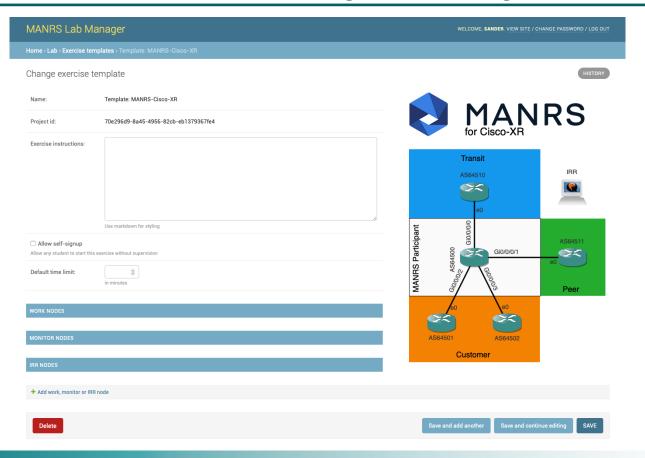
Example: MANRS Lab - GNS3 template





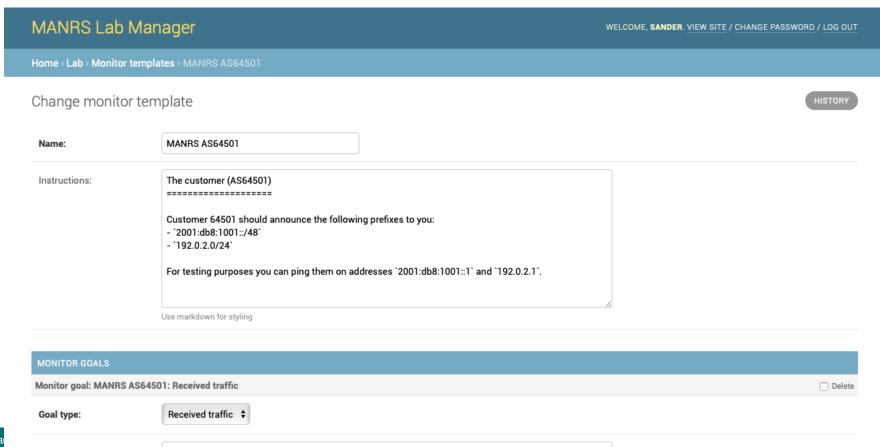


Example: MANRS Lab - Linking to training system



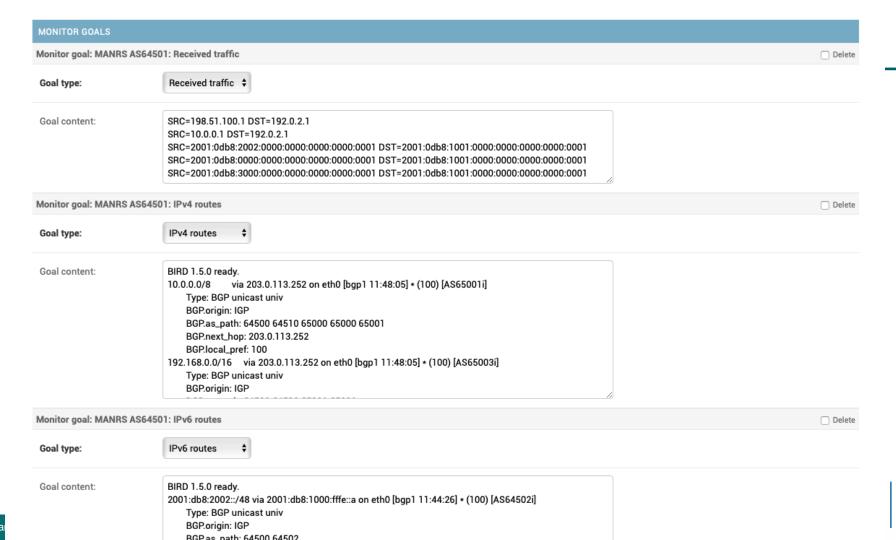


Example: MANRS Lab - Goal definition

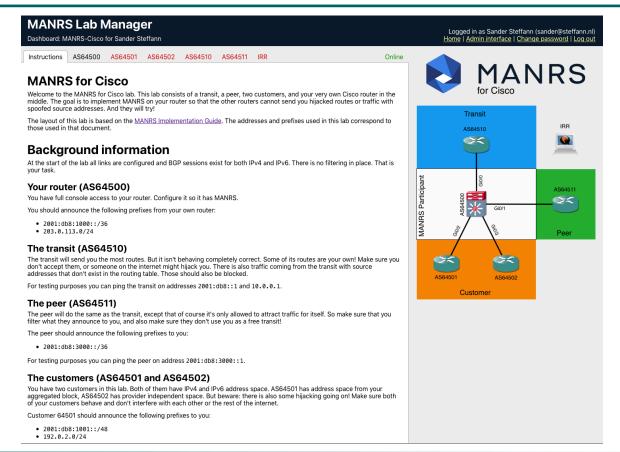


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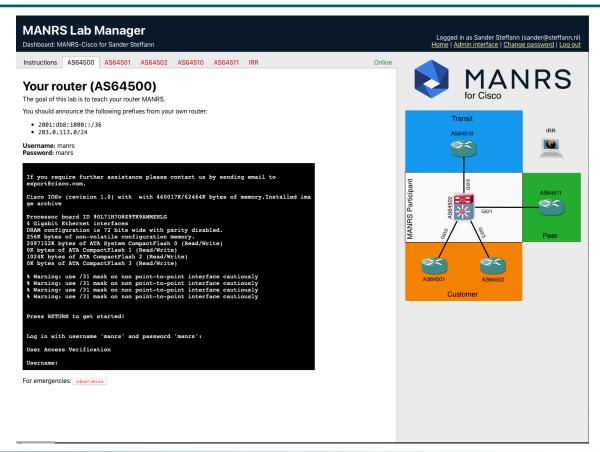


Example: MANRS Lab - Student's view



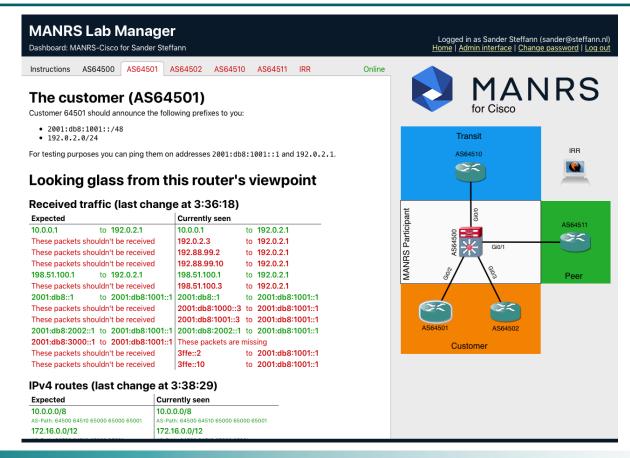


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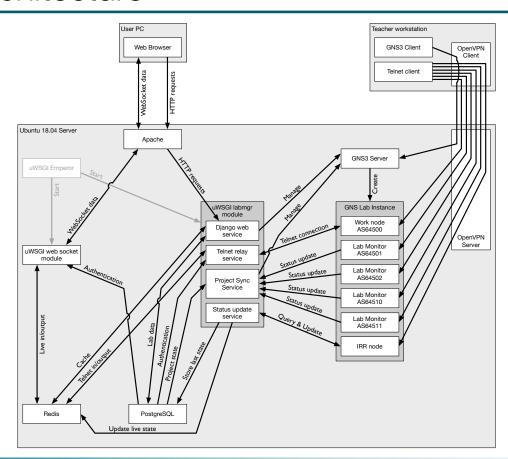


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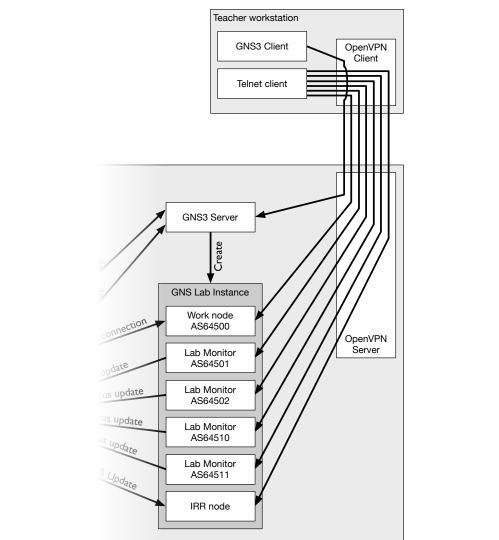


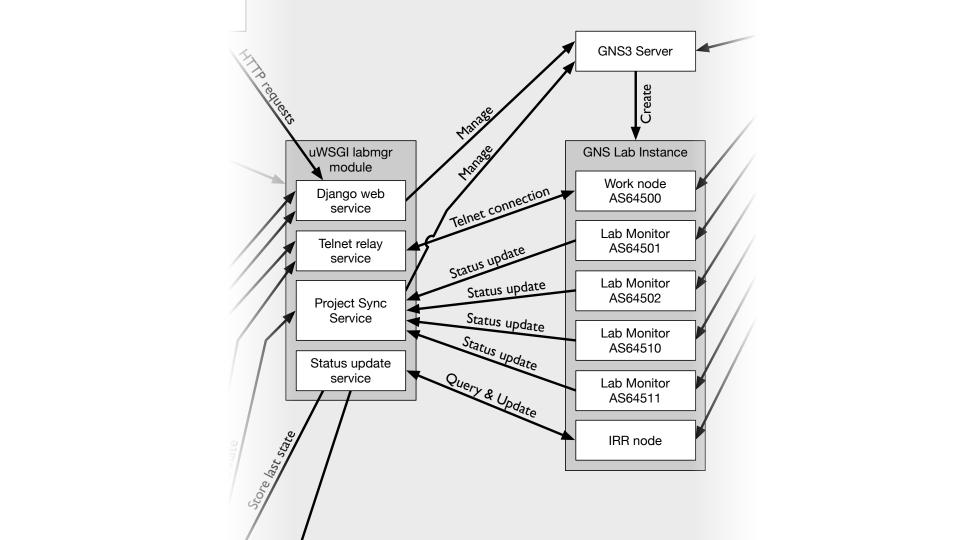


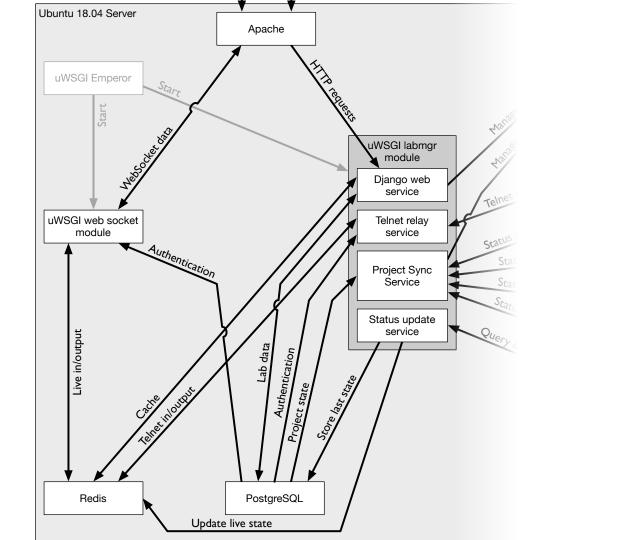
Software architecture



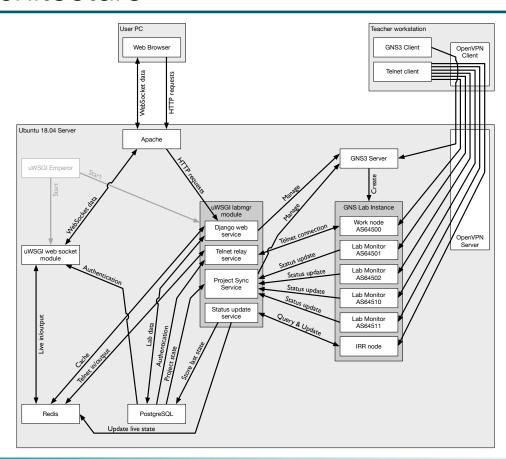








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Future developments

- Add other types of router for the student
 - Juniper cRPD, Alcatel/Nokia etc...
- Add RPKI validation to the lab
- Optimise performance of the IRR node under load



Questions?

