



# Creating a Juniper Lab with EVE-NG - Part 3

# ULTIMATE EVE-NG & JUNIPER 3-PART-SERIES

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8:00 AM PST

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FINAL Part



# The road so far...

## Session 1:

Fetched the EVE-NG OS (iso File) (Community and Pro)

Installed EVE-NG on a Bare Metal Server via bootable USB (5min)

Changed initial password (Web-UI) and Install-Wizard (CLI)

## Session 2:

Fetched images

Uploaded images (nodes)

Created basic labs

Commit-feature

Traffic-Filters

## Current State:

EVE-NG Server (Pro) with Juniper images:

vSRX, vMX, vQFX, vJunOS-Switch

# Our Goal

- ▶ Look at Clustering / Load Sharing
- ▶ Check mixed Environments (Bare, VM, Cloud)
- ▶ Talk about Pro Features for Troubleshooting / Testing (Link-Loss, Latency)
- ▶ Create a custom Template
- ▶ Look at HUGE Labs and how to deal with them

# Clustering / Load Sharing

- ▶ Clustering allows for scaling / load sharing
- ▶ Mix and match what's best for your Devices (Bare, VM, Cloud)
- ▶ Number of CPU-Cores, HDD-Speed - choose what type of load you have  
vQFX hungry for CPU, JunOS Space Hungry for EVERYTHING, JSA Hungry for Disks
- ▶ Add more satellites if needed

# What do I need?

- ▶ Valid Pro License (Clusters are Pro only)
- ▶ Network Ports opened between the master and the satellites

## 15.2.1 Firewall rules between Master and Satellite nodes

Node	Protocol	Port	Direction	Source	Destination
MASTER	TCP	22	ingress and egress	MASTER node IP	SATELLITE nodes IPs
MASTER	UDP	all	ingress and egress	MASTER node IP	SATELLITE nodes IPs
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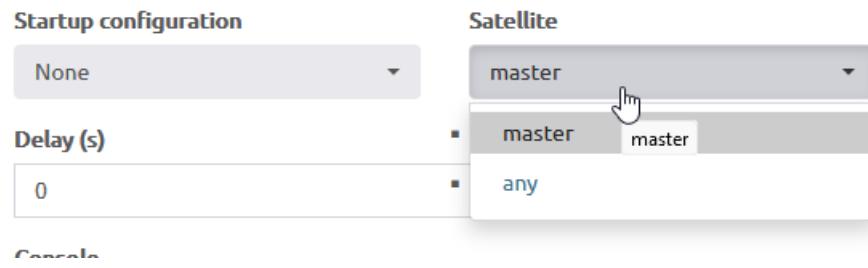
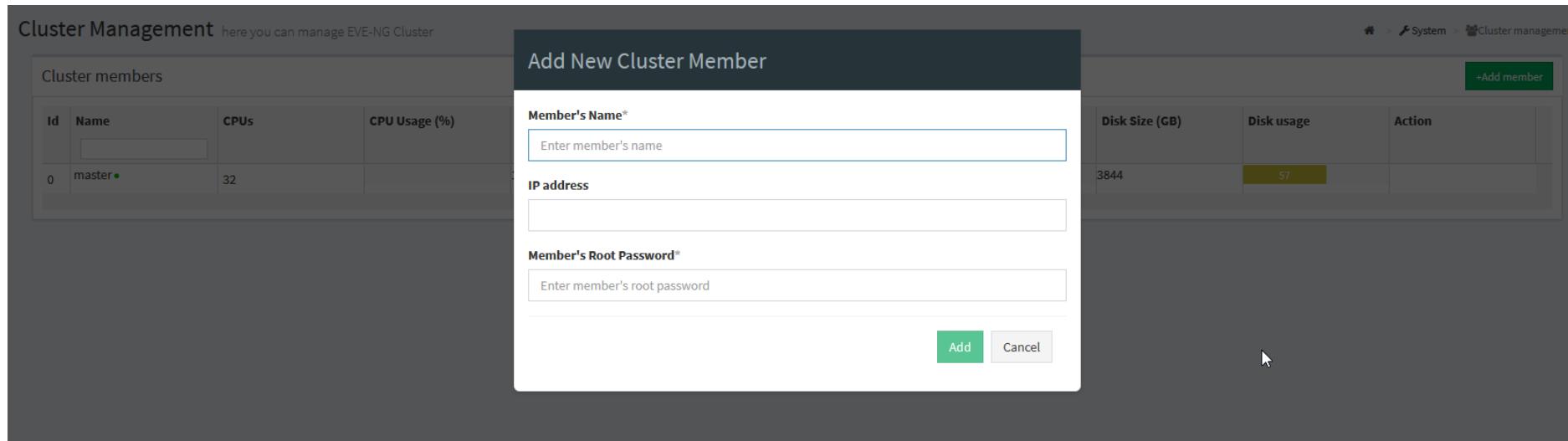


# How to install it?

- ▶ Use the iso from eve-ng.net
- ▶ Satellite == Agent
- ▶ EVE-Cookbook
- ▶ Follow every step!



# Adding a Satellite



## Mixed Environments

- ▶ Ubuntu (EVE) installed on BMS (**MOST PERFORMANCE**)



- ▶ ESXi installed on BMS and EVE as VM inside ESXi

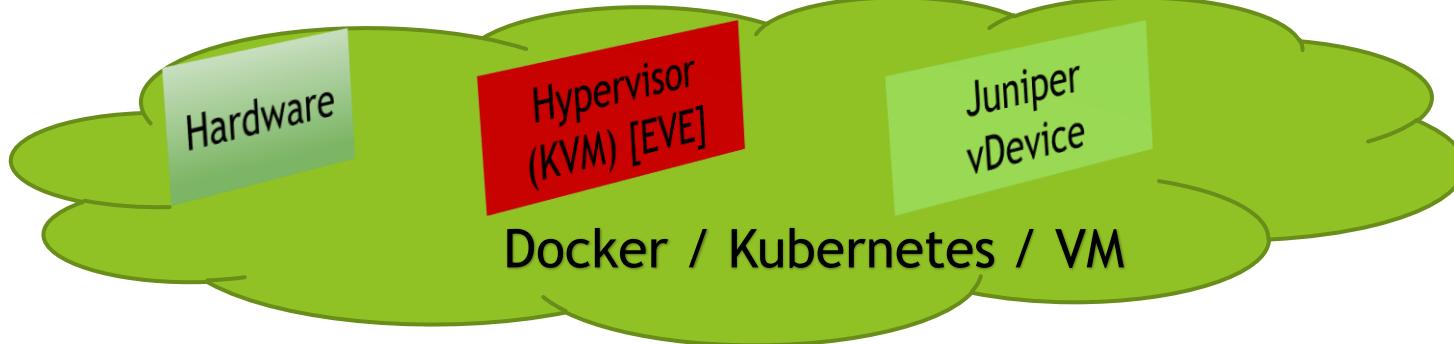


- ▶ Windows Client running VMwareWorkstation, running EVE (EVException)



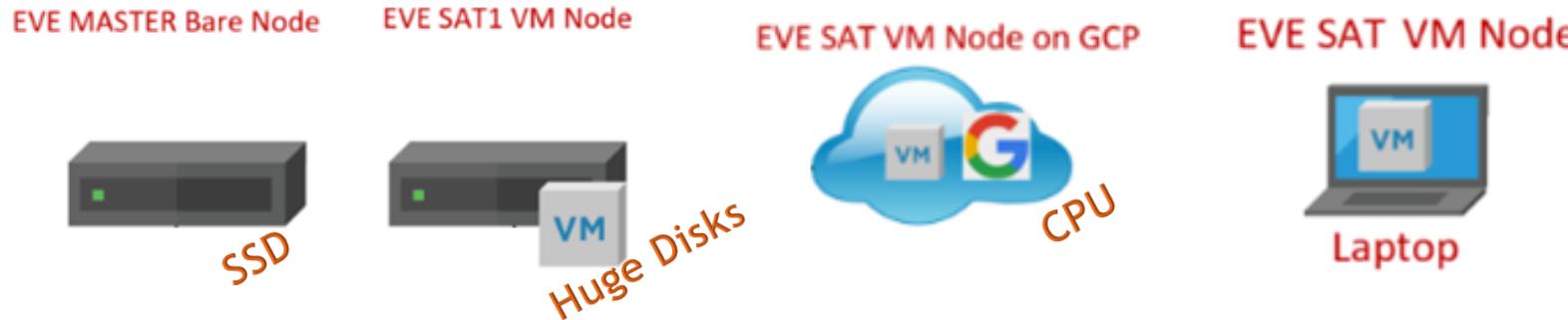
## Mixed Environments

- ▶ EVE running on GCP (Google Cloud Platform)



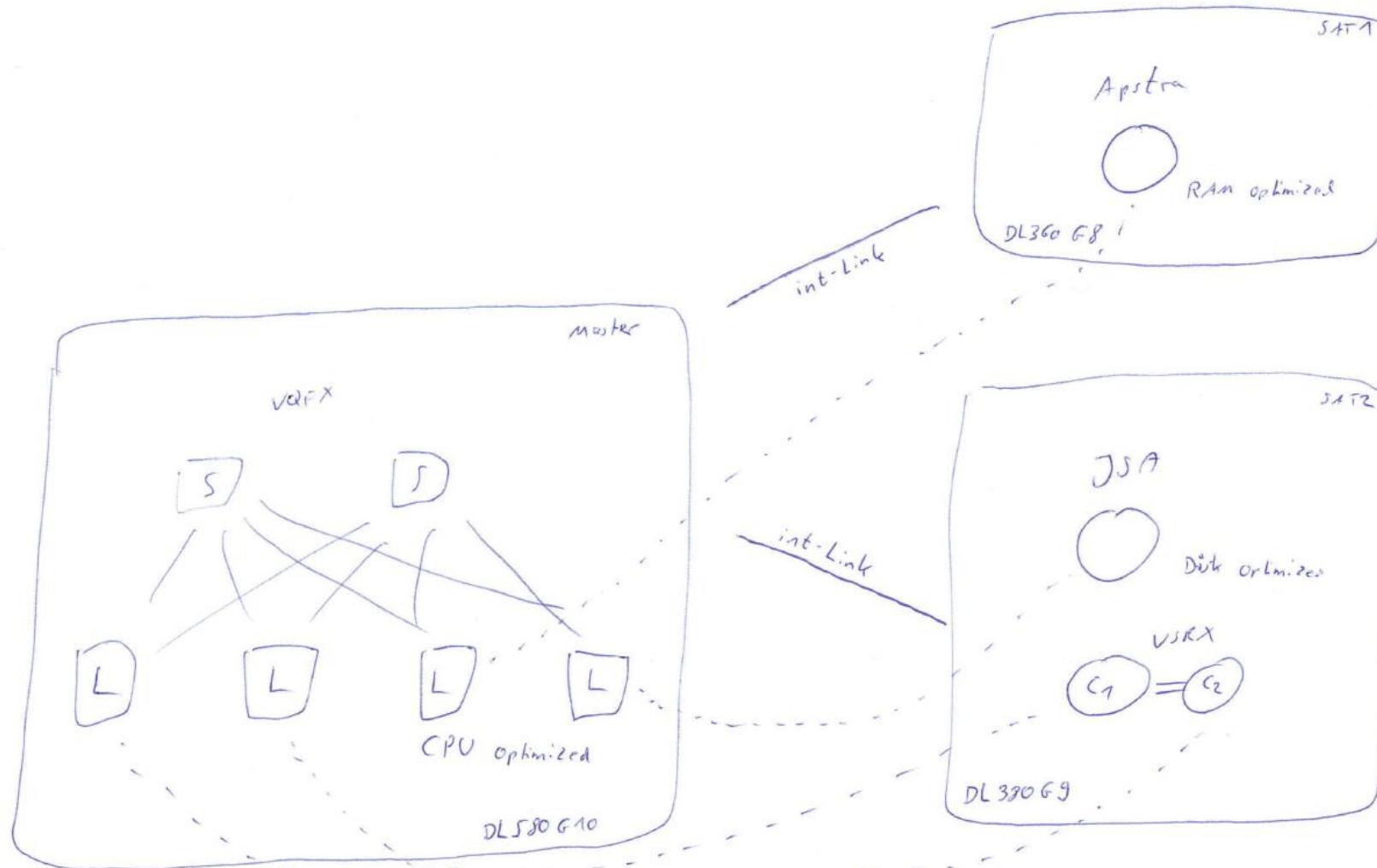
# Flavors?

- ▶ EVE Hybrid (run multiple flavors of eve in a cluster)



- ▶ Allows for easy scaling the Lab (need more resources? Throw more servers in)
- ▶ Allows part of your huge nodes to run on different servers (Space, Apstra, JATP)

# Load Sharing - Optimizing the Servers

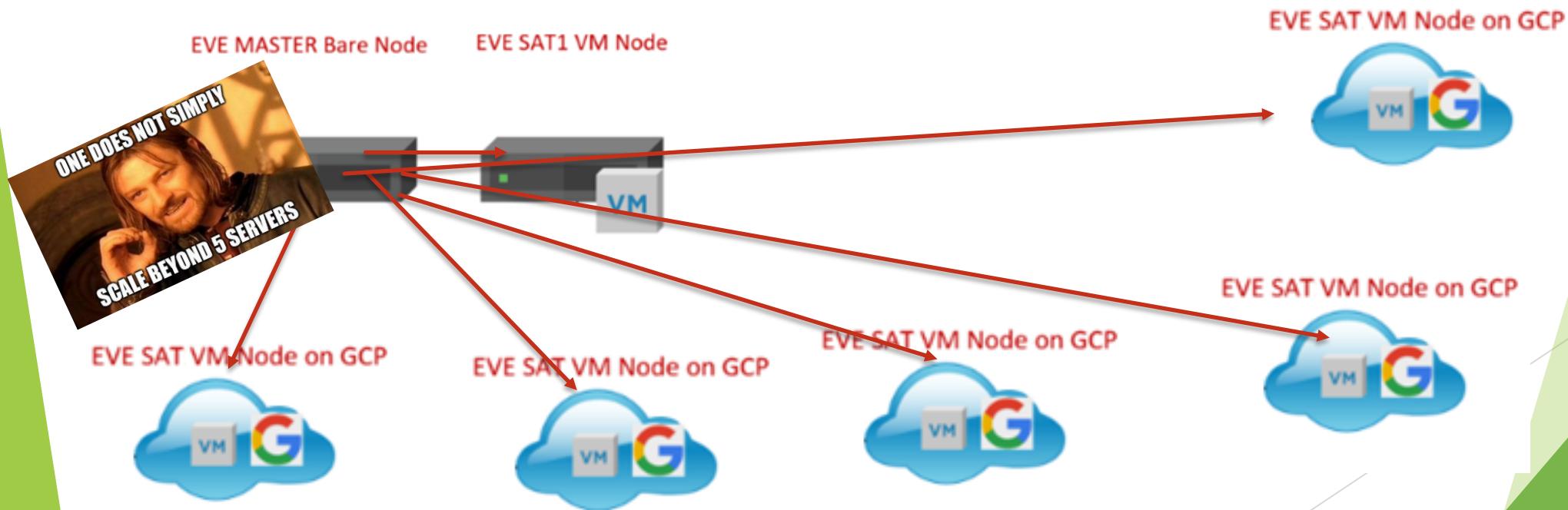


# Load Sharing - Optimizing the Servers



# How many nodes / satellites?

- ▶ Should not go above 5 satellites - master should have „spare resources“  
→ Master talks to all satellites for traffic, statistics and such



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- ▶ Talk about Pro Features (Link-Loss, Latency, integrated Wireshark)
- ▶ Create a custom Template (vSRX 3.0, Apstra)
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# Pro Features - great for everyday usage

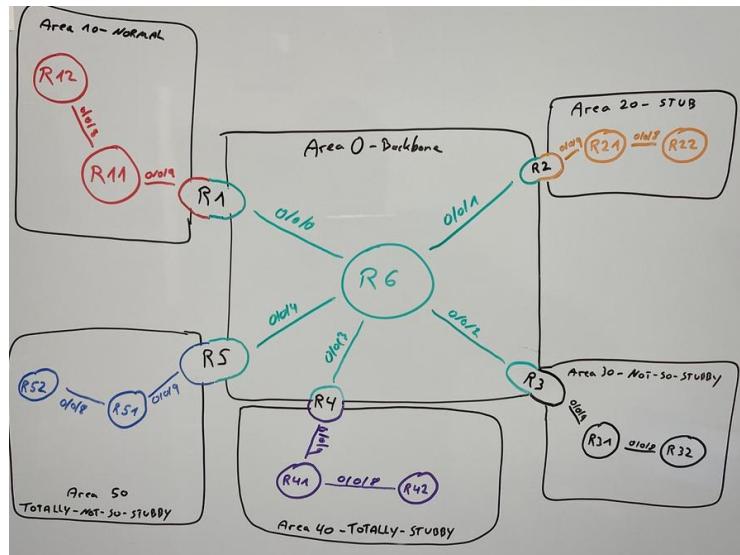
- ▶ Hot-Link-Add
- ▶ Upload PDF Files
- ▶ Packetloss / Jitter / Delay

Link Quality: vMX-VFP29 - vMX-VFP28

Interface	Delay (ms)	Jitter (ms)	Loss (%)	Rate(kbps)	Interface	Delay (ms)	Jitter (ms)	Loss (%)	Rate(kbps)
ge-0/0/8	0	0	0	0	ge-0/0/8	0	0	0	0

Apply Save Close

- ▶ Logical Maps



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# Custom Template



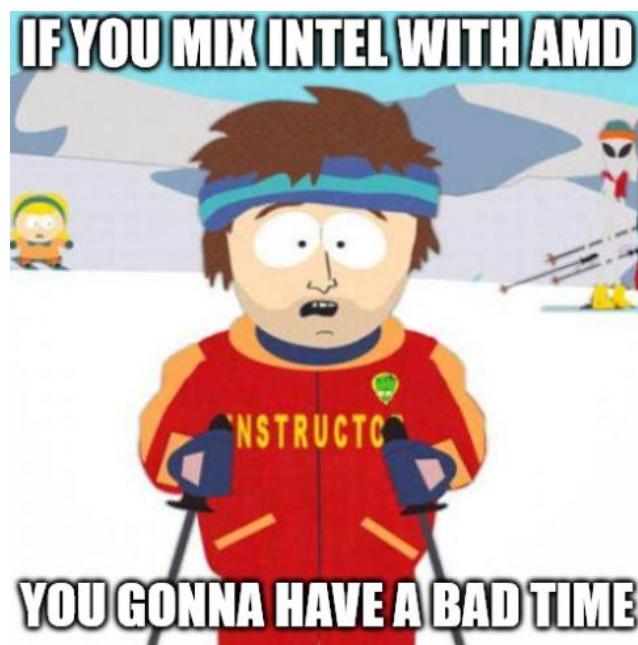
# Custom Template

- ▶ Modify with sanity and care! Don‘t go „too low“ on Resources  
Weird side effects - not supported - hassle, oh the hassle...  
Always follow the Docs!
- ▶ You can copy templates to create a „new“ Device
- ▶ For JunOS Space PolicyEnforcer, JSA, Apstra, JATP: Start with Linux Template
- ▶ Creating a template alone is not enough!  
also modify the yml for the custom templates!



# Custom Template

- ▶ /opt/unetlab/html/templates/intel/ (for Intel CPUs)
- ▶ /opt/unetlab/html/templates/amd/ (for AMD CPUs)

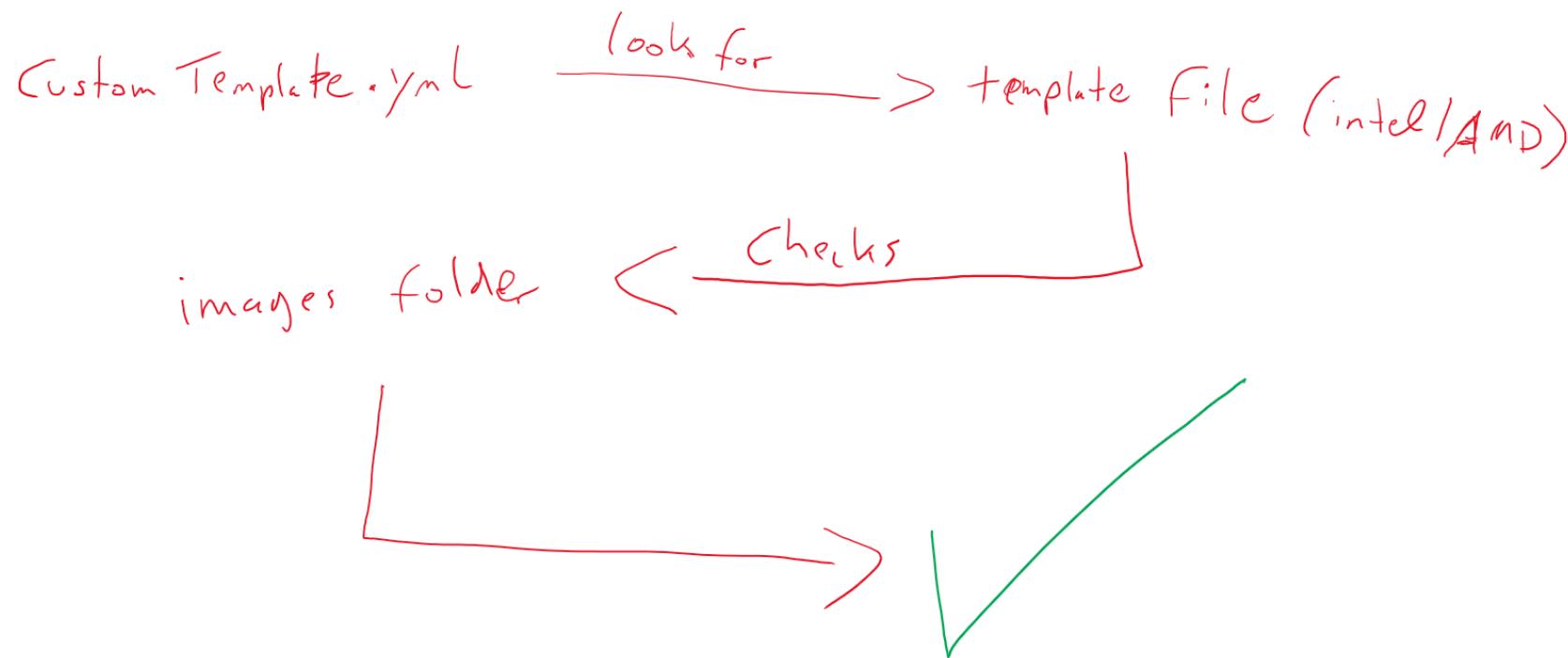


# Custom Template - Paths

- ▶ `/opt/unetlab/html/includes/custom_templates.yml` → your config file

```
root@eve-ng:/opt/unetlab/html/includes# vim custom_templates.yml
└── custom_templates:
    - name: JATP
        listname: 'EVE-BETA :: Juniper JATP Appliance (SkyATP on Premise)'
    - name: PACKETFENCE
        listname: 'EVE-BETA :: PacketFence OpenSource NAC'
    - name: CSRX
        listname: 'EVE-BETA :: Juniper cSRX'
    - name: vsrx30
        listname: 'EVE-BETA :: Juniper vSRX3.0'
    - name: jspacelogcollector
        listname: 'EVE-BETA :: JunOS Space Log Collector'
    - name: riverbedSCM
        listname: 'EVE-BETA :: Riverbed SteelConnect Manager (on Premise)'
    - name: riverbedSC
        listname: 'EVE-BETA :: Riverbed SteelConnect VM'
    - name: ucopia
        listname: 'EVE-BETA :: Ucopia'
    ...
~
```

# Custom Template - Checks

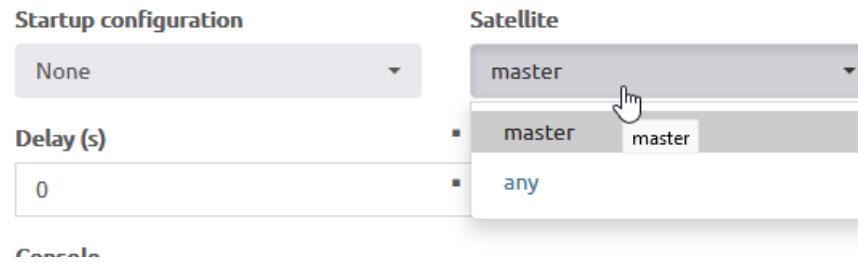


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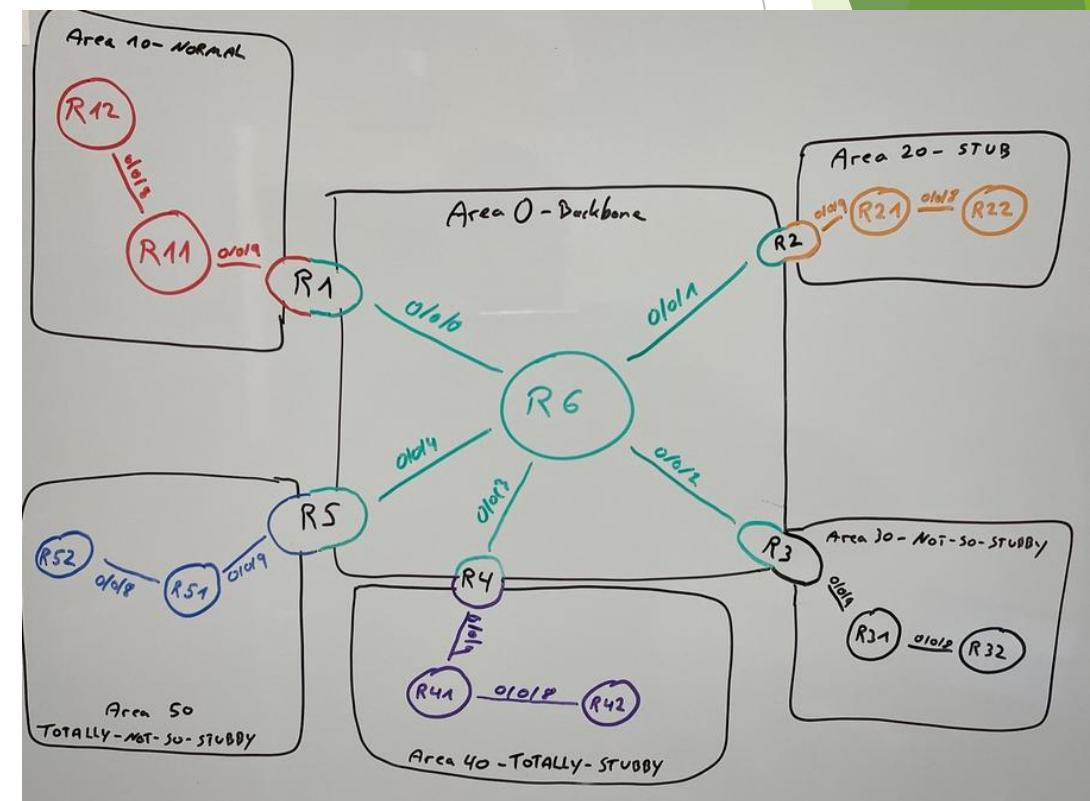
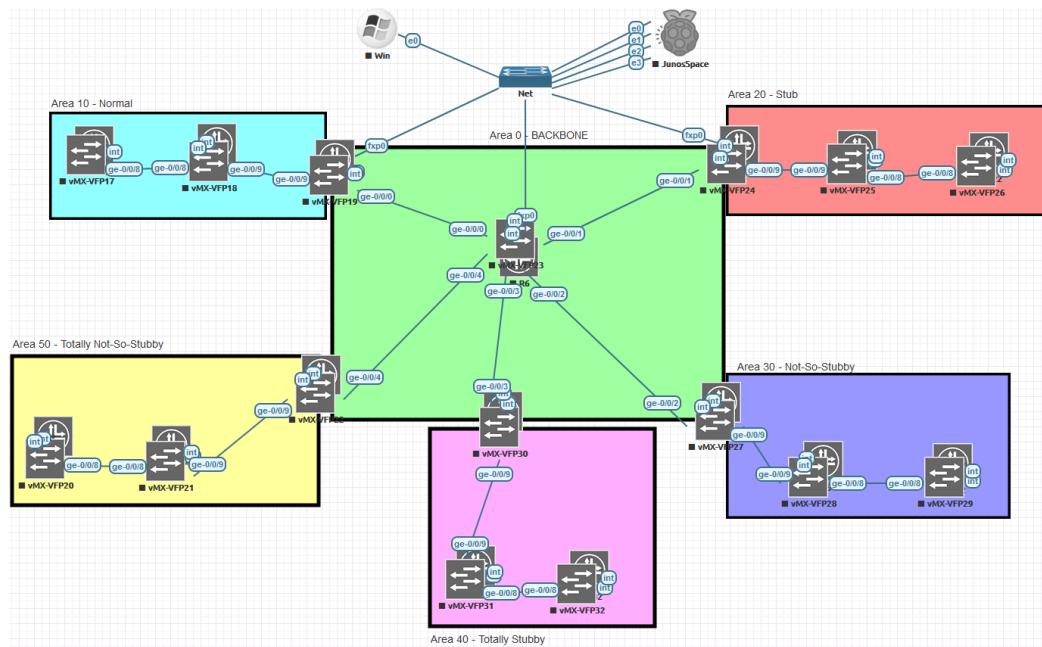
- ▶ Delay Start



- ▶ Use Logical Maps

# How to handle HUGE Labs

## ► Use Logical Maps



# What to do in case something goes wrong?



# Pitfall: not enough resources (CPU / RAM)

- ▶ Symptom:
- ▶ Multiple unexplainable errors / strange behavior in multiple ways
- ▶ Cause:
- ▶ Device has not enough CPU / RAM to perform basic tasks
- ▶ Solution:
- ▶ NEVER go below the recommendation from the template

# Pitfall: booting up everything at once

- ▶ Symptom:
- ▶ Lab takes literally forever to start
- ▶ Cause:
- ▶ Device takes WAY more resources during bootup and CPU is overwhelmed
- ▶ Solution:
- ▶ Use the „delay“-option to start the devices one after another



Startup configuration	Satellite
None	master
Delay (s)	<input type="text" value="0"/>

# Pitfall: eve-ception

- ▶ Symptom:
- ▶ Running EVE-NG on your Laptop in vmware Workstation and starting a lab is not working

- ▶ Cause:

Hardware

OS  
(Windows)

Hypervisor  
(Workstation)

Hypervisor  
(KVM nested) [EVE]

Juniper  
vDevice



- ▶ Solution:

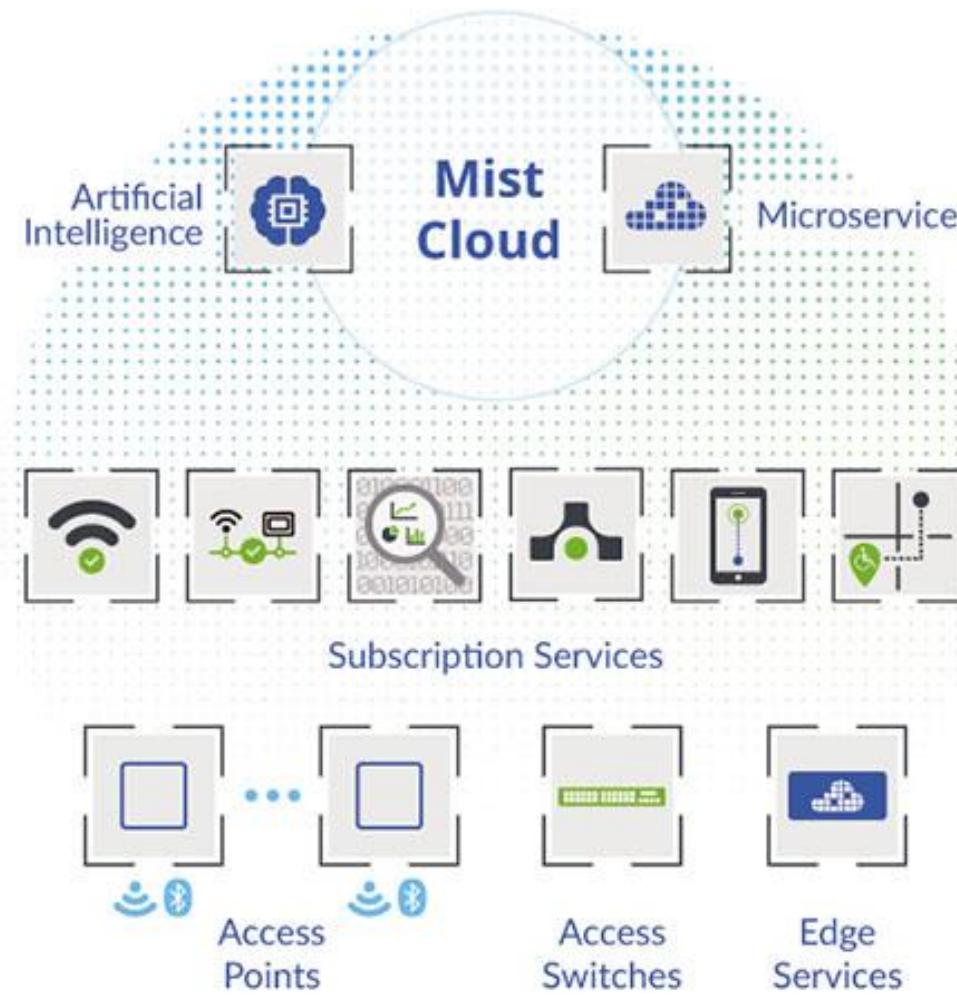
- ▶ Don't use EVE-NG on your Laptop  
Use a proper Server (Vmware, Cloud or Bare-Metal)  
and access it via your Webbrowser  
Usually cheap to fetch on eBay

# MIST-Edge

- ▶ This service lets you make a seamless transition, moving from an existing centralized data plane with legacy controller architectures to the modern Juniper Mist microservices cloud, without affecting network design.
- ▶ For large campus networks, Edge provides seamless roaming through on-premises tunnel termination of traffic to and from access points.
- ▶ Juniper Mist Edge supports an elastically scalable cluster (with options for backup clusters) composed of an unlimited number of nodes within a cluster.
- ▶ <https://www.juniper.net/us/en/products/access-points/edge.html>

# MIST-Edge

- ▶ Hardware-Appliance or VM
- ▶ Subscription needed  
(1 per AP tunneling Traffic)
- ▶ Easy to deploy



# MIST-Edge

## ► Requirements

### Hardware Specifications for a Mist Edge Virtual Machine

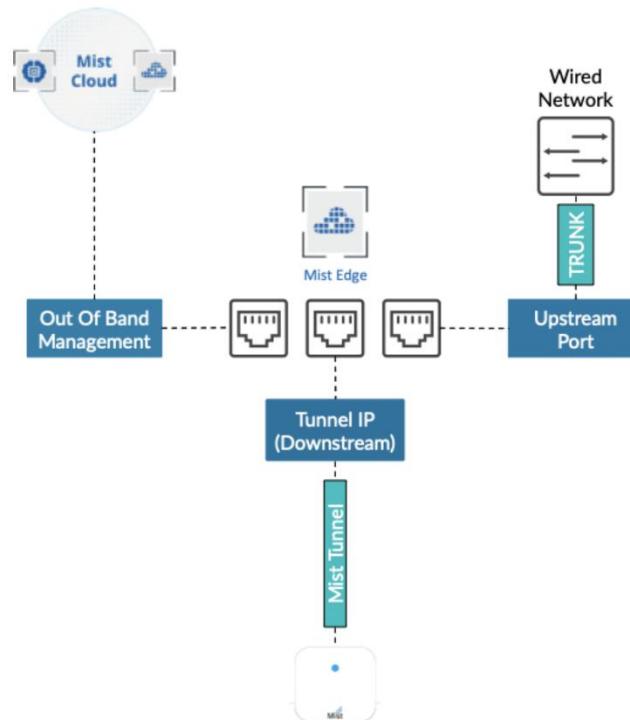
The following are the minimum hardware requirements to implement a Mist Edge VM.

Table 1: Hardware Specifications for a Mist Edge VM

Hardware Component	Quantity or Capacity
CPU	4 vCPUs
RAM	32 GB
Hard disk	100 GB (thick provisioned)
NIC	Three virtual NICs

# MIST-Edge

- ▶ Create a new Edge-VM in MIST and configure it (including WLAN's to MIST-Tunnel mapping)!!!
- ▶ Download the iso for MIST-Edge (select VM and download the iso)
- ▶ Upload the iso into EVE-NG
- ▶ Create a new Linux-based-Template for MIST-Edge with iso mapped as cdrom-file  
<https://www.eve-ng.net/index.php/documentation/howtos/howto-create-own-linux-host-image/>
- ▶ Deploy one or more Edge-VM's in EVE-NG
- ▶ Assign Interfaces
- ▶ Start labbing 😊



# MIST-Edge

- ▶ 3 Interfaces: Upstream (Tunnel), Downstream (Switch), OOB
- ▶ **Note: Tunnel IP SVI on Mist Edge is a protected interface, so even if it is not connected to a firewall, it is only open for ports UDP: 1701 (L2TPv3), 500 and 4500 (IPsec) and TCP port 2083 for RADSEC.**

**Tunnel IP** is the interface where AP communicates with to setup the L2TPv3 Tunnel between AP and Mist Edge. This IP needs to be configured from Tunnel IP section on Mist UI. If there is a firewall between AP management subnet and Mist Edge Tunnel IP , traffic destined to Tunnel IP on port 1701 needs to be allowed.

## The Out-of-Band-Management (OOBM)

Interface communicates with the Mist cloud and is there to configure, send stats and check status of Mist Edge , Mist Edge Cluster and AP Tunnels.

Interface expects a DHCP IP address by default and can be configured with static IP address



**Data Port** is connected to a trunk port that has all the VLANs configured where the WLAN need to be mapped to

# MIST-Edge

- ▶ Use the Linux-Template for Mist-Edge
- ▶ Official Template will follow soon
- ▶ `/opt/qemu/bin/qemu-img create -f qcow2 hda.qcow2 100G`
- ▶ **DO NOT USE VIRTIOA.QCOW2!** The Installer will FAIL!

### Edit node

Template: Linux

ID: 1

Node instance path: /opt/unetlab/tmp/0/35f7dc0c-549e-4525-85fa-091d7f71e191/

Image: linux-mistedge-deb11

Name/prefix: MistEdge

Icon: Switch-2D-L2-Generic-S.svg

UUID: 103233e4-281c-4bb7-97ee-6146c0e72cec

CPU Limit:

CPU: 4	RAM (MB): 32768	Ethernets: 3
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First Eth MAC Address: 50:00:00:01:00:00

QEMU Version: 6.0.0

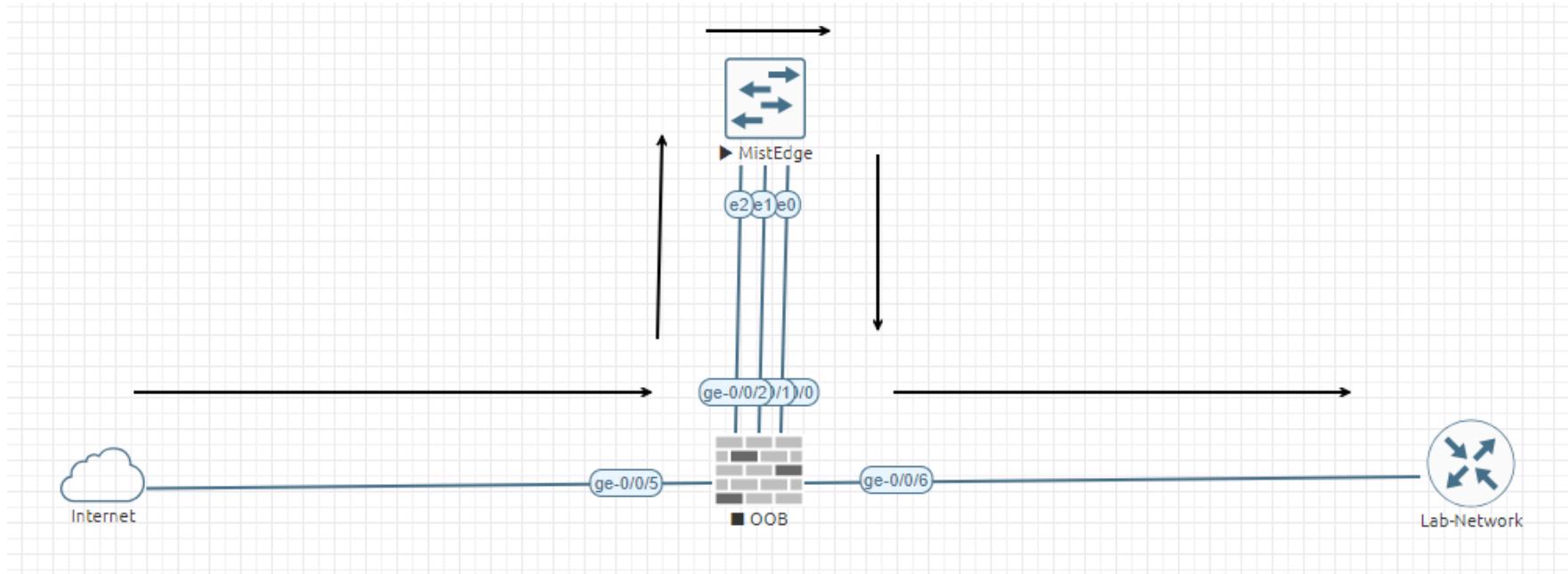
QEMU Arch: x86\_64

QEMU Nic: virtio-net-pci

QEMU custom options: -machine type=pc,accel=kvm -vga std -usbdevice tablet -boot order=cd -cpu host

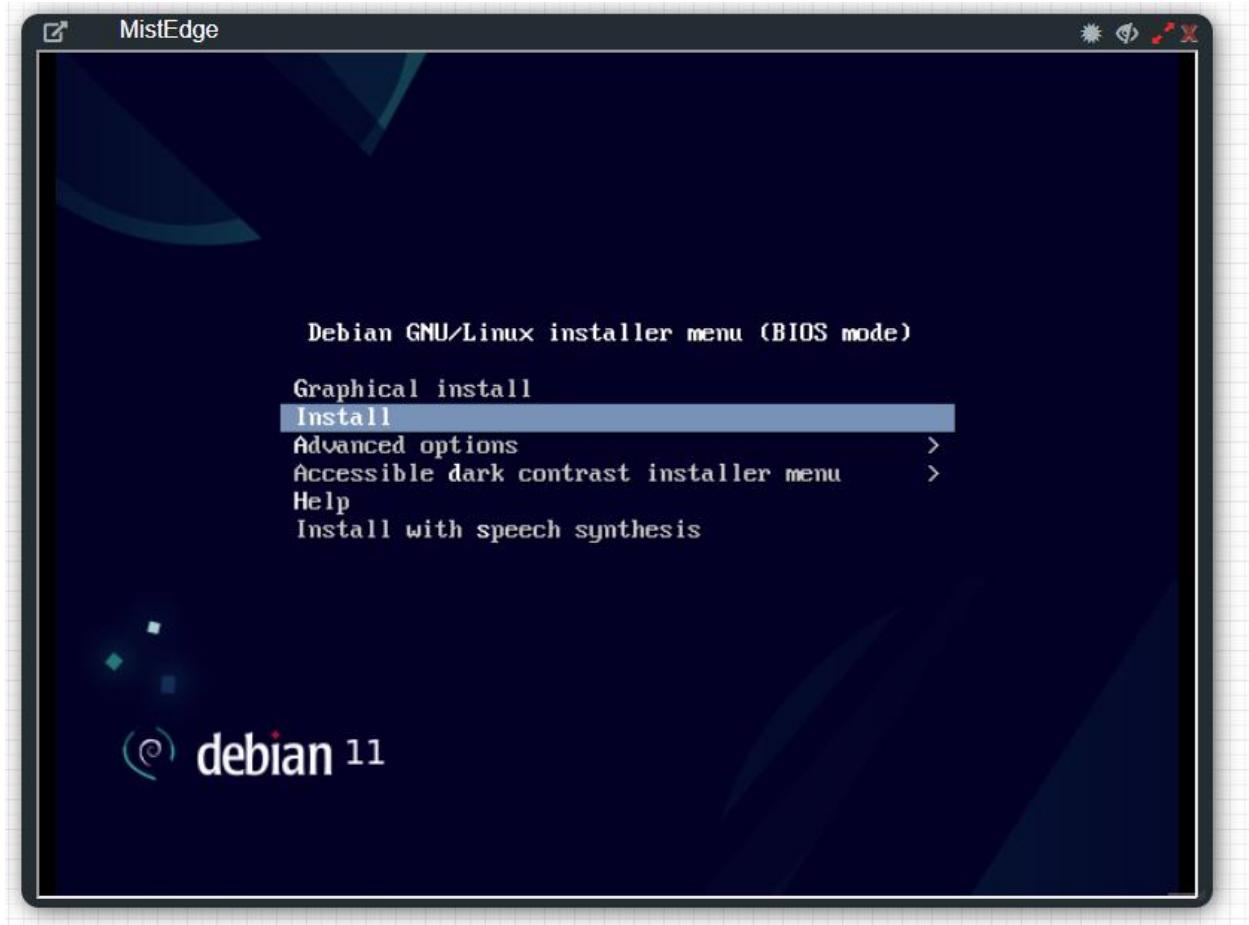
# MIST-Edge

- ▶ Create a Topology utilizing all 3 Interfaces
- ▶ This can be 3 separate links to 3 separate devices
- ▶ Or it can be 3 Links towards a central firewall in your lab-environment



# MIST-Edge

- ▶ Install MIST-Edge by selecting „Install“ (NOT Graphical install)!
- ▶ OOB-Interface grabs a DHCP-Address by default



# MIST-Edge

- ▶ The MIST-Edge will take care of everything for you - lean back and enjoy 😊

```
OOB
root@vSRX# run show dhcp server binding
IP address      Session Id  Hardware address  Expires      State      Interface
172.16.40.100    1           50:00:00:01:00:00  86313      BOUND      ge-0/0/0.0

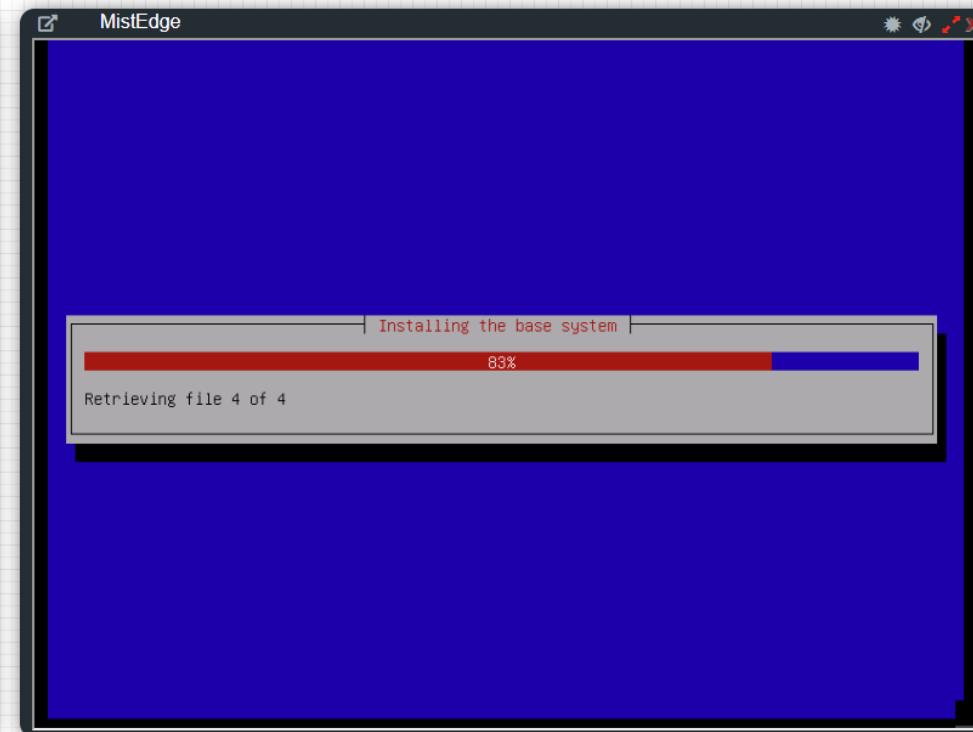
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root@vSRX# run show dhcp server binding
IP address      Session Id  Hardware address  Expires      State      Interface
172.16.40.100    1           50:00:00:01:00:00  86353      BOUND      ge-0/0/0.0

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IP address      Session Id  Hardware address  Expires      State      Interface
172.16.40.100    1           50:00:00:01:00:00  86351      BOUND      ge-0/0/0.0

[edit]
root@vSRX#
```



# MIST-Edge

- ▶ ssh into the Edge (from your Lab / Firewall)

```
172.16.40.101      2          50:00:00:01:00:00  86261      BOUND      ge-0/0/0.0

[edit]
root@vSRX# run ssh mist@172.16.40.101
The authenticity of host '172.16.40.101 (172.16.40.101)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:kd9bitkqfdtzIvajDsoUw2py15cluPrJA+RxkmT9n+E.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '172.16.40.101' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
mist@172.16.40.101's password:
Linux mxedge 5.10.0-26-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 5.10.197-1 (2023-09-29) x86_64

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
sourced /etc/skel/.mxagent_aliases
mist@mxedge:~$
```

# MIST-Edge

## ► JNPR MIST-Edge Docs:

<https://www.juniper.net/documentation/us/en/software/mist/mist-edge-virtual-solution/mist-edge/topics/topic-map/vm-deployment-example.html>

Use SSH to connect to the Juniper Mist Edge with the username **mist**

ssh mist@00BM-IP. Enter Mist@1234 as the password.

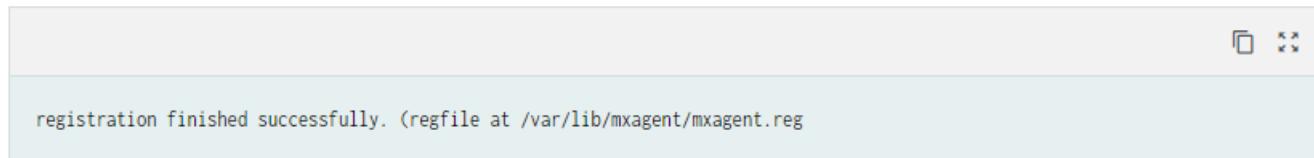
Switch to root by issuing the command **su -**. Enter **mist** as the password.

To bootstrap the device and onboard it to the Mist Cloud, issue the following commands from CLI:

```
mist@mxedge:~$ su - Password: mist root@mxedge:~# apt-get update
```

After the update, register the device. Enter the command **mxagent-helper configure ---claim-code *REGISTRATION CODE***.

At the end of the process, you see the following message:



After the process is complete, the Juniper Mist Edge reboots automatically. At this point, you do not need SSH to connect to the Juniper Mist Edge. The device pulls the configuration from the Juniper Mist cloud.

After the reboot, the Juniper Mist Edge appears as connected on the Mist Edge Inventory page. An orange dot also indicates the connected status of the device.



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- ▶ JNPR MIST-Edge Docs:  
<https://www.juniper.net/documentation/us/en/software/mist/mist-edge-virtual-solution/mist-edge/topics/topic-map/vm-deployment-example.html>
- ▶ mxagent register -- registration-code <CODE>

Registration Code

```
EggwJH-yi-1EAfbFJgvsmyaAL6rr7Zloqsr1
```



- ▶ Wait 5min, then Reboot once

# MIST-Edge

Mist Edge Inventory								
org Entire Org ▾								
Filter								
□ Status	Name	Registration	Cluster	Tunnel IP	OOBM IP Address	OOBM MAC Address	Site	Model
<input type="checkbox"/>	Connected	EVE-NG-OpenLearning	Registered	-	172.16.40.201	172.16.40.101	--	Unassigned VM

- ▶ The Edge will be shown as registered and „connected“
- ▶ Assign your Edge to a Site ;)
- ▶ Your AP's can now connect to it (Template)

Monitor Wireless Insights mist edge EVE-NG-OpenLearning Today

EVE-NG-OpenLearning Netchron

12:00 AM Jun 18 - 3:11 PM Jun 18 (drag an area of interest to Zoom in)

12:00 AM 3:00 AM 6:00 AM 9:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 PM

12:40 PM - 12:50 PM Jun 18: Tunnel: no data

Mist Edge Events 15 Total 4 Good 7 Neutral 4 Bad

Service Started	3:08:37.495 PM Jun 18, 2024
Restarted	3:08:36.780 PM Jun 18, 2024
Configuration Modified by User	3:07:52.873 PM Jun 18, 2024
Configuration Modified by User	3:07:31.817 PM Jun 18, 2024
Restarted	3:06:42.142 PM Jun 18, 2024
Service Started	3:05:40.749 PM Jun 18, 2024
Restarted	3:05:40.123 PM Jun 18, 2024
Configuration	3:05:26.331 PM Jun 18, 2024

Service mxagent

Description ME service started

Port

Current Values These values are not affected by the Time Range selection

Current Mist Edge Properties

Properties	Status
Model VM	Status Connected

# MIST-Edge

## ► Custom Forwarding to „Site Edge“

**SSID**  
MistEdge-WiFi

**WLAN ID**  
523ac467-14aa-4bf5-b9b7-1277e9227862

**Labels**  
DEMO

**WLAN Status**  
 Enabled  Disabled  
 Hide SSID  
 Broadcast AP name

**Radio Band**  
 2.4 GHz  5 GHz  6 GHz

**Band Steering**  
 Enable

**Client Inactivity**  
Drop inactive clients after seconds: 1800

**Security**  
Security Type  
 WPA3  WPA2  OWE  Open Access  
Enterprise (802.1X)  Personal (PSK)  
 Passphrase .....   
 Multiple passphrases  
 MAC address authentication by RADIUS lookup  
 Prevent banned clients from associating  
Edit banned clients in [Network Security Page](#)

**Fast Roaming**  
 Default  .11r

**VLAN**  
 Untagged  Tagged  Pool  Dynamic  
VLAN ID 400  
(1 - 4094)

**Apply to Access Points**  
 All APs  AP Labels  Specific APs  
AP43-Scholz-10G

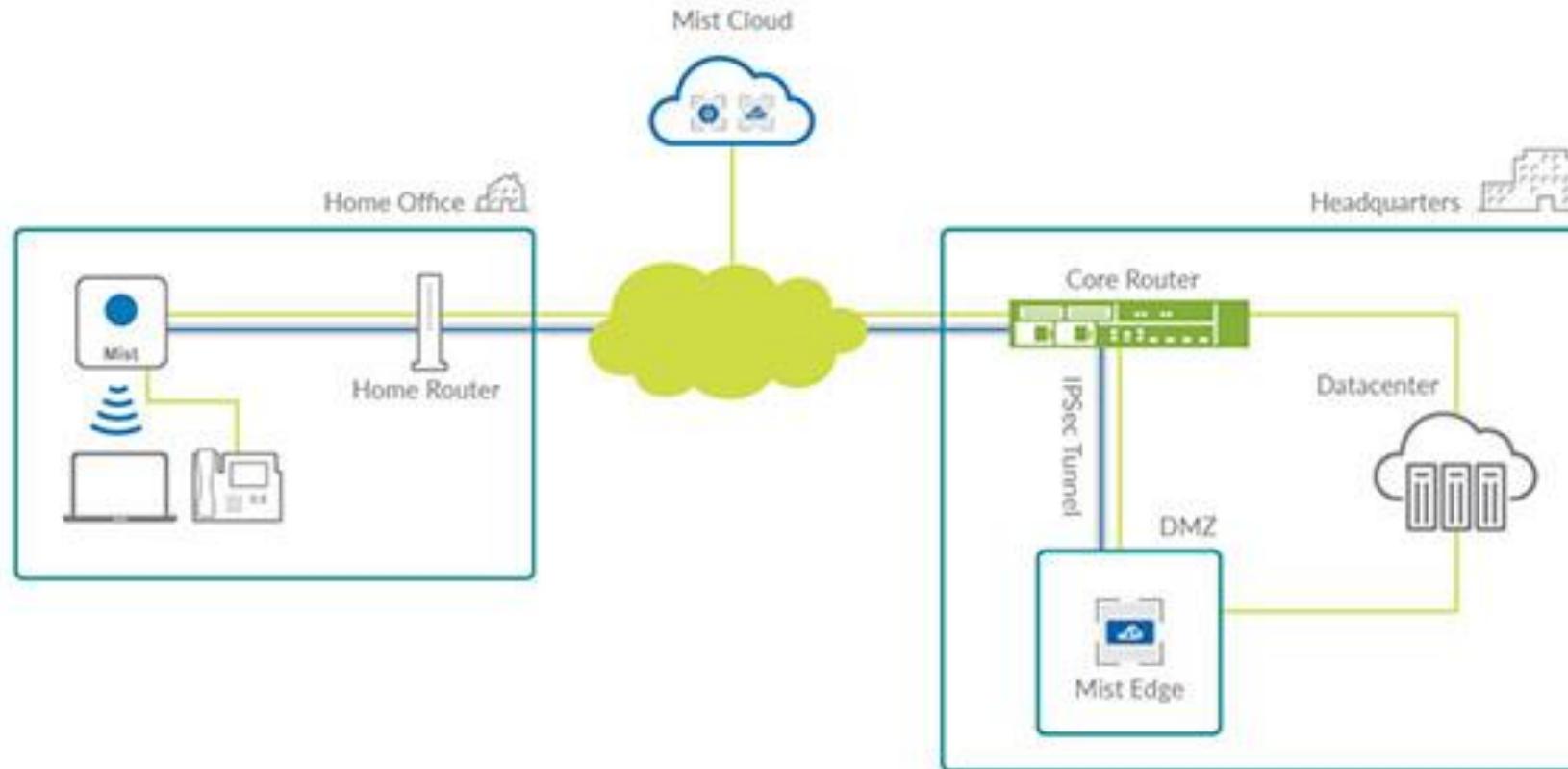
**Isolation**  
Prohibit peer to peer communication  
 Disabled  Same AP  Same Subnet

**Filtering (Wireless)**  
 ARP  
 Broadcast/Multicast  
 Allow mDNS  
 Allow SSDP  
 Allow IPv6 Neighbor Discovery  
 Ignore Broadcast SSID Probe Requests

**Custom Forwarding**  
 Custom Forwarding to Site Edge

# MIST-Edge

- ▶ Congrats - your Lab can now be accessed via your Home-WiFi 😊



# Q&A

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