



Unveiling ~okeanos: A public cloud IaaS service  
coming from the depths of the GRNET's  
DataCenter facilities

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*Oceans capture, store and deliver energy, oxygen and life around the planet.*

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- ◆ Compute
- ◆ Synnefo architecture
- ◆ Network
- ◆ Storage
- ◆ Infrastructure

## Motivation

- ◆ Deliver IaaS to GRNET's customers
  - ⇒ direct: IT depts of connected institutions
  - ⇒ indirect: university students, researchers in academia
- ◆ Other IaaS efforts (Amazon, Rackspace, Nimbula, Nebula, GoGrid etc)
  - ⇒ Amazon EC2 not an end-user service
  - ⇒ Need to develop custom UI, AAI layers
  - ⇒ Vendor lock-in
  - ⇒ Unsuitable for IT depts
    - persistent, long-term servers, custom networking requirements
- Nimbula Director offers similar functionality
  - ⇒ Gain know-how, build on own IaaS → new services

# ~okeanos IaaS



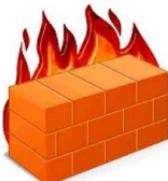
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Network



Storage



firewall

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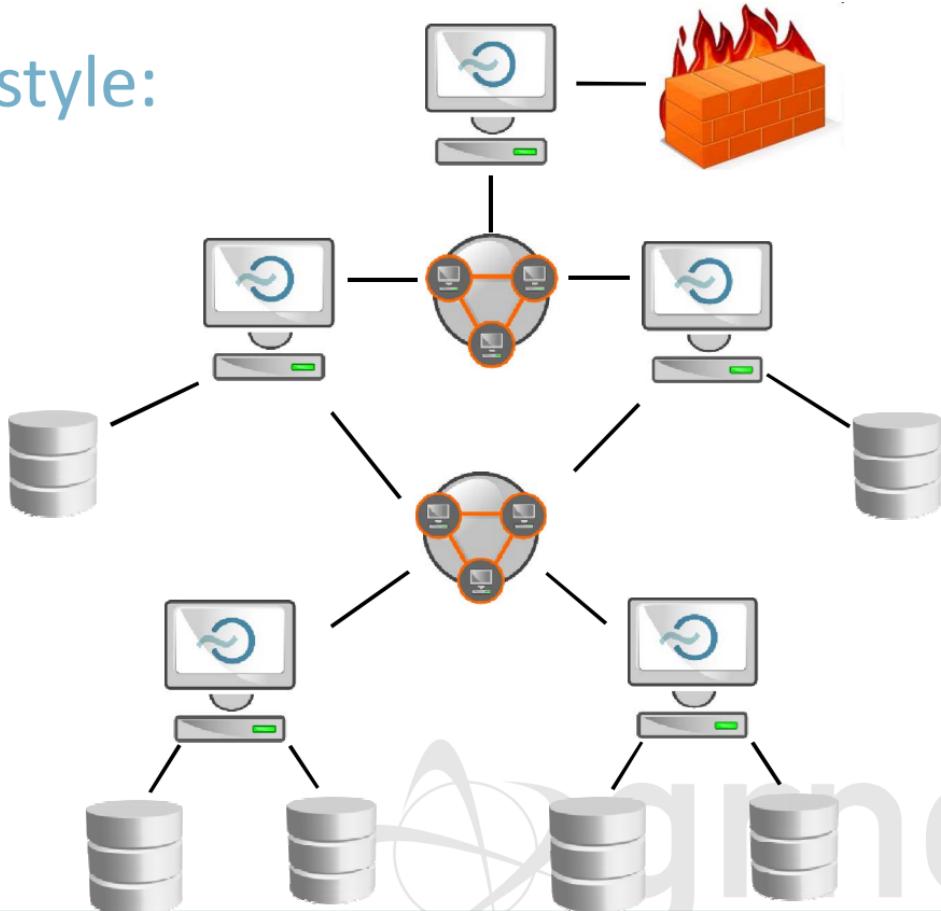


# flexibility



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# Lego style:



## ~okeanos service:

- ◆ Goal: Production quality IaaS
  - ⇒ working Alpha from July 2011 / 350 VMs / 200 alpha users
- ◆ A jigsaw puzzle of many pieces
- ◆ Synnefo sw
  - ⇒ custom cloud management software to power ~okeanos
  - ⇒ Google Ganeti backend

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## IaaS – Compute (1)

### ◆ Virtual Machines

- ➔ powered by KVM
  - Linux and Windows guests, on Debian hosts
- ➔ Google Ganeti for VM cluster management
- ➔ accessible by the end-user over the Web or programmatically (OpenStack Compute v1.1)

## IaaS – Compute (2)

◆ User has full control over own VMs

→ Create

- Select # CPUs, RAM, System Disk
- OS selection from pre-defined Images
- popular Linux distros (Fedora, Debian, Ubuntu)
- Windows Server 2008 R2

→ Start, Shutdown, Reboot, Destroy

→ Remote Desktop

→ Out-of-Band console over VNC for troubleshooting

# Virtual Machine Actions



## My\_windows/Desktop

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Start



Reboot



Shutdown

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## IaaS – Compute (3)

- ◆ REST API for VM management
  - ➔ OpenStack Compute v1.1 compatible
  - ➔ 3rd party tools and client libraries
  - ➔ custom extensions for yet-unsupported functionality
  - ➔ Python & Django implementation
- ◆ Full-featured UI in JS/jQuery
  - ➔ UI is just another API client
  - ➔ All UI operations happen over the API

## Why Google Ganeti?

- ◆ No need to reinvent the wheel
- ◆ Scalable, proven software infrastructure
  - Built with reliability and redundancy in mind
  - Combines open components (KVM, LVM, DRBD)
  - Well-maintained, readable code
- ◆ VM cluster management in production is serious business
  - reliable VM control, VM migrations, resource allocation
  - handling node downtime, software upgrades

# Platform Design

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admin@home

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GRNET

datacenter

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Virtual  
Hardware



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A black terminal window icon.

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synnefo Cloud Management Software



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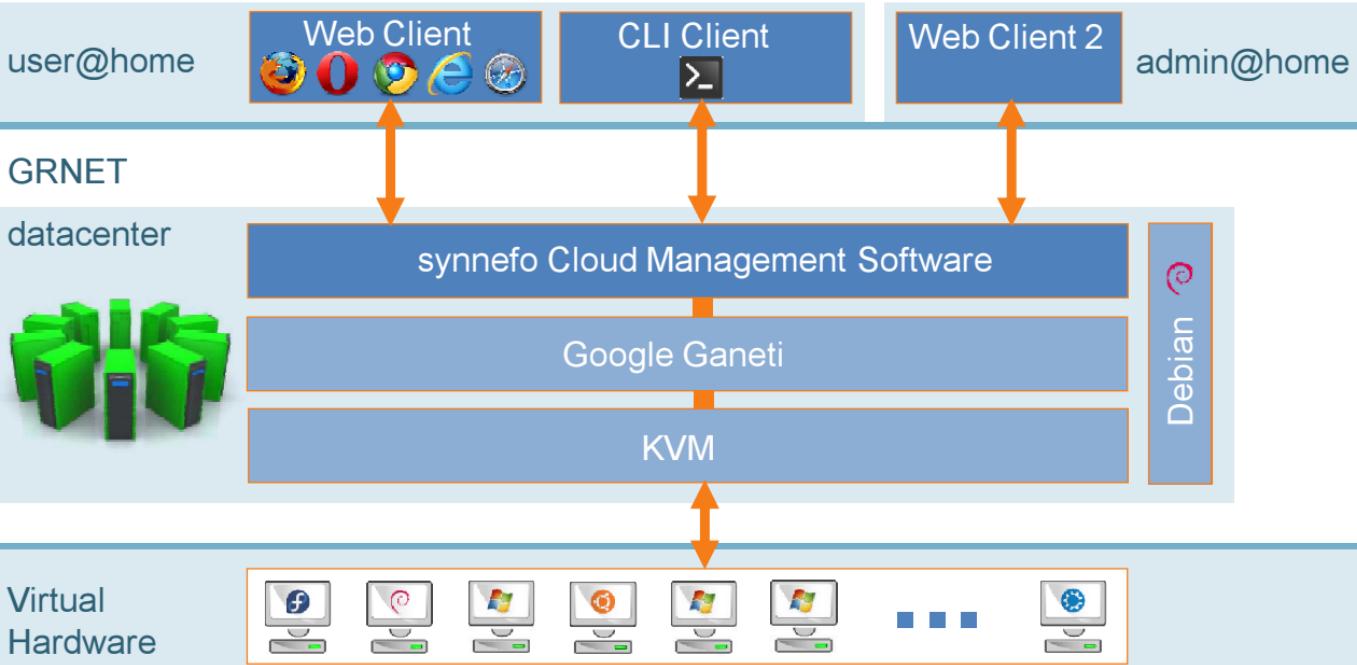
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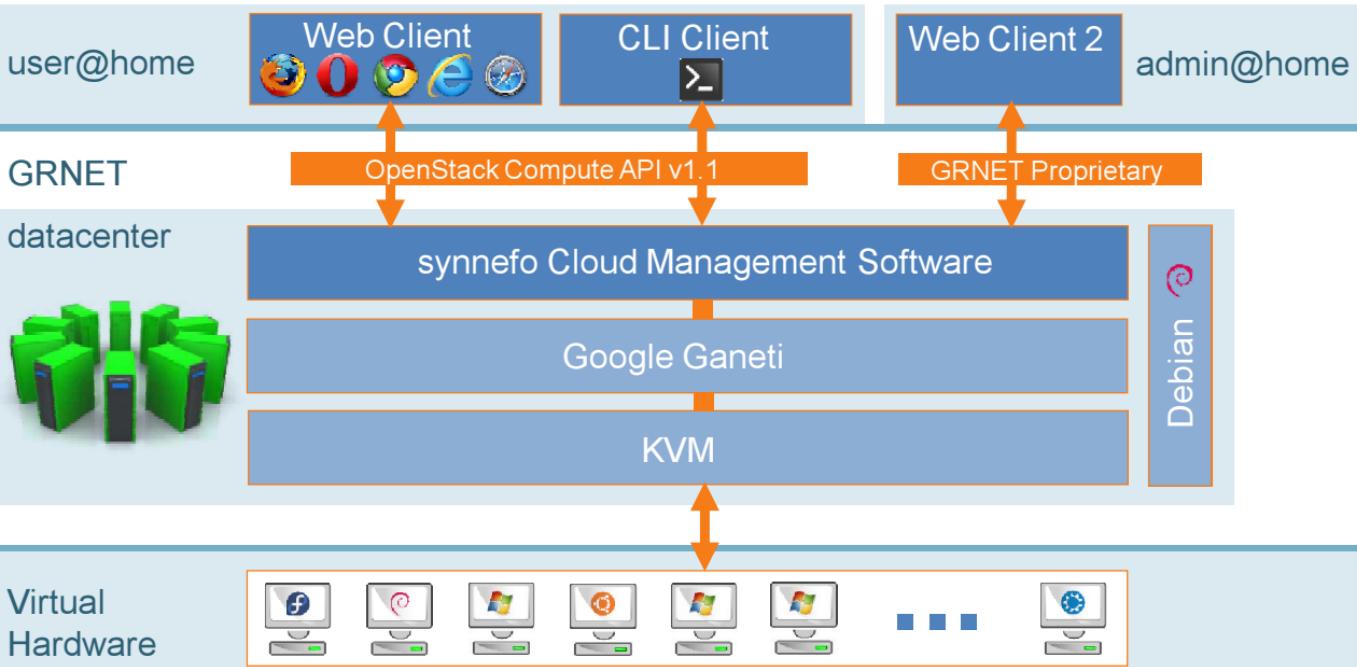
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Hardware

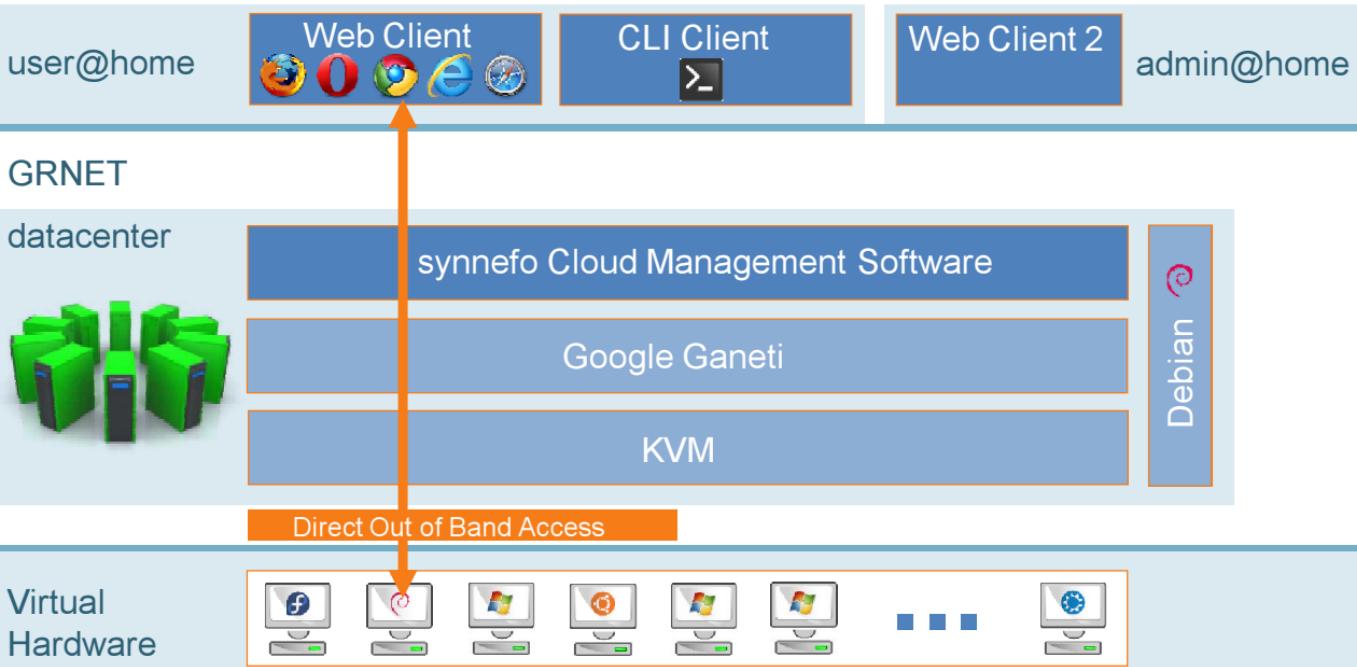
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## IaaS – Network - Functionality

- ◆ Dual IPv4/IPv6 connectivity for each VM
- ◆ Easy, platform-provided firewalling
  - ⇒ Array of pre-configured firewall profiles
  - ⇒ Or roll-your-own firewall inside VM
- ◆ Multiple private, virtual L2 networks
- ◆ Construct arbitrary network topologies
  - ⇒ e.g., deploy VMs in multi-tier configurations
- ◆ Exported all the way to the API and the UI

# Virtual Networks



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## IaaS – Storage (1)

- ◆ First-phase deployment

- Ability to customize VM contents based on predefined images of common OSs
- Redundant storage based on DRBD, VMs survive scheduled node downtime

- ◆ Soon:

- Reliable distributed storage over RADOS
- Combined with custom software for snapshotting, cloning to provide dynamic virtual storage volumes

## IaaS – Storage (2)

- ◆ Multi-tier storage architecture
  - Dedicated Storage Nodes (SSD, SAS, and SATA storage)
  - OSDs for RADOS
- ◆ Custom storage layer
  - manages snapshots, creates clones over RADOS
  - OS Images held as snapshots
- ◆ VMs created as clones of snapshots

## Interaction with other GRNET services

### ◆ GRNET AAI Federation

- Provides the user base for ~ookeanos
- Once authenticated, the user retrieves a Synnefo-specific auth token for programmatic access

### ◆ Pithos File service

- Currently being overhauled
- Aim is to provide the Image service for ~ookeanos
- Sharing a common storage backend



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- main Datacenter (40 racks)
  - green high-density architecture (Lamda Hellix)
  - PUE <1.8 / 1600KVA
  - In-row cooling
  - Fully virtualized
- ‘High’ Density (but not too dense...)
  - ~30.000 VMs (20 racks, 1500 VM/rack)
  - VMs with 1.5GB RAM
  - QoS in disk/core overcommitment
  - Block storage provisioning/elastic volumes per user
  - Persistent Storage
  - 100GB/user – 6K users already in Pithos storage (S3 like online storage service)

# Design Specs for a Cloud Provider

Common denominator:

#VM instances (in various VM ‘flavors’)

Guaranteed ratios:

VMs/Core, RAM/Core, disks(spindle)/core

€/VM/h?

# 'Going Green' necessity

- ◆ Operation Costs (power) are huge!
- ◆ Space is always not enough – density against green

We need both **green** & **dense** infrastructure  
solutions...

while '**elegant**' ones in terms of services!

# Design Considerations for Public Cloud Service Budgeting

- ◆ High density in terms of watts: Maximise Watt/rack?
- ◆ Power budget per rack (i.e. 16KW spec)  
maximize # of Cores/1U, TB/1U, RAM/1U, disks/spindles/1U ?  
or  
find the perfect balance for your services (QoS driven)?

Plain PUE is everything?

- If you are a facility...maybe yes
- if you offer managed services ...not enough, need more

# Conclusion: Consider an 'efficiency' metric

- ◆ e.g. If VM is your service:
  - the '*moment of truth*' green spec is: **#VMs/Watt.**
    - It's a function of all previous!

And of course (@ the end of the day): **€/VM !!**

So: **get the 'best' out of every watt consumed**

- ◆ Add to our budget envelope: Watt per service, may alter design specs

Service driven power/euros budgeting





# Cloud Facilities (cont.)

- Disaster Recovery DC (@RFI stage)
  - Container based solution
  - Up to 1MW
  - Low PUE (<1.6)
  - Outdoor installation (close to hydroelectric plant facility)
  - Water cooling per rack / Freecooling



See more on: <http://okeanos.grnet.gr>



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## Welcome to ~ookeanos !

From this panel you will be able to manage your Virtual Machines (VMs). If you don't know what a VM is:  
[take the tour.](#)

The panel is currently empty, because you don't have any VMs yet. Start by clicking the orange button on the top left. The wizard will guide you through the whole process.

For more information or help, click [here](#).

1 Image    2 Flavor    3 Name

Select an OS

system images    custom images

- Ubuntu    Ubuntu 11.04 2279 MB
- Kubuntu    Kubuntu 11.04 2270 MB
- Fedora Desktop    Fedora 15 Desktop Edition 2237 MB
- Windows    Windows 2008 R2, Aero Desktop Experience 11000 MB

Cancel    Next >

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1 Image ✓

2 Flavor

3 Name

Select CPUs, RAM and Disk Size

small

medium

large

custom

CPUs

2 cores

RAM

2048 MB

Size

80 GB

Your wallet: 10,000 Credits | This setup will cost you:  C/hour

< Back

Next >

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- 1 Image ✓
- 2 Flavor ✓
- 3 Name

**Confirm your settings**

Name:

Image: Windows

CPUs: 2 cores

RAM: 2048MB

System Disk: 80GB

Cost per Hour: 40 credits

Credits in Wallet: 10.000

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Success ✓

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Your new machine is now building... (this might take a few minutes)

Write down your password now: **1g8eCZ2z**

You will need this later to connect to your machine.  
After closing this window you will NOT be able to retrieve it again.

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win1

IP: undefined

Info ▾

Building



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win1

IP: 192.168.32.7



Running



debian1

IP: 192.168.32.9



Running



Reboot

Shutdown

Console

Destroy

Confirm



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Confirm



Your actions will affect 2 machines

Cancel All

Confirm All

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**win1**

IP: 192.168.32.7

**debian1**

IP: 192.168.32.9



Shutting down



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**win1**

IP: 192.168.32.7



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Stopped



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Search: 

| OS | Name    | Flavor               | Status  |                             |
|----|---------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
|    | win1    | 2 CPUs, 2048MB, 80GB | Running | Start<br>Reboot<br>Shutdown |
|    | debian1 | 1 CPU, 1024MB, 20GB  | Running | Destroy                     |

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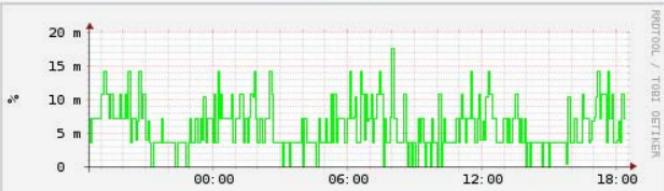


|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Name:             | win1                        |
| CPUs:             | 2                           |
| RAM (MB):         | 2048                        |
| System Disk (GB): | 80                          |
| Image Name:       | Windows                     |
| Image Size (GB):  | 11000                       |
| Public IPv4:      | 192.168.32.7                |
| Public IPv6:      | 2001:db8::a800:ff:fe7c:3d80 |

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CPU Utilization



Network Utilization

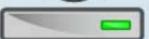


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Image Size (GB):

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Running



Public IPv4:  
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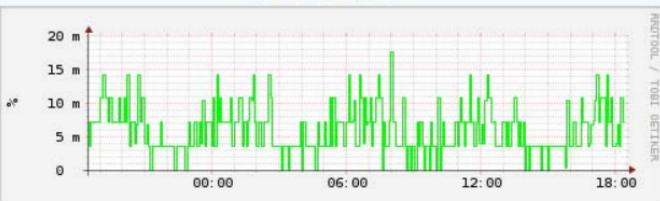
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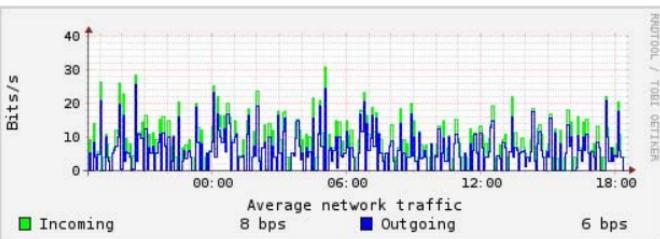
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### Network Utilization



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IP: 192.168.32.7

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**debian1**

IP: 192.168.32.9

Info ▾

Running

**win1**

IP: 192.168.32.7

Info ▲

**debian1**

IP: 192.168.32.9

Info ▾

[Full report](#)[Manage Tags](#)[CPU: 0.0%](#)

CPU

CPU: 0.0%

Net

TX/RX: 0.00/0.00 Mbps

**win1**

IP: 192.168.32.7

Info ▲

**debian1**

IP: 192.168.32.9

Info ▾

## Manage Tags

Create, edit and delete Tags for machine:  win1

|      |  |  |
|------|--|--|
| Role | <input type="text" value="Webserver"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="X"/> |
| OS   | <input type="text" value="windows"/>   |  |

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Public Network



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win1

Firewall (Off) ▾



debian1

Firewall (Off) ▾

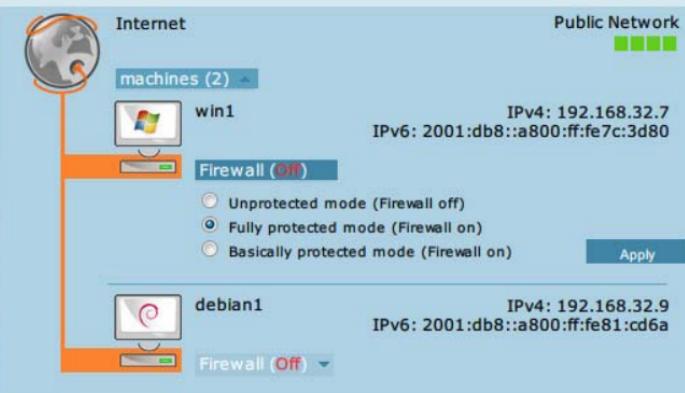
Public Network

IPv4: 192.168.32.7  
IPv6: 2001:db8::a800:ff:fe7c:3d80IPv4: 192.168.32.9  
IPv6: 2001:db8::a800:ff:fe81:cd6a

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Public Network



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Private Network



## Add machine

X

Select machines to add to: private-net1

-  win1
-  debian1

[Cancel](#)[Add](#)

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Public Network



private-net

machines (2) ▾



win1



debian1

Private network

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For the network changes to take effect you need to reboot all affected machines:

debian1

[Reboot](#)

win1

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[machines](#)[Create New +](#)**win1**

IP: 192.168.32.7

**debian1**

IP: 192.168.32.9



Rebooting



Rebooting

