

Good Fences = Good Nets

Home Air-Gap Networks via NIC Pass-Thru

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Overview

- **Network/Data Threats** Danger Everywhere
- **NIC (to VM) Passthru** Cheap Net Isolation
- **Hardening Simplified** Trap Apps and Attacks
- **Use and Maintenance** Segmented Living

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- Scams, Russians, Aliens External Containment.
 - Burglary? - Add Crypto-FS

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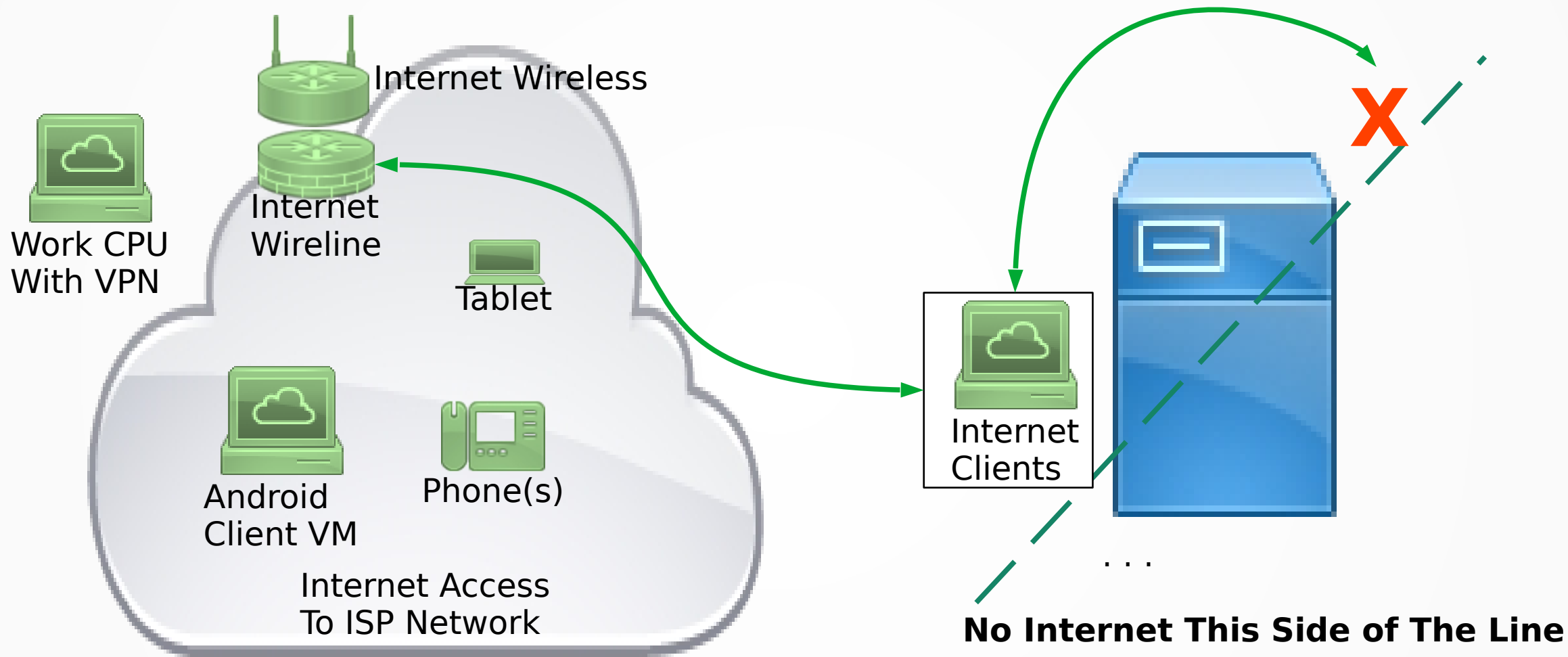
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-  • **Personal:** Code Work, Media Library, Offline-Apps
-  • **Private:** Gov't Docs, Bank Info, ID Scans, e-Will
-  • **Archive:** RAID Backups and **PXE-dd-Reinstalls**
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Internet-Facing Subnet



Threat: Air-Gap Net? SCIF

- **Secure Compartment**
 - **TCP** 100% Bi-Directional
 - Firewalls are of NO Help
 - SSL Crypto is of NO Help
- If **YOU** connect to others, THEY OWN YOUR CPU!!
 - **Especially if You Use Their Client or Phone-Home App**

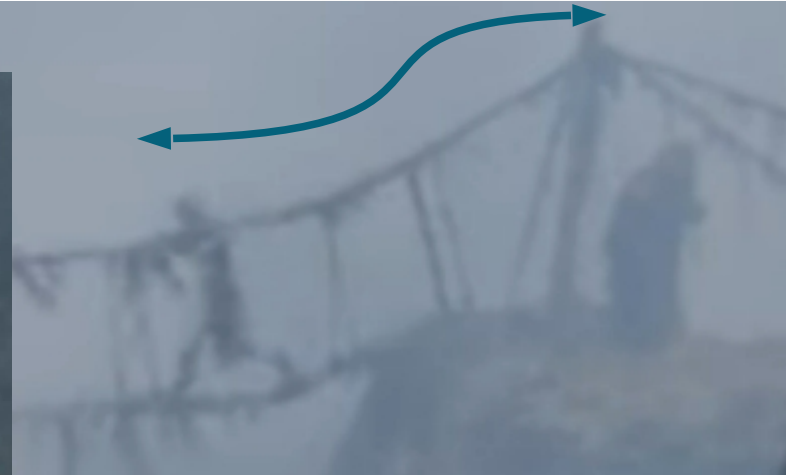


Threat: \$0 Budget SCIF

Physical Security on A Budget

Detailed Technical Discussion

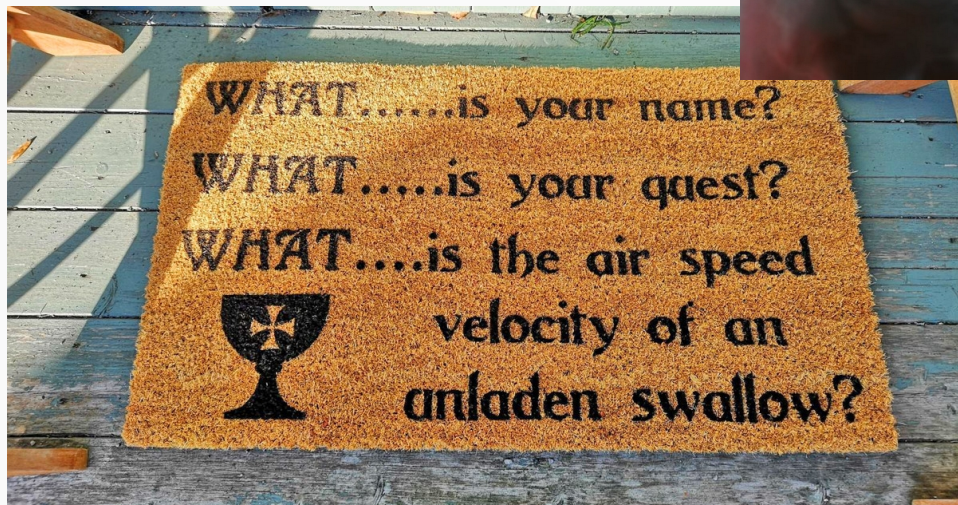
Pass-Thru: Knowledge Key



Sir Lancelot: Vetted



X Sir Robbin: Unvetted

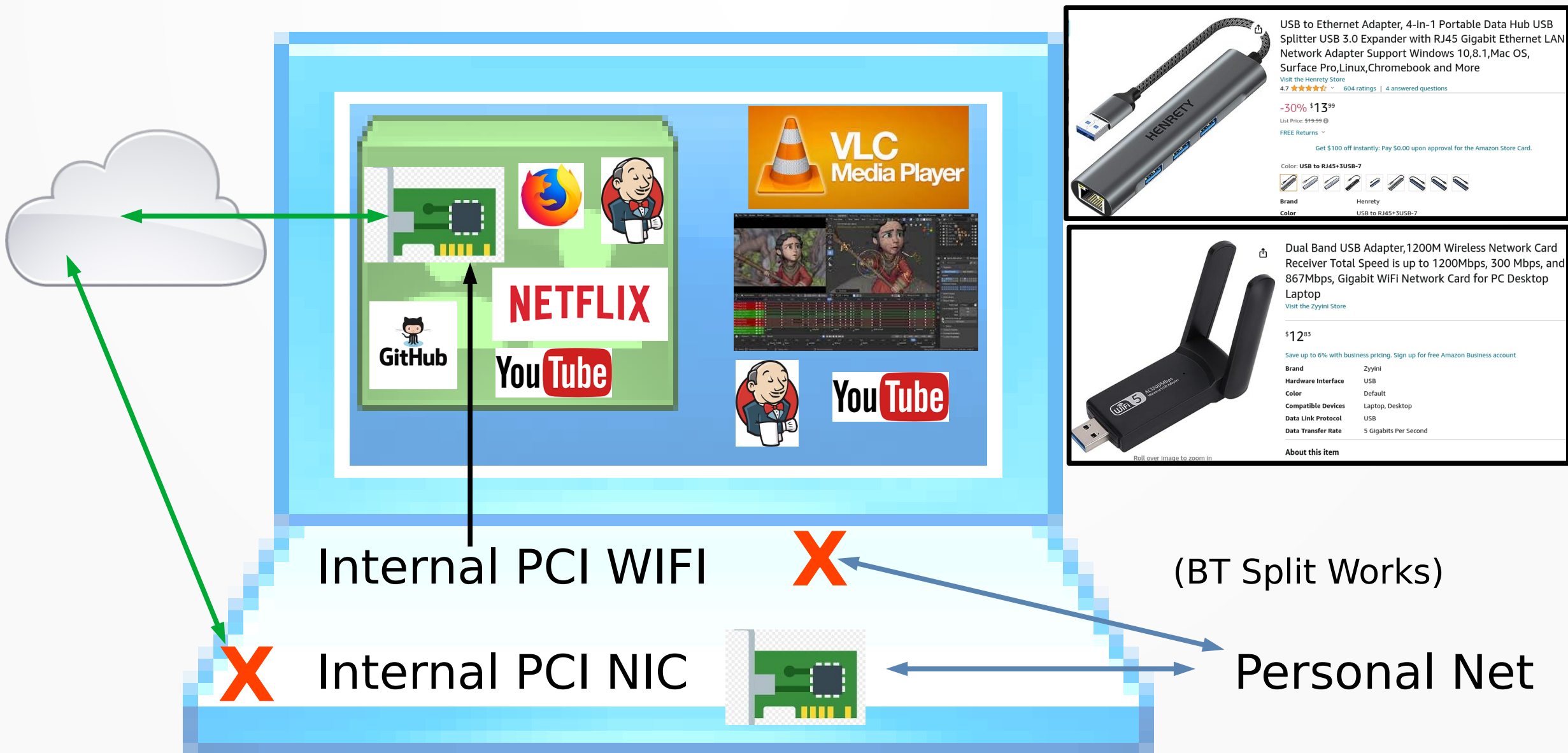


Pass-Thru: Pick Battles



- Group/Org vs You on SW Talent: YOU LOSE
- Group/Org vs You on Phys Access: YOU WIN

Pass-Thru: NIC Device



Pass-Thru:



- Qemu OS (VM)
 - Wifi Dev is Live
 - Wifi Full Control
 - **No Host Conn**

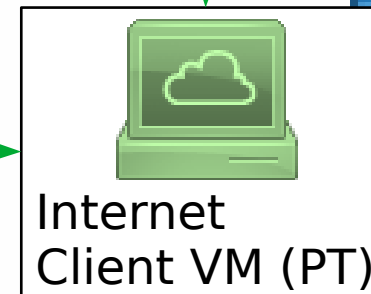
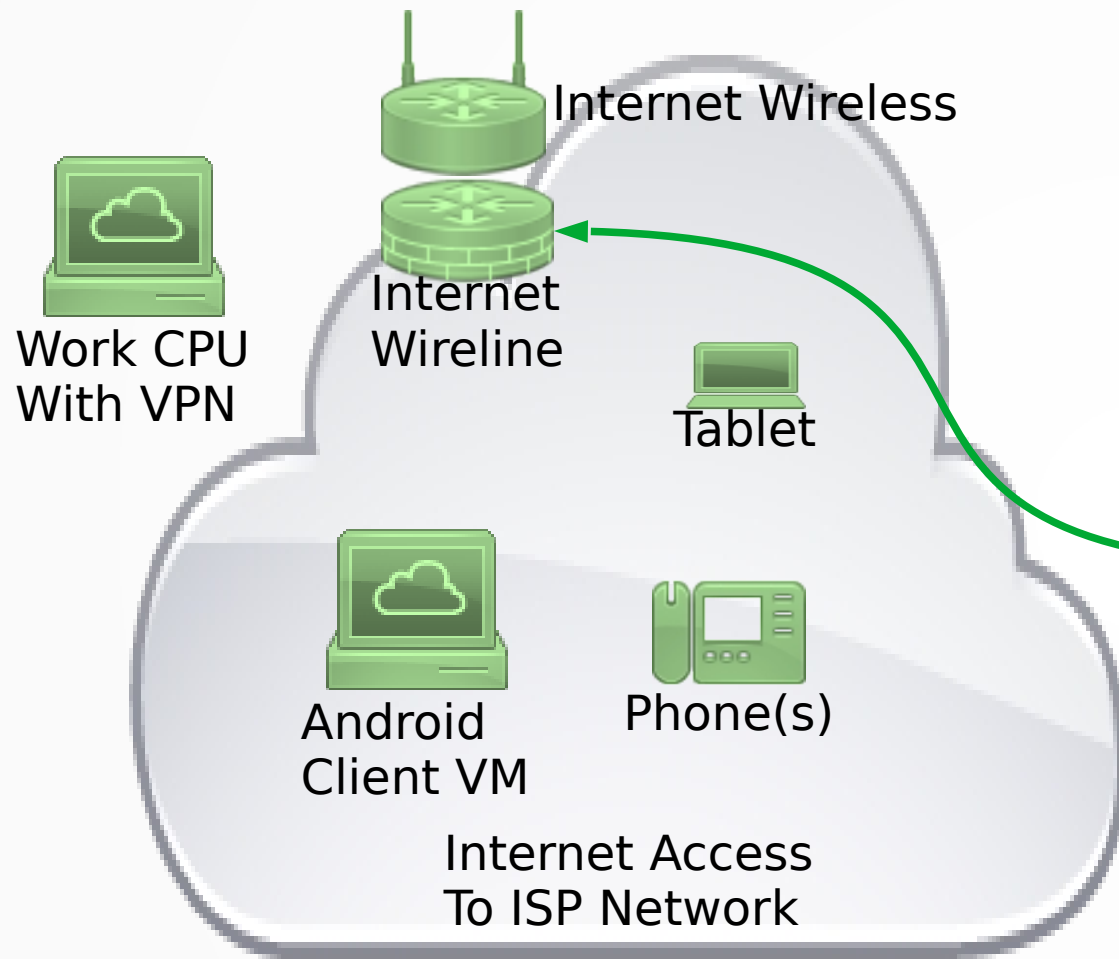


- Host OS (Metal)
 - Wifi Dev Blacklisted
 - Wifi NIC is DEAD!!!

```
File Virtual Machine View Send Key
Aug 16 05:54 •
bizwork@planet9dev1:~
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2002ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 6.998/19.635/41.585/15.580 ms
[bizwork@planet9dev1 ~]$ ping www.google.com
PING www.google.com (142.250.72.36) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from den16s08-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.72.36): icmp_seq=1 ttl=57 time=9.91 ms
64 bytes from den16s08-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.72.36): icmp_seq=2 ttl=57 time=23.8 ms
64 bytes from den16s08-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.72.36): icmp_seq=3 ttl=57 time=9.03 ms
^C
--- www.google.com ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2004ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 9.028/14.250/23.810/6.769 ms
[bizwork@planet9dev1 ~]$ ifconfig wlp2s0u4
wlp2s0u4: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.10 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 fe80::3c67:8b7c:c392:e9fe prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether cc:22:37:ba:11:0a txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 200 bytes 57877 (56.5 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 120 bytes 16651 (16.2 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
[bizwork@planet9dev1 ~]$ lsusb | grep RTL88x2bu
Bus 001 Device 003: ID 0bda:b812 Realtek Semiconductor Corp. RTL88x2bu [AC1200 Techkey]
[bizwork@planet9dev1 ~]$ grep 2bu /proc/modules
88x2bu 3301376 0 - Live 0x0000000000000000 (0E)
cfg80211 851968 1 88x2bu, Live 0x0000000000000000
[bizwork@planet9dev1 ~]$ ping www.google.com
ping: www.google.com: Name or service not known
[bizwork@planet9dev1 ~]$ lsusb | grep RTL88x2bu
Bus 002 Device 012: ID 0bda:b812 Realtek Semiconductor Corp. RTL88x2bu [AC1200 Techkey]
[bizwork@planet9dev1 ~]$ grep 2bu /proc/modules
### No 88x2bu driver loaded, wifi dev is DEAD on Metal OS ###
```


Air-Gap On The Cheap

Internet-Facing Subnet



VM and Dev Box

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**No Internet This Side of The Line -
Inside a Single Box Via Dev Isolation**



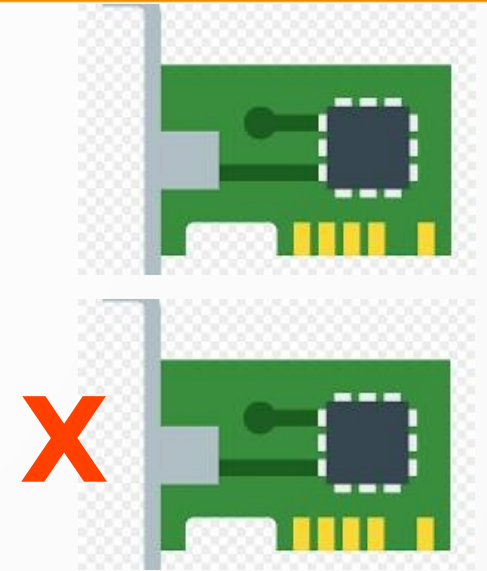
• **Jenkins:**

Pin-Hole File Movement, Highly Regulated

DEMO

Pass-Thru: General Use

- Give PCI/USB HW to Guest OS
- Device is **Dead** to Host OS!!!!!!
- GPU's, USB Disks, Audio Mixers, CAD Tools, etc...
- Infinite Life To CPU-Locked Licenses
 - Run old OS in VM, Licensed HW controlled via Pass-Thru





Qemu VM Pass-Through NIC Device

The image shows two overlapping QEMU VM configuration windows. The background window is titled 'Rocky' and shows the 'Add New Virtual Hardware' dialog. The foreground window is titled 'Rocky_86_Devel on QEMU/KVM: mercury' and shows the VM's hardware list.

Host Conn Removed: A red 'X' is placed over the 'Host Device' section in the 'Add New Virtual Hardware' dialog, indicating that the host connection has been removed.

WiFi Dev Added: A red box highlights the '0000:52:00:0 Intel Corporation Wi-Fi 6 AX200' device in the 'Host Device' list, with an arrow pointing to the 'Add Hardware' button.

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- iwlwifi Driver: Wifi Device is usable in VM OS only

Harden: Selinux (Public)



- RHEL 2018 Summit “**Mere Mortals**” on Youtube
- Block **TCP/IP** Out-Ports
- RedHat Core Sec Policies
- **Booleans** for Micro Adjustments
- **Jail** & Track Successful Attacks

Harden: Selinux (Public)



- `ls -ladZ path {path ...}`

```
# ls -ladZ /etc /etc/libvirt/libvirt.conf /etc/libvirt/virtlogd.conf /etc/libvirt/nwfilter ~
drwxr-xr-x. 175 root    root    ...:etc_t:...          12288 Jul 31 22:47 /etc
-rw-r--r--.  1 root    root    ...:virt_etc_t:...      547 Jan 14  2022 /etc/libvirt/libvirt.conf
drwx-----.  2 root    root    ...:virt_etc_rw_t:...   4096 May 10  2022 /etc/libvirt/nwfilter
-rw-r--r--.  1 root    root    ...:virtlogd_etc_t:...  3537 Jan 14  2022 /etc/libvirt/virtlogd.conf
dr-xr-x---.  9 bizwork users  ...:admin_home_t:...    4096 Aug  7 19:15 /root
```

- `ps -efZ`

```
# ps -efZ | egrep '(firefox$|sssd_nss|NetworkManager)' | grep -v grep
...:sssd_t:...          root        1400      1271  0 ... /usr/libexec/sssd/sssd_nss --uid 0 ...
...:NetworkManager_t:... root        1484        1  0 ... /usr/sbin/NetworkManager --no-daemon
...:unconfined_t:...    bizwork    100647 82517  9 ... /usr/lib64/firefox/...
```

- `netstat -anZ`

```
# netstat -anZ | head -n 5
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Addr Foreign Addr State PID/Program name Security Context
tcp    0      0 127.0.0.1:44321 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN 1935/pmcd system_u:system_r:pcp_pmcd_t:...
tcp    0      0 127.0.0.1:4330 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN 3280/pmlogger system_u:system_r:pcp_pmlogger_t:...
tcp    0      0 127.0.0.1:5900 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN 83311/qemu-kvm system_u:system_r:svirt_t:...
```

Harden: FirewallD



- “**Linux firewalld config examples**” on Youtube
- Block **Inbound Connections** Traffic
- Open **Ports** for Critical Services (Httpd, SSH)
- “**Rich Rule**” Logging and Blocking

Use: Public to Personal



- X11 Copy+Paste Works **X** (Copilot, Images)
 - CTRL+Insert (Copy) SHIFT+Insert (Paste)
- **9p Mount Host** or USB Stick (Drop Box Style)
 - PT for USB Stick OR **qemu-nbd** mount offline VM disk
- Jenkins, **Youtube-DL**, Wget, Reposync, Rsync
 - **Intelligently filter content during movement**

Use: Public to Personal



- “QEMU/KVM - Virt-Manager | Folder sharing and USB Redirection”
 - Simple **YouTube** Training Video
- RHEL Disabled 9P Mounts
 - Use **USB Stick** on RHEL, CentOS, Rocky
- Fedora, Debian/Ubuntu, Others
 - 9P Mount Give **VM-To-Jailed-Host-Dir** Sharing



Use: Jenkins Tasks



- **Youtube:** Jenkins Complete Course Masterclass
 - Step by Step for Beginners with Interview Questions & Quiz
 - Best “Simplest Case” video I’ve seen, others target Enterprise use.
- **“Filesystem Trigger”** move mount files on arrival
- Pin-Hole File Movement (Filtering) As Set by Admin
- Avoid “Blue Ocean” training, Not needed for home.

Use: Jenkins Tasks



- **Jobs:** Schedule or Event Driven Tasks
- **Nodes:** Optional SSH Connections
- **Plugins:** Deep Linux/Win OS & App Know-how
- Boot WoL, Distribute Procs, Monitor DBs, Backups
- Run Builds, Up/Download over Time, Everything!!!

Youtube-DL (+ Reddit...)



- pip3 install youtube-dl
- youtube-dl \
 - o "%(playlist_index)s-%(title)s.%(ext)s" \
 - f **bestvideo+bestaudio** --sub-format srt "\$1"
- youtube-dl -F "\$1" ; youtube-dl -f **<code>** "\$1"
 - Identify Choice of Audio+Video Formats (uses FFMpeg)
 - Works with **Reddit** and other video/meme sites

Youtube-DL (+ Reddit...)



- **VLC** Video/DVD Player: Watch all Y-dl Formats
 - EPEL Repo for RHEL's
- FFMpeg / ffplay Edit Audio or Video
- **FORBIDDEN:** Youtube SSL Certs & Round Robin
 - Round Robin YT Download Servers confuse SSL Certs
 - Simple Retry will Fix Issue

Youtube-DL (+ Reddit...)



- Youtube-DL Bug: New Accounts Containing @'s
- /usr/local/lib/py*/site-packages/youtube_dl/extractor/youtube.py

```
root@planet9moon0:~  
[root@planet9moon0 ~]# diff -Naurb /usr/local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/youtube_dl/extractor/youtube.py.save /usr/local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/youtube_dl/extractor/youtube.py  
--- /usr/local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/youtube_dl/extractor/youtube.py.save 2022-11-17 00:32:00.264029969 -0700  
+++ /usr/local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/youtube_dl/extractor/youtube.py      2023-07-17 16:25:23.185439788 -0600  
@@ -1781,6 +1781,7 @@  
     is_live = video_details.get('isLive')  
     owner_profile_url = microformat.get('ownerProfileUrl')  
  
+     owner_fix = owner_profile_url.replace(r"@@", r"/")  
     info = {  
         'id': video_id,  
         'title': self._live_title(video_title) if is_live else video_title,  
@@ -1791,7 +1792,7 @@  
         microformat.get('uploadDate')  
         or search_meta('uploadDate')),  
         'uploader': video_details['author'],  
-         'uploader_id': self._search_regex(r'/(?:(channel|user)/([^\?&#]+))', owner_profile_url, 'uploader id') if owner_profile_url else None,  
+         'uploader_id': self._search_regex(r'/(?:(@|channel|user)/([^\?&#]+))', owner_fix, 'uploader id') if owner_fix else None,  
         'uploader_url': owner_profile_url,  
         'channel_id': channel_id,  
         'channel_url': 'https://www.youtube.com/channel/' + channel_id if channel_id else None,  
[root@planet9moon0 ~]#
```

Maint: Binaries



- **wget** -r -np -nc -k -e robots=off \$SITE_URL
- **axel** -n 6 \$DVD_URL # Split+Parallel Download
- **rsync** -av --progress ssh-style::path/from path/into
- **reposync** -g -l -repoid=epel -p=/opt/repos/epel-8
 - Or --urls then **yum install --downloadonly <pkglist>**

Maint: Python Packages



- **pip_search:** Python like “apt/yum search”
- **pip3 download:** Download packages no install
- **pip3 download -r requirements.txt** # github
- Package-sets preserved for re-installation
 - VM and Host OS Same Version and PY Binaries!!!!

Maint: Warewulf & DD



- **PXE Boot Machines**

- Boot RAM-OS to Remote Host (Think Live-DVD)

- **Linux DD Duplicate OS**

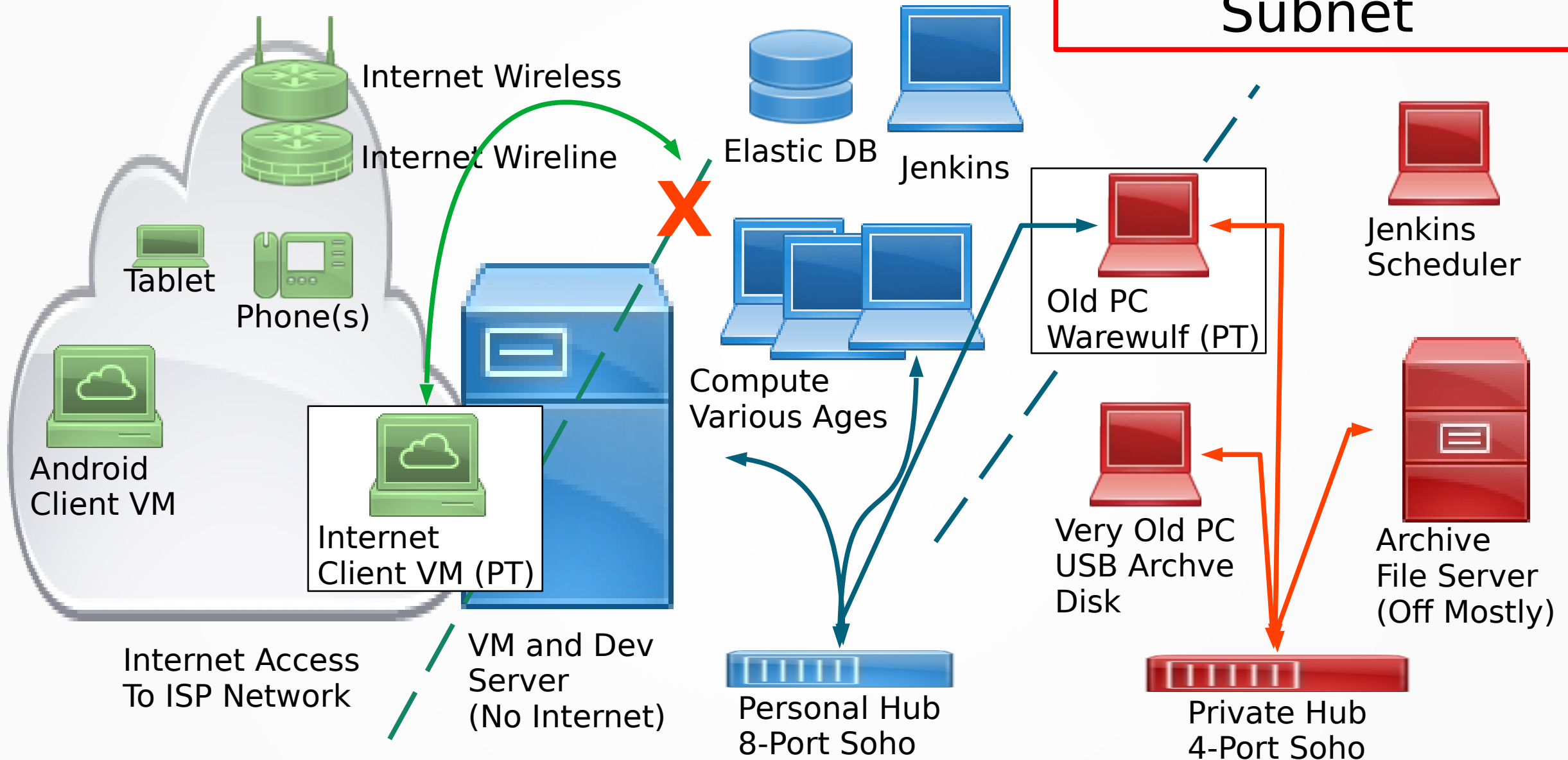
- **Linux DD Copy New OS**

- **Reboot Into New/Clean OS**





Internet Subnet

Personal Subnet

Private + Archive Subnet



Separate Activity & Data

-  • **Public:** Pass-Thru, Selinux, FirewallD, Copilot
-  • **Personal:** Apptainer, VLC, IDEs, Jenkins, Slurm
-  • **Private:** Warewulf, DD, Http Drop, USB Cache
-  • **Archive:** RAID/CryptFS, dd images, ISOs, Installs
 - Off most of the time. Jenkins+WoL power-up when needed

**The End
(Part 1)**

Appendix

Maint: Mount Issue



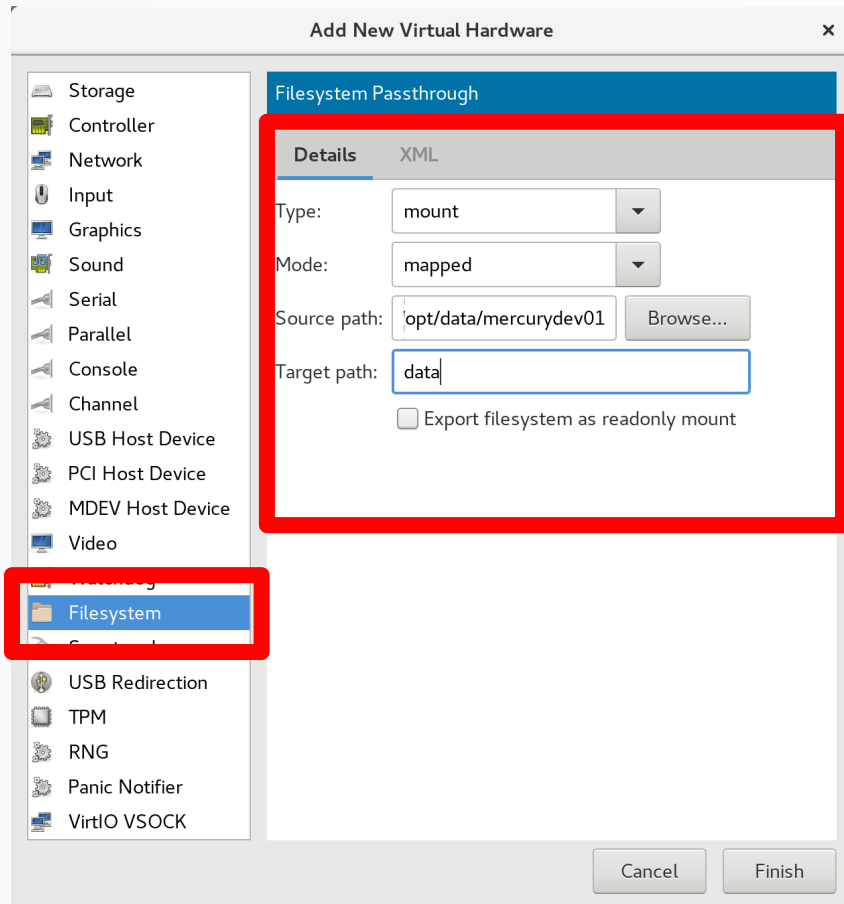
- **Linux KVM/Qemu:**

- Debian Distros: Everything Works out of the Box
- Fedora Distro: Everything Works out of the Box
- Mixed Linux: Ubuntu Host w/RHEL Guest Works
- RHEL Distros: PT Works, **Host Mounts Disabled**

- **Win Hyper-V:** Win Pro or Ent, Add To Home

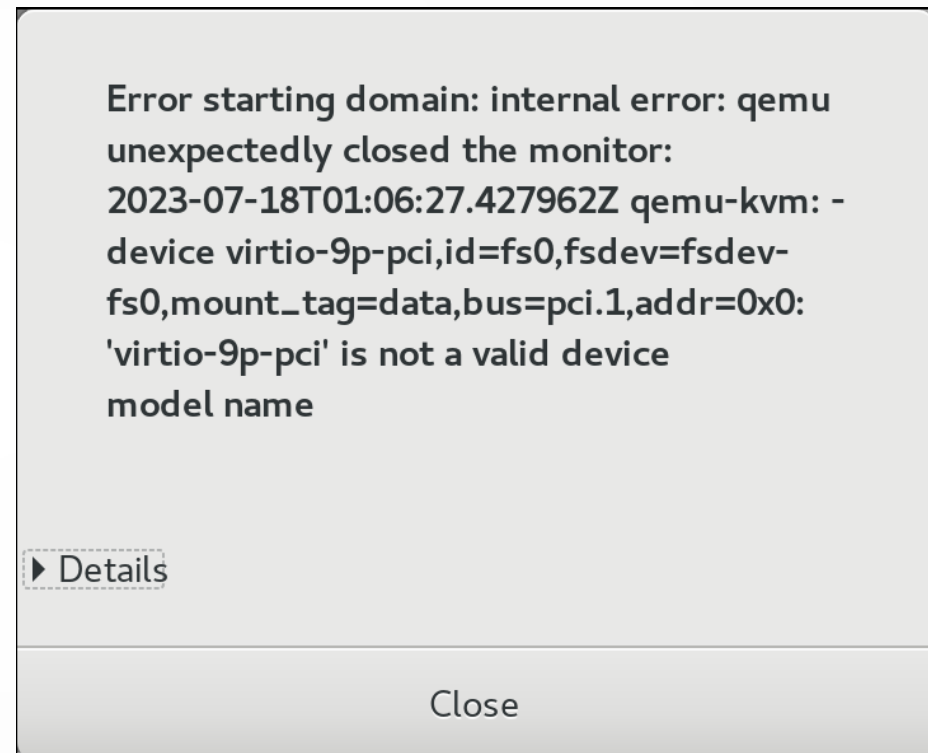
- **VMWare, ProxMox:** Common and Easy

RHEL Filesystem Mount to Host



– VM Filesystem:

Issue in RedHat Only, Debian OK



RHEL Removed Mounts for Sec
Debian/UB, Others Work Fine



Qemu-nbd Mount To Host (Backup)

```
root@mercury:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[root@mercury ~]# modprobe nbd  
[root@mercury ~]# qemu-nbd --connect=/dev/nbd0 --read-only \  
> --nocache /var/lib/libvirt/images/Rocky_86_Devel.qcow2  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]# mkdir /vmdisk  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]# fdisk -l /dev/nbd0  
Disk /dev/nbd0: 54 GiB, 57982058496 bytes, 113246208 sectors  
Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes  
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes  
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes  
Disklabel type: dos  
Disk identifier: 0x664243c5  
  
Device      Boot      Start          End      Sectors  Size Id Type  
/dev/nbd0p1 *           2048      4196351      4194304    2G 83 Linux  
/dev/nbd0p2             4196352     109051903     104855552    50G 83 Linux  
/dev/nbd0p3          109051904     113246207      4194304     2G 82 Linux swap / Solaris  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]# mount -o ro /dev/nbd0p2 /vmdisk/  
[root@mercury ~]# cat /vmdisk/etc/hostname  
mercurydev01  
[root@mercury ~]#
```

- PT USB Stick: Use Real USB Stick with PT
- VM Filesystem: NBD Mount to Extract Large Data



Qemu VM Pass-Through NIC Device

```
root@mercury:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[root@mercury ~]# lspci | grep -i net  
00:1f.6 Ethernet controller: Intel Corporation Ethernet Connection (7) I219-LM (rev 10)  
52:00.0 Network controller: Intel Corporation Wi-Fi 6 AX200 (rev 1a)  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]# egrep '^(iwlwifi|e1000e)' /proc/modules  
iwlwifi 327680 1 iwlvm, Live 0xfffffffffc0ab5000  
e1000e 286720 0 - Live 0xfffffffffc0241000  
[root@mercury ~]#
```

- **Intel AX200 Wifi:**

- iwlwifi Driver:

Blacklist iwlwifi from Host Linux
PCI Bus Address 52:00.0



Qemu VM Pass-Through NIC Device

```
root@mercury:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[root@mercury ~]# cat <<EOL >/etc/modprobe.d/iwlwifi_blacklist.conf  
> blacklist iwlwifi  
> install iwlwifi /bin/false  
> EOF  
[root@mercury ~]# cat /etc/modprobe.d/iwlwifi_blacklist.conf  
blacklist iwlwifi  
install iwlwifi /bin/false  
[root@mercury ~]#
```

- **Intel AX200 Wifi:**

- iwlwifi Driver:

Kernel Will Refuse Wifi Driver



Qemu VM Pass-Through NIC Device

```
root@mercury:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
GRUB_DISTRIBUTOR="$(sed 's, release .*$,,g' /etc/system-release)"  
GRUB_DEFAULT=saved  
GRUB_DISABLE_SUBMENU=true  
GRUB_TERMINAL_OUTPUT="console"  
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX="resume=UUID=2b180e10-cb1f-44d9-b950-eb29d4510757 rhgb quiet  
rd.driver.blacklist=nouveau nouveau.blacklist=1  
rd.driver.blacklist=iwlwifi iwlwifi.blacklist=1"  
GRUB_DISABLE_RECOVERY="true"  
GRUB_ENABLE_BLSCFG=true  
"/etc/default/grub" [Modified] line 6 of 8 --75%-- col 163
```

- **Intel AX200 Wifi:**

- iwlwifi Driver: Boot Up Also Rejects Driver
- GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX I Wrapped Text for Clarity in Pic



Qemu VM Pass-Through NIC Device

```
root@mercury:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[root@mercury ~]# grub2-mkconfig -o $(readlink /etc/grub2-efi.cfg)  
Generating grub configuration file ...  
Found Windows Boot Manager on /dev/sda1@/EFI/Microsoft/Boot/bootmgfw.efi  
Adding boot menu entry for EFI firmware configuration  
done  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]#
```

- **Intel AX200 Wifi:**

- iwlwifi Driver:

Update GRUB Boot Configs



Qemu VM Pass-Through NIC Device

```
root@mercury:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[root@mercury ~]# dracut --regenerate-all --force  
[root@mercury ~]# ls -lad /boot/initramfs-4.18.0-372.9.1.el8.x86_64.img  
-rw-----. 1 root root 137026706 Jul 17 10:33 /boot/initramfs-4.18.0-372.9.1.el  
8.x86_64.img  
[root@mercury ~]#
```

- **Intel AX200 Wifi:**

- iwlwifi Driver:

Remove Driver from Initrd



Qemu VM Pass-Through NIC Device

```
root@mercury:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[root@mercury ~]# reboot  
Connection to mercury closed by remote host.  
Connection to mercury closed.  
bizwork@planet9:~$ ssh root@mercury  
root@mercury's password:  
Activate the web console with: systemctl enable --now cockpit.socket  
  
Last login: Mon Jul 17 10:34:10 2023 from 10.244.31.3  
[root@mercury ~]# grep wifi /proc/modules  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]# ifconfig -a | grep wl  
[root@mercury ~]#  
[root@mercury ~]# lspci | grep AX200  
52:00.0 Network controller: Intel Corporation Wi-Fi 6 AX200 (rev 1a)  
[root@mercury ~]#
```

- iwlwifi Driver: Driver is Gone from Host OS



Qemu VM Pass-Through NIC Device

```
bizwork@planet9dev1:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[bizwork@mercurydev01 ~]$ lspci | grep AX200  
07:00.0 Network controller: Intel Corporation Wi-Fi 6 AX200 (rev 1a)  
[bizwork@mercurydev01 ~]$  
[bizwork@mercurydev01 ~]$  
[bizwork@mercurydev01 ~]$ grep ^iwl /proc/modules  
iwlmvm 430080 0 - Live 0x0000000000000000  
iwlwifi 327680 1 iwlmvm, Live 0x0000000000000000  
[bizwork@mercurydev01 ~]$  
[bizwork@mercurydev01 ~]$  
[bizwork@mercurydev01 ~]$ ifconfig wlp7s0  
wlp7s0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500  
ether 76:61:80:e1:09:1c txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)  
RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)  
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0  
TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)  
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
[bizwork@mercurydev01 ~]$
```

– iwlwifi Driver:

Internet is **inside VM Only**