

# IP Manager - Complete System Design Document

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## Executive Summary

IP Manager is a comprehensive network monitoring and IP address management system built for visualizing and tracking devices across network subnets. The system provides real-time network scanning, historical device tracking, IP reservation capabilities, and visual network management through a modern web interface.

## Key Capabilities

- Real-time network scanning with nmap
- 16x16 grid visualization (256 IP addresses)
- Persistent device history tracking with MySQL
- IP address reservation system
- Custom notes/comments per IP
- Multi-network discovery and switching
- Visual status indicators with color coding
- phpMyAdmin database management interface

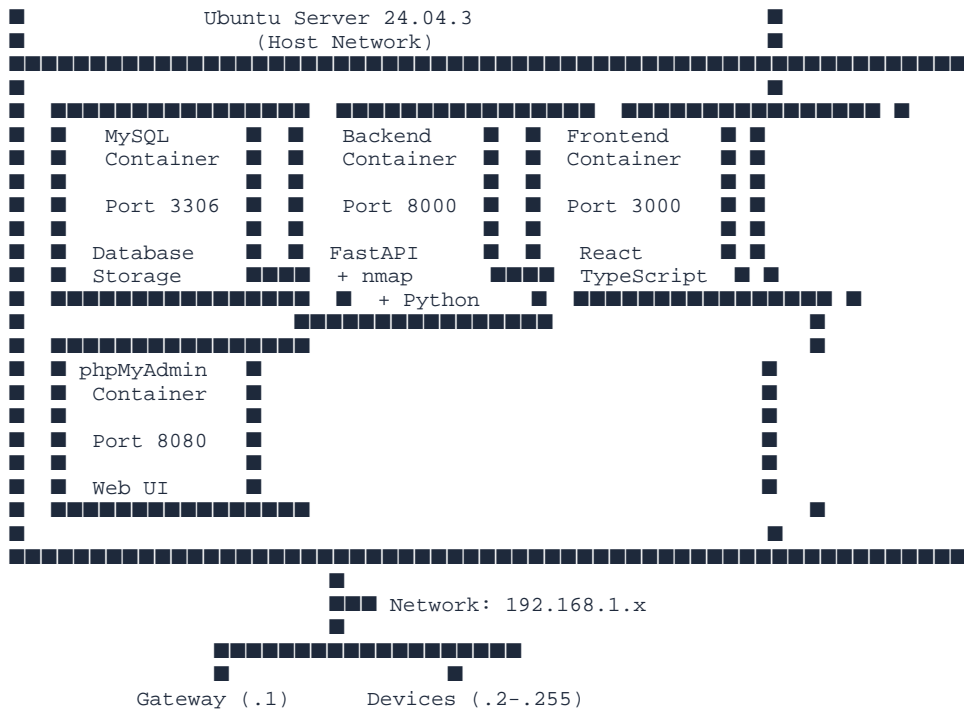
## System Architecture

### Deployment Platform

- Host System: Ubuntu Server 24.04.3 LTS
- Network Mode: Host network (direct access to 192.168.1.x)
- Deployment Method: Docker Compose (4 containers)
- Access Method: Web browser from any device on network

### Container Architecture





## Component Specifications

### 1. MySQL Database Container

Image: mysql:8.0

Container Name: ipam-mysql

Port: 3306

Volume: mysql-data (persistent)

Environment Variables:

```
MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD: ipmanager_root_2024
MYSQL_DATABASE: ipmanager
MYSQL_USER: ipmanager
MYSQL_PASSWORD: ipmanager_pass_2024
```

Database Schema:

Table: nodes

- Primary node tracking table
- Stores IP address information and status
- Fields:
  - id (INT, PRIMARY KEY, AUTO\_INCREMENT)
  - ip\_address (VARCHAR(15), UNIQUE)
  - subnet (VARCHAR(15))

- last\_octet (INT)
- status (ENUM: 'up', 'down', 'previously\_used', 'reserved')
- hostname (VARCHAR(255))
- mac\_address (VARCHAR(17))
- vendor (VARCHAR(255))
- first\_seen (TIMESTAMP)
- last\_seen (TIMESTAMP)
- last\_scanned (TIMESTAMP)
- times\_seen (INT)
- notes (TEXT) - User custom comments
- is\_reserved (BOOLEAN)
- reserved\_by (VARCHAR(100))
- reserved\_at (TIMESTAMP)

Table: scan\_history

- Records of all network scans performed
- Fields:
  - id (INT, PRIMARY KEY)
  - subnet (VARCHAR(15))
  - start\_ip (INT)
  - end\_ip (INT)
  - total\_ips (INT)
  - active\_ips (INT)
  - scan\_duration (FLOAT)
  - scanned\_at (TIMESTAMP)

Table: ip\_reservations

- Detailed reservation tracking
- Fields:
  - id (INT, PRIMARY KEY)
  - ip\_address (VARCHAR(15))
  - reserved\_for (VARCHAR(255))
  - description (TEXT)
  - reserved\_by (VARCHAR(100))
  - reserved\_at (TIMESTAMP)
  - expires\_at (TIMESTAMP, NULL)
  - is\_active (BOOLEAN)

Table: node\_history

- Historical snapshots of node state changes

- Fields:
- id (INT, PRIMARY KEY)
- node\_id (INT, FOREIGN KEY → nodes.id)
- ip\_address (VARCHAR(15))
- status (ENUM: 'up', 'down')
- hostname (VARCHAR(255))
- mac\_address (VARCHAR(17))
- vendor (VARCHAR(255))
- recorded\_at (TIMESTAMP)

## 2. Backend Container

Base Image: ubuntu:24.04

Container Name: ipam-backend

Port: 8000

Network Mode: host (critical for nmap access)

Privileged: true (required for nmap)

Technology Stack:

- Python 3.12
- FastAPI (web framework)
- Uvicorn (ASGI server)
- nmap (network scanning)
- python-nmap (nmap Python wrapper)
- mysql-connector-python (database driver)

Python Dependencies:

```
fastapi==0.104.1
uvicorn[standard]==0.24.0
python-nmap==0.7.1
pydantic==2.5.0
mysql-connector-python==8.2.0
```

System Dependencies:

- nmap (network scanning tool)
- curl (for healthchecks)

API Endpoints:

Core Endpoints:

- GET / - API information
- GET /health - Health check with DB status
- POST /api/scan - Perform network scan
- Request: {subnet, start\_ip, end\_ip}

- Response: Full scan results with node details

#### Node Management:

- GET /api/node/{ip} - Get detailed node info with history
- PUT /api/node/update - Update node notes
- Request: {ip, notes, is\_reserved}

#### IP Reservation:

- POST /api/reserve - Reserve an IP address
- Request: {ip, reserved\_for, description, reserved\_by}
- POST /api/release/{ip} - Release reserved IP

#### Network Discovery:

- GET /api/networks/discover - Discover available network interfaces
- Returns: List of all reachable subnets

#### Connection Pooling:

```
db_config = {  
    "host": "localhost",  
    "port": 3306,  
    "user": "ipmanager",  
    "password": "ipmanager_pass_2024",  
    "database": "ipmanager",  
    "pool_name": "ipmanager_pool",  
    "pool_size": 10  
}
```

#### Scanning Process:

1. Receive scan request with subnet range
2. Execute nmap with arguments: -sn -n -T4
3. Parse nmap results for:
  - IP addresses responding
  - Hostnames (if available)
  - MAC addresses
  - Vendor information (from MAC OUI)
4. Update database for each IP:
  - Create new node if first time seen
  - Update existing node with new scan data
  - Mark as 'up' if responding
  - Mark as 'previously\_used' if was up but now down
5. Record scan in scan\_history table
6. Return complete results to frontend

## 3. Frontend Container

Base Image: node:18

Container Name: ipam-frontend

Port: 3000

Network Mode: host

Technology Stack:

- React 18
- JavaScript/JSX
- CSS3 with custom animations
- Fetch API for backend communication

Key React Components:

Main App Component:

- State management for:
- Network scanning status
- Scan results (256 IPs)
- Selected IP details
- Modal visibility states
- Network discovery data
- Filter settings

Grid Rendering:

- 16x16 matrix (16 rows × 16 columns = 256 cells)
- Each cell represents one IP address (0-255)
- Dynamic styling based on status
- Click handlers for detailed views

Modal Components:

1. Details Modal - Shows full IP information
2. Reservation Modal - Form for reserving IPs
3. Notes Modal - Text area for custom comments
4. Network Discovery Modal - Lists available subnets

Visual Status System:

| Status | Color | Icon | Meaning |

|-----|-----|-----|-----|

| up | Green (■) | ● | Device currently online |

| down | Grey (■) | - | Never seen, available |

| previously\_used | Yellow (■) | - | Was online, now offline |

| reserved | Purple (■) | ■ | Reserved for specific use |

| localhost | Blue (■) | ■ | Host machine (Ubuntu laptop) |

Additional Visual Indicators:

- ■ Notes icon - IP has custom comments
- ● Vendor dot - Device has vendor identification
- Blue dot - IP has associated notes

User Interactions:

1. Select subnet (manual or from network discovery)
2. Click "Start Scan" to scan 0-255
3. View grid with color-coded statuses
4. Click any cell to see details
5. Add notes, reserve IPs, view history
6. Filter by status (All, Active, Available, Previously Used)

## 4. phpMyAdmin Container

Image: phpmyadmin:latest

Container Name: ipam-phpmyadmin

Port: 8080

Purpose:

- Web-based MySQL database management
- Query execution interface
- Data export/import capabilities
- Visual schema browsing

Access:

- URL: http://<ubuntu-ip>:8080
- Username: ipmanager or root
- Password: ipmanager\_pass\_2024 or ipmanager\_root\_2024

## Network Configuration

### Host Network Requirements

Network Mode: host

Why: Docker bridge networking on Windows/some Linux systems causes false positives in nmap scans due to NAT gateway behavior. Host network mode gives containers direct access to the physical network.

Network Access:

- Backend can directly scan 192.168.1.0/24 (or any host-reachable subnet)
- Frontend accessible from any device on network

- MySQL accessible for external tools if needed
- phpMyAdmin accessible via web browser

#### Port Bindings:

```
3000 → React Frontend
8000 → FastAPI Backend
3306 → MySQL Database
8080 → phpMyAdmin
```

#### Firewall Considerations:

```
# Allow access to services (if UFW enabled)
sudo ufw allow 3000/tcp # Frontend
sudo ufw allow 8000/tcp # Backend API
sudo ufw allow 8080/tcp # phpMyAdmin
sudo ufw allow 3306/tcp # MySQL (optional, for external access)
```

## Features and Functionality

### 1. Real-Time Network Scanning

Technology: nmap with Python wrapper

#### Scan Parameters:

- -sn : Ping scan (no port scan)
- -n : No DNS resolution
- -T4 : Aggressive timing

#### Information Gathered:

- IP address status (up/down)
- Hostname (when available)
- MAC address
- Vendor identification (via MAC OUI lookup)
- Response time

#### Scan Performance:

- Full /24 subnet (256 IPs): ~15-30 seconds
- Partial range: Proportional to range size
- Concurrent scanning via nmap's internal threading

### 2. Visual Grid Interface

#### 16x16 Matrix Design:

- Row 0: IPs .0 - .15
- Row 1: IPs .16 - .31



- ...

- Row 15: IPs .240 - .255

Cell Design:

- Size: 60-65px square
- Border: 2-3px based on status
- Corner indicators for special states
- Hover effect: Scale 1.15x
- Click: Open details modal

Responsive Design:

- Desktop: Full 65px cells
- Tablet: 50px cells
- Mobile: 38px cells
- Grid adapts to screen size

### 3. Device History Tracking

First Seen:

- Timestamp when device first detected
- Never changes once set
- Useful for device lifecycle tracking

Last Seen:

- Updated whenever device responds to scan
- Shows most recent online time
- Helps identify intermittent devices

Times Seen:

- Counter incremented on each detection
- Indicates frequency of device presence
- Useful for identifying mobile devices vs fixed infrastructure

Status Transitions:


1. Never scanned → 'down' (grey)
2. First detection → 'up' (green)
3. Goes offline → 'previously\_used' (yellow)
4. Returns online → 'up' (green)
5. Reserved → 'reserved' (purple) regardless of online status

### 4. IP Reservation System

Purpose:

- Mark IPs for specific devices/purposes
- Prevent accidental assignment
- Document IP allocation plans

Reservation Process:

1. User clicks IP cell
2. Clicks "Reserve IP" button
3. Fills form:
  - Reserved For (required): Device name/purpose
  - Description (optional): Additional details
  - Reserved By (optional): Person/team name
4. Submits reservation
5. IP status changes to 'reserved' (purple)
6.  lock icon appears on cell

Reservation Data:

- Stored in both nodes table and ip\_reservations table
- Timestamp recorded
- Can be released at any time
- Survives system restarts

Release Process:


1. Click reserved IP
2. Click "Release IP" button
3. Confirm action
4. Status returns to 'down' or 'previously\_used'

## 5. Custom Comments/Notes

Purpose:

- Document device information
- Add maintenance notes
- Record configuration details
- Store contact information

Features:

- Unlimited text length (TEXT field)
- Preserves line breaks and formatting
- Visible indicator () on cells with notes
- Searchable via phpMyAdmin

- Persistent across scans

#### Common Use Cases:

192.168.1.10 - Web Server  
Owner: IT Department  
Contact: admin@company.com  
SSH Port: 2222  
Last Maintenance: 2024-12-01

## 6. Multi-Network Discovery

#### Auto-Detection:

- Scans all network interfaces on host
- Identifies IP addresses and subnets
- Detects gateway information
- Marks primary network

#### Network Information:

- Interface name (eth0, wlan0, etc.)
- Host IP address
- Subnet (first 3 octets)
- Network type (Local vs Virtual)
- Gateway IP (for primary network)
- Total addressable IPs

#### User Interface:

- ■ Globe button next to subnet input
- Modal showing all available networks
- One-click network switching
- Primary network highlighted in green

## 7. Localhost Highlighting

#### Purpose:

- Visually identify the host machine running the containers
- Quick identification of gateway
- Navigation aid in large networks

#### Visual Design:

- Blue glowing border
- ■ House icon in corner
- Pulsing glow animation (3-second cycle)
- Brighter blue on hover
- Bold number styling

Detection Methods:

1. Gateway detection (usually .1)
2. Match against network discovery results
3. Manual specification (if needed)

## 8. Statistical Dashboard

Real-Time Metrics:

- Total IPs scanned
- Active devices (currently online)
- Available IPs (never used)
- Previously used (offline devices)
- Reserved IPs
- IPs with custom notes

Visual Presentation:

- Card-based layout
- Icon for each category
- Large numbers for quick scanning
- Hover effects for interactivity

## 9. Filtering System

Filter Options:

- All (default view)
- Active Only (show green cells)
- Available Only (show grey cells)
- Previously Used (show yellow cells)

Behavior:

- Non-matching cells fade to 20% opacity
- Matching cells remain fully visible
- Stats update to show filtered counts
- Can be combined with search/sort in future versions

## Data Flow

## Scan Workflow

```

User clicks "Start Scan"
↓
Frontend sends POST /api/scan
↓
Backend receives request
↓
Execute nmap scan on subnet
↓
Parse nmap results
↓
For each IP (0-255):
  ■■→ Check if node exists in database
  ■ ■■→ Yes: Update existing record
  ■ ■■→ If responding: status = 'up', increment times_seen
  ■ ■■→ If not responding: status = 'previously_used'
  ■ ■■→ No: Create new node record
  ■ ■■→ Set appropriate initial status
  ■■→ Record in node_history (if status changed to 'up')
  ■■→ Preserve reservation status (don't overwrite)
↓
Save scan record to scan_history
↓
Return complete results to frontend
↓
Frontend updates grid display
↓
User sees color-coded results

```

## Node Detail View Workflow

```

User clicks IP cell
↓
Frontend sends GET /api/node/{ip}
↓
Backend queries nodes table
↓
Backend queries node_history table
↓
Return combined data
↓
Frontend displays modal with:
  ■■→ Current status
  ■■→ Device information
  ■■→ Timestamps
  ■■→ Custom notes
  ■■→ Action buttons

```

## Reservation Workflow

```

User clicks "Reserve IP"
↓
Frontend shows reservation form
↓
User fills in details
↓
Frontend sends POST /api/reserve
↓
Backend updates nodes table
  ■■→ Set status = 'reserved'
  ■■→ Set is_reserved = TRUE
  ■■→ Store reservation details
  ■■→ Timestamp the reservation
↓
Backend creates ip_reservations record
↓
Return success
↓
Frontend refreshes scan
↓

```

Cell displays purple with lock icon

## User Interface Design

### Color Scheme

Primary Colors:

- Primary Blue: #6366f1 (Indigo)
- Secondary Purple: #a855f7 (Purple)
- Success Green: #10b981 (Emerald)
- Warning Yellow: #f59e0b (Amber)
- Danger Red: #ef4444 (Red)

Background:

- Dark: #0f172a (Slate)
- Darker: #020617 (Slate)

Text:

- Primary: #f8fafc (Off-white)
- Secondary: #94a3b8 (Slate gray)

Glassmorphism Effects:

- Background: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.05)
- Border: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.1)
- Backdrop blur: 20px

### Typography

Font Family: 'Inter', sans-serif

Monospace: 'Courier New', monospace (for IPs, MACs)

Font Weights:

- Regular: 400
- Medium: 500
- Semibold: 600
- Bold: 700

### Animations

Background Glow:

- 3 floating gradient orbs
- 20-second infinite float animation
- Blur: 100px
- Opacity: 0.3

Cell Hover:

- Scale: 1.15x
- Transition: 0.3s cubic-bezier
- Z-index: 10 (above other cells)

Cell Pulse (Active):

- Box-shadow pulse every 2 seconds
- Color: Green rgba with fade

## Localhost Glow:

- Blue glow intensity oscillates
- 3-second cycle
- Box-shadow from 15px to 25px

Modal Entry:

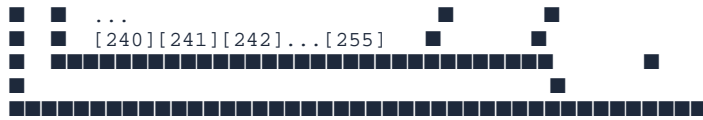
- Fade in overlay: 0.3s
- Slide up content: 0.4s
- Spring easing

### Button Interactions:

- Hover: translateY(-2px)
- Shadow increase
- 0.3s transition

## Layout Structure

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# Installation and Deployment

## Prerequisites

Hardware:

- Ubuntu Server 24.04.3 LTS
- 4GB RAM minimum (8GB recommended)
- 2 CPU cores minimum
- 20GB disk space
- Network interface with access to target subnet

Software:

- Docker Engine
- Docker Compose
- Network connectivity to scan target

## Installation Steps

### 1. Install Docker:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install -y docker.io docker-compose
sudo usermod -aG docker $USER
sudo systemctl enable docker
sudo systemctl start docker
```

### 2. Extract IP Manager:

```
cd ~
tar -xzf ipmanager-ubuntu.tar.gz
cd ipmanager
```

### 3. Configure MySQL (Optional - Change Passwords):

```
nano docker-compose.yml
# Edit MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD and MYSQL_PASSWORD
```

### 4. Start Services:

```
# Start MySQL first (needs time to initialize)
docker compose up -d mysql
sleep 30

# Start all services
docker compose up -d

# Verify all running
docker compose ps
```



## 5. Access Application:

```
# Get Ubuntu laptop IP
hostname -I

# Open in browser from any device
# Frontend: http://<ubuntu-ip>:3000
# API Docs: http://<ubuntu-ip>:8000/docs
# phpMyAdmin: http://<ubuntu-ip>:8080
```

## Verification

### Check Container Status:

```
docker compose ps
# Should show 4 containers running
```

### Check Backend Health:

```
curl http://localhost:8000/health
# Should return: {"status":"healthy","database":"connected"}
```

### Check MySQL:

```
docker exec -it ipam-mysql mysql -u ipmanager -p<pipmanager_pass_2024> -e "SHOW DATABASES;"
# Should show 'ipmanager' database
```


### Test Frontend:

- Open browser to http://<ubuntu-ip>:3000
- Should see IP Manager interface
- Click "Start Scan"
- Should populate grid with colored cells

## Usage Guide

### Basic Workflow

#### 1. First-Time Setup:

- Access application in browser
- Click  to see available networks
- Select your primary network
- Run first scan to populate database

#### 2. Daily Usage:

- Open application
- Click "Start Scan" to refresh device status
- Review changes (new devices, offline devices)
- Update notes as needed
- Reserve IPs for new equipment

### 3. IP Assignment Planning:

- Scan network to see what's used
- Identify available IPs (grey cells)
- Avoid previously-used IPs (yellow) if possible
- Reserve IP before deploying device
- Add notes with device details

### 4. Device Troubleshooting:

- Search for device by clicking cells
- Check last seen timestamp
- Review history of connections
- Verify MAC address and vendor
- Check custom notes for configuration

## Common Tasks

#### Reserve an IP for New Device:

1. Scan network
2. Find available IP (grey cell)
3. Click cell → Click "Reserve IP"
4. Enter device name, description, your name
5. Submit
6. IP turns purple with lock icon

#### Add Notes to Existing Device:

1. Click device's IP cell
2. Click "■ Edit Notes"
3. Type your information
4. Click "Save Notes"
5. Cell shows ■ indicator

#### Track Down a Device:

1. Note its MAC address or vendor
2. Scan network
3. Use phpMyAdmin:

```
```sql
```

```
SELECT ip_address, hostname, vendor, last_seen
```

```
FROM nodes
```

```
WHERE mac_address = 'XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX';
```

```
```
```

4. Or click cells until you find matching vendor

Generate Network Report:

1. Open phpMyAdmin (port 8080)
2. Go to nodes table
3. Click "Export"
4. Select CSV format
5. Download
6. Open in Excel for analysis

View Device History:


1. Click IP cell
2. See first seen, last seen, times seen
3. For detailed history, use phpMyAdmin:

```
```sql
```

```
SELECT * FROM node_history
WHERE ip_address = '192.168.1.100'
ORDER BY recorded_at DESC;
```
```

## Advanced Usage

Scan Multiple Networks:

1. Click  button
2. Select different network
3. Run scan
4. Database tracks all networks separately
5. Switch back and forth as needed

Export Data for Analysis:

```
# Connect to MySQL
docker exec -it ipam-mysql mysql -u ipmanager -pipmanager_pass_2024 ipmanager

# Export to CSV
SELECT ip_address, status, vendor, hostname, last_seen, times_seen
INTO OUTFILE '/tmp/network_report.csv'
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','
ENCLOSED BY '"'
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
FROM nodes
WHERE subnet = '192.168.1'
ORDER BY CAST(SUBSTRING_INDEX(ip_address, '.', -1) AS UNSIGNED);
```

Automated Scanning (Cron):

```
# Add to crontab for hourly scans
0 * * * * curl -X POST http://localhost:8000/api/scan \
  -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
  -d '{"subnet":"192.168.1","start_ip":0,"end_ip":255}' \
  >> /var/log/ipmanager-scans.log 2>&1
```

# Database Management

## Common Queries

### Find All Active Devices:

```
SELECT ip_address, hostname, vendor, mac_address, last_seen
FROM nodes
WHERE status = 'up'
ORDER BY ip_address;
```

### Find Devices Not Seen Recently:

```
SELECT ip_address, hostname, vendor, last_seen,
       TIMESTAMPDIFF(HOUR, last_seen, NOW()) as hours_offline
FROM nodes
WHERE status = 'previously_used'
      AND last_seen < DATE_SUB(NOW(), INTERVAL 7 DAY)
ORDER BY last_seen DESC;
```

### Network Usage Statistics:

```
SELECT
    status,
    COUNT(*) as count,
    ROUND(COUNT(*) * 100.0 / (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM nodes), 2) as percentage
FROM nodes
WHERE subnet = '192.168.1'
GROUP BY status;
```

### Most Frequently Seen Devices:

```
SELECT ip_address, hostname, vendor, times_seen, last_seen
FROM nodes
WHERE times_seen > 5
ORDER BY times_seen DESC
LIMIT 20;
```

### Reserved IPs Report:

```
SELECT n.ip_address, n.notes, n.reserved_by, n.reserved_at,
       r.reserved_for, r.description
FROM nodes n
LEFT JOIN ip_reservations r ON n.ip_address = r.ip_address AND r.is_active = TRUE
WHERE n.status = 'reserved'
ORDER BY n.ip_address;
```

### Device History Timeline:

```
SELECT h.recorded_at, h.status, h.hostname, h.vendor
FROM node_history h
JOIN nodes n ON h.node_id = n.id
WHERE n.ip_address = '192.168.1.100'
ORDER BY h.recorded_at DESC
LIMIT 50;
```

### Scan Performance Metrics:

```
SELECT
    DATE(scanned_at) as scan_date,
    COUNT(*) as scan_count,
    AVG(scan_duration) as avg_duration,
    AVG(active_ips) as avg_active_devices,
    MAX(active_ips) as max_devices
FROM scan_history
WHERE scanned_at > DATE_SUB(NOW(), INTERVAL 30 DAY)
```

```
GROUP BY DATE(scanned_at)
ORDER BY scan_date DESC;
```

#### Vendor Distribution:

```
SELECT
    vendor,
    COUNT(*) as device_count
FROM nodes
WHERE vendor IS NOT NULL
    AND status = 'up'
GROUP BY vendor
ORDER BY device_count DESC;
```

## Database Maintenance

#### Optimize Tables (Monthly):

```
OPTIMIZE TABLE nodes;
OPTIMIZE TABLE node_history;
OPTIMIZE TABLE scan_history;
OPTIMIZE TABLE ip_reservations;
```

#### Archive Old History (Yearly):

```
-- Archive node_history older than 1 year
DELETE FROM node_history
WHERE recorded_at < DATE_SUB(NOW(), INTERVAL 1 YEAR);

-- Archive scan_history older than 6 months
DELETE FROM scan_history
WHERE scanned_at < DATE_SUB(NOW(), INTERVAL 6 MONTH);
```

#### Backup Database:

```
# From host
docker exec ipam-mysql mysqldump -u ipmanager -pipmanager_pass_2024 ipmanager > backup-$(date +%Y%m%d).sql

# Restore
docker exec -i ipam-mysql mysql -u ipmanager -pipmanager_pass_2024 ipmanager < backup-20251208.sql
```

## Security Considerations

### Current Security Posture

#### Development/Internal Use:

- Default passwords in docker-compose.yml
- No authentication on frontend
- Open network access to all ports
- Root access to phpMyAdmin available

#### Acceptable For:

- Home lab environments
- Internal corporate networks
- Trusted network segments

- Development/testing

## Production Hardening Recommendations

### 1. Change Default Passwords:

```
environment:  
  MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD: <strong-random-password>  
  MYSQL_PASSWORD: <strong-random-password>
```

### 2. Implement Authentication:

- Add OAuth2/JWT to FastAPI backend
- Implement login screen on frontend
- Use environment variables for credentials

### 3. Restrict Network Access:

```
# Firewall rules (UFW example)  
sudo ufw allow from 192.168.1.0/24 to any port 3000  
sudo ufw allow from 192.168.1.0/24 to any port 8000  
sudo ufw deny 3306 # Don't expose MySQL externally  
sudo ufw deny 8080 # Restrict phpMyAdmin access
```

### 4. Use HTTPS:

- Set up reverse proxy (nginx)
- Obtain SSL certificates (Let's Encrypt)
- Redirect HTTP to HTTPS

### 5. Enable phpMyAdmin 2FA:

- Configure in phpMyAdmin settings
- Use Google Authenticator or similar

### 6. Regular Updates:

```
# Update container images  
docker compose pull  
docker compose up -d  
  
# Update Ubuntu host  
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade
```

### 7. Audit Logging:

- Enable MySQL query logging
- Log API access
- Monitor for suspicious activity

### 8. Backup Strategy:

- Daily automated database backups
- Store backups off-system
- Test restore procedures

# Troubleshooting

## Common Issues and Solutions

### Issue: Blank page on frontend

Symptom: Browser shows blank white page  
Cause: JavaScript error, missing import, broken component  
Solution:  
1. Press F12 → Console tab  
2. Look for error messages  
3. Common fix: Check import statements  
4. Restore from backup if needed

### Issue: "NetworkError when attempting to fetch resource"

Symptom: Scan button returns error  
Cause: Backend not running or not accessible  
Solution:  
docker compose logs ipam-backend --tail 50  
docker compose restart ipam-backend  
curl http://localhost:8000/health

### Issue: All IPs show as "up" (false positives)

Symptom: Every IP address shows green  
Cause: Docker bridge networking instead of host mode  
Solution:  
Verify docker-compose.yml has:  
    network\_mode: host  
Restart containers:  
    docker compose down && docker compose up -d

### Issue: MySQL connection failed

Symptom: Backend shows database connection errors  
Cause: MySQL not ready or wrong credentials  
Solution:  
docker compose logs mysql --tail 30  
# Wait for "ready for connections" message  
# Verify credentials in docker-compose.yml match main.py  
docker compose restart ipam-backend

### Issue: nmap not found

Symptom: Backend logs show "No such file or directory: 'nmap'"  
Cause: nmap not installed in container  
Solution:  
docker exec ipam-backend apt update  
docker exec ipam-backend apt install -y nmap  
docker compose restart ipam-backend

### Issue: Port already in use

Symptom: "port is already allocated" error  
Cause: Another service using the port  
Solution:  
# Find what's using the port  
sudo netstat -tulpn | grep 3000  
# Stop conflicting service or change port in docker-compose.yml

### Issue: No networks detected

Symptom: Network discovery modal shows "No networks detected"  
Cause: 'ip' command not available in container  
Solution:  
# Backend needs host network access  
Verify network\_mode: host in docker-compose.yml  
Alternative: Hardcode IP in frontend isLocalhostIP function

### Issue: Permission denied on scan

```
Symptom: nmap fails with permission errors
Cause: Container not running in privileged mode
Solution:
Verify docker-compose.yml has:
    privileged: true
Restart: docker compose up -d
```

### Issue: Slow scans

```
Symptom: Scan takes 2+ minutes
Cause: Network congestion or host performance
Solution:
# Reduce scan range
POST /api/scan with start_ip: 1, end_ip: 50
# Or adjust nmap timing (in main.py)
Change -T4 to -T3 (more polite) or -T5 (faster but aggressive)
```

## Log Locations

### Container Logs:

```
docker compose logs ipam-backend
docker compose logs ipam-frontend
docker compose logs mysql
docker compose logs phpmyadmin
```

### Application Logs:

- Backend: stdout/stderr (view with docker logs)
- Frontend: Browser console (F12)
- MySQL: Inside container at /var/log/mysql/
- Scan errors: Written to backend stdout

### Debugging Tips:

```
# Live tail all logs
docker compose logs -f

# Check container health
docker compose ps

# Enter container for debugging
docker exec -it ipam-backend bash
docker exec -it ipam-mysql mysql -u root -p

# Test network connectivity from container
docker exec ipam-backend ping 192.168.1.1
docker exec ipam-backend nmap -sn 192.168.1.1
```

## Performance Optimization

### Scan Performance

#### Current Performance:

- Full /24 subnet (256 IPs): 15-30 seconds
- Influenced by: network latency, active devices, nmap timing



## Optimization Options:

### 1. Parallel Scanning (Already Implemented):

- nmap handles concurrency internally
- -T4 timing profile balances speed and reliability

### 2. Reduce Scan Range:

```
// Frontend: Scan only likely range
POST /api/scan
{
  "subnet": "192.168.1",
  "start_ip": 10,
  "end_ip": 100
}
```

### 3. Scheduled Background Scans:

```
# Cron job for automated scanning
*/15 * * * * curl -X POST http://localhost:8000/api/scan \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{"subnet":"192.168.1","start_ip":0,"end_ip":255}'
```

### 4. Database Indexing (Already Implemented):

```
-- Indexes on nodes table
INDEX idx_ip (ip_address)
INDEX idx_subnet (subnet)
INDEX idx_status (status)
INDEX idx_last_seen (last_seen)
```

## Frontend Performance

### Grid Rendering:

- 256 cells × React components = potential slowdown
- Mitigation: CSS transforms instead of re-renders
- Filter hiding uses opacity, not removal

### Optimization Techniques:

```
// Use React.memo for cell components (future enhancement)
const GridCell = React.memo(({ ip, status, ... }) => {
  // Cell rendering
});

// Virtualization for very large grids (future)
// Only render visible cells
```

## Database Performance

### Connection Pooling:

```
# Already implemented
pool_size = 10
# Reuses connections instead of creating new ones
```

### Query Optimization:

- Use indexes for all WHERE clauses
- Limit result sets with LIMIT
- Use prepared statements (automatic with mysql-connector)

Archive Old Data:

- Move old node\_history to archive table
- Keep scan\_history for 6 months max
- Keeps active tables small and fast

## Future Enhancements

### Planned Features

#### 1. Port Scanning

```
# Add to scan arguments
nm.scan(hosts=ip_range, arguments='-sn -p 22,80,443,3389')
# Display open ports on detail modal
```

#### 2. Device Categorization

```
-- Add to nodes table
ALTER TABLE nodes ADD COLUMN device_type VARCHAR(50);
-- Categories: Server, Workstation, Printer, IoT, Mobile, etc.
```

#### 3. Alerting System

```
# Email/Slack alerts for:
- New devices detected
- Devices offline > X hours
- IP conflicts
- Unauthorized devices
```

#### 4. Network Topology Visualization

```
// Graph view showing:
- Gateway at center
- Devices as nodes
- Connections as edges
- Visual clustering by vendor/type
```

#### 5. DHCP Integration

```
# Read DHCP leases file
- Compare scanned vs. leased IPs
- Identify rogue devices
- Match hostnames from DHCP
```

#### 6. Historical Graphs

```
// Charts showing:
- Device count over time
- Uptime patterns
- Network usage trends
- Vendor distribution changes
```

#### 7. Export/Import

```
# API endpoints for:
POST /api/export/csv
POST /api/export/json
POST /api/import/csv
- Bulk operations on nodes
```

#### 8. Mobile App

```
React Native version:
```

- Same functionality
- Mobile-optimized grid
- Push notifications
- QR code scanning for device info

## 9. Advanced Search

- ```
// Search by:
```
- IP range
  - Vendor
  - Hostname pattern
  - Last seen date range
  - Custom note content

## 10. Role-Based Access Control

- ```
# User roles:
```
- Admin: Full access
  - Operator: Scan and view
  - Viewer: Read-only
- ```
# Implement with JWT tokens
```

# Architectural Improvements

## 1. Microservices Split

- Scanning service (dedicated)
- API service (FastAPI)
- Database service (MySQL)
- Alert service (new)
- Reporting service (new)

## 2. Message Queue

- Add RabbitMQ or Redis
- Async scan processing
- Better scalability

## 3. Caching Layer

- Redis for frequently accessed data
- Reduce database load
- Faster response times

## 4. High Availability

- Multiple backend instances
- Load balancer (nginx)
- MySQL replication
- Failover capability

# Technical Specifications

## System Requirements

Minimum:

- CPU: 2 cores @ 2.0 GHz
- RAM: 4 GB
- Disk: 20 GB SSD

- Network: 100 Mbps

Recommended:

- CPU: 4 cores @ 2.5 GHz
- RAM: 8 GB
- Disk: 50 GB SSD
- Network: 1 Gbps

Optimal:

- CPU: 6+ cores @ 3.0+ GHz
- RAM: 16 GB
- Disk: 100 GB NVMe SSD
- Network: 10 Gbps

## Scalability Limits

Current Architecture:

- Max subnet size: /16 (65,536 IPs)
- Realistic limit: /24 (256 IPs) per scan
- Concurrent scans: 1 (sequential only)
- Database: ~1 million nodes before optimization needed
- Frontend: 256 cells rendered efficiently

Performance Scaling:

| Network Size | Scan Time | DB Growth/Month |

|-----|-----|-----|

| /24 (256) | 15-30 sec | ~5 MB |

| /23 (512) | 30-60 sec | ~10 MB |

| /22 (1024) | 1-2 min | ~20 MB |

| /16 (65536) | 30-60 min | ~500 MB |

## Technology Versions

Container Images:

- mysql:8.0
- ubuntu:24.04
- node:18
- phpmyadmin:latest

Python Packages:

- fastapi==0.104.1

- uvicorn==0.24.0
- python-nmap==0.7.1
- pydantic==2.5.0
- mysql-connector-python==8.2.0

JavaScript Libraries:

- react@18.x
- Native Fetch API (no axios needed)

System Tools:

- nmap 7.94+
- Docker 24.0+
- Docker Compose 2.0+

## Maintenance Procedures

### Daily Tasks

- None required (system is self-maintaining)
- Optional: Review scan results for anomalies

### Weekly Tasks

- Review new devices detected
- Update notes for unknown devices
- Check for devices offline > 7 days

### Monthly Tasks

- Backup database
- Review and clean old scan history
- Optimize database tables
- Update container images
- Review reserved IPs for accuracy

### Quarterly Tasks

- Full security audit
- Performance review
- Archive old data (>6 months)

- Update documentation

## Annual Tasks

- Major version updates
- Hardware capacity planning
- Disaster recovery test
- Security penetration test

## Backup Strategy

Automated Daily Backup:

```
#!/bin/bash
# /usr/local/bin/ipmanager-backup.sh

BACKUP_DIR="/backups/ipmanager"
DATE=$(date +%Y%m%d)

# Create backup directory
mkdir -p $BACKUP_DIR

# Backup MySQL database
docker exec ipam-mysql mysqldump -u ipmanager -pipmanager_pass_2024 \
  ipmanager > $BACKUP_DIR/ipmanager-$DATE.sql

# Compress
gzip $BACKUP_DIR/ipmanager-$DATE.sql

# Remove backups older than 30 days
find $BACKUP_DIR -name "*.sql.gz" -mtime +30 -delete

echo "Backup completed: ipmanager-$DATE.sql.gz"
```

Add to crontab:

```
# Run daily at 2 AM
0 2 * * * /usr/local/bin/ipmanager-backup.sh >> /var/log/ipmanager-backup.log 2>&1
```

## License and Credits

System: IP Manager v2.0

Developer: Francisco - Son2 Latin Music

Location: Tampa Bay, Florida

Deployment: December 8, 2025

Technology Credits:

- FastAPI - Modern Python web framework
- React - JavaScript UI library
- MySQL - Relational database
- nmap - Network scanning utility
- Docker - Containerization platform

- Ubuntu - Linux operating system

Open Source Components:

- python-nmap: GPLv3
- FastAPI: MIT License
- React: MIT License
- MySQL: GPL
- phpMyAdmin: GPL

## Support and Documentation

Primary Documentation:

- This design document
- API documentation: <http://localhost:8000/docs>
- Code comments in source files

External Resources:

- FastAPI: <https://fastapi.tiangolo.com/>
- React: <https://react.dev/>
- nmap: <https://nmap.org/book/>
- MySQL: <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/>

Internal Support:

- Review container logs for errors
- Check phpMyAdmin for data verification
- Test API endpoints at /docs interface

## Conclusion

IP Manager provides a comprehensive, visual, and persistent solution for network IP address management. The system successfully combines real-time scanning with historical tracking, reservation capabilities, and an intuitive user interface.

Key Achievements:

- Visual 16x16 grid representation of network
- Persistent device history in MySQL database
- IP reservation and custom notes system
- Multi-network discovery and switching
- Professional modern dark-themed UI
- Complete database management via phpMyAdmin

■ Docker-based deployment for portability

Production Ready For:

- Home network management
- Small business networks
- Lab environments
- Network documentation
- DHCP planning
- Device inventory

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