# MeshCentral2



# What is it?

"MeshCentral, a full web based remote management web site you can launch on your own server"

# Competitors

Teamviewer	proprietary, expensive, compatibility issues
DWService	Easy, fast, free, not completely open source
Guacamole	Open source, free, client-less, requires port-forwards and stuff
X2go	opensource, requires port- forwarding & client side apps

# Features

## Features continued

- Multi-user
- Let's Encrypt support
- Give timed access for support to other people.
- Uses Yubikey
- Customise the interface with company logo and titles
- Compatible with OperWRT devices like the GL.iNet GL-AR750S-Ext

#### **GL.iNet**



GL.iNet GL-AR750S-Ext (Slate) Gigabit Travel AC VPN Router, 300Mbps(2.4G)+433Mbps(5G) Wi-Fi, 128MB RAM, MicroSD Support, Repeater Bridge, OpenWrt/LEDE pre-Installed, Cloudflare DNS, Power Adapter and Cables Included

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### Feature: Intel AMT

- Access Intel Active Management Tech (AMT)
   allows access to BIOs and boot menus.
- separate microprocessor used to monitor, maintain, update, upgrade, and repair servers
- AMT is built into PCs with Intel vPro technology

### **Checking Intel AMT**

- Check locally: https://github.com/mjg59/meiamt-check
- Check with nmap: https://www.cyberciti.biz/faq/how-to-checkwhether-amt-is-enabled-and-provisionedunder-linux/

# Requirements

Sever Node v10+

Client MeshAgent (open source )

### Hosted solution

Ref: https://meshcentral.com/

- No server installation required
- Recommend setting up your own server

# Self Host Server Installation

npm install meshcentral

NOTE: Do not use sudo on this command!

### Run

First run

node ./node\_modules/meshcentral

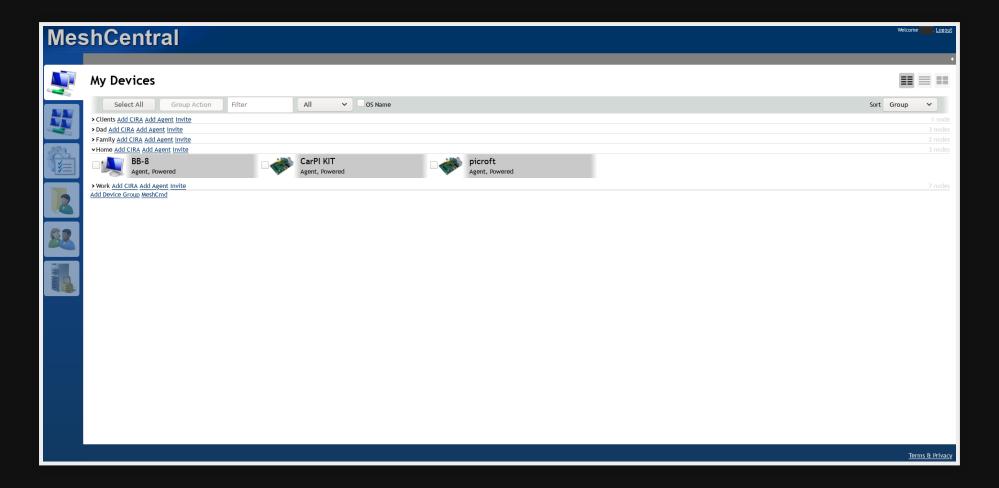
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Then create the certificate

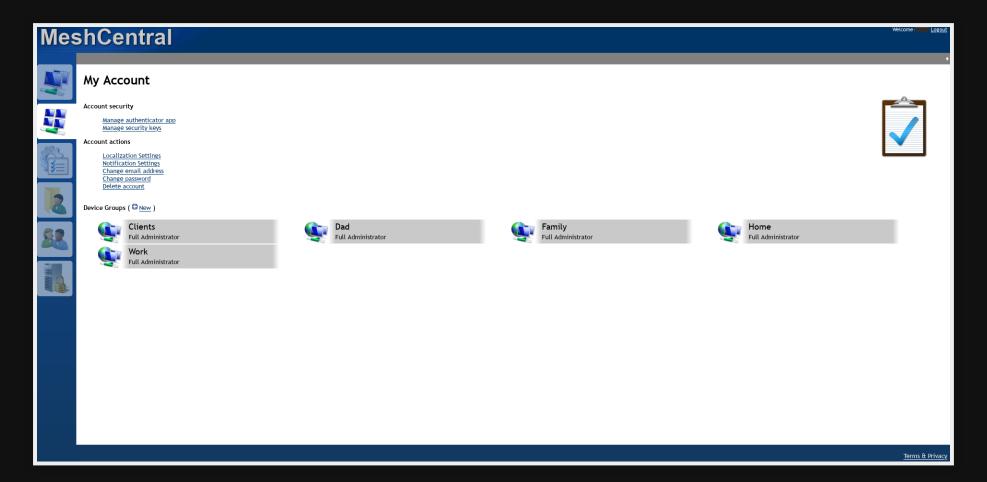
node ./node\_modules/meshcentral --cert <your domain>

# Interface

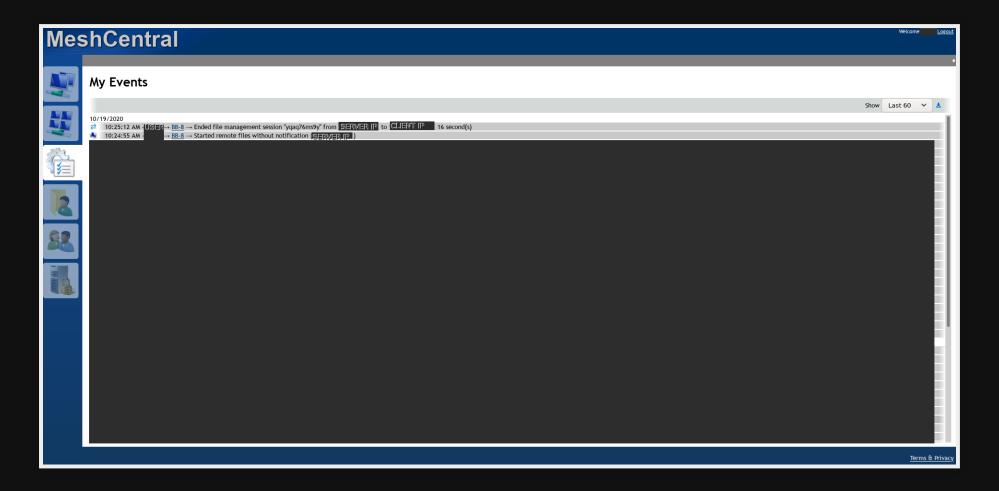
# My Devices



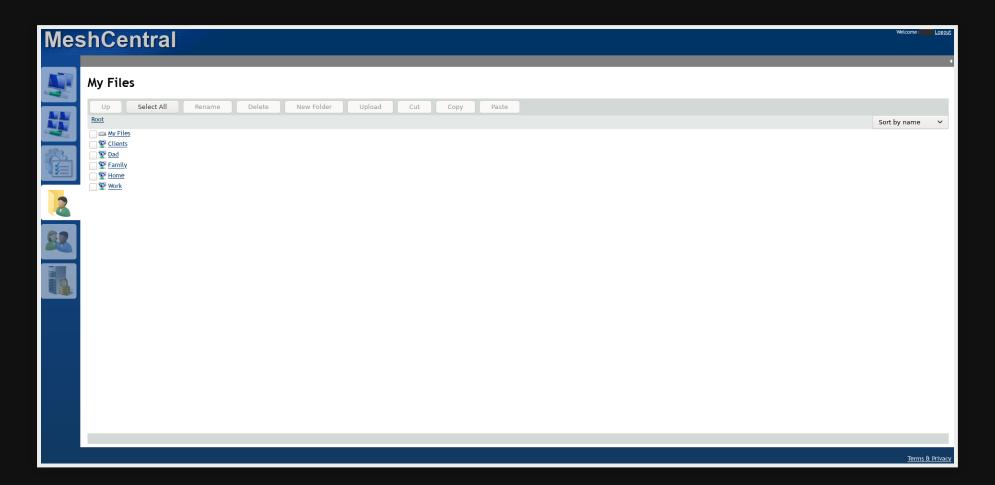
### My Account



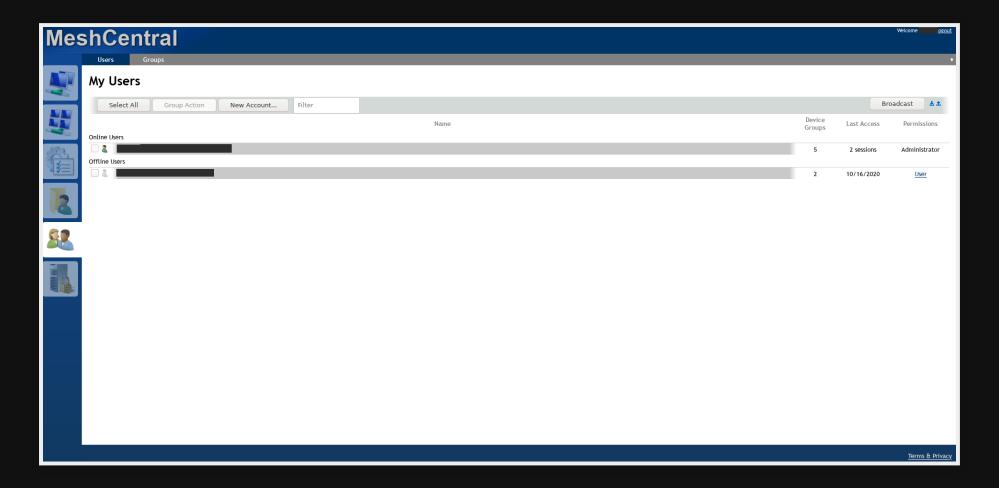
### **My Events**



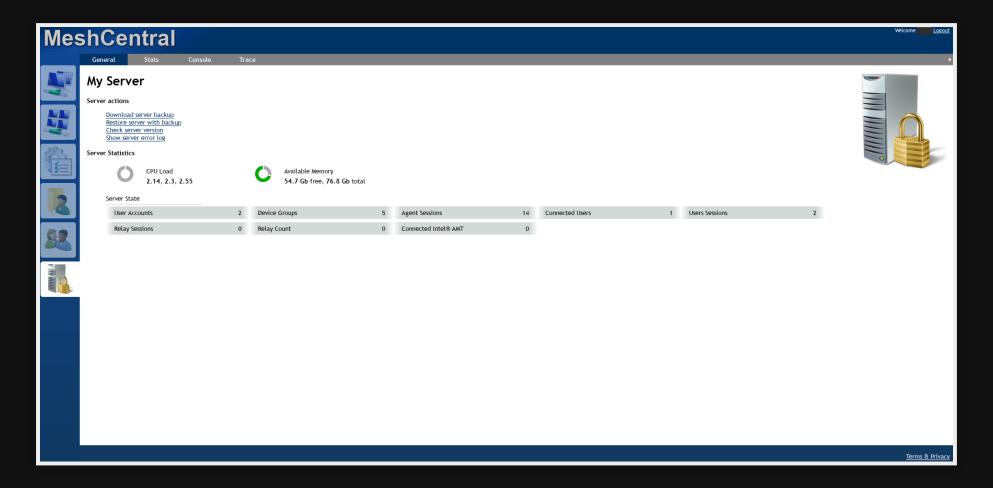
# My Files



### My Users



### My Server



# Add to startup

```
node ~/node_modules/meshcentral --install
sudo systemctl enable meshcentral.service
sudo systemctl start meshcentral.service
sudo systemctl status meshcentral.service
```

#### Manually

Add to /etc/systemd/system/meshcentral.service

```
[Unit]
Description=MeshCentral Server
[Service]
Type=simple
LimitNOFILE=1000000
ExecStart=/usr/bin/node /home/<user>/node modules/meshcentral
WorkingDirectory=/home/<user>
Environment=NODE_ENV=production
User=<user>
Group=<user>
Restart=always
# Restart service after 10 seconds if node service crashes
RestartSec=10
# Set port permissions capability
AmbientCapabilities=cap net bind service
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

# Running non-standard port

By default it runs on 80 & 443

Edit ~/meshcentral-data/config.json remove the '\_' from port and set to 1025

```
"port": 1025,
"cert": "<your domain>"
```

NOTE: Remember to port forward through your firewall.

# Updating

npm update meshcentral
sudo systemctl restart meshcentral.service

# Client: Installation

Two ways

- Add Agent
- Invite

#### Add Agent

Done through the admin login

- 1. Login
- 2. Click Add Agent on the group
- 3. Select OS
- 4. Download
- 5. Run

#### **Invite**

# For clients who don't have access to your MeshCentral

- 1. Login
- 2. Click Invite on the group
- 3. Select Link Expiration
- 4. Copy link
- 5. Send to your client via an email
- 6. Run on client machine

#### After install

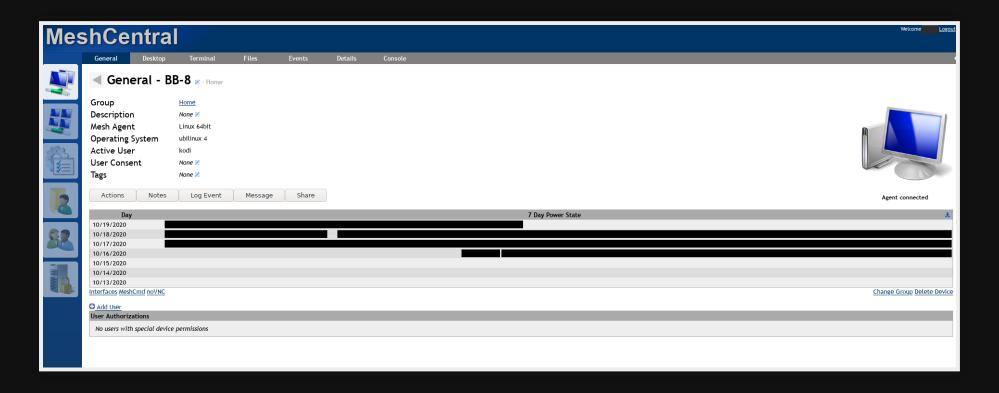
The client should automatically appear no refresh required.

#### Allow users

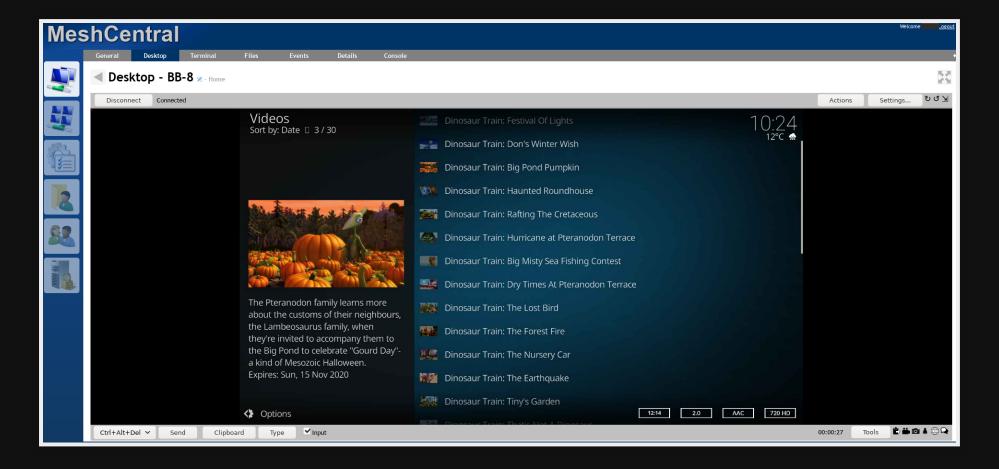
- Add users to manage a group or just certain computers
- Access levels include
  - Remote control
  - Files
  - Wake
  - Edit
  - Uninstall
  - Remote commands
  - Reboot/Power off
  - Etc

# Client operations

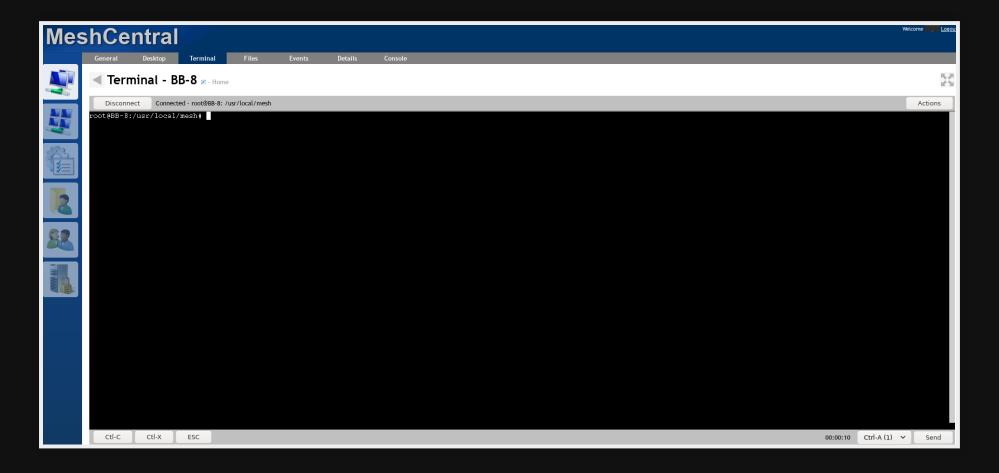
#### General



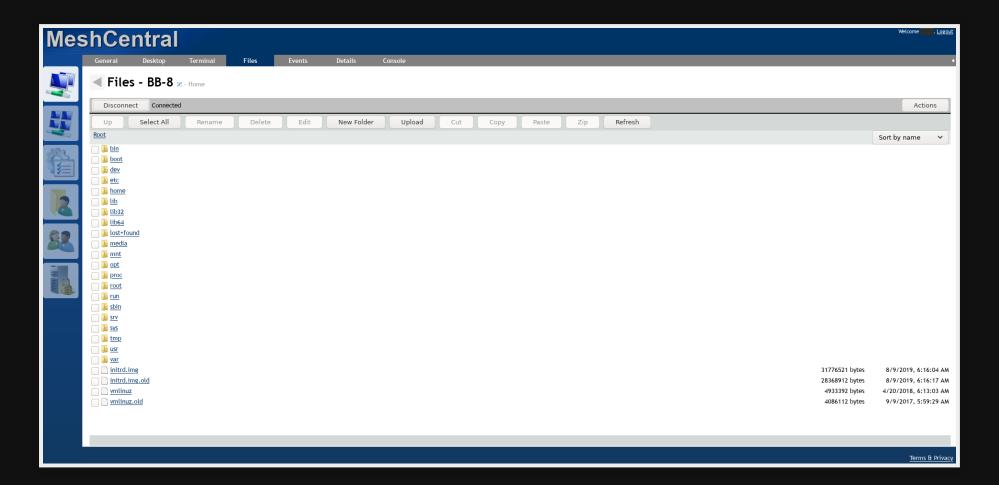
### Desktop



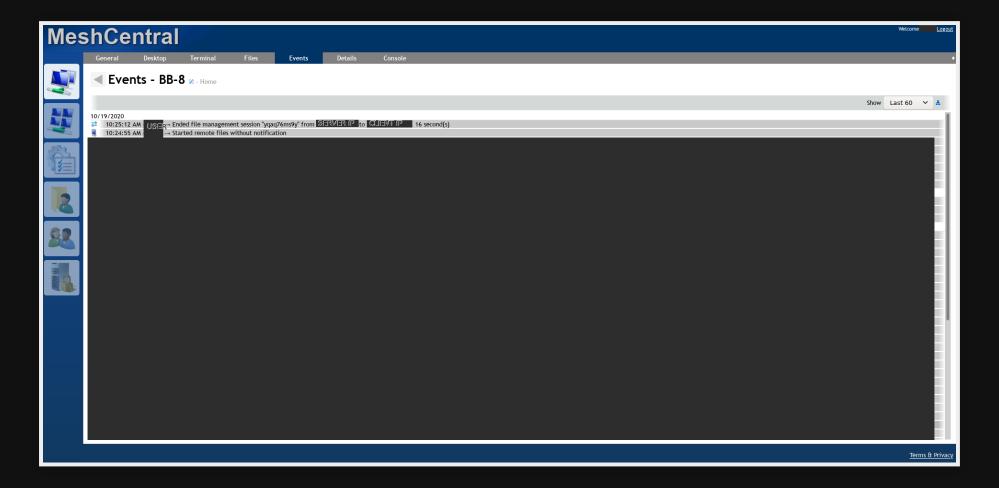
### Terminal



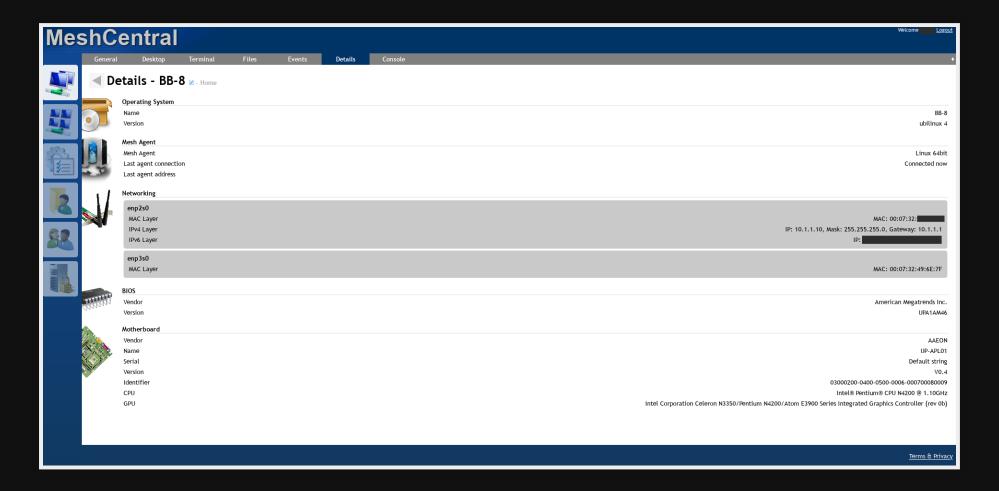
### **Files**



#### **Events**



### **Details**



### Console



## Tested

- Raspberry PI OS (buster)
- FreeBSD 11.2 (64bit)
- Debian 10 & Testing
- Linux Mint 17 -> 20
- Ubuntu 20.04
- Windows 7

### Issues

- Some systems don't refresh straight away in GUI mode Ref: Ylianst/MeshCentral#1898
   Desktop blank until refreshed
- Multiple screens are hard to see (tested with 3 screens on remote system)

# References

- https://github.com/Ylianst/MeshCentral
- https://www.meshcommander.com/meshcentra
- https://www.npmjs.com/package/meshcentral
- http://info.meshcentral.com/downloads/MeshCe

# Questions

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