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NetConsole Open-source tool to configure multiple switches

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Problems

- In Vietnam, many switches still alive over 20 years.
- Many daily tasks related to switch configuration
- Human errors in manual configuration
- Finding an IP or MAC address is simple, but process actually time-consuming
- Budget for software to manage network devices is a long story.

NetConsole

- Open-source, centralized solution for network devices console
- Focus on "Level 1" network operations
- Reduced permissions can do on devices
- Decreased human errors in manual configuration
- Configure multiple switches



- ☐ Groups

- □ Interfaces
- :≡ MAC
- :≡ ARP
- ∷ IP Intf
- Group Config
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- User Settings
- **ஃ Admin**

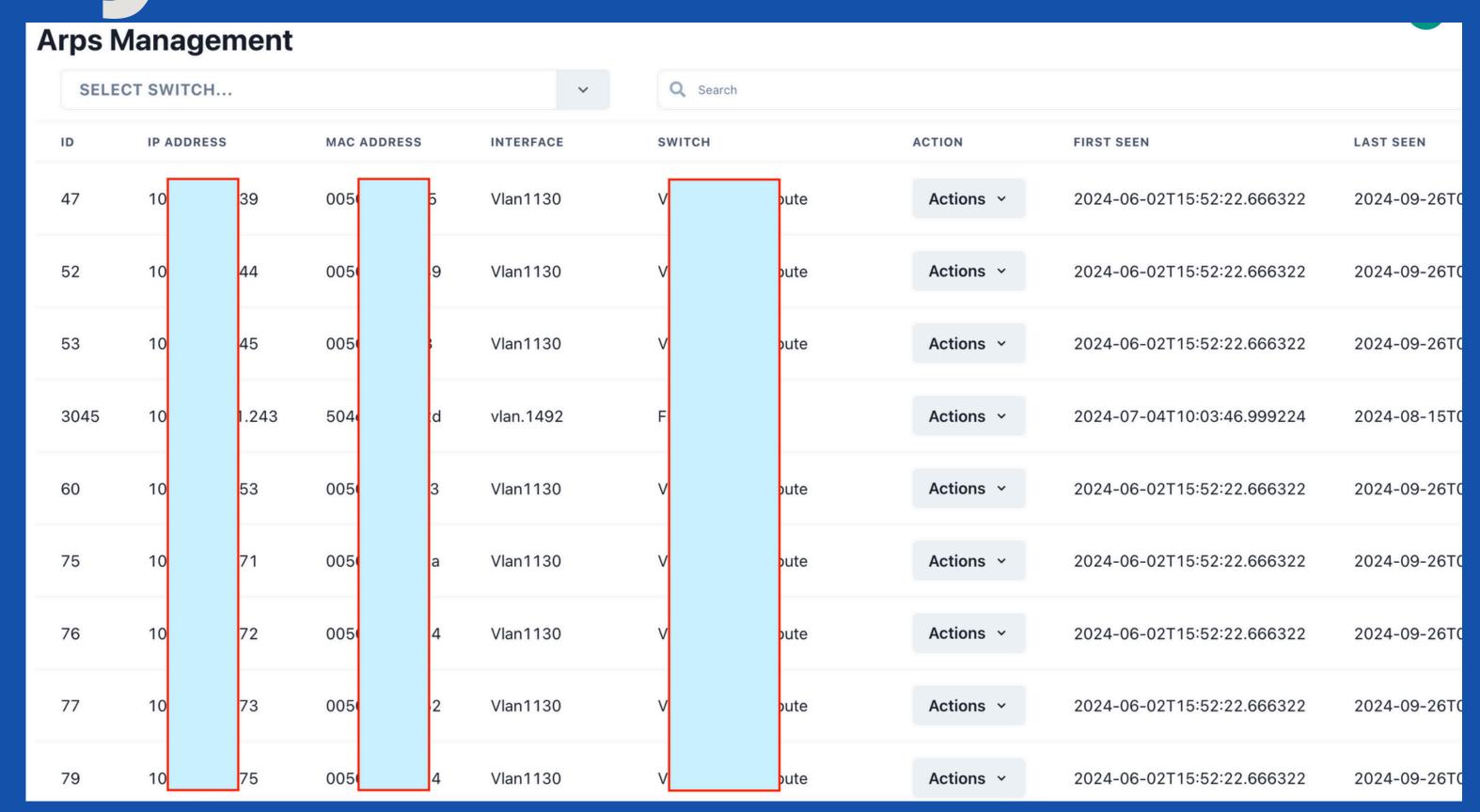
- Switches Management: System info, switches group
- Interfaces config: change VLAN access/trunk, show running-config, shutdown
- Collect information: MAC Address, ARP, IP Interface and tracking online duration with First Seen, Last Seen
- Multiple switches config



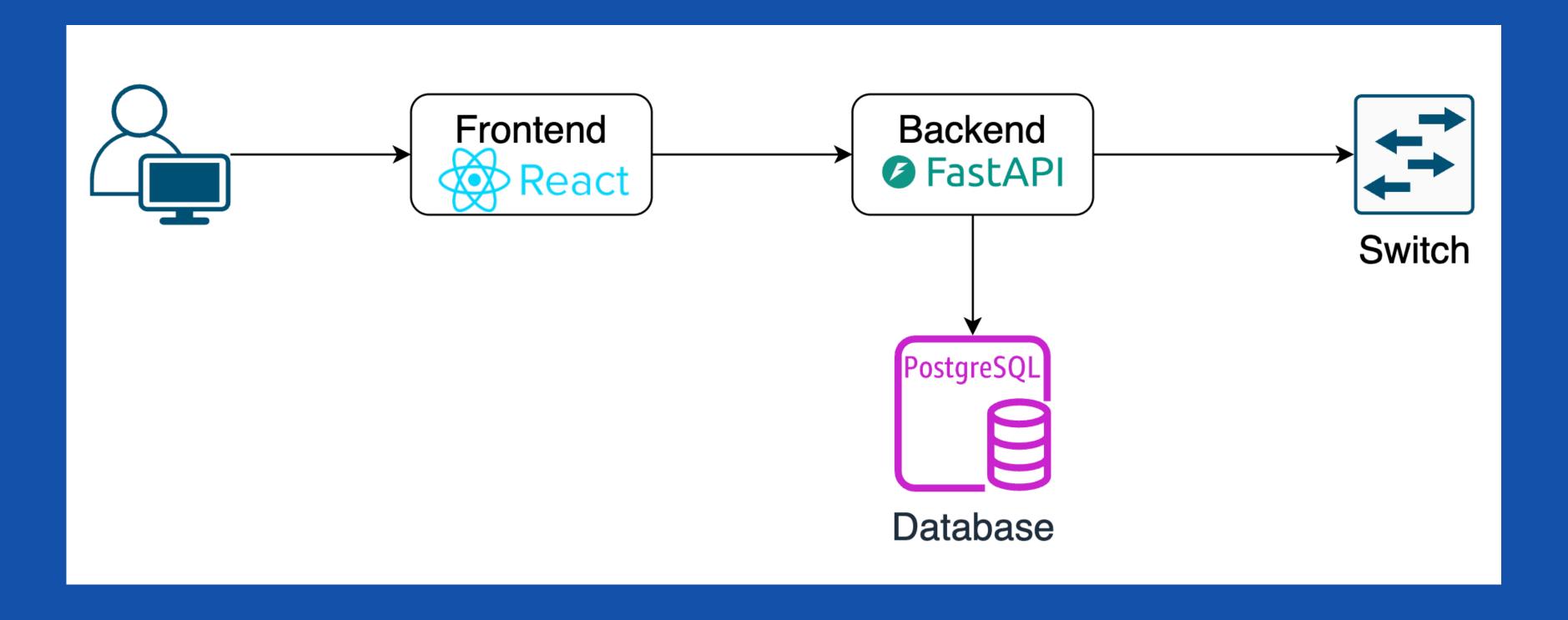


MAC Addresses Management								
SELECT SWITCH			~	Q Search				
ID	MAC ADDRESS	INTERFACE	VLAN	STATIC	ACTION	SWITCH		LAST SEEN
8369	0000000003d	Ethernet1/16	1480	false	Actions ~	304	48TP_U42	2025-06-05T04:13:00.611717
10891	0000000003d	Po45	1480	false	Actions ~	.378	50G_U40	2025-01-20T01:00:16.751117
48630	0000000003d	Port-channel42	1480	false	Actions ~	_U4	17_E12	2025-01-22T10:29:52.195662
48710	0000000003d	Port-channel42	1480	false	Actions ~	.304	48TP_U42	2025-03-14T15:47:56.489013
48916	0000000003d	Port-channel42	1480	false	Actions ~	_U4	\$5_E12	2025-03-26T10:12:10.310824
27060	00000000315	Port-channel3	805	false	Actions ~	1_U	J29	2024-10-16T01:06:11.586626
27445	00000000315	Port-channel3	805	false	Actions ~	2_U	J27	2024-10-16T01:06:21.871650
26780	00000000315	Port-channel15	805	false	Actions ~	Rou	ute	2024-10-16T01:06:37.851326





Architecture



Python libs

- nornir-netmiko: access switches and configure multiple switches
- napalm: get switches information in json data
- ttp Template Text Parser: parse configuration

Future work

- Interfaces mode: layer 2 security features
- Dashboard management: DHCP Snooping
- Source of truth: netbox
- Configuration revision number

Thankyou

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