Create a personal network

Instead of using one of the 2 networks we provide, you can create your own network. A personal network can be connected to one of our networks to provide external network accessibility for the VMs in this network or it can be set up to isolate VMs in this network from the outer world.

At the moment, the 2 networks MWN and Internet provide a MTU of 1450. This can cause some issues when services are run that expect a MTU with the default size of 1500. We know that this software runs into problems when our default networks are user:

- Docker
- Windows

If you run a software mentioned above we highly recommend to create a new network and use this network instead of the ones provided by LRZ. Newly created networks will work with a MTU size of 1500.

To create a network, you need to follow a few steps within the OpenStack horizon web interface.

1. Log in to the horizon web interface.
2. Create the network
   a. Go to Network Networks tab and click on Create Network.
   b. Provide a network name you like and click on "Next".
   c. In the Subnet tab you need to provide a subnet name (you can freely choose a name you want), a network address in CIDR format (like 10.0.0.0/24), the IP Version (only IPv4 is supported for the moment and a gateway IP for the VMs in this network, which is usually the first IP in your subnet, e.g. 10.0.0.1.

You must have a gateway enabled if you want your VMs to be able to access the MWN or Internet later.
Click on Next to continue.

d. In the Subnet details tab you can specify specific attributes to create the networks to your needs. You can also leave all fields blank and click Create to create this network.
e. Back on the Networks overview page you can see your newly created network. The shared attribute is set to No which means that this network can be only be used by you.

3. Create a router
a. If you want to have access to the outside world, you also need to create a router that connects your newly created network with one of our other networks that prevent access from the outside. Go to the Network Routers page and click on Create Router.

b. Give this router a name and select an external network to which this router is connected. In our case you can select MWN_pool or Internet_pool. You should select MWN_pool here unless you have a reason to select Internet_pool.
c. To connect this router to your network, click on the Router and change to the Interfaces tab. Click on Add Interface.

![Image of adding an interface](image1.png)

In the Subnet dropdown field you must select the network you have created in Step 2. Leave the IP Address field empty and click Submit.

![Image of selecting a subnet](image2.png)

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4. At this point, you have a personal network that is connected to the outside world via a router routing the traffic through a network provided by LRZ. You can now attach this network to your virtual machines when you create new VMs as described by another tutorial. Attaching floating IPs will work as described in the other tutorial as well. You can assign MWN-Floating-IPs if you connected your router to MWN_pool or assign Internet-Floating-IPs if you connected it to Internet_pool.