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Automate RIPE DB handling with NetBox

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Status quo



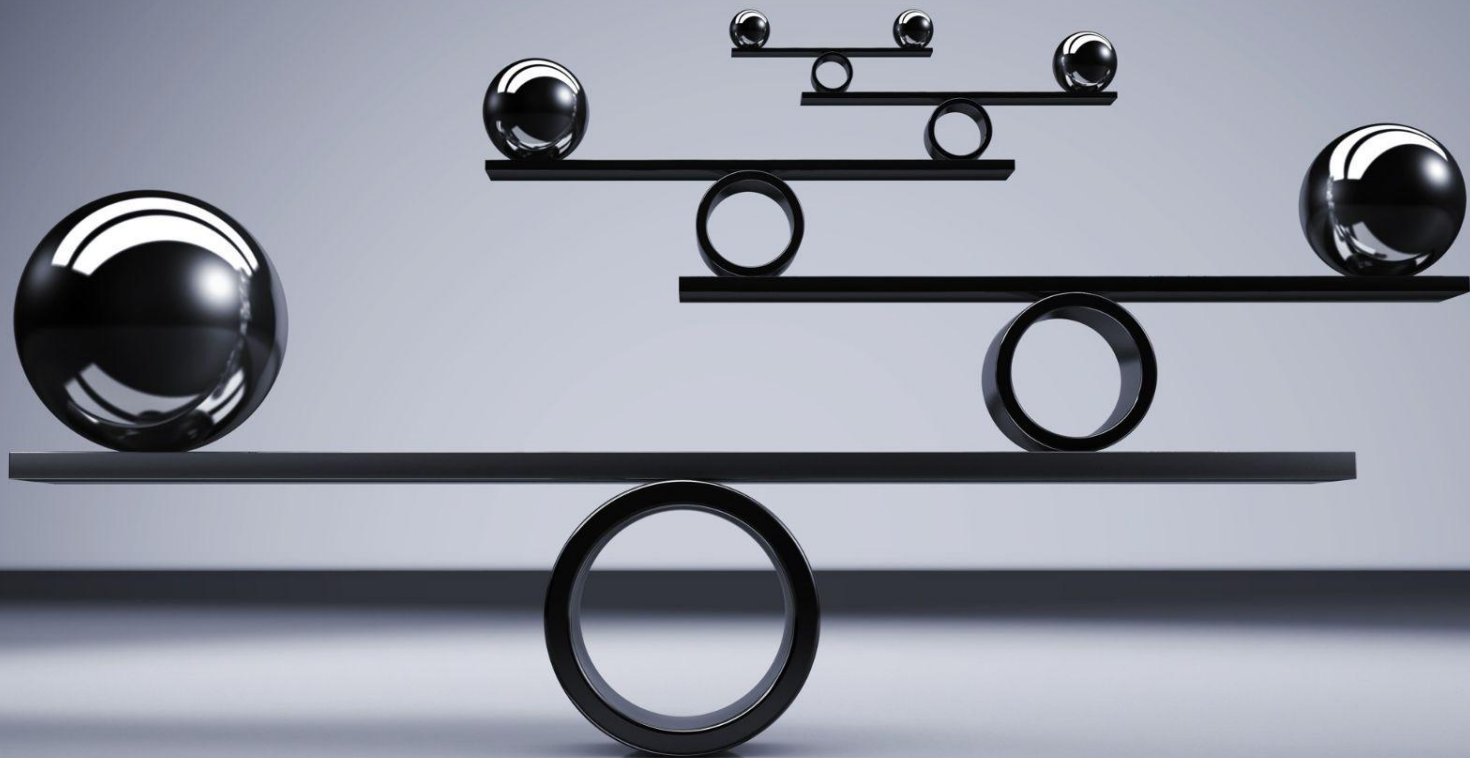
Many prefixes, you are responsible for

RIPE Policies



Short Name	Title
ripe-738	IPv6 Address Allocation and Assignment Policy
ripe-733	IPv4 Address Allocation and Assignment Policies for the RIPE NCC Service Region
ripe-731	RIPE NCC IRR Database Non-Authoritative Route Object Clean-up
ripe-705	Abuse Contact Management in the RIPE Database
ripe-682	RIPE Resource Transfer Policies
ripe-679	Autonomous System (AS) Number Assignment Policies
ripe-639	RIPE NCC Services to Legacy Internet Resource Holders
ripe-637	Contractual Requirements for Provider Independent Resource Holders in the RIPE NCC Service Region
ripe-636	IPv6 Addresses for Internet Root Servers in the RIPE Region

RIPE policies to comply with







Current situation

manually.....

updating.....

inetnum.....

objects...

But wait, there is an api for that...

A screenshot of the NetBox Documentation website. The header is blue with the "NetBox Documentation" title and a search bar. A left sidebar lists navigation links like "Introduction", "Installation", "Configuration", etc. The main content area is titled "Webhooks" and contains a description of what a webhook is, a "Warning" box about user-submitted code, and a "Configuration" section with a list of settings like "Name", "Object type(s)", "Enabled", and "Events".

NetBox Documentation

Webhooks

A webhook is a mechanism for conveying to some external system a change that took place in NetBox. For example, you may want to notify a monitoring system whenever the status of a device is updated in NetBox. This can be done by creating a webhook for the device model in NetBox and identifying the webhook receiver. When NetBox detects a change to a device, an HTTP request containing the details of the change and who made it be sent to the specified receiver. Webhooks are managed under Logging > Webhooks.

Warning
Webhooks support the inclusion of user-submitted code to generate custom headers and payloads, which may pose security risks under certain conditions. Only grant permission to create or modify webhooks to trusted users.

Configuration

- Name** - A unique name for the webhook. The name is not included with outbound messages.
- Object type(s)** - The type or types of NetBox object that will trigger the webhook.
- Enabled** - If unchecked, the webhook will be inactive.
- Events** - A webhook may trigger on any combination of create, update, and delete events. At least one event type must be selected.

A screenshot of the WHOIS REST API documentation page on the RIPE NCC website. The header is dark with navigation links like "Pull requests", "Issues", "Marketplace", and "Explore". The main content area is titled "WHOIS REST API" and includes an "Introduction" section, a "RESTful URI format" section with a URL example, and a "Supported methods" section listing POST, GET, PUT, and DELETE. A right sidebar contains a "Pages" list with links like "Home", "Coding standard", "Configure MariaDB", etc.

WHOIS REST API

Introduction

Welcome to the RIPE Database REST API documentation.

For more information about the REST paradigm, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational_state_transfer.

If you used the old (beta) API, consider reading the [migration guide for old API users](WHOIS REST API Migration Guide).

All the services are accessible via HTTPS.

Use of the WHOIS REST API is governed by the RIPE Database [terms and conditions](#).

RESTful URI format

Each object in the RIPE Database has a unique locator URL, in the following format:

```
https://rest.db.ripe.net/(source)/(objecttype)/(key)
```

Where:

- Source** - is the database source (e.g. RIPE).
- Objecttype** - is the object type (e.g. inetnum).
- Key** - is the primary key(s).
 - Normally key is a single attribute value.
 - Use the `nic-hdl` attribute value for person or role object types.
 - Combine the `route(s)` attribute value and `origin` attribute value for route or route6 object types (e.g. route 193.0.22.0/23AS3333).

Supported methods:

- POST**: create
- GET**: lookup
- PUT**: update
- DELETE**: delete

Additional services

- [search](#)

...that is insufficient.

NetBox

```
prefix: 198.51.100.0/25  
tenant: cust1  
aggregate: 198.51.100.0/24  
...
```



RIPE DB

```
inetnum: 198.51.100.0 -  
198.51.100.127  
netname: x?  
desc: x?  
admin-c: x?  
tech-c: x?  
...
```



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visual
design



A word cloud on a dark purple background featuring a large, faint checkmark. The words are in various colors (white, pink, teal) and sizes, representing different components or concepts. The words include:

- python
- templates
- overlap check
- mail-reports
- middleware
- Flask
- whois
- NetBox
- translation
- json
- webhook
- RIPE DB
- ripe-updater
- inetnum
- validation
- logging
- inet6num
- API

Requirements



NetBox

Version 2.4.0 or later
Add some custom fields



RIPE Database

Access with maintainer password
Wishlist: @RIPE api token access would be nice :)



Platform

Able to run docker-container

Add a new prefix



Prefix

Prefix

198.51.100.0/25

IPv4 or IPv6 network with mask

Status

Active



Operational status of this prefix

Description

cust1

☐ Is a pool

All IP addresses within this prefix are considered usable

Custom Fields

RIPE Report

True



RIPE Template

CUST-TRANSFER-NET

INFRA-MGMT-NET

INFRA-ROUTING-NET

INFRA-SERVICE-APP-NET

INFRA-TRANSFER-NET

Tags

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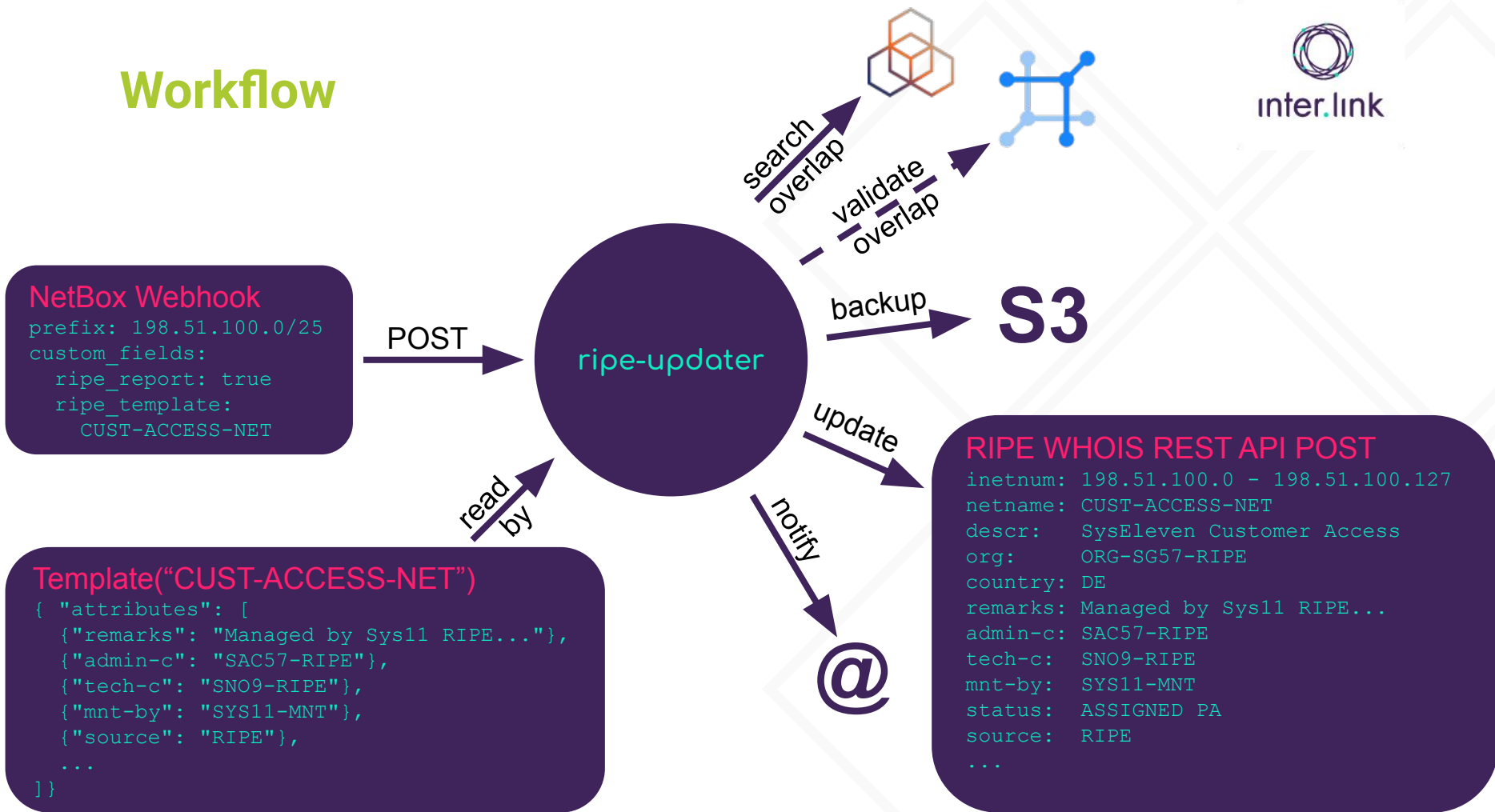
Create

Create and Add Another

Cancel



Workflow





With ripe-updater

- ✓ Database is always updated
- ✓ Consistent objects
- ✓ Batch processing of all your prefixes is no problem

Release



on



GitHub

in

Q1 2022

Stay tuned and watch

<https://github.com/interdotlink/ripe-updater>

Thank you for your attention!
and keep your RIPE DB objects updated

Any questions?

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