### **Labtainers – Create a Cyber Range on a Laptop**



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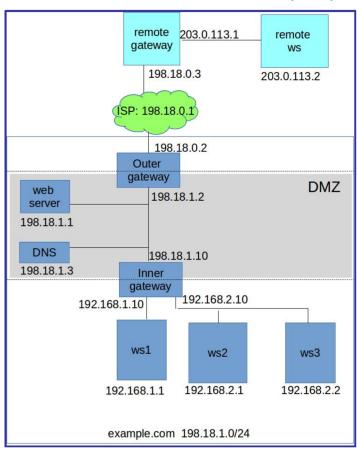
## Linux-based cyber exercises

- Multi-component network topologies
- Docker containers for consistent provisioning
- Automated assessment of student performance
- Individualized exercises to deter "sharing"
- Reuse labs year-to-year
- Over 45 exercises
  - · Software exploits
  - Network security
  - Web security
  - Cyber physical
  - Crypto
- Like VMs, but light weight
- Student sees virtual terminals
- Supports GUI apps, e.g., Wireshark
- Authoring tools to create new exercises
- Freely available
- Already used by many universities
- New labs & enhancements in progress (current grant)

# ming Project can offer any school and every student the ability to build hands-on skills"

'... the Labtainer

# Run this network on a laptop!



#### This is the world Labtainers builds

Easy deployment → less student frustration → fewer students quit class → more graduates with cybersecurity skills → stronger cyber workforce

Simplified lab creation →
more labs →
better labs everywhere →
better cybersecurity
education at resource-limited
institutions

Easy to use labs → more use of labs → more students use quality labs

Reusable labs → reduced instructor burnout