

PacketPilot Suite — Lab Guide & Test Procedure

Target hardware: Lenovo Legion (Windows + WSL2) + Cisco Catalyst 2960 | Last updated: 2026-05-06

PART 1 — LAB SETUP AND EXECUTION GUIDE

1.1 Prerequisites on Your Legion Laptop

Open **PowerShell as Administrator** and run each command once.

```
# Check Docker is installed and running
docker --version
docker compose version
# Expected: version numbers printed, no error

# If Docker Desktop is not running, start it
start "" "C:\Program Files\Docker\Docker\Docker Desktop.exe"

# Verify WSL2 (for Linux containers / CLI tools)
wsl --status
# Expected: "Default Distribution: Ubuntu" or similar
```

Note: Docker Desktop on Windows runs its own Linux VM (WSL2 backend). All `docker` and `docker compose` commands in this guide are run from PowerShell (Windows), NOT inside WSL, unless explicitly shown.

1.2 Clone / Refresh the Suite Bundle

```
# Navigate to your workspace
cd C:\Users\Olore\workspace\packetpilot-suite

# Pull latest (if already cloned)
git pull origin master

# Verify the bundle contents
dir
# You should see: docker-compose.yml, Makefile, release.bat,
#                 README.md, keys/, docs/
```

1.3 Start the Full Suite

```
cd C:\Users\Olore\workspace\packetpilot-suite

# Option A – Using Docker Compose directly (recommended)
docker compose up -d

# Option B – Using make (Windows requires make from gnuwin32 or Chocolatey)
make start

# Wait 30 seconds for all services
Start-Sleep -Seconds 30
```

Screenshot checkpoint: `docker ps` should show 5 containers running:

Container	Image	Ports
<code>ppro-license</code>	<code>packetpilot-license-server</code>	<code>9000</code>
<code>ppro-analyze-api</code>	<code>packetpilot-analyze</code>	<code>8000</code>
<code>ppro-analyze-db</code>	<code>postgres:16-alpine</code>	<code>5432</code>
<code>ppro-ollama</code>	<code>ollama/ollama</code>	<code>11434</code>
<code>ppro-analyze-ui</code>	<code>packetpilot-analyze-ui</code>	<code>3000</code>

1.4 Verify All Services Are Up

Run each curl command in **PowerShell**:

```
# License Server
Invoke-RestMethod http://localhost:9000/ -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue
# Expected JSON: {"product":"PacketPilot License Server","version":"1.0.0","docs":"/docs"}

# Analyze API
Invoke-RestMethod http://localhost:8000/ -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue
# Expected JSON: {"product":"PacketPilot Analyze","version":"0.1.0","docs":"/docs"}

# Analyze API Health (includes license status)
Invoke-RestMethod http://localhost:8000/api/health -ContentType "application/json" | ConvertTo-Json
# Expected: status=ok, license block with valid/expired/grace flags

# Analyze UI (web interface)
Start-Process http://localhost:3000
# Expected: Login screen in your browser
```

1.5 Generate a License Key

```
$body = @{
    user      = "Lab Tester"
    expiry    = "2027-12-31"
    features = @{
        analyze_pro = $true
        config_pro  = $true
    }
} | ConvertTo-Json

$response = Invoke-RestMethod -Uri http://localhost:9000/licenses `
    -Method Post `
    -Body $body `
    -ContentType "application/json"

Write-Output "License key: $($response.key)"
# Expected output: PPRO-XXXXXX-YY (copy this now – you'll use it in TC-002 and TC-003)
```

1.6 Apply License and Start Config App

```
# Set env vars for the Config app (run BEFORE launching)
$env:LICENSE_SERVER_URL = "http://localhost:9000"
$env:PPRO_LICENSE_KEY = "PPRO-XXXXXX-YY" # <-- paste your key from Step 1.5

# Launch Config app
cd C:\Users\Olore\workspace\packetpilot-config
.\dist\PacketPilot Config.exe
# Or from source:
python main.py
```

1.7 Verify Analyze UI is Accessible

```
# Health check with license details
Invoke-RestMethod http://localhost:8000/api/health -ContentType "application/json" | ConvertTo-Json
# Expected license block:
# {
#   "valid": true,
#   "expired": false,
#   "in_offline_grace": false,
#   "expiry": "2027-12-31",
#   "days_left": 604,
#   "grace_days_remaining": 0,
#   "error": null
# }
```

PART 2 — CISCO 2960 LAB CONFIGURATION

Scope: These commands are entered on a Cisco Catalyst 2960 connected to your network. Adjust IP addresses to match your lab environment.

2.1 Connect to the Switch

```
# From PowerShell or WSL
ssh admin@192.168.1.10
# or
ssh admin@192.168.1.10 -p 22
# Enter enable password when prompted
```

2.2 Basic Switch Identity

```
enable
configure terminal

! Hostname
hostname LAB-2960-01

! Domain name (required for crypto key)
ip domain-name lab.local

end
write memory
```

2.3 Generate RSA Crypto Key (Required for SSH)

```
configure terminal
crypto key generate rsa modulus 2048
end
write memory
```

2.4 Local User Account

```
configure terminal
username admin privilege 15 secret P@ssw0rd123
end
write memory
```

2.5 SSH Only on VTY Lines

```
configure terminal
line vty 0 4
  login local
  transport input ssh
  no exec-timeout
  no timeout login response
  exit
ip ssh version 2
ip ssh authentication-retries 3
ip ssh time-out 30
end
write memory
```

2.6 Management Interface (VLAN 1)

```
configure terminal
interface Vlan1
  ip address 192.168.1.10 255.255.255.0
  no shutdown
  exit
ip default-gateway 192.168.1.1
end
write memory
```

2.7 Verify SSH Access from Your Legion

```
# From PowerShell or WSL
ssh admin@192.168.1.10 -v
# Expected: connection opens, asks for password, drops into IOS shell

# Verify SSH version
ssh admin@192.168.1.10 -V
# Expected: OpenSSH_8.x or later (SSH-2.0)
```

2.8 Useful Verification Commands

```
show ip interface brief
show ssh
show users
show running-config | include username
show running-config | include line vty
```

PART 3 — FORMAL TEST CASES

TC-001 — Start Full Suite via Docker Compose

Test:	Start full PacketPilot Suite with Docker Compose and verify all services respond
Pre-conditions:	Docker Desktop running on Legion; <code>packetpilot-suite</code> directory present
Steps:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <code>cd C:\Users\Olore\workspace\packetpilot-suite</code>2. <code>docker compose up -d</code>3. Wait 45 seconds4. <code>docker ps --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.Status}}\t{{.Ports}}"</code>5. <code>Invoke-RestMethod http://localhost:9000/</code>6. <code>Invoke-RestMethod http://localhost:8000/api/health -ContentType "application/json"</code>7. Open <code>http://localhost:3000</code> in browser
Expected:	All 5 containers running; license server returns JSON; Analyze health shows <code>"status": "ok"</code> with license block; Analyze UI shows login screen

TC-002 — Hard License Gate in Config App

Test:	Config app blocks startup without a valid license; shows license gate dialog
Pre-conditions:	Suite running (TC-001 done); NO <code>PPRO_LICENSE_KEY</code> env var set
Steps:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Open PowerShell, <code>cd C:\Users\Olore\workspace\packetpilot-config</code>2. Launch app WITHOUT license key: <code>python main.py</code>3. Observe license gate dialog appears (title: "License Required")4. Note the dialog has "Verify" and "Exit" buttons5. Click "Exit" → app closes6. Set key: <code>\$env:PPRO_LICENSE_KEY = "PPRO-XXXXXX-YY"</code>7. Launch again: <code>python main.py</code>8. Observe: gate dialog does NOT appear; app proceeds to auth screen
Expected:	Without key: gate dialog blocks all UI. With valid key: app starts normally. Status shows <code>"License: OK (expires YYYY-MM-DD)"</code>

TC-003 — Analyze Soft Gate (Valid vs. Missing License)

Test:	Analyze API and UI remain fully usable with or without a license; only a warning banner appears
Pre-conditions:	Suite running (TC-001 done)

Steps:	<p>Part A — With valid license:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invoke-RequestMethod <code>http://localhost:8000/api/health -ContentType "application/json"</code> 2. Observe <code>"valid":true</code> , <code>"in_offline_grace":false</code> in license block 3. Open <code>http://localhost:3000</code> — no license warning banner <p>Part B — Without license:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Stop Analyze API: <code>docker compose stop analyze-api</code> 5. Unset env var: <code>Remove-Item Env:\PPRO_LICENSE_KEY</code> 6. Restart: <code>docker compose up -d analyze-api</code> 7. Wait 10s, Invoke-RequestMethod <code>http://localhost:8000/api/health</code> 8. Observe <code>"valid":false</code> , error message present 9. Open Analyze UI — warning banner visible at top: "License invalid or expired..."
Expected:	Both states: API accessible, UI usable. No HTTP errors or access denials. Only difference is a visible warning banner in Analyze UI

TC-004 — Add Cisco 2960 to Config and Run a Command

Test:	PacketPilot Config can add the Cisco 2960 and execute <code>show version</code> over SSH
Pre-conditions:	TC-001 and TC-002 complete; Cisco 2960 configured per Part 2; switch reachable at <code>192.168.1.10</code>
Steps:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Config app: Dashboard → Device Inventory tab 2. Click "Add Device" 3. Fill in: Name= <code>LAB-2960-01</code> , IP= <code>192.168.1.10</code> , Type= <code>Switch</code> , Vendor= <code>Cisco</code> 4. SSH port: <code>22</code> , Auth method: <code>Local User</code> 5. Username= <code>admin</code> , Password= <code>P@ssw0rd123</code> 6. Click "Save & Test" — wait for success message 7. Go to Config tab, select <code>LAB-2960-01</code> 8. In command input: <code>show version</code> 9. Click "Execute" 10. Observe output in results pane (IOS version, uptime, serial)
Expected:	SSH connection succeeds; <code>show version</code> output appears in Config UI with no errors. Status bar shows <code>"License: OK"</code> .

TC-005 — Capture & Analyze: Send a Case from Config to Analyze

Test:	"Capture & Analyze" button in Config sends a new case to Analyze and opens the case in Analyze UI
Pre-conditions:	TC-004 complete (device added); Analyze API and UI running

Steps:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Config app: Config tab 2. Select <code>LAB-2960-01</code> from device dropdown 3. Enter a CLI command, e.g. <code>show interfaces</code> 4. Click "Capture & Analyze" (⚡ button) 5. When prompted for a case title, enter: <code>Lab Test - Interface Status</code> 6. Click "Send to Analyze" 7. Note the case ID returned (e.g. <code>Case ID: abc-123</code>) 8. Open <code>http://localhost:3000</code> in browser 9. Find the case by title or ID 10. Open the case — verify CLI output is attached
Expected:	Case appears in Analyze UI within ~10s of submission. CLI output is stored as an artifact. Case status is "open".

TC-006 — Offline Grace Behavior

Test:	When the license server is unreachable, Config and Analyze both enter grace mode correctly
Pre-conditions:	Suite running (TC-001); valid license already verified in TC-002
Steps:	<p>Part A — Config offline grace (< 30 days since last valid check):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start Config with valid license → verify status bar: <code>"License: OK"</code> 2. Stop license server: <code>docker compose stop license-server</code> 3. Wait 5 seconds, re-launch Config 4. Observe: warning dialog: "License server unreachable. Running in offline grace mode." 5. Click OK → app continues, status bar: <code>"License: Grace mode"</code> <p>Part B — Config grace expired (> 30 days since last valid check):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Simulate expired cache: <code>docker compose down</code> , delete <code>data/</code> folder 8. Restart suite, generate new key, start Config, then stop license server 9. Edit <code>.license_cache.json</code> — set <code>last_checked</code> to > 30 days ago 10. Re-launch Config → observe: hard block (license gate dialog) <p>Part C — Analyze offline grace:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Start Analyze without a license key 12. Stop license server: <code>docker compose stop license-server</code> 13. Wait 10s, <code>Invoke-RestMethod http://localhost:8000/api/health</code> 14. Observe: <code>"in_offline_grace":true</code> if cache is fresh; <code>"valid":false</code> if stale
Expected:	Config: graceful warning → app keeps running. Config with stale cache: hard block. Analyze: graceful banner, full access.

TC-007 — License Status in Health Endpoints

Test:	License status is correctly reported in API health responses for both services
Pre-conditions:	Suite running; valid license key active

Steps:

1. `Invoke-RestMethod http://localhost:8000/api/health -ContentType "application/json"`
2. Confirm the `license` object contains all fields: `valid` , `expired` , `in_offline_grace` , `expiry` , `days_left` , `grace_days_remaining` , `error` , `last_checked`
3. Check license server logs: `docker compose logs license-server --tail 2`
4. Look for `POST /validate 200` entries

Expected: Health response contains full license block with no null errors. Server logs show successful validation requests.

TC-008 — Negative: Invalid License Key

Test: Config correctly rejects a fake license key and blocks the app

Pre-conditions: Suite running; Config app not running

Steps:

1. `$env:PPRO_LICENSE_KEY = "PPRO-FAKE1-99"`
2. `cd C:\Users\Olore\workspace\packetpilot-config; python main.py`
3. Observe license gate dialog: "License Required" with red title
4. Try entering `PPRO-FAKE1-99` in the gate dialog's input and click "Verify"
5. Observe: status label turns red: "× Invalid: License key not found"
6. Click "Exit" → app closes cleanly
7. Verify with Analyze API: `Invoke-RestMethod -Method Post -Uri http://localhost:9000/validate -Body '{"key":"PPRO-FAKE1-99","hw_id":"test"} -ContentType "application/json"`

Expected: Gate dialog shows specific error: "License key not found". API returns `"valid":false` , `"error":"License key not found"` . App does not reach au screen.

TC-009 — Negative: Unreachable Switch (SSH Failure)

Test: Config correctly handles a switch that is unreachable over SSH

Pre-conditions: Config app running; switch powered off or IP unreachable

Steps:

1. Config app → **Device Inventory** tab
2. Add a device with a fake IP: `10.255.255.1` , SSH port `22`
3. Click **"Save & Test"**
4. Observe error message: "Connection failed: Network is unreachable" or similar
5. Go to **Config** tab, select the unreachable device
6. Enter `show version` , click **"Execute"**
7. Observe error in results pane: SSH timeout or connection refused

Expected: Specific, actionable error message. No crash. App remains stable.

APPENDIX A — Quick Reference

Service URLs

Service	URL	Notes
License Server API	http://localhost:9000	Admin UI: http://localhost:9000/docs
Analyze API	http://localhost:8000	Docs: http://localhost:8000/docs
Analyze Health	http://localhost:8000/api/health	Includes license status
Analyze UI	http://localhost:3000	Browser access
Postgres	localhost:5432	Internal only

Generate a License Key (API)

```
Invoke-RestMethod -Method Post -Uri http://localhost:9000/licenses `
  -Body (@{
    user="Test User"; expiry="2027-12-31";
    features=@{analyze_pro=$true; config_pro=$true}
  } | ConvertTo-Json) `
  -ContentType "application/json"
```

Container Management

```
# Stop all services
docker compose down

# Restart all services
docker compose up -d

# View logs for a specific container
docker compose logs -f license-server
docker compose logs -f analyze-api
docker compose logs -f analyze-ui

# Restart just the license server (no downtime to other services)
docker compose restart license-server
```

Clear All Data (Fresh Start)

```
docker compose down -v
Remove-Item -Recurse -Force C:\Users\Olore\workspace\packetpilot-suite\data -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue
# Then re-run: docker compose up -d
```

APPENDIX B — Cisco 2960 Command Cheat Sheet

```
! Save configuration
write memory
copy running-config startup-config

! View interface status
show ip interface brief
show interfaces status

! View MAC address table
show mac address-table

! View VLANs
show vlan brief

! View SSH connections
show ssh

! View logged-in users
show users

! Backup config (from Config app terminal)
copy running-config tftp:
! Then enter TFTP server IP when prompted
```

APPENDIX C — Troubleshooting

Symptom	Cause	Fix
<code>docker compose up -d</code> fails	Port already in use	<code>netstat -ano findstr "9000 8000 3000 5432 11434"</code> and stop conflicting service
License server returns 404	Wrong image tag	<code>docker compose pull</code> then <code>docker compose up -d</code>
Config app shows "License: Grace mode"	License server stopped	<code>docker compose up -d license-server</code>

Analyze UI blank page	Backend not ready	Wait 30s after <code>docker compose up -d</code> , or <code>docker compose restart analyze-ui</code>
SSH to switch fails	VTY not configured for SSH	Ensure <code>transport input ssh</code> under <code>line vty 0 4</code>
"Capture & Analyze" button missing	Not on Config tab	Navigate to Config → Config tab, select a device first
<code>invoke-restmethod</code> timeout	Container not responding	<code>docker ps</code> to verify container is Up; <code>docker compose logs <svc></code> to check errors