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Overview of LANCOM software version 8.5
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LANCOM Software 8.5
General

LCOS 8.5
[LANCOM OPERATING SYSTEM]

The LANCOM operating system LCOS and the management system LCMS regularly provide **free** new functions to all current LANCOM routers, access points and gateways.

LCOS 8.5 brings more speed to network management: LANCOM QuickFinder is lightning-fast at finding devices in LANconfig, LANmonitor WLANmonitor and – especially for complex configurations – the intuitive search filter is the fastest way to find parameters, values and units.

Many automatic functions such as conditional load commands, the programmable Rollout Wizard, OCSP and LANCOM Software Update provide greater efficiency in network operations.

Read on for more on the most important new functions and improvements.

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Highlights

LC.OS 8.5
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■ **LANCOM QuickFinder** – Finds parameters, descriptions and values in LANconfig within seconds. And with the new configuration history you can easily navigate through all of the pages you viewed previously.

■ **Layer-3 Tunneling** – Set up homogeneous IP networks for WLAN services that are independent of the network infrastructure and provide virtualization without the complexity of VLAN structures. WLAN Controllers can tunnel data from managed access points through IP infrastructures and allow users to roam anywhere in the wireless LAN while keeping the same IP number.

■ **LANCOM Content Filter now available for HTTPS** – Now you can filter and block unwanted HTTPS requests with the LANCOM Content Filter. Also new: Twice as many supported users, a simplified override function, and enhanced performance.*

* Option subject to charge; not available for all LANCOM routers. Link to obtain a free time-limited demo license in LANconfig under "Activate software option ...".

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Further improvements

LCOS 8.5
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- **Automatic software updates** – LCMS updates software from myLANCOM; conditional load commands in LCOS

- **OCSP** – Support of the Online Certificate Status Protocol for ad hoc checks of certificate validity

- **Public Spot option for routers** – The LANCOM 1711+ VPN, 1721+ VPN, 7100 VPN and 9100 VPN can operate as Public Spot gateways (hotspot) for LANCOM access points

- **Programmable Rollout Wizard** – Scripting language generates custom Rollout Wizards for easy commissioning

- **Traces in the device menu** – Traces to analyze LANCOM devices can be triggered directly from the context menu of the device list in LANconfig
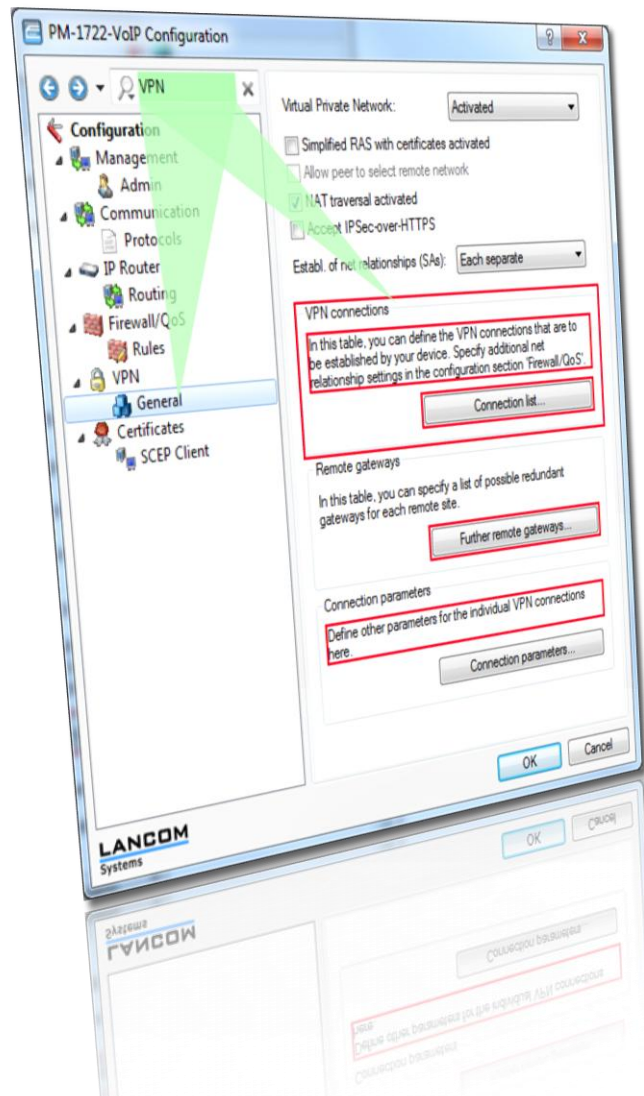
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LANCOM QuickFinder (1)
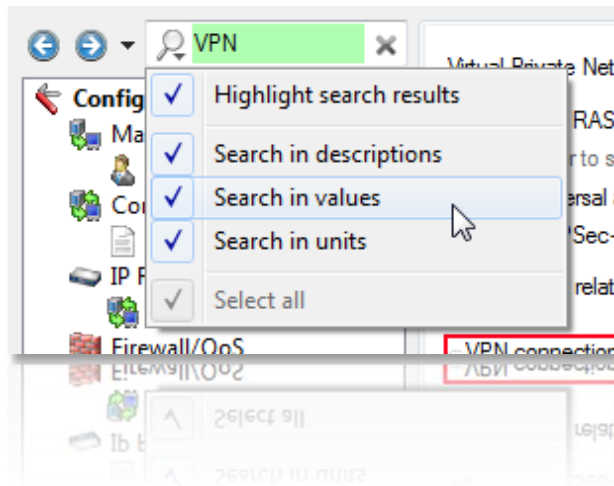## Finding descriptions, values and devices

- **Search filter** now also in **device configurations**

- **Reduces the menu tree** to those pages with hits

- **Marks the findings** in a red frame on the configuration pages, even if the search term is located on a child page

- **Searches through descriptions** (e.g. parameter descriptors), but also entered **values** ("Where is 'INTRANET' entered?") and **devices**
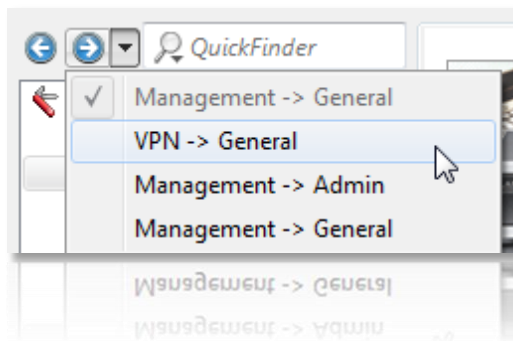
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LANCOM QuickFinder (2)
Easy, efficient searching

- **Narrowing down the search** in the configurations of LANCOM devices to descriptions, values and units
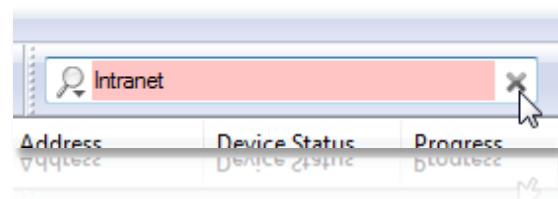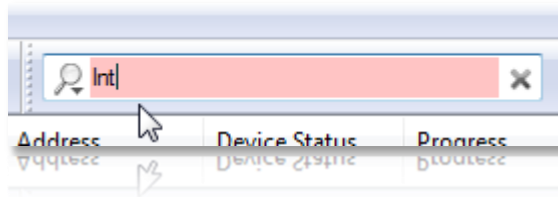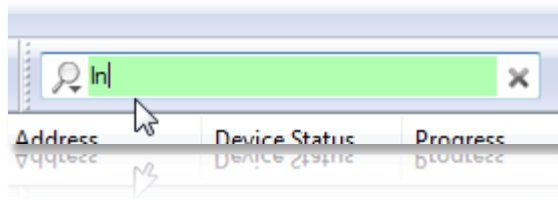

- **History** of the viewed configuration pages with **back**/**forwards** movement and a **selection list** to quickly jump between settings
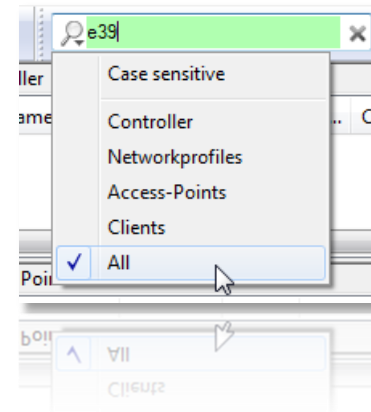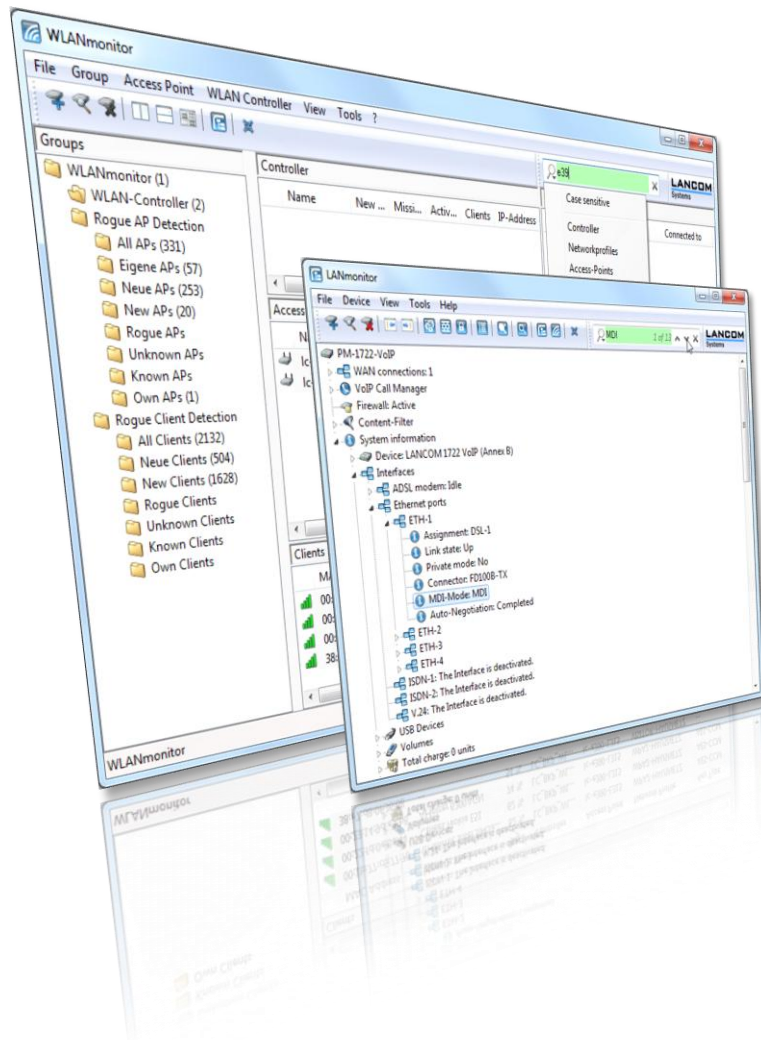
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Easy, efficient searching

■ **Intuitive and fast** operation by immediate adjustment of the view as characters are input

■ **Color and sound signals** as soon as a no match is found

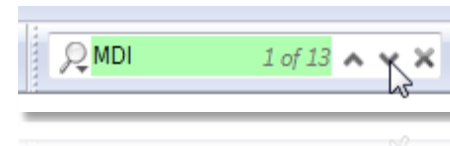■ **Reset** the LANCOM QuickFinder **with a single click** to see the full selection

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LANCOM QuickFinder (4)
Searching in WLANmonitor and LANmonitor

- **WLANmonitor:** Fast location of controllers, network profiles, access points and clients – ideal for managed WLANs
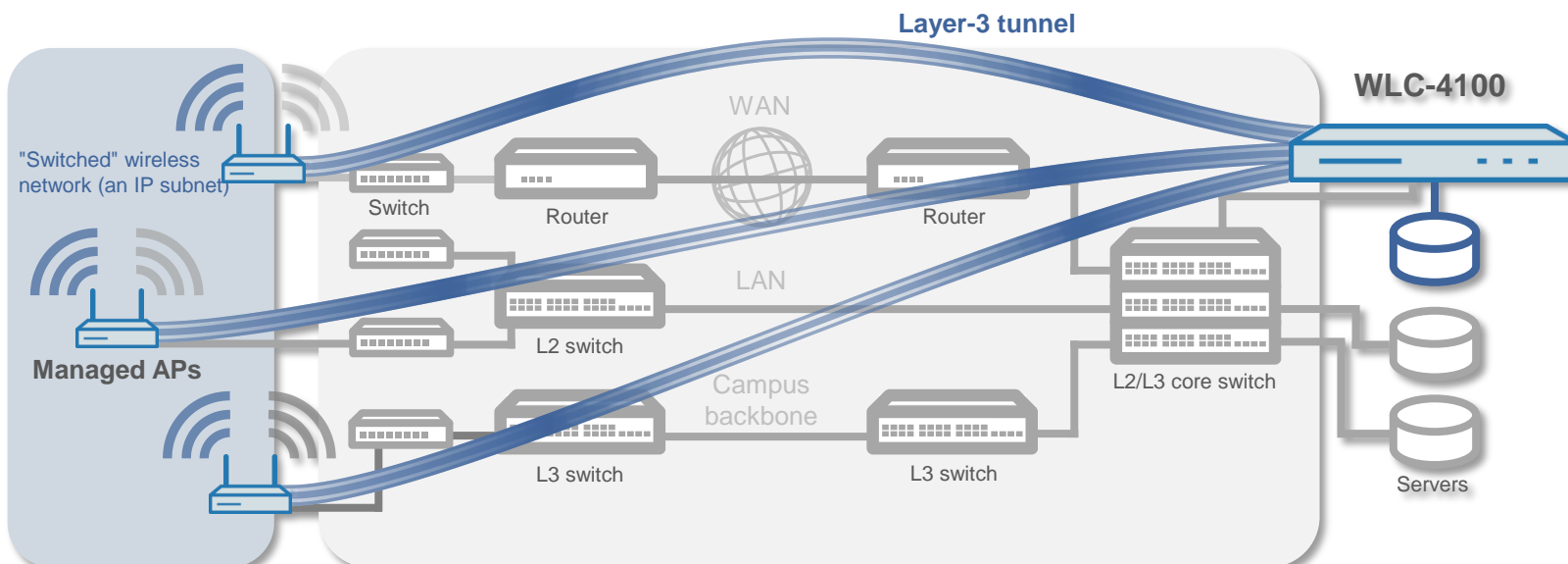

- **LANmonitor:** Jump from hit to hit

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Layer-3 tunneling
Overcoming network boundaries for managed APs

- Instead of using VLANs, **layer-3 tunnels form an IP subnet**

- The **layer-3 tunnels transport layer-2 packets**, just as if the access points were "switched"

- A layer-3 tunnel can only be set up between **LANCOM access points** and **LANCOM Wireless LAN controllers**

- Layer-3 tunnels are suitable for the logical grouping of WLAN SSIDs, **where an upgrade to VLAN is impossible**

- Certain applications in the wireless LAN (e.g. Voice over WLAN) require **roaming without a change of IP number**


Layer-3 tunnel

WLC-4100

"Switched" wireless network (an IP subnet)

Switch Router WAN Router

Managed APs

LAN

L2 switch

Campus backbone

L3 switch L3 switch

L2/L3 core switch

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Content Filter option
Now for HTTPS, higher performance, doubled limits

- **NEW:** Content Filter can also **check HTTPS targets** and block them depending on the settings

- The **performance** was improved by optimizing the stacks and CPU-load utilization

- The **maximum number of users** on a device has been **doubled**
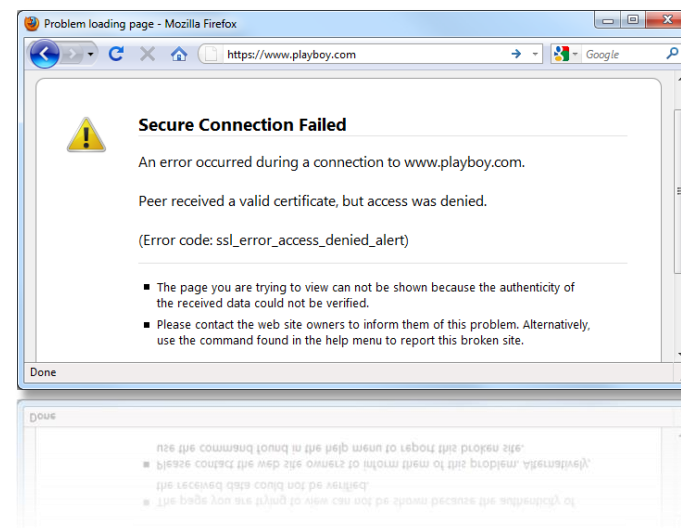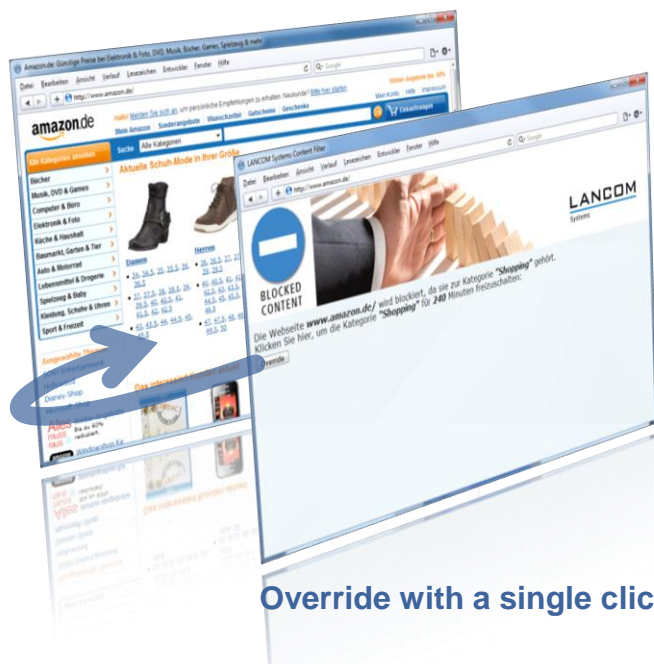
- **NEW:** Using **overrides** has been **further simplified** to a single click

- For further **information and to request a demo license** visit the LANCOM web site at
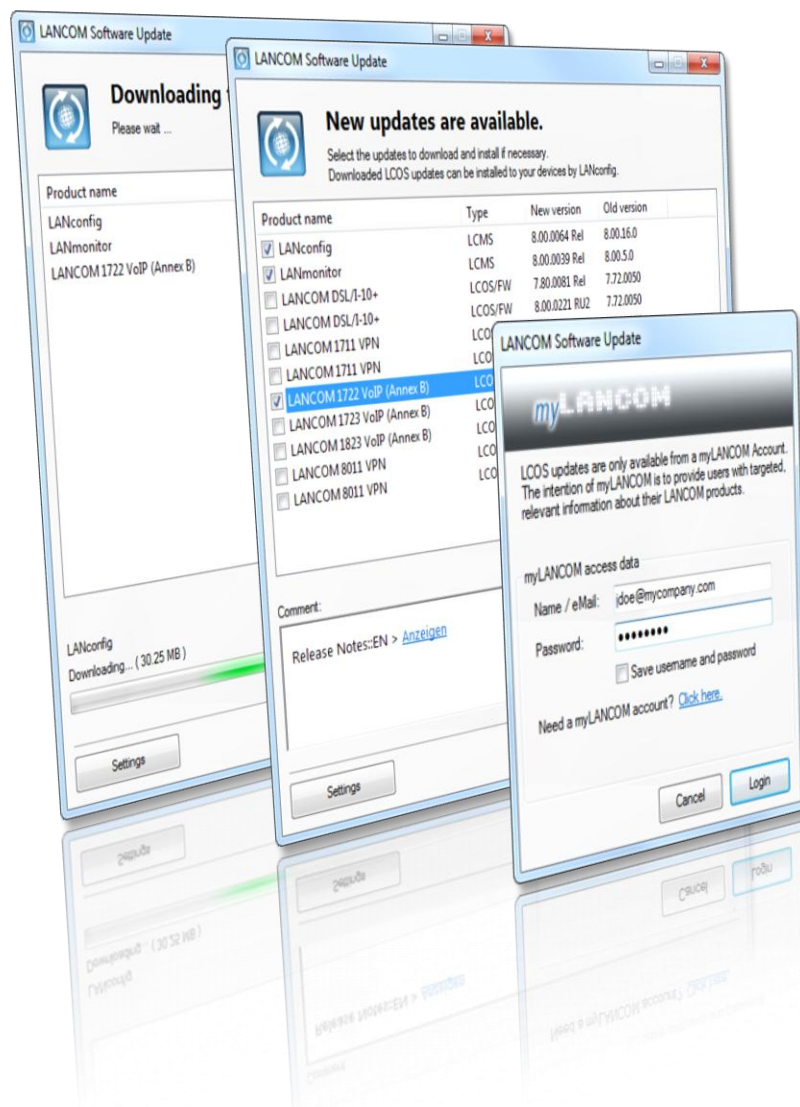
  www.lancom.eu/contentfilter

Override with a single click

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Automated software updates (1)
Software update directly from myLANCOM to LANconfig

- **Automatic search for new updates** at myLANCOM

- **Updating of LANconfig, LANmonitor and WLANmonitor** even without a myLANCOM account

- **Download of new LCOS versions** for managed devices to a local firmware directory

- **Individual selection** of available updates and information

- **Enable/disable** LANCOM Software Update, **set the test interval, optional** download of **Release Candidates**

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Automated software updates (2)
Conditional load commands
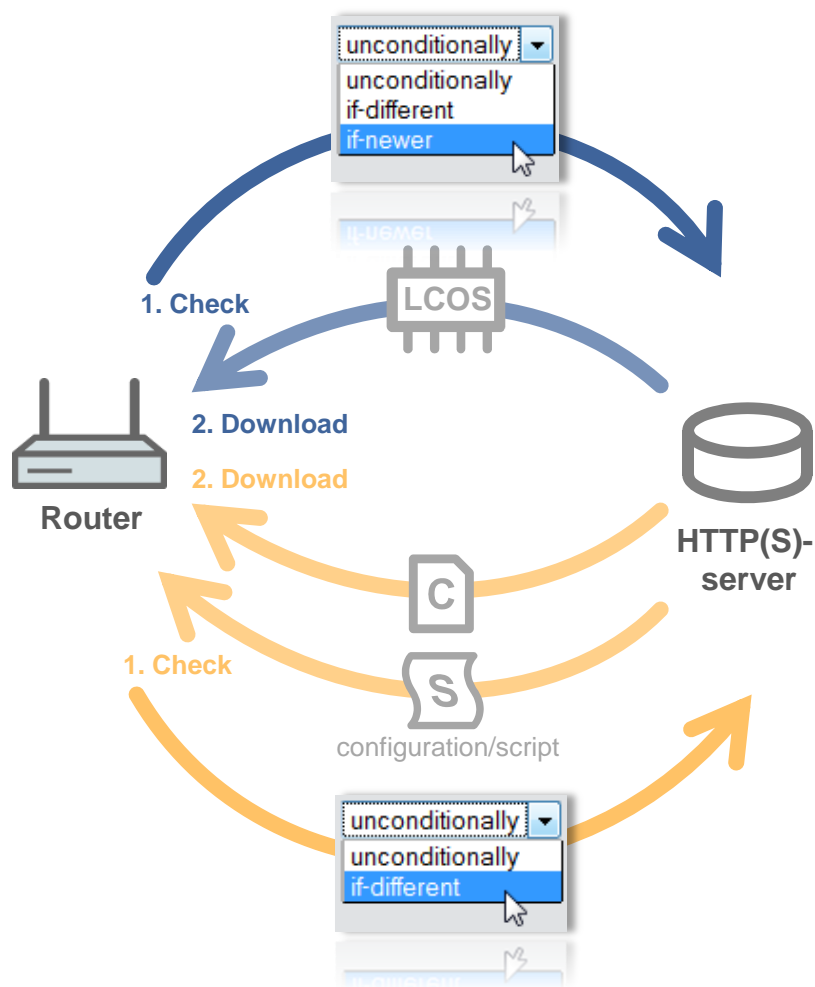
- **Enhancement** of the commands for loading firmware, configurations and scripts **to include conditions**

- Easy use in cron jobs **for automatic updates** when there are changes to firmware or a device configuration stored on a server

- **Settings** for LoadFirmware, LoadConfig and LoadScript are grouped **under "Automatic loading"**

- **Consolidation of the settings** for loading via TFTP, HTTP, HTTPS, and USB

- **Storage of default values** for minimum version (firmware only), condition, and the server URL – for easy use of commands

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OCSP
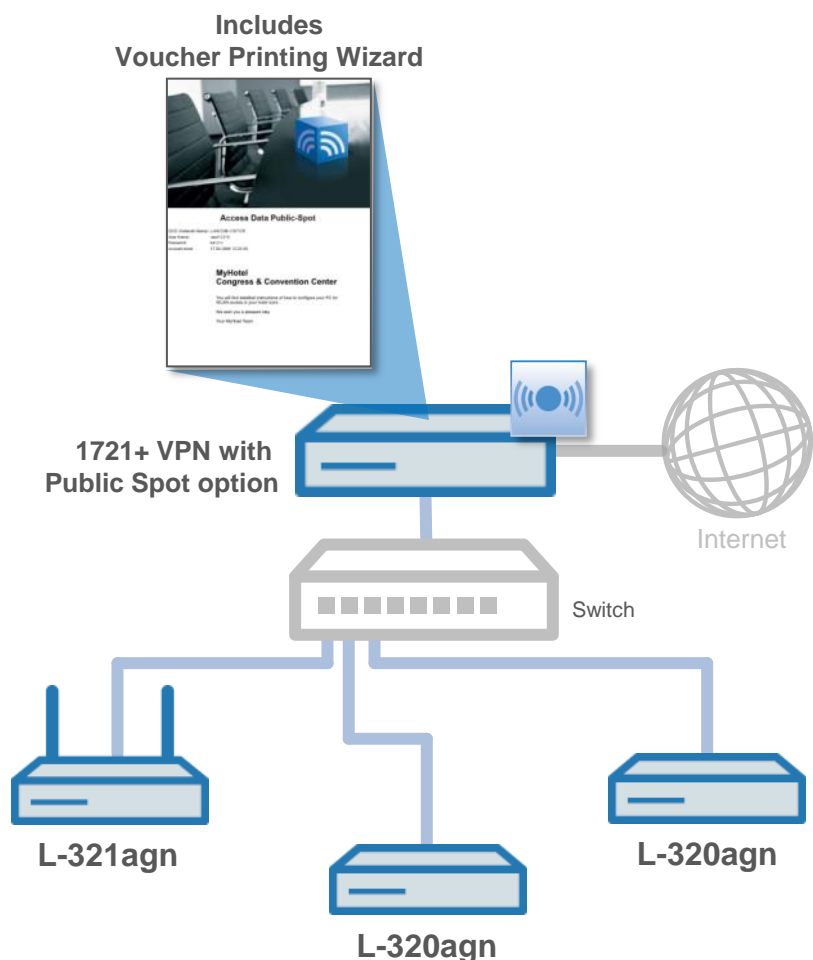## Online checking of certificate validity
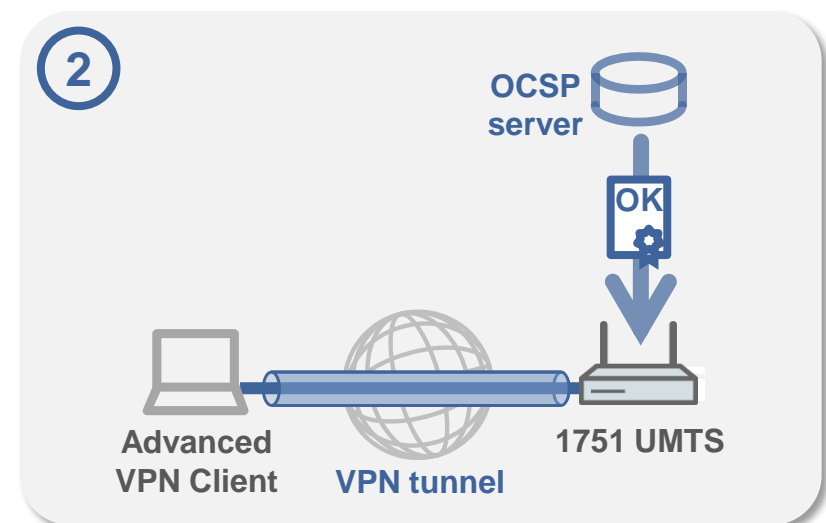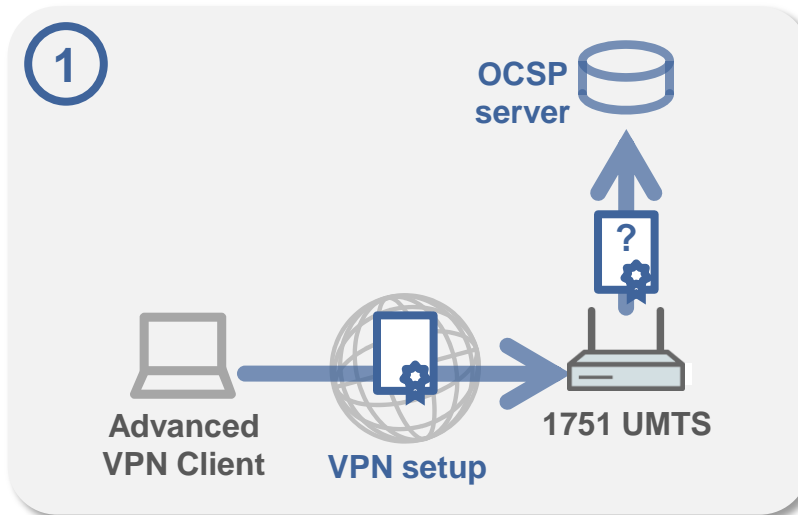
- Support of the **Online Certificate Status Protocol** for checking the validity of X.509 certificates

- **Alternative to CRLs** (Certificate Revocation Lists) for verification of certificates – accurate to the second

- More **economical**, especially for installations with **large numbers of certificates**, as no bulky CRL files have to be distributed

- **Revocations of certificates** now **faster,** because there is no need to wait for the CRL update cycle

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Public Spot option for routers
VPN routers as Public Spot gateways for hotspots

**Includes
Voucher Printing Wizard**

Access Data Public-Spot

MyHotel
Congress & Convention Center

**1721+ VPN with
Public Spot option**

Internet

Switch

L-321agn

L-320agn

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- **NEW**: Routers as gateways for hotspots with management of WLAN access accounts and Voucher Printing Wizard

- **Public Spot option** (max. 64 users) as of LCOS 8.5 also **for**:
    - **LANCOM 1711+ VPN**
    - **LANCOM 1721+ VPN**

- **WLC Public Spot option** (unlimited numer of users) as of LCOS 8.5 also **for**:
    - **LANCOM 7100 VPN**
    - **LANCOM 9100 VPN**

- Suitable **for installations with just a few access points** that do not require management by wireless LAN controller

- Can also be **combined with a Content Filter option** on the router to the Internet to prevent access to illegal content

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Programmable Rollout Wizard*
Scripting language for customized Wizards
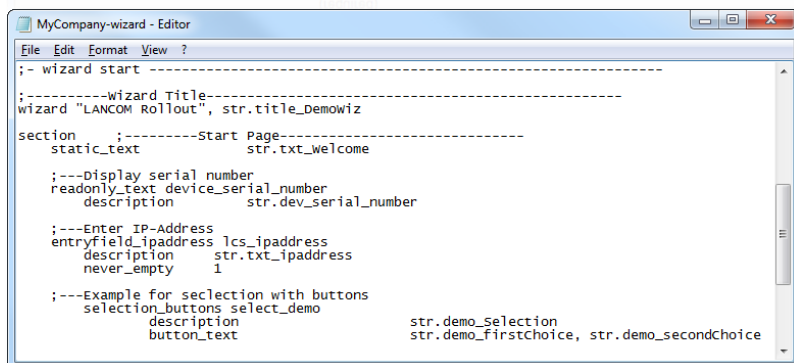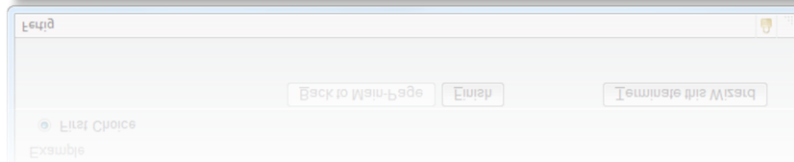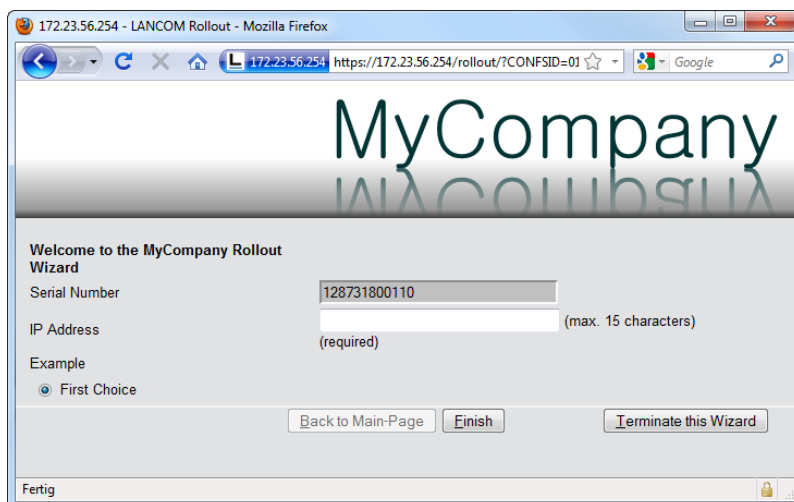
- Scripting language for **creating custom Rollout Wizards**

- **Simplified commissioning** with project-specific requirements (only the required parameters are affected)

- Display of the Rollout Wizard in the web browser **in a custom design (branding)**

- The Rollout Wizard can be **saved to an alternative boot configuration**, so it is always available after reset

- Ideal **in combination with load commands** for the rollout of centrally stored firmwares and configurations:

  – Rollout Wizard configures the Internet access and the site identifier

  – Load commands obtain configurations from provisioning servers

* For LANCOM 1681V, 1711+ VPN, 1721+ VPN,
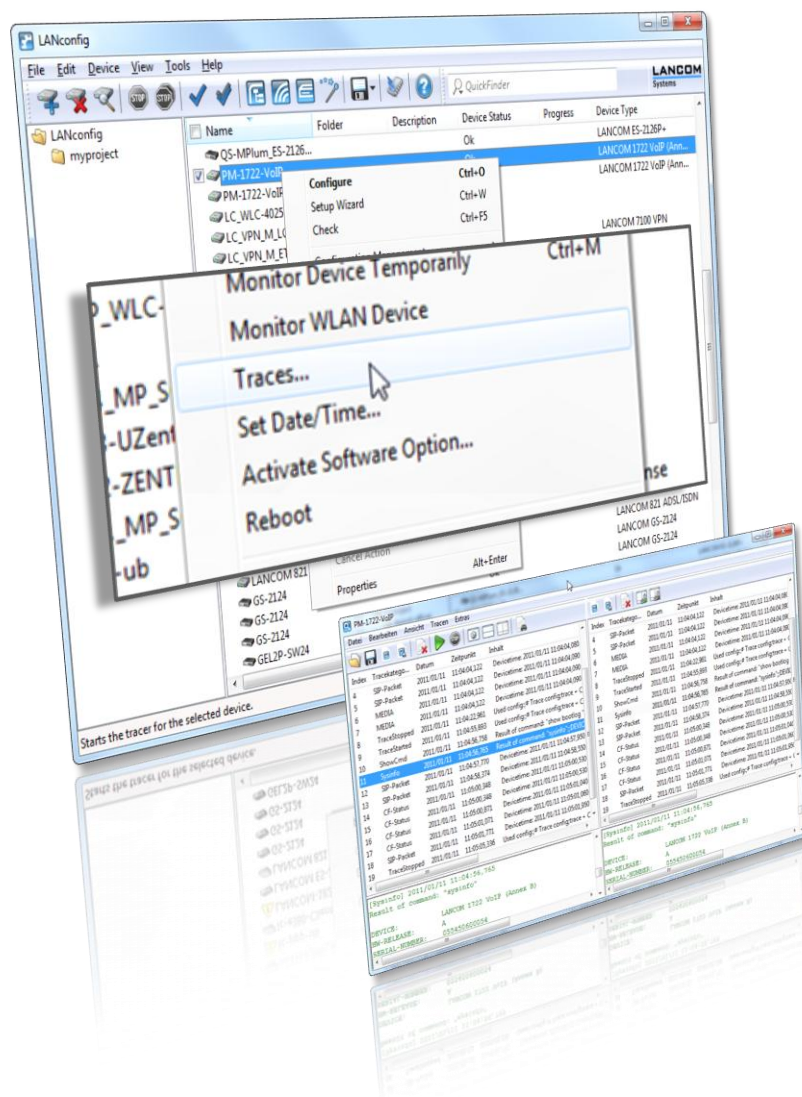1751 UMTS, 1811n Wireless, 1821n Wireless only

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Traces in the device menu
Easy start of traces from the device list

- Powerful **trace application with a graphical user interface** and Wizard as a component of LCMS

- **Structured display** of the output with a **detailed view**

- **Search and search filters** for finding events in extensive trace output

- **Comparison of trace output** in the split-view

- **Storage of trace output and support files** (configuration without passwords, Sysinfo and bootlog in one file)

- **Easy triggering** of traces **from the context menu** in the device list in LANconfig

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