LANCOM Release Notes

LCOS

10.50 RC2

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1. Preface

The LANCOM family of operating systems—LCOS, LCOS SX, LCOS LX, and LCOS FX—forms the trusted basis for the entire LANCOM range of products. Within the scope of the hardware specified by the products, the latest firmware version is available for all LANCOM products and is offered by LANCOM Systems for download free of charge.

This document describes the innovations within LCOS software release 10.50 RC2, as well as the improvements since the previous version.

Before upgrading the firmware, please pay close attention to chapter 6 "General advice" of this document.

Latest support notes and known issues regarding the current LCOS version can be found in the support area of our website https://www.lancom-systems.com/service-support/instant-help/common-support-tips/

2. Device-specific compatibility to LCOS 10.50

LANCOM products regularly receive major firmware releases throughout their lifetime which provide new features and bugfixes.
LCOS release updates including bugfixes and general improvements are available on a regular basis for devices which do not support the latest LCOS version. You can find an overview of the latest supported LCOS version for your device under https://www.lancom-systems.com/products/firmware/lifecycle-management/product-tables/

Support for the following devices is no longer available as from LCOS 10.50:
> LANCOM 1631E
> LANCOM 1781-4G
> LANCOM 1781A
> LANCOM 1781AW
> LANCOM 1781VA-4G
> LANCOM 730-4G
> LANCOM 7100+
> LANCOM 9100+
> LANCOM IAP-4G
> LANCOM L-151
> LANCOM L-151E
> LANCOM L-320 R2
> LANCOM L-330
> LANCOM WLC-4025+
> LANCOM WLC-4100

3. Advices regarding LCOS 10.50

Information on default settings

Devices delivered with LCOS 10.00 or higher automatically connect to the LANCOM Management Cloud (LMC). This functionality provides zero-touch installation for new devices. In case you do not want to use the LMC, this feature can be disabled while running the default setup wizard for the initial configuration, or at any time from within LANconfig under Management > LMC. You can manually re-enable the usage of the LMC whenever you want.

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4. Feature overview LCOS 10.50

4.1 Feature highlights 10.50

Performance upgrade for the LANCOM ISG-8000

In large SD-WAN or site networking scenarios with a high number of IPSec VPN channels and high data volumes, the use of the LANCOM ISG-8000 central site VPN gateway is now even more efficient. By distributing the data load across multiple cores (multicore), the total performance of IPSec VPN connections is increased to 10 Gbps. Significantly more data can thus be exchanged in less time when using multiple VPN channels.

Fast failover for maximum operational reliability

Fast failover times are essential in infrastructures that require maximum operational reliability. By using Dynamic Path Selection (DPS) or BGP, switching from one IPSec-VPN channel to another takes less than a second now. Thus, in an active-active mode, the failure of a connection does not lead to any noticeable downtime, e.g. in business-critical processes such as payment transactions with EC cash terminals.

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4.2 Further features 10.50

Extension of IPv6 functionality

Benefit from even more future-proofing of your IPv6 site networking now: As of LCOS 10.50 RC1, functions such as 464XLAT with IPv6-only in cellular radio, NAT with IPv6 (NPTv6), load balancing with IPv6, and IPv6 polling are supported.

Platform expansion for the LANCOM vRouter

For even more versatile use, the LANCOM vRouter now also supports KVM (Kernel-based Virtual Machine) in addition to the hypervisor platforms Hyper-V, ESXi, and Azure.

You can find further features within the individual builds sections in chapter 5 "History LCOS 10.50".

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5. History LCOS 10.50

LCOS improvements 10.50.0115 RC2

New features

Wi-Fi
> Support for Fast Roaming over-the-DS

Bug fixes / improvements

General
> After an update to LCOS 10.50 RC1 it could happen that after a configuration synchronization with the LANCOM Management Cloud (LMC) a firewall rule containing a DNS destination could no longer be edited with LANconfig.

> It could happen in individual cases that sessions were not terminated properly (e.g. when using IPSec-over-HTTPS) and the reserved memory was not released again. This caused further packets to be dropped and communication was only possible to a very limited extent.

> When using the LOCALNET station object in firewall rules, routes learned via RIP and BGP were assigned to LOCALNET. This could lead to a high load on the router's CPU due to a large number of filter rules.
Only networks with the status 'Connected LAN' are now assigned to the LOCALNET station object.

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LCOS improvements 10.50.0091 RC1

New features

> Performance optimization due to multicore support for LANCOM ISG-8000 with IPsec VPN

> Support for Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) with BGP

> (Sub Second) Session Switchover for Dynamic Path Selection (DPS)

> DPS: ICMP measurement intervals now support intervals with a time resolution in milliseconds

> DPS: In addition to ICMP, HTTP(S) is also supported as a measurement method

> Support of the CLAT side of 464XLAT for IPv6-only in mobile communications

> NPTv6 (prefix NAT) support for IPv6

> The load balancer now supports IPv6

> IPv6 line polling support

> In the IPv6 firewall, MAC addresses can be configured as a station object (source).

> In the IPv6 firewall, a delegated provider prefix can be configured as a station object to share a dynamic prefix in a router cascade.

> In applications where DNS names can be configured, the preferred address family (IPv4 or IPv6) can be specified.

> Dynamic Path Selection (DPS) now supports IPv6.

> Support for Curve448 in SSH

> Public Spot now supports IPv6.

> Public Spot: The MAC address format is now configurable.

> Support for RADIUS attributes according to RFC 5580

> The DHCP client now displays the lease time in the status menu.

> The Rx / Tx bandwidth limitation is now also evaluated for 802.1x RADIUS authentication.

> The Layer7 application detection and DNS names in the firewall can now be configured in a common table.

> Support for session cookie and anti-CSRF token in WEBconfig

> Plain text passwords of the main device password are disabled after a device reset.

> The IKEv2 lifetimes are adapted to the current BSI recommendations after a device reset.

> SHA-1 is no longer included in the IKEv2 default proposal after a device reset.

> The delegated IPv6 provider prefix can be transmitted to the VPN peer via IKEv2 routing.

> Support for H.323 in the IPv4 firewall is removed.

> The vRouter now supports KVM as a hypervisor platform.

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Bug fixes / improvements

VoIP

> If a VoIP client sent the parameter 'rtcp-rsize' with an outgoing call, the LANCOM router recognized this parameter as 'Invalid' and rejected the 'Invite' with the message "406 SDP - not acceptable". As a result, the outgoing call did not go through.

> With an incoming ISDN call it could happen that the external caller could not hear the called party (one-way voice transmission) because the 'Media Attribute (a): nortpproxy:yes' prevented the transmission of RTP data.

> When using SIP-ALG, it could happen that the port for RTP communication became invalid and an incoming RTP packet was rejected with the message "ICMP Destination unreachable (Port unreachable)". This resulted in a one-way voice transmission on the part of the called subscriber during an outgoing telephone call.

> The Voice Call Manager supports multiple streams with different codecs. However, these must be initialized during the call setup.
> If a call was initially established with one stream (e.g. G.711) and a second stream was added in the re-INVITE (e.g. T.38), the Voice Call Manager could not process the second stream. As a result, data packets of the second stream were not transmitted anymore.

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6. General advice

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Backing up the current configuration

Before upgrading your LANCOM devices to a new LCOS version it is essential to backup the configuration data!

Due to extensive features it is **not possible to downgrade** to a previous firmware without using the backup configuration.

If you want to upgrade devices which are only accessible via router connections or Wi-Fi bridges, please keep in mind to upgrade the remote device first and the local device afterwards. Please see the LCOS reference manual for instructions on how to upgrade the firmware.

We strongly recommend updating productive systems in client environment only after internal tests. Despite intense internal and external quality assurance procedures possibly not all risks can be eliminated by LANCOM Systems.

Using converter firmwares to free up memory

Due to numerous new functions within the LCOS firmware it may not be possible in some circumstances for older devices to keep two fully-featured firmware versions at the same time in the device. To gain more free memory, a smaller firmware with less functionality has to be uploaded to the device first. As a result, significantly more memory will be available for a second firmware.

This installation has to be done only once by using a "converter firmware".

After having installed the converter firmware, the firmsafe function of the LANCOM device is only available on a limited scale. The update to a new firmware is furthermore possible without any problems.

However, after a failed update the LANCOM device works with the converter firmware which only allows local device access. Any advanced functionality, particularly the remote administration, is not available as long as the converter firmware is active.