

Release Notes

LCOS 10.80 RC1

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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 10.80 RC1, as well as the improvements since the previous version.

Before upgrading the firmware, please pay close attention to chapter 7 “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

www.lancom-systems.com/service-support/instant-help/common-support-tips

2. The release tag in the software name

Release Candidate (RC)

A Release Candidate has been extensively tested by LANCOM and includes new LCOS features. It is suitable for testing and is not recommended for use in productive environments.

Release-Version (REL)

The release has been extensively and successfully tested in practice. It contains new features and improvements over previous LANCOM operating system versions. Recommended for use in productive environments.

Release Update (RU)

This is a further development of an initial release version and contains minor improvements, bug fixes and smaller features.

Security Update (SU)

Contains important security fixes for the respective LANCOM operating system version and ensures that your security level remains very high on an ongoing basis.

3. Device-specific compatibility to LCOS 10.80

LANCOM products regularly receive major firmware releases throughout their life-time 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 www.lancom-systems.com/products/firmware/lifecycle-management/product-tables

LANCOM devices without support as of LCOS 10.80

- LANCOM LN-1700
- LANCOM LN-1702
- LANCOM LN-830acn
- LANCOM L-822acn
- WLC-4006+

4. Advices regarding LCOS 10.80

Important notes on extending the input length of the main device password

As of LCOS 10.80, the input option for the number of possible characters for the main device password and the other administrators has been extended from 16 to 128 characters. If more than 16 characters are used in LCOS 10.80, a downgrade to versions lower than 10.80 is no longer possible or supported. It is no longer possible to log on to a device after the downgrade.

Special attention must be paid to the WLC with managed access points in the case of password synchronization. If the longer password is used on the WLC, all managed access points must also be operated with LCOS 10.80. In this case, local logon is no longer possible on APs with LCOS lower than 10.80.

The above instructions apply only in case the new option of more than 16 characters is used for the password.

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.

Omission of VPN rules in the IPv4 firewall

As of LCOS 10.70, VPN rules for generating network relationships (SAs) are no longer supported in the IPv4 firewall and are replaced by the 'Network rules' configuration option in the VPN menu.

This mainly concerns scenarios with IKEv1 connections.

For more details see:

<https://support.lancom-systems.com/knowledge/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=85885727>

5. Feature overview LCOS 10.80

5.1 Feature highlights 10.80

Let's Encrypt for WEBconfig and the LANCOM Public Spot

Let's Encrypt is a certificate authority that offers free HTTPS certificates to standardize encrypted connections. WEBconfig and also the LANCOM Public Spot now support Let's Encrypt. This means that free and trusted certificates can be created, integrated via the gateway, and automatically renewed with just a few one-time and simple steps.

5.2 Further features 10.80

Zero-touch rollout for cellular routers

With the support of Zero-touch, the setup of LANCOM cellular routers is now even easier and faster. Where previously manual configuration of the cellular access point was required, it is now sufficient to insert a PIN-free SIM card into the device. Zero-touch rollout enables an automatic connection to the Internet and subsequently to the LANCOM Management Cloud to retrieve the appropriate configuration of the gateway.

LANCOM vRouter available via Google Cloud

With LCOS 10.80, you can now operate the LANCOM vRouter on demand with the cloud computing provider Google Cloud. This means that in addition to Microsoft Azure, VMware ESXi, Hyper-V, and AWS, you can now also use Google Cloud to move your own infrastructure to the cloud. The LANCOM vRouter guarantees a secure connection and handles encrypted communication between your site and your virtualized infrastructure in the Google Cloud. Furthermore, the virtualization of headquarters is also possible: the vRouter in the Google Cloud simply replaces the central hardware gateway.

WEBconfig in new corporate design

If you manage your devices via the web browser, LANCOM provides you with a graphical user interface via WEBconfig, which is directly integrated into LCOS and from now on shines with a new coat of paint in a modern design and maximum clarity.

You can find further features within the individual builds sections in chapter 6 "History LCOS 10.80".

6. History LCOS 10.80

LCOS improvements 10.80.0075 RC1

New features

- Support for Let's Encrypt certificates (ACME client) for WEBconfig and the LANCOM Public Spot
- Zero-touch rollout for mobile routers together with the LMC
- WEBconfig in new corporate design
- Support for Google Cloud (GCP) for the LANCOM vRouter.
- Support for High Availability Clustering Option L for the LANCOM 1900 series.
- Routers can record and store traces and Wireshark captures directly on a USB stick.
- Entries in the action table can be tested or executed by a CLI command.
- Support for the 'Automatic APN' feature on cellular routers.
- Access to RPCap and LCOScap via WAN can be configured.
- The GPON status can be displayed on the WEBconfig dashboard.
- The GPON password can now also be entered in HEX format (20 characters).
- Accounting in the router has been reworked and can now also be used to display the throughput of current sessions of stations in the analysis case.
- Support for configurable responses to incoming SMS messages on cellular routers, e.g. sending reply SMS messages for re-billing when data volume is used up.
- Support for cold standby on cellular routers
- The input option for the main device password and additional administrators has been extended to a maximum of 128 characters. When using the new password length, a downgrade to older LCOS versions is no longer possible.
- The status table 'Protocol-Table' under '/ Status / IP-Router' is omitted.
- The 'LTE-Delayed-Attach' switch on cellular routers is omitted.
- The 'Stack Errors' status counter of the IP router is omitted.
- The 'Establish-Table' status table is omitted.
- The 'Tx-normal', 'Tx-urgent' and 'Tx-reliable' columns in the '/ Status / WAN / Packet Transport' table are omitted.
- Support for SSL 3.0 and ciphers with 56 bits or less has been removed.
- Support for 3G (USB) WWAN modems has been removed completely.
- WEBconfig certificates generated by LCOS now only have a maximum validity of 365 days.
- 464XLAT and DS-Lite can be used as backup.
- Support of the operating switch for SMS

- Disabling syslog now also disables the regular writing of the syslog backup to the internal flash memory.
- DHCP and DHCPv6 servers are displayed in WEBconfig under 'Services'.
- The '(VLAN) Priority Bit' can be set for WAN connections.
- Additional DHCP options can be configured on the DHCP client.
- Additional DHCPv6 options can be configured on the DHCPv6 client.
- Support for interim accounting in Netflow
- Netflow now uses 64 bit counters internally.
- Support for dual stack (IPv4 / IPv6) in Config Mode with IKEv2 against the LANCOM Advanced VPN Client.

Bug fixes / improvements

General

- For routers with multi-core CPU (e.g. LANCOM 1800 series), only the utilization for CPU core 0 was displayed in the console path 'Status / Hardware info'. Now the average value of all CPU cores is displayed.
- After activating a VPN-25 option on a router (no reboot required), the device certificate could not be downloaded in WEBconfig via the 'Download current CA certificate' option when the CA was activated. The process was acknowledged with the error message 'Not found'. The download of the certificate was only possible after a restart.

VoIP

- If the Voice Call Manager received both the P-Asserted-Identity (PAI) and the P-Preferred-Identity (PPI) in an INVITE from a SIP PBX, the Voice Call Manager then used the phone number in the PAI. If this phone number was not known to the SIP provider in a scenario with CompanyFlex connection (e.g. due to a missing digit), the call was disconnected and acknowledged with the error message "403 Forbidden".

There is now an additional parameter 'Prefer-Identity-Field' in the path 'Setup / Voice-Call-Manager / Users / SIP-Users / Users'. This can be used to select whether the PAI (Prefer-PAI) or the PPI (Prefer-PPI) should be preferred (default setting is PAI as before).

7. General advice

Disclaimer

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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.