Press release

Management of virtual private networks with Univention Corporate Server

New app for VPN management available in the Univention App Center

Mobile access to corporate infrastructures is becoming ever more widespread and as such so is the necessity to construct secure private networks. These must be easy to manage and it must be possible to mount them in existing IT infrastructures without any problems. For this reason, bytemine GmbH from Oldenburg, Germany, has now developed in OpenVPN4UCS a solution which is integrated in Univention Corporate Server (UCS) (www.univention.com/products) and published in this server system's App Center. It offers companies a cost-effective and easy-to-operate possibility for constructing and managing VPNs.

Oldenburg/Bremen, 3rd April 2014. In OpenVPN there is now an Open Source solution available for the construction of virtual private networks. Over the past ten years, this software has evolved into one of the standard solutions for the connection of mobile users and home offices, and that not just in the Open Source field: there are clients for OpenVPN available on all standard platforms.

With the presentation of the otherwise sometimes quite demanding administrative tasks of OpenVPN in the web-based management system of Univention Corporate Server (UCS), bytemine has now created a VPN solution for organizations of all sizes which is easy to implement and manage. At the same time, the scope of functions of UCS has also been expanded with the newly developed app in the "Providing external accesses" section. Administrators can now assign users a VPN access via the Univention Management Console with just a click of the mouse. The encapsulation of the creation of user certificates and authentications represents a significant simplification. The solution generates a "ready2go package" for the users, which contains the complete client configuration and the security certificates. The generation is based on the public key infrastructure of UCS.

OpenVPN4UCS is available as an app in the Univention App Center and can be set up with just a few clicks of the mouse. The app can be used free of charge and is published under an Open Source license (GNU GPL Version 3). bytemine has published detailed documentation at http://www.bytemine.net/files/openvpn4ucs_howto_en.pdf. In addition, the Oldenburg-based company also offers comprehensive support in the field of VPNs.

Further information on the OpenVPN app:

http://www.univention.com/products/ucs/app-catalogue/app/details/openvpn4ucs

About Univention

Univention is a leading European provider of Open Source products for the cost-efficient operation and effective administration of IT infrastructures. The core product is the Linux infrastructure solution Univention Corporate Server (UCS). UCS is a modern enterprise Linux distribution with integrated Open Source solutions for identity and infrastructure management, which makes efficient, centrally controlled administration possible even in challenging environments. The core product is complemented by solutions based on UCS for the cross-platform management of thin clients, support for Linux desktops and an integrated virtualization solution. Thanks to the supplied connectors, the components are ideal for use with, for example, Microsoft Active Directory, integrate seamlessly in existing infrastructures and allow simple migration. The Univention App Center offers users the possibility of purchasing and downloading a wide range of software packages optimized for UCS, which can also be seamlessly integrated in the UCS management system. UCS is thus the optimal Open Source integration platform for IT infrastructure operation and management.

About bytemine

Services, products and support around Unix are part of the core competencies of bytemine GmbH. As a developing company for innovative solutions, they deliberately focus on the deployment of Open Source technologies.

With more than ten years of experience in maintenance and support of complex environments, bytemine is a steady partner for reliable and sustainable IT infrastructures. The services portfolio ranges from traditional IT consulting and design of ISP solutions to the support of scalable, highly available server environments.

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