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RouterOS v7 Evolution

Exploring MikroTik's latest flagship operating system updates, cutting-edge routing engines, hardware acceleration protocols, and enterprise integrations.

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Core Innovations

Architectural shifts that form the foundation of RouterOS v7's modern capabilities, including structural rewrites and kernel adaptations.

Linux 5.6 Kernel Migration

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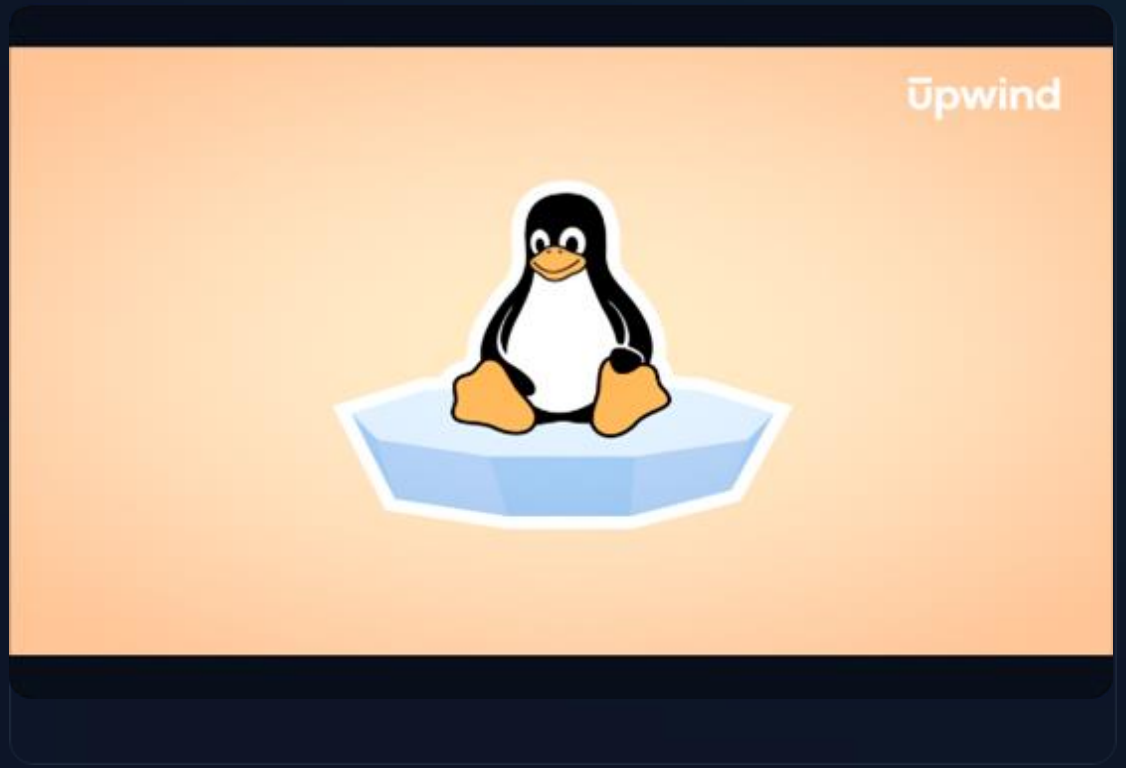
Unified Platform Stability

By moving from legacy v3.x kernel structures to the modern Linux 5.6 kernel, RouterOS v7 unlocks massive platform performance gains and multi-core scheduling capabilities.

- Modern SMP (Symmetric Multiprocessing) architecture enhancements.
- Full support for hardware architectures across ARM, ARM64, Tile, and x86.
- Expanded driver availability for advanced networking chips and controllers.



Rewritten Routing Engine

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Dynamic Routing Overhaul

The entire BGP, OSPF, and MPLS stack was redesigned from the ground up. BGP configuration switches to a robust, clean user-interface structure separating input and output configurations.

High-Speed Route Calculations

Route calculations and convergence times are faster than ever. By utilizing dedicated cores efficiently, standard configurations can import hundreds of thousands of routes in seconds.

Modern Tunnels & WireGuard

High-Performance VPNs

WireGuard is natively integrated into RouterOS v7. This secure, lightweight, and incredibly fast tunneling protocol offers easier peer management without high CPU strain.

Additionally, v7 introduces native ZeroTier integration on ARM platforms, bridging cloud architecture and software-defined WAN interfaces flawlessly right to your branch routers.

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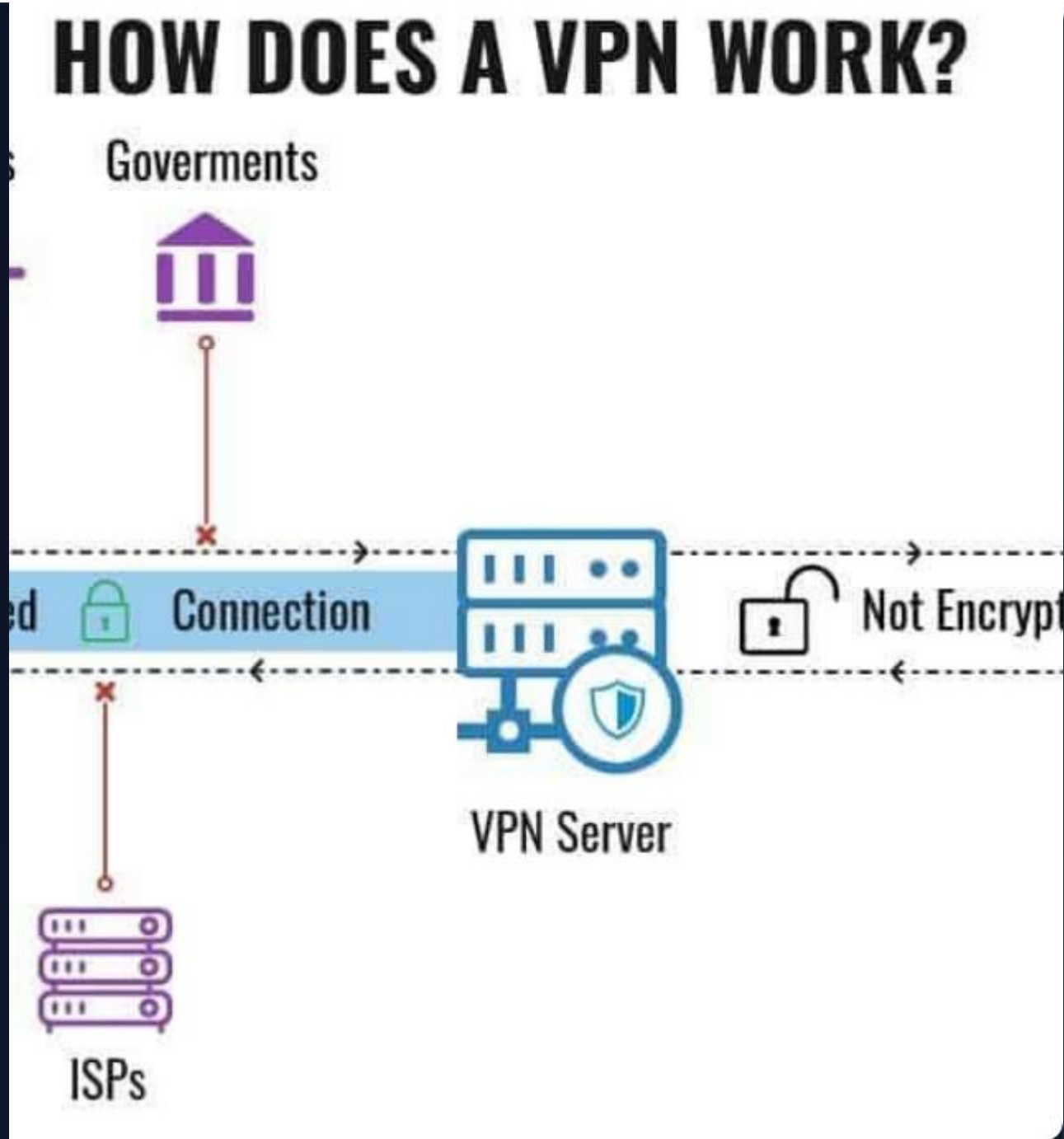

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Enterprise Features

A deeper dive into hardware acceleration capabilities, native container storage platforms, and security enhancements built for demanding networks.

L3 Hardware Offloading (L3HW)

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Line-Rate Routing

Offload Layer 3 routing directly to the switch chip. Offloading is fully supported on devices with Marvell Prestera chipsets, protecting standard system CPU workloads.

Hardware MLAG

Deploy Multi-Chassis Link Aggregation (MLAG) with standard active-active setups, allowing dual switch redundancy with zero throughput bottlenecks.

Inter-VLAN Speeds

Achieve wire-speed inter-VLAN routing on modern switch models without sending routing tables directly back to primary router processors.

Containers at the Router Edge

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Native Container Integration

Deploy Docker-compatible containers natively inside RouterOS v7. This eliminates the need for separate edge computing devices (like Raspberry Pi) for minor network helper applications.
Easily configure Pi-hole, AdGuard Home, Nextcloud, custom REST interfaces, or network monitoring tools directly on the router itself, optimizing physical footprint and power costs.

Advanced Security Overhaul

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Let's Encrypt / ACME Integration

Automated certificate generation and renewal directly via ACME protocols. Perfect for securing REST API, WebFig, OpenVPN, and internal hot-spot portals without manual uploads.

Reverse Proxy Functionality

Built-in reverse proxy services allow simple routing of external web traffic to multiple internal servers with custom SSL rules, streamlining external routing setups.

Rest API & Management Security

A native, standard-compliant REST API implementation enables seamless infrastructure integration with automation tools like Ansible and custom monitoring software.

Architectural Feature Comparison

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Capability	RouterOS v6 (Legacy)	RouterOS v7 (Modern)	Strategic Value
Linux Kernel Platform	Legacy v3.3.5 / v3.14	Modern v5.6 Base	Hardware driver stability & resource efficiency
Routing Engine BGP/OSPF	Single-core calculations	Multi-core scalable architecture	Faster convergence times on complex tables
WireGuard Protocol	Not natively supported	Natively integrated	Secure high-performance site-to-site tunnels
L3 Hardware Offloading	Extremely limited support	Widely supported (Marvell, Realtek)	Line-rate switching & routing performance
Container Infrastructure	None (Metarouter deprecated)	Fully supported (Docker compatible)	Run edge tools directly on target hardware

BGP Convergence Performance

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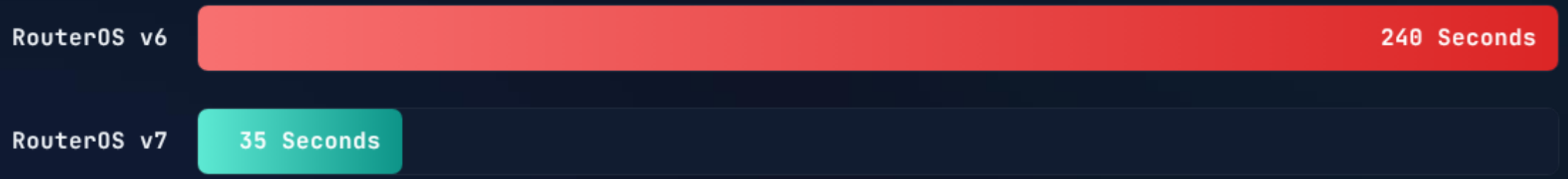

Real-world benchmarking importing a full internet routing table (approx. 1 Million Routes) demonstrates a dramatic 85% reduction in calculation and processing convergence times due to the multi-threaded routing engine rewrite in RouterOS v7.

Questions?

Adopt RouterOS v7 today and upgrade your routing performance and architecture.

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