PRESS RELEASE

**OPNsense® 18.7 ‘Happy Hippo’, OSS security platform driving innovation**

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For three and a half years now, [OPNsense](https://opnsense.org) is driving innovation through modularising and hardening the open source firewall, with simple and reliable firmware upgrades, multi-language support, HardenedBSD security, fast adoption of upstream software updates as well as clear and stable 2-Clause BSD licensing.

[Deciso](https://www.deciso.com) is proud to announce the immediate availability of version 18.7 nicknamed “Happy Hippo”.

This release shows the power of open source software and a lively community. More than ever the involvement of our community is visible in the work that has been done since the previous release. This is where the structured development and the modular design really pays off. Our friendly and helpful OPNsense community has grown significantly, for example the number of forum visitors has doubled in the past year.

This new major release offers users a considerable amount of IPv6 connectivity improvements including 6RD support, greater multi-WAN stability, an extensible backup framework with Nextcloud support, latest Intel NIC drivers and the core integration of Monit for fine-grained system monitoring.

The Intrusion Prevention System is powered by Suricata V4 and has received an update to use Emerging Threats Open rules version 4 as well as our own application detection rules.

Development support has been improved with the easily accessible API documentation and tools to support local frontend development.

New plugins in this major release include e.g. Telegraf (agent for collecting and reporting), NUT (Network UPS tools), OpenConnect client, Shadowsocks (secure SOCKS proxy), Net-SNMP (SNMP daemon) and several themes.

Our team believes that open source improves knowledge sharing and helps to build better products.

“*As with the real Hippo, the power of open source development and the enormous energy a friendly community generates are greatly underestimated.”* – says Robert van Papeveld, Deciso’s CEO – *“It is this power and energy that makes this ‘Happy Hippo’ charging ahead to become the most widely used open source security platform.”*

Deciso is the company that founded the OPNsense project and offers turnkey solutions as well as commercial support and services.

**About Deciso**

Deciso B.V. is a global manufacturer of networking equipment. The company designs and produces complete products for integrators, oems and resellers. Deciso believes in the power of open source and actively contributes to the open source community. The company is founded in 2000 and is located in Middelharnis, the Netherlands.

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