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IP Fabric delivers insight into network complexity whilst fostering knowledge transfer for technical teams at Transgourmet



Annual Revenue

5,6 billion EUR



Activity

41 000 clients served daily



Size

22 501 employees



About

TransGourmet is the leading food and beverage wholesale distribution and cash and carry company in Europe. TransGourmet Central & Eastern Europe is active in Germany, Poland, Romania and Russia; with more than 90 cash and carry supermarkets. The TransGourmet Group consists of specialized companies offering huge product diversity. The company's product range boasts over 35 000 unique items.

Data is an organization's most valuable asset: network data is no exception. Rapidly increasing demand for network services meant that outdated documentation (and the fact that the most valuable network data resided purely in the brains of the engineers designing and operating the network) was no longer viable. TransGourmet sought an automated, simplified solution to address this challenge.





Challenge

Consistent network oversight creates consistent quality

Steep company growth and network engineering recruitment challenges resulted in inconsistent and inefficient project delivery and documentation. Manual knowledge transfer from engineers to operations teams was causing communication bottlenecks and inefficient project-to-operation handover. Technical debt across organically grown and M&A-sourced infrastructure lacked standardization.



Solution

IP Fabric fully automated the documentation and topology workload. Knowledge of the complex, growing network is now easily accessible by all team members from a single system. Network engineer onboarding times have drastically reduced time needed for availability of updated data and visualization capabilities.



Thanks to IP Fabric our documentation is finally complete and accurate.

When I joined the company it took me 6 months to get an overview of the infrastructure. With IP Fabric, I installed the VM, entered the IP addresses, and that was it; we had the network fully documented. Since then, I have stopped using Visio completely, and I don't have to update any documentation anymore. What had before taken me 6 months can now be assimilated by a skilled engineer in just a few days.

— David Keenan, Senior Network Engineer, Transgourmet





Challenge

Paying back technical debt

Due to rapid growth and the technical recruitment challenges present in the competitive German market, the number of man-hours available to the Transgourmet were insufficient for the number of tasks in their queue.

Throw in further long-standing issues including poor documentation riddled with blind spots, documentation and visibility became top priorities as Transgourmet sought to undertake major infrastructure investments.

To worsen matters still, technical debt stemming from both organically grown and M&A-sourced infrastructure placed a huge burden on their already strained resources. Therefore, data standardization was crucial for delivering the necessary efficiency gains.



Solution

On the day IP Fabric was installed, manual network documentation processes became a thing of the past for Transgourmet. This greater insight into their current network state helped them to create streamlined knowledge transfer processes – not only for newcomers, but also for collaborating with IT Security, Operations, and Leadership teams.

Additionally, the team have made use of the now standardized view of their multi-domain and multi-vendor network to easily track network compliance and ensure continuous alignment with the relevant frameworks.



Benefits

- Reduced onboarding time for new engineers – from 6 months to a matter of days
- Automated documentation as a safety net for technical project delivery
- Standardized network inventories
- More proactive alignment with compliance frameworks
- Massive reduction in technical debt across the organization
- Simplified cross-team collaboration due to accessible network information



About IP Fabric

IP Fabric is a vendor-neutral network assurance platform that automates the holistic discovery, verification, visualization, and documentation of large-scale enterprise networks, reducing the associated costs and required resources whilst improving security and efficiency.

It supports your engineering and operations teams, underpinning migration and transformation projects. IP Fabric will revolutionize how you approach network visibility and assurance, security assurance, automation, multi-cloud networking, and trouble resolution.



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See how assurance can transform your approach to network management.

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