**Alliance partnership strengthens
trend for Open Vendor Network Automation**

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The racksnet GmbH from Eschborn and the FNT GmbH from Ellwangen, have now signed an alliance partnership agreement.

In this context, racksnet® has also developed an interface (API) to connect the racksnet® software to FNT's network management solution. As a result racksnet® extends the existing FNT network documentation and management solution by the rapidly growing area of network automation. Customers can now perform zero touch deployments directly from the FNT Command software. By integrating racksnet® into the planning and workorder control of FNT Command, a perfect orchestration with the physical rollout up to the hardware level is possible in addition to the fully automated configuration loading.

Both companies are convinced that the joint solution will offer customers enormous added value in terms of time and costs for configuration and management of manufacturer-independent IT networks.

With the automation solution from racksnet®, IT networks can now be analyzed and automatically configured (including IoT networks) independently of hardware manufacturers such as Cisco, HPE, Huawei or Cumulus (Linux) for the first time. Unique in the world is the fact that no scripting (CLI) is required for the configuration of complex infrastructures. All entries are made via a graphical user interface (GUI), drag & drop and numerous templates. Playbooks can also be easily and quickly integrated into the cloud based application of racksnet®.

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In 2017, former Cisco and HPE managers founded racksnet GmbH with the goal of making every IT network manageable and automatable without manufacturer-specific programming languages or scripting. In the meantime, the company has made a name for itself in the IT industry as a creative and agile solution provider. The company has its headquarters in the Tech-Cluster Eschborn, within sight of Frankfurt am Main.

FNT GmbH - Powerful, trouble-free and flexible infrastructures are the basis for all digital business processes and applications, be it Smart Cities, Industry 4.0 or 5G. With the integrated software solutions of FNT GmbH, companies and public authorities can record, document and manage their complex and heterogeneous IT, telecommunications and data centre infrastructures - from the physical level to business services - manufacturer-independently and according to a uniform data model. FNT thus provides the necessary transparency and tools to plan and manage the IT, data center and telecommunications landscape more easily, to eliminate faults faster, to synchronize resources and requirements optimally and to provide new digital services flexibly and automatically. Its customers include more than 500 companies and public authorities worldwide, including more than half of the DAX30-listed corporations. FNT is locaterd in Ellwangen (Jagst) and has offices in the USA (Parsippany, New Jersey), Singapore, Dubai and Russia (Moscow). FNT offers its software in numerous countries through partnerships with market-leading IT service providers and system integrators. Further information can be found at www.fntsoftware.com.

Fig.: FNT and racksnet® - Live Demo at NETWORK19;
From left: Jonas Wagner, Matthias Gromann (FNT) – Nauman A. Basit, Stefan Hacker, Jorg Junghans (racksnet®)