



# **Release notes for the installation and update of Univention Corporate Server (UCS) 5.2-6**

*Release 5.2-6*

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## RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS

Univention Corporate Server 5.2-6 is available. It includes feature improvements, extensions, and bug fixes. The following overview highlights the most important changes:

- The *UDM HTTP REST API* now includes a metrics endpoint. You can retrieve basic Nubus metrics, such as the number of users, the software version, and the license status. Use these metrics in standard tools such as *Prometheus* and *Grafana* to improve observability.

For more information, see [Metrics<sup>1</sup>](#) in *Nubus Manual 1.x* [1].

- Univention Management Console includes a new section with technical details for objects in Univention Directory Manager. You can view and search technical identifiers and the creation and modification timestamps for all objects.
- Groups in Univention Nubus can now have alternative email addresses in addition to a primary email address. You can use them as email aliases for groups, following the same concept as alternative email addresses for users. The Univention mail stack supports this additional attribute and delivers email sent to a group's alternative email address to all members of the group.
- Samba has been updated to version 4.24.2, including the latest security patches, so it's equivalent to version 4.24.3.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://docs.software-univention.de/nubus-manual/1.x/en/metrics.html#nubus-metrics>



## NOTES ABOUT THE UPDATE

Before updating, test the update in a separate test environment that's identical to your production environment. Run the update in a maintenance window, because some services in the domain can be unavailable temporarily.

The update can take anywhere from 30 minutes to several hours, depending on system performance, network connection, and installed software. For large environments, consult *UCS performance guide* [2].

### 2.1 Updating multiple UCS systems

In environments with multiple UCS systems, follow the update sequence described later.



## SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION OF UCS AND DEBIAN ON UEFI SYSTEMS

Simultaneous operation of UCS and Debian GNU/Linux on UEFI systems isn't supported in UCS 5.0 and later.

The GRUB boot loader of Univention Corporate Server uses the same configuration files as Debian. If Debian is already installed, UCS can't boot after you install or update to UCS 5.0. Conversely, installing Debian after UCS 5.0 prevents UCS from booting.

For more information, refer to [KB 17768](https://help.univention.com/t/17768)<sup>2</sup>.

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## PREPARE FOR UPDATE

This section covers important considerations before you update.

### 4.1 Sufficient disk space

Ensure you have sufficient disk space available for the update. A standard installation requires a minimum of 6 to 10 GB. The update process requires an additional 1 to 2 GB to download and install packages, depending on your existing installation size.

### 4.2 Console usage for update

Sign in to the system's local console as `root` and run the update. Alternatively, you can run the update using Univention Management Console.

If you run the update over a network connection, take steps to ensure it continues if the connection is interrupted. Network interruptions can cancel the update, which severely affects the system.

Use tools such as `tmux`, `screen`, or `at` to keep the update running through network interruptions. All UCS system roles have these tools installed by default.

### 4.3 Script to check for known update issues

Univention provides a script that checks for problems that could prevent a successful update. You can download the script before the update and run it on the UCS system.

```
# download
$ curl -Oof https://updates.software-univention.de/download/univention-update-
→checks/pre-update-checks-5.2-6{.gpg,}

# verify and run script
$ apt-key verify pre-update-checks-5.2-6{.gpg,} && bash pre-update-checks-5.2-6

...

Starting pre-update checks ...

Checking app_appliance ...           OK
Checking block_update_of_NT_DC ...   OK
Checking cyrus_integration ...        OK
Checking disk_space ...               OK
Checking hold_packages ...            OK
Checking ldap_connection ...          OK
Checking ldap_schema ...              OK
...
```



## POST PROCESSING OF THE UPDATE

After the update, run new or updated join scripts. Use either the *Domain join* management module in the *Management UI* or run **univention-run-join-scripts** as `root`.

Verify that the join scripts completed successfully. Then restart the UCS system.



## NOTES ON SELECTED PACKAGES

The following sections cover selected packages for this update.

### 6.1 Collection of usage statistics

When using UCS Core Edition, UCS collects anonymous usage statistics for Univention Management Console. The system logs which modules you open to a *Matomo* instance. These statistics help Univention improve Univention Management Console development based on customer needs.

You can verify the license status through the menu entry *License* ▶ *License information* in the user menu of Univention Management Console. If the *License information* lists UCS Core Edition under *License type*, your UCS system is using UCS Core Edition.

UCS doesn't collect usage statistics if you use an [Enterprise Subscription](#)<sup>3</sup> license such as *UCS Base Subscription* or *UCS Standard Subscription*.

To deactivate usage statistics collection, set the Univention Configuration Registry Variable `umc/web/piwik` to `false`.

### 6.2 Recommended browsers for Univention Management Console

Univention Management Console uses JavaScript and CSS features to display the web interface. Your web browser must support cookies. Univention Management Console requires one of the following browsers:

- Chrome version 131 and later
- Firefox version 128 and later
- Safari and Safari Mobile version 18 and later
- Microsoft Edge version 128 and later

Older browsers may not display correctly or perform as expected.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.univention.com/products/prices-and-subscriptions/>



## CHANGELOG

You can find the changes since UCS 5.2-5 in [Changelog for Univention Corporate Server \(UCS\) 5.2-6<sup>4</sup>](https://docs.software-univention.de/changelog/5.2-6/en/index.html).

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