

Wireless Mobilization of the Adaptive Enterprise through Intelligent Networking

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Momentum is Building in Wireless LANs

- Wireless LANs are an "addictive" technology
- Strong commitment to Wireless LANs by technology heavy-weights
 - -Cisco, IBM, HP, Intel, Microsoft, Dell
- Embedded market is growing
 - -Laptop PC's with "wireless inside"
 - –Also PDA's, phones, printers, etc.
- The WLAN market is expanding from Industry-Specific Applications, to broad-based applications in Universities, Homes, & Offices



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- Deployment Criteria
- Cisco's SWAN Solution
- 802.11a/b/g Technologies
- Centralized Network and RF (i.e. "Air")
 Management
- 802.11 Security
- Wired/Wireless Integration
- Summary



Deployment Criteria

- End-to-End Security
 - Layer-2 based user authentication and data confidentiality
 - Integrated wired/wireless security
- Centralized Network and RF Management
 - Scalable deployment model for network growth
 - Single point of control for WLAN infrastructure device configuration and SW revisions
- End-to-End Mobility
 - Within buildings, between buildings, etc.
- Quality of Service (QoS)
 - End-to-end prioritization for applications such as voice and video

Deployment Criteria

- Minimized Total cost of ownership
 - Integrate with existing wired network
 - Minimize operational costs of deploying and managing the WLAN network
- Investment protection
 - Support for future 802.11 standards
 - Avoid overhaul of WLAN infrastructure as the 802.11 technology matures...

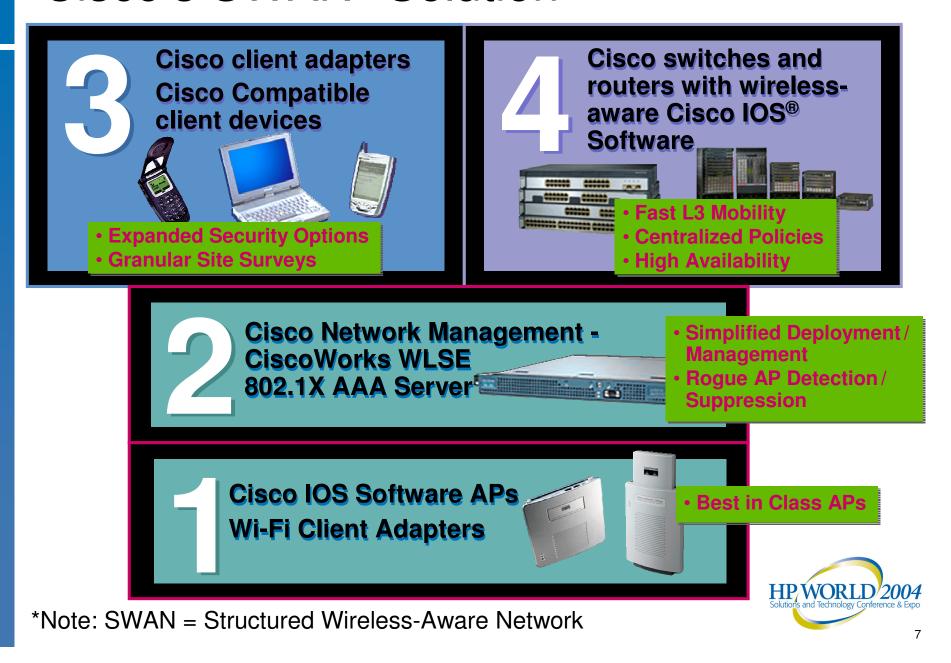


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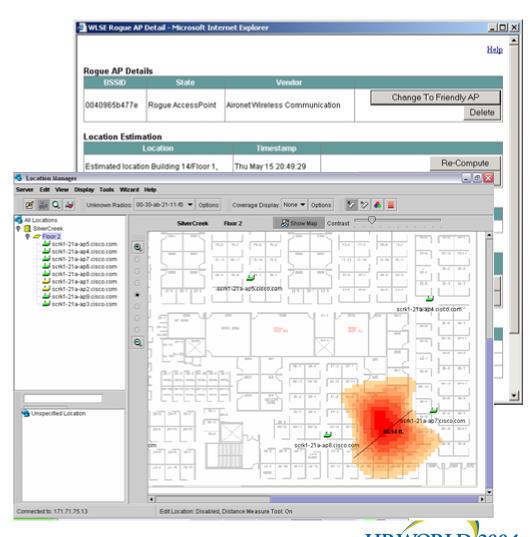


Cisco's SWAN* Solution

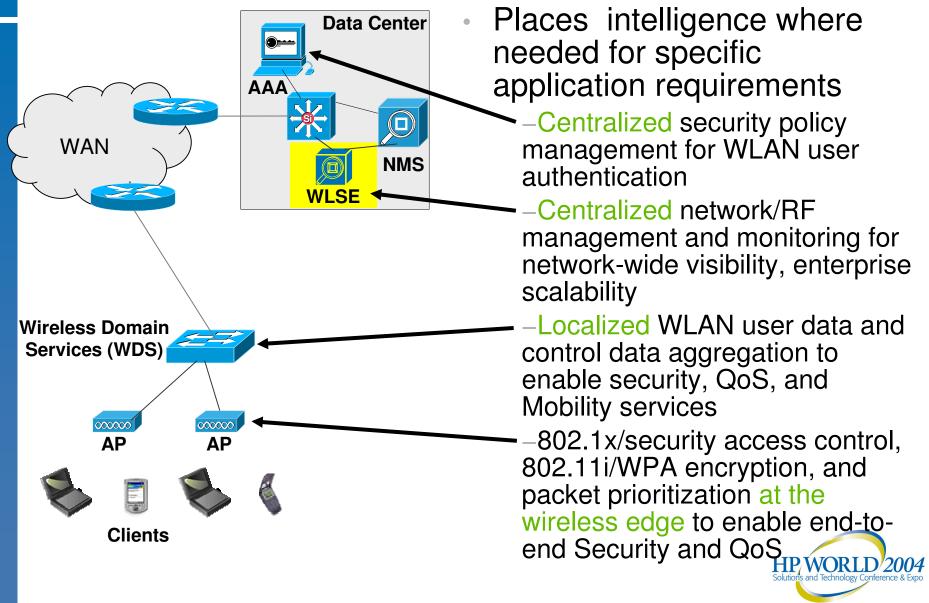


Cisco SWAN Provides for Next Generation Features

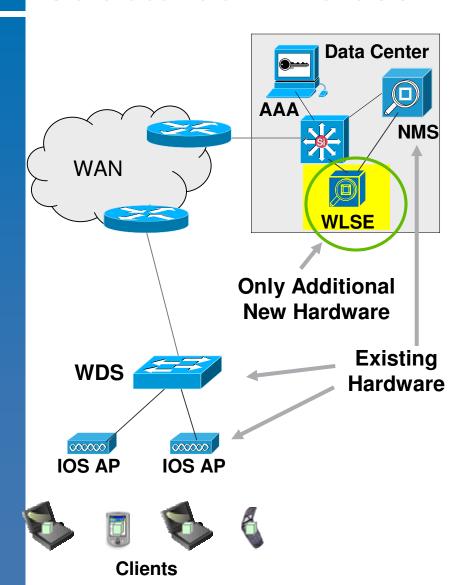
- Rogue AP detection
- Interference location assistance
- Intrusion detection
- RF network visualization and reporting
- Fast and secure roaming
- Site survey assistance
- Self healing capabilities



Cisco SWAN's Hybrid Approach



Cost Effectiveness of the Cisco Structured Wireless-Aware Network

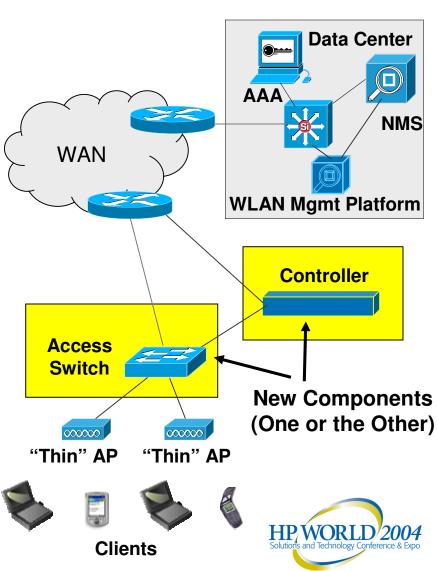


- Flexible framework supports differing applications, network sizes, deployment stages, etc.
 - Scales up to enterprise campuses, down to small branch offices
 - More linear cost structure, pay as you scale
- Integrates wireless into existing networks
 - Uses existing AP350, AP1200 or AP1100 access points



The Wireless Switch/Thin AP Architecture

- Architectures vary by vendor but key similarities exist
- Wireless "switch" is really a controller
 - Low port density, often single ingress/egress upstream port
 - -Minimal wired security and QoS features
- "Thin" AP wholly dependent upon controller
 - -Typically just a standard SOHO AP
- AP is a logical controller port
 - AP has no user interface, no stored image
 - –AP used to pass packets; Unauthorized traffic is tunneled to the controller!
 - No intelligent packet filtering performed in AP



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802.11 a/b/g: Frequently Asked Questions

- 802.11a/b/g: Which one to pick?
- Single-band clients Vs Dual-band Clients?
 - Note: Single-band means 2.4 GHz (i.e. 802.11b/g) OR 5
 GHz (802.11a); Dual band would mean both 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands.
- 802.11b for voice and 802.11a for data? OR 802.11a for voice and 802.11b for data?
- WLAN cell design: How many clients per cell? i.e. Bandwidth/Capacity per client?



802.11b Overview

- Ratified in 1999
 - Two years after initial 802.11 standard
 - Same time as 802.11a
- Defined data rates up to 11Mbps
- Operates in 2.4GHz band
 - Similar frequencies and regulations around the world
- Three non-overlapping operating channels



802.11b Data Rates

- Low order, robust modulation schema support lower data rates
- Higher order modulation schema support higher data rates

Modulatio n	Transmissio n Type	Data Rate
BPSK	DSSS	1Mbps
QPSK	DSSS	2Mbps
CCK	DSSS	5.5Mbps
CCK	DSSS	11Mbps



802.11a

- Ratified as standard in September 1999
- Data rates to 54 Mbps defined
- Provides twelve WLAN channels today
 - More channels forthcoming
- Regulations currently differ extensively across countries



802.11a Data Rates

Modulation	Transmission Type	Bits per Subchannel (Kbps)	Total Data Rate (Mbps)
BPSK	OFDM	125	6
BPSK	OFDM	187.5	9
QPSK	OFDM	250	12
QPSK	OFDM	375	18
16-QAM	OFDM	500	24
16-QAM	OFDM	750	36
64-QAM	OFDM	1000	48
64-QAM	OFDM	1125	54

802.11a Issues

Eight channels (UNII 1 and UNII 2 combined)

 Avoid the use of adjacent channels in adjacent cells due to sidebands

Antenna limitations

- UNII 1—Indoor usage and limited to permanently attached antennas in the U.S.
- UNII 2—Indoor/outdoor and may use external antennas
- UNII 3—Typically outdoor with external antennas, but can be used indoors

Not qualified in many countries

 Tx power control and dynamic frequency selection required (802.11h)

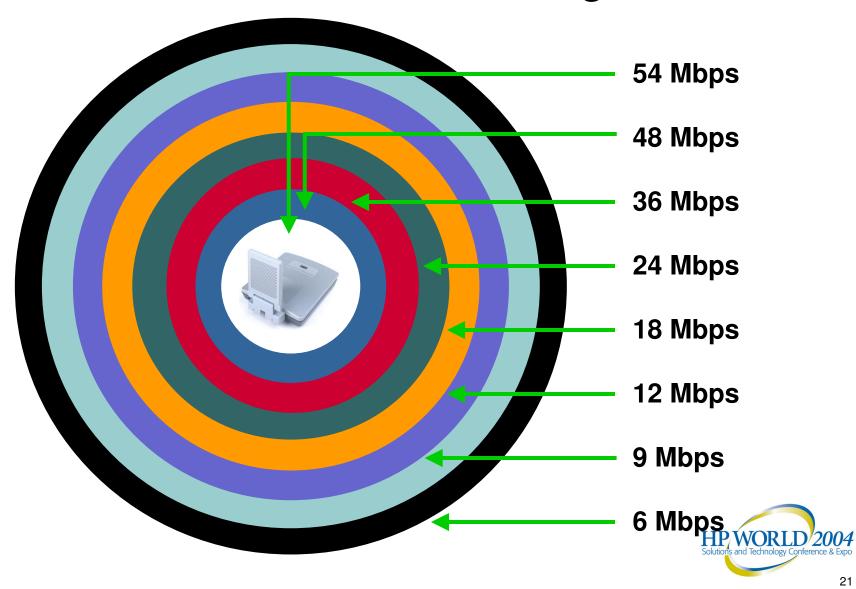
The 802.11g Standard

- 802.11g standard ratified in June 2003
- Operates in the same 2.4-GHz band as 802.11b
 - Uses the same three nonoverlapping channels
- Full backward compatibility with 802.11b
 - Conceptually similar to Ethernet and fast Ethernet
- Uses OFDM for 802.11g data rates, DSSS for 802.11b data rates
 - Employs various modulation schemes for a variety of data rates
 - -54, 48, 36, 24, 18, 12, 9, and 6 Mbps via OFDM
 - 11, 5.5, 2, and 1 Mbps via DSSS

802.11g Data Rates

Modulation	Transmission Type	Bits per Subchannel (Kbps)	Data Rate (Mbps)
BPSK	DSSS	NA	1
QPSK	DSSS	NA	2
CCK	DSSS	NA	5.5
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802.11 Access Point Coverage



Aggregate and Per-User Throughput

- 802.11, like Ethernet, is a shared medium
- Aggregate throughput is the total bandwidth shared by all users in a cell
- Generally, the larger the cell, the more users in the cell
 - Greater per user throughput means smaller cells and more access points for a given area
- How many users per access point?
 - What's the aggregate throughput of the access point?
 - On average, what amount of per user throughput do you want to provide?

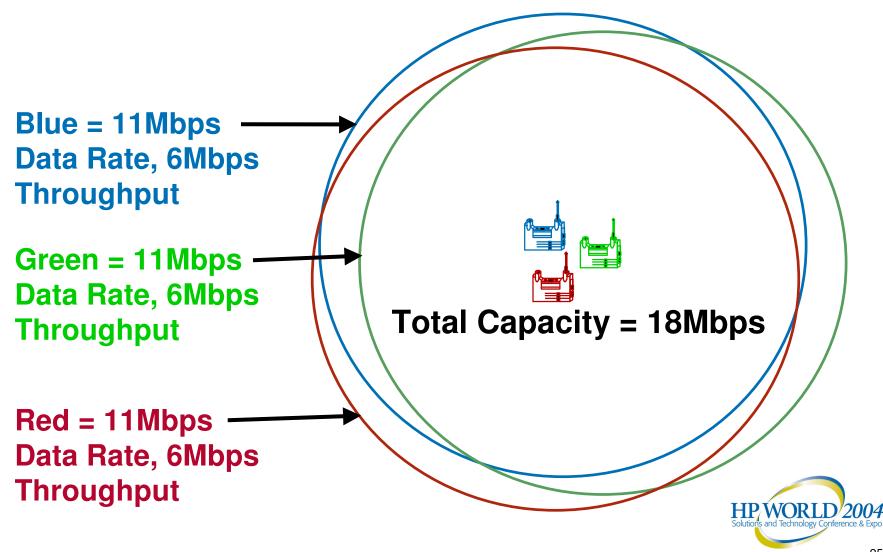
Per-User Throughput Examples

Technology	Data Rate (Mbps)	Aggregate Throughput (Mbps)	Example User Count	Average per user Throughout
802.11b	11	6	10	600Kbps
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802.11b	11	6	30	200Kbps
802.11g	54	14	10	1.4Mbps
802.11g	54	14	20	700Kbps
802.11g	54	14	30	467Kbps
802.11a	54	25	10	2.5Mbps
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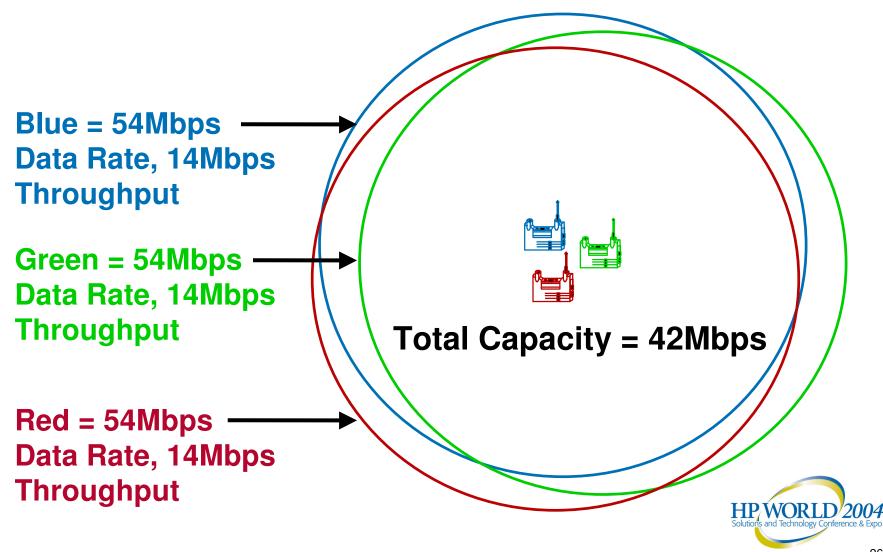
Capacity

- Capacity is throughput multiplied by available, nonoverlapping channels
 - -802.11b and 802.11g operate in the same band, use the same three channels
 - Any 802.11g capacity increase is from throughput alone
- 802.11a currently provides 12 channels in much of the world today, 23 channels in most of the world in 2005
 - -While throughput might be similar to 802.11g, channels are not, neither then is capacity
- In theory, access points set to non-overlapping channels may be co-located to provide all available capacity in a single coverage area
 - More commonly, it's an expression of total throughput across a network or facility

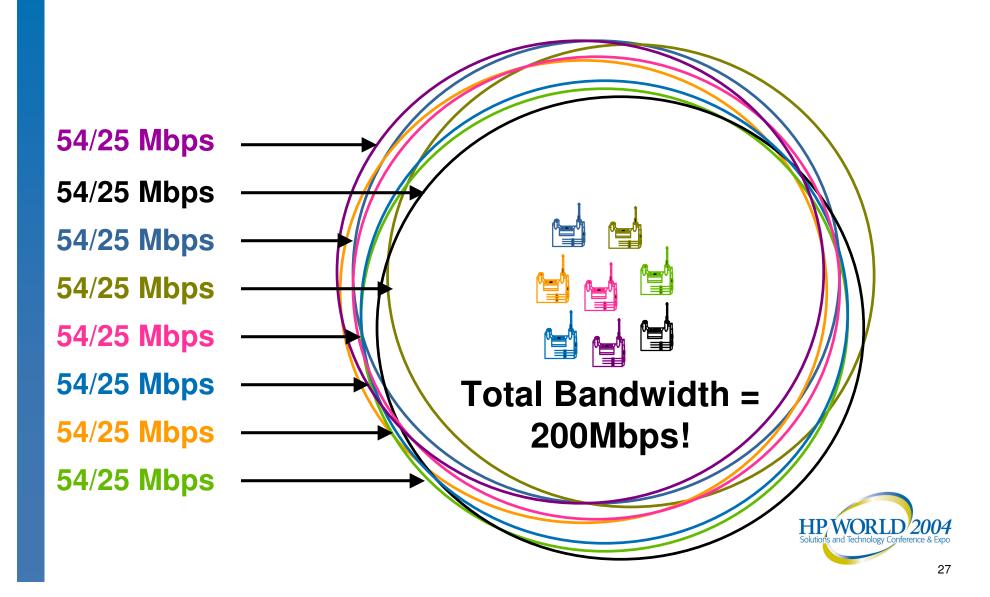
802.11b Scalability



802.11g Scalability



802.11a Scalability (Indoor UNII-1 and UNII-2)



802.11 Capacity Compared

	Max. Data Rate (Mbps)	Throughput (Mbps)	Channels	Capacity (Mbps)
802.11b	11	6	3	18
802.11g (mixed mode, RTS/CTS)	54	8	3	24
802.11g (mixed mode, CTS to self)	54	14	3	42
802.11g (no legacy support)	54	22	3	66
802.11a (UNII-1 and UNII2)	54	25	8	200
802.11a (all UNII bands)	54	25	12	300
802.11a (with 802.11h support)	54	25	23	575

Cisco's Current WLAN AP, Bridges, and Clients

Access Points & Bridges

1100 Series (802.11b/g)

1200 Series (802.11a/b/g Dual-Band)

1300 Series (802.11b/g)

1400 Series (802.11a, P2P & P2MP)
 BR350 (802.11b, P2P & P2MP)

WGB352 (802.11b, Workgroup Bridge)

MAR3200 (802.11b/g Mobile Access Router)

Clients

- 7920 (802.11b, Phone)

CB21AG (802.11a/bg CardBus)

• PI21AG (802.11a/b/g PCI)

CB20A (802.11a, Cardbus)

PCM352 (802.11b, PCMCIA)

LMC352 (802.11b, PCMCIA, no antenna)

PCI352 (802.11b, PCI Adapter)







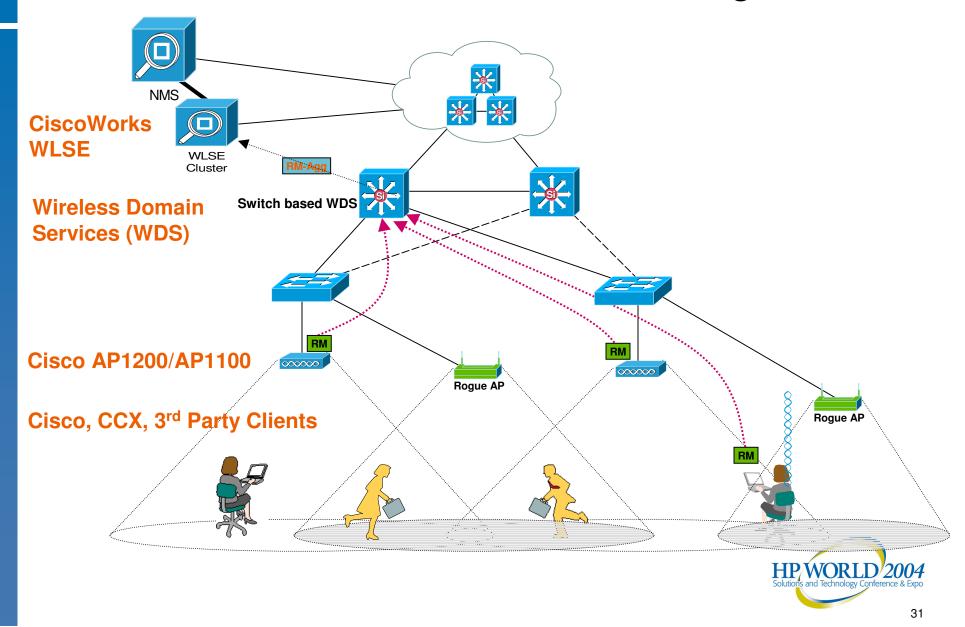


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Cisco SWAN Solution: Centralized Network and RF Management



CiscoWorks Wireless LAN Solution Engine

- Centralized WLAN Network and RF Management
- Supports up to 2500 AP's from a single CiscoWorks WLSE server (1 RU rack mountable server)
- Supports 802.11a, b, & g



- Features Deployment:
 - Assisted Site Survey
 - -Auto configuration of Cisco AP's "out-of-the-box"
 - -Bulk configuration of AP's with user-defined groups
- Features Operations:
 - -Fault & Performance Monitoring
 - -AP Scan Only Mode for Wireless Intrusion Detection
 - -Rogue AP Detection, Location, & Suppression
 - –Auto Re-Site Survey
 - -Self-Healing
 - Real-time Active Client Tracking

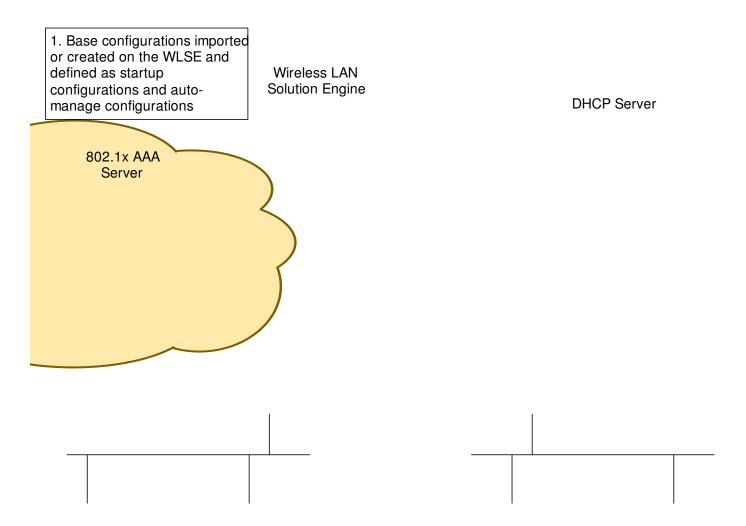


SWAN Out-of-Box Deployment Taking the Pain Out of Deployment

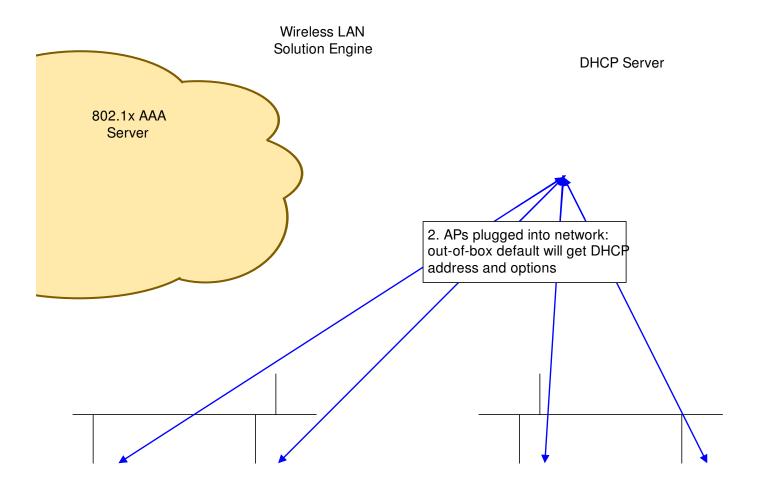
- Startup template defines just enough information for WLSE to discover access points
- More complete configuration subsequently applied to access points via auto-manage or later via standard configuration job



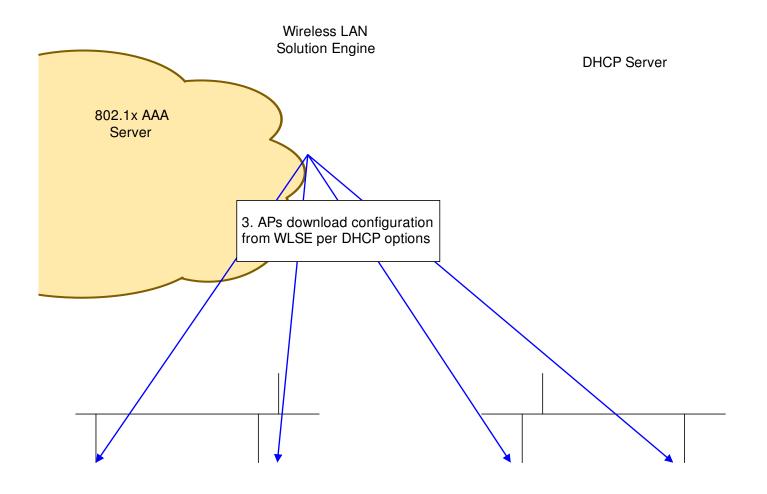
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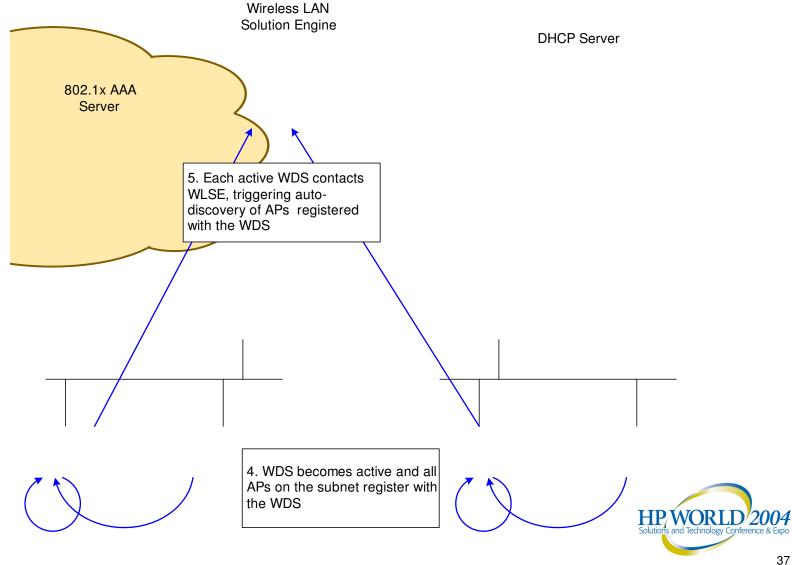


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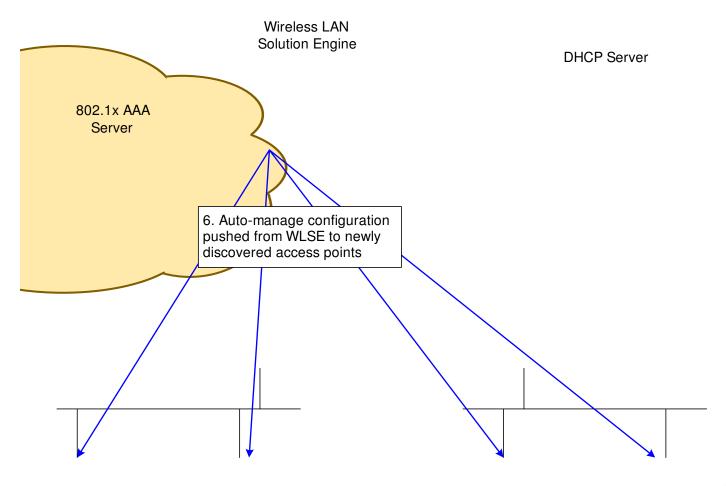




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RF Management: Application Features

CiscoWorks WLSE Tools for RF Management:



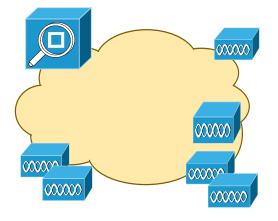
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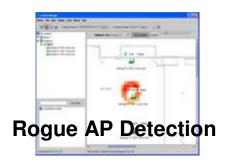


Radio Network Reports



Assisted Site Survey



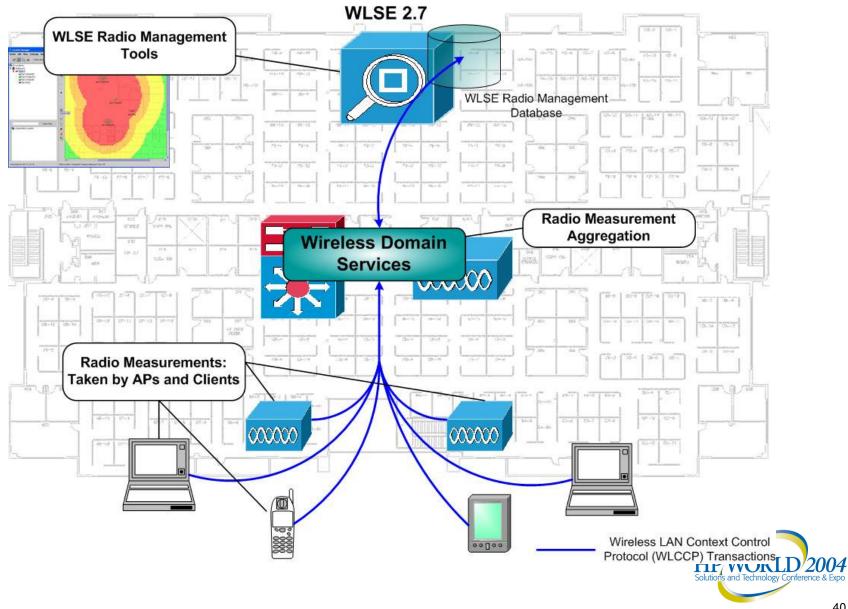




Radio Interference Detection

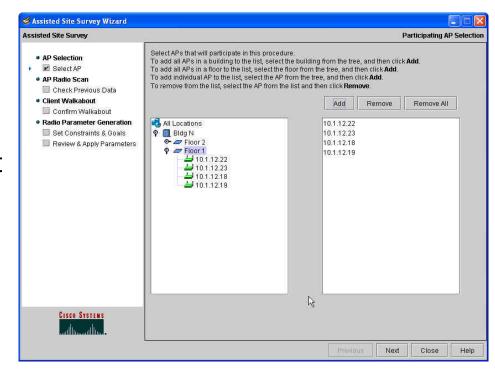


Cisco RF Management: Overview

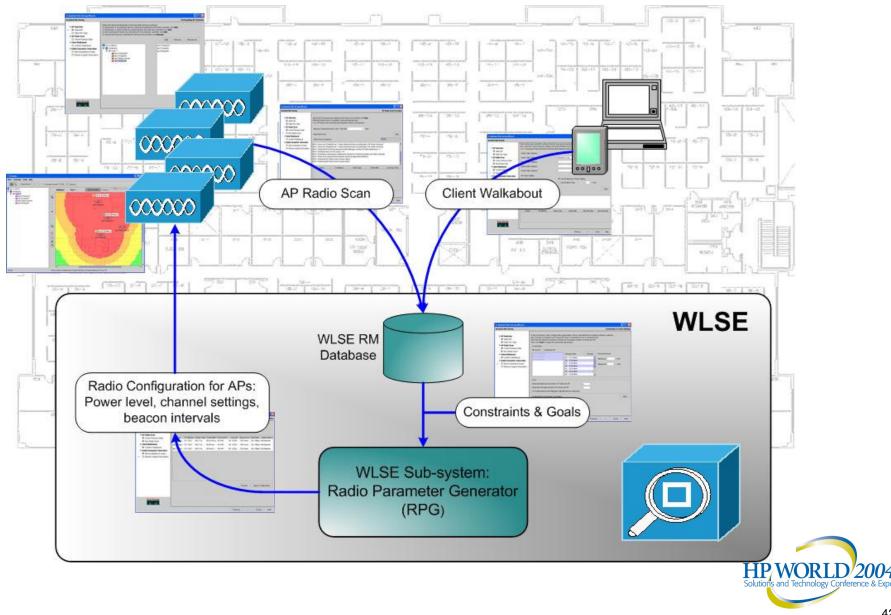


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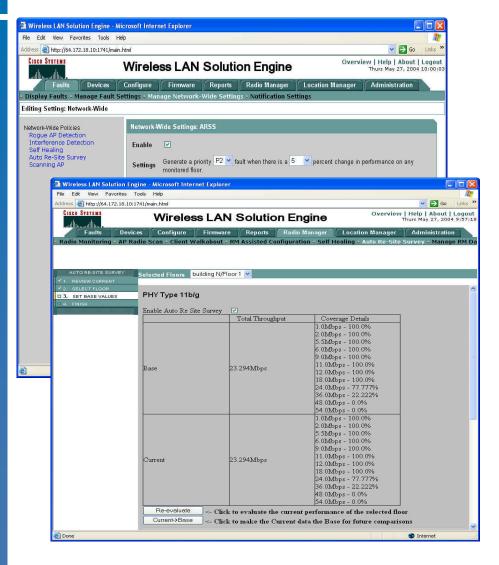
- Deployment and operational wizard tool for optimizing RF configuration
- Uses two innovative methods to characterize the RF environment
 - -AP Radio Scan
 - -Client Walkabout
- Radio Parameter Generation process RF data for optimal configuration
- Does a good job configuring WLANs in many environments, but is not a replacement for a real site survey
- Complex RF environments present some challenges to the Assisted Site Survey tool



Assisted Site Survey: Explained

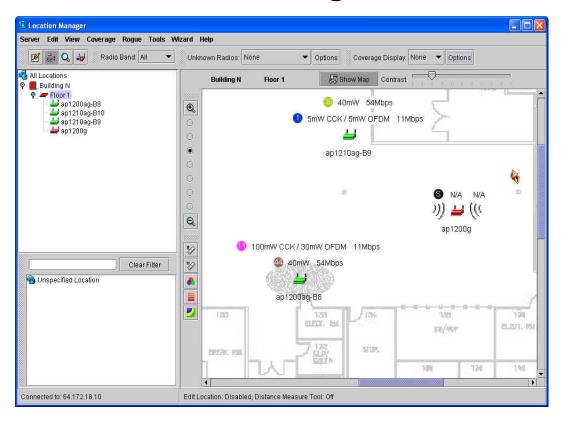


Auto Re-Site Survey



- Administrator establishes performance baselines for network and performance degradation thresholds
- AP Radio Scan, Client Walkabout, Radio Monitoring provide continuous RF characterization updates
- Performance degradations that cross the defined threshold generates a fault and the RPG subsystem can be used to generate new power, channel, and beacon interval settings to reoptimize WLAN performance

Location Manager

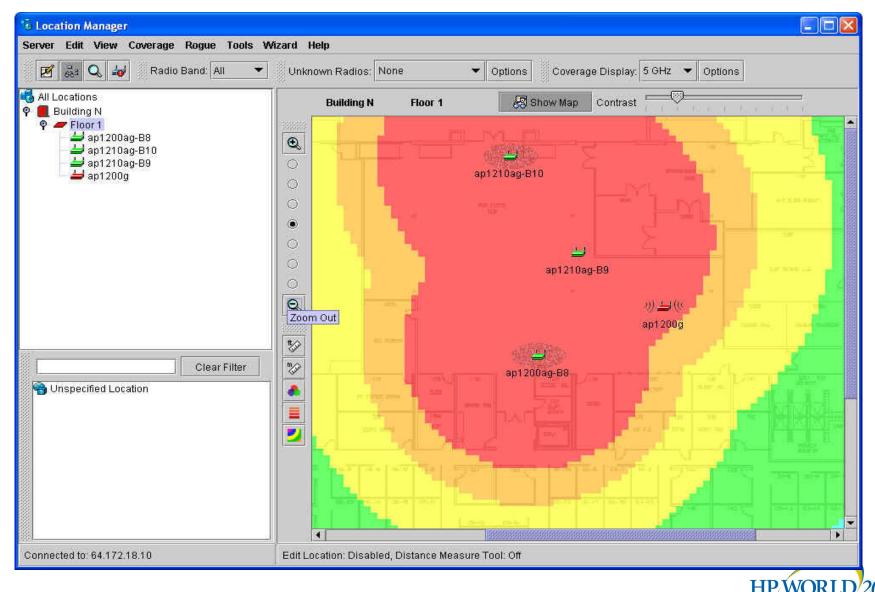


Per Floor Visualization

- -AP Location
- -AP RF Settings Display-Channel, Frequency, Data Rate
- -Coverage display by data rate, signal strength
- Launch point for other RF Tools

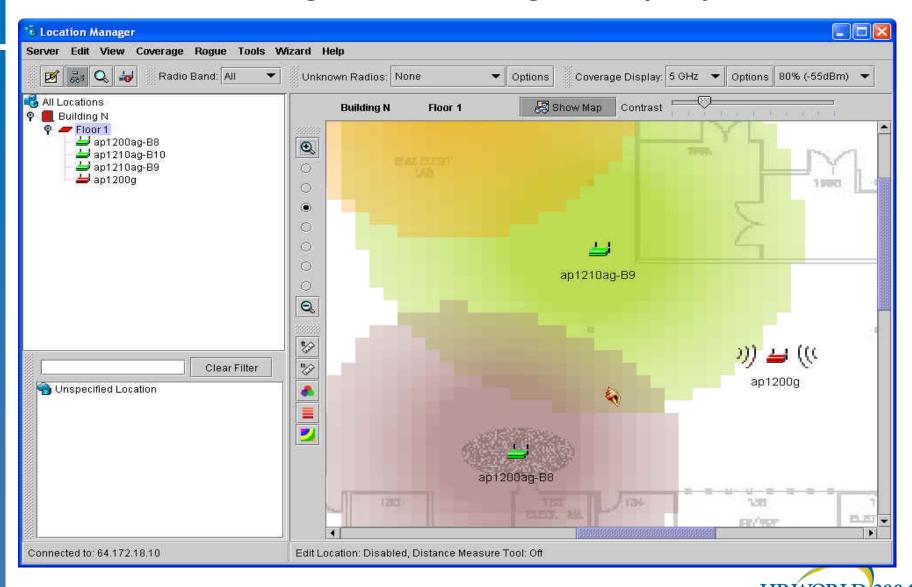


Location Manager: Coverage Display



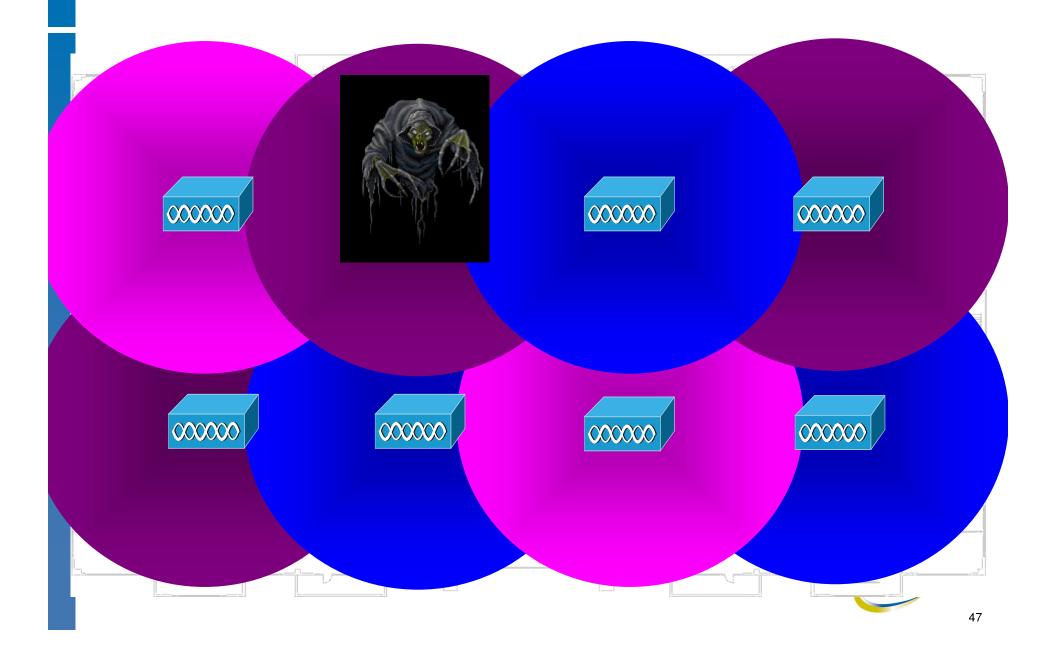
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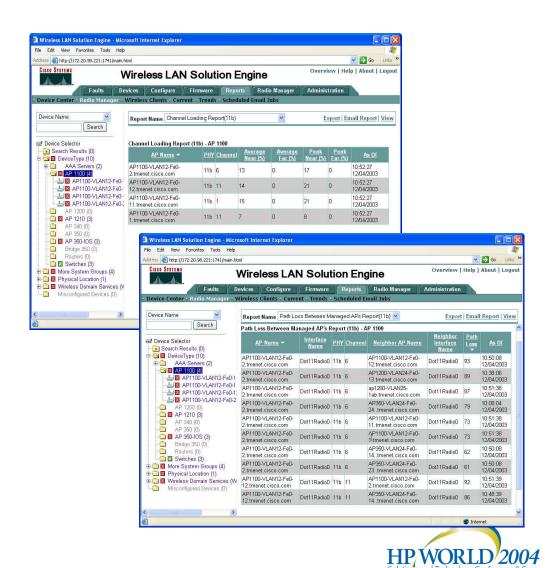
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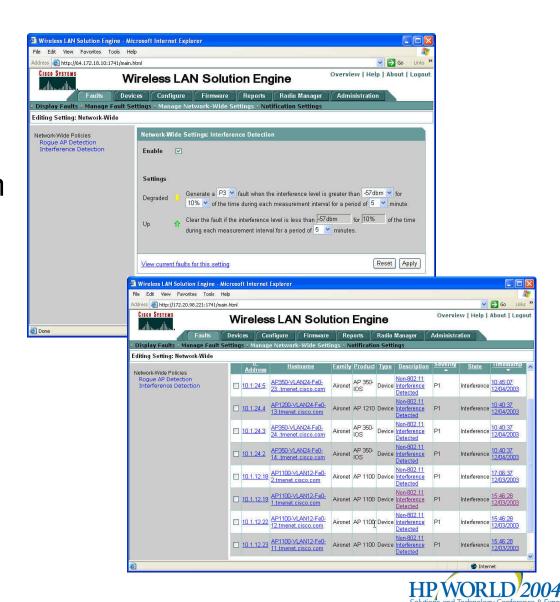
Radio Network Reports

- Radio configuration inventory style reports
- Key reports that help understand the RF environment characteristics:
 - Path loss between APs
 - Channel Loading



Non-802.11 Interference Detection

- Customizable noise floor threshold
- Fault generated when non-802.11 interference detected
- Critical to understanding interference that degrades WLAN performance



Key Radio Management Points

- WLANs present new management challenges due to physics of radio
- Cisco Systems offers an innovative, cost-effective solution—the Cisco Structured Wireless Aware Network, featuring CiscoWorks Wireless LAN Solution Engine (WLSE)—to address these management challenges
- WLSE Radio Management Features
 - Location Manager—WLAN network visualization and centralized control
 - Assisted Site Survey—Lower deployment and operational costs, optimal WLAN configuration for maximum performance and end-user productivity
 - Rogue AP Detection—Comprehensive WLAN security and intrusion detection
 - Radio Network Reports—Characterization of RF environment for maximum network performance
 - Non-802.11 Interference Detection—Find and mitigate against sources of network performance degradation

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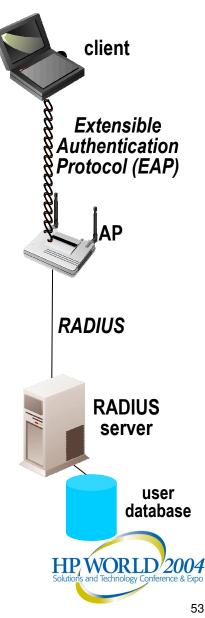
Basic Requirements to Secure Wireless LANs

- Encryption algorithm
 - Mechanism to provide data privacy
- Message integrity
 - Ensures data frames are tamper free and truly from the source address
- Authentication framework
 - Framework to facilitate authentication messages between clients, access point, and AAA server
- Authentication algorithm
 - Mechanism to validate client credentials



802.1X Authentication Overview

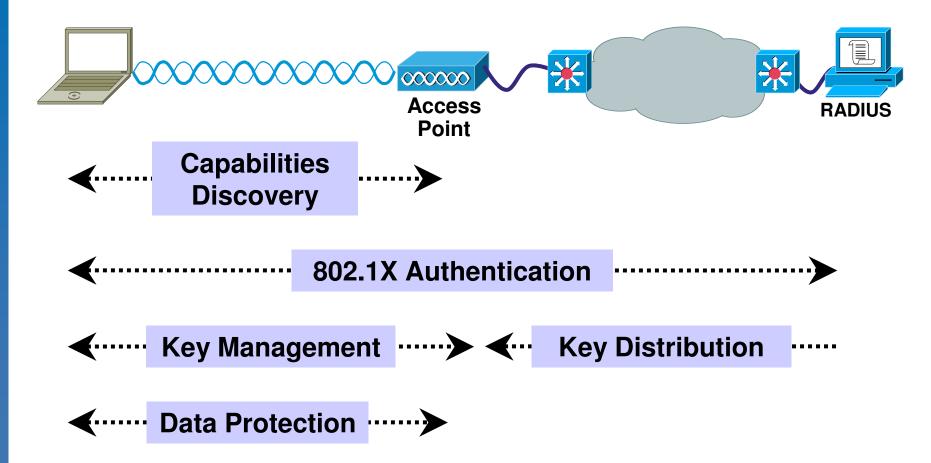
- IEEE 802.11 Task Group i recommendation for WLAN authentication
- Supported by Cisco since December 2000
- Extensible and Interoperable—Supports:
 - -Different EAP authentication methods or types
 - -New encryption algorithms, including AES as a replacement for RC4
- Key benefits
 - Mutual authentication between client and authentication (RADIUS) server
 - -Encryption keys derived after authentication
 - -Centralized policy control to restrict user access based on user-groups



IEEE 802.11i (WLAN Security) Improvements

- 802.11i is an IEEE 802.11 subcommittee responsible for WLAN Security Improvements
- Key Components of IEEE 802.11i standard are:
 - -EAP/802.1x framework based User Authentication
 - -TKIP: Mitigate RC4 key scheduling vulnerability and active attack vulnerabilities
 - –IV Expansion: 48-bit IVs
 - Key Management: Isolate Encryption key management from user authentication
 - –AES: Long term replacement protocol for RC4 (WEP)
- WPA is the Wi-Fi Alliance (WFA) inclusion of 802.11i Security Recommendations

802.11i/WPA Authentication and Key Management Overview



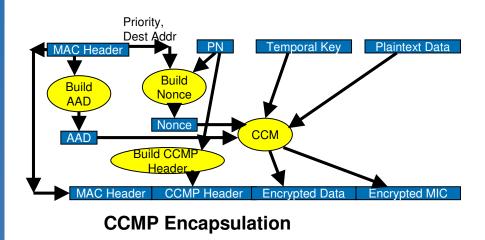
Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA)

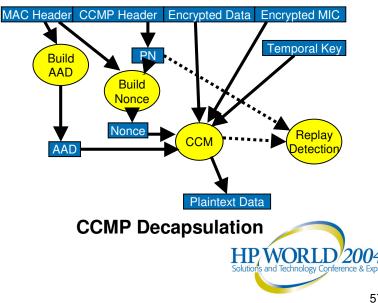
- Components of WPA:
 - -Authenticated key management using 802.1X:
 - •EAP authentication and Pre-Shared Key (PSK) authentication
 - -TKIP: Per-Packet Keying and Message Integrity Check (MIC)
 - Unicast and broadcast key management
 - -IV expansion: 48-bit IVs
- Cisco's support for WPA:
 - -AP1200 and AP350 (IOS only) and AP1100
 - -Cisco 350, CB20A, CB21AG/PI21AG, CCXv2 Clients
- Client support for WPA requires Host-level supplicant
 - Note: Host-level supplicant is required for key management function whereas TKIP functionality is implemented at the NIC driver/firmware level



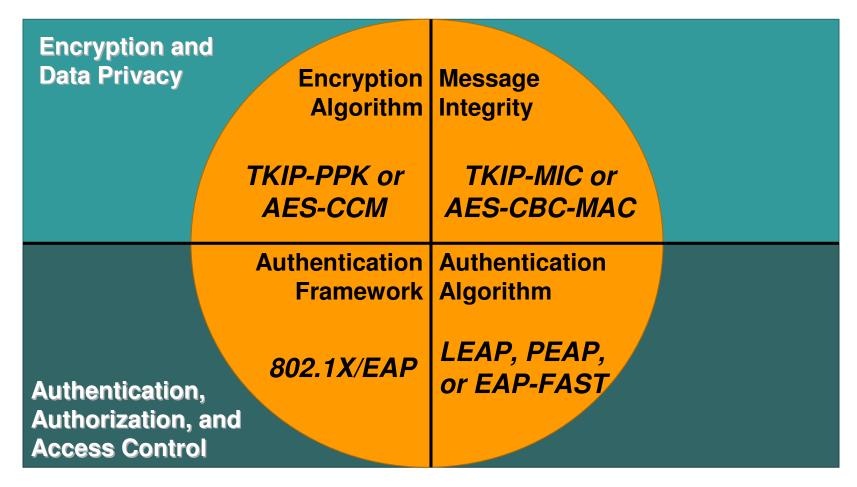
WPAv2 Description

- A Key component of WPAv2 is Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) support
 - 128-bit AES-CCM (CCM is Counter Mode for confidentiality and CBC-MAC mode for integrity) to be supported in WPA2
- Optimized 4-way handshake to establish PTK and distribute GTK





Basic Requirements to Secure Wireless LANs





Advanced Requirements to Secure Wireless LANs

- Secure management policies
 - Secure Telnet, SSH, SNMP, FTP, TFTP, RADIUS, and WLCCP traffic to the APs and Bridges
- Wireless IDS
 - Provide capability to detect and suppress unauthorized
 APs, detect active attacks, and enhance Layer-2 Security
- Wired/Wireless Integration best practices
 - Mapping wireless security policies to the wired network
 - Use of multiple user/device groups (via SSIDs/VLANs/mGRE tunnels)
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Rogue AP Detection and Suppression

Rogue AP detection methodology

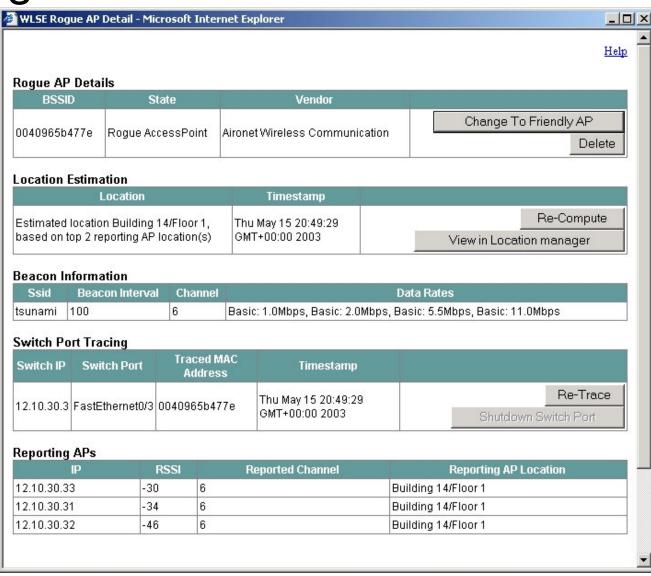
- APs and clients collect and report BSSID information via beacons and probe responses
- -WLSE compares collected BSSID information versus authorized (i.e. managed APs) BSSID information
- Unauthorized APs are flagged and reported via faults monitoring functionality

Rogue AP suppression techniques

- –Administrator is notified location of the rogue AP via location manager; locate the rogue AP and physically remove it!
- -Trace the rogue AP over the wired network and shut-down the switch port!

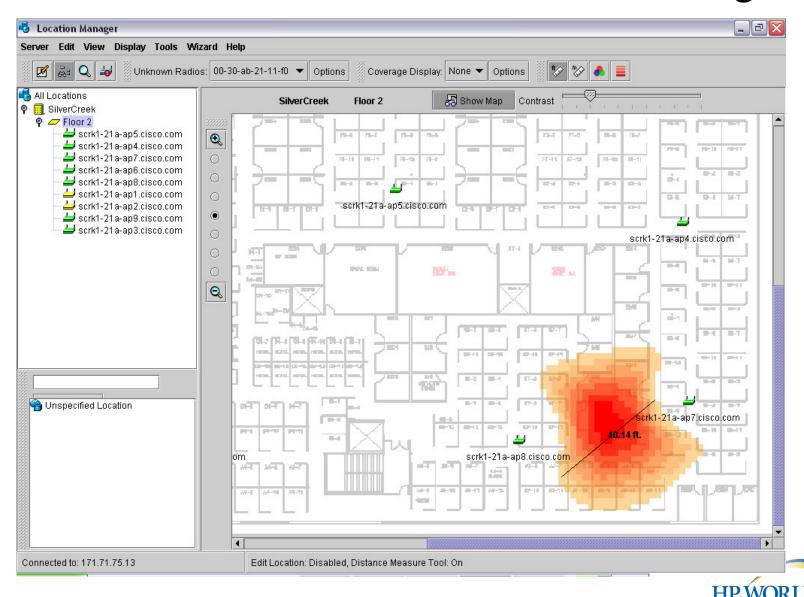


Cisco Works WLSE: Rogue AP Details Screen





CiscoWorks WLSE: Location Manager



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Wired/Wireless Integration Best Practices

- Mapping wireless security policies to the wired network
 - Use of multiple user/device groups (via SSIDs/VLANs/mGRE tunnels)
- Use of wired security features for wireless LAN deployment
- Layer-2/Layer-3 Fast secure roaming
- Catalyst 6500 switch integration
 - Central point of ingress for control and data traffic
 - End-to-end integrated security
 - Fast secure Layer-2/Layer-3 roaming

Mapping Wireless Security Policies to the Wired Network

Multiple WLAN Security Policies

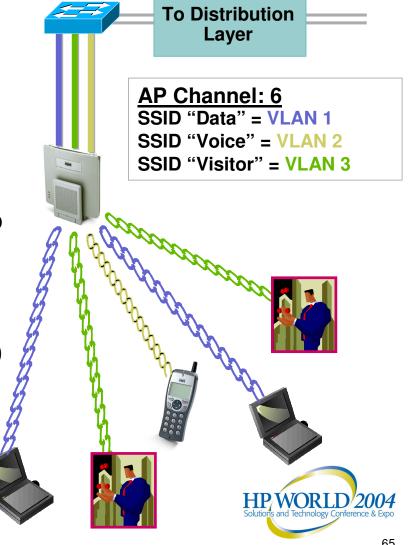
-Data vs. voice vs. legacy devices vs. guest access

- -VLAN to SSID mapping
- Mapping WLAN security policies to wired security policies

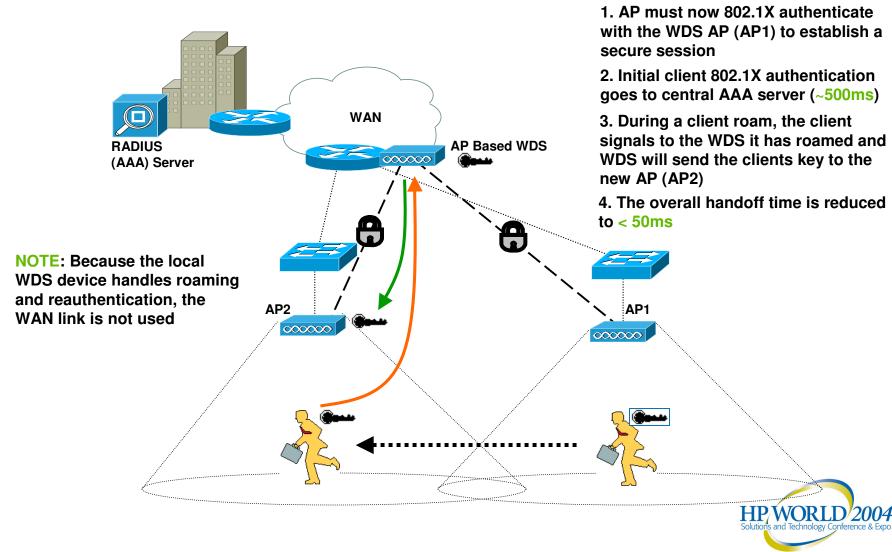
-Use L2 to L4 ACLs on the wired side to reinforce WLAN security policies

Catalyst 6500 WLSM Integration

-Use 6500 security features on the mGRE interface terminating on the 6500



Cisco SWAN: Fast Secure Roaming



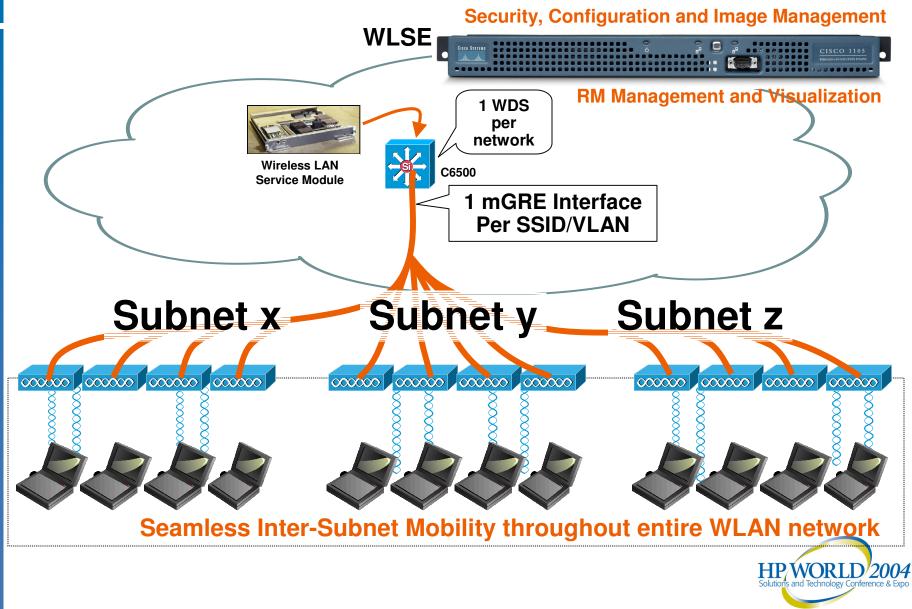
Catalyst 6500 Switch Integration

- Wired/wireless integration enabled with Wireless LAN Service Module (WLSM)
 - One pair of Catalyst 6500 (equipped with WLSMs and Supervisor 720 modules) to enable wireless traffic aggregation
 - NOTE: WLAN traffic aggregation can be enabled at distribution or datacenter layer levels
 - Increased WDS scalability for roaming and RF management services
 - Layer-3 Roaming supported
- Central point of ingress for control and data traffic
 - -Data traffic is aggregated at the 6500 switch using mGRE tunnels from the APs

to the Switch

- -mGRE tunnels terminate on the 6500 supervisor (hardware based GRE encapsulation is supported using the Supervisor 720)
- Control traffic (WLCCP traffic) terminates on the WLSM
- End-to-end integrated security
 - Ability to leverage existing 6500 security features for WLAN user traffic aggregation

Cisco SWAN Solution: Switch-Based WDS

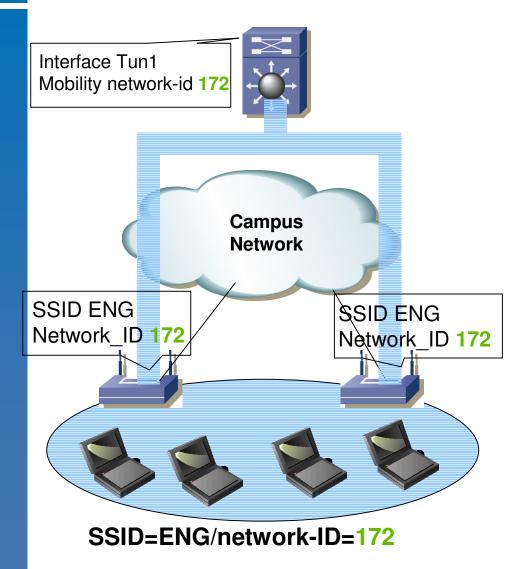


Catalyst 6500 WLSM Overview How Does It Work?

- Define a Native VLAN on the AP's and Access Switches
- Assign IP address to Access Points
- Define Mobility Group on sup720 and Access Points
- AP's learn the mGRE endpoint through WLCCP
- mGRE tunnel is built
- AP sends MN's traffic into the tunnel SSID = Eng GRE traffic is sourced from the Native VLAN Network-id 172 interface Tun1 10.10.10.2 network-id 172 Vlan 10 Native vlan 10 10.10.10.1 WLCCP 10.20.20.1 vlan 20 Vlan 20 Native **Mobile Node** (MN) 10.20.20.2

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Catalyst 6500 WLSM Overview Mobility Group



MOBILITY GROUP:

- Seamless L3 Mobility is enabled within one Mobility Group
- Identified by SSID/network-ID on the AP. Can be specified also as SSID/VLAN-ID/network-ID if multiple VLANs are enabled locally on the AP
- NOTE: If multiple VLANs are enabled on the AP, no need to span VLANs across the campus network to enable L3 mobility!
- Identified by the Tunnel interface on the sup720
- The same SSID/Network-ID on all the AP's where L3 mobility is required
- One network-ID = one wireless subnet
- Limit of 16 SSID/Network-ID
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Catalyst 6500 Security Features

Recommended Catalyst 6500 Security Feature Sets to Consider for Wireless/Wired Integration:

- Layer-2/3/4 ACLs (hardware accelerated support) along with various ACL options (standard, extended, reflexive, and time-based)
- Router ACLs (RACLs)
- TCP Intercept: To stop TCP SYN flooding attacks
- Unicast RPF (URPF) Checks: Mitigate problems caused by malformed or spoofed packets
- RP Rate Limiters: Used to prevent DoS attacks using "bogus" traffic (Example: ICMP ping requests from bogus IP addresses)
- IOS Firewall Feature Set: This is a software feature set that provides support for Authentication Proxy; Port to Application Mapping (PAM) and Content Based Access Control (CBAC)
- Service Module Integration (Firewall, IDS, VPN, and NAM service modules are supported with WLSM)

Agenda

- Deployment Criteria
- Cisco's SWAN Solution
- 802.11a/b/g Technologies
- Centralized Network and RF (i.e. "Air")
 Management
- 802.11 Security
- Wired/Wireless Integration
- Summary



Summary

- Consider BW requirements, client devices, and user applications (example: data Vs VoIP) to select the appropriate 802.11a/b/g technologies
- Scalable and centralized network and RF management matters!
 - Centralized configuration and software management for wireless AP devices
 - Centralized RF management to enable RF monitoring, assisted site-survey, and self-healing functionalities
- Choose standardized 802.11i security to enable user-based authentication and data confidentiality
- Consider Wired/Wireless integration to enable endto-end security, mobility, and QoS

Reference URLs

- Cisco SWAN Web-Site
 - -http://www.cisco.com/go/swan
- Cisco Aironet Security Web site
 - -http://www.cisco.com/en/US/netsol/ns339/ns395/ns176/ns178/networking solutions package.html
- Latest CCX (Cisco certified clients) Information
 - -http://www.cisco.com/en/US/partners/pr46/pr147/partners_pgm_partners_0900aecd800a7907.html

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