

The Products Behind This Month's Features

Cisco Intercompany Media Engine: Enable Interagency Collaboration

Agencies that use Cisco collaboration tools internally can now more easily collaborate with other agencies and partners. Cisco Intercompany Media Engine allows interagency voice and video traffic to travel not over the public switched telephone network (PSTN), as it does today, but over the Internet, in a highly secure fashion. Benefits are higher video and voice quality and elimination of toll costs. You can continue to use your existing phones and dial plans because the solution discovers the Internet routes automatically. Solution components include Cisco Intercompany Media Engine server, Cisco Unified Communications Manager 8.0, and a Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance.

For more information: www.cisco.com/go/b2buc

Cisco Unified Communications Manager: Improve Collaboration, Lower Costs

Cisco Unified Communications Manager is an enterprise-class IP telephony call-processing system that has received Common Criteria security certification. You receive the same traditional telephony features you would get from a private branch exchange (PBX) system, as well as advanced capabilities, such as mobility, presence, preference, and rich conferencing services. Replacing the agency's multiple PBX systems with a centralized Cisco Unified Communications Manager reduces operational costs. And collaboration features like mobility and presence empower the workforce to be more productive and provide better services. Cisco Unified Communications Manager can interoperate with an agency's existing PBX systems, enabling a phased migration.

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Cisco EnergyWise: Measure Energy Usage to Find Savings Opportunities

A built-in feature on Cisco Catalyst Switches and routers, Cisco EnergyWise helps you identify opportunities for energy savings by reporting real-time energy consumption by Power over Ethernet devices, such as IP phones and wireless access points, as well as PCs, laptops, and printers. Then you can use an intuitive interface to create policies that control which devices in the building are turned on, and when, and how much power they receive. An example of a simple policy is powering down devices after hours. A more complex policy is noting when an employee swipes a building access card after hours; turning on the lighting, phones, climate controls, and equipment that the employee needs to work; and turning them off when the employee exits the building. Used in conjunction with the Cisco Network Building Mediator, EnergyWise also works with building automation systems such as lighting and environmental controls.

To watch a video and demonstration of Cisco EnergyWise, visit: www.cisco.com/go/energywise

Cisco Network Building Mediator: Reduce Costs While Going Green

Cisco Network Building Mediator aggregates information from all an agency's building systems, including lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, temperature sensors, and power distribution units, from multiple vendors. Facilities personnel can control systems in any building using a web-based interface. The Cisco Network Building Mediator can also connect to the utility to receive signals when incentives are available to shed load. Upon receiving a signal, it automatically invokes policies you've specified to reduce lighting, change temperature settings, and otherwise reduce energy consumption.

To watch a video, visit: www.cisco.com/go/mediator

Cisco NAC Appliance: Implement Role-Based Access Control

Cisco NAC Appliance is a Network Admission Control product that plays an important role in identity-based networks by enforcing agency security policy. It answers the question, "Who are you?" by recognizing users and the resources they're authorized to access. It simultaneously answers the question, "Is your device healthy?" by evaluating whether PCs and laptops are compliant with security policies. Policies can include specific antivirus software, OS updates and configuration, and patches. Cisco NAC Appliance automatically enforces security policies by blocking, isolating, and repairing noncompliant machines, without any intervention from the IT department. Using the network instead of the host to authenticate users and devices reduces risk, eliminates the time and costs of configuring every application, and enables single sign-on.

For more information: www.cisco.com/go/nac




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