

# Cisco 5921 Embedded Services Router



The Cisco 5921 Embedded Services Router (ESR) is a Cisco IOS® software router application designed to operate on small, low power Linux-based platforms to extend the use of Cisco IOS into extremely mobile and portable communications systems. The Cisco® 5921 ESR is optimized for mobile and embedded networks that require IP routing and services. The flexible Cisco 5921 routers, based on Cisco IOS® Software and complemented by Cisco Mobile Ready Net capabilities, provide highly secure data, voice, and video communications to stationary and mobile network nodes across wired and wireless links.

## Why Deploy the Cisco 5921 ESR

The Cisco 5921 ESR meets the critical need for on-demand network connectivity for industrial, commercial, military, homeland-security, and emergency-response applications. It is a versatile network platform that delivers:

- High performance
- Usability in small, flexible form factors
- Portability
- Integration of sophisticated networking capabilities such as quality of service (QoS) to ensure the most important data gets through when links are degraded
- Security to protect the network and data
- Remote voice services with Cisco Unified Communications Manager Express (CME) Streaming multicast video

## How You Can Benefit with the Cisco 5921 ESR

- The Cisco 5921 ESR can be combined with system-specific applications onto a single hardware platform to provide extremely small, low power solutions
- The Cisco 5921 ESR complements the Cisco 5915 and 5940 ESR hardware routers providing integrators with a cost effective solution for addressing smaller, extremely integrated applications. The Cisco 5921 ESR is ideal for low power systems such as portable, battery-powered devices
- High performance and the rich Cisco IOS Software feature set of the Cisco 5921 ESR provides investment protection and enable integrators to leverage future capabilities without having to replace hardware
- Protects against malicious attacks and unauthorized access with advanced security technologies such as authentication, identity management, security protocols, secure connectivity, and integrated threat management

- The Cisco 5921 ESR's network optimization capabilities enable the development of security-protected vehicles, sensors, and other devices deployed in self-forming, self-healing infrastructure-less networks. It provides immediate connection with no pre-configuration of peers required; eliminates the need for connectivity to centralized networks; and enables users to reach beyond the range of a fixed network

## Advantages and Benefits for Developers and Integrators

The Cisco 5921 ESR-based solutions can be tailored by developers and integrators to provide remote and mobile connectivity for a wide range of users, securely extending enterprise network resources to heavy industrial, public safety, transportation, and defense markets.

The software-based Cisco 5921 ESR doesn't restrict the product developer to a specific form factor, which enables integrators the flexibility to design hardware that will meet unique market requirements.

The Cisco 5921 Embedded Service Router can be deployed in mission-critical mobile communications to take advantage of Cisco Mobile Ready Net capabilities that provide:

- Transparent access of mission-critical voice, video, or data information
- Infrastructure-less networking: Reaching beyond the range of a fixed network
- Radio-aware routing: immediately recognizes and reacts to changes in neighbor status
- Self-forming networks: Immediate connection with no preconfiguration of peers required, eliminating the need for connectivity to the centralized network

## Why Cisco?

The Cisco 5921 ESR enables developers and integrators to integrate proven, industry-leading Cisco IOS Software into a wide range of devices – enabling the delivery of consistent end-to-end solutions today and positioning their platforms to take advantage of Cisco's extensive annual research and development (R&D) investment for development of new capabilities in the future.

The Cisco 5921 ESR is part of Cisco's Internet of Things portfolio, and is designed to create a secure, simple, and reliable Internet of Things-capable network. It enables connections to devices, applications and people in a way that minimizes disruption while at the same time adding value to each connected service.