Enterprise Guest Access for Less

It’s a familiar scene—people sitting in a coffee shop or waiting room, fiddling with their mobile phones—punctuated by a single question: “Do you have Wi-Fi?” Wi-Fi has become ubiquitous in everyday life, and customers have come to expect easy access and a fast connection.

Introducing ISE Express

Oftentimes, such services present a pricey proposition to many smaller organizations and more cost-conscious institutions. In response to this concern, the Cisco® Identity Services Engine team created ISE Express, a comprehensive licensing bundle that offers enterprise-level guest services, including hotspot, sponsored, and self-registration portals. It provides RADIUS and authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) for access control for 150 endpoints at an aggressive entry-level price.

What’s Included

The licensing bundle itself includes Cisco Identity Services Engine Base license for 150 endpoints, an ISE virtual machine, unlimited access to the ISE Portal Builder, and an installation guide that makes setting up the solution relatively easy. Cisco ISE includes native design capabilities. You can quickly design a portal by adding images (logos and banners, for example) and selecting a color theme to match a corporate brand. The ISE Portal Builder is a web-based tool that gives users the ability to create highly customized portals in 17 languages with a suite of 10 designer templates that are easily customizable and easily exportable to the solution.

Cisco ISE Express is restricted to a single instance and cannot be run as a distributed solution or in a high-availability configuration. Nevertheless, this bundle offers an appealing introductory point for a Cisco ISE deployment. You also have the convenience of expanding the installation at a later date to support additional guests or more advanced use cases.

For more details on the Cisco Identity Services Engine, go to http://cisco.com/go/ise. For more details on Cisco ISE Express, contact your certified Cisco reseller.