Cisco Wireless LAN Solutions

World-Class Wi-Fi Made Simple

Wi-Fi has become the primary access network for most organizations. With Cisco® world-class RF equipment and intelligent software, it’s a snap to make your wireless network as fast, reliable, and secure as your wired network. You get loads of extra features for improving spectrum efficiency, performance, and user experiences that you can’t find anywhere else.

Cisco wireless access points support the latest Wi-Fi standard – 802.11ac Wave 2 – and offer scalable, fast-throughput controller and switching platforms to go with them. Cisco goes beyond the Wi-Fi standard with innovations that are uniquely positioned to handle the dense volumes of wireless traffic generated by today’s mobile applications, bring-your-own-device (BYOD) programs, and growing numbers of wireless users, devices, and applications, plus the Internet of Things (IoT) connections.

From access points to controllers to mobility development, location, and analytics, Cisco provides an industry-leading wireless solution (Tables 1 and 2). You get the tools required to achieve RF excellence and security, including:

- High-throughput performance from the access network through the core.
- Subsecond failover for uninterrupted application availability and greater productivity.
- The ability to see and prioritize wireless application traffic so each app gets the resources it needs.
- Ruggedization for harsh environments, outdoor deployments, and the IoT.
- Unified wired and wireless management.
- Mobile app development platforms, location tracking, analytics, and more.

Table 1. Cisco Wireless Portfolio Overview

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Whether you require entry-level wireless connectivity for a small enterprise, mission-critical coverage at thousands of locations, or best-in-class performance with investment protection for large, crowded environments, you can rely on Cisco wireless solutions.

Cisco has been a significant contributor to, author of, and editor for the wide range of IEEE 802.11 wireless LAN standards. Cisco also collaborates with the Wi-Fi Alliance to define the industry’s product interoperability and certification process for all wireless LAN standards, including 802.11ac Wave 1 and 2. Cisco products are frequently among the core testbed products against which the Alliance tests and certifies other vendors’ equipment so that compatible products can enter the market.

Learn More

| WLAN controllers* | • [Cisco 8540 Wireless Controller](#), optimized for 802.11ac networks and ideal for large deployments  
• [Cisco 5520 Wireless Controller](#), optimized for 802.11ac networks and ideal for medium-sized deployments  
• [Cisco 3504 Wireless Controller](#), optimized for 802.11ac networks and ideal for small and medium-sized deployments  
• [Cisco 2500 Series Wireless Controller](#) for small and medium-sized deployments  
• [Cisco Mobility Express](#), a virtual controller embedded in Aironet access points, ideal for small to medium-sized businesses  
• Controller modules, available in [Cisco Catalyst® 3650 and 3850 Series Switches](#) and in Cisco [Catalyst 6500 Series Switches](#) |

| Wireless platforms, security, and management tools | • [Cisco Mobility Services Engine (MSE)](#) allows you to deploy location-based mobile services, strengthen security, and increase visibility into the network  
• [Cisco Enterprise Mobility Services Platform (EMSP)](#) helps you create and deploy context-aware experiences that engage people on their mobile devices  
• [Cisco Prime™ Infrastructure](#) enables IT departments to more effectively manage their networks and services  
• [Cisco Identity Services Engine](#) simplifies the delivery of consistent, highly secure access control across wired and wireless networks and remote VPN connections  
• [Cisco Adaptive Wireless Intrusion Prevention System (wIPS)](#) embeds complete wireless threat detection and mitigation into the wireless network infrastructure  
• [Cisco Hyperlocation Module with Advanced Security](#) provides 1- to 3-meter location accuracy of associated Wi-Fi clients |

* Cisco WLAN controllers can operate in multiple modes. They function as both a Bonjour and Chromecast gateway and support the 802.11r/k/u/v/w/ac standards.

Table 2. Cisco Wireless Solutions for Business and Organizations

| Cisco wireless solutions | • [Cisco 802.11ac](#) increases speed, capacity, and reliability to support business-critical applications.  
• [Cisco Mobility Express](#) delivers enterprise-class wireless to small and medium-sized businesses.  
• [Cisco Connected Mobile Experiences](#) helps you understand and engage with customers to make better business decisions.  
• [Cisco Unified Access™](#) offers a converged wired and wireless network that is simple, smart, and highly secure.  
• [BYOD](#) gives employees the freedom to work the way they want while reducing IT complexity. |

| Cisco wireless for businesses and organizations | • **Retail**: Grow your revenues with highly relevant content, and interact with customers in entirely new ways.  
• **Hospitality**: Provide a next-generation travel experience for today’s digitally savvy guests.  
• **Education**: Give students the freedom to learn anywhere, anytime, and with any device.  
• **Healthcare**: Connect caregivers and staff to the medical information they need, when they need it. |