

## ArubaOS Mobility Software

ArubaOS is the software suite that serves as the operating system and application engine for all Aruba mobility controllers and is the core component that enables the mobile edge. Standard with every Aruba mobility controller, ArubaOS provides unprecedented control over the entire mobile environment with centralized wireless LAN switching and mobility management. The base feature set of ArubaOS, listed below, includes sophisticated authentication and encryption, protection against rogue APs, seamless mobility with fast roaming, RF management and analysis tools, centralized configuration, location tracking, and more.

ArubaOS modules include Wireless Intrusion Protection, Policy Enforcement Firewall, VPN Server, Client Integrity, Remote AP, External Services Interface, Advanced AAA and xSec Advanced L2 Encryption.



### **SECURE AUTHENTICATION, ENCRYPTION & ACCESS CONTROL**

- 802.1x authentication with WPA, WPA2 and 802.11i
- Programmable hardware-based encryption engine upgradeable to latest security standards
- Web-based Captive Portal for SSL browser-based authentication
- Automatic detection, classification, and containment of rogue access points

### **SEAMLESS MOBILITY**

- Roaming cutover times of 2-3 milliseconds enable ultra-fast handoffs for delay sensitive applications
- Proxy mobile IP and proxy DHCP allows users to roam seamlessly between APs and mobility controllers

### **RF MANAGEMENT, RF PLANNING & TROUBLESHOOTING**

- Automatic Radio Management (ARM) for simple self-configuration of all RF parameters
- Live Site Survey for real-time monitoring and display of RF coverage and interference
- Automatic modeling, planning and placement of APs and RF monitors based on capacity, coverage and security requirements
- Packet capture tools provide detailed snapshot of entire wireless environment

### **NETWORK MANAGEMENT & HIGH AVAILABILITY**

- All mobility controllers and APs are centrally controlled and managed
- Redundant controller arrays using VRRP
- Automatic RF fault tolerance avoids radio dead spots and provides AP back-up

### **QoS, VoIP SUPPORT & LOCATION TRACKING**

- 802.11e, WMM and 802.1p support
- Call admission control and Voice-aware RF monitoring
- Location of any 802.11 device with real-time display

### **SECURE AUTHENTICATION, ENCRYPTION & ACCESS CONTROL**

ArubaOS delivers industry-leading capabilities for securing the air, devices, users and data on the mobile enterprise network. A wide range of authentication methods are supported, including the industry-standard WPA2 and 802.11i protocols widely recognized as state-of-the-art for wireless security. ArubaOS provides the latest Layer 2 encryption technologies and with its programmable

hardware encryption processor, the Aruba mobility controller can be instantly upgraded to support emerging encryption standards.

For clients without WPA, VPN, or other security software, Aruba supports a web-based captive portal that provides standard browser-based authentication. Captive portal authentication is encrypted using industry-standard SSL (Secure Sockets Layer), and can support both registered users with a login and password or guest users who supply only an email address. Through integration with back-end systems, captive portal can provide a secure guest access solution, permitting front-desk reception staff to issue and track authentication credentials for visitors.

To protect against unsanctioned wireless devices, Aruba's rogue AP classification algorithms allow the system to accurately differentiate between threatening "rogue" APs installed on the local network and nearby "interfering" APs. Once classified as rogue, these APs can be automatically disabled through both the wireless and wired networks. Administrators are also notified of the presence of rogue devices, along with their precise physical location on a floorplan, so that they may be removed from the network.

### **SEAMLESS MOBILITY**

ArubaOS provides seamless wireless connectivity as users move throughout the network. With roaming cutover times of 2-3 milliseconds, delay-sensitive and persistent applications such as voice and Citrix experience uninterrupted performance. ArubaOS integrates proxy Mobile IP and proxy DHCP functions letting users roam between subnets, APs and controllers without special client software. Aruba's mobility capabilities work with all third-party access points. With VLAN pooling, user membership of VLANs is load-balanced to maintain optimal network performance as large groups of users move about the network.

### **RF MANAGEMENT, RF PLANNING & TROUBLESHOOTING**

Aruba's Automatic Radio Management (ARM) feature takes the guesswork out of AP deployments. Once APs are brought up, they immediately begin monitoring their local environment for interference, noise, and signals being received from other Aruba APs. This information is reported back to the central mobility

controller, which is then able to control the optimal channel assignment and power levels for each AP in the network.

Once the network is deployed, Aruba's Live Site Survey feature provides a real-time, color display of the RF environment showing signal strength, coverage and interference. Live Site Survey enables WLAN coverage and capacity planning, and precludes the need for frequent and expensive manual site surveys.

Working with Aruba access points and air monitors to constantly scan across all the channels in the 2.4 Ghz and 5 Ghz bands, ArubaOS collects aggregate and raw statistics on a per station, per channel and per user basis. All statistics can be displayed within Aruba's intuitive troubleshooting tools, and are also available via SNMP for easy integration into third-party management or analysis applications. Live packet capture is available that can turn any Aruba AP or Air Monitor into a packet capture device, able to stream live 802.11-level frames back to monitoring stations such as Ethereal, Air Magnet Laptop Analyzer, or WildPackets AiroPeek NX. With this detailed information, administrators can quickly troubleshoot user problems, determine top wireless talkers and diagnose congested APs.

### NETWORK MANAGEMENT & HIGH AVAILABILITY

Aruba's network management system eases management during all stages of the WLAN lifecycle – from planning and deploying to monitoring, analyzing and troubleshooting using a browser-based GUI and familiar CLI.

All APs and mobility controllers, even those distributed in branch or regional offices, can be centrally managed. Software upgrades and policies are configured centrally and propagated to all controllers. Aruba mobility controllers can be deployed in 1:1 and 1:n VRRP based redundant configurations with redundant datacenter support.

### QoS, VoIP SUPPORT & LOCATION TRACKING

Support for 802.11e and WMM ensures wireless QoS for delay-sensitive applications with mapping between 802.11e tags and internal hardware queues. Aruba mobility controllers also support mapping of 802.1p and DiffServ tags to hardware queues for wired-side QoS. Layer-2 QoS capabilities are easily enhanced to Layer-3+ flow management and DiffServ using the add-on Policy Enforcement Firewall module.

For Voice over WLAN (VoWLAN) deployments, Aruba's automatic Voice Flow Classification (VFC) identifies and automatically prioritizes voice calls to ensure low-latency transmission. Call admission control manages voice device associations and active off-hook calls to ensure bandwidth availability for voice calls at each AP. For uninterrupted performance, voice-aware RF scanning ensures that APs don't cycle to optional monitoring-mode when a voice client is in the vicinity.

ArubaOS includes advanced location visualization and tracking of 802.11z devices. RF signature-based location triangulation allows administrators to physically locate any 802.11 user or device within one meter of accuracy. With Aruba's real-time location tracking capabilities, multiple devices can be continuously located and tracked simultaneously.

## Technical Specifications

### SECURE AUTHENTICATION, ENCRYPTION & ACCESS CONTROL

#### Authentication Types:

- IEEE 802.1X (EAP, LEAP, PEAP, EAP-TLS, EAP-TTLS, EAP-FAST)
- RFC 2548 Microsoft Vendor-Specific RADIUS Attributes
- RFC 2716 PPP EAP-TLS
- RFC 2865 RADIUS Authentication
- RFC 3576 Dynamic Authorization Extensions to RADIUS
- RFC 3579 RADIUS Support for EAP
- RFC 3580 IEEE 802.1X RADIUS Guidelines
- RFC 3748 Extensible Authentication Protocol
- MAC Address authentication
- Web-based captive portal authentication

#### Authentication Servers:

- Internal database
- LDAP/ SSL Secure LDAP
- RADIUS
- TACACS+
- Third party Authentication Servers Tested Interoperability: Microsoft Active Directory, Microsoft IAS RADIUS Server, Cisco ACS Server, Funk Steel Belted RADIUS Server, RSA ACEserver, Infoblox, Interlink RADIUS Server, FreeRADIUS, A-10 Networks IDSentry

#### Encryption Types:

- WEP: 64 and 128 bit
- WPA-TKIP, WPA-PSK-TKIP, WPA-AES, WPA-PSK-AES
- WPA2/802.11i: WPA2-AES, WPA2-PSK-AES, WPA2-TKIP, WPA2-PSK-TKIP
- Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and TLS: RC4 128-bit and RSA 1024- and 2048-bit
- Programmable hardware upgradeable to new encryption mechanisms

Rogue AP Detection	Yes
Rogue AP Classification	Yes
Rogue AP Containment	•Wired and wireless

### SEAMLESS MOBILITY

Fast roaming	2-3 msec intra-switch,10-15 msec inter-switch
Roaming across Subnets and VLANs	Yes
Mobile IP support	Yes
Proxy Mobile IP	Yes
Proxy DHCP	Yes
VLAN Pooling	Yes

## RF MANAGEMENT, PLANNING & TROUBLESHOOTING

Adaptive Radio Management (ARM)	Yes
Multiple ESSIDs per AP	Up to 16
Automatic AP calibration	Yes
Self-healing around failed APs	Yes
Load balancing — number of users	Yes
Load balancing — utilization-based	Yes
Timer-based AP access control	Yes
RF Planning and Deployment Tool	Yes
Wireless RMON/packet capture	Yes
Plug-ins for third-party analysis tools	Ethereal, AiroPeek, AirMagnet
802.11h 5GHz extensions for Europe	Yes
802.11d additional regulatory domains	Yes

## NETWORK MANAGEMENT & HIGH AVAILABILITY

Web-based Configuration	Yes
Command Line	Console, telnet, SSH
Syslog	Yes
SNMP v2c	Yes
SNMP v3	Yes
Aruba private MIB	Yes
MIB-II	Yes
Centralized configuration of local Wi-Fi switches	128
Centralized image upgrade for Wi-Fi switch and all APs	Yes
VRRP	Yes
Redundant datacenter support	Yes

## QUALITY OF SERVICE, VoIP SUPPORT & LOCATION

802.1p support	Yes
802.11e support	Yes
T-SPEC/TCLAS	Yes
WMM	Yes
Voice-aware RF monitoring/scanning	Yes-session based
Call Admission Control	Yes
Automatic Voice Flow Classification (VFC)	SIP, SVP, SCCP
U-APSD (Unscheduled Automatic Power Save Delivery)	Yes
IGMP Snooping for efficient multicast delivery	Yes
Real-time location tracking and monitoring	Yes
Location tracking API for external integration	Yes

## CERTIFICATIONS

Wi-Fi Alliance Certified (802.11a/b/g, WPA, WPA2)
ICSA Wireless LAN v1.0
ICSA Firewall, Corporate v4.1 (with optional Policy Enforcement Firewall module)
FIPS 140-2 Validated (when operated in FIPS mode)
RSA Certified
SpectraLink VIEW Certified

## STANDARDS SUPPORTED

General Switching  
 RFC 1812 Requirements for IP Version 4 Routers  
 RFC 1519 CIDR  
 RFC 1256 IPv4 ICMP Router Discovery (IRDP)  
 RFC 1122 Host Requirements  
 RFC 768 UDP  
 RFC 791 IP  
 RFC 792 ICMP  
 RFC 793 TCP  
 RFC 826 ARP  
 RFC 894 IP over Ethernet  
 RFC 1027 Proxy ARP  
 RFC 2338 VRRP  
 RFC 2516 Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet (PPPoE)  
 IEEE 802.1D - 1998 Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) IEEE 802.1Q - 1998 Virtual Bridged Local Area Networks

## Wireless

IEEE 802.11a/b/g 5GHz, 2.4GHz, 2.4GHz High-Rate  
IEEE 802.11d Additional Regulatory Domains  
IEEE 802.11e Quality of Service  
IEEE 802.11h Spectrum and TX Power Extensions for 5GHz in Europe  
IEEE 802.11i MAC Security Enhancements

## VLANs

IEEE 802.1Q VLAN Tagging  
Port-based VLANs

## Quality of Service and Policies -

IEEE 802.1D -1998 (802.1p) Packet Priority  
IEEE 802.11e - Quality of Service Enhancements  
RFC 2474 Differentiated Services

## Management and Traffic Analysis

RFC 2030 - SNTP, Simple Network Time Protocol v4  
RFC 854 - Telnet client and server  
RFC 783 - TFTP Protocol (revision 2)  
RFC 951, 1542 - BootP  
RFC 2131 - Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol  
RFC 1591 - DNS (client operation)  
RFC 1155 - Structure of Mgmt Information (SMIv1)  
RFC 1157 - SNMPv1  
RFC 1212 - Concise MIB definitions.  
RFC 1213 - Management Information Base for Network Management of TCP/IP-based internets - MIB-II  
RFC 1215 - Convention for defining traps for use with the SNMP  
RFC 1573 - Evolution of Interface  
RFC 2011 - SNMPv2 Management Information Base for the Internet Protocol using SMIv2  
RFC 2012 - SNMPv2 Management Information  
RFC 2013 - SNMPv2 Management Information  
RFC 2578 - Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIv2)  
RFC 2579 - Textual Conventions for SMIv2  
RFC 2863 - The Interfaces Group MIB  
RFC 3418 - Management Information Base (MIB) for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)  
RFC 959 - File Transfer Protocol (FTP)  
RFC 2660 - The Secure HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTPS)  
RFC 1901 - 1908 SNMP v2c, SMIv2 and Revised MIB-II  
RFC 2570 - 2575 SNMPv3, user based security, encryption and authentication  
RFC 2576 - Coexistence between SNMP Version 1, Version 2 and Version 3  
RFC 2233 - Interface MIB  
RFC 2251 - Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (v3)  
RFC 1492 - An Access Control Protocol, TACACS+  
RFC 2865 - Remote Access Dial In User Service (RADIUS)  
RFC 2866 - RADIUS Accounting  
RFC 2869 - RADIUS Extensions  
RFC 3576 - Dynamic Authorization Extensions to Remote RADIUS  
RFC 3579 - RADIUS Support For Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)  
RFC 3580 - IEEE 802.1X Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS)

RFC 2548 - Microsoft RADIUS Attributes  
RFC 1350 - The TFTP Protocol (Revision 2)  
Secure Shell (SSHv2) server  
Configuration logging  
Multiple Images, Multiple Configs  
BSD System Logging Protocol (SYSLOG), with Multiple Syslog Servers

## Security/Encryption

RFC 1661 - The Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP)  
RFC 2406 - IP Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)  
RFC 2661 - Layer Two Tunneling Protocol "L2TP"  
RFC 3193 - Securing L2TP using IPsec  
RFC 2451 - The ESP CBC-Mode Cipher Algorithms  
RFC 2403 - The Use of HMAC-MD5-96 within ESP and AH  
RFC 2401 - Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol  
RFC 2408 - Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP)  
RFC 2409 - The Internet Key Exchange (IKE)  
RFC 2405 - ESP DES-CBC cipher algorithm with explicit IV  
RFC 2403 - Use of HMAC-SHA1-96 with ESP and AH  
RFC 3602 - The AES-CBC Cipher Algorithm and Its Use with IPsec  
RFC 4017 - Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) Method Requirements for Wireless LANs  
RFC 3706 - A Traffic-Based Method of Detecting Dead Internet Key Exchange (IKE) Peers  
RFC 3947 - Negotiation of NAT-Traversal in the IKE  
RFC 3748 - Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)  
RFC 3079 - Deriving Keys for use with Microsoft Point-to-Point Encryption (MPPE)  
RFC 4137 - State Machines for Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) Peer and Authenticator  
RFC 2716 - PPP EAP TLS Authentication Protocol  
RFC 2246 - The TLS Protocol (SSL)  
RFC 2407 - Internet IP Security Domain of Interpretation for ISAKMP  
RFC 3948 - UDP encapsulation of IPsec packets  
Internet Draft - EAP-TTLS  
Internet Draft - EAP-PEAP  
Internet Draft - EAP-POTP  
Internet Draft - XAuth for ISAKMP

## HARDWARE SUPPORTED

<b>Mobility Controllers</b>	Aruba 6000, Aruba 2400, Aruba 800, Aruba 200
<b>Access Points</b>	AP40/41, AP 60/61, AP-65, AP-70, AP-80