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ARUBA EDGECONNECT SD-WAN EDGE PLATFORM

As cloud-based application adoption continues to accelerate, geographically distributed enterprises increasingly view the wide area network (WAN) as critical to connecting users to applications.

As enterprise applications migrate from the corporate data center to the cloud, private line connections such as multi-protocol label switching (MPLS) have proven to be overly rigid and expensive. With greater reliance on the internet, the opportunity to achieve “cloud speed” is better served by integrating broadband services into the WAN transport mix.

Recently acquired from Silver Peak, the Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN edge platform enables enterprises to dramatically reduce the cost and complexity of building a WAN by leveraging broadband to connect users to applications. By empowering customers to use broadband connections to augment or replace their current MPLS networks, Aruba improves customer responsiveness, increases application performance, and significantly reduces capital and operational expenses by up to 90 percent.

ARUBA EDGECONNECT PLATFORM

Three components comprise the Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN edge platform:

- **Aruba EdgeConnect** physical or virtual SD-WAN appliances (supporting any common hypervisors and public clouds) deployed in branch offices to create a secure, virtual network overlay. This enables customers to move to a broadband WAN at their own pace, whether site-by-site, or via a hybrid WAN approach that leverages MPLS and broadband internet connectivity.
- **Aruba Orchestrator**, included with the Aruba EdgeConnect platform, provides unprecedented levels of visibility into both legacy and cloud applications with the unique ability to centrally assign policies based on business intent to secure and control all WAN traffic. Policy automation speeds and simplifies the deployment of multiple branch offices and enables consistent policies across applications.



Aruba EdgeConnect physical appliances shown here are also available as virtual appliances.

- **Aruba Boost** WAN Optimization is an optional WAN optimization performance pack that combines Aruba WAN optimization technologies with Aruba EdgeConnect to create a single, unified WAN edge platform. Aruba Boost allows companies to accelerate performance of latency-sensitive applications and minimize transmission of repetitive data across the WAN in a single, unified SD-WAN edge platform..

ARUBA EDGECONNECT KEY FEATURES

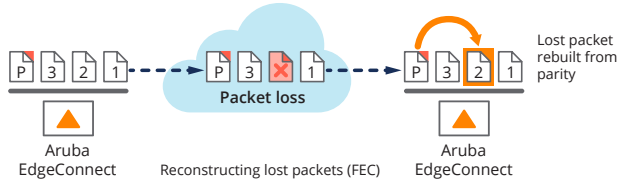
- **Business Intent Overlays:** Aruba EdgeConnect is built upon an application-specific virtual WAN overlay model. Multiple overlays may be defined to abstract the underlying physical transport services from the virtual overlays, each supporting different QoS, transport, failover and security policies. Groups of applications are mapped to different business intent overlays to deliver applications to users in alignment with business requirements. Business intent overlays may also be deployed to extend micro-segmentation of specific application traffic from the data center across the WAN to help maintain security compliance mandates.
- **Path Conditioning:** This feature provides private-line-like performance over the public internet. Includes techniques to overcome the adverse effects of dropped and out-of-order packets that are common with broadband internet and MPLS connections to improve application performance.



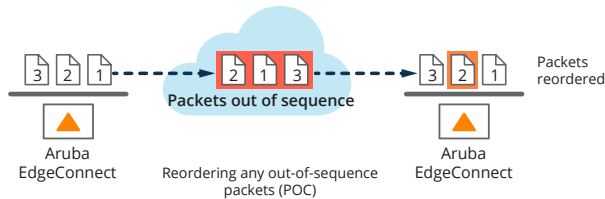
Path conditioning

Advanced network and application performance capabilities

Forward error correction



Packet order correction



- Tunnel Bonding:** Configured from two or more physical WAN transport services, bonded tunnels form a single logical overlay connection, aggregating the performance of all underlying links. Real-time traffic steering is applied over any broadband or MPLS link, or any combination of links based on company-defined policies based upon business intent. In the event of an outage or brownout, Aruba EdgeConnect automatically continues to carry traffic on the remaining links or switches over to a secondary connection.
 Network traffic traversing an Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN can be tuned for availability, quality, throughput and efficiency. This is accomplished on a per-application basis through the use of Business Intent Overlays. Multiple business intent policies can be created, each with its own specific bonding policy. As part of this policy definition, the customers have the ability to customize the link prioritization and traffic steering policies based on multiple criteria, including physical performance characteristics, link economics, link resiliency characteristics and customer-definable attributes.
- First-packet iQ Application Classification:** Aruba EdgeConnect First-packet iQ application classification identifies applications on the first packet to deliver trusted SaaS and web traffic directly to the Internet while directing unknown or suspicious traffic to the data center firewall or IDS/IPS. Identifying applications on the first packet is especially important when branches are deployed

behind Network Address Translation (NAT); the correct path must be selected based on the first packet to avoid session interruption.

- Cloud Intelligence:** Real-time updates on the best performing path to reach hundreds of Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) applications, ensuring users connect to those applications in the fastest, most intelligent way available. Additionally, automated daily updates of the application IP address database to Aruba EdgeConnect appliances keep pace with SaaS and web address changes
- Secure Internet Breakout:** Granular, intelligent traffic steering enabled by First-packet iQ eliminates the inefficiency of backhauling all HTTP/HTTPS traffic to the data center. The solution eliminates the potential for wasted bandwidth and performance bottlenecks for trusted SaaS and web traffic. Trusted traffic is sent directly across the Internet while unknown or suspicious traffic may be sent automatically to more robust security services in accordance with corporate security policies.
- Unified Threat Management (UTM):** The integration of Aruba Threat Defense with the Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN edge platform extends advanced intrusion detection and prevention (IDPS) capabilities to the SD-WAN fabric. Both physical and virtual instances of EdgeConnect leverage Aruba threat infrastructure and threat feeds from Aruba Central, enabling enterprises to deliver east-west lateral security and secure internet breakout from branch office locations. Threat logging provides network and security analytics back to Aruba Central or a third-party SIEM such as Splunk to deliver comprehensive edge-to-cloud UTM capabilities.
- Fine-grained Segmentation with Aruba ClearPass integration:** Aruba ClearPass integration with EdgeConnect augments application intelligence with the user and device identity and role-based policy, enabling fine-grained segmentation. The additional identity-based context enables consistent security policy enforcement that can be enforced network-wide, from edge to the cloud, while also accelerating troubleshooting and problem resolution.
- Zone-based Stateful Firewall:** Centrally visualize, define and orchestrate granular security policies and create secure end-to-end zones across any combination of users, application groups and virtual overlays, pushing configuration updates to sites in accordance with business



intent. Using simple templates to create unique zones that enforce granular perimeter security policies across LAN-WAN-LAN and LAN-WAN-Data Center use cases.

- **Best-of-Breed Secure Access Service Edge (SASE):**

Aruba EdgeConnect automates the integration with leading cloud security partner solutions from Zscaler, Netskope, Check Point, Palo Alto Networks, McAfee, Symantec and others to create a seamless secure access service edge architecture. Automated orchestration, using a drag-and-drop interface, enables IT to configure consistent enterprise-wide security policies based on business requirements.

- **Routing:** Aruba EdgeConnect supports standard Layer 2 and Layer 3 open networking protocols such as VLAN (802.1Q), LAG (802.3ad), IPv4 and IPv6 forwarding, GRE, IPsec, VRRP, WCCP, PBR, BGP (version 4), OSPF.

- **High Availability:** The Aruba EdgeConnect HA cluster protects from hardware, software and transport failures. High Availability is achieved by providing fault tolerance on both the network side (WAN) and on the equipment side. The Aruba EdgeConnect appliances are inter-connected with a HA link that allows tunnels over each underlay to connect to both appliances.

- **Zero-Touch Provisioning:** A plug-and-play deployment model enables Aruba EdgeConnect to be deployed at a branch office in seconds, automatically connecting with other Aruba EdgeConnect instances in the data center, other branches, or in cloud Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) such as Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure and Google Cloud Platform.

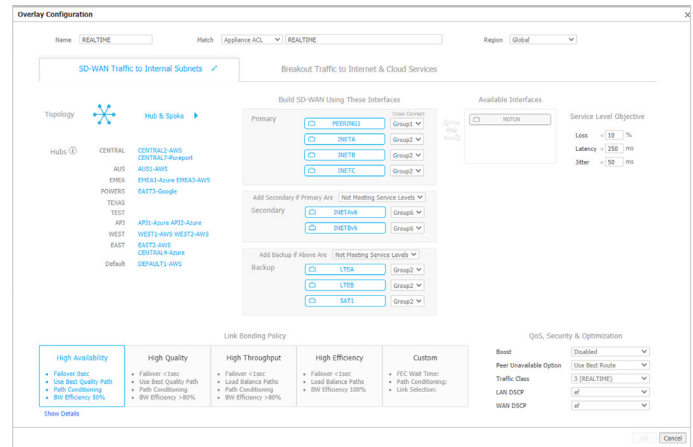
- **WAN Hardening:** Each WAN overlay is secured edge-to-edge via 256-bit AES encrypted tunnels. No unauthorized outside traffic can enter the branch. With the option to deploy Aruba EdgeConnect directly onto the internet, WAN hardening secures branch offices without the appliance sprawl and operating costs of deploying and managing dedicated firewalls.

ARUBA ORCHESTRATOR KEY FEATURES

- **Single Screen Administration:** Enables quick and easy implementation of network-wide business intent policies, which eliminates complex and error-prone policy changes at every branch
- **Real-Time Monitoring and Historical Reporting:** Provides specific details into application, location, and network statistics, including continuous performance monitoring of loss, latency, and packet ordering for each

enterprise customers' network path. All HTTP and native application traffic are identified by name and location, and alarms and alerts allow for faster resolution of network issues

- **Bandwidth Cost Savings Reports:** Documents the cost savings for moving to broadband connectivity



Aruba Orchestrator enables centralized definition and automated distribution of network-wide business intent policies to multiple branch offices.

INTEGRATION WITH MICROSOFT AZURE VIRTUAL WAN (VWAN) AND AWS TRANSIT GATEWAY NETWORK MANAGER (TGNM)

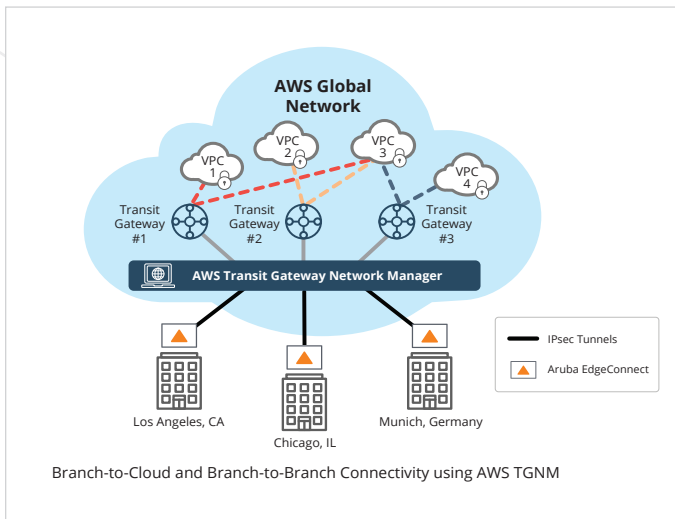
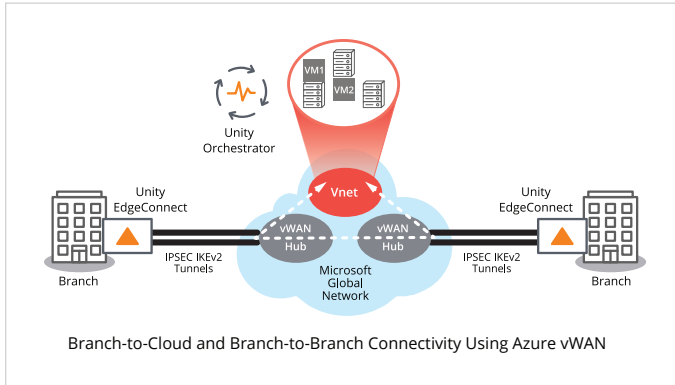
By integrating the Microsoft Azure vWAN and AWS Transit Gateway Network Manager (TGNM) REST APIs, the Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN edge platform enables customers to quickly build a cloud on-ramp and automate network deployments, removing the manual complexity of connecting branch offices to local Azure or AWS Points of Presence (PoPs). The API integration enables Aruba EdgeConnect to identify the locations of branches in the network and determine the closest VPN Gateway (vWAN hub or head-end gateway in AWS) to connect to. Aruba EdgeConnect automatically establishes standards-based IPsec tunnels and, configuring both of the tunnel endpoints for each branch to a VPN Gateway.

Key Features:

- Automate branch connectivity to Azure and AWS Points of Presence (PoPs)
- Simplify network expansion and troubleshooting
- Faster onboarding to applications and workloads — both to and from Azure and AWS
- Optimized routing within Azure or AWS network



- Centralized Network Monitoring
- Global Network Visibility
- Cohesive policy configuration

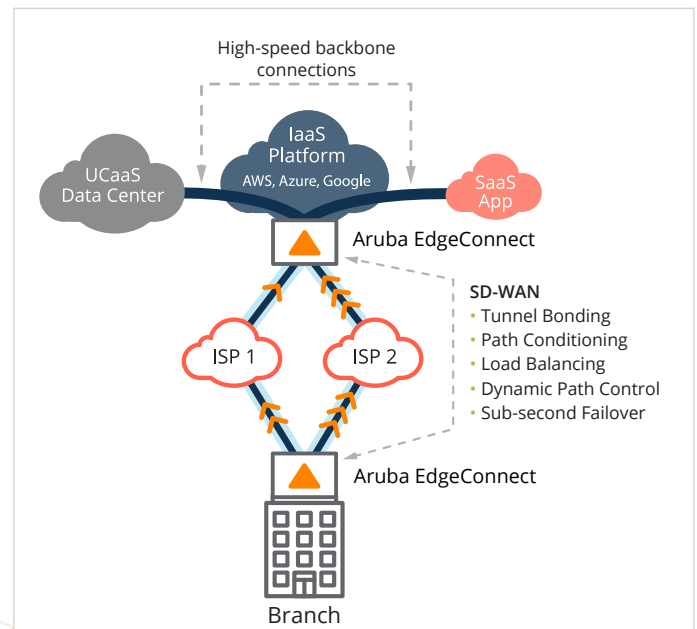


DELIVERING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF EXPERIENCE FOR MICROSOFT O365

With the **Microsoft Office 365 REST API integration**, Aruba continuously learns and discovers new Office 365 end points and/or IP addresses and automatically re-configures Aruba EdgeConnect if a new, closer Office 365 end point becomes available. By doing so, users always achieve optimal Office 365 connectivity and performance by reducing the round-trip time (RTT). The Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN edge platform has been independently tested and certified to support the Microsoft Office 365 Connectivity Principles. As a result of the independent testing, the Aruba EdgeConnect platform has been inducted into the Microsoft Office 365 Networking Partner Program and has been given the official "Works with Office 365" designation.

EXTEND WAN FABRIC TO THE CLOUD

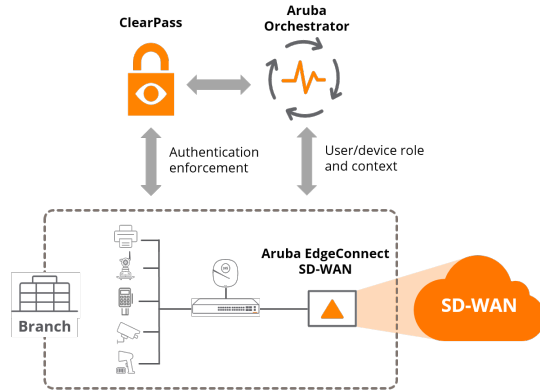
Deploy virtual Aruba EdgeConnect appliances in a public cloud such as AWS, Azure, Google Cloud Platform, or Oracle Cloud to optimize connections between branch locations and the cloud using all the SD-WAN benefits. If a brownout or blackout occurs, the remaining link(s) continue to carry traffic so that users don't notice any disruption to voice calls, audio and video conferences, or any other application. Ruggedized first mile between the branch and the public cloud delivers better network performance, reliability, and quality.



ZERO TRUST: SECURING THE EDGE BY ROLE, CONTEXT, AND APPLICATION

With the increase in mobile devices, remote workers, cloud-hosted applications, and IoT connected devices, enterprises must align their security policies based on business intent while also striving for consistency. Aruba ClearPass integration with EdgeConnect augments application intelligence with user and device identity and role-based policy, enabling fine-grained segmentation. This additional identity-based context enables consistent security policies that can be enforced network-wide, from edge to cloud, while also accelerating troubleshooting and problem resolution.

As a new user or device connects to the network and registers with ClearPass, the Aruba Orchestrator (control plane for Aruba EdgeConnect) connects via the ClearPass API. Orchestrator propagates security policy information related to user, device type, role, and security posture to all EdgeConnect appliances in the network.



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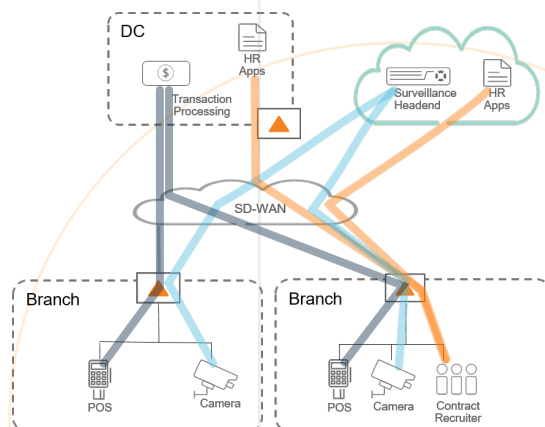
Because IoT devices are agentless, it is not possible to run a third-party VPN or ZTNA client on them. Thus, a SASE architecture doesn't fully address the security challenges posed by the IoT devices in the enterprise network.

With the Aruba ClearPass zero trust security framework, the network can identify and segment IoT devices and traffic at the network edge and isolate it from other traffic in the network. This new layer of context enables fine-grained segmentation without the complexity of managing multiple VLANs.

For example, a fine-grained segmentation policy can prevent IoT security cameras from accessing credit card transactions or HVAC systems. Zero trust dynamic segmentation helps enterprises isolate any potential security threats by device type, role, and application while helping them meet industry compliance requirements such as PCI, HIPAA, and SOX.

VIRTUAL ROUTING AND FORWARDING (VRF) SEGMENTATION

Network managers can configure and manage separate



Zero Trust Segmentation allows for users and devices to only communicate with destinations consistent with their role in the organization.

addressing, routing and security policies consistently with the Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN edge platform across end-to-end segments and micro-segments for traffic traversing large-scale multinational enterprises and federations of independent companies. Advanced segmentation eliminates the arduous task of manually stitching together VRF, firewall and NAT policies in a consistent manner, dramatically simplifying the management of diverse scenarios and providing unprecedented flexibility when contending with overlapping IP address spaces.

EFFICIENT DNS QUERY RESOLUTION

A critical step in the DNS proxy is to resolve the DNS query quickly. With Aruba EdgeConnect, customers can reach DNS servers in close proximity to branch sites eliminating backhaul of the DNS request to the remote data centers where enterprise DNS servers are hosted. From the branch location itself, DNS requests can be made directly to Global DNS servers, which reduces the impact of latency in establishing a SaaS application session, thereby improving SaaS application performance.

SUPPORT FOR CUSTOM USER-DEFINED APPLICATIONS

Many organizations continue to support applications customized for or internal to the company that are hosted in the corporate data center. Such custom applications are critical for the enterprise and with the Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN, customers can ensure optimal performance of these applications. From Aruba Orchestrator, IT can easily configure a custom application definition that enables Aruba EdgeConnect to identify it on the first packet.

INTELLIGENT INTERNET BREAKOUT

Often customers provision two or more WAN internet links from the remote branch site to increase network and application availability and performance. To optimize utilization of the provisioned WAN internet links, Aruba EdgeConnect monitors the performance of all WAN internet links by continuously measuring packet loss, jitter, latency and mean opinion score (MOS) in real-time. Aruba EdgeConnect uses statistical learning to determine the optimal forwarding link, ensuring maximum application performance.



ARUBA ORCHESTRATOR ENABLES FASTER SD-WAN DEPLOYMENTS

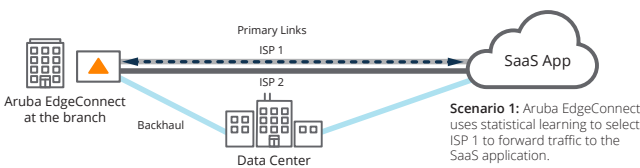
Aruba Orchestrator, included with Aruba EdgeConnect for on-premise installations and available as an optional Aruba cloud-hosted service subscription, enables zero-touch provisioning of Aruba EdgeConnect appliances in the branch. Aruba Orchestrator automates the assignment of business intent policies to ensure faster and easier connectivity across multiple branches, eliminating the configuration drift that can come from manually updating rules and access control lists (ACLs) on a site-by-site basis. Aruba Orchestrator enables customers to:

- Avoid WAN reconfigurations by delivering applications to users in customized virtual overlays
- Align application delivery to business goals through virtual WAN overlays based on business intent
- Simplify branch deployments with Aruba EdgeConnect profiles that describe the virtual and physical configuration of the location

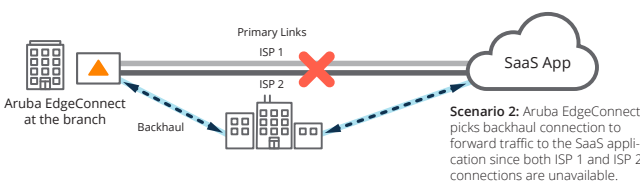
In addition to centralized and automated control of the entire SD-WAN topology, Aruba Orchestrator provides specific detail into WAN performance, including:

- Detailed reporting on application, location, and network statistics
- Continuous performance monitoring of throughput, loss, latency, jitter and packet ordering for all network paths

Using intelligent internet breakout, Aruba EdgeConnect dynamically selects ISP 1 to send traffic to the SaaS application.



When both ISP 1 and ISP 2 connections become unavailable, Aruba EdgeConnect automatically chooses the configured backup transport service that backhauls traffic through the data center so that SaaS application service remains uninterrupted.



- Identification of all application traffic by name and location
- Alarms and alerts to visualize and prioritize software and hardware issues within the WAN allow for faster problem resolution
- Bandwidth cost savings report for documenting the cost savings of moving to broadband

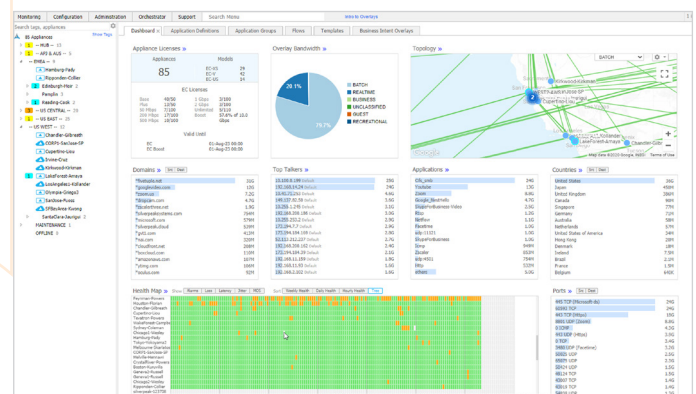
GAIN CONTROL OVER THE CLOUD

Gain an accurate picture of how Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) and Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) and are being used within your organization.

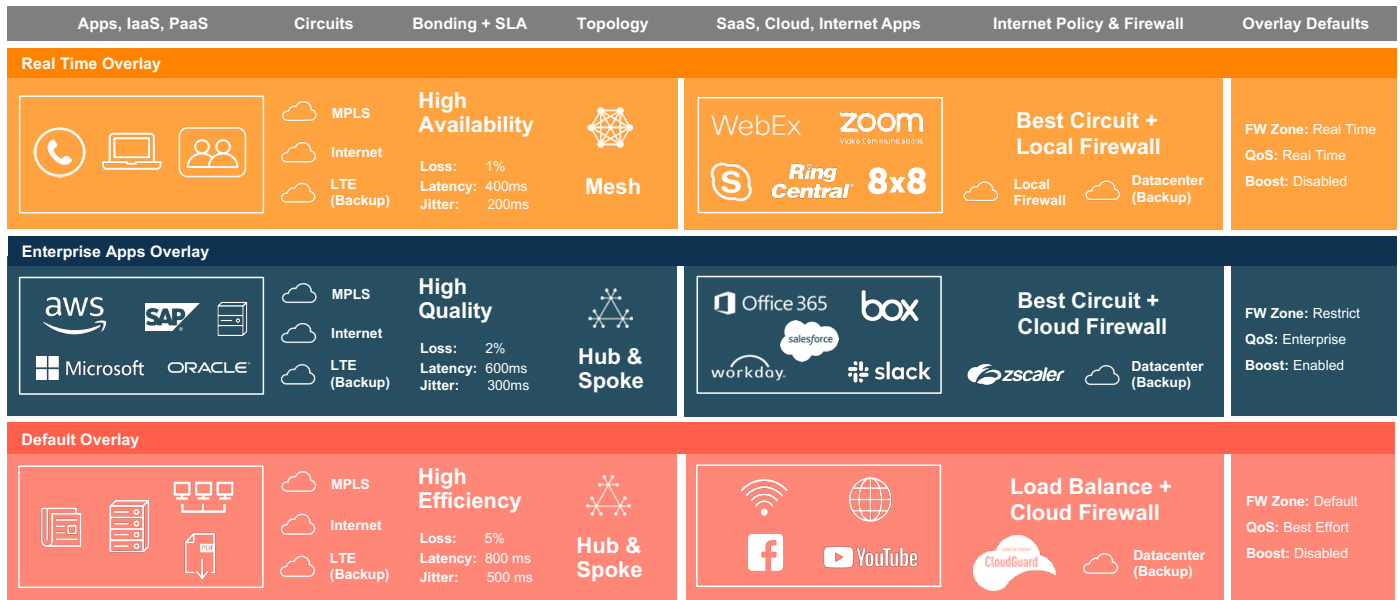
- Name-based identification and reporting of all cloud applications
- Tracking of SaaS provider network traffic
- Cloud Intelligence provides Internet mapping of optimal egress to SaaS services

EDGE TO CLOUD SECURITY

Advanced capabilities provide cloud-first enterprises with the control to centralize and automate security policy governance and safely connect users directly to applications. They enable distributed enterprises to centrally segment users, applications and WAN services into secure zones and automate application traffic steering across the LAN and WAN in compliance with predefined security policies, regulatory mandates and business intent. For enterprises with multivendor security architectures, Aruba Orchestrator offers seamless drag and drop service chaining to next-generation security infrastructure and services.



Aruba Orchestrator enables centralized and automated overlay management.



Business intent overlays configured with Aruba Orchestrator

BOOST APPLICATION PERFORMANCE AS NEEDED

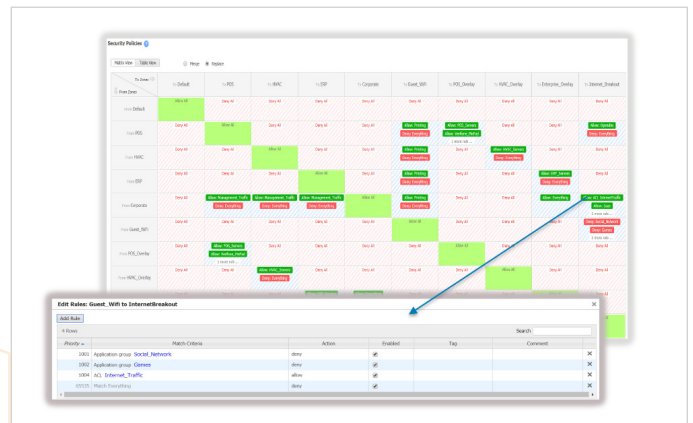
Aruba Boost WAN Optimization is an optional WAN Optimization performance that includes:

- **Latency Mitigation:** TCP and other protocol acceleration techniques are applied to all traffic, minimizing the effects of latency on application performance and significantly improving application response times across the WAN.
- **Data Reduction:** Data compression and deduplication eliminates the repetitive transmission of duplicate data. Aruba software, acquired from Silver Peak, inspects WAN traffic at the byte-level and stores content in local data stores. Advanced finger-printing techniques recognize repetitive patterns for local delivery. Data Reduction can be applied to all IP-based protocols, including TCP and UDP.

WHY ADD ARUBA BOOST?

Aruba EdgeConnect appliances alone provide enhanced application performance for broadband or hybrid WAN deployments, utilizing the included packet-based tunnel bonding, dynamic path control (DPC), and path conditioning for overcoming the adverse effects of dropped and out-of-order packets that are common with Internet connections.

However, sometimes additional performance is needed for specific applications or locations. As distance between locations increases over the WAN, application performance degrades.



A matrix view from Aruba Orchestrator, provides an easy-to-read, intuitive visualization of configured zones and defined whitelist exceptions.

This has less to do with the available bandwidth, and is more about the time it takes to send and receive data packets over distance, and the number of times data must be re-sent.

ARUBA BOOST USE CASE EXAMPLES

- Customers replicating to a disaster recovery (DR) site thousands-of-miles away might want to add Aruba Boost to ensure recovery point objectives (RPOs) are not compromised.
- Enterprises with remote sites located in rural areas, or with sites that are exceptionally farther away from the company's data center, might want to add Aruba Boost to overcome the effects of high latency.



With Aruba Boost, customers gain the flexibility to enable enhanced WAN optimization capabilities where and when it is needed in a fully integrated solution. Aruba Boost is licensed per-megabit-per-second, per-month, so customers do not have to pay for WAN optimization across the entire network.

OVERCOME EFFECTS OF LATENCY

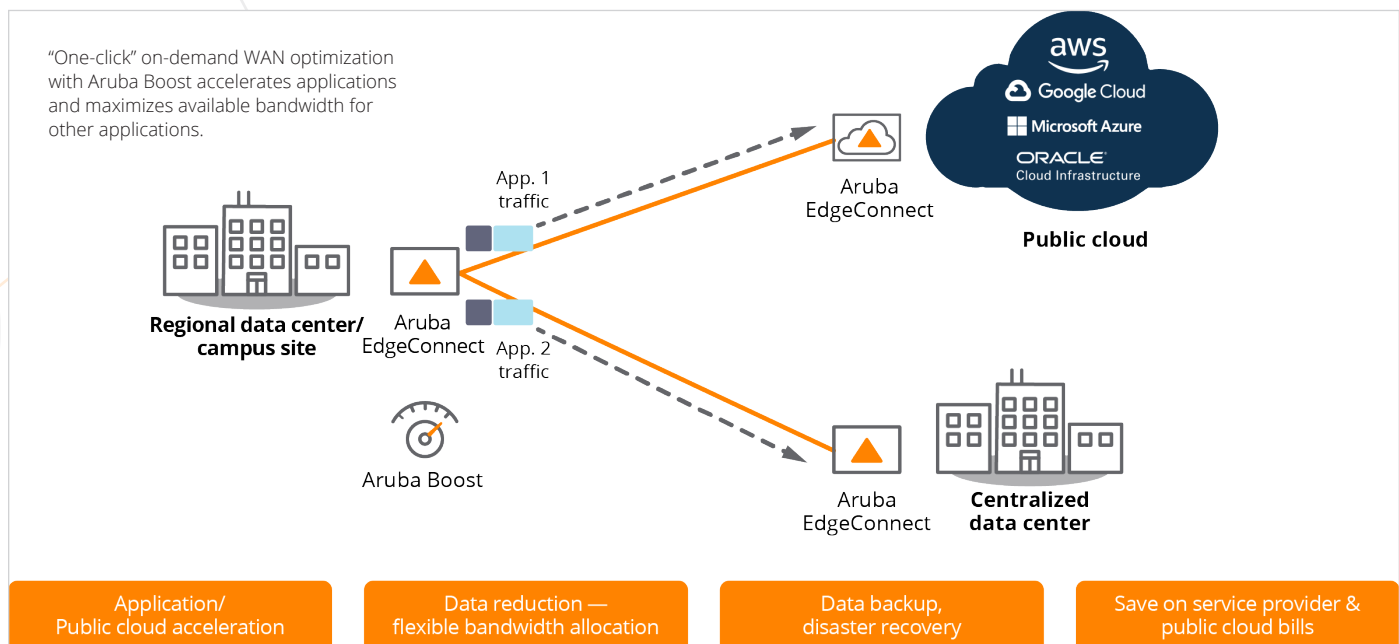
The time it takes for information to go from sender to receiver and back is referred to as network latency. Since the speed of light is constant, WAN latency is directly proportional to the distance traveled between the two network endpoints. Aruba offers a variety of TCP acceleration techniques to mitigate WAN latency, including Window Scaling, Selective Acknowledgement, Round-Trip Measurement, and High Speed TCP.

Windows and other applications that rely on the Common Internet File System (CIFS) often take longer to perform common file operations over distance, such as retrieving and sharing files. Aruba Boost helps these applications not only by improving the underlying TCP transport, but also by accelerating CIFS through CIFS read-ahead, CIFS write-behind, and CIFS metadata optimizations.

INCREASE THROUGHPUT


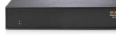




As packets flow through Aruba EdgeConnect appliances, Aruba Boost inspects WAN traffic at the byte-level and stores content in local data stores. As new packets arrive, Aruba computes fingerprints of the data contained within the packets, and checks to see whether these fingerprints match data that is stored locally.

If the remote appliance contains the information, there is no need to resend it over the WAN. Instead, specific start-stop instructions are sent to deliver the data locally.





ARUBA EDGECONNECT HARDWARE PORTFOLIO

	EdgeConnect US	EdgeConnect XS	EdgeConnect S-P	EdgeConnect M-H	EdgeConnect L-H	EdgeConnect XL-H
						
Model	EC-US	EC-XS	EC-S-P*	EC-M-H*	EC-L-H*	EC-XL-H*
Typical Deployment	Small Branch/ Home Office	Small Branch	Large Branch	Head Office/DC Large Hub	Data Center Large Hub	Data Center Large Hub
Typical WAN Bandwidth**	1–100 Mbps	2–1000 Mbps	10–2000 Mbps	50–5000 Mbps	2–10 Gbps	2–10 Gbps
Simultaneous Connections	256,000	256,000	256,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Recommended Boost up to	25 Mbps	250 Mbps	500 Mbps	1 Gbps	1 Gbps	5 Gbps
Redundancy/ FRUs	No	No	SSD and Power (AC or DC)	SSD and Power	SSD and Power	SSD, NVMe, Power
Data Path Interfaces	3 x RJ45 10/100/1000	4 x RJ45 10/100/1000	8 x RJ45 4 x 1/10G Optical	8 x RJ45 4 x 1/10G Optical	6 x 1/10G Optical	6 x 1/10/25G Optical

*EC-XL-H comes pre-equipped with NVMe for maximum WAN optimization (Boost)

*EC-M-H, EC-S-P, EC-L-H, and EC-XL-H all support pluggable optics

*See software compatibility table for minimum software releases required to support the new EC -H models

**WAN Bandwidth assumes bidirectional traffic (symmetric up-link and down-link). For total WAN throughput (Rx+Tx), multiply these numbers by 2.

**For best performance, EdgeConnect Operating System Release 9.1 or higher is recommended

ARUBA EDGECONNECT SD-WAN EDGE PLATFORM SPECIFICATION SHEETS



ARUBA EDGECONNECT TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Term	Support is included as part of the Aruba EdgeConnect subscription license
Web-based support portal	Unlimited access 24 / 7 / 365 includes software downloads, technical documentation, and online knowledge base
Software updates	Major and minor features releases; maintenance releases
Technical support	24 / 7 / 365 phone / e-mail / web (Global Technical Assistance Centers — TAC)
Response time	30 minutes for high priority (P1) — critical
HW warranty and maintenance	Refer to the Aruba EdgeConnect warranty and maintenance policies data sheet for further information



FLEXIBLE DEPLOYMENT MODELS

- Aruba EdgeConnect Virtual (EC-V) — Download and install Aruba EdgeConnect from anywhere in the world. The software runs on all common hypervisors, including VMware ESXi, Microsoft Hyper-V, Citrix XenServer, and KVM. Aruba customers who have an IaaS presence in AWS, Microsoft Azure, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure or Google Cloud Platform can deploy Aruba EdgeConnect within their hosted cloud environment.
- Aruba EdgeConnect Physical (EC) — For enterprises that are not virtualized in the branch, choose one of the Aruba EdgeConnect hardware appliance models for plug-and-play deployment.

ARUBA EDGECONNECT SUBSCRIPTION LICENSING

Aruba EdgeConnect licenses are sold as a subscription, in either single or multi-year increments (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years) at multiple bandwidth tiers.

Aruba EdgeConnect includes Aruba Orchestrator that can be installed either on premise or in a customer's virtual private cloud. An optional cloud-hosted Aruba Orchestrator license provides a highly reliable alternative deployment model supporting all Aruba Orchestrator features without the complexity of managing on premise virtual compute and storage resources. Large global enterprises with multiple business units (BU) or subsidiaries that have a requirement to support different regional QoS or security policies can optionally deploy Aruba Orchestrator Global Enterprise. This cloud-hosted SaaS application centrally manages and monitors multiple Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN fabrics.

Aruba Boost WAN Optimization is an optional WAN optimization performance pack that may be ordered and deployed flexibly to sites that require application acceleration. Aruba Boost is offered in 100Mbps or 10Gbps blocks.