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CAMPUS NETWORK

HIGHLIGHTS

- Provides a robust, reliable enterpriseclass access point designed to withstand the physical elements in harsh outdoor environments
- Extends the reach of corporate networks in a highly cost-effective manner
- Simplifies management by enabling a flexible, mesh network design
- Integrates router, firewall, and DHCP server Wi-Fi multimedia Quality of Service (QoS) and voice prioritization in a single device

An Enterprise-Class 802.11a/b/g Outdoor Access Point

The Brocade® Mobility 5181 Access
Point, specifically designed for outdoor
use, provides enterprise-class wireless
networking in harsh physical environments.
In addition to a National Electrical
Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
4X-modified housing, severe-weather
features include integrated lightning
arrestors, surge protectors, extreme
temperature range operation, and a variety
of antenna and power accessories.

A self-assembling, self-healing mesh capability supports Wi-Fi Multimedia (WMM) extensions to help ensure Quality of Service (QoS) while cost-effectively extending corporate networks beyond and between buildings—with no need to install additional Ethernet cable or fiber. With integrated router, firewall, Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), AAA, and hotspot services, the Brocade Mobility 5181 provides a robust outdoor Wireless LAN (WLAN) solution.

When used as either an access port or a mesh node, the Brocade Mobility 5181 can operate wirelessly, even in harsh conditions. Organizations do not need to sacrifice security or manageability of outdoor applications—support for standards-based security protocols helps ensure enterprise-level network protection, while administration options provide simple, yet powerful management tools.



COST-EFFECTIVE NETWORK EXTENSION IN HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS

The Brocade Mobility 5181 has the certifications required for safe operation in the hazardous environments commonly found in the petrochemical, oil and gas, aerospace, and utilities industries. It provides the real-time wireless voice and data connection required to help workers involved in inspecting and servicing mission-critical infrastructure improve their productivity and reduce errors. A real-time connection to plant machinery—such as sensors and metering devices that report temperature, humidity, pressure, and more—helps improve process control, optimizing operations and reducing costs.

The ability to support video in these challenging environments helps improve the safety of personnel and critical infrastructure. In addition, the dual-radio and mesh capabilities enable point-to-point bridges as well as complex multinode, multilink networks that are ideal for extending wireless voice and data services to remote locations.

MESH CAPABILITIES FOR SELF-HEALING WIRELESS LINKS

Using its mesh capability, the dual-radio Brocade Mobility 5181 can connect to other access points for data backhaul while providing network access to local users. Enabling an array of applications—from simple point-to-point bridges connecting two wired networks to complex multinode, multilink networks—this feature simplifies network extension to outdoor or remote locations.

The self-assembling and self-healing aspects of a mesh network make the network more flexible and easier to manage. This, combined with the straightforward configuration interface, greatly simplifies the deployment and maintenance of secure wireless networks of access points.

BUILT TO WITHSTAND THE HARSHEST ELEMENTS

Because the Brocade Mobility 5181 is specifically designed for outdoor use in harsh conditions, it can withstand wind, rain, and extreme temperatures. It comes standard with integrated lightning arrestors and surge protection. The optional protective heavy weather mounting kit is designed to protect it from windblown debris at velocities of up to 130 mph, while the surge-protected power tap kit converts high voltage on light poles to low voltage in order to run the access point. In fact, Brocade offers everything required for a complete outdoor access point solution, including outdoor dual-band antennas and full product support capabilities.

ADAPTIVE CONTROLLER-ASSISTED MESH

The Brocade Mobility 5181 supports an adaptive mesh mode of operation in which the mesh access points can be centrally configured from the wireless controller. Local bridging of mesh traffic enables the mesh network to remain fully operational even if connectivity to the wireless controller is lost.

WIRELESS IPS SENSOR

The Brocade Mobility 5181 integrates with the AirDefense® Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) for Brocade Mobility sensor firmware, enabling organizations to deploy the access points with one radio configured for WLAN coverage and the second radio configured as a sensor for 24×7 compliance monitoring, rogue detection and termination, and troubleshooting. Dedicating a radio for this sensor helps ensure the highest level of security. The integrated sensor also eliminates the need for dedicated sensor hardware and associated cabling, thereby reducing the overall deployment cost.

SERVICES FOR AN END-TO-END SOLUTION

Brocade Global Services offers comprehensive customer support for Brocade enterprise wireless LAN products, including hardware and 24×7 software support, along with software updates and new releases.

MAXIMIZING INVESTMENTS

To help optimize technology investments, Brocade and its partners offer complete solutions that include education, support, and services. For more information, contact a Brocade sales partner or visit www.brocade.com.

BROCADE MOBILITY 5181 SPECIFICATIONS

Physical characteristics				
Dimensions	12 in. L × 8.2 in. W × 3.55 in. H (305 mm × 210 mm × 89 mm)			
Weight	5.50 lbs. (2.50 kg)			
Housing	Die-cast aluminum alloy; NEMA 4X-modified; IP56			
Available mounting configurations	Pole and wall mounting kit; protective heavy weather mounting kit; light pole power transformer kit			
Plenum-rated	No			
LED indicators	Two ports (WAN, LAN) auto-sensing 10/100 Base-T Ethernet			
Environmental				
Temperature	Operating: -22°F to 131°F (-30°C to 55°C) Non-operating: -40°F to 185°F (-40°C to 85°C)			
Operating humidity	5% to 95% (without condensation)			
Altitude	Operating: 8000 ft. (2438 m) Non-operating: 15,000 ft. (4572 m)			
Electrostatic discharge	IEEE 61000-4-2, 20kV air, 8kV contact			
Weather rating	IP56 weather-tight, NEMA 4X (see Housing)			
Wind survivability	Greater than 170 mph, 148 knots (without antenna)			
Wind loading (165 mph)	Less than 60 lbs., 267 Newtons (without antenna)			
Shock and vibration	MIL-STD-810F method 514 procedure 1			
Transportation/cargo	ASTM D775-80 D4169 level 3			
Power specifications	·			
Operating voltage	48VDC			
Operating current	280mA			
Integrated Power over Ethernet (PoE)	802.3af mid-span on LAN Port			

Radio specifications				
Wireless medium	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) and Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM)			
Network standards	802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, 802.3			
Data rates supported	1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54 Mbps			
Operating channels	Channels 36 to 165 (5180 to 5825 MHz); channels 1 to 13 (2412 to 2472 MHz)			
	Actual operating frequencies depend on regulatory rules and certification agency			
Operating bands	FCC	EU 2.400 to 2.4835 GHz 5.150 to 5.250 GHz1*		
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	* Indoor use only			
Receiver sensitivity	Radio .11a (dBm) 10% PER for 1000 bytes IEEE 802.11a sect 17.3.10.1 (min.) and 17.3.10.4 (max.)	6 Mbps 9 Mbps 12 Mbps 18 Mbps 24 Mbps 36 Mbps 48 Mbps 54 Mbps	-91 -89 -87 -83 -81 -78 -74	
	Radio .11g (dBm) 10% PER for 1000 bytes IEEE 802.11g sect 19.5.1 (min.) and 19.5.3 (max.)	6 Mbps 9 Mbps 12 Mbps 18 Mbps 24 Mbps 36 Mbps 48 Mbps 54 Mbps	-89 -88 -85 -82 -80 -77 -72 -70	
	Radio .11a (dBm) 8% PER for 1024 bytes	11 Mbps 5.5 Mbps 2 Mbps 1 Mbps	-84 -88 -90 -94	
Available transmit power settings	4-20 dBm			
Antenna protection	Transient IEEE 61000-4-4, level 4, EFT; Surge IEEE 61000-4-5 Class 5, 1.2x50uS, and 8x20uS Waveform			
Regulatory				
Standards compliance	802.11a/b/g, 802.11i, WPA2, WMM, UAPSD			
Product certifications	UL/cUL 60950-1, IEC/EN60950-1			
Radio approvals	FCC (USA), Industry Canada, CE (Europe)			
Hazardous safety rating				
Class 1, Div 2 (Groups A, B, C, and D)				
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