Deploying Guest Wireless Access Meraki Wireless LAN Solution

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Webinar Overview

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Free AP giveaway details
- 3. Guest WiFi motivations and considerations
- 4. Deployment strategies
- 5. Meraki's solution
- 6. Q&A



Introduction

Moderators

- Jed Lau- Product Manager
- Amy Zhou- Marketing Manager
- Kiren Sekar- Product Marketing Manager

Attendees

- Over 1000 registrations!
- Please submit questions via text-chat
- Questions will be answered at end of presentation



Introduction (cont)

- Meraki builds cloud-managed wireless access points for small-medium enterprises
- Over 13,000 customers worldwide
- #1 complaint of prospective customers is lack of guest wireless



Free AP Details

- Meraki Indoor (802.11 b/g) access point, 3-year Enterprise Cloud Controller license
 - Must attend webinar in its entirety
- Can be used to provide guest access in a conference room, lobby, etc.
- Interested in 802.11n APs?
 - Free trials available
 - email sales@meraki.com





Why Provide Guest Wireless Access?

Happier guests







Higher productivity

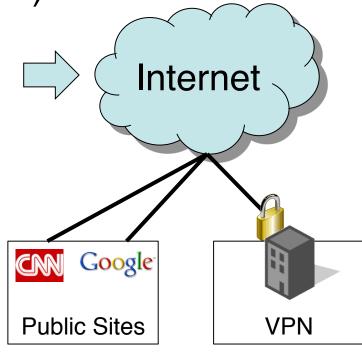


What Is a Guest Wireless Network?



Guest Wireless Network (SSID)

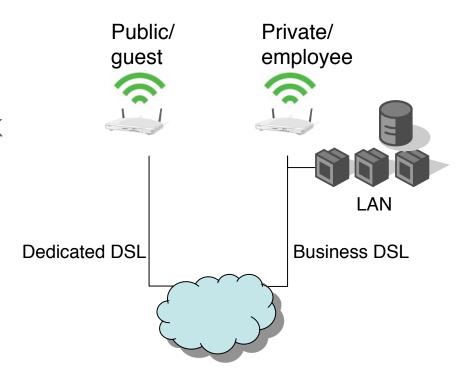






First Generation Guest Access

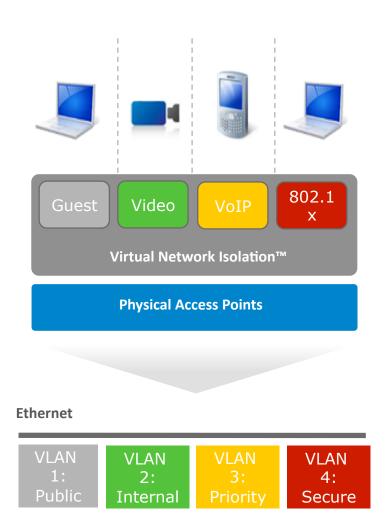
- 2 sets of access points
- Public/guest network
- Private/employee network
- Possibly 2 Internet connections
- Drawbacks:
- More complex to manage
- More expensive





Second Generation Guest Access

- 1 physical set of APs
- APs broadcast multiple SSIDs (isolated virtual networks)
- A single shared wired infrastructure
- Benefits:
- Less hardware
- Easier to manage





3-Step Wireless Guest Management



1. Configure a guest SSID



2. Manage guest accounts



3. Monitor guest usage



Option #1: Open Network

No encryption, no authentication



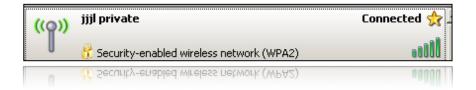
- Pro:
- Easy for guests to connect

- Con:
- Hard to keep unwanted users off
- Vulnerable to abuse (objectionable content, launching viruses, etc.)



Option #2: Pre-Shared Key (PSK)

WEP or WPA2-PSK (WPA2-Personal)



Pro:

 Easy for guests to configure

Con:

- Key can be easily shared with unwanted users
- Key rotation applies to everyone
- WEP can be cracked (WPA2-PSK is recommended instead)



Option #3: Username/Password Login

Display a splash page that asks for username/ password credentials



Pro:

- Guest credentials can be easily distributed
- Simultaneous access can be configured
- Entering username discourages abuse

Some wireless devices can't display a splash page



Other Features on the Guest SSID

- LAN isolation:
- NAT mode with LAN isolation
- Bridge mode with VLAN tagging
- Content filtering
- Customizable splash page to display AUP
- Bandwidth limiting







3-Step Wireless Guest Management



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Managing Guest Accounts

Options:

- 1. Don't (open network)
- 3. Rotate a pre-shared key (PSK network)
- 4. Configure guest accounts in an authentication server (splash page login via username/password)
 - a. On-premise authentication server (e.g., Active Directory, RADIUS)
 - b. Meraki-hosted authentication server







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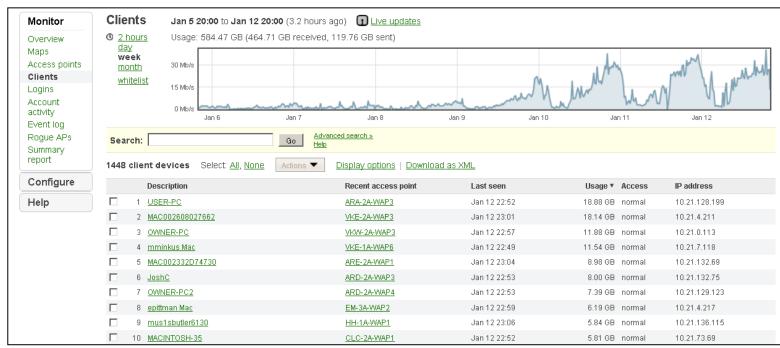
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Monitoring Guest Usage

Operations:

- See guest usage
- Troubleshoot guests with connectivity issues
- Block unwelcome guests









Guest Management with Meraki



1. Configure a guest SSID

Meraki Features

16 SSIDs in 802.11n networks

Encryption:

- •WEP
- •WPA2-Personal
- •WPA2-Enterprise

LAN isolation:

- •NAT mode / LAN isolation
- •Bridge mode / VLAN tagging

Content filtering

Bandwidth throttling



2. Manage guest accounts

Meraki Features

- •Authentication server: Meraki-hosted
- •On-premise Active Directory/RADIUS

Authentication:

- Splash page login
- •802.1x

Administrator privilege levels



3. Monitor guest usage

Meraki Features

Live monitoring of usage data

Detailed client information

Google-like search capabilities

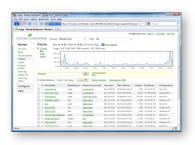
Extensive event logging

Dynamic user blocking





802.11n Access Points with secure Guest and Employee Access



Intuitive Centralized Management



Instant install, automatic updates and real-time support from the cloud

"The first enterprise wireless LAN you can get running in 15 minutes"

As featured in:





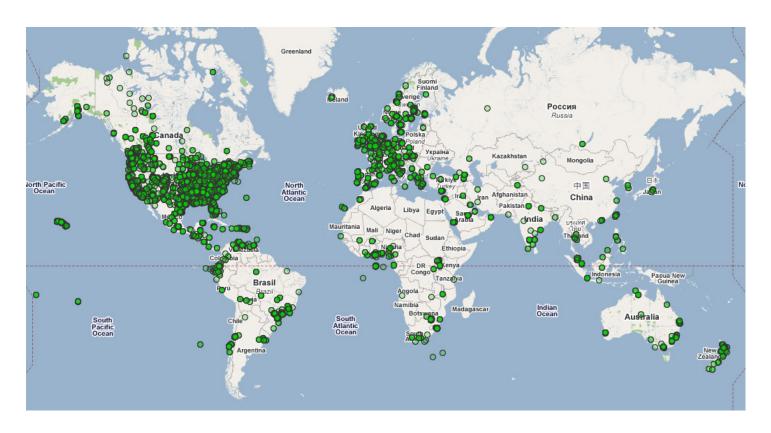


























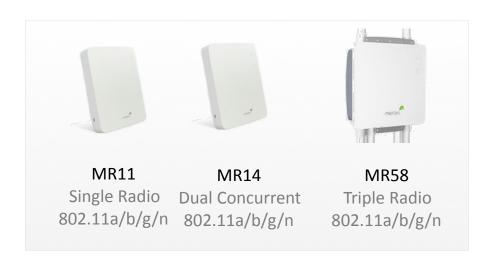




13,000+ customers and millions of users



802.11n Access Point Family





Included at no additional cost with hardware

- Top of the line, self-configuring 802.11n APs with Gigabit PoE
- Built-in access control and Quality of Service (QoS) for secure employee access and firewalled guest access
- Enterprise class CPU serves dozens to hundreds of users



Q & A





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Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010 @11am PST

Upgrading to 802.11n
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- Product details
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- Cost comparison tools

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