Riverbed aims to boost its SteelConnect SD-WAN offering as it acquires cloud-enabled wifi network provider Xirrus for an undisclosed sum.



The acquisition, Riverbed says, provides customers and partners with unified connectivity and policy-based orchestration spanning the entire distributed network, be it WAN, LAN/WLAN, datacentre and the cloud. In addition, Xirrus products will remain available as standalone enterprise WLAN solutions.

Xirrus technology promises consistent "wired-like" performance through the combination of high-density access points, access points and cloud services. On the other hand SteelConnect is a differentiated SD-WAN solution with centralised management spanning the entire network fabric with policy-based orchestration and one-click connectivity to AWS and Microsoft Azure.

“Xirrus is a strategic acquisition for Riverbed, providing us with a leading enterprise-grade Wi-Fi solution, and enhancing SteelConnect to deliver an unmatched SD-WAN offering that will help further fuel our growth in this hot market,” the company adds. “In today’s digital, cloud, and mobile world, enterprise networks are more complex and unpredictable than ever before and IT is struggling to manage all of this. A fundamental rethink to networking is required and with this acquisition, Riverbed and our partners are uniquely positioned to provide CIOs and businesses with a software-defined networking approach that delivers unified connectivity and orchestration across the entire network.”

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