Cisco Goes for Wireless Control

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Cisco launches the Flex 7500 Series Wireless Controller, saying it allows network managers to manage a number of branch office WLANs without the need for a controller at each site-- reducing the number of controllers needed.

The appliance handles up to 2000 access points across distributed sites, as well as local authentication and fast roaming. In the case of WAN failure, it authenticates on a local RADIUS server, keeping wireless clients connected.

Features include layer 2 mobility, secure guest access and rogue access point detection (facilitating PCI compliance).

It also carries CleanAir technology, which Cisco says is the industry's only self-healing and self-optimising wireless network for branches.

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