



Aruba Wireless

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WHAT IS MOST VALUABLE?

For me, its security features are the most valuable, helping us to reduce a lot of complications. For example, there are security code issues we have to address when enterprise users bring their own iPads, iPhones, notebooks, or any mobile device, and they want to access our network. They may need to access our network resources, but there can be complications because they are our enterprise users or guests with unique user names, passwords, etc. Aruba is able to address those complications by providing the security for that network access.

HOW HAS IT HELPED MY ORGANIZATION?

I work as an IT infrastructure manager. WiFi is in our scope of responsibilities, so we prepare the implementation projects for the general areas and for our enterprise users.

We asked for tenders from Aruba, Cisco, and Meru Networks. At the end of the day we decided, or rather I decided, on Aruba because of its security features. We performed a lot of tests to reduce the number of certificates needed, the access point requirements, IPS features, spectrum analyses, etc. After that, we decided that Aruba would be best for us.

We have been using it for two years and we are very, very satisfied with the features because there are no security problems. We continued using Aruba, not just with that project, but for different projects in other companies.

For other projects, we ask for tenders, and if HP wins, Aruba will also win because we will not buy separate WiFi solutions. We will buy solutions under the local area network site. We combine the solutions because we believe that if you are using wired

and wireless networks, the one utilizing UNIX systems should be the deciding factor. At the same time we want a program with NOC solutions, BYOD, MDM, and ATM location services. We want all that to work together in our program designs.

WHAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?

Sometimes there's some small problems, but this is the nature of technology.

WHAT WAS MY EXPERIENCE WITH DEPLOYMENT OF THE SOLUTION?

We've not had any issues with deployment.

WHAT DO I THINK ABOUT THE STABILITY OF THE SOLUTION?

In our two years of use, there haven't been any big problems.

WHAT DO I THINK ABOUT THE SCALABILITY OF THE SOLUTION?

We've had some scalability issues because of the way we're scaling our hardware base. For example, we started with 64 access points although our controller supports only 6 core access points. We've scaled incrementally, though, as we then went to 128 and then to 200, whereas our competitors start high.

WHICH SOLUTION DID I USE PREVIOUSLY AND WHY DID I SWITCH?

Out of the box, we had 1000 access points licensed, but that amount depends on your own license. If you buy 120, you can support 120. There's no change to the control site up to 1000 licenses. Compared to Cisco in this regard, Aruba is not as flexible.

HOW WAS THE INITIAL SETUP?

The initial setup was not complex. There's a CLI, much like Cisco. Aruba's certification is also very similar to Cisco's, which is not very difficult.

WHAT ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM?

I implemented it myself.

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