Network Monitoring Inside vs Outside

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Definition for this presentation

Network Monitoring from 'Inside'

- Within/inside WLAN/Network infrastructure
- 'as is' usually integrated



Network Monitoring from 'Outside'

- External network monitoring sensor
- Active sensor
- Not just a 'log collector'





Many issues go undetected until end-users complain Many issues are transient, anecdotal, or difficult to replicate Existing tools may be ineffective, and lack end-user awareness







Monitoring via infrastructure

Usually 'part of the package'. But 'free' ?

Limited in scope -> Few customizations

Computational cost

Designed to monitor network functions Primary focus on troubleshooting

Perceived as 'not independent'

Monitoring via external sensor network

Purpose-Built Sensors



UXI* Sensor

- Identical hardware
- Identical software
- Identical behavior
- Enduser hardware indenpendant

Software agent e.g. for Zebra



* UXI= Aruba User Experience Insight



• Identical software

- Software behavior identical
- Enduser hardware dependant
 - Business critical, specialized hardware performance

Aruba User Experience Insight

Vendor Agnostic



- Logs into captive portal
- Historical information

- Root cause analytics
- Integration to your NOC
- Stream to reporting tools •



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The continuous 24/7 Sensor Test Cycle

- Tests networks in round robin fashion
- The sensor tests whichever BSSID is "best", based on the perceived quality according to the wpa supplicant on the sensor not necessarily the best RSSI.
- 4 networks 1 wireless and 3 ethernet or any mix
- Tests such as YouTube, Dropbox, Netflix and iPerf can be configured to run at predefined frequencies. During the sensor test cycle, the sensor will determine if it has to run these tests based on how long it has been since the last time these tests were executed.



Wi-Fi Visualization

Get a better understanding of Wi-Fi network performance

Displays the Wi-Fi environment around the sensor from a periodic AP scan..

The results include:

- SSIDs
- BSSIDs
- RSSI
- Channel
- Band
- Width
- AP Name (If AP name advertised in beacon frame)

Benefits

Helping you visualize your channel plan and see areas free, with channel overlap or with channel interference.



<u>Learn more</u> – help article

Non-technical benefits

Being able to validate user complaints

Historical data over all sensors

independent automatic documentation

Pro-active failure remediation

Faster time to resolve

Behavioral changes

Complaints can be more specific and/or reduced



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