

SOLUTION OVERVIEW

Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN Edge Platform

Build High-Performance Managed SD-WAN Services

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CHALLENGES WITH LEGACY WANS

Significant shifts in application and traffic patterns, including the increased use of cloud services, are driving the need for enterprises to reevaluate networking requirements for branch offices. This includes a desire of enterprises to use broadband connectivity to easily connect users in branch offices to cloud-based applications.

As enterprises seek more flexible and cost-effective alternatives for incorporating broadband wide area network (WAN) services, the requirement for high performance extends from data center-hosted applications to branch networks where the integration of SaaS, IaaS, and other cloud services are a key part of a digital transformation strategy.

WHY SD-WAN?

The software-defined WAN (SD-WAN) is a solution that addresses requirements for a simpler, faster and lower cost WAN. SD-WANs allow enterprises to use multiple types of transport (MPLS, broadband, 3G or 4G) simultaneously to improve application performance and business productivity.

Additionally, an SD-WAN delivers the flexibility to securely connect to cloud services and also provide high availability.

But, with flexibility often comes complexity. To avoid this, enterprises are turning to service providers as a trusted advisor for turnkey managed SD-WAN services.

THE MANAGED SD-WAN SERVICES OPPORTUNITY

Service providers are aggressively looking to respond to enterprise demands for greater WAN service agility and flexibility.

Managed SD-WAN services represent a new opportunity for service providers to expand global market share in a \$100B* market for managed network and cloud services. SD-WAN



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services can underpin new innovative application-centric services to enable new sources of revenue and expand the on-net and off-net market footprint for service providers.

SERVICE PROVIDER CHALLENGES

- Rapidly evolve the network to fully support the accelerating migration of applications to the cloud
- Speed time-to-market for new managed services
- Create tiered, differentiated managed SD-WAN services
- Expand service offerings to out-of-region sites and to new customer segments
- Drive improvements in customer satisfaction and retention by meeting SLAs without full control of the customer's environment—network, transport connectivity, power, fiber cuts and more
- Reduce provisioning cycles and in-service upgrades

BENEFITS OF MANAGED SD-WAN SERVICES

- Performance-based SLAs over any combination of WAN transport services
- Tiered, differentiated SD-WAN services that support mission critical, high priority, and low priority voice, video, data or cloud applications
- Optimized SaaS and IaaS applications from on-net and off-net branch sites
- New value-added application visibility, analytics services
- Integrated WAN optimization services

* 2020 IDC Managed Services Forecast



ARUBA SERVICE PROVIDER SD-WAN SOLUTION

The Aruba EdgeConnect is a complete, high-performance SD-WAN platform that powers a self-driving WAN for cloud-first enterprises. It enables service providers to bring new, differentiated, managed SD-WAN services to market quickly and cost effectively to drive new revenue streams, expand market reach and deliver SLAs in and out-of-region.

The Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN platform consists of Aruba EdgeConnect™ zero-touch physical and virtual appliances, and a multi-tenant orchestrator, Aruba Orchestrator^{SP}, to streamline service management for thousands of customers. Optional Aruba Boost™ WAN optimization software may be added to EdgeConnect, creating a fully integrated value-add, or higher tier service.

EDGECONNECT ADVANTAGES

Service provider benefits of the Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN platform include:

- **High Performance** – Enable SLAs over multiple diverse WAN transports for in and out of region
- **Fast** – Deliver services to customers in hours/days with virtual overlay deployments, fully compatible with their existing WAN infrastructure
- **Scalable** – Centralize orchestration and Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP) for thousands of customers
- **Extensible** – Interface via REST APIs to third party orchestration, cloud security, Public cloud services and OSS/BSS
- **Service Agility** – Drive rapid service creation and flexible service chaining

KEY CAPABILITIES

The EdgeConnect platform includes several key Aruba SD-WAN performance innovations that ensure highest levels of application performance and QoS over any transport that uniquely enable service providers to deliver SLAs over any combination of two or more WAN transport services. Further more, traffic segmentation via virtual overlays enforces security in accordance with business intent.

TUNNEL BONDING

Tunnel bonding creates multiple logical overlays from two or more diverse physical WAN connections. Each overlay can support load sharing for higher performance and higher availability. If a WAN link fails, the remaining link(s) can transport all of the important applications without interruption. In the event of an outage or brownout, the SD-WAN service automatically switches over to a secondary connection in under a second, without application interruption.

PATH CONDITIONING

Forward Error Correction (FEC) and Packet Order Correction (POC) techniques improve performance and overcome the adverse effects of dropped and out-of-order packets that are common with broadband internet, LTE and MPLS connections. Path Conditioning provides private-line-like performance over public internet services without TCP re-transmissions.

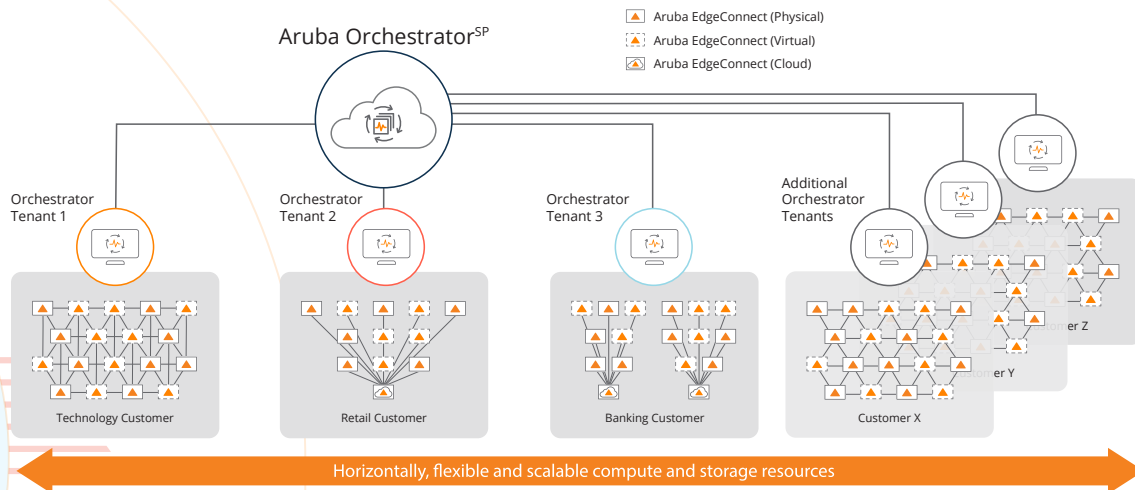


Figure 1: The Aruba EdgeConnect^{SP} SD-WAN platform includes physical or virtual appliances, an optional WAN optimization performance pack, Aruba Boost, and the multi-tenant Orchestrator global management system.



Figure 2: The Aruba EdgeConnect LiveView window displays the benefits of combining tunnel bonding, Path Conditioning and business intent overlays to deliver an uninterrupted video stream shown in solid green, despite the packet loss (orange) shown in the underlying MPLS and internet links.

APPLICATION, VISIBILITY & CONTROL (AVC): FIRST-PACKET IQ

Aruba's AVC identifies tens of thousands of applications, IP addresses, and web domains which can be used to direct (or block) entry to a given business overlay or port. First-packet iQ™ enables granular and secure local internet breakout, connecting branch and remote users directly to SaaS and IaaS instances. This unique capability maps application flows to the correct overlay or directly to the Internet to ensure the highest levels of application performance.

ARUBA BOOST (OPTIONAL WAN OPTIMIZATION)

An optional WAN optimization performance pack, Aruba Boost offers additional, tiered differentiated services with a single integrated solution that incorporates service chaining.

- Aruba application acceleration and latency mitigation features improve response times for latency-sensitive applications over distance.
- Aruba data compression and deduplication technologies address limited bandwidth through advanced fingerprinting algorithms to examine all incoming and outgoing WAN traffic which eliminates the transmission of redundant data.

EDGECONNECT PLATFORM

The solution provides flexibility for service providers to map individual or groups of applications to specific business overlays that can be customized for each enterprise. With this overlay model, service providers can migrate customers to an SD-WAN at their own pace while continuing to offer tiered managed MPLS VPN and private cloud connectivity services.

The EdgeConnect platform enables service providers to expand revenues for WAN deployments that are both on-net and off-net, and extend new SaaS cloud connectivity services for business applications from any type of WAN transport.

Service providers can also define and offer tiered managed SD-WAN services that include a range of performance, latency and availability policies. For example, different service tiers might be offered based on the type of application and whether it is best effort, mission critical, high or medium priority.

The Aruba Boost optional WAN optimization software performance pack provides even more possibilities for tiered, differentiated services.



DIFFERENTIATED MANAGED SD-WAN SERVICES

Tiered, differentiated managed SD-WAN services can be easily created using the EdgeConnect SD-WAN platform. For example, a managed SD-WAN service may complement a similar managed MPLS VPN service with four tiers of service (platinum, gold, silver & bronze). A platinum service may include the highest levels of performance and network availability, four levels of QoS, WAN optimization for all mission critical applications and optimized latency for any real-time voice or video applications.

Figure 3 shows how using Aruba's Business Intent Overlay (BIO) enables service providers to easily group sets of applications such as Guest Wi-Fi and web browsing into an overlay that can have a different SLA or tier of service. For example, a mission-critical VoIP application that requires high availability SLA can be offered over any network transport as shown via a real-time overlay policy.

Business intent overlays separate the functions of the network from the physical components of the network. Much like server virtualization converted physical servers to software instances, business intent overlays virtualize the network to increase scale, function and flexibility. Business intent overlays make it possible to create tiered, managed services for a wide variety of applications and customer policies.

SUMMARY

Service Providers that deploy the flexible and scalable EdgeConnect platform can quickly and cost-effectively bring new and differentiated, tiered managed SD-WAN services to market and deliver performance-based SLAs in- and out-of-region. The result: expanded market reach and new revenue streams.

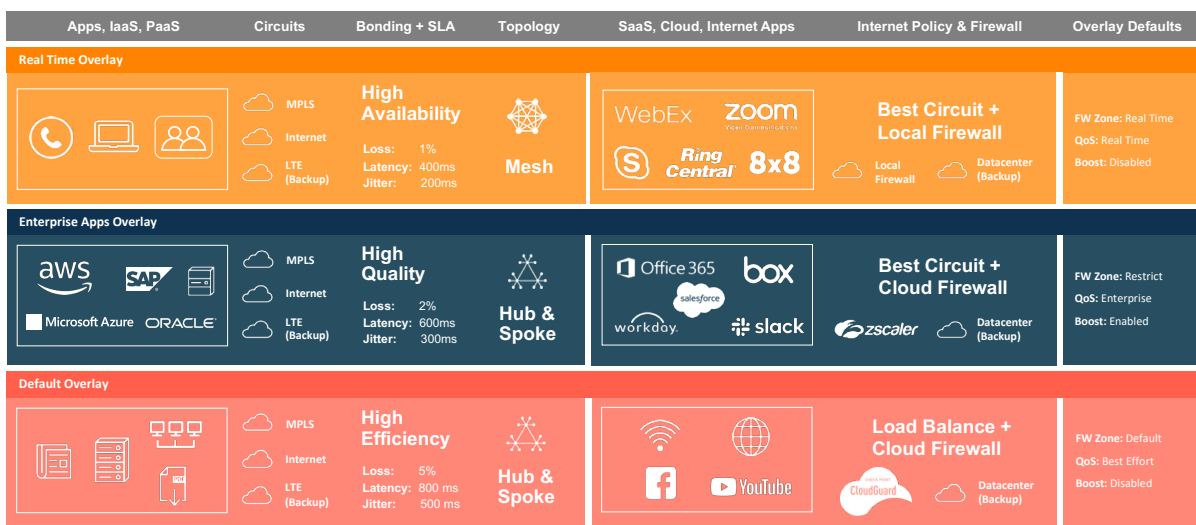


Figure 3: SD-WAN Business Intent Overlay