

## SOLUTION BRIEF

# ARUBA CAMPUS SWITCHING SOLUTION

The foundation of the modern digital workplace

The surge in IoT devices and the increased speed of doing business on mobile are leading us to the question — is the network infrastructure ready? Legacy network infrastructures were designed before mobility and IoT became prevalent. Today's campus network needs to ensure that connectivity, security and smart network management complement each other so that all of these devices can securely connect. And although most users will connect via wireless, the increase in network density requirements and the need for IoT devices to connect via wired means that the wired infrastructure is just as critical.

Aruba's campus switching portfolio spans the access layer to the core and creates the foundation of the new digital workplace. Aruba's switches integrate seamlessly with the wireless network as well as with Aruba's industry-leading security and network management solutions.

## CURRENT BUSINESS LANDSCAPE

### Network traffic is increasing

The shift to digital has disrupted every piece of the network from the edge to the core. As the mobile workforce uses video, voice, and cloud applications to better collaborate, the amount of data crossing the campus network and being aggregated at the core is increasing exponentially.

### IoT means more device types

In addition to mobility, the increase in the number of IoT/headless devices connecting to the campus has resulted in an avalanche of data pouring through the core of the network. By 2020, there will be 20 billion IoT devices connected to enterprise networks. (Source: Gartner)

### The network is business critical—from the edge to the core

From the LOB or CIO's standpoint, it's not an option for the network to go down, or for it to not be running optimally. And the network must be secure—the company's reputation is on the line.

## KEY BENEFITS

- **Unified wired and wireless** – Aruba's wired and wireless solutions are designed to integrate seamlessly for simple deployment, provisioning and management. Save time with Zero Touch Provisioning and switch autoconfig for VLAN, PoE priority, and CoS with Aruba APs.
- **Layered security from edge to core** – Robust security to protect your network and devices. Unique Aruba ClearPass support for Captive Portal and User Role, Tunnel Node for secure switch to Aruba controller traffic policy enforcement and services, private VLANs, 802.1X, Web and MAC authentication, ACLs, virus throttling and dynamic SDN Network Protector App.
- **Scale and performance for mobility and IoT** – Industry leading performance, scalability and resiliency deliver high performance wireless aggregation for a superb user experience. Better throughput and wire speed of 40GbE/100GbE uplinks means no traffic bottlenecks. High density PoE+ and HPE Smart Rate multi-gigabit Ethernet provide plenty of PoE+ for access points and IoT devices.
- **Flexible management** – Choice of on-prem Aruba AirWave and cloud-based Aruba Central streamline support of Aruba wired and WLAN devices, whether it's a large campus or small remote branch.
- **Investment protection** – No software licensing required. No keeping track of complex licenses or licenses for features like stacking. Industry leading warranty includes lifetime phone support with NBD replacement shipments. Energy efficiency saves power and ProVision ASIC programmability adds feature enhancements with quick, no cost OS updates.

## IT AND BUSINESS CHALLENGES

### Increasing traffic means bottlenecks

There's a pressing need for organizations to maximize throughput across the network, but it will take more than adding traditional boxes.

### Increasing device types means security vulnerabilities

IT needs visibility into what's on the network and they need to be able to segment traffic, automatically, for a greater number of device types.

### While complexity has increased, IT resources are flat or shrinking

Essentially, IT must do more with less. More troubleshooting, more remediation, more everything. How can they scale given that network complexity has increased.

## ARUBA'S SWITCHING SOLUTION

Aruba's entire portfolio is designed to meet the challenges of the mobile-cloud and IoT era where visibility, automation, and security have become table stakes for survival. Aruba's modern, programmable switches easily integrate with our industry leading network management solutions, either cloud-based Aruba Central or on-prem with Aruba AirWave. These switches come with built-in security features designed for mobile and IoT and integrate with Aruba ClearPass for advanced policy management.

### Aruba core switches—game-changing innovation

The core has seen very little innovation in the past few decades and the disruptive storm of mobility and IoT is necessitating a change in status quo.

### The Aruba 8400 core and aggregation switch

This game-changing solution offers a flexible and innovative approach to dealing with the new application, security and scalability demands of the mobile-cloud and IoT era. The 8400 switch combines a modern, fully programmable OS with carrier-grade hardware and incorporates an industry-first Network Analytics Engine to monitor and troubleshoot network, system, application and security related issues easily. By enabling faster automation and network insights, the operating system reduces the time spent on manual tasks and addresses current and future demands driven by mobility and IoT. [Learn more.](#)

### Aruba access switches—high performance, secure connectivity

Aruba's access switches provide an integrated wireless-wired foundation with scalability, security and high performance for campus networks. Programmable Aruba ProVision ASICs and ArubaOS-Switch software enable fast wireless aggregation and simplicity with unified role-based access across wireless and wired networks using the ability to identify and assign roles to users and IoT devices to prioritize business critical applications while securing the network.

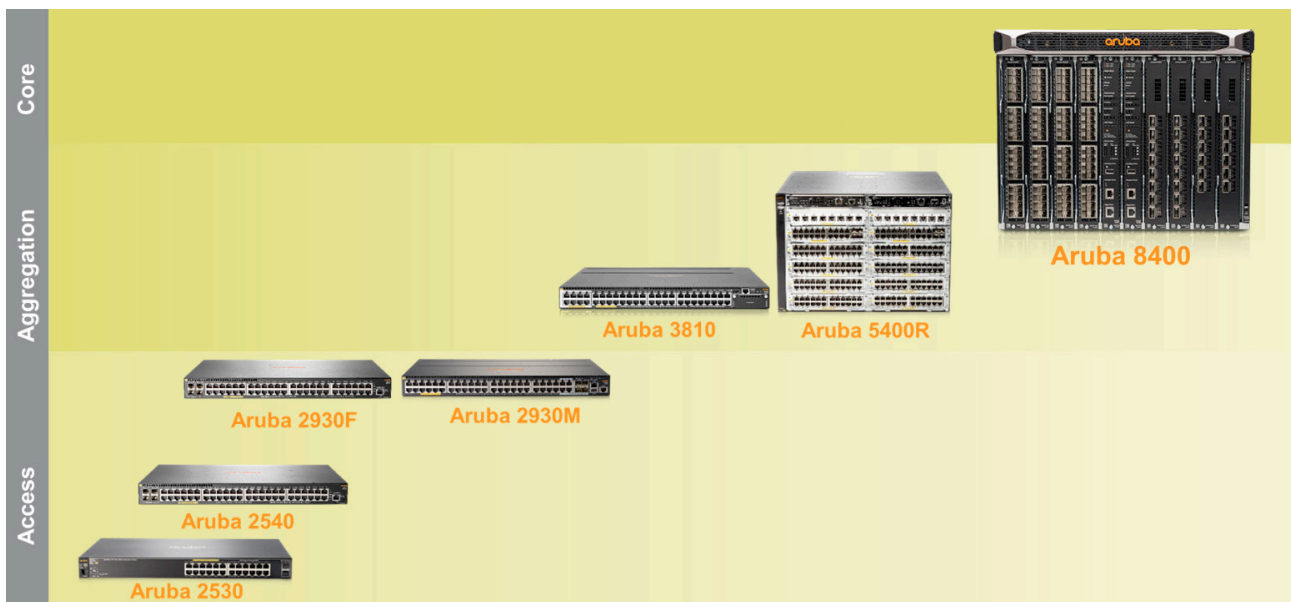


Figure 1: Aruba's campus switching portfolio, from access to core

Aruba's Layer 3 switches are also capable of leveraging user and port-based traffic tunneling to a Mobility Controller so that policies can be applied, advanced services can be extended to users and IoT devices, and traffic can be encrypted to secure the network.

**Aruba 2530 Switch Series** – A cost-effective, reliable and secure Layer 2 access switching solution that delivers entry-level features for small-to-midsize businesses.

**Aruba 2540 Switch Series** – A robust and easy to deploy Layer 2+ access switching solution that offers enhanced security and 10GbE uplinks, RIP and static routing, and flexible management.

**Aruba 2930F Switch Series** – High performance and cost-effective Layer 3 access switching solution with virtual stacking (VSF) for increased performance and redundancy to support the mobile campus. The series offers built-in 1GbE or 10GbE uplinks, Access OSPF, static and RIP routing, Tunnel Node, IPv6, ACLs, sFlow and OpenFlow support for innovative SDN applications.

**Aruba 2930M Switch Series** – High performance and scalable Layer 3 access switching solution with modular power (up to 1440W), modular uplinks (10GbE, 40GbE and HPE Smart Rate) and modular stacking for high performance and resiliency. The series offers Access OSPF, static and RIP routing, Tunnel Node, IPv6, ACLs, sFlow and OpenFlow support for innovative SDN applications.

**Aruba 3810 Switch Series** – A powerful advanced Layer 3 switching solution with backplane stacking, low latency and resiliency. Supports HPE Smart Rate multi-gigabit Ethernet, virtualization with resilient backplane stacking technology, full PoE+ over 48 ports, OpenFlow and line rate 40GbE for plenty of back haul capacity. The advanced Layer 2 and 3 feature set includes OSPF, IPv6, IPv4 BGP, Tunnel Node, robust QoS and policy-based routing with no software licensing required.

**Aruba 5400R Switch Series** – A scalable and versatile modular advanced Layer 3 aggregation and core switching solution with Virtual (VSF) stacking, low latency and enterprise-class resiliency. Supports HPE Smart Rate multi-gigabit Ethernet, full PoE+ up to 288 ports, Fast Software Upgrades, OpenFlow and line rate 40GbE for plenty of back haul capacity. The advanced Layer 2 and 3 feature set includes OSPF, IPv6, IPv4 BGP, Tunnel Node, robust QoS and policy-based routing with no software licensing required.

### TO LEARN MORE

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