

Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine

An appliance-based platform that enables industry mobility solutions using a centralized, services engine with an open API for scalable mobility applications development



Product Overview

The Cisco® 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine is an open platform that provides a new approach for the delivery of mobility services to enable mobile business applications. A combination of hardware and software, the Mobility Services Engine is an appliance-based solution that supports a suite of software services to provide centralized and scalable service delivery. The Mobility Services Engine transforms the wireless LAN into a mobility network by abstracting the application layer from the network layer, effectively allowing for the delivery of mobile applications across different types of networks, including Wi-Fi, Ethernet, cellular, WiMAX and RFID.

To deliver true business mobility, IT must take a practical approach focused on unifying networks, managing the wave of mobile devices, and enabling mobile application development. The Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine is at the heart of this mobility architecture evolution. It provides an open API that allows a broader ecosystem of partners to access network intelligence to develop industry relevant mobility solutions. The Mobility Services Engine is an extension of the Cisco Unified Wireless Network, and integrates with Cisco Unified Communications and Cisco compatible devices to deliver a comprehensive approach to business mobility—an approach that extends applications to the right device at the right time, no matter which network is being used.

Mobility Services Architecture

Cisco Mobility Services are a set of value-added network services that consolidate intelligence from various points in the network to enable and optimize the delivery of business mobility applications. This intelligence has typically been highly distributed throughout the network, resulting in complex service provisioning and management. The combination of services, control, and data planes into a single platform adds complexity and limits the network's ability to adapt to new services while maintaining consistent performance. As businesses start to design their networks to natively support mobility, combining services, control and data planes into a single platform becomes a limiting factor in the flexibility and scale the network can provide to support mobile applications.

The answer lies in a centralized services architecture. While still critical to the ability of networks to provide the intelligence for optimal mobile application performance, mobility services should be abstracted from the control and data planes in order to be centralized into services engine. This centralization of services offers several benefits, including scalability and improved provisioning and management. Additionally, a centralized services architecture removes the direct linkage between service and network, allowing services to extend across a variety of networks, including Wi-Fi, Ethernet, WiMAX, and cellular.

Increasingly, the mobility network must be able to support a multitude of applications. The true value of mobility services is delivered via their ability to enhance application performance by providing real-time information from the network and related applications. This cross-pollination of network and application intelligence has a synergistic effect, augmenting the richness and breadth of the types of mobility solutions that can be delivered. At the same time, a critical component of services delivery is helping to ensure that third-party applications have a standard interface by which they can access this network and application intelligence. The Cisco Mobility Services Engine supports an open API based on Simple Object Access Protocol/Extensible Markup Language (SOAP/XML), which provides northbound access to these services to an ecosystem of mobility application partners. With service intelligence centralized from the control network into the Mobility Services Engine, IT can open access to the API without concern about disruption to the underlying production network.

Mobility Services Availability

The Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine is a combination of hardware and software infrastructure that supports a suite of mobility services programs. Designed as an open platform, the Mobility Services Engine supports mobility services software in a modular fashion, with various configuration options based on network topology and the types of services required. The true value of the Mobility Services Engine is delivered through the various mobility services applications. Cisco supports existing and future software including:

- **Context-Aware software:** These programs capture and integrate into business processes detailed contextual information about such things as location, temperature, availability and applications used. Context-aware applications feature a wide range of location options, including real-time location, presence detection, chokepoint visibility, and telemetry. Support for enhanced received signal strength indication (RSSI) and time difference of arrival (TDoA) technology delivers greater scale accuracy and performance for a broad range of environments.
- **Adaptive Wireless Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) software** provides visibility and comprehensive threat prevention for the mobility network through monitoring, alerts, classifying, and remediation of wireless and wired network vulnerabilities.
- **Mobile Intelligent Roaming software** delivers seamless mobile device roaming between cellular and Wi-Fi networks based on real-time location information. This open system is designed to enable seamless handoff across a wide range of partner IP-PBX solution vendors, mobile device manufacturers, and overlay third-parties.
- **Secure Client Manager software** delivers centralized provisioning, security, and management of an increasingly diverse number of devices via the Cisco Secure Services Client 802.1X solution, and by integrating with third-party device management solutions.

These services represent the initial suite of software supported on the Cisco Mobility Services Engine. Cisco will deliver additional software services in the future. The Cisco Mobility Services Engine, in conjunction with the services provided, increases productivity and improves return on investment.

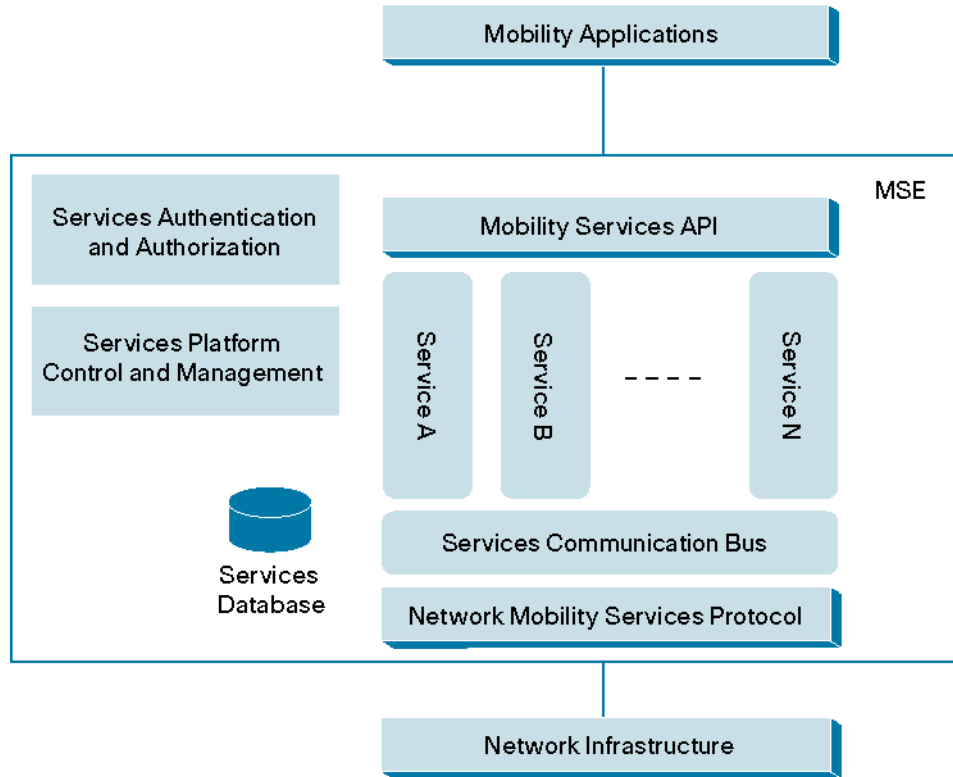
Product Architecture

The Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine provides the following architectural elements:

- A common API framework
- A common management plane for services design, deployment, and operation (monitoring, reporting, and troubleshooting)
 - Management of services provided by the Cisco Wireless Control System (WCS)
- Scalable infrastructure to support the instantiation of additional services
 - Architecture allows services to span across multiple engines to facilitate flexibility in deployment
- Loose coupling among services
 - Facilitates easy integration into framework (plug and play)
 - Message Based Collaboration-Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) model
 - Individual services can be managed independently without affecting others
- Integrated with the Cisco Unified Wireless Network

Figure 1 shows the Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine architecture.

Figure 1. The Mobility Services Engine Architecture



Features and Benefits

The Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine delivers the following key features and benefits:

- Extensible platform for rapid delivery of services and applications
 - Allows the abstraction of services and applications from control and network so that each may evolve independently
 - Common framework for hosting multiple mobility services
 - Open API to support third-party and partner application development
- Ecosystem of application partners
 - To deliver mobility solutions targeted at various industries, including healthcare, retail, education, and manufacturing
- Scalability
 - Multiple services can be deployed on a single Mobility Services Engine or a single service can span multiple Mobility Services Engines.
- Manageability
 - The Mobility Services Engine serves as a single point of integration for the various value-added services.
 - All mobility services are managed centrally via the integration with the Wireless Control System.
- Flexibility
 - The Mobility Services Engine is an extensible platform capable of supporting a variety of services configurations to meet business requirements. The architecture enables the inclusion of newer technology standards as and when they become available.
- Return on investment
 - The Mobility Services Engine integrates with the Cisco Unified Wireless Network to provide network intelligence, including contextual information to optimize business applications. This architecture builds upon the existing investment in Cisco wireless and mobility solutions and provides a platform that is both flexible and scalable to meet evolving business mobility requirements.

Summary

The Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine transforms existing wireless LANs into comprehensive mobility networks through a uniform method of mobility services delivery. It integrates with the Cisco Unified Wireless Network and Cisco Unified Communications solutions to build on existing business mobility investments. The variety of services, including the ability to collect contextual information on people, things, and assets, optimizes business processes. The open API of the Mobility Services Engines enables Cisco partners to expand the capabilities of the business mobility network and deliver relevant industry solutions.

Product Specifications

Table 1 lists product specifications.

Table 1. Product Specifications for the Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine

	Cisco 3350 Mobility Services Engine
Product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Context-Aware software to track up to 18,000 devices Adaptive Wireless Intrusion Prevention System software to track up to 18,000 devices
Processor	(2) Quad-Core Intel Xeon Processors 2.33 GHz
Memory	8-GB PC2-5300 (4 x 2 GB)
Hard Disk	(2) Hot-swappable 147-GB Serial ATA-150 / SAS-300 MBps
Removable Media	DVD/CD-RW Combo drive
Ports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serial: One 9-pin connector RJ-45: Two RJ-45 connectors for connection to two Gigabit Network Adapters 4 USB 2.0 Ports: (1) front, (1) internal, and (2) rear accessible ports 2 PS2 ports: One mouse and one keyboard 1 VGA port 1 iLO 2 remote management port
Connectivity	Network: Two embedded Multifunction Gigabit Network Adapters with TCP/IP Offload Engine
Management	SNMP v1, v2c, and v3
Management Interface	Cisco WCS Mobility Services v.5.2 or greater running Internet Explorer 6.0/Service Pack 1 or later
Network Devices	Cisco 2100 and 4400 Series Wireless LAN Controllers; Cisco Catalyst® 6500 Series Wireless Services Module, Cisco Catalyst 3750G Integrated Wireless LAN Controller, Cisco Wireless LAN Controller Module (WLCM and WLCM-E) for Integrated Services Routers; Cisco Aironet® lightweight access points
Programming Interfaces	SOAP/XML APIs
Form Factor	1U Rack form factor 1.75 inches (4.45 cm) width, 27.75 inches (70.5 cm) depth
Physical Dimensions	Height: 1.70 in. (4.32 cm) Width: 16.78 in. (42.62 cm) Depth: 27.25 in. (69.22 cm) Weight: 39.5 lbs (17.92 kg) maximum
Power	AC power supply wattage: 852W AC power supply voltage: 100–120V at 50–60 Hz; 200–240V at 50–60 Hz Redundant Power Supplies
Cooling Fans	Total of 9 fans, N+1 fan redundancy
Environmental	Operating temperature: 50 to 95°F (10–35°C) at sea level Nonoperating: –40 to 158°F (–40 to 70°C) Maximum rate of change is 20°C/hr (36°F/hr)
Approvals and Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety UL 60950 CAN/CSA -C22.2 No. 60950 EN60950 IEC 60950: EMC FCC Part 15 (CFR 47) Class A ICES-003 Class A EN 55022 Class A CISPR22 Class A AS/NZS 3548 Class A VCCI Class A EN 55024 EN 50082-1
Cisco MSE Software Compatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available with Cisco MSE Software Release 5.1.xxx or later. Requires 5.1.xxx or later on WCS Requires 4.2.xxx (xxx>112) or 5.0.xxx (xxx>148) on WLC

Ordering Information

Table 2 lists ordering information for the Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine. To place an order, visit: <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/ordering/index.shtml>.

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Part Number	Product Name
AIR-MSE-3350-K9	Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine

Service and Support

The Cisco® Unified Wireless Network allows businesses to implement mobility applications across disparate networks. When you deploy a Cisco Unified Wireless Network, our technology expertise and deployment experience, combined with Cisco partner solutions, help your company to benefit from a high-performing, flexible, and scalable wireless infrastructure. By building an integrated platform, planning, deploying, and managing mobility solutions with far greater efficiency become possible. This allows greatly expanded capabilities in the areas of wireless client management, location-based services, and fixed-mobile convergence through end-to-end management and provisioning of services to enhance mobility of applications and protect your investment. For more information about Cisco services, refer to [Cisco Technical Support Services](#) or [Cisco Advanced Services](#).

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