

WHG201

WIRELESS LAN CONTROLLER

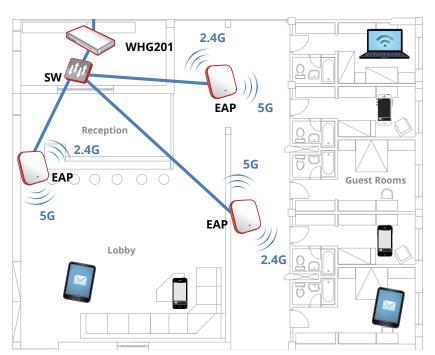


INTRODUCTION

The 4ipnet WHG201 is an entry-level wireless LAN controller that provides enterprise-grade functionality for SMBs, retail/chain stores, and distributed sites. With AP management, user authentication, policy assignment, traffic shaping, and firewall features all packaged into a single box, the WHG201 allows smaller organizations with minimal IT resources to enable the same level of network security and management capabilities as their large enterprise counterparts. The WHG201 is extremely affordable, easy to deploy, and simple to manage, making it the ideal choice for SMBs needing a comprehensive Wi-Fi solution.

The WHG201 is capable of managing up to 10 EAP/OWL-series Wireless Access Points, which can be deployed and configured easily by anyone, including non-wireless savvy users. For example, automated AP discovery prevents network administrators from having to go through the hassle of individually adding and configuring each access point. Access points as well as connected Wi-Fi devices can then be monitored and managed from a centralized point, with extensive logging & reporting features to assist in troubleshooting and maintenance.

As Wi-Fi enabled handheld devices such as smartphones and tablets become ever so prevalent in our daily lives, businesses and network operators alike are faced with a mind-boggling dilemma – how to simultaneously address the needs of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), manage Wi-Fi users, and maintain network service quality for mission critical applications. 4ipnet's WHG201 is designed exactly with these requirements in mind, and with a total cost of ownership that satisfies even the most price conscious, organizations are guaranteed to receive an unmatched ROI on their wireless LAN infrastructure.





FEATURES

SECURITY

Security is often one of the most important concerns when it comes to enterprise wireless networks. From the most basic need of preventing network access by unauthorized users to performing rogue AP detection and enforcing network isolation, 4ipnet WHG controllers provide a complex set of features that prevent malicious activities in an organization's network.

For deployment flexibility, the WHG controllers support user authentication via both the industry standard 802.1X as well as web-based captive portals. The highly customizable captive portals with integrated walled garden capability can be adapted to suit the needs of hotels, schools, and other public venues. For unregistered users without an account, guest access can be provided by simply entering an e-mail address, logging in with social media accounts, or purchasing a data plan through PayPal.

With various account generation methods, the WHG controllers are able to identify users and track user activities, ensuring network security in public Wi-Fi.

The WHG controllers also support remote access via VPN, which is crucial for travelling businessmen. At the same time, site-to-site VPN establishes secure connections between corporate headquarters and branch offices.

USER SECURITY	
Authentication Types	* 802.1X
	 UAM (browser-based)
	 IP or MAC-based
	• Local
	On-Demand
	Guest
Authentication Servers	• RADIUS
Authentication Servers	* LDAP
	NT Domain
	* SIP
	◆ POP3
Customizable Captive Portal	• Yes
Customizable Wild Card Walled Garden	* Yes
User Blacklisting	* Yes
ACCOUNT GENERATION	
On-demand Account	SMS registration
	 Purchase via PayPal
	 Hotel PMS integration
	Selectable Billing Plans
	 Keypad-based Account
	Ticket Printer

Guest Wi-Fi Account	 Limitation by duration Configurable reactivation time E-mail registration and activation
Social Media Login	* Yes
NETWORK SECURITY	
VPN	RemoteLocalSite-to-Site
Tunneling Protocols	• IPSec • PPTP
Network Isolation	Intra-VLAN or Port Inter-VLAN or Port
Rogue AP Detection	* Yes
Certificates	Built-in Root CA

MOBILITY

The advent of the era of smartphones and tablets has opened a chasm between how the Internet is used and how organizations provide Internet connectivity. Wireless networks have transformed from a luxury to a necessity, in order to support devices that don't have legacy wired capability. Furthermore, additional features need to be provided in order to address the rapidly changing usage behavior.

4ipnet's WHG controllers support a variety of mobility features that aim to make enterprise Wi-Fi both easier to use and simpler to manage. For example, by supporting fast roaming, users on mobile devices can be on-the-go without worrying about interrupted connections. It is also not uncommon to see a single user with multiple handheld devices - with the WHG all of the devices can login to Wi-Fi using the same username and password. Finally, mobile-optimized captive portals and ticket-printed QR code automatic login are both easy methods for a user to get online from their mobile device.

DEVICE MOBILITY	
Fast Roaming Between Access Points	• Yes
Cross Gateway Roaming	• Yes
WISPr Smart Client	• Yes
Mobile Device Recognition for Optimized Captive Portal	* Yes
Multiple Device Logins Per Account	• Yes
QR Code Automatic Login	• Yes
Device Plug-and-Play	* Yes



MANAGEMENT

In a wireless LAN, the WHG controller is the central point of management for network administrators, whether it is monitoring current online users or troubleshooting network connectivity issues. The management console of the WHG controller is a browser-based GUI that is simple and intuitive to operate. From this interface, network administrators can configure traffic shaping profiles, track previous network usage, perform system backup and restore, and much more.

From the user management perspective, one of the core benefits of the WHG controller is its ability to enforce different traffic profiles based on both the location (Service Zone) of the user and the time of access. For example, the profiles applied during work hours can be different from that of during after-work hours. From bandwidth limitations to specific routing rules, network administrators gain fine-grained control over Wi-Fi users.

For access points, WHG controllers support automatic discovery and provisioning, eliminating many repetitive and cumbersome tasks often faced during initial network deployment. Centralized AP configuration and monitoring also greatly reduces maintenance overhead for IT staff.

SYSTEM MANAGEMENT	
Browser-Based Configuration	• Yes
Administrator Accounts	Multiple tiered access privileges
	Monitor each admin's
	current accessed page
System Time	NTP synchronizationManually configured
System Backup & Restore	◆ Yes
SNMP	Yes; v2c
Notwork Utilities	Yes; built-in packet
Network Utilities	capture
AP MANAGEMENT	
Automatic AP Discovery	• Yes
Automatic AP Provisioning	 Yes; template-based
AP Configuration Backup & Restore	* Yes
AP Firmware Batch Upgrade	• Yes
Tunneled AP Management	Yes; both L2 & L3 APs
AP Load Balancing	* Yes
USER MANAGEMENT	
	Role-based
User Policy Assignment	Time & location
	dependent
Bandwidth Limitation	* Yes
Traffic Classification /	

Stateful Firewall	Yes; each rule with individual enforcement schedules
Static Route Assignment	* Yes
Concurrent Session Limit	* Yes
IP Address Reassignment	Allow clients to obtain different IP addresses after authentication



SERVICES

As wireless networks increasingly become the primary network used by organizations, it is crucial to take into consideration fundamental network services, such as DHCP, NAT, and routing. In addition to providing these functions, the WHG controller also implements the concept of a "Service Zone", which essentially segments the controller into multiple virtual controllers, each with its own associated network services, user policies, authentication settings, etc.

On the reliability end, the WHG controller supports WAN port failover, which helps businesses reduce the chance of network downtime and prevents lost productivity and revenue. Furthermore, load balancing between the WAN ports increases overall performance by alleviating congestion and distributing traffic between the two outgoing links. The Ethernet port allocation option allows network administrators to configure the system for 1 or 2 uplink WAN ports, should there be a need for WAN failover or load balancing.

Finally, the WHG provides unique value-added capabilities, such as a direct integration with Micros Opera PMS that greatly simplifies the overhead of providing managed Wi-Fi in hotels.



* No
IPv4IPv6
• Yes
 Direct interface with Micros Opera PMS
* Yes
By durationBy traffic volume

REPORTING

Whether it is real-time monitoring of network activity or tracking the usage of previous Wi-Fi users, network administrators need the appropriate tools at their disposal to increase efficiency and reduce workload. The 4ipnet WHG controllers have an extensive set of logging and reporting features that allow network administrators to easily find any information related to the wireless network.

The built-in system dashboard provides a quick overview of the current system status, along with graphical reports of network traffic and system performance. In addition, there is a simple interface for viewing online devices and their associated detailed statistics, including but not limited to the roles they belong to, enforced network policies, and packets transferred.

Alongside network monitoring, the WHG controller also performs detailed logging of all network activity. For example, the User HTTP Web Log allows network administrators to track users who visited malicious websites, while the DHCP Lease Log can assist in troubleshooting clients who cannot receive an IP address. Lastly, the Configuration Change Log shows administrators which settings have been modified in the past, in case there are configuration errors that need to be reverted.

SYSTEM & NETWORK STATUS	
System Dashboard	• Yes
Graphical System Performance Reports	+ Yes
Traffic Volume Reports	• Yes
System Process Monitor	• Yes
Online Device Monitoring	• Yes
Active Sessions List	* Yes

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<u>SPECIFICATIONS</u>

SYSTEM CAPACITY*1	
Managed APs	* Up to 10
Local Accounts	* Up to 2,000
On-Demand Accounts	+ Up to 2,000
HARDWARE SPE	CIFICATIONS
Form Factor	Desk-top
Dimensions (W x D x H)	• 19.0 cm x 13.3 cm x 3.3 cm
Weight	+ 0.82 kg (1.81 lbs)
Power	DC Input: 12V / 1A (Power adapter included)
Interfaces	 WAN: (1 or 2)*2 x 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet, Auto-MDIX, RJ-45 LAN: (4 or 3)*2 x 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet, Auto-MDIX, RJ-45 USB: 1 x USB 3.0
LED Indicators	Power Status
Buttons	Power Reset
LCD Display	* No
Environmental Conditions	 Operating Temperature: 0°C (32°F) to 40°C (104°F) Operating Humidity: 5% to 95% non-condensing

^{*1:} Capacity limits may vary depending on configuration parameters

^{*2:} Ethernet port allocation option for different deployment scenarios