


# **Dell PowerConnect W-AirWave 7.6 Best Practices Guide**



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# Chapter 1

## Overview

This document provides best practices for leveraging AirWave to monitor and manage your Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure. Dell PowerConnect W-Series wireless infrastructure provides a wealth of functionality such as firewall, VPN, remote AP, IDS, IPS, and ARM, as well as an abundance of statistical information.

Follow the simple guidelines in this document to get the full benefit of your Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure.

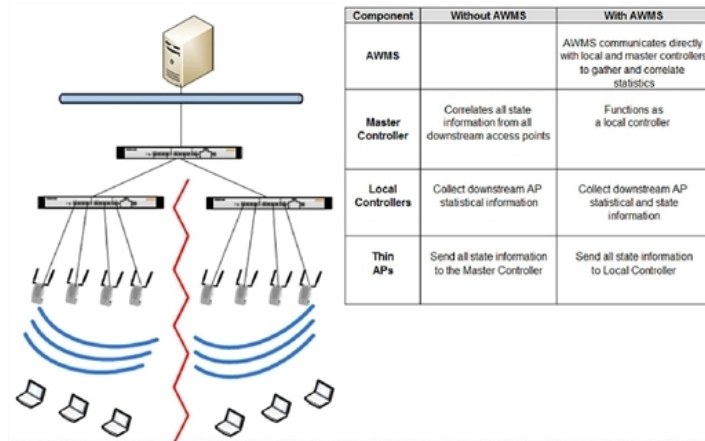
This overview chapter contains the following topics:

- ["Understanding Dell PowerConnect W-Series Topology" on page 1](#)
- ["Prerequisites for Integrating Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure" on page 1](#)

## Understanding Dell PowerConnect W-Series Topology

Figure 1 depicts typical master-local deployment for the Dell PowerConnect W-AirWave Wireless Management System (AWMS):

**Figure 1: Typical Dell PowerConnect W-Series Deployment**



NOTE: There should never be a local controller managed by an AirWave server whose master controller is also not under management.

## Prerequisites for Integrating Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure

You will need the following information to monitor and manage your Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure:

- SNMP community string (monitoring and discovery)
- Telnet/SSH credentials (configuration only)
- Enable password (configuration only)



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NOTE: Without proper Telnet/SSH credentials AirWave will not be able to acquire license and serial information from controllers.

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- SNMPv3 credentials are required for WMS Offload:
  - Username
  - Auth password
  - Privacy password
  - Auth protocol

## Chapter 2

### Configuring AirWave for Global Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure

This chapter explains how to optimally configure Dell PowerConnect W-AirWave to globally manage your global Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure, and contains the following topics:

- "Disabling Rate Limiting in AMP Setup > General" on page 3
- "Entering Credentials in Device Setup > Communication" on page 4
- "Setting Up Recommended Timeout and Retries" on page 5
- "Setting Up Time Synchronization" on page 5
- "Enabling Support for Channel Utilization And Statistics" on page 6

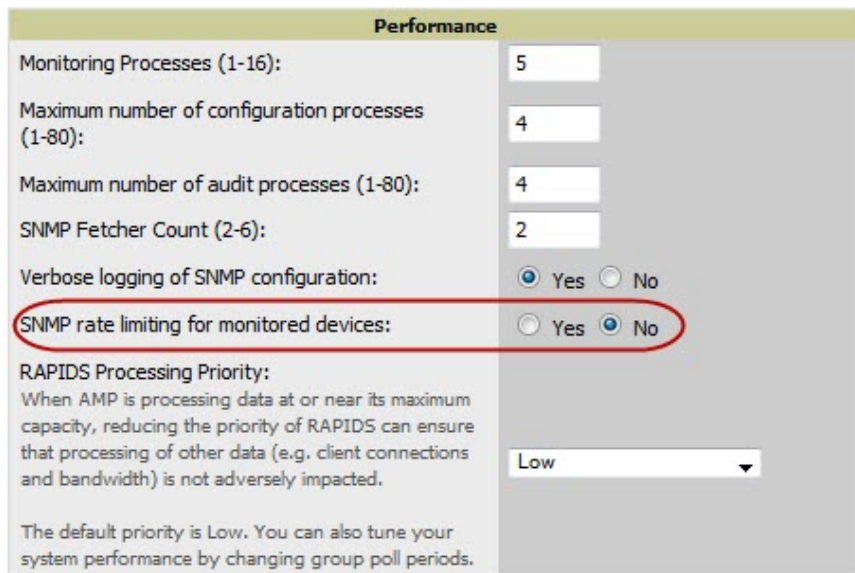
### Disabling Rate Limiting in AMP Setup > General

The SNMP Rate Limiting for Monitored Devices option adds a small delay between each SNMP GET request, thus the actual polling intervals will be longer than what is configured. For example, setting a 10-minute polling interval will result in an actual 12-minute polling interval. Disabling rate limiting is recommended in most cases.

To disable rate limiting in AirWave, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to AMP Setup > General.
2. Locate the Performance section on this page.
3. In the SNMP Rate Limiting for Monitored Devices field, select No, as shown in Figure 2.
4. Select Save.

**Figure 2:** SNMP Rate Limiting in AMP Setup > General



The screenshot shows the Performance configuration page. The 'SNMP rate limiting for monitored devices' option is highlighted with a red circle, and the 'No' radio button is selected. Other visible options include 'Monitoring Processes (1-16):' set to 5, 'Maximum number of configuration processes (1-80):' set to 4, 'Maximum number of audit processes (1-80):' set to 4, 'SNMP Fetcher Count (2-6):' set to 2, and 'Verbose logging of SNMP configuration:' with 'Yes' selected. The 'RAPIDS Processing Priority' is set to 'Low'.

Performance	
Monitoring Processes (1-16):	5
Maximum number of configuration processes (1-80):	4
Maximum number of audit processes (1-80):	4
SNMP Fetcher Count (2-6):	2
Verbose logging of SNMP configuration:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
SNMP rate limiting for monitored devices:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
RAPIDS Processing Priority: When AMP is processing data at or near its maximum capacity, reducing the priority of RAPIDS can ensure that processing of other data (e.g. client connections and bandwidth) is not adversely impacted.	Low
The default priority is Low. You can also tune your system performance by changing group poll periods.	

## Entering Credentials in Device Setup > Communication

AirWave requires several credentials to properly interface with Dell PowerConnect W-Series devices. To enter these credentials, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to **Device Setup > Communication**.
2. In the **Default Credentials** section, select the **Edit** link next to Dell. The page illustrated in [Figure 3](#) appears.
3. Enter the **SNMP Community String**.



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NOTE: Be sure to note the community string because it must match the SNMP trap community string, which is configured later in this document.

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**Figure 3:** *Credentials in Device Setup > Communication*

Dell	
Community String:	.....
Confirm Community String:	.....
Telnet/SSH Username:	admin
Telnet/SSH Password:	.....
Confirm Telnet/SSH Password:	.....
"enable" Password:	.....
Confirm "enable" Password:	.....
SNMPv3 Username:	
Auth Password:	
Confirm Auth Password:	
SNMPv3 Auth Protocol:	MD5
Privacy Password:	
Confirm Privacy Password:	
SNMPv3 Privacy Protocol:	DES

4. Enter the required fields for configuration and basic monitoring:
  - Telnet/SSH Username
  - Telnet/SSH Password
  - enable Password
5. Enter the required fields for WMS Offload:
  - SNMPv3 Auth Protocol
  - SNMPv3 Privacy Protocol
  - SNMPv3 Username
  - Auth Password
  - Privacy Password



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NOTE: The protocols should be SHA and DES in order for WMS Offload to work.

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6. Select **Save** when you are finished.



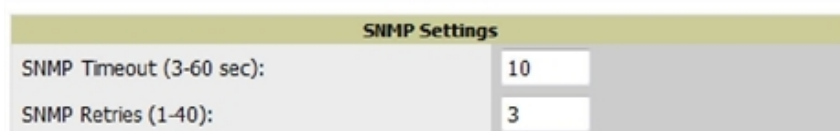
## Setting Up Recommended Timeout and Retries

To set recommended timeout and retries settings, follow these steps:

1. In the **Device Setup > Communication** page, locate the **SNMP Setting** section.
2. Change **SNMP Timeout** setting to a value of either 3, 4, or 5. This is the number of seconds that the AirWave will wait for a response from a device after sending an SNMP request, so a smaller number is more ideal.
3. Change **SNMP Retries** to 10. This value represents the number of times AirWave tries to poll a device when it does not receive a response within the SNMP Timeout Period or the Group's Missed SNMP Poll Threshold setting (1-100).

**NOTE:** Although the upper limit for this value is 40, some SNMP libraries still have a hard limit of 20 retries. In these cases, any retry value that is set above 20 will still stop at 20.

**Figure 4:** Timeout settings in **Device Setup > Communication**



SNMP Settings	
SNMP Timeout (3-60 sec):	10
SNMP Retries (1-40):	3

4. Select **Save**.

## Setting Up Time Synchronization

### Setting up NTP on AirWave

On the **AMP Setup > Network** page, locate the **Network Time Protocol (NTP)** section. The Network Time Protocol is used to synchronize the time between AirWave and your network reference NTP server. NTP servers synchronize with external reference time sources, such as satellites, radios, or modems.

**NOTE:** Specifying NTP servers is optional. NTP servers synchronize the time on the AirWave server, not on individual access points.

To disable NTP services, clear both the **Primary** and **Secondary** NTP server fields. Any problem related to communication between AirWave and the NTP servers creates an entry in the event log. For more information on ensuring that AirWave servers have the correct time, please see

<http://support.ntp.org/bin/view/Servers/NTPPoolServers>.

**Table 1:** AMP Setup > Network > Secondary Network Fields and Default Values

Setting	Default	Description
<b>Primary</b>	ntp1.yourdomain.com	Sets the IP address or DNS name for the primary NTP server.
<b>Secondary</b>	ntp2.yourdomain.com	Sets the IP address or DNS name for the secondary NTP server.

You can set the clock on a controller manually or by configuring the controller to use a Network Time Protocol (NTP) server to synchronize its system clock with a central time source.

## Manually Setting the Clock on a Controller

You can use either the WebUI or CLI to manually set the time on the controller's clock.

1. Navigate to the **Configuration > Management > Clock** page.
2. Under **Controller Date/Time**, set the date and time for the clock.
3. Under **Time Zone**, enter the name of the time zone and the offset from Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
4. To adjust the clock for daylight savings time, click **Enabled** under Summer Time. Additional fields appear that allow you to set the offset from UTC, and the start and end recurrences.
5. Click **Apply**.

## Enabling Support for Channel Utilization And Statistics

In order to enable support for channel utilization statistics, you must have the following:

- Dell PowerConnect W-AirWave 7.2 or later
- Dell PowerConnect W-Series ArubaOS 6.0.1 or later



NOTE: Dell PowerConnect W-ArubaOS 6.0.1 can report RF utilization metrics, while ArubaOS 6.1 is necessary to also obtain classified interferer information.

- Access points - Dell PowerConnect W-AP105, W-AP92, W-AP93, W-AP125, W-AP124, W-AP134, W-AP135
- Controllers - Dell PowerConnect W-600 Series or W-3000 Series

## AirWave Setup

Follow these steps in AirWave:

1. Navigate to **AMP Setup > General**.
2. In the **Additional AMP Services** section, set **Enable AMON Data Collection** to **Yes**, as shown in [Figure 5](#):

**Figure 5:** AMON Data Collection setting in **AMP Setup > General**

Additional AMP Services	
Enable FTP server: required to manage Aruba AirMesh & Cisco 4800 APs; optional for firmware upgrades on supported devices.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Enable RTLS collector: Dell PowerConnect W only	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
RTLS Port:	<input type="text" value="5050"/>
RTLS Username:	<input type="text" value="rtlstest"/>
RTLS Password:	<input type="password" value="••••••••"/>
Confirm RTLS Password:	<input type="password" value="••••••••"/>
Use embedded mail server:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Mail Relay Server: Optional	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="button" value="Send Test Email"/>
Process user roaming traps from Cisco WLC:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Enable AMON Data Collection:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Enable Syslog and SNMP Trap Collection:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

3. Select Save.

## Controller Setup (Master And Local)



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CAUTION: Enabling these commands on ArubaOS versions prior to 6.0.1.0 can result in performance issues on the controller. If you are running previous firmware versions such as ArubaOS 6.0.0.0, you should upgrade to ArubaOS 6.0.1 (to obtain RF utilization metrics) or 6.1 (to obtain RF utilization *and* classified interferer information) before you enter this command.

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Use SSH to access the controller's command-line interface, enter **enable** mode, and issue the following commands:

```
(Controller-Name) # configure terminal  
Enter Configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z  
(Controller-Name) (config) # mgmt-server type amp primary-server <AMP-IP>  
(Controller-Name) (config) # write mem
```



## Chapter 3

### Configuring a Dell PowerConnect W Group in AirWave

It is prudent to establish one or more Dell PowerConnect W Groups within AirWave. During the discovery process you will move new discovered controllers into this group.

This section contains the following topics:

- "Basic Monitoring Configuration" on page 9
- "Advanced Configuration " on page 10

### Basic Monitoring Configuration

1. Navigate to **Groups > List**.
2. Select **Add**.
3. Enter a **Name** that represents the Dell PowerConnect W-Series device infrastructure from a security, geographical, or departmental perspective and select **Add**.
4. You will be redirected to the **Groups > Basic** page for the Group you just created. On this page you will need to tweak a few Dell-specific settings.
5. Find the **SNMP Polling Periods** section of the page, as illustrated in [Figure 6](#).
6. Change **Override Polling Period for Other Services** to **Yes**.
7. Ensure **User Data Polling Period** is set to 10 minutes. Do not configure this interval lower than 5 minutes.



NOTE: Enabling the SNMP Rate Limiting for Monitored Devices option in the previous chapter adds a small delay between each SNMP Get request, thus the actual polling interval is 12 minutes for 10 minute polling interval.

8. Change **Device-to-Device Link Polling Period** to 30 minutes.
9. Change **Rogue AP and Device Location Data Polling Period** to 30 minutes.

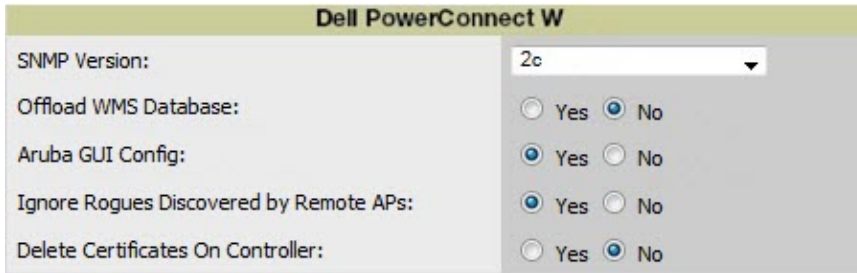
**Figure 6:** *SNMP Polling Periods* section of **Groups > Basic**

SNMP Polling Periods	
Up/Down Status Polling Period:	5 minutes
Override Polling Period for Other Services:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
AP Interface Polling Period:	10 minutes
Client Data Polling Period:	10 minutes
Thin AP Discovery Polling Period:	15 minutes
Device-to-Device Link Polling Period:	5 minutes
802.11 Counters Polling Period:	15 minutes
Rogue AP and Device Location Data Polling Period:	30 minutes
CDP Neighbor Data Polling Period:	30 minutes

10. Locate the **Dell PowerConnect W** section of this page, as illustrated in [Figure 7](#).

11. Configure the proper **SNMP Version** for monitoring the Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure.

**Figure 7:** Group *SNMP Version for Monitoring*



The screenshot shows the configuration page for a Dell PowerConnect W group. The title is "Dell PowerConnect W". The "SNMP Version" is set to "2c" in a dropdown menu. Below it are four options, each with a radio button: "Offload WMS Database" (No selected), "Aruba GUI Config" (Yes selected), "Ignore Rogues Discovered by Remote APs" (Yes selected), and "Delete Certificates On Controller" (No selected).

12. Select **Save and Apply**.

## Advanced Configuration

Refer to the *Dell PowerConnect W-AirWave 7.6 Configuration Guide* at [dell.com/support/manuals](http://dell.com/support/manuals) for detailed instructions.

## Chapter 4

### Discovering Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure

AirWave utilizes Dell PowerConnect W-Series topology to efficiently discover downstream infrastructure. This chapter guides you through the process of discovering and managing your Dell PowerConnect W-Series device infrastructure.

Refer to the following earlier sections in this document before attempting discovery:

- ["Configuring AirWave for Global Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure" on page 3](#)
- ["Configuring a Dell PowerConnect W Group in AirWave" on page 9](#)

The following topics in this chapter walk through the basic procedure for discovering and managing Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure:

- ["Discovering Master Controllers" on page 11](#)
- ["Local Controller Discovery" on page 13](#)
- ["Thin AP Discovery" on page 13](#)



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NOTE: Always add one controller and its affiliated Thin APs into management or monitoring mode in a serial fashion, one at a time. Adding new devices is a very CPU intensive process for AirWave and can quickly overwhelm all of the processing power of the server if hundreds of Thin APs are added (migrated from New to Managed or Monitoring) simultaneously.

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### Discovering Master Controllers

Scan networks containing Dell PowerConnect W-Series master controllers from **Device Setup > Discover**.

- or -

Manually enter the master controller by following these steps in the **Device Setup > Add** page:

1. Select the **DellController** type and select **Add**. The page illustrated on [Figure 8](#) appears.
2. Enter the **Name** and the **IP Address** for the controller.
3. Enter **SNMP Community String**, which is required field for device discovery.



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NOTE: Be sure to note the community string because it must match the SNMP trap community string, which is configured later in this document.

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**Figure 8: Dell PowerConnect W Credentials in Device Setup > Add**

Configure default credentials on the [Communication](#) page.

**Device Communications**

Name: Leave name blank to read it from device

IP Address:

SNMP Port: 161

SSH Port: 22

Community String: ●●●●●●●●

Confirm Community String: ●●●●●●●●

SNMPv3 Username:

Auth Password:

Confirm Auth Password:

SNMPv3 Auth Protocol: SHA-1

Privacy Password:

Confirm Privacy Password:

SNMPv3 Privacy Protocol: DES

Telnet/SSH Username: admin

Telnet/SSH Password: ●●●●●●●●

Confirm Telnet/SSH Password: ●●●●●●●●

"enable" Password: ●●●●●●●●

Confirm "enable" Password: ●●●●●●●●

**Location**

Group: Aruba HQ

Folder: Top

**Monitor Only + Firmware Upgrades** (no changes will be made to device)

**Manage read/write** (group settings will be applied to device)

Add Cancel

4. Enter the required fields for configuration and basic monitoring:
  - Telnet/SSH Username
  - Telnet/SSH password
  - enable password
5. Enter the required fields for WMS Offload
  - SNMPv3 Auth Protocol
  - SNMPv3 Privacy Protocol
  - SNMPv3 Username
  - Auth Password
  - Privacy Password





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NOTE: The protocols should be SHA and DES in order for WMS Offload to work.

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CAUTION: If you are using SNMPv3 and the controller's date/time is incorrect, the SNMP agent will not respond to SNMP requests from AirWave SNMP manager. This will result in the controller and all of its downstream access points showing as Down in AirWave.

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6. Assign controller to a Group and Folder.
7. Ensure **Monitor Only** option is selected.
8. Select **Add**.
9. Navigate to **APs/Devices > New** page.
10. Select the Dell PowerConnect W-Series master controller you just added from the list of new devices.
11. Ensure **Monitor Only** option is selected.
12. Select **Add**.

## Local Controller Discovery

Local controllers are added to AirWave via the master controller, by a discovery scan, or manually added in **Device Setup > Add**. After waiting for the Thin AP Polling Period interval or executing a Poll Now command from the **APs/Devices > Monitor** page, the local controllers will appear on the **APs/Devices > New** page.

Add the local controller to the Group defined previously. Within AirWave, local controllers can be split away from the master controller's Group.



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NOTE: Local Controller Discovery/monitoring may not work as expected if AirWave is unable to communicate directly with the target device. Be sure and update any ACL/Firewall rules to allow AirWave to communicate with your network equipment.

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## Thin AP Discovery

Thin APs are discovered via the local controller. After waiting for the Thin AP Polling Period or executing a Poll Now command from the **APs/Devices > Monitor** page, thin APs will appear on the **APs/Devices > New** page.

Add the thin APs to the Group defined previously. Within AirWave, thin APs can be split away from the controller's Group. You can split thin APs into multiple Groups if required.



# Chapter 5

## AirWave and Dell PowerConnect W-Series Integration Strategies

This section describes strategies for integrating AirWave and Dell PowerConnect W-Series devices and contains the following topics:

- ["Integration Goals" on page 15](#)
- ["Example Use Cases" on page 16](#)
- ["Prerequisites for Integration" on page 17](#)
- ["Enable Stats Utilizing AirWave" on page 17](#)
- ["WMS Offload with AirWave" on page 18](#)
- ["Define AirWave as a Trap Host using ArubaOS CLI" on page 19](#)
- ["Understanding WMS Offload Impact on Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure" on page 22](#)

### Integration Goals

The following table summarizes the types of integration goals and strategies for meeting them in certain architectural contexts:

**Table 2:** *Integration Goals in All Masters or Master/Local Architectures*

Integration Goals	All Masters Architecture	Master/Local Architecture
Rogue And Client Info		enable stats
Rogue containment only	ssh access to controllers	ssh access to controllers
Rogue And Client containment	WMS Offload	WMS Offload
Reduce Master Controller Load		WMS Offload debugging off
IDS And Auth Tracking	Define AirWave as trap host	Define AirWave as trap host
Track Tag Location	enable RTLS WMS Offload	enable RTLS WMS Offload
Channel Utilization	enable AMON	enable AMON
Spectrum	enable AMON	enable AMON

Key integration points to consider include the following:

- IDS Tracking does not require WMS Offload in an all-master or master/local environment.
- IDS Tracking does require enable stats in a master/local environment.
- WMS Offload will hide the Security Summary tab on master controller's web interface.
- WMS Offload encompasses enable stats or enable stats is a subset of WMS Offload.

- Unless you enable stats on the local controllers in a master/local environment, the local controllers do not populate their MIBs with any information about clients or rogue devices discovered/associated with their APs. Instead the information is sent upstream to master controller.

## Example Use Cases

The following are example use cases of integration strategies:

- ["When to Use Enable Stats" on page 16](#)
- ["When to Use WMS Offload" on page 16](#)
- ["When to Use RTLS" on page 16](#)
- ["When to Define AirWave as a Trap Host" on page 16](#)
- ["When to Use Channel Utilization" on page 17](#)

## When to Use Enable Stats

You want to pilot AMWS and doesn't want to make major configuration changes to their infrastructure or manage configuration from AirWave.



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NOTE: Enable Stats still pushes a small subset of commands to the controllers via SSH.

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See ["Enable Stats Utilizing AirWave" on page 17](#).

## When to Use WMS Offload

- You have older Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure in a master/local environment and their master controller is fully taxed. Offloading WMS will increase the capacity of the master controller by offloading statistic gathering requirements and device classification coordination to AirWave.
- You want to use AirWave to distribute client and rogue device classification amongst multiple master controllers in a master/local environment or in an All-Masters environment.
- See the following topics:
  - ["WMS Offload with AirWave" on page 18](#)
  - ["Understanding WMS Offload Impact on Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure" on page 22](#)
  - ["WMS Offload Details" on page 37](#)

## When to Use RTLS

- A hospital wants to achieve very precise location accuracy (5 -15 feet) for their medical devices which are associating to the WLAN.
- You want to locate items utilizing WiFi Tags.



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NOTE: RTLS can negatively impact your AirWave server's performance.

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- See ["Leveraging RTLS to Increase Accuracy" on page 39](#).

## When to Define AirWave as a Trap Host

- You want to track IDS events within the AirWave UI.

- You are in the process of converting their older third-party WLAN devices to Dell PowerConnect W-Series devices and want a unified IDS dashboard for all WLAN infrastructure.
- You want to relate Auth failures to a client device, AP, Group of APs, and controller. AirWave provides this unique correlation capability.
- See "[Define AirWave as a Trap Host using ArubaOS CLI](#)" on page 19.

## When to Use Channel Utilization

- You have a minimum version of ArubaOS 6.1.0.0 and W-AP105 or W-AP135.

## Prerequisites for Integration

If you have not discovered the Dell infrastructure or configured credentials, refer to the previous chapters of this book:

- "[Configuring AirWave for Global Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure](#)" on page 3
- "[Configuring a Dell PowerConnect W Group in AirWave](#)" on page 9
- "[Discovering Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure](#)" on page 11

## Enable Stats Utilizing AirWave

To enable stats on the Dell PowerConnect W-Series controllers, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to **AMP Setup > General** and locate the **Device Configuration** section.
2. Set the **Allow WMS Offload Configuration in Monitor-Only Mode** field to **Yes**, as shown in [Figure 9](#):

**Figure 9: WMS Offload Configuration in AMP Setup > General**

Device Configuration	
Guest User Configuration:	Enabled for all devices ▾
Allow WMS Offload configuration in monitor-only mode:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Allow disconnecting users while in monitor-only mode:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Use Global Aruba Configuration: Changing this setting may require importing configuration on your devices.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

3. Navigate to **Groups > Basic** for the group that contains your Dell PowerConnect W-Series controllers.
4. Locate the **Dell PowerConnect W** section on the page.
5. Set the **Offload WMS Database** field to **No**, as shown in [Figure 10](#):

**Figure 10: Offload WMS Database field in Groups > Basic**

Dell PowerConnect W	
SNMP Version:	2c ▾
Offload WMS Database:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Aruba GUI Config:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Ignore Rogues Discovered by Remote APs:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Delete Certificates On Controller:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

6. Select **Save and Apply**.

7. Select **Save**.

This will push a set of commands via SSH to all Dell PowerConnect W-Series local controllers. AirWave must have read/write access to the controllers in order to push these commands.



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NOTE: This process will not reboot your controllers.

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CAUTION: If you don't follow the above steps, local controllers will not be configured to populate statistics. This decreases AirWave's capability to trend client signal information and to properly locate devices. See "[ArubaOS CLI](#)" on page 32 for information on how to utilize the ArubaOS CLI to enable stats on Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure.

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If your credentials are invalid or the changes are not applied to the controller, error messages will display on the controller's **APs/Devices > Monitor** page under the **Recent Events** section. If the change fails, AirWave does not audit these setting (display mismatches) and you will need to apply to the controller by hand. See "[ArubaOS CLI](#)" on page 32 for detailed instructions.

These are the commands pushed by AirWave while enabling WMS Offload (do not enter these commands):

```
configure terminal
no mobility-manager <Active WMS IP Address>
wms
general collect-stats enable
stats-update-interval 120
show wms general
write mem
```

## WMS Offload with AirWave

To offload WMS on the Dell PowerConnect W-Series controllers using AirWave:

1. In **AMP Setup > General**, locate the **Device Configuration** section and enable or disable **Allow WMS Offload Configuration in Monitor-Only Mode**.
2. Select **Save and Apply**. This will push a set of commands via SSH to all Dell PowerConnect W-Series master controllers. If the controller does not have an SNMPv3 user that matches the AirWave database it will automatically create a new SNMPv3 user. AirWave must have read/write access to the controllers in order to push these commands
3. Navigate to **Groups > Basic** and locate the **Dell PowerConnect W** section.
4. Set the **Offload WMS Database** field to **Yes**.



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NOTE: This process will not reboot your controllers. See "[ArubaOS and AirWave CLI Commands](#)" on page 31 on how to utilize the ArubaOS CLI to enable stats or WMS Offload.

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CAUTION: The SNMPv3 user's Auth Password and Privacy Password must be the same.

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Do not enter these commands; these are pushed by AirWave while enabling WMS Offload.

```
configure terminal
mobility-manager <AMP IP> user <AMP SNMPv3 User Name> <AMP Auth/Priv PW>
```

```
stats-update-interval 120
write mem
```



---

NOTE: AirWave will configure SNMPv2 traps with the **mobile manager** command.

---

## Define AirWave as a Trap Host using ArubaOS CLI

To ensure the AirWave server is defined a trap host, access the command line interface of each controller (master and local), enter enable mode, and issue the following commands:

```
(Controller-Name) # configure terminal
```

```
Enter Configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z
```

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # snmp-server host <AMP IP ADDR> version 2c <SNMP Community String of Controller>
```



---

NOTE: Ensure the SNMP community matches those that were configured in "[Configuring AirWave for Global Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure](#)" on page 3.

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```
(Controller-Name) (config) # snmp-server trap source <Controller-IP>
```

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # write mem
```



---

NOTE: AirWave supports SNMP v2 traps and SNMP v3 informs in ArubaOS 3.4 and higher. SNMP v3 traps are not supported.

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## ArubaOS Traps Utilized by AirWave

The following are Auth, IDS, and ARM traps utilized by AirWave:

- "[Auth Traps](#)" on page 19
- "[IDS Traps](#)" on page 19
- "[ARM Traps](#)" on page 20

### Auth Traps

- wlsxNUserAuthenticationFailed
- wlsxNAuthServerReqTimedOut

### IDS Traps

- wlsxwlsxSignatureMatchAP
- wlsxSignatureMatchSta
- wlsxSignAPNetstumbler
- wlsxSignStaNetstumbler
- wlsxSignAPAsleap
- wlsxSignStaAsleap
- wlsxSignAPAirjack
- wlsxSignStaAirjack
- wlsxSignAPNullProbeResp

- wlsxSignStaNullProbeResp
- wlsxSignAPDeauthBcast
- wlsxSignStaDeauthBcastwlsxChannelFrameErrorRateExceeded
- wlsxChannelFrameFragmentationRateExceeded
- wlsxChannelFrameRetryRateExceeded
- wlsxNIPspoofingDetected
- wlsxStaImpersonation
- wlsxReservedChannelViolation
- wlsxValidSSIDViolation
- wlsxStaPolicyViolation
- wlsxRepeatWEPIVViolation
- wlsxWeakWEPIVViolation
- wlsxFrameRetryRateExceeded
- wlsxFrameReceiveErrorRateExceeded
- wlsxFrameFragmentationRateExceeded
- wlsxFrameBandWidthRateExceeded
- wlsxFrameLowSpeedRateExceeded
- wlsxFrameNonUnicastRateExceeded
- wlsxChannelRateAnomaly
- wlsxNodeRateAnomalyAP
- wlsxNodeRateAnomalySta
- wlsxEAPRateAnomaly
- wlsxSignalAnomaly
- wlsxSequenceNumberAnomalyAP
- wlsxSequenceNumberAnomalySta
- wlsxApFloodAttack
- wlsxInvalidMacOUIAP
- wlsxInvalidMacOUISta
- wlsxStaRepeatWEPIVViolation
- wlsxStaWeakWEPIVViolation
- wlsxStaAssociatedToUnsecureAP
- wlsxStaUnAssociatedFromUnsecureAP
- wlsxAPImpersonation
- wlsxDisconnectStationAttackAP
- wlsxDisconnectStationAttackSta

### **ARM Traps**

- AP Power Change
- AP Mode Change
- AP Channel Change



## Ensuring That IDS And Auth Traps Display in AirWave

Validate your ArubaOS configuration by exiting the configure terminal mode and issue the following command:

```
(Controller-Name) # show snmp trap-list
```

If any of the traps in the output of this command do not appear to be enabled enter **configure terminal** mode and issue the following command:

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # snmp-server trap enable <TRAPS FROM LIST ABOVE>
```



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NOTE: See "ArubaOS CLI" on page 32 for the full command that can be copied and pasted directly into the ArubaOS CLI.

---

```
Controller-Name) (config) # write mem
```

Ensure the source IP of the traps match the IP that AirWave utilizes to manage the controller, as shown in [Figure 11](#). Navigate to **APs/Devices > Monitor** to validate the IP address in the **Device Info** section.

**Figure 11: Verify IP Address on APs/Devices > Monitor Page**



Verify that there is a SNMPv2 community string that matches the SNMP Trap community string on the controller.

```
(Controller-Name) # show snmp community
```

```
SNMP COMMUNITIES
```

```
-----
```

```
COMMUNITY ACCESS      VERSION
```

```
-----
```

```
public      READ_ONLY V1, V2c
```

```
(Controller-Name) # #show snmp trap-host
```

```
SNMP TRAP HOSTS
```

```
-----
```

HOST	VERSION	SECURITY NAME	PORT	TYPE	TIMEOUT	RETRY
10.2.32.4	SNMPv2c	public	162	Trap	N/A	N/A

Verify that firewall port 162 (default) is **open** between AirWave and the controller.

Validate that traps are making it into AirWave by issuing the following commands from AirWave command line.

```
[root@AMP ~]# qlog enable snmp_traps
```

```
[root@AMP ~]# tail -f /var/log/amp_diag/snmp_traps
```

```
1241627740.392536 handle_trap|2009-05-06 09:35:40 UDP: [10.2.32.65]->[10.51.5.118]:-32737
sends trap: DISMAN-EVENT-MIB::sysUpTimeInstance = Timeticks: (127227800) 14 days, 17:24:38.00
SNMPv2-MIB::snmpTrapOID.0 = OID: SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.14823.2.3.1.11.1.2.1106 SNMPv2-
SMI::enterprises.14823.2.3.1.11.1.1.60 = Hex-STRING: 07 D9 05 06 09 16 0F 00 2D 08 00
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.14823.2.3.1.11.1.1.5.0 = Hex-STRING: 00 1A 1E 6F 82 D0 SNMPv2-
SMI::enterprises.14823.2.3.1.11.1.1.6.0 = STRING: dell-apSNMPv2-
SMI::enterprises.14823.2.3.1.11.1.1.1.0 = Hex-STRING: 00 1A 1E C0 2B 32 SNMPv2-
SMI::enterprises.14823.2.3.1.11.1.1.56.0 = INTEGER: 2 SNMPv2-
SMI::enterprises.14823.2.3.1.11.1.1.17.0 = STRING: dell-124-c0:2b:32 SNMPv2-
SMI::enterprises.14823.2.3.1.11.1.1.18.0 = INTEGER: 11 SNMPv2-
```

```
SMI::enterprises.14823.2.3.1.11.1.1.58.0 = STRING:
http://10.51.5.118/screens/wmsi/reports.html?mode=ap&bssid=00:1a:1e:6f:82:d0
```



NOTE: You will see many IDS and Auth Traps from this command. AirWave only processes a small subset of these traps which display within AirWave. The traps that AirWave does process are listed above.

Ensure you disable qlogging after testing as it could negatively impact AirWave performance if left turned on:

```
[root@AMP ~]# qlog enable snmp_traps
```

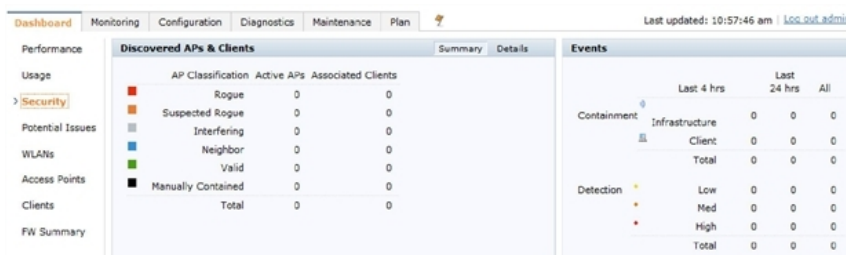
## Understanding WMS Offload Impact on Dell PowerConnect W-Series Infrastructure

When offloading WMS, it is important to understand what functionality is migrated to AirWave and what functionality is deprecated.

The following ArubaOS tabs and sections are deprecated after offloading WMS:

- **Plan** - The tab where floor plans are stored and heatmaps are generated. Prior to offloading WMS, ensure that you have exported floor plans from ArubaOS and imported them into AirWave. All functionality within the Plan Tab is incorporated with the VisualRF module in AirWave.
- **Dashboard > Security Summary** - The **Security Summary** section ([Figure 12](#)) disappears after offloading WMS. The data is still being processed by the master controller, but the summary information is not available. You must use AirWave to view data for APs, clients and events in detail and summary from.
  - AirWave displays information on Rogue APs in the **RAPIDS > Overview** pages.
  - Information on Suspected Rogue, Interfering and known interfering APs is available in AirWave on each **APs/Devices > Manage** page.
  - IDS events data and reports appear on AirWave's **Reports > Generated > IDS Events** page.

**Figure 12: Security Summary on Master Controller**



See "[Rogue Device Classification](#)" on page 27 for more information on security, IDS, WIPS, WIDS, classification, and RAPIDS.

# Chapter 6

## Dell PowerConnect W-Series Specific Capabilities in AirWave

This section discusses Dell PowerConnect W-Series specific capabilities in AirWave and contains the following topics:

- "Dell PowerConnect W-Series Traps for RADIUS Auth and IDS Tracking" on page 23
- "Remote AP Monitoring" on page 23
- "ARM and Channel Utilization Information" on page 24
- "Viewing Controller License Information" on page 27
- "Rogue Device Classification" on page 27
- "Rules-Based Controller Classification" on page 29

### Dell PowerConnect W-Series Traps for RADIUS Auth and IDS Tracking

The authentication failure traps are received by the AirWave server and correlated to the proper controller, AP, and user. See [Figure 13](#) showing all authentication failures related to a controller.

**Figure 13: RADIUS Authentication Traps in AirWave**

RADIUS Authentication Issues for HQ-Aruba-Controller in group Acme Corporation in folder Top > Acme Corporation > Corporate HQ | Return to AP/Device Monitor page

Event Type	Last 2 Hours	Last 24 Hours	Total
Client authentication failed	0	4	1103

1-20 of 1103 RADIUS Authentication Issues Page 1 of 56 > >|

Event	Username	User MAC Address	AP	Radio	RADIUS Server	Time
Client authentication failed for 00:08:7D:0C:19:E9	-	00:08:7D:0C:19:E9	-	-	-	4/2/2008 5:24 PM
Client authentication failed for 00:17:3F:20:99:68	-	00:17:3F:20:99:68	-	-	-	4/2/2008 4:21 PM

The IDS traps are received by the AirWave server and correlated to the proper controller, AP, and user. See [Figure 14](#) showing all IDS traps related to a controller.

**Figure 14: IDS Traps in AirWave**

IDS Events for HQ-Aruba-Controller in group Acme Corporation in folder Top > Acme Corporation > Corporate HQ | Return to AP/Device Monitor page

Attack	Last 2 Hours	Last 24 Hours	Total
Deauth-Broadcast	0	0	47
Netstumbler Generic	13	122	1756
Null-Probe-Response	22	263	2776
3 Attack Types	35	385	4579

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Attack	Attacker	AP	Radio	Channel	SNR	Precedence	Time
Null-Probe-Response	00:20:A6:49:92:AE	HQ-Aruba-Boardroom	802.11a	-	13	-	7/17/2008 1:58 PM
Null-Probe-Response	00:0D:97:00:81:6A	HQ-Northeast-Corner-b6b6	802.11bg	-	23	-	7/17/2008 1:56 PM
Null-Probe-Response	00:20:A6:49:92:AE	HQ-Southwest-Corner-eb3e	802.11a	-	39	-	7/17/2008 1:41 PM

### Remote AP Monitoring

To monitor remote APs, follow these steps:

1. From the APs/Devices > List page, filter on the Remote Device column to find remote devices.

- To view detailed information on the remote device, select the device name. The page illustrated in [Figure 15](#) appears.

**Figure 15: Remote AP Detail Page**



- You can also see if there are users plugged into the wired interfaces in the Connected Users list.

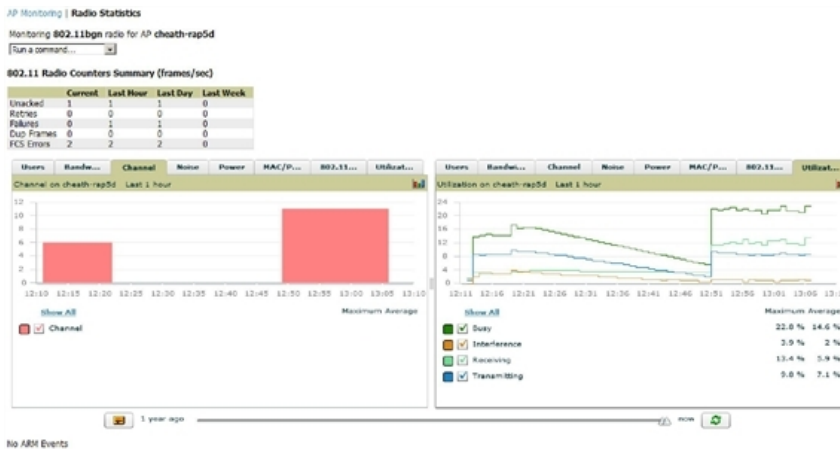
**NOTE:** This feature is only available when the remote APs are in split tunnel and tunnel modes.

## ARM and Channel Utilization Information

ARM statistics and Channel utilization are very powerful tools for diagnosing capacity and other issues in your WLAN.

- Navigate to an APs/Devices > Monitor page for any of the following Dell PowerConnect W-Series models: Dell PowerConnect W-W-AP105, W-AP92, W-AP93, W-AP124, W-AP125, or W-AP135.
- In the Radios table, select a radio link under the Name column for a radio.

**Figure 16: ARM and Channel Utilization Graphs**



See the *Dell PowerConnect W-AirWave User Guide* in Home > Documentation for more information on the data displayed in the Radio Statistics page for these devices.

## VisualRF and Channel Utilization

To view how channel utilization is impacting an area within a building, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to a floor plan by clicking on the thumbnail on a device's **APs/Devices > Monitor** page or navigating to **VisualRF > Floor Plans** page.
2. Select the **Overlays** menu.
3. Select **Utilization** overlay.
4. Select **Current** or **Maximum** (over last 24 hours).
5. Select total (default), receive, transmit, or interference (see [Figure 17](#)).

**Figure 17:** Channel Utilization in VisualRF (Interference)



## Configuring Channel Utilization Triggers

1. Navigate to **System > Triggers** and select **Add**.
2. Select **Channel Utilization** from the **Type** drop-down menu as seen on [Figure 18](#):

**Figure 18: Channel Utilization Trigger**

Trigger

Type: Channel Utilization ▾

Severity: Normal ▾

Duration: 15 minutes  
e.g. '15 minutes', '75 seconds', '1 hr 15 mins'

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Conditions

Matching conditions:  All  Any

Available Conditions: Interference (%), Radio Type, Time Busy (%), Time Receiving (%), Time Transmitting (%)

New Trigger Condition

Option	Condition	Value	
Radio Type ▾	is ▾	2.4Ghz (802.11 b/g/n) ▾	
Interference (%) ▾	>= ▾	25	

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Trigger Restrictions

Folder: Top ▾

Include Subfolders:  Yes  No

Group: - All Groups - ▾

---

Alert Notifications

Notes:

Additional Notification Options:  Email  NMS

Add NMS servers on the [AMP Setup NMS page](#)

Logged Alert Visibility: By Role ▾

Suppress Until Acknowledged:  Yes  No

3. Enter the duration evaluation period.
4. Select **Add New Trigger Condition**.
5. Create a trigger condition for **Radio Type** and select the frequency to evaluate.
6. Select total, receive, transmit, or interference trigger condition.
7. Set up any restrictions or notifications (refer to the *Dell PowerConnect W-AirWave User Guide* in **Home > Documentation** for more details)
8. When you are finished, select **Add**.

## Viewing Channel Utilization Alerts

1. Navigate to APs/Devices > Monitor or System > Alerts.
2. Sort the Trigger Type column and find Channel Utilization alerts.

## View Channel Utilization in RF Health Reports

1. Navigate to Reports > Generated.
2. Find and select a Device Summary or RF Health report.

**Figure 19: Channel Utilization in an RF Health Report**

Most Utilized by Channel Usage (2.4 GHz)

Rank	Device	Channel Busy (%)	Interference (%)	Clients	Usage (bps)	Location	Controller	Folder
1	2188-Platform-Dev-Loc (2188-platform-dev-loc.arubanetworks.com)	91.34	16.54	0	98.00	-	ethersphere-1322-porfidio.arubanetworks.com	Top >
2	1372-Platform-Dev-Loc (1372-platform-dev-loc.arubanetworks.com)	82.28	11.42	1	1877.00	-	ethersphere-1322-porfidio.arubanetworks.com	Top >
3	1341-AP21 (1341-ap21.arubanetworks.com)	81.10	16.14	0	30.00	-	chuckwagon (chuckwagon.arubanetworks.com)	Top >
4	1142-M-AP-Dev-Loc (1142-m-ap-dev-loc.arubanetworks.com)	80.71	14.96	2	14744.00	-	ethersphere-1322-porfidio.arubanetworks.com	Top >
5	1341-AP35 (1341-ap35.arubanetworks.com)	80.71	16.93	0	352.00	-	chuckwagon (chuckwagon.arubanetworks.com)	Top >
6	140C	80.71	14.96	0	4040.00	-	chuckwagon (chuckwagon.arubanetworks.com)	Top >
7	ITC	79.92	13.78	0	13977.00	-	chuckwagon (chuckwagon.arubanetworks.com)	Top >
8	1341-AP20 (1341-ap20.arubanetworks.com)	79.92	18.90	0	34.00	-	chuckwagon (chuckwagon.arubanetworks.com)	Top >
9	1341-AP19 (1341-ap19.arubanetworks.com)	79.53	17.72	0	183.00	-	chuckwagon (chuckwagon.arubanetworks.com)	Top >
10	1260-Platform-Dev-Loc (1260-platform-dev-loc.arubanetworks.com)	79.13	13.39	1	2664.00	-	ethersphere-1322-porfidio.arubanetworks.com	Top >

## Viewing Controller License Information

Follow these steps to view your controller's license information in AirWave:

1. Navigate to the APs/Devices > Monitor page of a controller under AirWave management.
2. Select the Licenses link in the Device Info section. A pop-up window appears listing all licenses.

**Figure 20: License Popup from APs/Devices > Monitor page a controller**

License Table for viking.arubanetworks.com:

Service Type	Installed	Expires	Flag	Key
Access Points: 128	4/6/2011 8:55 AM		E	GgX5w2Zz-guH9yBxE-qBZ-#kq5/-3+yaa0hm-v5wAmQOS-fCo
Access Points: 128	4/6/2011 8:55 AM		E	GgX5w2Zz-guH2oFR-m0/NtdMy-Pw/+LUNH/-nYadaHk9-jWg
Next Generation Policy Enforcement Firewall Module: 256	4/6/2011 8:55 AM		E	vE47/S+1-2eCKZ337-9Evm58ok-6pRtL3T-nBqrULSQ-xVk
Next Generation Policy Enforcement Firewall Module: 64	4/6/2011 8:55 AM		E	xaZ3SPN1-kcL17-4EK-Db7eJkG-Z-cwybTIQm-Tadh8JDT-JItf
Policy Enforcement Firewall for VPN users	4/6/2011 8:55 AM		E	mKc5T1p6-uXMIN/Pv-f509c2eb-3AK9oVg-8r735A3D-yRo
RF Protect: 128	4/6/2011 8:55 AM		E	pVZ7Uk9k-ZYClJNIZ-R-1FS8k6E-LWc/TgdH-dlst7/Aj-OTo

6 Licenses

## Rogue Device Classification

Complete this section if you have completed WMS Offload procedure above. After offloading WMS, AirWave maintains the primary ARM, WIPS, and WIDS state classification for all devices discovered over-the-air.

**Table 3: WIPS/WIDS to AirWaveController Classification Matrix**

AirWaveController Classification	ArubaOS (WIPS/WIDS)
Unclassified (default state)	Unknown
Valid	Valid
Suspected Neighbor	Interfering
Neighbor	Known Interfering
Suspected Rogue	Suspected Rogue
Rogue	Rogue
Contained Rogue	DOS

To check and reclassify rogue devices, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to the **Rogue > Detail** page for the rogue device, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 21: Rogue Detail Page Illustration**

2. Select the proper classification from the **RAPIDS Classification Override** drop-down menu.



**CAUTION:** Changing the controller's classification within the AirWave UI will push a reclassification message to all controllers managed by the AirWave server that are in Groups with Offloading the WMS database set to Yes. To reset the controller classification of a rogue device on AirWave, change the controller classification on the AirWave UI to unclassified.

Controller classification can also be updated from **RAPIDS > List** via the **Modify Devices** link.

All rogue devices will be set to a default controller classification of unclassified when WMS is first offloaded except for devices classified as valid. Rogue devices classified in ArubaOS as valid will also be classified within AirWave as valid for their controller classification as well. As APs report subsequent classification information about rogues, this classification will be reflected within AirWave UI and propagated to controllers that AirWave manages. The device classification reflected in the controller's UI and in the AirWave UI will probably not match, because the controller/APs do not reclassify rogue devices frequently.

To update a group of devices' controller classification to match the ArubaOS device classification, navigate to **RAPIDS > List** and utilize the **Modify Devices** checkbox combined with the multiple sorting a filtering features.

**Table 4: ARM to AMP Classification Matrix**

AMP	AOS (ARM)
Unclassified (default state)	Unknown
Valid	Valid
Contained	DOS

1. Navigate to the **Users > User Detail** page for the user.
2. Select the proper classification from the **Classification** drop-down menu as seen in [Figure 22](#):



**Figure 22: User Classification**

Device Information	
Username:	madisonl
Vendor:	Apple
First Seen:	1/8/2009 10:29 AM on <Deleted> for 50 mins
Last Seen:	4/11/2011 1:22 PM on 78C for 5 hrs 25 mins
Classification:	Unclassified
Automatically populate device information:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Device Description:	



CAUTION: Changing User Classification within the AirWave UI will push a user reclassification message to all controllers managed by the AirWave server that are in Groups with Offloading the WMS database set to Yes.

All users will be set to a default classification of unclassified when WMS is first offloaded. As APs report subsequent classification information about users, this classification will be reflected within AirWave UI and propagated to controllers that AirWave manages. It is probable that the user's classification reflected in the controller's UI and in the AirWave UI will not match, because the controller/APs do not reclassify users frequently.

There is no method in the AirWave UI to update user classification on mass to match the controller's classification. Each client must be updated individually within the AirWave UI.

## Rules-Based Controller Classification

### Using RAPIDS Defaults for Controller Classification

To use the controller's classification as RAPIDS classification, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to RAPIDS > Rules and select the pencil icon for a rule.
2. In the Classification drop-down menu, select Use Controllers Classification as seen in [Figure 23](#).
3. Select Save.

**Figure 23: Using Controller Classification**

RAPIDS Classification Rule	
Rule name:	Detected Wirelessly and on LAN
Classification:	Valid
Threat Level:	
Enabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Detected on WLAN <input type="button" value="Add"/>
Device has been detected wirelessly:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (remove condition)
Device has been detected on LAN:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (remove condition)
<input type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

## Changing RAPIDS based on Controller Classification

1. Navigate to RAPIDS > Rules and select the desired rule.
2. In the Classification drop-down menu, select desired RAPIDS classification.
3. Select Controller Classification from drop-down menu, as shown in [Figure 24](#).

**Figure 24:** Configure Rules for Classification

The screenshot shows the 'RAPIDS Classification Rule' configuration window. The 'Rule name' is 'KVMs', 'Classification' is 'Suspected Neighbor', and 'Threat Level' is '1'. The 'Enabled' checkbox is checked. A dropdown menu for 'Controller Classification' is open, listing various properties under four categories: Wireless Properties, Wireline Properties, Wireless/Wireline Properties, and Aruba Controller Properties. The 'Controller Classification' option is highlighted. An 'Add' button is next to the dropdown. Below the menu, there are radio buttons for 'Matches' (selected) and 'Does Not Match'. At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

4. Select Add.
5. Select desired controller classification to use as an evaluation in RAPIDS.
6. Select Save.

# Appendix A

## ArubaOS and AirWave CLI Commands

### Enable Channel Utilization Events



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CAUTION: Enabling these commands on ArubaOS versions prior to 6.1 can result in performance issues on the controller.

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To enable channel utilization events utilizing the Dell PowerConnect W-Series ArubaOS CLI, use SSH to access a local or master controller's command-line interface, enter **enable** mode, and issue the following commands:

```
(Controller-Name) # configure terminal
Enter Configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z

(Controller-Name) (config) # mgmt-server type amp primary-server <AMP IP>
(Controller-Name) (config) # write mem
```

### Enable Stats With the ArubaOS CLI

The following commands enable collection of statistics (up to 25,000 entries) on the master controller for monitored APs and clients.



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NOTE: Do not use these commands if you use the AirWave GUI to monitor APs and Clients. Enabling these commands on ArubaOS versions prior to 6.1 can result in performance issues on the controller.

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Use SSH to access the master controller's command-line interface, enter **enable** mode, and issue the following commands:

```
(Controller-Name) # configure terminal
Enter Configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z

(Controller-Name) (config) # ids wms-general-profile collect-stats enable
(Controller-Name) (config-ids-wms-general-profile) # collect-stats
(Controller-Name) (config-ids-wms-general-profile) # exit
(Controller-Name) (config) # write mem
```

### Offload WMS Using the ArubaOS or AirWave CLI



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NOTE: Do not use these commands if you use the AirWave GUI to monitor APs and clients.

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Additional commands can be used to offload WMS using the ArubaOS command-line interface or the AirWave SNMP Walk.

Refer to:

["ArubaOS CLI" on page 32](#)

["AirWave SNMP " on page 32](#)

## ArubaOS CLI

SSH into all controllers (local and master), and enter enable mode, and issue the following commands:

```
(Controller-Name) # configure terminal
Enter Configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z
(Controller-Name) (config) # mobility-manager <AMP IP> user <MMS-USER> <MMS-SNMP-PASSWORD>
(Controller-Name) (config) # write mem
```

This command creates an SNMPv3 user on the controller with the authentication protocol configured to **SHA** and privacy protocol **DES**. The user and password must be at least eight characters because the Net-SNMP package in AirWave adheres to this IETF recommendation. ArubaOS automatically creates Auth and Privacy passwords from this single password. If mobility-manager is already using a preconfigured SNMPv3 user, ensure the privacy and authentication passwords are the same.

Example:

```
mobility-manager 10.2.32.1 user airwave123 airwave123
```

## AirWave SNMP

Log in into the AirWave server with proper administrative access and issue the following command for all controllers (master and locals):

```
[root@AMP ~]# snmpwalk -v3 -a SHA -l AuthPriv -u <MMS-USER> -A <MMS-SNMP-PASSWORD> -X <MMS-SNMP-PASSWORD> <Controller-IP> wlsxSystemExtGroup
```

```
WLSX-SYSTEMEXT-MIB::wlsxSysExtSwitchIp.0 = IPAddress: 10.51.5.222
WLSX-SYSTEMEXT-MIB::wlsxSysExtHostname.0 = STRING: dell-3600-2
.
..
WLSX-SYSTEMEXT-MIB::wlsxSysExtSwitchLastReload.0 = STRING: User reboot.
WLSX-SYSTEMEXT-MIB::wlsxSysExtLastStatsReset.0 = Timeticks: (0) 0:00:00.00 response
[root@AMP ~]#
```

Unless this SNMP walk command is issued properly on all of the controllers, they will not properly populate client and rogue statistics. Ensure the user and passwords match exactly to those entered in above sections.

Example:

```
snmpwalk -v3 -a SHA -l AuthPriv -u airwave123 -A airwave123 -X airwave123 10.51.3.222
wlsxSystemExtGroup
```

If you do not use the AirWave WebUI to offload WMS, you must add a cronjob on the AirWave server to ensure continued statistical population. Because the MIB walk/touch does not persist through a controller reboot, a cronjob is required to continually walk and touch the MIB.

## Pushing Configs from Master to Local Controllers

Use the following ArubaOS CLI commands to ensure that the master controller is properly pushing configuration settings from the master controller to local controllers. This command ensures configuration changes made on the master controller will propagate to all local controllers.



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NOTE: Do not use these commands if you use the AirWave GUI to monitor APs and clients.

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```
(Controller-Name) (config) # cfgm mms config disable
(Controller-Name) (config) # write mem
```

## Disable Debugging Utilizing ArubaOS CLI

If you are experiencing performance issues on the master controller, ensure that debugging is disabled. It should be disabled by default. Debugging coupled with gathering the enhanced statistics can put a strain on the controllers CPU, so it is highly recommended to disable debugging.

To disable debugging, SSH into the controller, enter enable mode, and issue the following commands:

```
(Controller-Name) # show running-config | include logging level debugging
```

If there is output, then use the following commands to remove the debugging:

```
(Controller-Name) # configure terminal
```

Enter Configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # no logging level debugging <module from above>
```

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # write mem
```

## Restart WMS on Local Controllers

To ensure local controllers are populating rogue information properly, use SSH to access the command-line interface of each local controller, enter enable mode, and issue the following commands:

```
(Controller-Name) # configure terminal
```

Enter Configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # process restart wms
```

After executing the `restart wms` command in ArubaOS, you will need to wait until the next Rogue Poll Period on the AirWave and execute a **Poll Now** operation for each local controller on the APs/Devices > **List** page before rogue devices begin to appear in AirWave.

## Configure ArubaOS CLI when not Offloading WMS

To ensure proper event correlation for IDS events when WMS is not offloaded to AirWave, access the command line interface of each controller (master and local), enter enable mode, and issue the following commands:

```
(Controller-Name) # configure terminal
```

Enter Configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # ids management-profile
```

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # ids general-profile <name>
```

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # ids-events logs-and-traps
```

```
(Controller-Name) (config) # write mem
```

## Copy and Paste to Enable Proper Traps with the ArubaOS CLI

To ensure the proper traps are configured on Dell PowerConnect W-Series controllers, copy and paste the following command in config mode:

```
snmp-server trap enable wlsxNUserAuthenticationFailed
snmp-server trap enable wlsxUserAuthenticationFailed
snmp-server trap enable wlsxNAuthServerReqTimedOut
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignatureMatchAP
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignatureMatchSta
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignAPNetstumbler
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignStaNetstumbler
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignAPAsleap
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignStaAsleap
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignAPAirjack
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignStaAirjack
```

```

snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignAPNullProbeResp
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignStaNullProbeResp
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignAPDeauthBcast
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignStaDeauthBcastwlsxChannelFrameErrorRateExceeded
snmp-server trap enable wlsxChannelFrameFragmentationRateExceeded
snmp-server trap enable wlsxChannelFrameRetryRateExceeded
snmp-server trap enable wlsxNIPspoofingDetected
snmp-server trap enable wlsxStaImpersonation
snmp-server trap enable wlsxReservedChannelViolation
snmp-server trap enable wlsxValidSSIDViolation
snmp-server trap enable wlsxStaPolicyViolation
snmp-server trap enable wlsxRepeatWEPIVViolation
snmp-server trap enable wlsxWeakWEPIVViolation
snmp-server trap enable wlsxFrameRetryRateExceeded
snmp-server trap enable wlsxFrameReceiveErrorRateExceeded
snmp-server trap enable wlsxFrameFragmentationRateExceeded
snmp-server trap enable wlsxFrameBandWidthRateExceeded
snmp-server trap enable wlsxFrameLowSpeedRateExceeded
snmp-server trap enable wlsxFrameNonUnicastRateExceeded
snmp-server trap enable wlsxChannelRateAnomaly
snmp-server trap enable wlsxNodeRateAnomalyAP
snmp-server trap enable wlsxNodeRateAnomalySta
snmp-server trap enable wlsxEAPRateAnomaly
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSignalAnomaly
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSequenceNumberAnomalyAP
snmp-server trap enable wlsxSequenceNumberAnomalySta
snmp-server trap enable wlsxApFloodAttack
snmp-server trap enable wlsxInvalidMacOUIAP
snmp-server trap enable wlsxInvalidMacOUISta
snmp-server trap enable wlsxStaRepeatWEPIVViolation
snmp-server trap enable wlsxStaWeakWEPIVViolation
snmp-server trap enable wlsxStaAssociatedToUnsecureAP
snmp-server trap enable wlsxStaUnAssociatedFromUnsecureAP
snmp-server trap enable wlsxAPImpersonation
snmp-server trap enable wlsxDisconnectStationAttackAP
snmp-server trap enable wlsxDisconnectStationAttackSta

```




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NOTE: You will need to issue the `write mem` command.

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# Appendix B

## AirWave Data Acquisition Methods

The following table describes the different methods through which AirWave acquires data from Dell PowerConnect W-Series devices on the network.

**Table 5: Methods by which AirWave Acquires Data from Dell PowerConnect W-Series Devices**

Data Elements	Controller/Thin AP						Dell PowerConnect W-Instant	
	SNMP MIB	SNMP Traps	AMON	CLI/SSH	WMS Offload	RTLS	HTTPS	
Configuration interface								
Device configuration/audit				X			X	
User and client interfaces								
Assoc/auth/roam	X	X					X	
Bandwidth	X						X	
Signal quality	X					X	X	
Auth failures		X					N/A	
AP/radio interfaces								
CPU And memory utilization	←-----N/A-----→							X
Bandwidth	X						X	
Transmit Power	X						X	
Channel utilization			X				X	
Noise floor	X						X	
Frame rates	X						X	
Error counters	X						X	
Channel summary				X			N/A	
ARM events		X					N/A	

Data Elements	Controller/Thin AP						Dell PowerConnect W-Instant
Active interferers			X				N/A
Active BSSIDs/SSIDs	X						X
Security							
IDS events		X					N/A
Neighbors/rogues	X				X		X
Neighbor re-classification				X	X		N/A
Client classification					X		N/A
User deauthorization				X			N/A

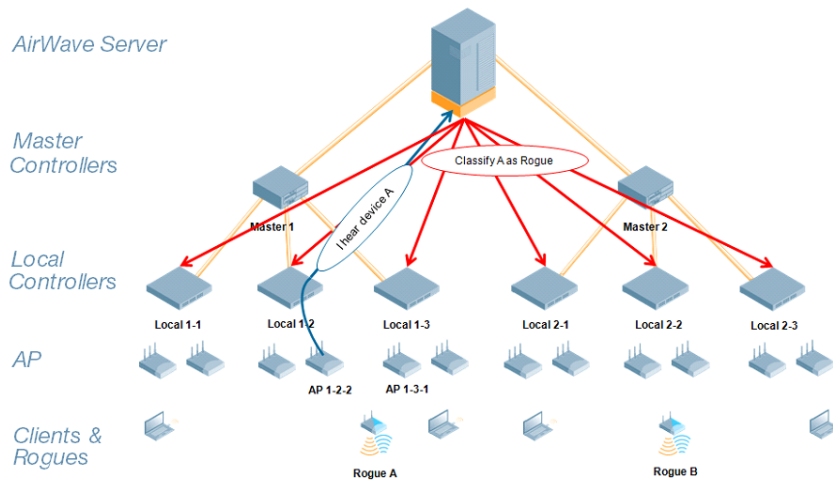


# Appendix C

## WMS Offload Details

WMS Offload instructs the master controller to stop correlating ARM, WIPS, and WIDS state information amongst its local controllers because AirWave will assume this responsibility. Figure 25 depicts how AirWave communicates state information with local controllers.

**Figure 25: ARM/WIPS/WIDS Classification Message Workflow**



### State Correlation Process

1. AP-1-3-1 hears rogue device A.
2. Local controller 1-3 evaluates devices and does initial classification and sends a classification request to the AirWave.
3. AirWave receives message and re-classifies the device if necessary and reflects this within AirWave GUI and via SNMP traps, if configured.
4. AirWave sends a classification message back to all local controllers managed by master controller 1, (1-1, 1-2, and 1-3).
5. AirWave sends a classification message back to all additional local controllers managed by the AirWave server. In this example all local controllers under master controller 2, (2-1, 2-2, and 2-3) would receive the classification messages.
6. If an administrative AirWave user manually overrides the classification, then AirWave will send a re-classification message to all applicable local controllers.
7. AirWave periodically polls each local controller's MIB to ensure state parity with the AirWave database. If the local controller's device state does not comply with the AirWave database, AirWave will send a re-classification message to bring it back into compliance.

**NOTE:** The Rogue Detail page includes a BSSID table for each rogue that displays the desired classification and the classification on the device.

## Using AirWave as Master Device State Manager

AirWave offers the following benefits as a master device state manager:

- Ability to correlate state among multiple master controllers. This will reduce delays in containing a rogue device or authorizing a valid device when devices roam across a large campus.
- Ability to correlate state of third party access points with ARM. This will ensure Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure interoperates more efficiently in a mixed infrastructure environment.
- Ability to better classify devices based on AirWave wire-line information not currently available in ArubaOS.
- AirWave provides a near real-time event notification and classification of new devices entering air space.
- RAPIDS gains additional wire-line discovery data from Dell PowerConnect W-Series controllers.

# Appendix D

## Increasing Location Accuracy

### Understand Band Steering's Impact on Location

Band steering can negatively impact location accuracy when testing in highly mobile environment. The biggest hurdle is scanning times in 5 GHz frequency.

**Table 6:** Location accuracy impact

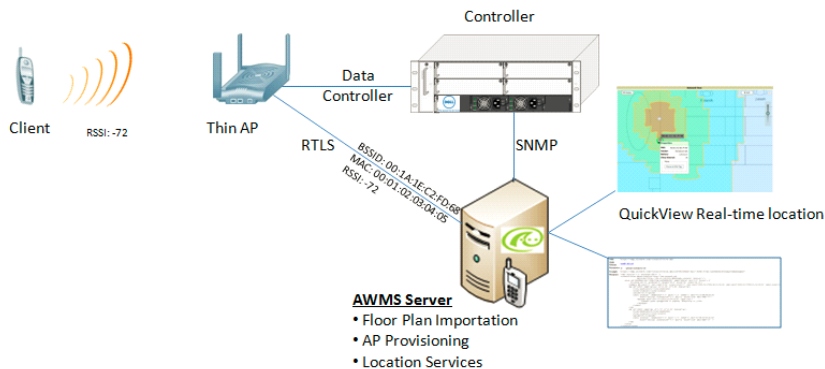
Operating Frequency	Total Channels	Scanning Frequency	Scanning Time	Total Time One Pass
2.4 GHz	11 (US)	10 seconds	110 milliseconds	121.21 seconds
5 GHz	24 (US)	10 seconds	110 milliseconds	242.64 seconds

### Leveraging RTLS to Increase Accuracy

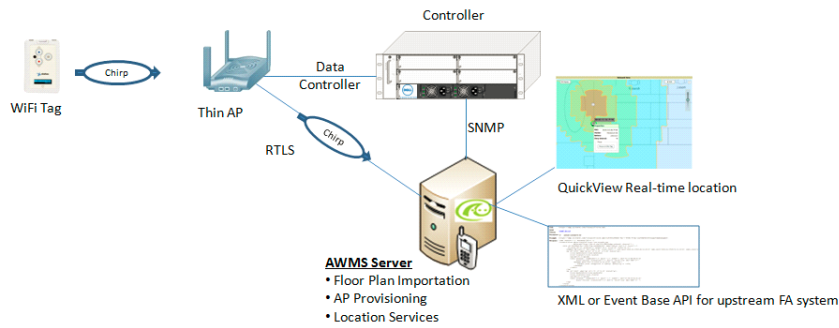
This section provides instructions for integrating the AirWave, Dell PowerConnect W-Series WLAN infrastructure and Dell PowerConnect W's RTLS feed to more accurately locate wireless clients and Wi-Fi Tags.

### Deployment Topology

**Figure 26:** Typical Client Location



**Figure 27: Typical Tag Deployment**



## Prerequisites

You will need the following information to monitor and manage your Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure.

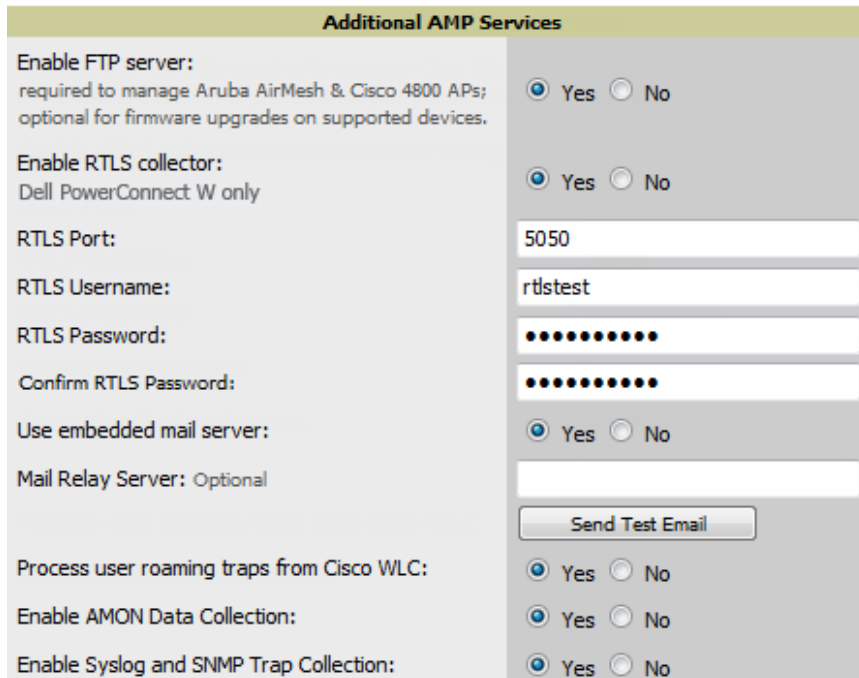
- Ensure AirWave server is already monitoring Dell PowerConnect W-Series infrastructure
- Ensure WMS Offload process is complete
- Ensure firewall configuration for port 5050 (default port) supports bidirectional UDP communication between the AirWave server's IP address and each access point's IP address

## Enable RTLS service on the AirWave server

To enable RTLS service on the AirWave server, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to **AMP Setup > General** and locate the **AMP Additional Services** section
2. Select **Yes** for the **Enable RTLS Collector** option.
3. A new section will automatically appear with the following settings:
  - **RTLS Port** - the match controller default is 5050
  - **RTLS Username** - match the SNMPv3 MMS username configured on controller
  - **RTLS Password** - match the SNMPv3 MMS password configured on controller

**Figure 28: RTLS Fields in AMP Setup > General**



4. Select Save at the bottom of the page.

## Enable RTLS on the Controller



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NOTE: RTLS can only be enabled on the master controller and it will automatically propagate to all local controllers.

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SSH into master controller, enter **enable** mode, and issue the following commands:

```
(Controller-Name) # configure terminal
Enter Configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z

(Controller-Name) (config) # ap system-profile <Thin-AP-Profile-Name>

(Controller-Name) (AP system profile default) # rtls-server ip-addr <IP of AMP Server> port
5050 key <Controller-SNMPv3-MMS-Password>

(Controller-Name) (AP system profile default) # write mem
```

To validate exit configuration mode:

```
(Controller-Name) # show ap monitor debug status ip-addr <AP-IP-Address>
...
RTLS configuration
-----
Type          Server IP   Port Frequency Active
-----
MMS           10.51.2.45 5070 120
Aeroscout    N/A        N/A   N/A
RTLS         10.51.2.45 5050 60      *
```

## Troubleshooting RTLS

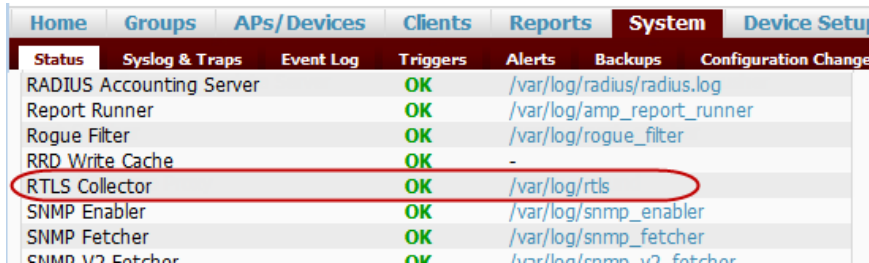
You can use either the WebUI or CLI to ensure the RTLS service is running on your AirWave server.

### Using the WebUI

Access the AirWave WebUI and navigate to **System > Status**.

Scroll down Services list and look for the RTLS service, as shown below

**Figure 29: RTLS System Status**



Status	Syslog & Traps	Event Log	Triggers	Alerts	Backups	Configuration Change
RADIUS Accounting Server			OK	/var/log/radius/radius.log		
Report Runner			OK	/var/log/amp_report_runner		
Rogue Filter			OK	/var/log/rogue_filter		
RRD Write Cache			OK	-		
<b>RTLS Collector</b>			<b>OK</b>	<b>/var/log/rtls</b>		
SNMP Enabler			OK	/var/log/snmp_enabler		
SNMP Fetcher			OK	/var/log/snmp_fetcher		
SNMP V2 Fetcher			OK	/var/log/snmp_v2_fetcher		

### Using the CLI

Use SSH to access the command-line interface of your AirWave server, and issue the following commands:

```
[root@AMPServer]# daemons | grep RTLS
root      17859 12809 0 10:35 ?          00:00:00 Daemon::RTLS
```

Issue the `logs` and `tail rtls` commands to check the RTLS log file and verify that Tag chirps are making it to the AirWave server.

```
[root@AMPServer]# logs
[root@AMPServer]# tail rtls
payload:
00147aaf01000020001a1ec02b320000001000000137aae0100000c001a1ec02b320000001a1e82b322590006-
dfff02
1224534900.588245 - got 96 bytes from 10.51.1.39 on port 5050
Mon Oct 20 13:35:00 2008: 1224534900.588338 - got 96 bytes from 10.51.1.39 on port 5050
payload:
0014c9c90100003c001a1ec05078000000200000013c9c70100000c001a1ec05078000000d54a7a280540001-
dfff020013c9c80100000c001a1ec05078000000cdb8ae9a9000006c4ff02
1224534900.588245 - got 96 bytes from 10.51.1.39 on port 5050
Mon Oct 20 13:35:00 2008: 1224534900.588338 - got 96 bytes from 10.51.1.39 on port 5050
payload:
0014c9c90100003c001a1ec05078000000200000013c9c70100000c001a1ec05078000000d54a7a280540001-
dfff020013c9c80100000c001a1ec05078000000cdb8ae9a9000006c4ff02
```

Ensure chirps are published to Airbus by snooping on RTLS tag reports.

```
[root@AMPserver]# airbus_snoop rtls_tag_report
Snooping on rtls_tag_report:
Mon Oct 20 13:49:03 2008 (1224535743.54077)
%
ap_mac => 00:1A:1E:C0:50:78
battery => 0
bssid => 00:1A:1E:85:07:80
channel => 1
data_rate => 2
noise_floor => 85
payload =>
```

```
rsssi => -64
tag_mac => 00:14:7E:00:4C:E4
timestamp => 303139810
tx_power => 19
```

Verify external applications can see WiFi Tag information by exercising the Tag XML API:

```
https://<AMP-Server-IP>/visualrf/rfid.xml
```

You should see the following XML output:

```
<visualrf:rfid version=1>
  <rfid battery-level=0 chirp-interval= radio-mac=00:14:7E:00:4C:E0
    vendor=>
      <radio phy=g xmit-dbm=10.0/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-03-AP10 dBm=-91 id=811 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:23:30-04:00/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-03-AP06 dBm=-81 id=769 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:23:31-04:00/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-01-AP06 dBm=-63 id=708 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:23:31-04:00/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-02-AP04 dBm=-88 id=806 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:22:34-04:00/>
    </rfid>
  <rfid battery-level=0 chirp-interval= radio-mac=00:14:7E:00:4B:5C
    vendor=>
      <radio phy=g xmit-dbm=10.0/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-03-AP06 dBm=-74 id=769 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:23:20-04:00/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-01-AP06 dBm=-58 id=708 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:23:20-04:00/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-03-AP02 dBm=-91 id=734 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:23:20-04:00/>
    </rfid>
  <rfid battery-level=0 chirp-interval= radio-mac=00:14:7E:00:4D:06
    vendor=>
      <radio phy=g xmit-dbm=10.0/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-SB-GR-AP04 dBm=-91 id=837 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:21:08-04:00/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-03-AP06 dBm=-79 id=769 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:22:08-04:00/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-01-AP06 dBm=-59 id=708 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:23:08-04:00/>
      <discovering-radio ap=SC-MB-02-AP04 dBm=-90 id=806 index=1
        timestamp=2008-10-21T12:22:08-04:00/>
    </rfid>
</visualrf:rfid>
```

## Wi-Fi Tag Setup Guidelines

- Ensure that the tags can be heard by at least three (3) access points from any given location. The recommended value is 4 APs.
- Ensure that the tags chirp on all regulatory channels.

