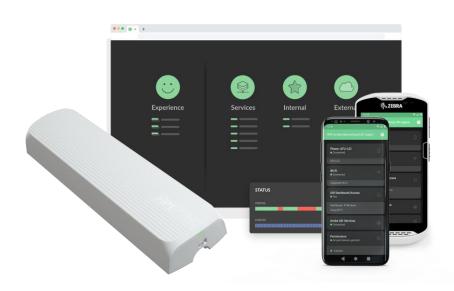




# Digital Experience Monitoring with HPE Aruba Networks UXI

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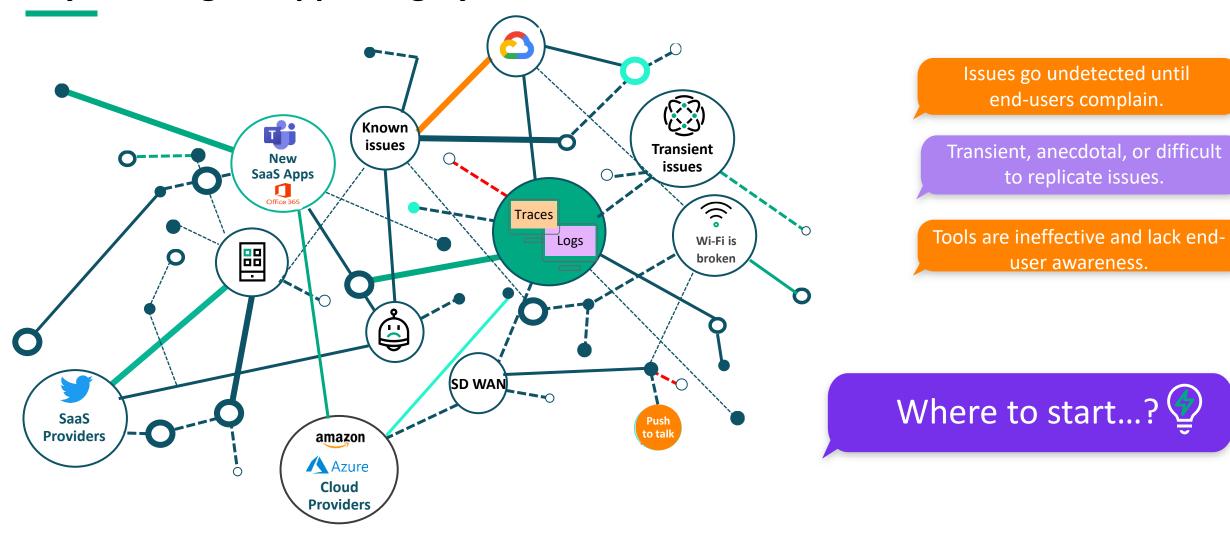




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### Key challenges supporting hybrid, distributed environments



Traditional tools don't focus on mobility, user experience or SaaS applications.



#### The cost of not monitoring End-User Digital Experience



**Up to 68%** 

of employees experience a late start to online meetings

Due to an unstable network, resulting in 3 hours/week of lost productivity



48% instore

retail customers are dissatisfied

Due to inconsistency with their online retail experiences, leading to loss of customer loyalty



\$4000/day

productivity loss\*

Due to poor performance of critical applications like MS Office on your network

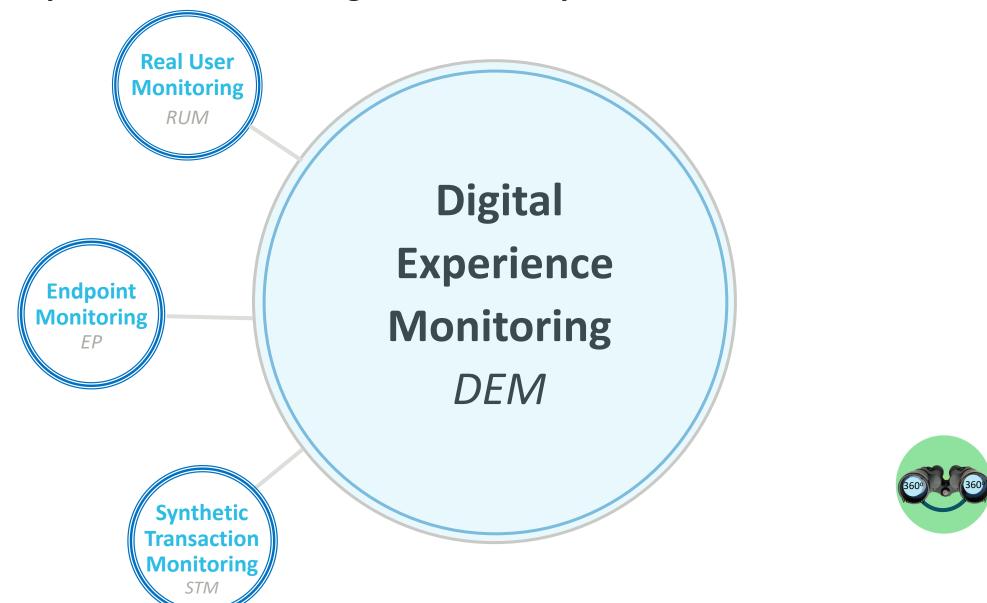


70% of IT's time is spent troubleshooting

Which equals less time for strategic projects



### **Digital Experience Monitoring: 3 Core Components**



### **UXI** is your remote technician

#### Problems we help solve



The network looks fine but end users open helpdesk complaints.

#### Intermittent issues

are hard to validate because of the dependency on the end-user.

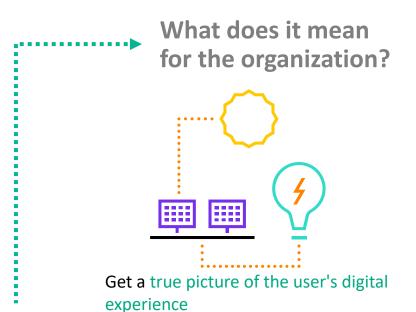
Time consuming and costly MTTI, MTTR and truck rolls.

24/7 proactive network and application testing from endusers' perspective.

Precise insights into network & application performance.

Capture issues as and when they happen along with root-cause.





Enable IT teams to track SLAs (even in remote sites with minimal IT support).

Reduce network troubleshooting costs and save time.

Capture intermittent issues and validate network upgrades.

#### **HPE Aruba Networking User Experience Insight**

Purpose-Built UXI Sensors/ Agent for Windows, MacOS, Android and Zebra



Cloud-Based UI



Simple to setup and deploy on any wired and/or wireless network - no new cable runs required!

**Understandable** interface for real-time monitoring, actionable alerts, troubleshooting

See the real-time experience of users on your network. Vendor Agnostic!



**UXI** Dashboard

#### **HPE Aruba Networking UXI dashboard – Brief**



- UXI dashboard is an AI-powered visualization of user experience
- Easy to understand and navigate
- Automatic triage to pinpoint root cause
- Al powered alerts to keep IT proactive
- Stores 30 days data help with validating changes
  - Provides PCAP file

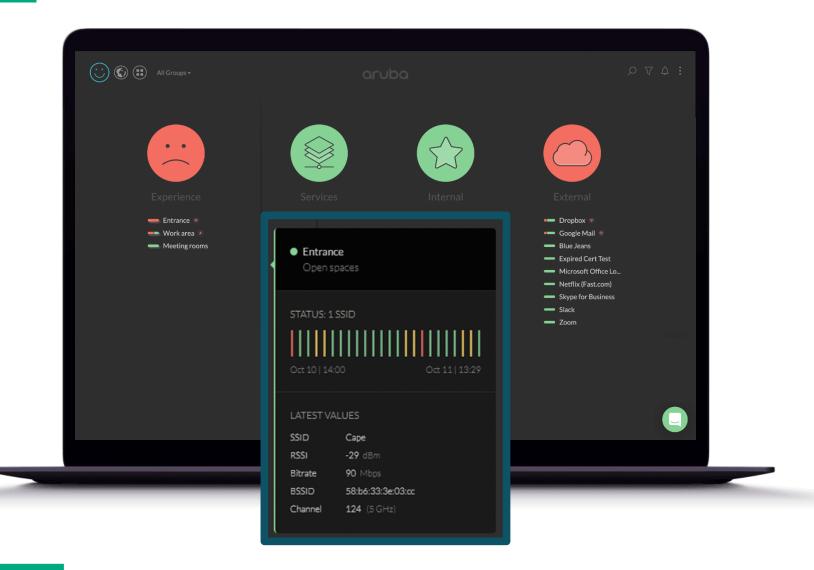
#### **At-A-Glance status**





Performance is OK

There's an issue



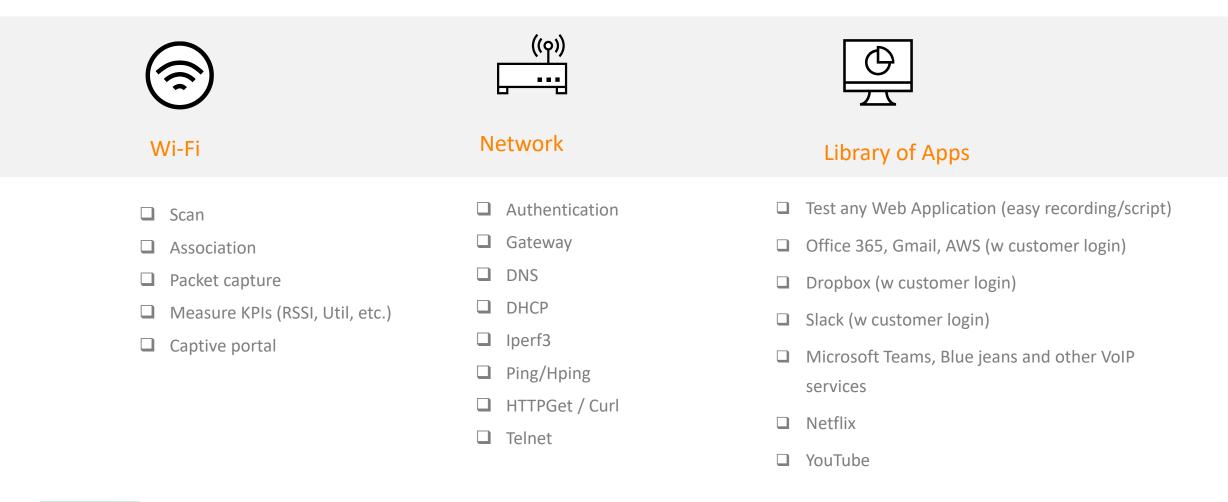






#### **Proactive Monitoring with Synthetic Tests**

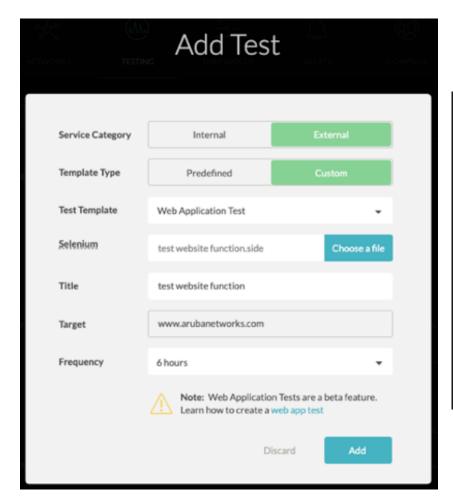
Thorough testing To and Through your network

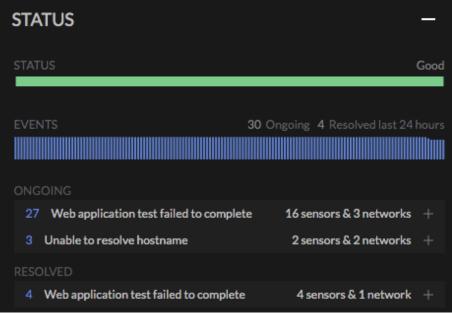


#### **HPE Aruba Networking UXI Web Application Testing (WAT)**

#### Mimic your user $\rightarrow$

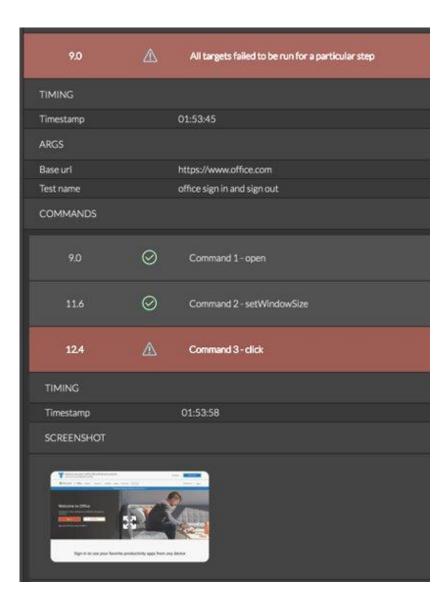
Configure sensors to test end to end user workflows, like logging in, adding items to cart, logging out and many such scenarios





### Web App Testing utilizing triage

- Understand the performance of application workflows e.g., logging in, navigating and performing actions.
- Measure success, failure and time taken to complete actions.
- Every test step is understood, therefore reproducible.
- Test navigation paths are consistent, creating performance baselines.
- Change management validation testing.



### **UXI Path Analysis**

Get the blueprint of an application journey on the global network or internet—originating from the edge and traversing through vast geographic distance to reach an application.



Identify high latency paths to any webserver or application



Understand paths during Issue evolution before, during and after incident







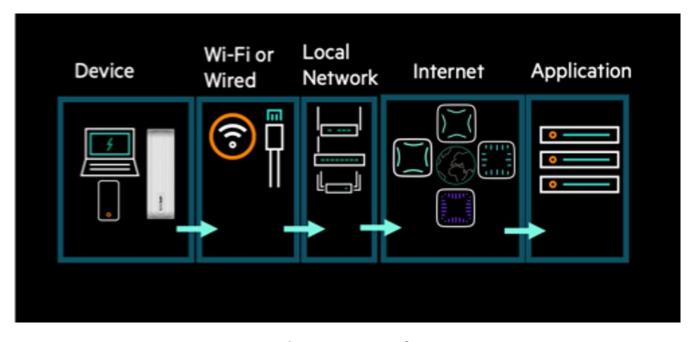


Visibility into Internet nodes and verify routing

failover for multiple WAN **ISP links** 



Verify network path resiliency for SD-WAN infrastructure



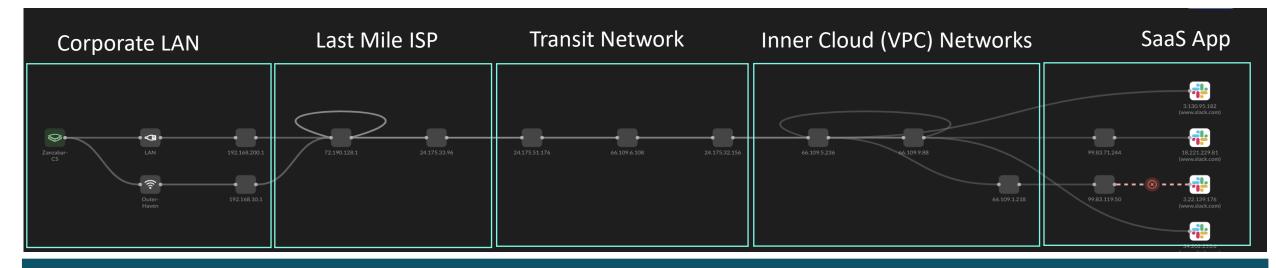
**Provides X-ray of Internet** 

### **Enable End-to-End Network and Application Monitoring**

Get the end user perspective

Visualize the mid path transit

Understand target requirements



#### Visibility required for end-to-end network and application observability

Local Network
Wired LAN
Wi-Fi
AP/Switch

2 Last Mile ISP

- Mid Path Transit
  Networks
- 4 Cloud Based or SaaS Infrastructure
- Multi-cloud
  hybrid Cloud
  Inner cloud
  SaaS networking



**UXI Sensors** 

#### Zero-Touch deployment is as easy As 1, 2, 3

In the office, branch, or anywhere



Place or mount
1 sensor for every 5-10 Aps
at end-user locations

Connect to power AC adapter or PoE

Login to dashboard View real-time status

#### **HPE Aruba Networking UXI Sensors**

Powerful Linux machines

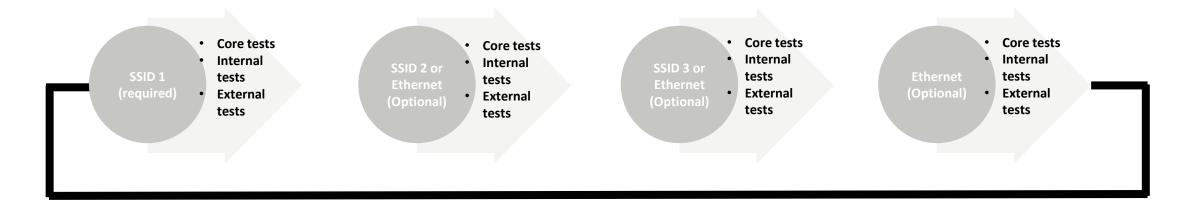


Continuously test and monitor end-user experience on your wired, Wi-Fi, and WAN networks

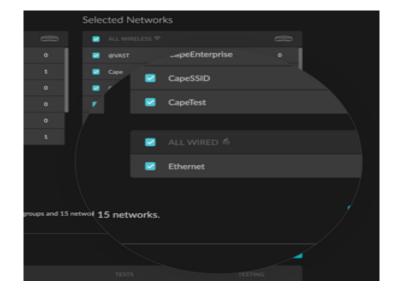
2 Zero touch deployment

Looks great in all infrastructure settings

### The sensor test cycle (1/2)

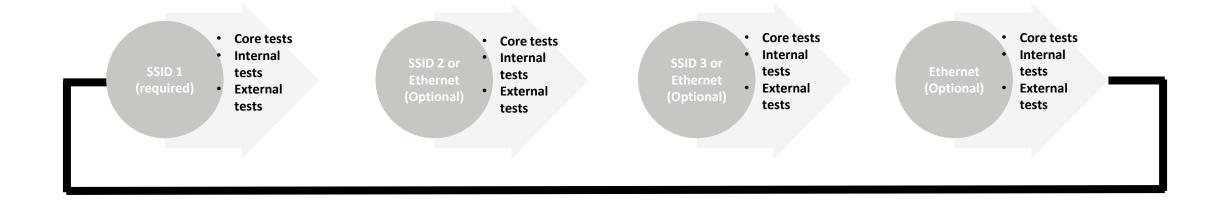


- ☐ Tests networks in round robin fashion
- The sensor tests whichever BSSID is "best", based on the perceived quality according to the wpa supplicant on the sensor not necessarily the best RSSI.
- ☐ 4 networks 1 wireless and 3 ethernet or any mix



### The sensor test cycle (2/2)

- Web application tests and iPerf tests can be configured to run at predefined frequencies. During the sensor test cycle, the sensor will determine if it needs to run these tests based on how long it has been since the last time the tests were executed.
- If an error is encountered with the core network tests, the internal and external tests will not be attempted.



#### Types of issues detected by Sensors

There are two types of issues observed in the dashboard:

#### **Threshold Violations:**

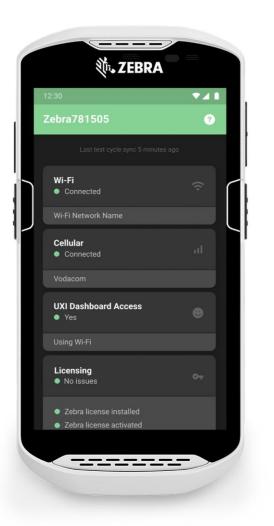
- When the sensor runs a test and gets a successful result
- The measured value is reported to the dashboard.
- Threshold issues are generated based on a rolling average of measured data samples crossing a defined threshold.
- These thresholds are configurable by an administrator of the dashboard.
- Example issues: High DHCP response time, High DNS lookup time.

#### **Test Failures:**

- When the sensor runs a test and does NOT get a successful result
- The sensor will attempt to diagnose why the test failed in an automated triage mode
- Triage mode will run a set of predefined troubleshooting tests to get the test failure's root cause.
- Example issues: Gateway is unreachable, Primary DNS Failing, No Response from DHO
   Server

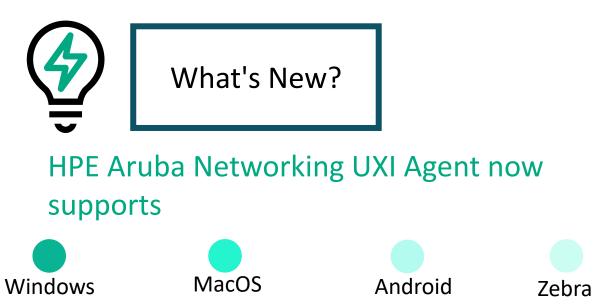








#### **Value proposition**



These agents run synthetic tests to monitor network and application performance, provide device performance stats and capture issues along with root cause to alert IT teams for rapid troubleshooting.

- **1.** Improve the productivity of users/employees by monitoring their digital experience while they access various critical applications on a network.
- 2. Reduce network monitoring and troubleshooting cost
- **3.** Rapidly troubleshoot helpdesk tickets with precise insights into root cause of issues.



**3.1** Self service portal for end-users – for helping IT teams in rapid troubleshooting

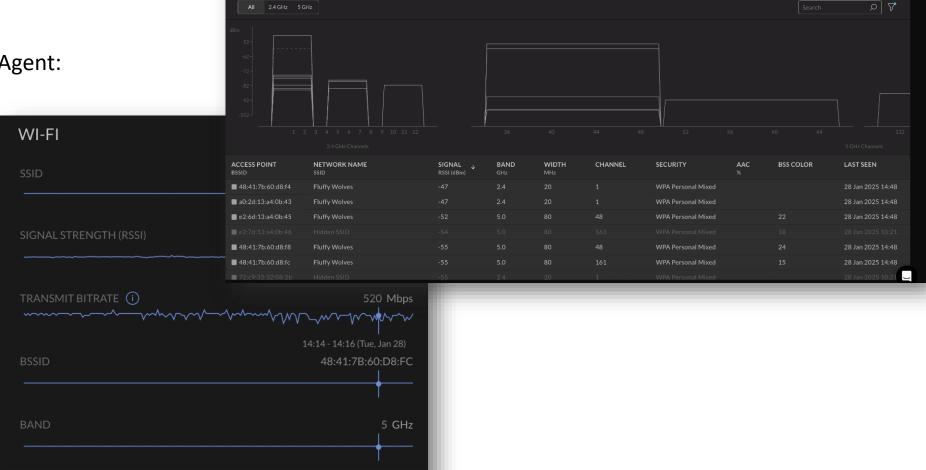
Additional Features

Metrices collected by UXI Agent:



Wi-Fi performance metrics like signal (RSSI), transmission (Tx) rate, BSSID, band, and channel.

It also shows a Wi-Fi visualization chart with information like channel overlap, SSIDs, channel width, and signal strength of nearby APs.



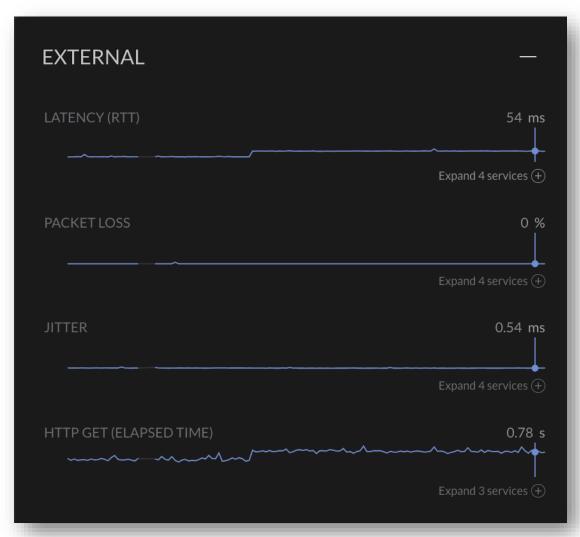
WI-FI ENVIRONMENT

# Additional Features

Metrices collected by UXI Agent:



App performance metrics like DNS lookup time, HTTP GET Elapsed time, packet loss, latency, jitter, gateway reachability



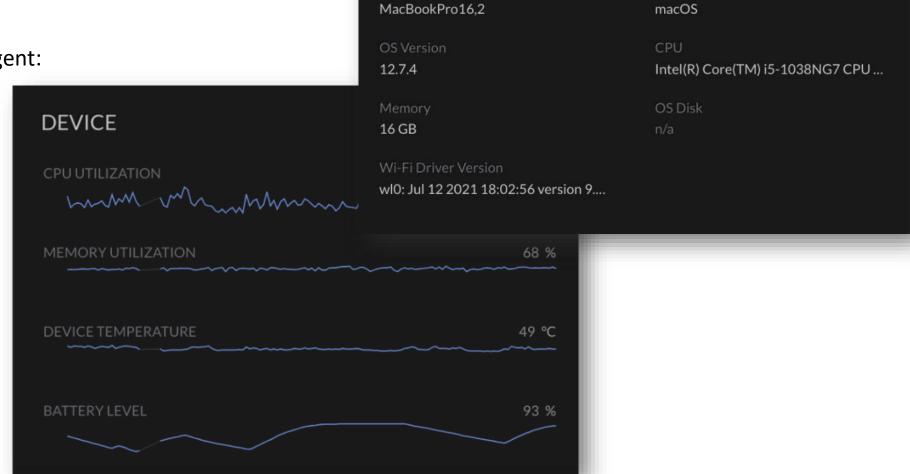
# Additional Features

Metrices collected by UXI Agent:





Device performance metrics like CPU, memory and battery utilization, along with device metadata like OS, model, adapter information



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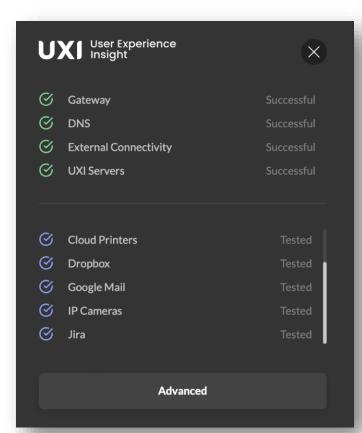
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#### **Self Service Portal**

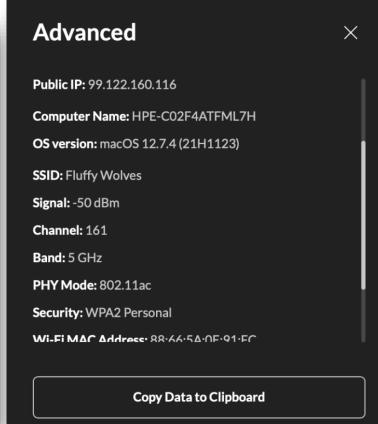


UXI Agent for Windows and macOS devices offers a self-service portal for end users that shows following stats:

i): **Current network status:** Displays issues in red and working well status in green



ii): **Tested Applications**: Overview of apps being monitored on the device

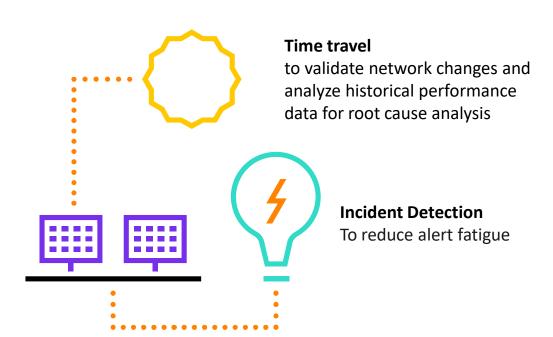


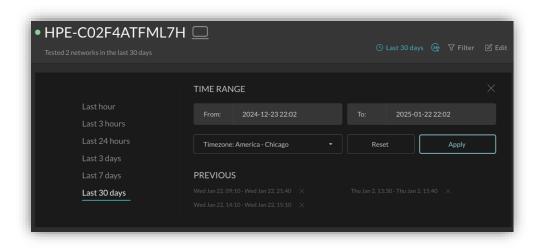
iii): Essential Device and Network Information: OS, ISP, PHY Mode, and more

#### **Additional**

#### **Features**

Similar to UXI Sensors, the agents offer the following core features for quick troubleshooting







# UXI + New Central

UXI network and application testing data is now available natively within the New Central dashboard

#### **Enhanced application observability with UXI + Central**

#### **Application Observability with Digital Experience Monitoring**





AOS-10 GWs, APs and MS Teams UXI sensors, agents, dashboard

**MONITORING** 

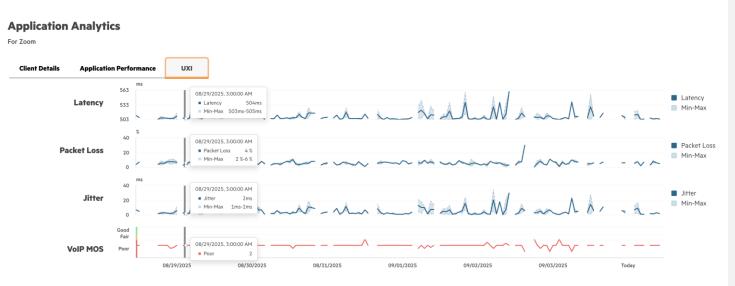
Deep packet inspection (DPI) on access points and gateways to monitor real user experience with MS Teams Integration.

**MONITORING** 

Application performance telemetry. **Proactive** monitoring with UXI sensors and agents.

### **UXI telemetry in Central**

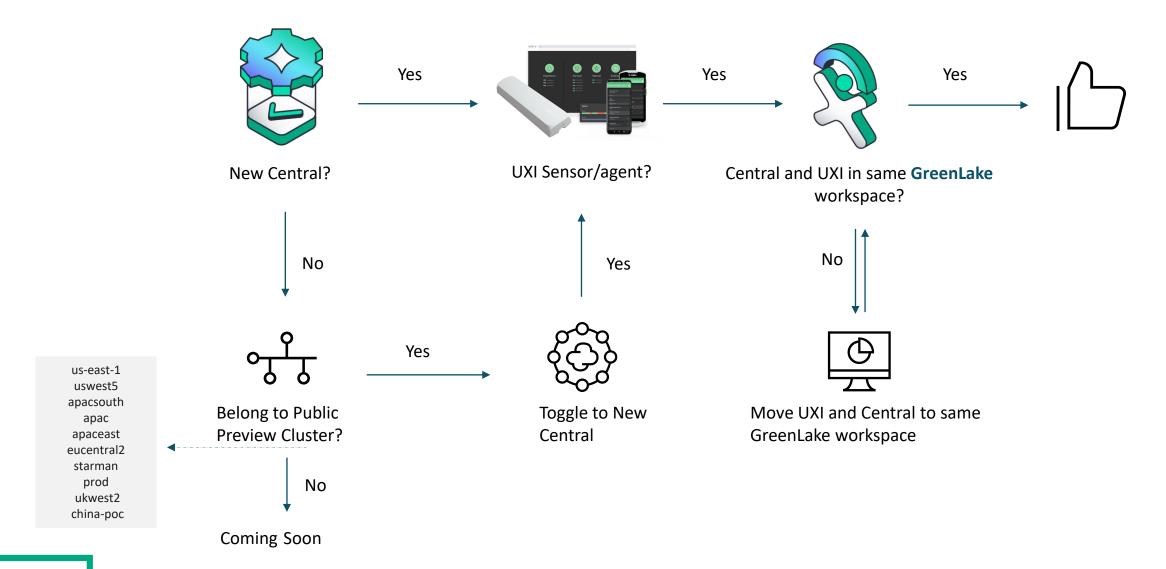
Eliminate performance blind spots and enhance user experience with powerful synthetic tests



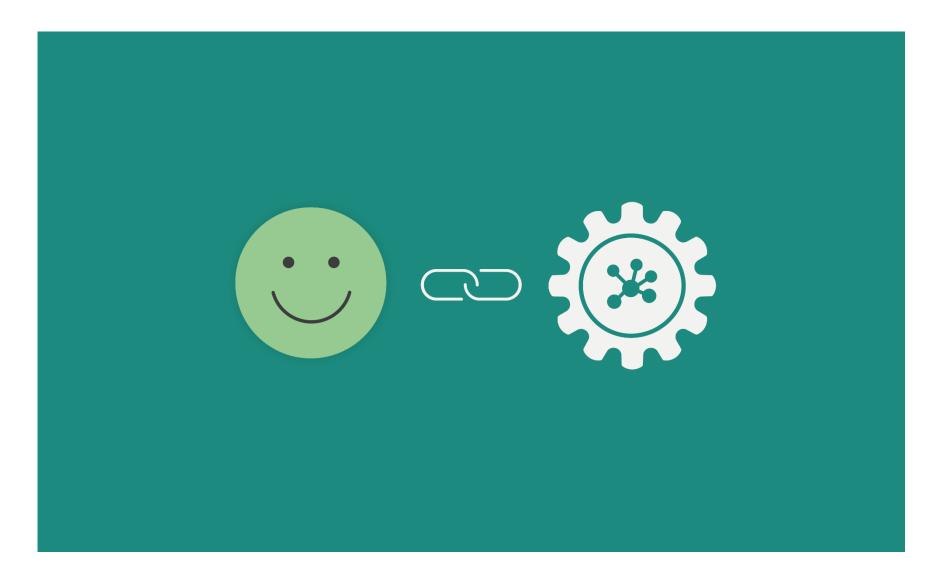
- UXI telemetry seamlessly integrated with Central
- Proactive monitoring of app experience with synthetic tests conducted by UXI sensors and/or agents
- Going beyond application reachability, targeting performance troubleshooting
- Resolve issues before they impact end users, improving experience SLAs

- 1 Quickly correlate 'network side' and 'user side' of digital experience
- Reduce MTTI and MTTR
- Offer a better, seamless digital experience to endusers

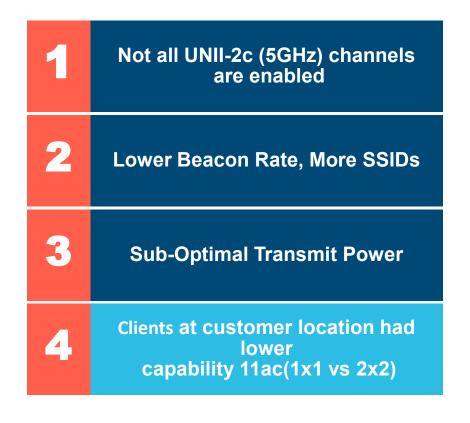
### Can customers use this integration today?

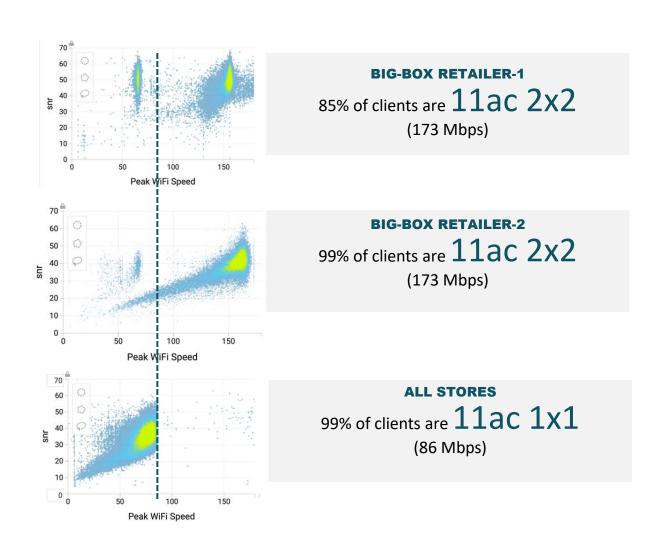


# **UXI + Central | Real life example**



# **Insight from ML Models**





# **Config Recommendation from AI Insights**

## Recommendation Snapshot



## **Enable UNII-2 DFS Channels**

**Additional Channels** enabled in 5GHz: 100, 104, 108, 112, 116, 120, 124, 128, 132, 136, 140

## **Disable Lower Beacon Rates**

Basic rate increased to 12 Mbps

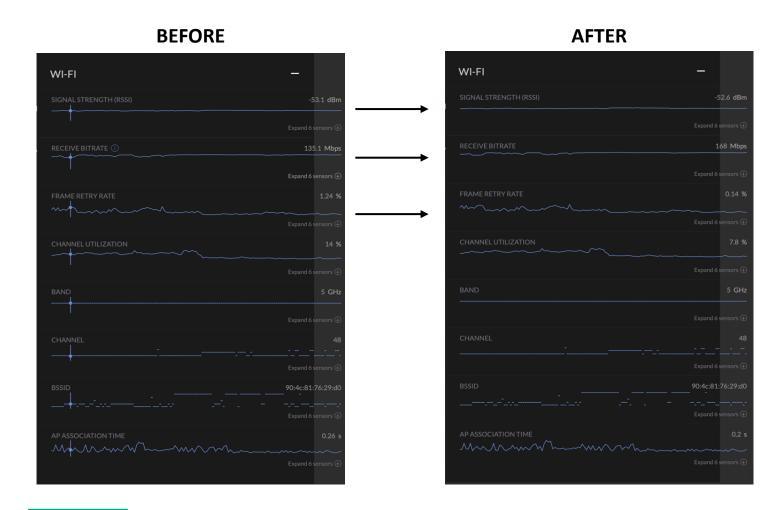
## **Transmit Power Change**

2.4GHz - Min / Max: 9/9

5GHz - Min / Max: 15/18

# **Post ML Config Validation with UXI**

## **Channel Utilization**



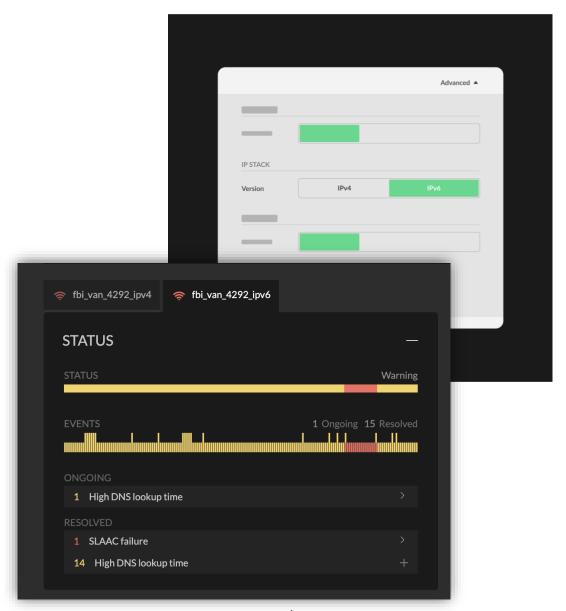
**50%** Improvement in Channel Utilization

**24%** Increase in Rx Bitrate

**88%** Improvement in Frame Retry

# **IPv6 Testing**

- Now use UXI sensors to test IPv4 and IPv6.
- Use Cases:
  - Measure and compare the performance of the network and applications
  - o Identify and pinpoint issues in either IP stack
  - Ensure your network is ready for dual-stack or IPv6only.
- Network and application testing.
- Only available on F series and G series sensors.



## **Enhanced UXI Reports**

### **Customizable issue and incident reports**

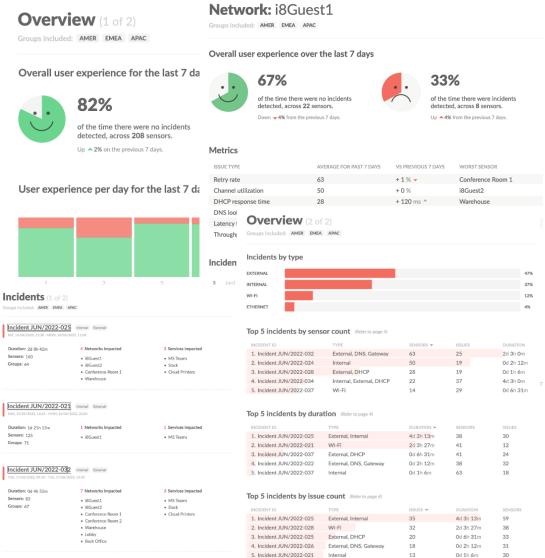
### Pick your reporting according to

- **Sensor Groups**
- **Networks**
- Schedule Weekly, Monthly, Daily
- Date
- **Time**

#### **Benefits**

- Create custom reports and summarize the test results over a time-range that the user can specify and control
- Allow a customizable reporting period instead of the current period of one week





## **UXI Data Push Destinations**

Direct stream from UXI to a customer destination is a modern approach to sharing large amounts of data.

#### **UXI Data from UXI Cloud**

- **Test Results**
- Issues
- **Incidents**
- **Audit Logs**



## **Reasons To Trust HPE Aruba Networking UXI**



Executes around 900 Million tests per day



Help businesses save 20% per month



Deployed in over **120** countries



Highlights network issues within 2 minutes of deployment

## **Constant R&D**



**Path Analysis** Shows outbound traffic path



Wi-Fi 6e Sensors Test your 6GHz environment



**Enhanced UXI Reports** 

High level reporting to know week over week are things better or worst



**Data Push** 

Analyze data collected by sensors on your favorite big data platform



Agent for Zebra & Android Offers enhanced DEM monitoring capabilities



**Wi-Fi Easy Connect** 

Real zero-touch onboarding and backhaul



**Incident Overview** 

Provides Impact analysis of the issues happening in the network



Wi-Fi environment visualization

Displays the Wi-Fi environment around the sensor from a periodic AP scan..



**Web Application Testing (WAT)** 

Test end to end workflow

# Helping Customers In Different Industries Solve Real Life Use Cases



Ensured availability of important education applications across campus

#### **Events**



Helped detect network coverage issues and provide a great user experience

### Healthcare



Improved experience for caregivers while using critical healthcare applications

### K12



Helped benchmark network capacity and performance for 1:1 digital learning rollout

## Hospitality



Ensured webapps and captive portals work well for guests

## **Enterprise**



Reduced time to detection and resolution of network issues

## **Financial** Institute



Helped enable a glitch free instore customer experience

### Retail



Reduced store downtime and service disruptions

## Home Depot goes to the edge to drive seamless customer, associate experience.

- Delivering best user experience in all 2,300 of The Home Depot stores.
- UXI agent for Zebra now track roaming and voice.
- Leveraging UXI as a NaaS service offering through GreenLake.
- The need for network strength and flexibility
- "HPE has been a strategic partner of The Home Depot since 2016. We've worked together to build a state-of-the-art in-store network to improve the customer and associate experience," Daniel Grider, VP of technology, told Retail Customer Experience in an email interview.



## Walt Disney World® Resort can deliver the best guest experience possible

### **Evhen Farmiga - Director, Wireless Network Services said:**

"With UXI AIOPs incident detection ML helped us to identify problems and resolves issues at faster speed. Before UXI, we would have needed to dispatch field technicians to multiple sites to make observations, gather diagnostic information and report back then information would get used to analyze and solution will be implemented. Now UXI enables us to troubleshoot issues remotely which is led to improved user experience".



# Thank you

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# **HPE HPE Aruba Networking Networking UXI**

Backup

# **UXI Recent Enhancements**

## **UXI Recent Enhancements**

Zebra Agent

**AlOps Incident Detection** 

Wi-Fi Environment

**Triage Detail** 

Onboarding and Location

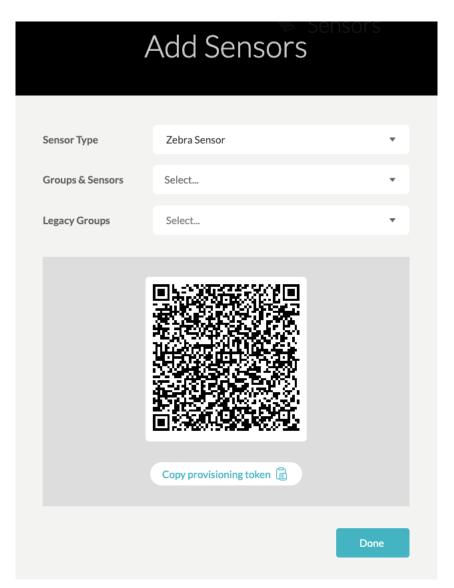
Service Rate Limit

- Auto generate provisioning token / QR code from UXI dashboard. Pcap attached to "Issue Triage" if available in Zebra Wireless Insights.
- Provides detailed impact analysis of each incident on your sensors, groups, networks, and services. **Groups, Networks Services & Tests.**
- Visualize your channel plan and see areas free, with channel overlap or with channel interference. Identify Rogue or Spoof BSSIDs, Aps.
- Sensor collects AP hostname from beacons frame.
- Raises an issue for ICMP ping test failures.
- Wi-Fi Easy Connect onboarding in case of no wireless or wired connectivity.

Apply limits on execution of all internal and external tests:

# **Zebra UXI Agent: Simplified Onboarding**

- Auto generate provisioning token / QR code from UXI dashboard.
- Settings > Sensors > Add sensors > Zebra sensor.
- Specify group in which you want to onboard Zebra device and test template group.
- Ensures correct group assignment and test configuration on Zebra device.
- Note: Wireless Insights license needs to be enabled.

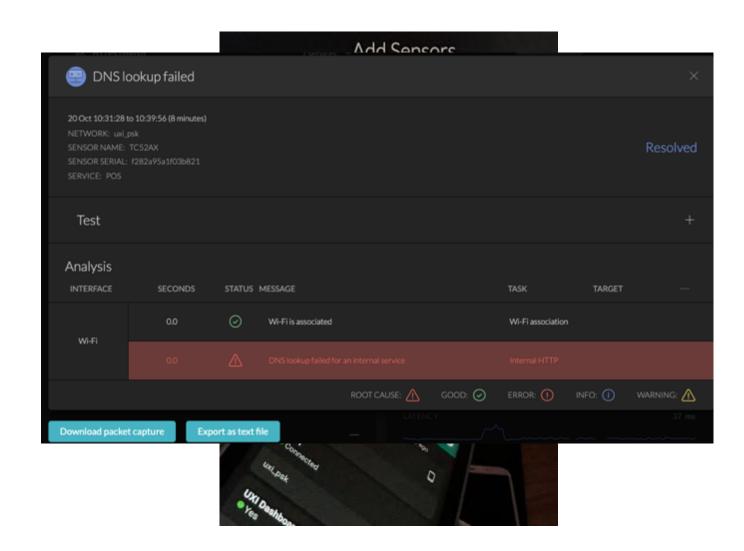


## What's New with Zebra UXI Agent version 1.1.11

- Zebra doesn't have a camera?
  - Use the Zebra built-in scanning function to onboard devices.
- Updated Packet Capture:
  - Pcap will be attached to "UXI Issue Triage" if available in Zebra Wireless Insights.

### Zebra Device Updates:

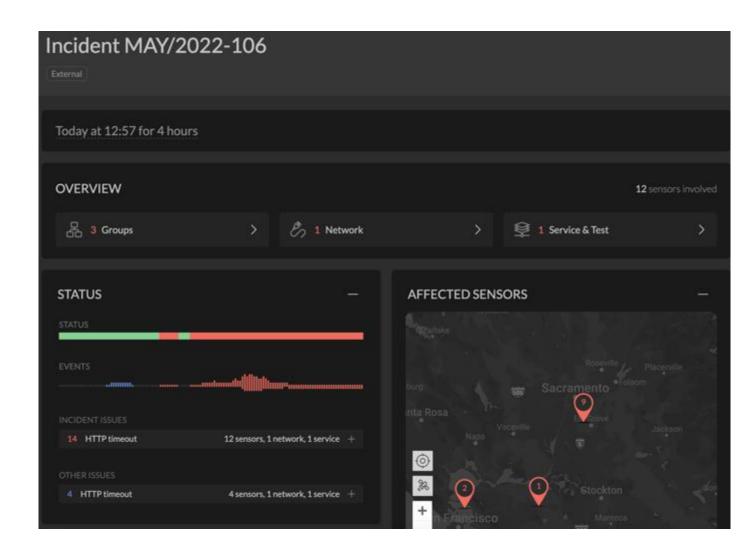
- Pcap behavior is defined by dashboard settings.
- External storage permissions are now required for all devices running Android 11 and above.



## **AIOPs Incident Overview Card**

- Provides detailed impact analysis of each incident on your sensors, groups, networks, and services.
  - Groups
  - Networks
  - Services & Tests
- Voting give thumbs Up/Down.
- Ability to parse through major outages easier.



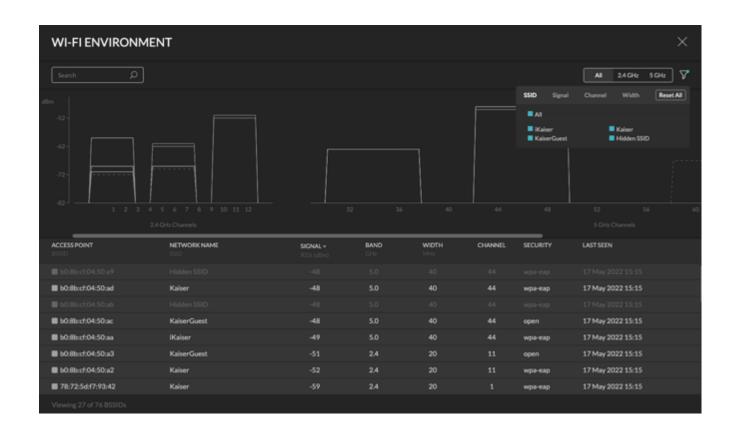


# **Using Filters Wi-Fi Environment Visualization**

- Displays the Wi-Fi environment around the sensor from a periodic AP scan.
- The results include:
  - SSIDs
  - BSSIDs
  - RSSI
  - Channel
  - Band
  - Width
  - AP Name (If AP name advertised in beacon frame)

#### **BENEFITS:**

- Visualize your channel plan and see areas free, with channel overlap or with channel interference.
- Identify Rogue or Spoof BSSIDs, APs



# **Multivendor AP Name Display**

**BSSID** 40:2b:50:cb:cb:47 (AP Name: Reference Design)

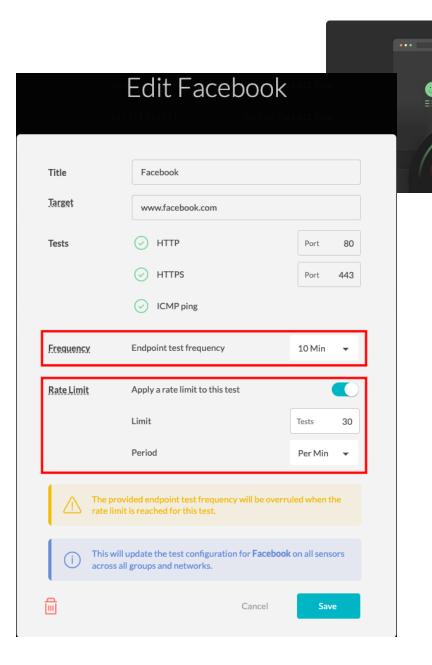
- Supported vendors: HPE Aruba Networking Juniper MIST, Cisco, Extreme or Microsoft AP.
- Advertise AP name settings must be enabled at the SSID level on AP.
- Sensors collects AP hostname from beacons frame.
- See AP name under Issue triage context
  - (i) element for SSID being tested BSSID test result chart.

SSID STATUS Currently testing LAST SEEN January 27th, 2023 at 14:05:30 DATA RATES 6.0 - 1733.3 Mbps **VENDOR** ARRIS Group, Inc. SECURITY wpa-psk **AP NAME** Reference Design



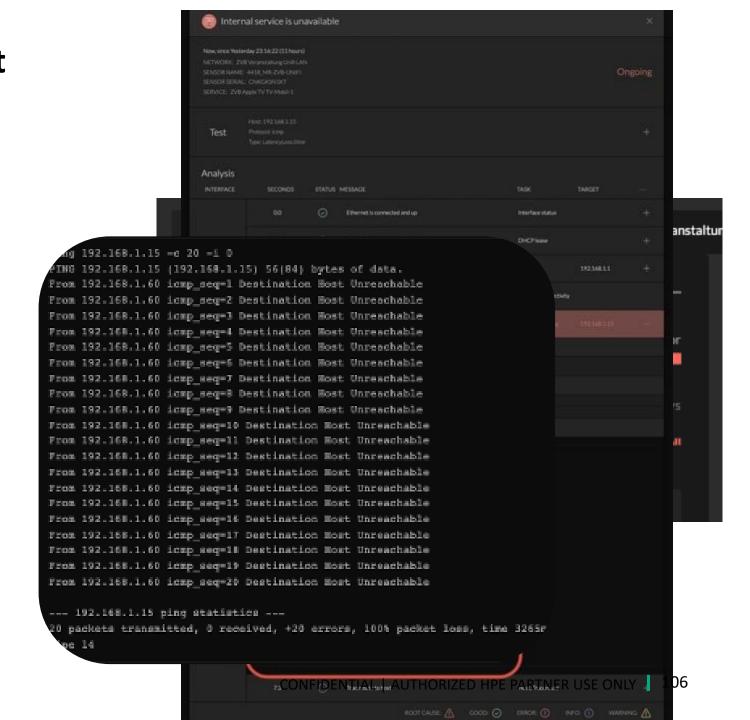
# **Service Rate Limiting**

- Apply limits on execution of all internal and external tests:
  - Frequency: Minimum time between two test cycles.
  - Rate Limit: Number of tests per sec/min that sensors should not exceed collectively.
- Greater control over execution of UXI testing cycle.
- Reduce potential impact on application or network service.



# **Change in Behavior for Ping Test**

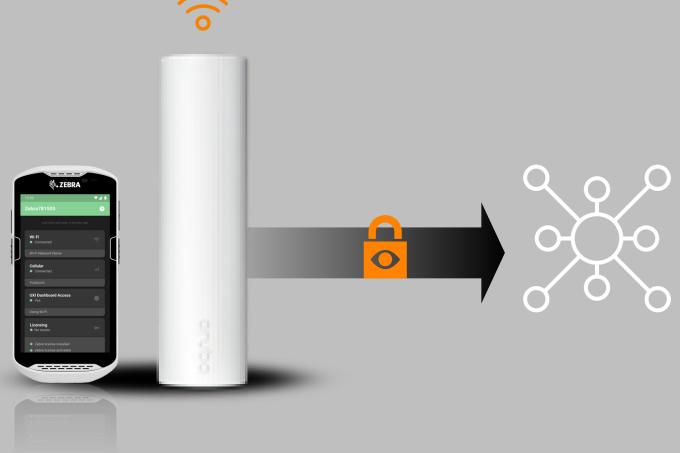
- Sensor NOW raises an issue for ICMP ping test failures.
- Explore "UXI Issue Triage" for more context.
- Applies to F and G series sensors, older models of sensors are unchanged.



# WI-FI EASY CONNECT

**DEVICE PROVISIONING PROTOCOL (DPP)** 

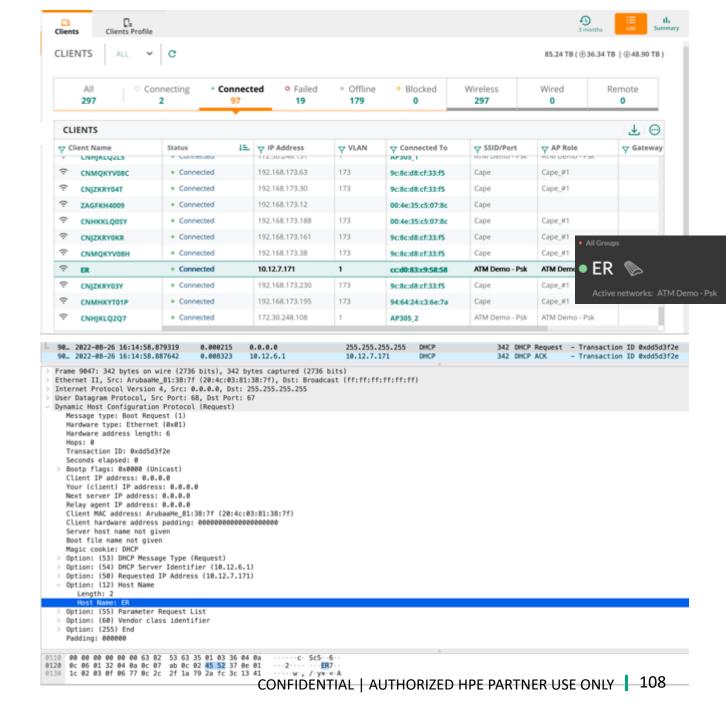
Make it easy to do it correctly Make it hard to do it incorrectly





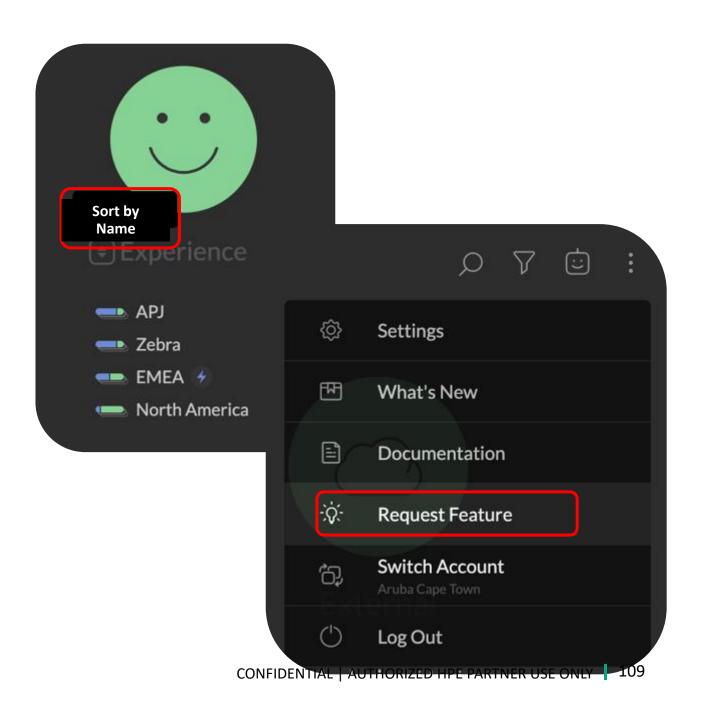
## **Sensor Hostname in Client List**

- Using the sensor name in the dashboard instead of serial number when the sensors make DHCP request via DHCP option 12.
- Controllers and tools like Central often display the clients name during DHCP, to make the sensors easier to identify under the clients list.
- The name in the dashboard needs to be a valid hostname.



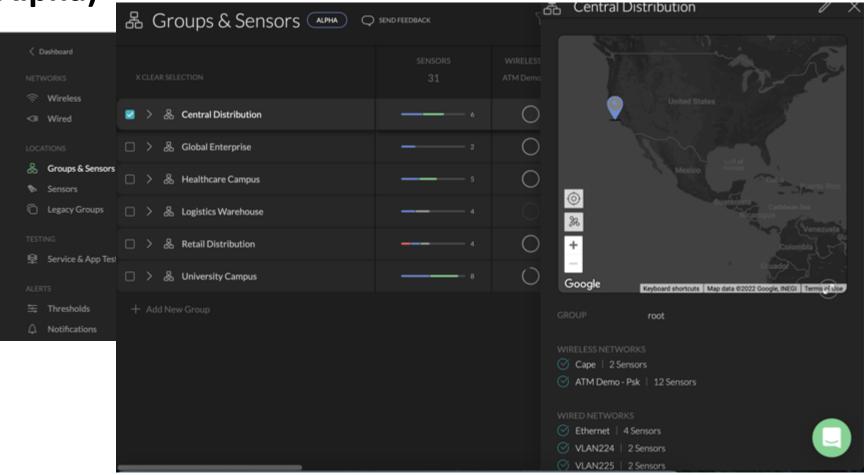
# Sort by name and Request

- Sort groups or sensors in experience column.
- Request Feature option added for new feature requests.
- Linked to "HPE Aruba Networking Innovation Zone.



# **Groups and Hierarchy (Alpha)**

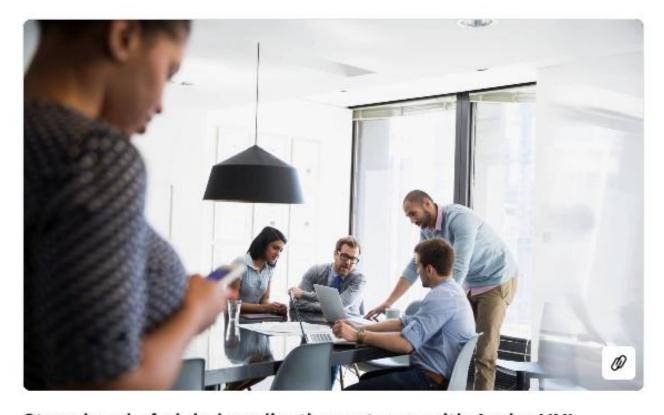
- Having groups enabled makes troubleshooting much easier.
- Search sensors by group, serial, or name
- Click and drag to add new groups.



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# **Cross Customer Outage Detection and Analysis**

- Anonymizing application performance data collected by sensors across the globe.
- Validate using status pages of applications.
- Check if you are impacted due to global application outages.
- Network vs application issues: Isolate the issues using triage.
- See Airheads Blog posts.



## Stay ahead of global application outages with Aruba UXI

20 days ago

Wouldn't it be nicer to know about application outages before end users are impacted?

Aruba UXI proactively picks outages happening across network and applications and help IT team take proactive steps to reduce business impact.

#NetworkMonitoring

#DigitalExperienceMonitoring

# **Enterprise – Campus Environment**

### **Customer Pain**

- No Global application performance visibility.
- MTTI performance scores.
- CxO management needs.
- No back in time visibility.
- Unable to pinpoint wireless vs wired events.
- Video Conference issues.
- Al Data needs.
- Move to SaaS.
- Not able to execute back to office changes.



## **UXI Facilitates**

- Global view and trending from a single dashboard.
- Internal/external application testing.
- Triage details pinpointing issues.
- Reduced truck roll.
- Better MTTR scores.
- Validation of rogue ap's.
- Quick adoption to new technology agility.
- As-a-Service offering.

# **Healthcare Optimization**



### **Customer Pain**

- Rapid network change requirements.
- Limited onsite support access.
- Transient, 911 VolP issues.
- EHR, VDI collaboration tools, tele-medicine support.
- Lack of new device control.
- Guest access.

## **UXI Facilitates**

- Corollate application, network and auth issues.
- Tactical: Tech armed with sensor for validation testing.
- NO CABLE PULL REQUIRED ease to deploy.
- Optimization of network at pop up sites.
- Executive site experience performance visibility.
- Integrated voice application testing and real SIP testing.

# Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC) ensure connectivity to critical applications

### **Customer Pain**

- Need to test their network infrastructure to ensure consistent connectivity to critical EdTech applications such as NAPLAN tests.
- Meet government standards to qualify for funding.
- The college couldn't afford connectivity dropouts as it would adversely impact student literacy and numeracy grading, as well as the school's grading.

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"The HPE Aruba Networking User Experience Insight report is an excellent resource, and I can see the benefit for deploying User Experience Insight sensors for tasks such as NAPLAN proofing as well as general monitoring and specific troubleshooting."

#### **UXI Facilitates**

- Provides tests, conformed to NAPLAN standards to confirm compliance is met.
  - NAPLAN tests identified applications and infrastructure that were struggling to perform due to the increased network demands.
- Enabled local users' to create their own tests based on the needs of their network and end-users.
- Assures network performance and reliability of Wi-Fi before and during the electronically administered tests.

