



The All-in-One, Intelligent WLAN Controller

- **Centralized management for up to 64* APs**
- **ZyMesh mitigates complex, inconvenient cabling WiFi deployments**
- **Comprehensive features for WLAN performance optimization and always-on WiFi connectivity**
- **Seamless integration with external AD, LDAP, RADIUS authentication**
- **User-friendly authentication by QR code facilitates keyboard-less mobile devices accessing Internet**
- **ZyXEL One Network is supported**

* Management of 64 APs is supported with firmware version V4.10 or above

Delivering a good wireless LAN service that stands up to the demands of connecting users to the rapid evolution application is not easy. The latest BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), mobility and smart handheld technology all present scalability, manageability and functionality challenges to business WiFi installations. To enable businesses to addressing these challenges ZyXEL has developed the NXC2500, an all-in-one, intelligent Wireless LAN Controller. The ZyXEL NXC2500 is designed to provide resellers and businesses with a solution that works as an AP planning, deployment, monitoring and maintenance solution while offering management, authentication and guest access within an all-in-one device.

Benefits

Adaptive and resilient WiFi deployments

Surpassing the mesh networking technology, ZyMesh creates wireless mesh links with easy configuration, better management and enhanced reliability. ZyMesh eases extending WiFi coverage to places where cabling is difficult. In addition, each repeater APs can have multiple route selections to provide high resilience achieving non-stop WiFi service. In the past, administrators had to assign channel and MAC addresses in each AP while setting up a WDS link to extend WiFi service; now they can make initial provision and centralized management with ZyMesh and ZyXEL NXC2500 controller to manage and deploy networks easily.

Also, ZyXEL APFlex™ simplifies installation by resolving the managed/standalone AP mode configuration, automatically integrating into the network environment with Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), eliminating the need for pre-installation preparation.

Enhanced RF management and WLAN optimization

All wireless networks face a major challenge: ensuring WiFi clients get service levels they'd need. The difficulty to resolve is that different kinds of WiFi clients exist on the network, and these users tend to make their own connectivity and roaming decision.

The ZyXEL NXC2500 features with advanced WLAN optimization technologies that help administrators monitoring and maintaining health of the wireless network easily. Client steering utilizes functions of band select and client signal threshold to match every WiFi client to the best radio of the best AP. Band select sets 5 GHz as the first priority to optimize network connectivity for dual-band clients. Client signal threshold ensures all clients connect to the APs with stronger signal. Auto healing is another WLAN optimization function that deployed APs detect status of nearby APs and adjust power automatically while failure occurred in neighboring AP. Load Balancing feature is able to resolve poor WiFi connectivity due to AP overloaded. Auto healing provides reliable and always-on wireless coverage. The ZyXEL NXC2500 also features dynamic channel selection to optimize WiFi quality and performance while minimizing administration efforts by auto, instant channel selection.



ZyXEL **one**network
Redefining network integration

NXC2500
Wireless LAN Controller

Authentication with simplified management

The ZyXEL NXC2500 uses comprehensive authentication methods to manage WiFi accessibility for devices with AD, LDAP or RADIUS authentication servers. The NXC2500 also provides a built-in RADIUS server, a captive portal server and a DHCP server to facilitate small and medium businesses deploying secured employee and guest access services without any additional server. The user-friendly guest account generator can dynamically create user accounts for guests to log into a customized capital portal via QR code. The NXC2500 also supports applying external customized portal pages which largely benefit the access authentication in hospitality venues like hotels. Also, with IETF standard-based CAPWAP, secured communication can be established between the NXC controller and access points without changing the existing LAN infrastructure. The NXC2500 can offer a secured WiFi network with easy installation for your business.

ZyXEL One Network experience

Aiming for relieving our customers from repetitive operations of deploying and managing a network, ZyXEL One Network is designed to simplify the configuration, management, and troubleshooting, allowing our customers to focus on the business priorities. ZyXEL One Network presents an easy-to-use tool, ZyXEL One Network Utility (ZON Utility), to realize speed network setup. ZyXEL Smart Connect* allows ZyXEL networking equipment to be aware and recognize each other and further facilitating the network maintenance via one-click remote functions such as factory reset or power cycling. ZyXEL One Network redefines the network integration across multiple networking products from switch to WiFi AP to WLAN controller and to Gateway. network with easy installation for your business.

*ZyXEL Smart Connect is supported on selected models. Please refer to specifications for more detail.

Feature Highlights



High Scalability

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The NXC2500 supports the management of the access points to provide complete wireless LAN functions for the business. As standard the NXC2500 supports the initial management of 8 APs and provides scalability with a maximum supported total up to 64* APs, the "pay-as-you-grow" principle provides reassurance and future proofing for SMBs, hotels and educational institutes to implement secured, centralized wireless LAN networks.

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Comprehensive Access Management

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The NXC2500 offers easy dynamic account creation and versatile wireless user authentication methods to provide smooth and secured access. The MAC authentication and customized captive portal adapted to suit the needs of enterprises and hospitality. With captive portal via QR code access support, keyboard-less mobile devices are able to access Internet service instantly and securely.



Auto Healing

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The NXC2500 has Auto Healing feature that detects status of neighbor APs and adjust AP power automatically to provide enduring network services. If an AP is not functional, the nearby APs will increase output power to cover the void area. Once the AP outage recovers, the nearby APs decrease output power automatically.



Client Steering

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Client Steering sets 5 GHz as priority for dual-band devices to overcome heavy loading on 2.4 GHz, while client signal threshold transfer devices to APs with stronger signal. With these two functions, the NXC2500 ensures better radio resource usage to provide max wireless network performance for users.



ZyMESH

ZyMesh

The ZyMesh features of NXC2500 help extending WiFi coverage to places where cable deployment is difficult. In addition, each repeater APs has multiple route selections to provide non-stop WiFi services. ZyMesh enables to make auto provision and manage for multiple APs easily and centrally.




NAT Traversal

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The NXC2500 can facilitate the connections traversing NAT gateways to solve connection issue for AP and WLAN controller deployed in different subnets and to ensure the highest robustness of WLAN networks.

Specifications

Model	NXC2500	
Product name	Wireless LAN Controller 	
Port Density		
10/100/1000 Mbps LAN ports		6
USB port		2
Performance		
Throughput (Gbps)		1
Managed AP number (default/max.)		8/64
Fanless		Yes
WLAN Features		
Wireless security (WPA/WPA2-PSK, Enterprise)		Yes
Dynamic channel selection		Yes
Wireless multicast setting		Yes
AP load balancing		Yes
AP planning and site-survey		Yes (AP planning and coverage detection)
ZyMesh		Licensed service
Band select		Yes
Client signal threshold		Yes
Auto healing		Yes
Fast roaming		Pre-authentication, PMK caching and 802.11r/k/v
Security Features		
IEEE 802.1X		Yes
IEEE 802.11w		Yes
Layer-2 isolation		Yes
Web authentication		Yes
MAC filtering		Yes
RADIUS authentication		Yes
Microsoft AD authentication		Yes
LDAP authentication		Yes
Embedded RADIUS server		Yes (512 user)
Rogue AP detection		Yes
Identity-based user security management		Yes
Wireless intrusion detection		Rogue AP detection and containment
Control and Provisioning		
Managed AP discovery		Broadcast/DHCP option/DNS/Manual
CAPWAP		Yes
AP data forwarding mode support		Distributed (local bridge) and Centralized (data tunnel)
Management interface		HTTP/HTTPS/Telnet/SSH/SNMP
Output power control		Yes
Wire/wireless packet capture		Yes
Network		
VLANS		Yes
DHCP client		Yes
DHCP relay, server		Yes
NAT		Yes
Static routing		256
Policy routing		256

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Access Control		
MAC filter list	Yes	
MAC authentication	Internal and external RADIUS	
Guest account generator	Yes (512 user)	
Customizable web login portal	Yes	
QoS		
WMM/power save	Yes	
DiffServ marking	Yes	
AP load balancing	Yes	
Management Features		
CLI with SSH	Yes	
Web UI with SSL	Yes	
myZyXEL.com 2.0	Yes	
SNMP	v1, v2c, v3	
Multi-level administration roles	Admin, Limited Admin and Guest Manager	
ZyXEL One Network		
ZON Utility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery of ZyXEL switches, APs, WLAN controllers and gateways • Centralized and batch configurations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IP configuration ▪ Device factory reset ▪ Firmware upgrade ▪ One-click quick association with ZyXEL AP Configurator (ZAC) ▪ IP renew ▪ Device locating ▪ Password configuration ▪ Device reboot ▪ Web GUI access 	
User/Application Management		
Authentication	RADIUS/Microsoft AD/LDAP/Local	
Local user database	Yes (512)	
User/group policy	Yes	
Authentication by QR code	Yes	
Captive portal	Yes	
External portal page	Yes	
Page upload	Yes	
Other		
System diagnostic tool	Yes	
ZyXEL Wireless Optimizer	Supported	
Certification		
EMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC Part 15B • CE EN55022, EN55024 • ERP Lot 6 • C-tick AS/NZSCISPR22 • BSMI CNS13438 	
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LVD EN60950-1: A12 • BSMI CNS14336 	
Power Requirements		
Power supply	12 VDC, 100 - 240 VAC	
Max. power consumption (watt)	10.57	
Physical Specifications		
Item	Dimensions (WxDxH)(mm/in.)	242.0 x 175.39 x 35.5/9.53 x 6.9 x 1.4
	Weight (kg/lb.)	1.254/2.76
Packing	Dimensions (WxDxH)(mm/in.)	395 x 238 x 101/15.55 x 9.37 x 3.98
	Weight (kg/lb.)	2.49/5.49
Included accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power adapter • Rack mounting kit 	
Environmental Specifications		
Operating	Temperature	0°C to 40°C/32°F to 104°F
	Humidity	5% to 95% (non-condensing)
Storage	Temperature	-20°C to 70°C/-4°F to 158°F
	Humidity	5% to 95% (non-condensing)
MTBF (hr)	815,464	

Access Point Compatibility List

Series	WAC6500 Series	WAC6300 Series	WAC6100 Series	WAC5300 Series	NWA5120 Series
	Unified Pro Access Point	Unified Pro Access Poin	Unified Pro Access Point	Unified Access Point	Unified Access Point
Model	WAC6503D-S WAC6502D-S WAC6502D-E WAC6553D-E WAC6552D-S	WAC6303D-S	WAC6103D-I	WAC5302D-S	NWA5123-AC NWA5123-AC HD NWA5121-NI NWA5121-N NWA5123-NI NWA5301-NJ
Functions					
Auto provisioning over WAN & LAN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CAPWAP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Auto channel selection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AP load-balancing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rogue AP detection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Packet capture	Yes	Future support	Yes	Future support	Yes*
Data forwarding	Local bridge/ Data tunnel	Local bridge/ Data tunnel	Local bridge/ Data tunnel	Local bridge	Local bridge
ZyMesh	Yes	Future support	Yes	Future support	Yes*

*Future support on NWA5123-AC HD

Other Information

Managed AP License

Model	Part number	Description	Note
NXC5500	LIC-AP-ZZ0004F	E-iCard AP Upgrade License 8 APs for NXC5500	The maximum number of APs supported is 1024
	LIC-AP-ZZ0005F	E-iCard AP Upgrade License 64 APs for NXC5500	
NXC2500	LIC-AP-ZZ0003F	E-iCard AP Upgrade License 8 APs for NXC2500	The maximum number of APs supported is 64
	LIC-AP-ZZ0006F	E-iCard AP Upgrade License 32 APs for NXC2500	

ZyMesh License

Model	Part number	Description
NXC5500	LIC-MESH-ZZ0002F	This license enables the ZyMesh function on the NXC5500
NXC2500	LIC-MESH-ZZ0001F	This license enables the ZyMesh function on the NXC2500

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