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# **T-MOBILE WI-FI PASSPOINT**

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## WHAT IS PASSPOINT?

- An Industry standard solution to streamline network access between Wi-Fi and cellular networks that eliminates the need for users to find and authenticate to Wi-Fi networks
- Standardized by Wi-Fi Alliance and supported by most AP manufactures.
- Commercialization started in 2014 by multiple service providers





## WHY DEPLOY PASSPOINT?

- Achieve the best & seamless customer experience for your buildings' employees and guests
- Secured Access to Wi-Fi networks using WPA2/WPA3 Encryption
- A reliable, low cost, and easy to enable solution that leverages your Wi-Fi network to improve cellular coverage in your building.
- Standardized solution for Wi-Fi connectivity supported by most equipment providers and T-Mobile.

#### Wi-Fi Challenges Today





Confusion & frustration

Security issues





Unreliable connections

Multiple & different access methods

## **USER EXPERIENCE TODAY**



- 1. Wi-Fi is not easy to use (manual intervention required) and confusing
  - Web page redirection creates ease of use problems
- 2. Absence of a standardized mechanism for connection establishment
- 3. Hotspot network connectivity ≠ Internet access
  - User may have WLAN and IP connectivity but stuck until they launch their browser to login for internet access.
- 4. Inconsistent and limited security
- 5. No indication that a session has expired network access is suddenly lost



### PASSPOINT CREATES A CELLULAR LIKE EXPERIENCE FOR EMPLOYEES AND GUESTS

## Cellular

- 1. SP subscriber turns on their phone
- 2. Gets cellular service automatically
- 3. Secure connection



- 1. SP subscriber comes to roaming partner
- 2. Gets service automatically
- 3. Secure connection



Automatic and Secure

## Passpoint

- 1. Wi-Fi subscriber comes to AP of Home SP
- 2. Gets Wi-Fi service automatically
- 3. Secure connection
- 1. Wi-Fi subscriber comes to AP of Roaming Partner
- 2. Gets Wi-Fi service automatically
- 3. Secure connection



Passpoint STA (single or dual-mode)

#### Automatic and Secure

Automatic and Secure Easy Connectivity for Wi-Fi Subscribers

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## **PASSPOINT CORE FEATURES**



 Eliminates the need for users to find and authenticate to Wi-Fi networks



 Owners and operators can decide who has access to the network and can limit types of activity like video streaming



- Automatic network discovery
- Network selection
- Roaming across operators
- New information elements in beacons
- New GAS/ANQP protocol
- New information fields provide information about a hotspot's operator, venue and configuration:





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## **PASSPOINT DEPENDENCIES (COMPONENTS)**

- Device: Chipset and FW components (2012 and later) required to support Passpoint parameters
  - Users must enable Wi-Fi calling to access network
- Wi-Fi APs: 802.11u or above support required
- EPC: AAA access for user authentication
- Policy Server: required for provisioning, authentication type, and network selection





## **T-MOBILE PASSPOINT ARCHITECTURE**



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**CORE Network** 

### **COVERAGE – WI-FI CALLING**

- AP must support 802.11r / Inter-AP handovers
- APs shall allow IKEv2, TMUS specific ports





## **BENEFITS AND SUMMARY**

### **T-Mobile Benefits**

- Coverage
- Data offload
- Roaming agreements
- Subscriber loyalty
- Service provider policy
- Savings from deploying DAS solutions
- Faster in-building deployments
- Lower cost alternative to DAS
  implementation or replacement

#### Customers

- Consistent streamlined connection
- One set of account credentials for multiple hotpots
- WPA2/WPA3 security
- Easy deployment
- Solves problem going from DAS to DAS

#### **Equipment Vendors**

- A single solution for many operator vendors
- Reduced development costs
- Fewer support calls to network IT teams



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