

**Product Bulletin** 

# Introducing the Cisco 8340 Series Application-Oriented Networking Appliance

## INTRODUCTION

Cisco<sup>®</sup> Application-Oriented Networking (AON) technology introduces application message-level intelligence into the network. It extends network capabilities to provide real-time application visibility, security, event-based messaging, and optimized delivery of mission-critical application traffic.

The Cisco 8340 Series AON Appliance is a new deployment form factor that expands the Cisco AON product family. Unlike traditional appliances, the Cisco 8340 Series AON Appliance offers the concentrated single-source performance and ease of use of a standalone appliance but also has the added value of being embedded in the network. Its features include:

- Rich Feature Breadth and multiprotocol/standards support consistent with existing Cisco AON modules on Cisco Catalyst<sup>®</sup> 6500 Series switches and Cisco intermediate session routing (ISR) routers. Cisco AON technology can be adapted to simplify connectivity to different types of enterprise applications with highly distributed deployments while enforcing business policies.
- High Performance augmented by custom hardware acceleration. The Cisco 8340 Series AON Appliance is compact (3 rack units) and is based on a quad-processor architecture and custom hardware acceleration for Crypto, SSL), and Extensible Markup Language (XML) processing.
- Extensibility through its included set of APIs that allow customization of adapters and bladelets to extend existing functions to better meet individual requirements.
- **Transparent Integration and Management** as part of existing infrastructure. Message-level policy design and enforcement is facilitated by the Cisco AON Management Console (AMC) and Cisco AON Development Studio (ADS).
- Integrated Support Services to provide high-quality, reliable implementation.

Cisco AON technology delivers this breakthrough level of application intelligence to extend the Cisco vision for a more intelligent network for application services technologies and to offer an unsurpassed level of insight for real-time business decision making.

Cisco AON is also available as modules that integrate into Cisco switches and routers:

- Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series AON Module, which is primarily deployed in an enterprise core or in data centers
- Cisco 2600/2800/3700/3800 series AON Module, which is primarily deployed at branch offices

Table 1 provides for information about ordering the Cisco AON appliance.

#### Table 1. Ordering Information

Product ID	Description
APL-AON-8340-K9	Cisco 8340 Series AON Appliance with Cisco AON software and embedded planning design and implementation services

The Cisco 8340 Series AON Appliance is being introduced under controlled-availability guidelines. To order equipment, please send e-mail to <u>aon-sales-leads@cisco.com</u>.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Cisco AON products and features, please visit http://www.cisco.com/go/aon.



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