



# DORMITORY WIRELESS IS A SNAP

LEVERAGE EXISTING CAT 5 CABLE FOR COST EFFECTIVE 802.11N UPGRADE

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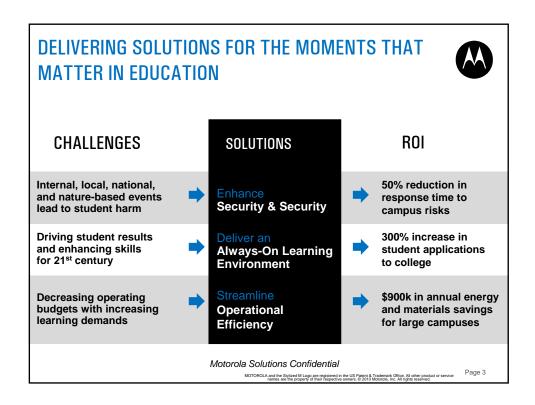
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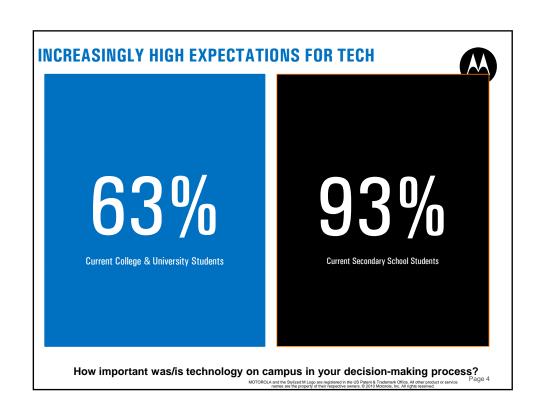
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# #1 priority for current college students #remote access, course management system, More important than: course management system, \*\*Page 5\*\* \*\*Pag

## **Next Generation of College Students**

### Mobile

- 70%+ have laptops
- Average 3- 4 devices each
- Connect @ 10 different locations

### Online

- 80% are wireless internet users
- 72% of young adults use social media

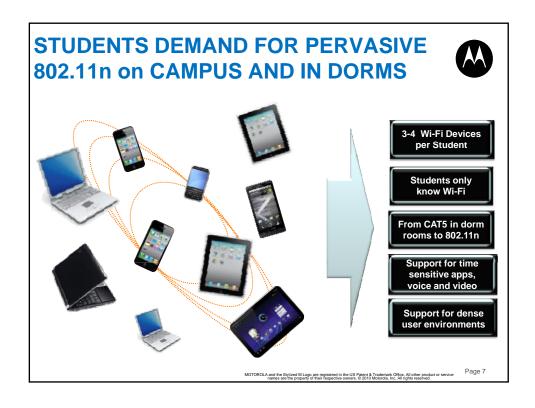
### Multimedia Consumers

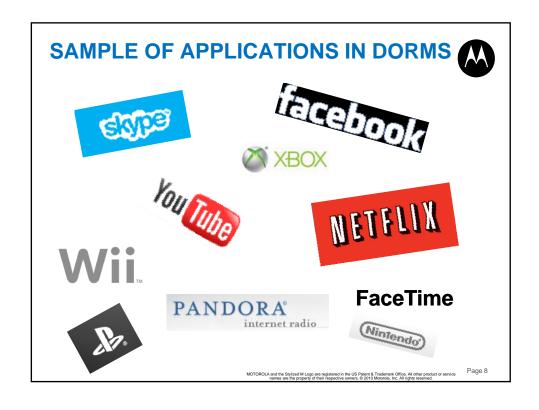
• 92% stream videos



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# **CHALLENGES FOR IT DEPARTMENTS**



- Dense Wi-Fi<sup>™</sup> clients (laptops, tablets, smartphones)
- Dorm rooms already cabled with CAT5/6
  - · Adding wireless without losing wired connections
  - · Need wired connections for printers, gaming stations
- . IT budgets are tight, additional cabling is:
  - Time consuming, disruptive and costly
  - Requires project management
- · Designing Access Points in hallways requires:
  - Extensive RF survey to ensure dorm room coverage
  - New Ethernet PoE switch ports
  - New CAT6 cable runs
    - Dealing with physical constraints, e.g. plenums, asbestos in older buildings
  - Protection from damage
  - CAT5/6 to hallway locations does not leverage cables in rooms

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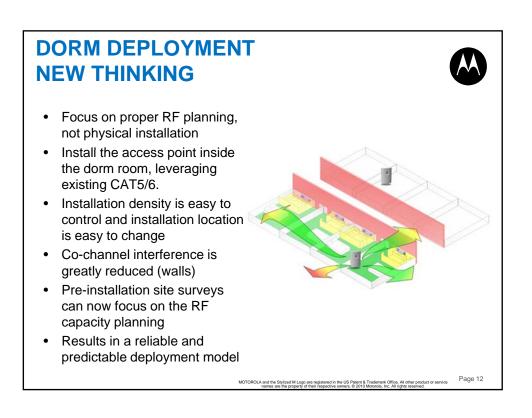
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# WLAN DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

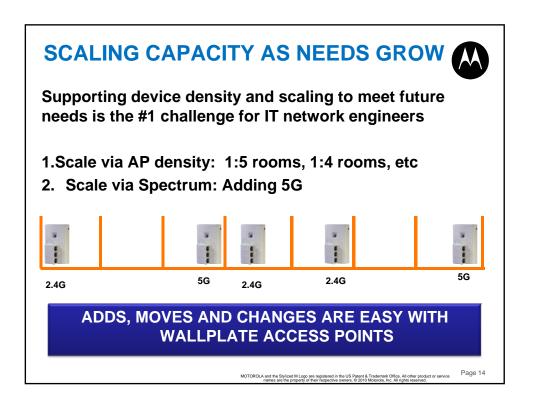


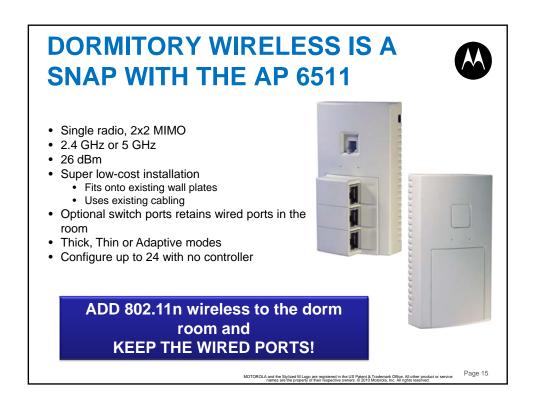
- How many students per room?
- How many devices per student?
- How many devices per AP?
- Signal range wall attenuation
- Installing APs and cables where you need them
- Physical protection/security of Access Points
- Network scalability
- Network Manageability

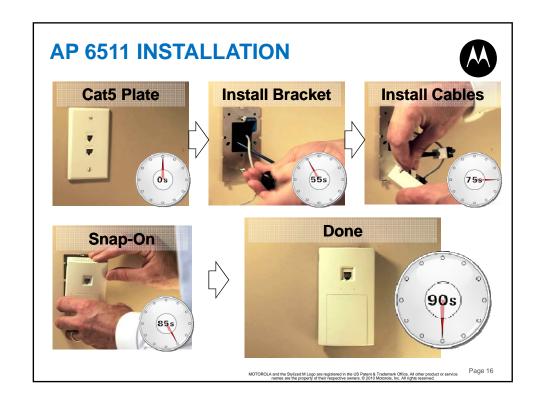
# **DORM DEPLOYMENT** TRADITIONAL THINKING • Determine the optimal placement and coverage with the minimum number of access points • Push the RF power through firewalls, fire doors, glass, etc.. Site survey to plan for RF attenuation factors and ensure adequate coverage within the room Is there plenum space to run cables? What about co-channel interference between APs installed in the hallway?

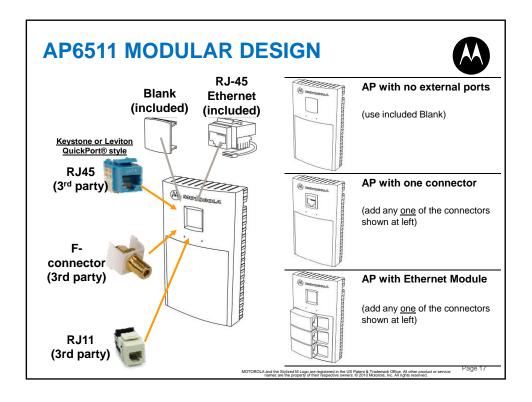


# **DESIGNING FROM THE INSIDE OUT** PUT THE RF WHERE IT IS NEEDED The AP's performance is concentrated inside the room rather than in the hall. Coverage planning and performance is predictable With the AP = -50dBm (35%) installed in the -60dBm (44%) room, co-channel -80dBm (3%) interference is -90dBm (0%) reduced Heat map of a deployment using Motorola's AP 6511









# **ADDITIONAL WALLPLATE BENEFITS**



- Preserves wireless capacity by utilizing wired in the dorm room for printers, games consoles, etc.
- AP is not exposed in open, public areas
  - Protected in students rooms
- AP is secured to wall plate with special Torx screw
- Uses existing CAT5/6 cabling and avoids issues when there is hazardous materials, e.g. asbestos
- Leverages existing Ethernet switch ports
  - Use industry standard 802.3af PoE injectors
- Each room is covered by at least two other Access Points (RF redundancy)
- Smart RF provides load balancing between APs

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# **SUMMARY**



- Wallplate APs in rooms address difficult challenges:
  - Creates a predictable and repeatable deployment model
  - Simplifies RF coverage and capacity planning
  - 3. Puts the RF where it is needed
  - 4. Quicker deployments, uses existing switches and cables
  - 5. Secures the AP under the student's 'watch'



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