



MESHMERIZE

AS/RS Connectivity Solution

Summary

Automatic Store and Retrieval Systems (AS/RS) are advanced systems designed for efficient handling and transportation of large quantities of goods within warehouses at a cost-effective rate.

These systems consist of shuttles that navigate through elaborate metal racking structures at remarkable speeds of 4m/s or more.

The scale of these systems varies, with some warehouses utilizing as few as five shuttles, while others deploy up to 200.

Seamless communication between the shuttles and the Warehouse Management System (WMS) is crucial for effective order fulfillment, workload distribution, and safety.

In such scenarios, a resilient and low-latency mesh network is the ideal choice for ensuring uninterrupted connectivity between the shuttles and the WMS around the clock.

With the addition of the management tool Hive, the network can be analyzed, controlled, and optimized easily, enhancing the convenience of using Meshmerize even further.

Key Solution Benefits

- **EXCELLENT RELIABILITY THROUGH MULTI-PATH ROUTING**
No single point of failure, all devices are APs.
- **HIGHLY MOBILE SYSTEMS**
Fast roaming by cooperatively connecting with neighboring robots.
- **SOFTWARE PRODUCT**
Hardware-independent, compatible with most industrial APs and robots.
- **TRULY WIRELESS NETWORK COVERAGE EXPANSION**
Seamless network expansion - no extra cables needed.
- **RESILIENT NETWORK BACKUP**
Reliable partner in mission critical operations.
- **HIVE - NETWORK MANAGEMENT**
Automating deployment and network operation with cloud-based Hive management.

How does it work?

Meshmerize provides a software upgrade for industrial connectivity hardware used in AS/RS systems.

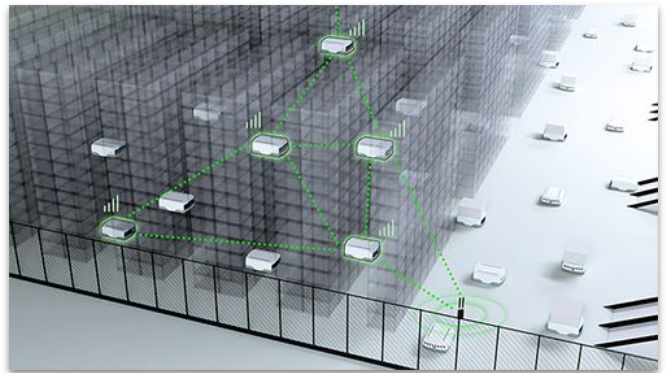
By deploying a multi-path mesh network to connect to multiple access points simultaneously, Meshmerize creates a very reliable, low latency overlay network.

As a result, the likelihood of disconnections due to rapid movement (roaming) is virtually eliminated, allowing the shuttles to operate at full speed without the need for manual intervention.

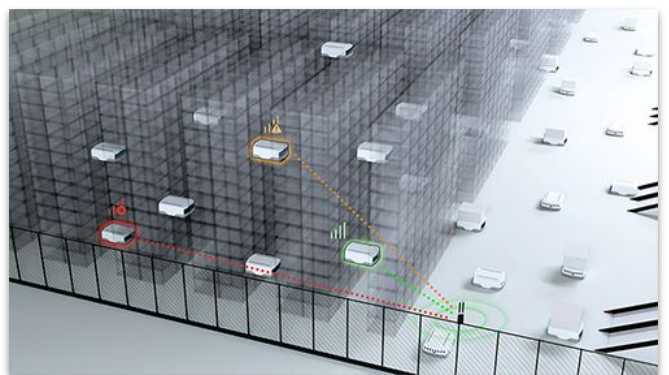
Meshmerize directly enhances throughput and reduces manual labor costs.

Hardware selection

Implementing Meshmerize in warehouses offers flexibility in the hardware selection, allowing customers to choose from a selection of devices that suit their specific needs.



Connectivity with Meshmerize



Conventional connectivity



Static hardware recommendations

The primary devices are installed as static hardware throughout the site to provide comprehensive network coverage. They are strategically positioned, taking into consideration factors like size and obstacles. Detailed tips and suggestions, along with key hardware requirements for static nodes, are provided below for reference.

Key device specifications	
WLAN	802.11 n/ac/ax
Number of Radios	2+
Power	POE (optional) 9-48 VDC
Antenna	Omni / Directional / Helical depending on placement
Suggested Hardware	Acksys AirSeries

More information on the Meshmerize-enabled devices can be found on the individual [device pages](#).



Mobile node recommendations

In addition to the static hardware installations, Meshmerize also offers to equip mobile nodes, such as shuttles, with hardware to further enhance connectivity in the warehouse. These mobile devices can be equipped with different hardware options to establish additional connections, improving both reliability and coverage in the most challenging areas.

Given the small size of the shuttles and the fact that they carry items on top, deciding on suitable antennas is challenging, as it is difficult to determine where they can be effectively installed. It's advisable to consider Omni, Dash, or Puck antennas for the shuttle, depending on the specific location where they will be mounted.

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Mesh Performance

Depending on the choice of hardware, Meshmerize AS/RS solution provides reliable network coverage and failover ability in the event of a fiber breakage.

Minimum / Average / Maximum expected Throughput Mbits/sec			
	1 hop	2 hops	3 hops
Acksys Air Series	24/ 34 /40	6/ 10 /15	2/4/7
Moxa AWK 1137C	20/ 39 /47	1/ 5 /11	1/ 3 /8

Minimum / Average / Maximum expected Latency ms			
	1 hop	2 hops	3 hops
Acksys Air Series	2/ 3 /6	3/ 5 /10	5/ 6 /9
Moxa AWK 1137C	1/ 5 /85	2/ 6 /43	2/ 7 /30

The performance figures mentioned above are based on the assumption of accurate setup and configuration. The actual measured numbers can vary due to a range of factors that are beyond the control of the Meshmerize software, including wireless environment, hardware selection, antenna positioning, and other. Meshmerize does not warrant for specific wireless or network performance aspects such as data throughput, packet loss, or scalability in arbitrary deployments, as these elements are affected by the aforementioned factors.

If there is a deviation in the measured service quality compared to the provided numbers, it is important to ensure that the setup adheres to our recommendations. If performance issues persist, [Meshmerize Support](#) should be contacted for further assistance.

Deploying Meshmerize

Software

Deploying Meshmerize devices involves initial steps of installing Meshmerize and setting up a default configuration. Depending on the chosen hardware, Meshmerize may come pre-installed, requiring only activation. If Meshmerize is not included in the factory firmware, installation instructions specific to the device can be found on the device's respective page. At this stage, all Meshmerize instances will be unlicensed.

For assistance, the [Meshmerize Quick Start Guide](#) provides detailed instructions on get started with the first Meshmerize installation, connecting to devices, setting up Meshmerize, installing a license, and customizing configurations.

Configuration

For optimal performance of the wireless network, adapting the wireless configuration of the devices to suit the specific deployment environment and its surroundings is necessary. This is to ensure that the network avoids unwanted external interference.

Configuration of the mesh network should be done to operate on a Wi-Fi channel that is isolated for the specific deployment. Additional networks transmitting on the same frequency will drain available resources and reduce the overall network performance of the wireless installation.

Meshmerize - Quick Start Guide

User guide for first steps after successful installing MeshmerizeOS

Meshmerize - Quick Start Guide

This guide leads you through the necessary steps to successfully deploy and test the Meshmerize mesh network. The primary goal is to ping multiple devices from your computer.

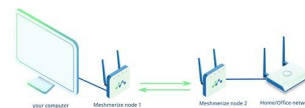
To achieve this, the guide will walk you through the following key steps in detail:

1. Meshmerize out-of-the-box Test
2. Connect to your Meshmerize device
3. Install the Meshmerize license
4. Set up a simple connection between two Meshmerize devices
5. Short introduction on how to configure Meshmerize and general network settings.

Please note that these steps assume that you have already installed MeshmerizeOS on your devices. If you want to know how to install Meshmerize, go to the [respective device's guide installation section](#).

Quick out-of-the-box test

Let's start with a quick out-of-the-box demonstration of Meshmerize by connecting your computer to the internet. This requires at least two Meshmerize-enabled devices and a running DHCP server, for instance from your home or office router that you already use. Power on both Meshmerize devices (nodes) and connect the LAN port of your first node with one of the Ethernet ports of your office/home network. Next, connect the LAN port of the second node to your computer. Your setup should look as depicted in the graphic.



Your computer will automatically establish a connection using the DHCP server of your office network to join the network. You should now be connected to the internet through the Meshmerize network, and you can freely move around while enjoying seamless connectivity. To test your internet connectivity, you can use your preferred terminal to `ping meshmerize.net`. Optionally, you can turn on a third Meshmerize device (or more) and place it slightly at a distance to enjoy the range extension of your network.

Voilà! You have a self-healing mesh network.

For more information, visit [our website](#) without restrictions for 30 minutes after powering up the device. Please

Support

For inquiries related to open questions or specific requirements and configurations, the [Meshmerize Wiki Documentation](#) or [Meshmerize Support](#) can be referenced for assistance.

Cloud-based Network Management

Hive is a comprehensive network management tool which allows network monitoring, configuring and control. It is available as a cloud-hosted service, as well as a self-hosted variant if internet access is not possible at the site. Consulting the [Getting Started Guide](#) is advised for detailed steps on how to connect devices to Hive.

Hive enables the execution of a suite of provided actions to configure and customize device settings across the deployment, tailored to each device's role in the network. This ensures proper configuration for all devices fine-tuned for the AS/RS use case, eliminating manual configuration with individual device handling.



PERFORMANCE BASED TROUBLESHOOTING

Proactively identify and resolve network issues.



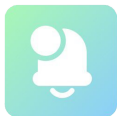
HASSLE-FREE NODE PROVISIONING

Conveniently add, remove or relocate nodes.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE NETWORK

Visualize and accurately position all nodes, both static and mobile, on a map or floor plan.



ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Receive real-time alerts on network state changes for quick issue resolution.



MANAGE DEVICES IN BULK, WITH EASE

Effortlessly modify configurations across multiple devices.



API INTEGRATIONS

Integrates the network nodes into your other tools, such as the WMS, using RESTful API calls.