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Agenda

- Introduction
- Back to basics
- Underlay
- Overlay
- Operation
- Multiple Fabrics
- Conclusion

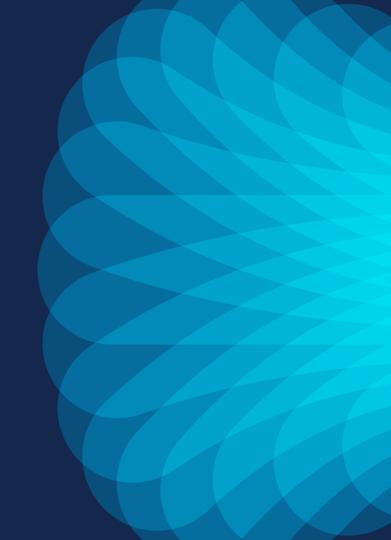


Why SD Access - Simplification

- SD-Access simplifies wired and wireless
- IP Addressing simplification
- Improve Scaling both wired and wireless
- Policy Simplification and Improved Security
- Improved Performance
- Improved Availability
- Foundation for Zero Trust Simplified and Continual Trust

How do networks work?

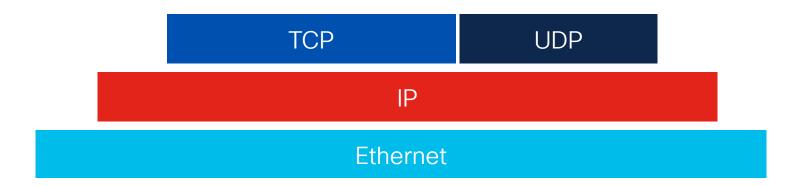




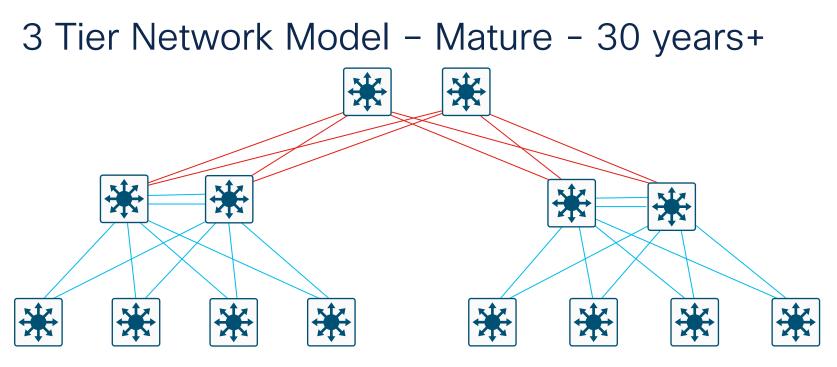
Ethernet

- Carrier Sense, Multiple Access / Collision Detection (CSMA/CD)
- Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA) for Wireless
- Bridges, half-duplex switches propagated collision domain
- Full duplex switches eliminate collision domain by limiting it to the port
- <u>Needs loop-free topology</u>. (!SPANNING TREE PROTOCOL!)
- Broadcast domain
- Address Resolution Protocol to resolve IP addresses (broadcast)

Foundations – TCP/IP Stack



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Layer 3 - _____ Layer 2 - _____



3 Tier Network Model – 30+ protocols to juggle

MPLS – VPLS – Pseudo Wire – MP–BGP – LDP – SXP – Sub Interfaces VRF – VRF Lite – RIM

802.1w (PVST+) - 802.1s (Rapid STP) - BPDU Guard - Root Guard - Loop Guard - VLANs - VTP - EtherChannel - SVI's - HSRP - VSS - SWV - 802.1Q Portfast - VSL - Dual Active Detection - SGT - Port Channel - IGMPv2v3

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Roles and Terminology

1. Concepts

- 2. SD-Access Roles
- 3. Fabric Constructs



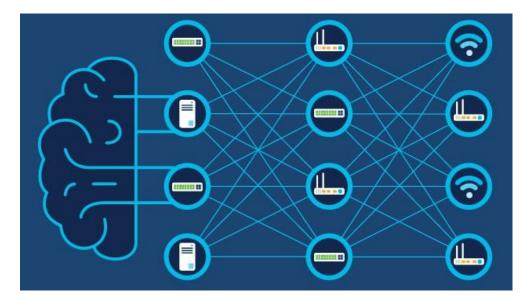
Fabric = Underlay + Overlay(s)





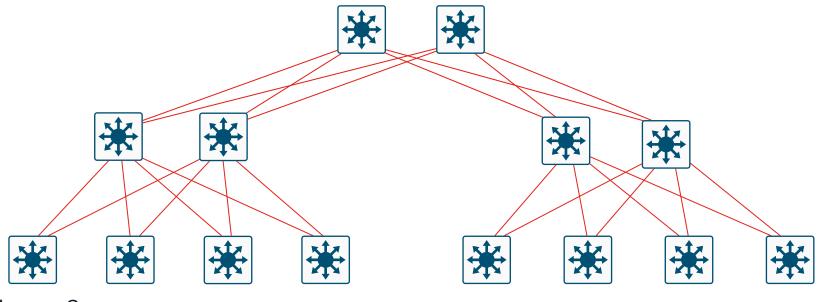
What is a Network Fabric?

- Mesh of connections between network devices.
- Transports data from source to destination.
- Usually refers to a virtualized, automated lattice of overlay connections.
- May (uncommonly) refer to physical wiring of a network .





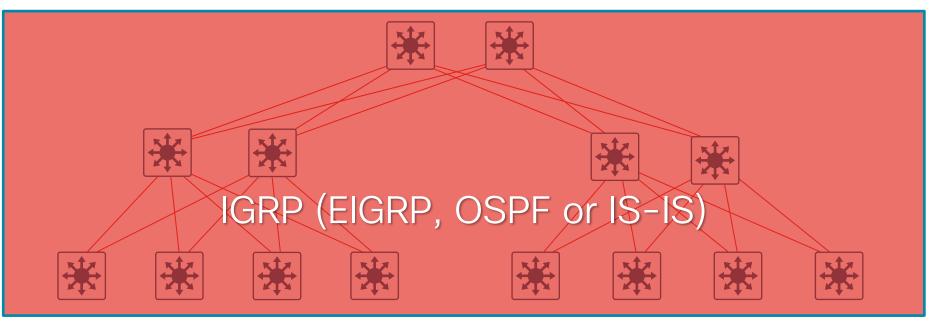
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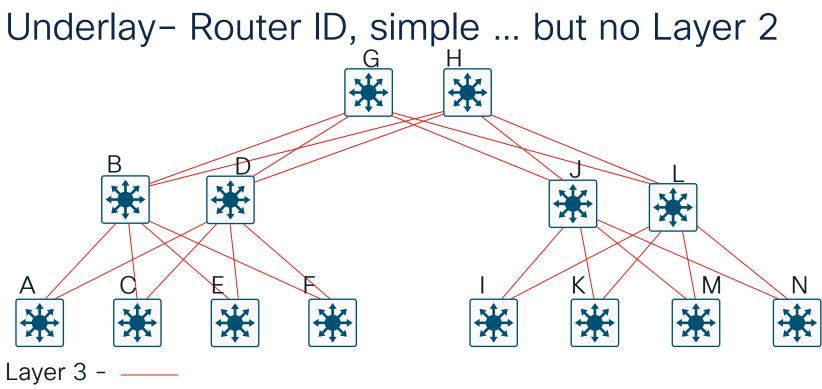
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Underlay – Layer 3 only – One Protocol & E.C.M.P.



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Layer 2 - ____



What is an Overlay?

- An Overlay network is a logical topology used to virtually connect devices, built over an arbitrary physical Underlay topology.
- Examples of overlay technologies:
 - GRE

• VXLAN

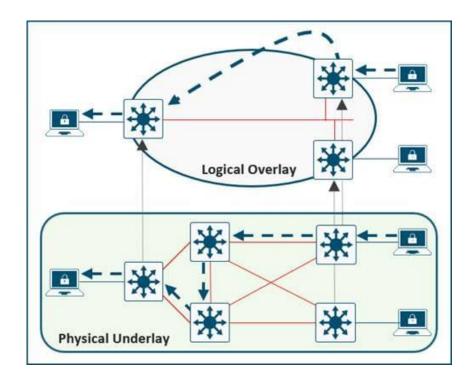
• MPLS

BGP EVPN

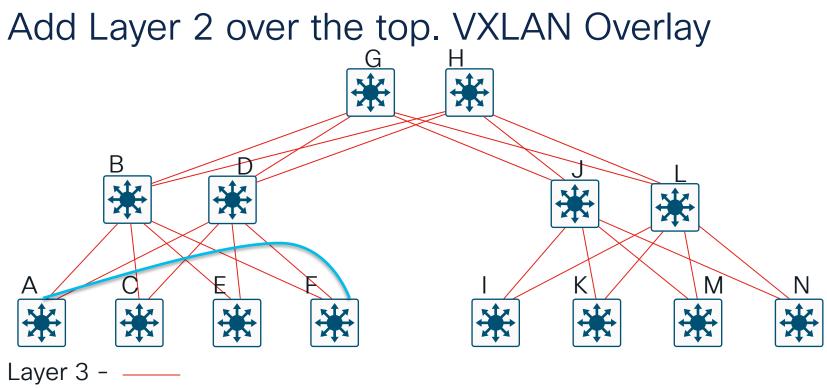
SD-WAN

- IPsec
- CAPWAP
- LISP

- ACI
- OTV





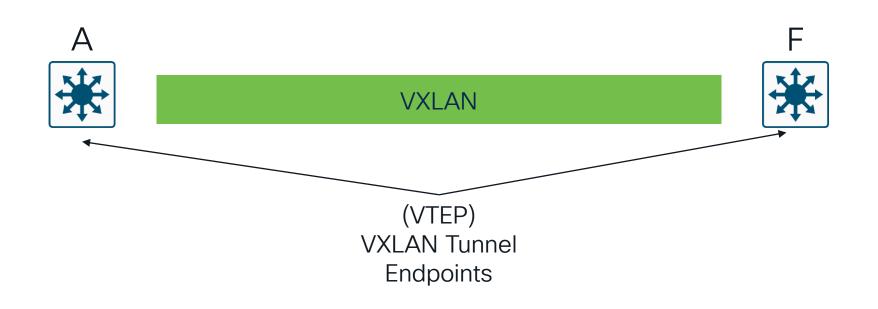


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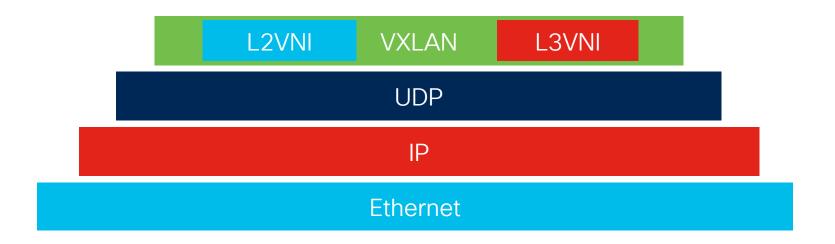


SD Access Fabric - VXLAN Tunnel





VXLAN - L2 and L3 Overlays



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How do we know where everything is?

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Cisco SD-Access Fabric

- Learns or keeps track of endpoints in the fabric.
- Control Plane: LISP
 - Locator/ID Separation Protocol.
 - IETF Standards Track RFC9300-RFC9305 and Informational RFC9299.

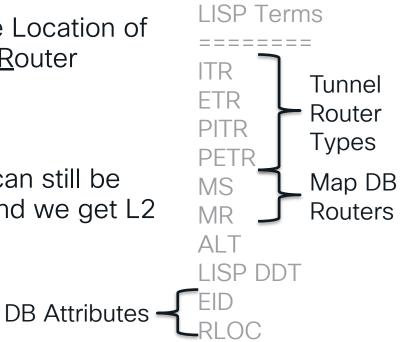
Lightweight, Efficient, Scalable and Extensible



LISP – Locator / ID Separation Protocol

 Tracks Endpoint IDs (EID) and the Location of the router hosting that Endpoint: <u>Router</u> <u>Location</u> (or RLOC)

 LISP originally for L3 uses – but can still be combined with VXLAN packets and we get L2 (RLOC == VTEP)





LISP

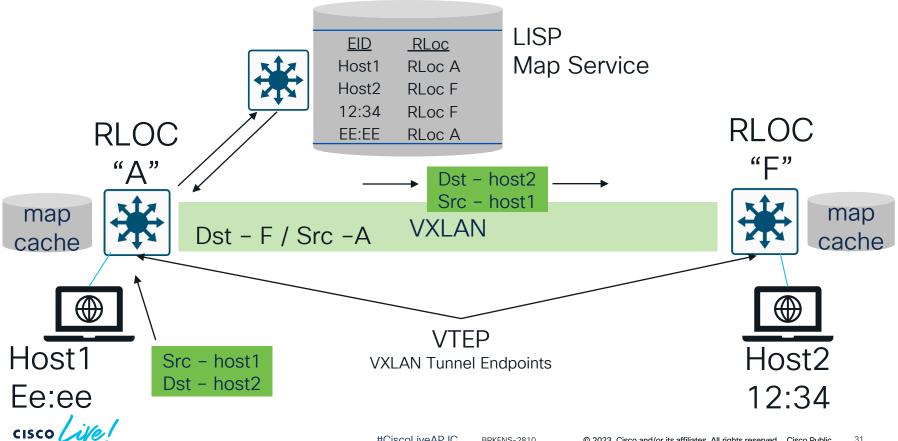
- LISP tracks the locator and identity of a device through the RLOC and EID
- Endpoint ID is address of the host, Route locator (RLOC) is router where that EID is connected. Eg. EID – Brandon, Locator – MEC Room 211
- "Works like DNS"

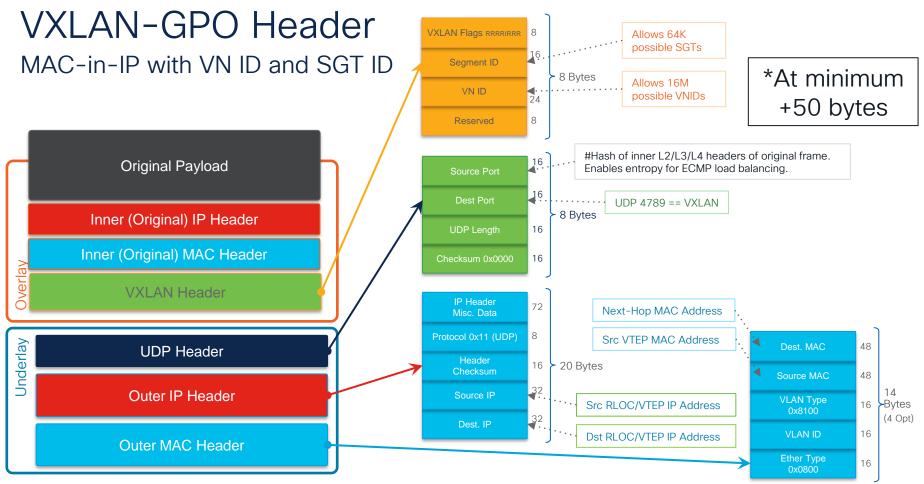
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	192.168.10.11	10.10.10.1	00:0C:2D:00:45:67	10.10.10.2		
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SD Access Fabric – Learns via LISP, transmits VXLAN





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LISP in Cisco SD-Access

Configure Control Plane						
S	elect route distribution protocol:					
	LISP/BGP C		LISP Pub/Sub	0		
	LISP/BGP uses concurrent LISP and BGP protocols to distribute reachability information. LISP/BGP is the traditional SD-Access control plane architecture and is retained for backwards compatibility. LISP Pub/Sub is recommended for new network implementations.		LISP Pub/Sub (Publish/Subscribe) accelerates network convergence, simplifies network operations, and provides the foundation for new SD-Access use cases. LISP Pub/Sub requires all Border Nodes, Control Plane Nodes and Edge Nodes to be running IOS XE 17.6.x or later.			

LISP/BGP

- Released circa 2017.
- Reliable and stable.
- BGP for route distribution.

LISP Pub/Sub

- Released in 2022 with DNA Center 2.2.3.x.
- Reliable and stable.
- Native LISP route distribution.
- Less Control Plane load.
- Faster convergence.
- Highly extensible.

LISP Pub/Sub

??? What is pub sub ???...

- LISP Pub/Sub is recommended for new deployments.
- In software architecture, publish-subscribe is a messaging pattern where publishers categorize messages into classes that are received by subscribers. This is contrasted to the typical messaging pattern model where publishers sends messages directly to subscribers.
- Similarly, subscribers express interest in one or more classes and only receive messages that are of interest, without knowledge of which publishers, if any, there are.



LISP Pub/Sub

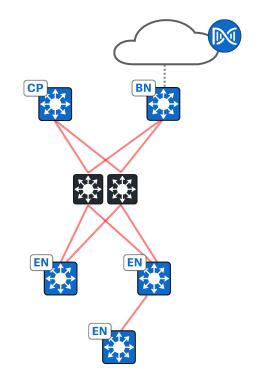
A Brief Digression, before you ask...

- No plans to end support for LISP/BGP.
- LISP Pub/Sub is recommended for new deployments.
- In Catalyst Center (fka DNA Center) 2.2.3.x new Fabric Sites can be configured as LISP/BGP or LISP Pub/Sub. Note minimum IOS XE versions.

Cisco SD-Access Roles

Mandatory Components

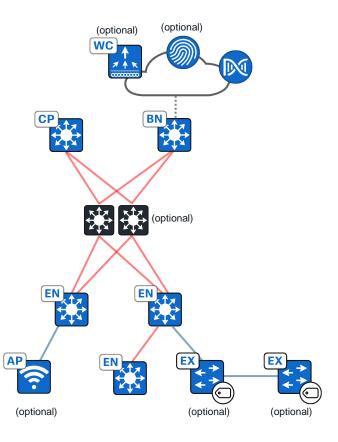
- Cisco Catalyst Center GUI and APIs for intent-based automation of wired and wireless fabric devices.
- Border A fabric device that connects external L3 and L2 networks to the Cisco SD-Access fabric.
- Edges- A fabric device that connects wired endpoints to the Cisco SD-Access fabric and optionally enforces micro-segmentation policy.
- Control Plane Map System that tracks endpoints & routes.



Cisco SD-Access Roles

Optional Components

- Identity Services Engine Highly recommended. NAC and Identity services for dynamic endpoint to Security Group Tag mapping and policy distribution.
- Fabric Wireless Controller and Fabric APs Highly recommended. Connects wireless endpoints to the SD-Access fabric.
- Extended Node A switch operating at Layer 2 that extends fabric connectivity and optionally enforces micro– segmentation policy.
- Intermediate Nodes Moves data between fabric nodes. Can be one or many hops.

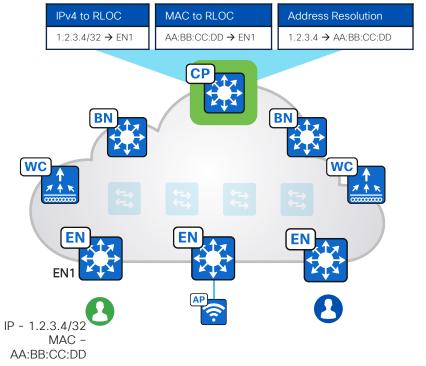




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Control Plane Node Maintains a Host Tracking Database to Map Location Information

- A simple Database that maps Endpoint IDs to Locations, along with other attributes.
- Host Database supports multiple types of Endpoint ID lookup types (IPv4, IPv6 or MAC).
- Receives Endpoint ID map registrations from Edges, Border Nodes and Fabric WLC's.
- Resolves lookup requests from Edge Nodes and Border Nodes, to locate destination Endpoint IDs.
- Publishes registrations to Subscribers.

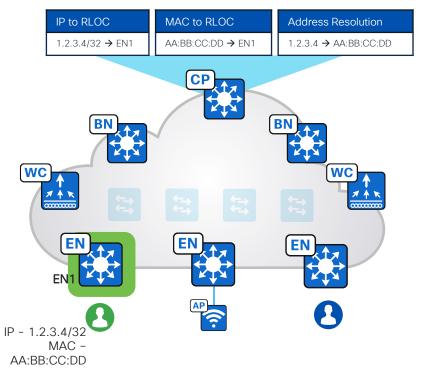


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Cisco SD-Access Fabric

Edge Node Provides First Hop Services for Endpoints

- Responsible for Authenticating and Authorizing endpoints (e.g. 802.1X, MAB, static) in concert with ISE.
- Register Endpoint IDs (IPv4, IPv6, MAC) with the Control Plane Nodes.
- Provide an Anycast Gateway for the connected wired and wireless endpoints.
- Performs VXLAN encapsulation and decapsulation of traffic to and from all connected wired endpoints.

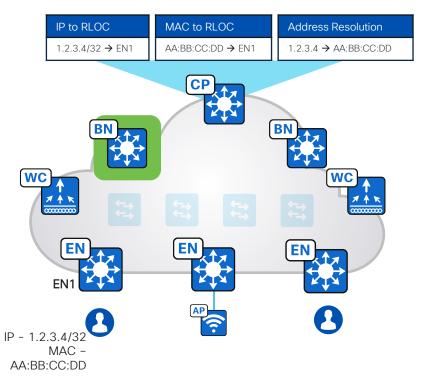




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Border Node is the Fabric Site Entry and Exit for Network Traffic

- Subscribes to LISP Control Plane Node IPv4 and IPv6 Tables.
- There are 4 types of Border Node:
 - External Border Node.
 - Internal Border Node.
 - Internal + External Border Node.
 - Layer 2 Border Node.





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Border Node is the Fabric Site Entry and Exit for Network Traffic

• External Border Node:

- The most common configuration.
- Exports all fabric subnets to outside the Fabric Site as eBGP summary routes.
- Does not register IP prefixes from outside the Fabric Site into the fabric Control Plane.
- Acts as a gateway of last resort for the Fabric Site.

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Local Autonomous Number 65004	
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Border Node is the Fabric Site Entry and Exit for Network Traffic

Internal Border Node:

- Exports all fabric subnets to outside the Fabric Site as eBGP summary routes.
- Imports and registers eBGP-learned IPv4/IPv6 prefixes from outside the Fabric Site, into the fabric Control Plane.
- Does not act as a gateway of last resort for the Fabric Site.

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Border Node is the Fabric Site Entry and Exit for Network Traffic

- Internal + External Border Node:
 - Exports all fabric subnets to outside the Fabric Site as eBGP summary routes.
 - Imports and registers eBGP-learned IPv4/IPv6 prefixes from outside the Fabric Site, into the fabric Control Plane.
 - Acts as a gateway of last resort for the Fabric Site.

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Border Node is the Fabric Site Entry and Exit for Network Traffic

• Layer 2 Border Node:

- Acts as Layer 2 handoff for pure Layer 2 Overlays or Layer 2 + Layer 3 Overlays.
- Allows VLAN translation between SD-Access network segments and nonfabric VLAN IDs.
- Dual homing requires link aggregation; STP it not tunneled within the SD-Access Fabric.
- Ideally should be separate device from the Layer 3 Border Node.

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Cisco SD-Access Roles

Some of the Supported Colocations



Border Node and Control Plane Node.



Border Node, Control Plane Node, and Fabric Edge Node.



Border Node, Control Plane Node, and Embedded Wireless Controller.

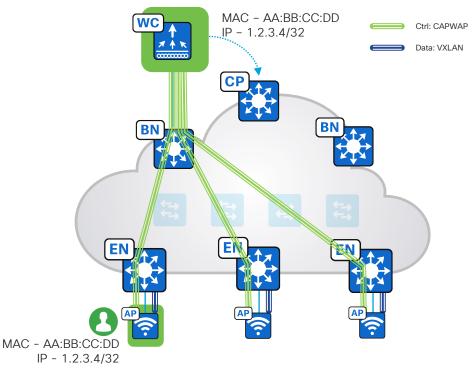


Border Node, Control Plane Node, Fabric Edge Node, and Embedded Wireless Controller.



Fabric Enabled Wireless Unifies Wired and Wireless Management, Policy and Data Planes

- Fabric WLC accessible though a Fabric Border Node (Underlay). Can be several hops away.
- Fabric Enabled APs reside in a dedicated IP range and communicate with the WLC (CAPWAP Control).
- Fabric WLC registers endpoints with the Control Plane Node.
- Fabric APs switch endpoint traffic to the adjacent Edge Node.
- Wireless endpoints use same data plane and policy plane as wired endpoints.





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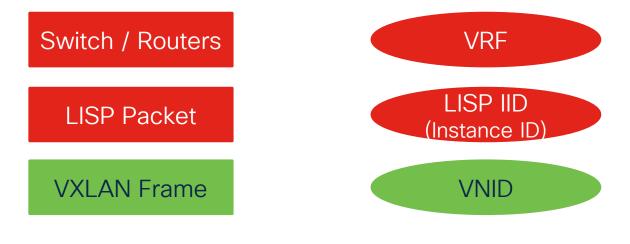
3. Fabric Constructs





Commonly referred to as "Macro Segmentation"



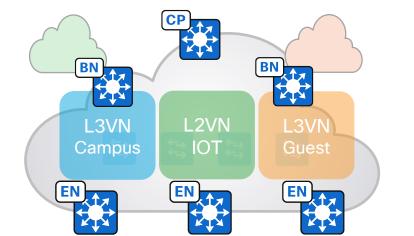


VRF ⇔ IID ⇔ VNID



Virtual Networks (a.k.a. IIDs, VRFs, VNIDs ..etc)

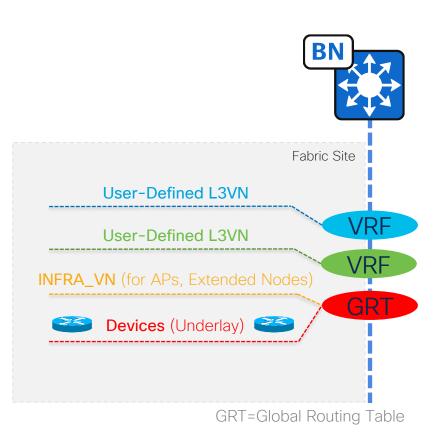
- Layer 3 Virtual Networks use VRFs and LISP Instance IDs to maintain separate routing topologies.
 - Endpoint IDs (IPv4/IPv6 addresses) are routed within an L3VN.
- Layer 2 Virtual Networks use LISP Instance IDs and VLANs to maintain separate switching topologies.
 - Endpoint IDs (MAC addresses) are switched within an L2VN.
- Edge Nodes, Border Nodes and Fabric APs add a VNID (the LISP IID) to the fabric encapsulation.

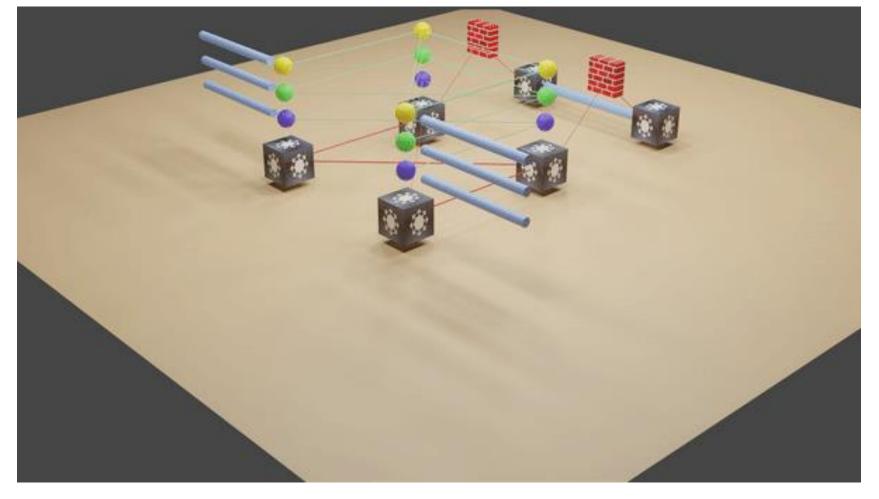




Layer 3 Virtual Networks

- Fabric Devices (Underlay) connectivity is in the Global Routing Table.
- INFRA_VN is only for Fabric Access Points and Extended Nodes in the Global Routing Table.
- User-Defined VNs can be added or removed on demand.
- DEFAULT_VN is the same as a userdefined VN. Present in the SD-Access UI by default. Not deployed to the Fabric Site by default.

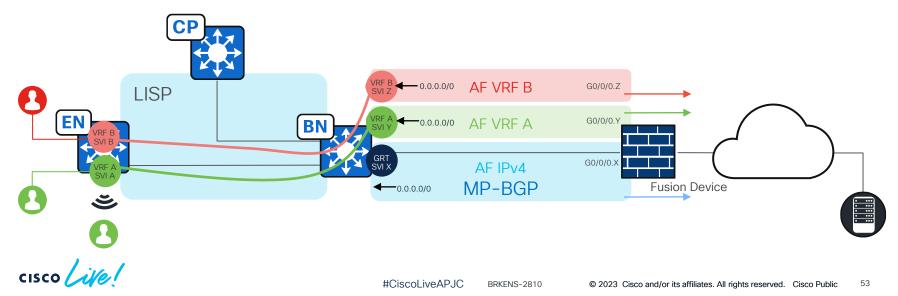




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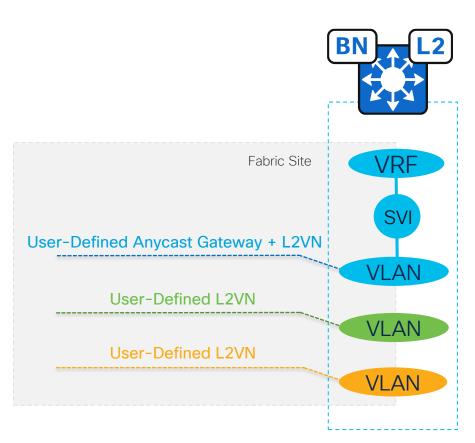
Per-Layer-3-Virtual-Network Layer 3 Handoff

- Use a "Fusion Device" to leak external routes into SD-Access Layer 3 Virtual Networks.
- Alternatively, maintain VRF segmentation outside of the SD-Access Fabric with a VRF-aware external routing domain.
- Fusion Device is outside the fabric. Can be any platform (router, Layer 3 switch, firewall, etc.) with appropriate capabilities.



Cisco SD-Access Fabric Layer 2 Handoff

- Ancient wisdom: Route whenever you can, switch when you must.
- Layer 2 Virtual Networks handoff through a user-defined VLAN.
- Layer 2 Virtual Networks <u>may</u> implement BUM flooding. Important to be mindful of loop prevention.







IP Pools – Address Management

IP Pools are range of useable addresses

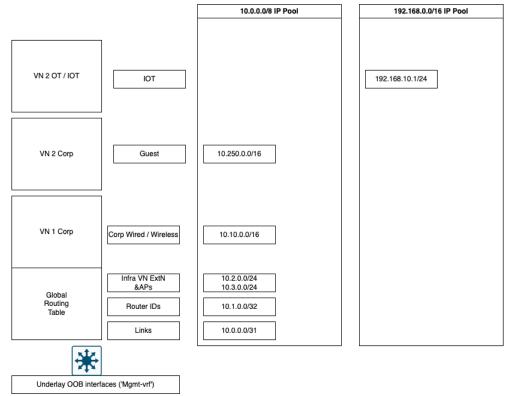


Host pools



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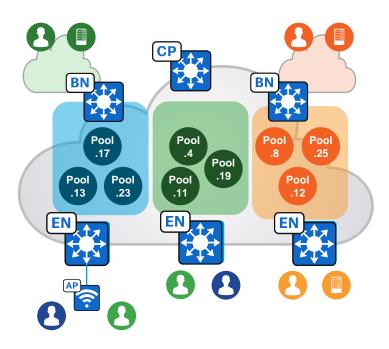
IP Pools – Address Management – Have a plan



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Host Pools Provide a Default Gateway and Basic IP Services for Endpoints

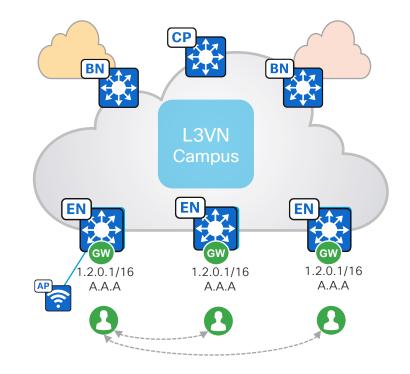
- Edge Nodes instantiate an access VLAN and a Switched Virtual Interface (SVI) with user-defined IPv4/IPv6 addresses per Host Pool.
- Host Pools assigned to endpoints dynamically by AAA or statically per port.
- Edge Nodes and Fabric WLCs register endpoint IDs (/32, /128 or MAC) with the Control Plane, enabling IP mobility; any IP address anywhere.





Anycast Gateway Provides a Default Gateway for IP-Capable Endpoints

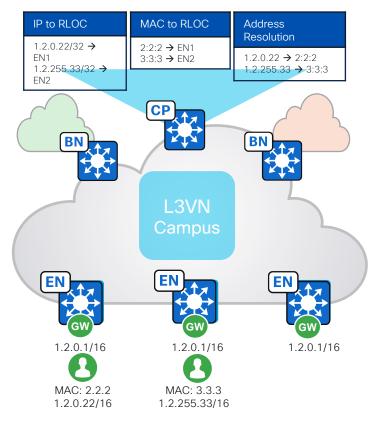
- Similar principle and behavior to FHRP with a shared virtual IPv4/IPv6 addresses and MAC address.
- The same Switch Virtual Interface (SVI) is present on all Edge Nodes with the same virtual IP and MAC.
- The wired or wireless endpoint can connect to any switch or AP in the fabric and communicate with the same Anycast Gateway.





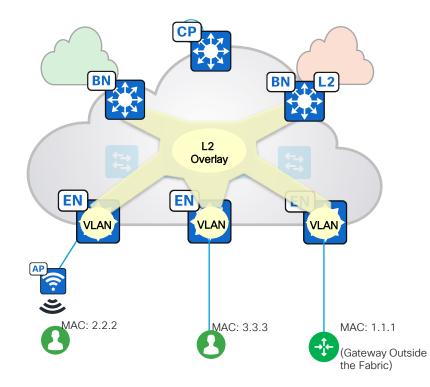
Host Pools are "stretched" via the Overlay

- Endpoint IPv4/IPv6 traffic arrives on an Edge Node and is then routed or switched by the Edge Node.
- Fabric Dynamic EID mapping allows endpoint-specific (/32, /128, MAC) advertisement and mobility.
- No longer need VLANs to interconnect endpoints across Edge Nodes, this happens in the Overlay without broadcast flooding.



Layer 2 Virtual Networks

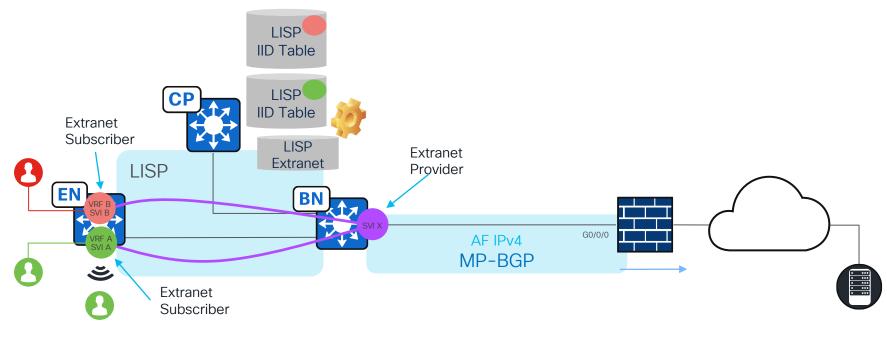
- By default, an L2VN is deployed with each Anycast Gateway and Layer 2 Flooding is disabled. Layer 2 Flooding can be enabled, if necessary, to service niche applications.
- L2VN can be deployed without an Anycast Gateway, and Layer 2 Flooding cannot be disabled.
 - Sometimes referred to as "Gateway Outside the Fabric".
- If Layer 2 Flooding is enabled, a Multicast Underlay P2MP tunnel is established between all Fabric Nodes.





Extranet Provider Virtual Network Layer 3 Handoff

• Use an Extranet Policy to allow communication between one Provider Virtual Network and one or more Subscriber Virtual Networks.



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SD-Access Design Aides

- Cisco Validated Design: <u>https://cs.co/sda-cvd</u>
- Design Tool: <u>http://cs.co/sda-design-tool</u>



Compatibility Matrix: <u>http://cs.co/sda-compatibility-matrix</u>





SD-Access Compatibility Matrix for Cisco DNA Center 2.3.3.6 (recommended release)

Device Role	Device Series	Device Model	Recommended Release	Supported Release
		C9300X-12Y C9300X-24Y C9300X-24HX C9300X-48HXN C9300X-48HX	IOS XE 17.6.4	IOS XE 17.9.x IOS XE 17.8.x IOS XE 17.7.x IOS XE 17.6.x IOS XE 17.5.x



Fabric Fundamentals

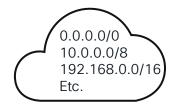
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2. Data Plane

3. Policy Plane



Fabric Operation Default ETR Registration

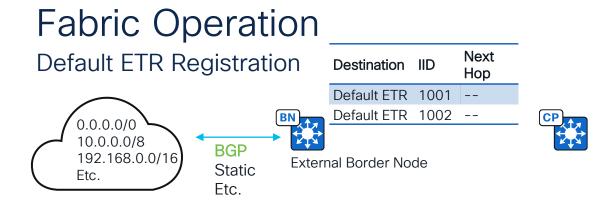




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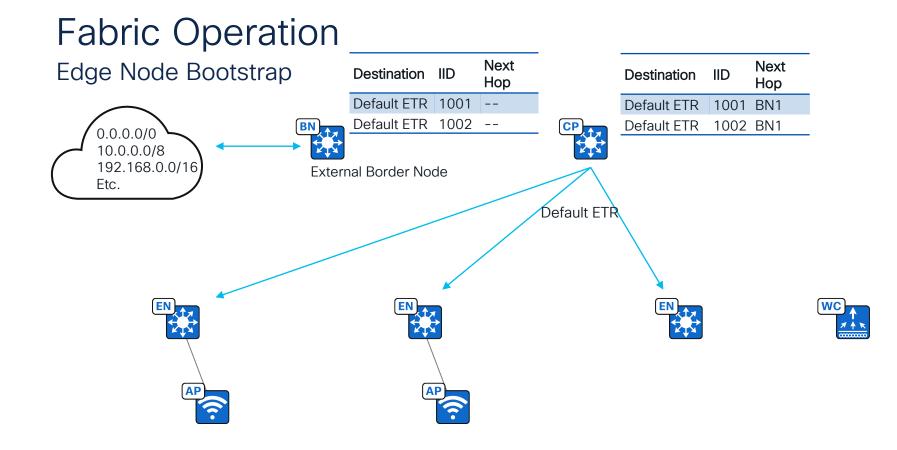




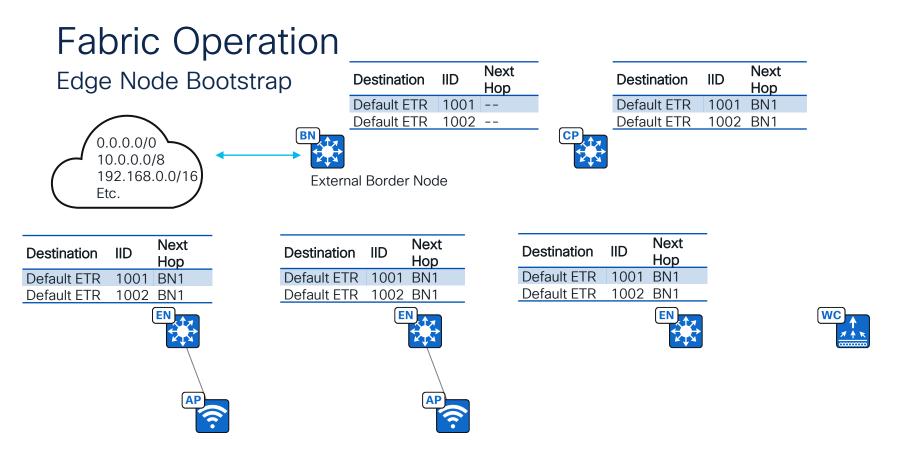
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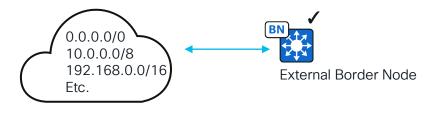


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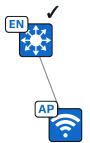


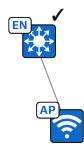
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Edge Node Bootstrap









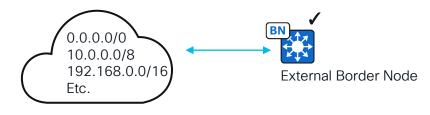




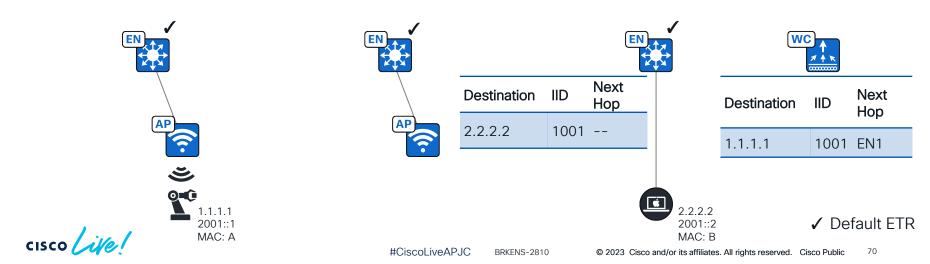
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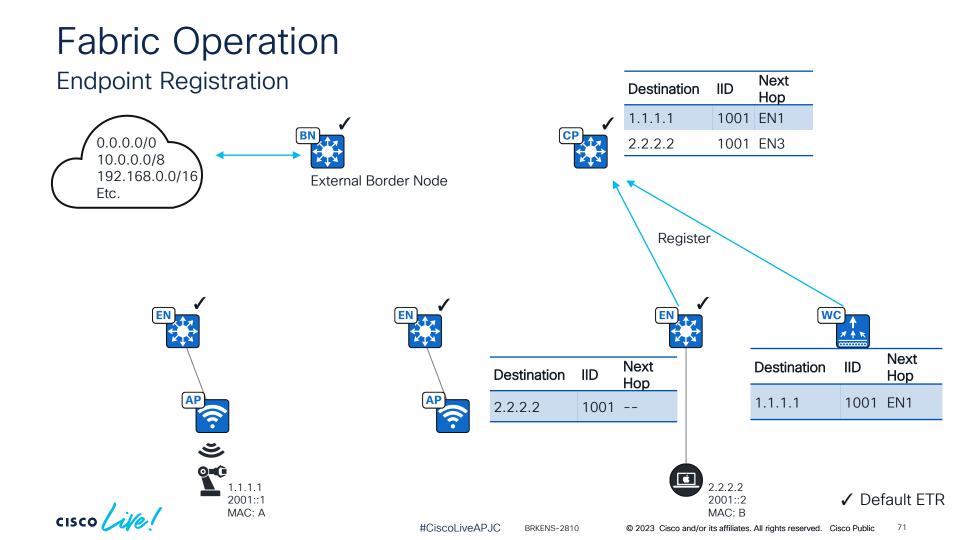


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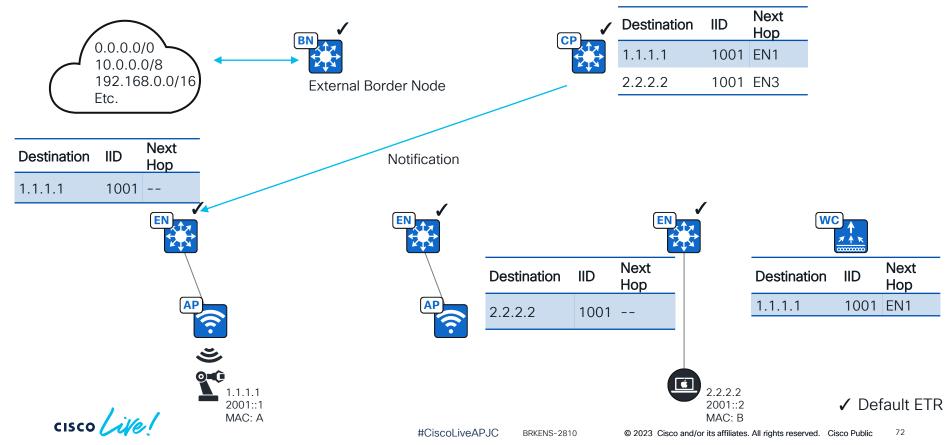


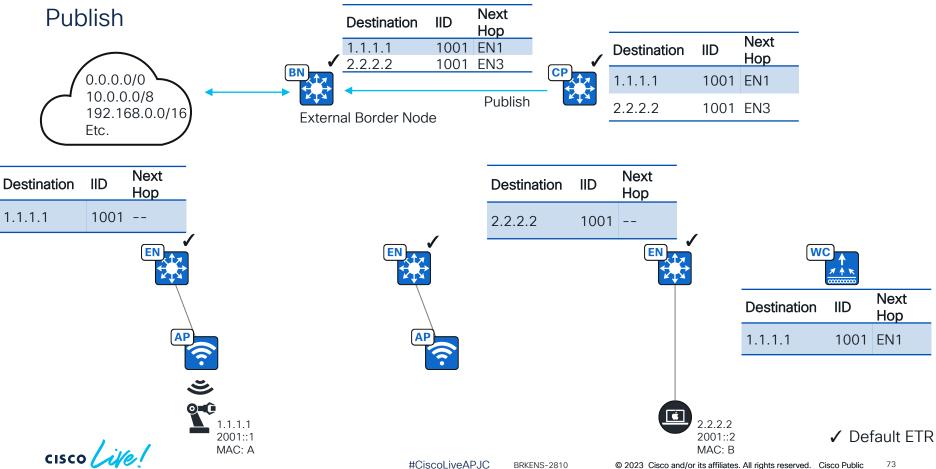


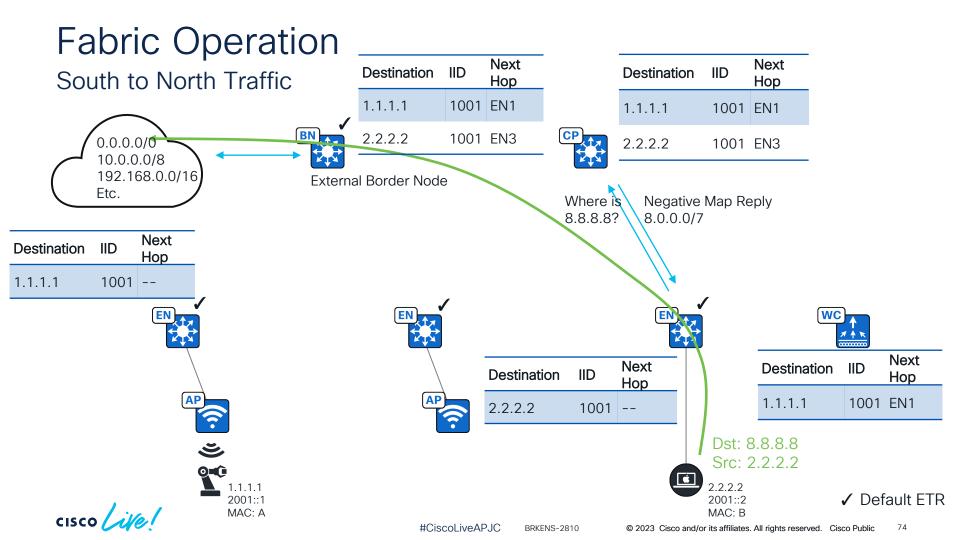


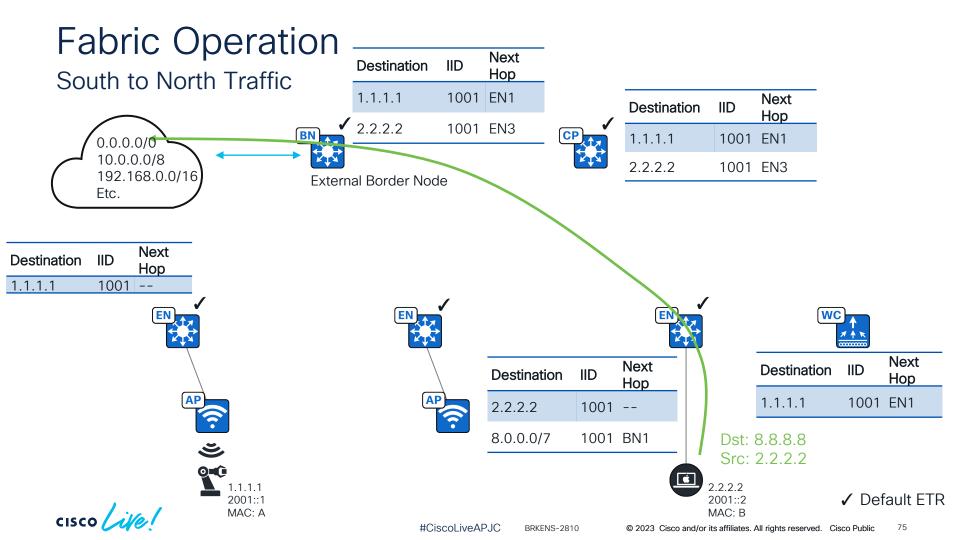


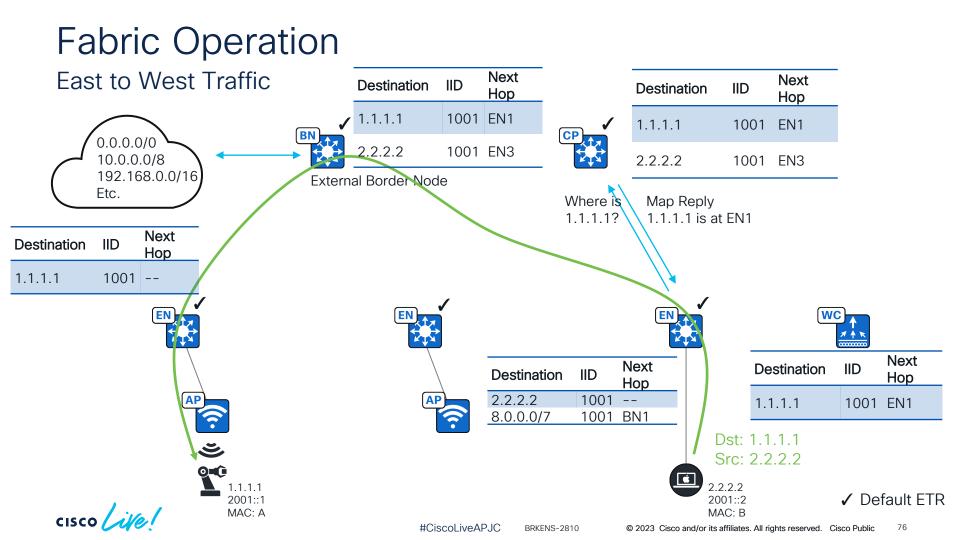
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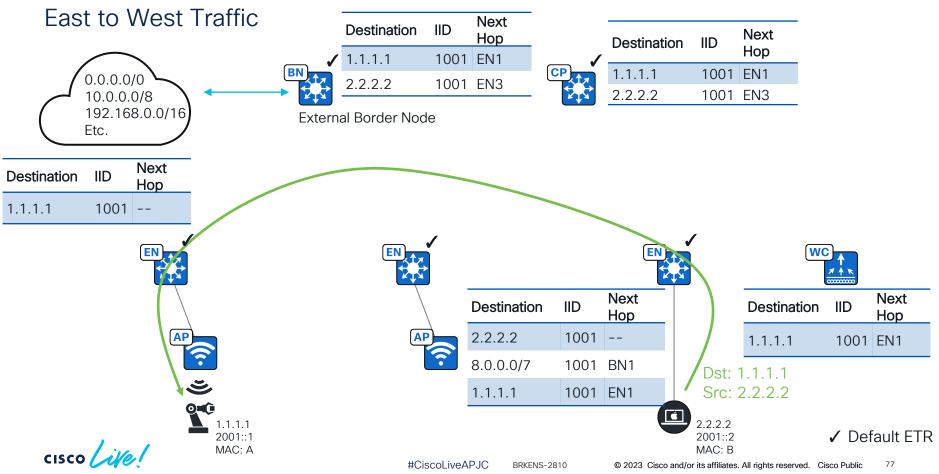








Fabric Operation



Advantages of LISP

- Optimised resource usage on Edge Nodes:
 - "Pull" only the information needed, like DNS. By comparison BGP pushes all routing information to all Edge Nodes.
- Underlay network is simple and stable:
 - IGP routing from Border Node to Edge Node. Maybe PIM. No L2, no VLANs, no link bundling, no STP, no MPLS.
- Unified wired and wireless data plane and policy plane.
 - No wireless concentrator bottleneck = higher throughput.
- Receive future innovations in later SD-Access + IOS XE releases.

More LISP for the Inquisitive

- BRKENS-2828 LISP Architecture Evolution
 - Roaming.
 - Extranet.
 - SD-Access Transit.
 - Dynamic Default Border.
 - Backup Internet.
 - LISP Priority (SD-Access traffic steering).
 - Affinity ID (SD-Access Transit traffic steering).
 - Etc.



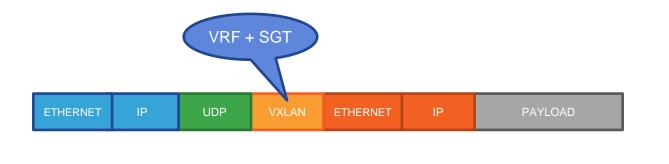
Fabric Policy Security Groups





Cisco SD-Access Fabric

- 1. Control Plane: LISP
- 2. Data Plane: VXLAN
- 3. Policy Plane: Group-Based Policy



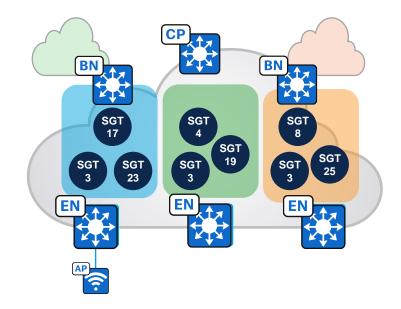




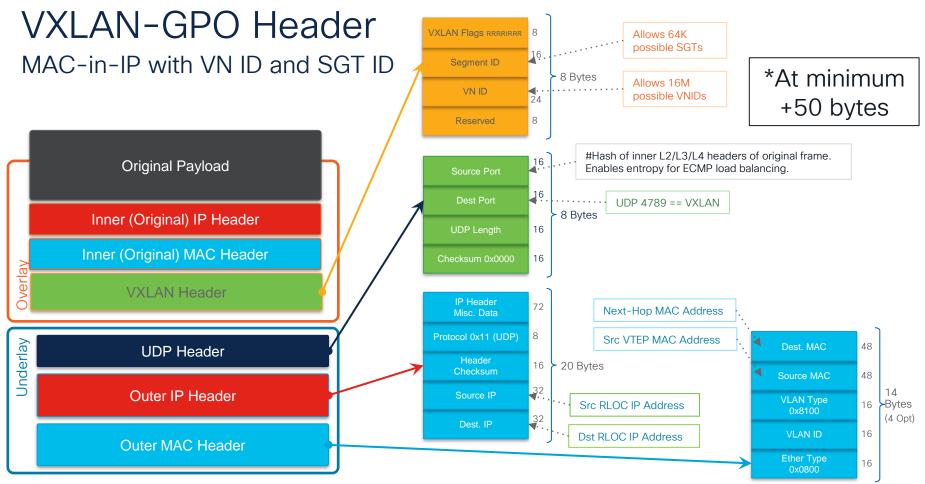
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A Security Group Tag Assigns a "Group" to Each Endpoint

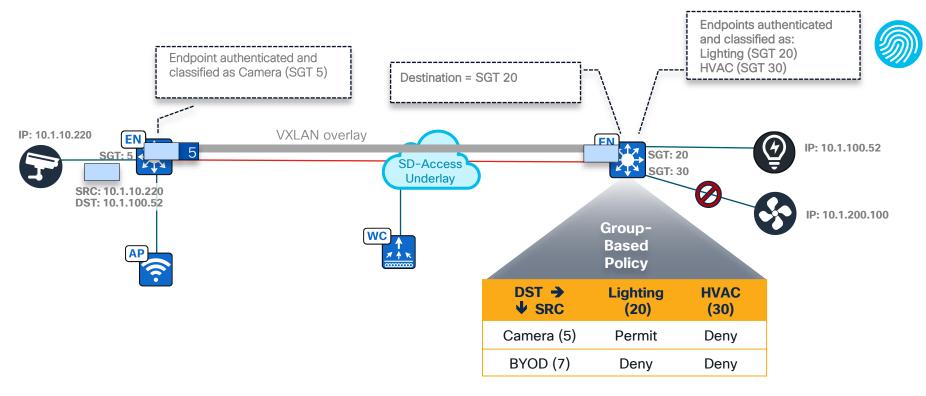
- Edge Nodes and Fabric APs assign a unique Scalable Group Tag (SGT) to each end endpoint in concert with ISE.
- Edge Nodes and Fabric APs add an SGT to the fabric encapsulation.
- SGTs are used to implement IP-addressindependent traffic policies.
- SGTs can be extended to numerous other networking technologies e.g., Cisco Secure Firewall, Cisco SD-WAN, some third-party devices, etc.







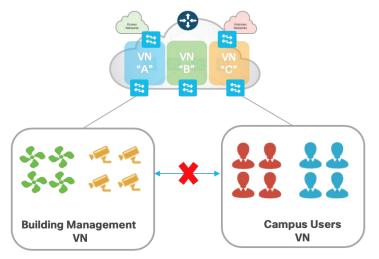
What is Security Group Tag and Group-Based Policy?





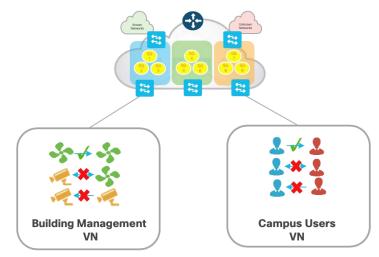
SD-Access Policy

Macro-Segmentation and Micro-Segmentation



Virtual Network (VN)

First-level Segmentation ensures **zero communication** between forwarding domains. Ability to consolidate multiple networks into one management plane.



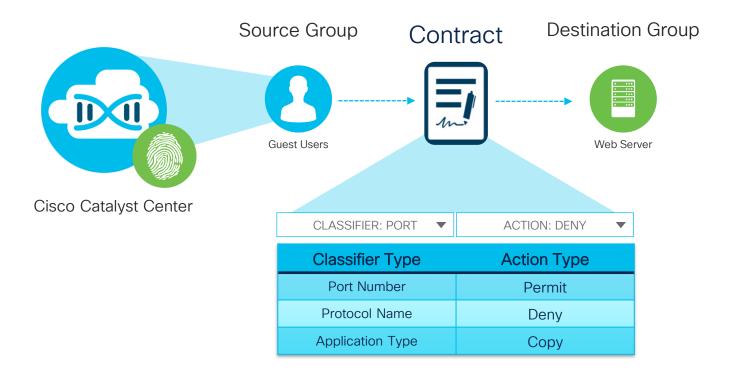
Security Group Tag (SGT)

Second-level Segmentation ensures **role-based access control** between groups in a VN. Ability to segment the network into lines of business or functional blocks.

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SD-Access Policy

Access Control Policies





SD-Access Policy Group-Based Access Control Policy

Policies (11) [] Enter full screen



- 1. Select Source Group(s)
- 2. Select Destination Group(s)
- 3. Select Access Contract(s)

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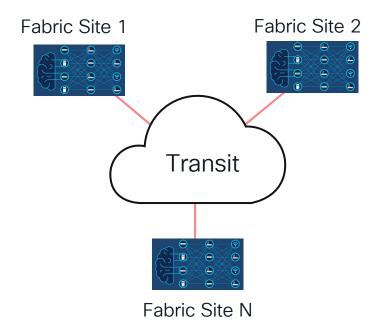


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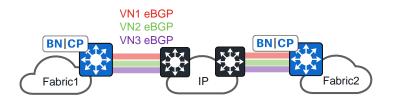


What is Fabric Site?

- An instance of an SD-Access Fabric.
- Typically defined by disparate geographical locations, but not always.
- Can also be defined by:
 - Endpoint scale.
 - Failure domain scoping.
 - RTT.
 - Underlay connectivity attributes.
- Typically interconnected by a "Transit".



Transits for VN and SGT Preservation

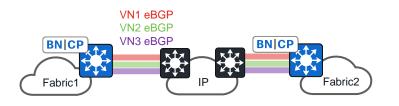


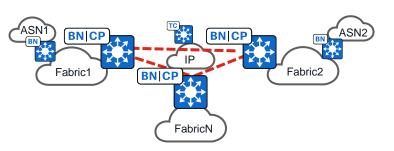
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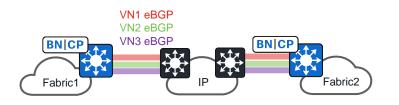
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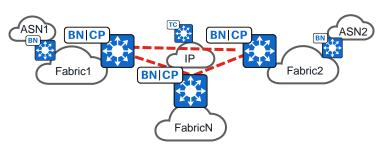
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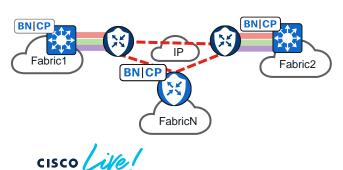
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SD-WAN Transit

- Cisco SD-WAN between Fabric Sites.
- Separate SD-WAN Edge for flexibility, Border Node port density and speed. <u>Independent Domains Prescriptive Design</u> <u>Guide</u>, includes functional restrictions. Or Co-located SDWAN Edge for L3VN-VPN stitching with SGT data plane.

Conclusion

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 Cisco SD-Access provides one interface for Fabric Automation, Identity-Based Policy, Segmentation, AI-Driven Insights and Assurance.

- Cisco SD-Access is a turnkey foundation for Zero Trust for the Workplace: Visibility, Segmentation and Containment.
 - BRKENS-2819 explores this angle further, 1:30 on Thursday.

• LISP is at the core of Cisco SD-Access: Efficient, scalable, flexible and evolving.

Why SD Access - Simplification

- SD-Access simplifies wired and wireless
- IP Addressing simplification
- Improve Scaling both wired and wireless
- Policy Simplification and Improved Security
- Improved Performance
- Improved Availability
- Foundation for Zero Trust Simplified and Continual Trust



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