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Cisco SD-Access – Connecting Multiple Sites in a Single Fabric Domain

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Cisco SD-Access Basic Concepts

Cisco SD-Access for Distributed Campus

- What is a Fabric Site ?
- What is a Fabric Domain ?
- What is a Transit/Peer Network ?

Cisco SD-Access Transit Types

- Cisco SD-Access : IP as Transit/Peer Network
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SD-Access Basic Concepts







Cisco Software Defined Access

The Foundation for Cisco's Intent-Based Network





One Automated Network Fabric

Single fabric for Wired and Wireless with full automation



Identity-Based Policy and Segmentation

Policy definition decoupled from VLAN and IP address



Al-Driven Insights and Telemetry

Analytics and visibility into User and Application experience



Cisco SD-Access Fabric Roles & Terminology



- Network Automation Simple GUI and APIs for intent-based Automation of wired and wireless fabric devices
- Network Assurance Data Collectors analyze Endpoint to Application flows and monitor fabric network status
- Identity Services NAC & ID Services (e.g. ISE) for dynamic Endpoint to Group mapping and Policy definition
- Control-Plane Nodes Map System that manages Endpoint to Device relationships
- Fabric Border Nodes A fabric device (e.g. Core) that connects External L3 network(s) to the SD-Access fabric
- Fabric Edge Nodes A fabric device (e.g. Access or Distribution) that connects Wired Endpoints to the SD-Access fabric
- Fabric Wireless Controller A fabric device (WLC) that connects Fabric APs and Wireless Endpoints to the SD-Access fabric

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Site/building-1

Site/Building-2

Site/Building-4(HQ)

SD-Access for Distributed Campus Benefits



Fabric Domain $()\mathcal{R}$ Fabric Site



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Fabric Domain vs Fabric Site

Fabric Domain



- Includes One or more Fabric sites with Transit network
- Managed by Single DNAC cluster.
- No End to End Segmentation between Fabric Domains



- Includes CP,B,FE, Fabric WLC & ISE PSN
- Benefits
 - Scalability
 - Resiliency
 - Survivability.
- Fabric Site may cover a single physical location, multiple locations, or just a subset of a location

Cisco DNAC System Scale



| Parameters | DN2-HW-APL | DN2-HW-APL-L | DN2-HW-APL-XL |
|--|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| No of Devices (Switch/Route/WLC) | 1000 | 2000 | 5000 |
| No of Access Points | 4000 | 6000 | 12000 |
| No of Endpoints (Concurrent) | 25,000 | 40,000 | 100,000 |
| No of endpoints - wired: wireless ratio | Any | Any | Wired: 40,000 Wireless: 60,000 |
| No of Fabric Domains | 10 | 20 | 20 |
| No of Fabric Sites | 500 | 1000 | 2000 |
| No of Virtual Networks per Fabric Site | 64/Site | 64/site | 256/site |
| No of Fabric Devices per Fabric/site | 500/site | 600/site | 1200/site |
| No if IP Pools | 100/site | 300/site | 600/site |

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Cisco SD-Access Transit Types

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Transit/Peer Network Types

Transit/Peer Network type include

- **IP-Based Transit** Leverages a traditional IP-based (VRF-LITE, MPLS) network, which requires remapping of VRFs and SGTs between sites.
- **Cisco SD-Access Transit** Enables a native Cisco SD-Access (VXLAN,SGT) fabric, with a domain-wide Control Plane node for inter-site communication.

• **Cisco SD-WAN Transit** – Leverages the Cisco SD-WAN as transit and carries the context in the Cisco SD-WAN encapsulation.

Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site Fabric When to use IP Based Transit?





Typical use cases

- Connecting to Shared Services(DC)
- Direct Internet Access
- o P2P IPSEC encryption
- Policy Based Routing
- WAN Accelerators
- o Traffic engineering
- o Mobile Backhaul LTE

Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site Fabric

When to Cisco SD-Access Transit? - Distributed Campus/Metro Deployments





Sites are in same Metropolitan area (a few hundred miles apart means Lower Latency)

Higher MTU support

Typical use cases

- Native unified policy across the locations and end-to-end segmentation using VNs and SGTs
- Smaller and Isolated fault domains
- o Resiliency and Scalability

Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site Fabric When to use SDWAN based Transit?



Organizations that have moved to SD-WAN



Sites in different regions - Higher latencies

Typical use cases

- Consistent policy and end-to-end segmentation 0 using VNs and SGTs
- Smaller and Isolated fault domains
- Resiliency and Scalability Ο
- Policy Based Routing Ο
- Traffic engineering Ο
- Mobile Backhaul LTE \cap

Cisco SD-Access: IP as Transit/Peer Network

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IP Transit / Peer Network Network Plane Analysis Perspectives

- 1. Control-Plane: How routes / prefixes are communicated
- 2. Data-Plane: Which encapsulation method is used to carry data
- 3. **Policy Plane:** How group and segmentation information is communicated
- 4. Management Plane: How Management Infrastructure is Integrated

Communicating to Peer Network – IP Control/Data/Policy Plane



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Manual & Every hop needs to support SGT propagation

Inter-Connecting Fabrics/Sites IP Based WAN



Inter-Connecting Fabrics/Sites **DMVPN**



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Cisco SD-Access: SD-WAN as Transit







Cisco SD-Access: SD-Access as Transit



Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site

Consistent Segmentation and Policy across sites



Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site Advantages:

- End-to-end Segmentation and policy
- Smaller or isolated Failure Domains
- Horizontally scaled networks
- Single view of Entire Network
- Local breakout at each Site for Direct Internet Access (DIA) and other Services
- Elimination of Fusion router at every site*

Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site Key Considerations



Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site Key Considerations:

- High-bandwidth connection (Ethernet full port speed with no sub-rate services)
- Low latency (less than 10ms as a general guideline),
- Should accommodate the MTU setting used for SD-Access in the campus network (typically 9100 bytes).

Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site - SD-Access Transit



CONTROL-PLANE

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Cisco SD-Access Transit Control Plane for Global Scale



- Each site only maintains state for in-site end-points.
- Off site traffic follows default to transit.
- Survivability, each site is a fully autonomous resiliency domain
- Each Site has its own unique subnets

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Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site Transit Control Plane Deployment Location



- Device must be dedicated to the transit control plane node role.
- Doesn't have to be physically deployed in Transit Area
- Ideally, device should not be in the data forwarding (transit path) between sites.
- Requires IP connectivity in the underlay from site borders at all fabric sites
- Deploy 2 Transit Control Plane nodes for redundancy and load balancing.

Cisco SD-Access Multisite

Fabric Border support Matrix

| Cisco SD-Access Border Node | Cisco SD-Access Transit | IP-Based Transit | Cisco SW-WAN Transit |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| С9К | YES | YES | NO |
| ASR1K/ISR4K | YES | YES | YES |
| C6K | NO | YES | NO |
| N7K | NO | YES | NO |

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Cisco SD-Access for Distributed Campus Cisco SD-Access Transit



Key Decision Points

- Tends to be like a Metro area with multiple buildings or sites
- Requires direct Internet access at multiple sites
- Requires local resiliency and smaller fault domains
- 2 Transit CP
- 2-4 Site Borders (Multiple Exits)

Cisco SD-Access Policy across Distributed Campus

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Campus Users VN Scalable Group (SG) Second level Segmentation ensures role based access control between two groups

within a Virtual Network. Provides the ability to segment the network into either line of businesses or functional blocks.



ISE Deployment Model Standalone and Distributed

- Applies to both physical and virtual deployment
- Compatible with load balancers
- No changes to current Licensing Model







ISE Performance & Scale

https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-documents/ise-performance-amp-scale/ta-p/3642148

Model 1 - Dedicated PSN per Site



- PSN Nodes dedicated to every site
- Maximum of 2 PSN's per site
- PAN's are centralized in Data Center

Model 2 - PSN Clusters with Load-Balancers



• PSN's are behind a dedicated Load Balancer

• DNAC site settings point to Load Balancer IP

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Scalable groups tags (SGTs) available across multiple fabric sites



Scalable groups tags (SGTs) Enforcement across multiple fabric sites



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Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site Forwarding/Packet Walk











FE node in fabric site1 sends a map-request to local control plane node for host 2 IP in site 2



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Fabric control node in fabric site 1 sends a Negative map-reply(NMR) informing the fabric edge that it have no information about Host 2



Traffic is VxLAN encapsulated from the FE in fabric site 1 to the Site-local Fabric border node.

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Fabric Border in Site 1 will now query the Transit CP for Destination Subnet depending on dynamic list on Fabric Border.



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Fabric Border in Site 1 receive the mapping information from Transit CP node with destination address as Border in Fabric site 2



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Traffic is forwarded from fabric border node in fabric site 1 to fabric site 2 using VXLAN encap with SGT tags encoded.





Fabric border node in fabric site 2 after receiving the traffic from fabric site 1 fabric border node will query its own site control plane node for the destination host based on dynamic list.



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Fabric border node in fabric site 2 will receive the mapping information from the local fabric control plane node with the destination address as an fabric edge node in fabric site 2



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Traffic is forwarded from fabric border node in fabric site 2 to the fabric edge node in fabric site 2 using VXLAN encap with SGT tags encoded

Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site DC/WAN/Shared Services Forwarding

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Cisco SD-Access Border node selection

- Default UI: Internal Border
- Cannot easily change after provisioning
- If site borders will all have full connectivity to all external networks then usually:
 - There is no point importing external prefixes into fabric
 - Choose external only border, simplifies fabric routing tables and E-W iBGP configuration



Cisco SD-Access across Multiple Fabric sites DC/WAN/Shared Services Forwarding - Option 1

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Cisco SD-Access across Multiple Fabric sites DC/WAN/Shared Services Forwarding - Option 2









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Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site Internet Access Forwarding























SD-Access Transit Architecture Deep-Dive







Cisco SD-Access Transit Use Cases



Cisco SD-Access Transit Use Case 1



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Cisco SD-Access Transit Use Case 2 Dual Stack Migration



- Migrated to Dual Stack
- Border/Control Plane node not able handle the current v6 Scale.

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Summary

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Summary

Cisco SD-Access Multi-Site fabric





Automated SDA–SDWAN Connectivity

🖊 Flexible Group to VPN Mapping

Flexible WAN options



SD-Access Support

Digital Platforms for your Cisco Digital Network Architecture



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