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Assessing Software-Defined Access (SDA) for Industrial Automation

Best Practices for a Successful Deployment

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Agenda



- Design Considerations
- SDA for IA architecture
- Common Industrial Features
- SDA Features for IA networks
- Cyber Vision Sensor on SDA
- TrustSec for the OT
- A note on wireless options



Why Are We Here?

"Want to get the most of Cisco Live"

"We have heard the benefits of SDA and want to apply it to OT network"

"We already deploy SDA and want to learn best practices"

"Looking for an OT/IT converged network"

"I heard SDA is the way to apply micro-segmentation to the OT network"

"Looking to migrate from an unmanaged network"

Cisco SD-Access Multilevel Segmentation – VN, SGT





Benefits of SDA



Automation and Simplified Management

Policies (58) E3 Enter full screen





Policy-Based Segmentation



Centralized Control

Scalability and Flexibility



Clearing Common Misunderstandings



SDA is not required to deploy TrustSec



Industrial Automation Requirements

High Availability Form Factor Ruggedization Security Security Industrial Features downtime Industry compliance Low Latency/Jitter



Performance Requirements





For your reference

	Process Automation	Discrete Automation	Loss Critical
Function	Information Integration, Slower Process Automation	Time-critical Factory Automation	Multi-axis Motion Control
Comm. Technology Period	.Net, DCOM, TCP/IP	Industrial Protocols, CIP, Profinet	Hardware and Software solutions, e.g. CIP Motion, PTP
	1 second or longer	1 ms to 100 ms	100 µs to 10 ms
Industries	Oil & Gas, chemicals, energy, water	Auto, food and bev, electrical assembly, semiconductor, metals, pharmaceutical	Utilities Subset of Discrete automation
Applications	Pumps, compressors, mixers; monitoring of temperature, pressure, flow	Material handling, filling, labeling, palletizing, packaging; welding, stamping, cutting, metal forming, soldering, sorting	Life/equipment safety, Synchronization of multiple axes: printing presses, wire drawing, web making, picking and placing





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Industrial Automation Non-SDA Architecture



Outcomes

• Improve uptime, OEE and asset utilization

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Cisco Validated Design

- Reduce support effort and deployment errors
- Reduce risk from cybersecurity threats

Benefits

- Validated Design and Implementation guidance developed by Cisco engineering
- Tested against leading IACS vendor devices and applications
- Experienced Cisco services ready to apply to a customer scenarios

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How to Transform Industrial Automation Architecture to SDA

Key design questions

- Could we apply the Purdue Model?
- Shared OT/IT network vs dedicated SDA network for OT
- Should SDA extend to the industrial access layer?
- Should IT and OT share Catalyst Center?
- Could we meet cell/area zone requirements in an SDA network?
- Is industrial wireless a requirement?

SDA and the Purdue Model





"The Purdue Model is dead. Long live the Purdue Model"

Forbes, "A Reimagined Purdue Model For Industrial Security Is Possible", January 2022



Relevance of Purdue Model Today

Functional layers help address cybersecurity challenges unique to Industrial Automation Networks:

- IACS were built to last, not to evolve.
- Firmware updates are not always possible given stringent uptime requirements.
- Increased requirements for cloud adoption and IT/OT convergence lead to less A Decade After Stuxnet: How Siemens S7 is Still an Attacker's Heaven containment and isolation
- New sophisticated cyberattacks

Colin Finck | Tech Lead, Reverse Engineering & Connectivity, ENLYZE GmbH Tom Dohrmann | Software Engineer, Reverse Engineering & Connectivity, ENLYZE GmbH Date: Wednesday, December 6 | 1:30pm-2:10pm (ICC Capital Suite 4, Level 3) Format: 40-Minute Briefings Tracks: 😱 Cyber-Physical Systems & IoT, 🌑 Reverse Engineering

Security Magazine

Manufacturing is the top industry affected by ransomware in 2023



Ransomware in Q3 2023 was analyzed in a recent GuidePoint report. The report found a nearly 15% increase in ransomware activity since Q2 due...

CYBERSECURITY ADVISORY

IRGC-Affiliated Cyber Actors Exploit PLCs in Multiple Sectors, Including U.S. Water and Wastewater Systems Facilities

Release Date: December 01, 2023

Alert Code: AA23-335A

IDMZ with Cisco Secure Firewall

Protects critical assets, limits inbound connections, serves as disconnection point





Industrial Automation SDA Architecture



Should the Network for OT be Shared or Dedicated?

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The Case for Dedicated OT SDA Network A Dedicated OT SDA Network is Recommended

Isolation from IT Configuration Changes:

- Benefit: Prevents unintended consequences on OT systems due to IT configuration changes. Custom Segmentation Policies:
- Benefit: Enables independent and tailored segmentation policies for OT network.

Tailored Quality of Service (QoS):

• **Benefit:** Facilitates the implementation of distinct QoS requirements, ensuring priority for critical OT processes.

Scalability for Large Industrial Deployments:

• **Benefit:** Meets the scalability demands of expansive industrial setups, supporting seamless growth without compromising performance.

The Case for Shared IT/OT SDA Network

Cost-Efficient Infrastructure:

Benefit: Optimizes resource utilization and minimizes expenses.

Simplified Administration:

Benefit: Streamlines network management tasks, reducing the complexity of day-to-day administration for improved operational efficiency.



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SDA to the Access?

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SDA for Industrial Automation An Evolving Story





#2 SDA Fabric for OT Network Down to Fabric Edge

Industrial Switches not Managed by Catalyst Center

1 In favor

- · Provides OT/IT separation.
- IT assigns IP pools and downlinks to OT.
- Easy transition for OT persona as no change in tools is needed.
- Cisco standard architecture



Possible cons ...

- Catalyst Center does not provide automation and assurance to the industrial switches.
- Dynamic segmentation policy not recommended in this architecture (More on this later)

Cell area zone network is operated independently by OT

#3 SDA Fabric for OT Network Down to Fabric Edge

Industrial Switches Managed by Catalyst Center



#3 SDA Fabric for OT Network Down to Fabric Edge Industrial Switches Managed by Catalyst Center



- Catalyst Center provides automation and assurance to the industrial switches
- Allows for both options:
 - cell/area zone managed by OT persona using Catalyst Center
 - OT SDA network and cell area zone managed by same team
- Catalyst Center could be shared or dedicated to the OT
- Cisco standard architecture



Cell area zone is managed by Catalyst Center

Possible cons ...

 IE switches don't benefit from SDA provisioning workflow (switches are provisioned using PnP and templates)

#4 SDA Fabric for OT Network with Extended Nodes



#4 SDA Fabric for OT Network with Extended Nodes

🚺 In favor

- No templates required for Industrial switches.
- Rich API support for industrial switch operations.

Possible cons ...

- OT SDA network and cell are zone managed by same team using a single Catalyst Center cluster
- Only REP or daisy chain topologies are supported
- Cannot mix PEN and EN in same daisy chain because of security policy
- No support for Brownfield switches, must be greenfield
- If templates are required for OT features, they need to be reviewed for conflicts

All network devices on OT network benefit from SDA Automation

SDA Fabric for OT Network with Extended Nodes Extended Node + Non-extended Nodes IE Switches



When should this be considered?

- Cell/area zone has Cisco Switches or IE switches with no EN/PEN support
- The EN/PEN switch acts as an aggregation layer with minimal modifications via template required but customization is needed on access switches
- Access switches need to be visible to PROFINET or CIP applications

Critical traffic doesn't traverse SDA network



Before Continuing... Should IE switch be EN/PEN or Non-Fabric device?

When to consider EN/PEN

- Minimal modifications via templates are required
- Strong need of automation via APIs
- Same team is responsible for Core/Distribution and Cell area zone switches

→ When to consider Non-Fabric

- Templates required to support additional features (more on this later)
- Switch needs to be part of the overlay (i.e. visibility of switch in profinet topology)
- Different teams are responsible for Core/Distribution and Cell area zone switches
- Switch is configured by system integrator



Critical Traffic Traversing SDA Network



Not Recommended yet

If considering this design talk with Cisco account team. Design Council review required.

Critical Traffic (i.e. Profinet, CIP, CC-link)

Looking into the future: PLC Virtualization

Replace large number of individual controllers by applications on the industrial data center reducing cost of ownership.



https://www.controleng.com/articles/virtualized-programmable-logic-controllers/

OT Requirements vs Current SDA Support

Tolerance to network outages: 10-80ms

Layer 2 multicast is used for device discovery, producer/consumer messages

Resiliency protocols in industrial networks: PRP, MRP, DLR, HSR, REP

QoS: Priority queue needs to be reserved for high priority traffic

QoS: Profinet uses COS values

May require precision timing

L2NAT

Failure on the underlay may produce outages > 200ms

- L2 flooding enables multicast but broadcast domain is extended through the fabric
- IGMP has not been validated

Only REP is supported in Catalyst Center today

Application policy is based on enterprise profile

Application policy does not support for COS

Fabric nodes cannot be part of the PTP domain yet

L2NAT configured via template

Should IT and OT share Catalyst Center?





Catalyst Center deployment considerations

Role Based Access Control (RBAC) based on function globally*

Role	Description	Personas
System Administrator	Catalyst Center administrator	IT
Network Administrator	Network administrator (pushes templates, configures fabric, uses PnP, SWIM)	IT Possibly OT: needed if OT is upgrading devices, pushing templates, onboarding switches, etc
Observer	View-only access	IT and OT
Custom	Permit or restrict user access to certain functions globally	Possibly OT: Could create custom roles i.e. SWIM + view-only

*Site based RBAC is roadmap

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Common Industrial Features

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Common Industrial Features

Templates are Required to Apply Most Industrial Features

Feature	Description	
Cyber Vision	Configure AppGigabit interface, configure monitoring sessions	
Quality of Service	Configure industrial traffic for QoS policy	
Profinet/CIP	Enable/disable, configure VLAN	
Pruning VLANS/trunk configuration	Configure trunk options: VLANs, PNP startup VLAN, CTS	
Resilient protocols	PRP, MRP, DLR, HSR	
L2NAT	L2NAT instance, NAT entries and interface configuration	
PTP	PTP mode, VLAN, interface configuration	

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L2NAT

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Layer 2 NAT - Integrate Multiple Machines

Ethernet networks continue to grow

Each **machine** adds another

5-10

EtherNet / IP enabled devices

Every **line** adds another

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250-1,000
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EtherNet / IP enabled devices

How do I connect all these machines into a plant network to gain the advantages?

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Common OT Features That Require Templates Example

L2NAT: Allows IP Address Duplication in Different Machines



L2NAT has not been validated in EN/PEN*

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Common OT Features That Require Templates



l2nat instance machine1 instance-id 1 permit all fixup all inside from host 192.168.1.2 to 10.0.0.101 inside from host 192.168.1.1 to 10.0.0.2

interface GigabitEthernet1/1
switchport trunk allowed vlan 100
switchport mode trunk
l2nat machine1 100

Interface vlan 100
 ip address 10.0.0.2 255.255.255.0
 interface Vlan3004
 ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0

PROFINET and CIP





Common OT Features That Require Templates PROFINET and CIP

- IE switch needs to have an IP address on the OT overlay to be added to the topology on engineering application
- HMI can read information from the switch (i.e. alarms)

Template Example for PROFINET: profinet profinet profinet vlan 1069

SDA-safety-c1 →	Devices & networks	
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PLC_1 CPU 317F-2 PN/	IO device_1 IM 154-4 PN HF PLC_1	
✓ IE-3400-8T2S IE-3400-8T2S PLC_1	DP-NORM	



Quality of Service

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Common OT Features That Require Templates Quality of Service





SDA Features for IA networks

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SDA Features for IA networks

Feature	Description	Use case
Multiple IP-to-MAC addresses	Supports multiple IPs associated to a single MAC address.	Multiple IPs can be associated to a single MAC when L2NAT with connected routing is used on the industrial network
IP Directed Broadcast	An SD-Access Border switch can convert an IP-directed broadcast originated outside the fabric into an Ethernet broadcast and flood to all endpoints in the destination VLAN.	Silent hosts (An endpoint whose location in fabric is not known because it has not sent any packets or frames.)
Layer 2 Flooding	Floods all ethernet broadcast, unknown unicast and multicast to all switches connected to L2 network	Allows critical traffic based on multicast. i.e. DCP discovery from engineering station to cell area zone
Fabric zones	Fabric Zones are a way to localize Layer 2 Virtual Networks and Anycast Gateways to sections of a Fabric Site, for example to a production area.	Helps with scale Eases micro-segmentation implementation when VLAN to SGT is used
REP Workflow	Supports REP rings of extended nodes and Fabric Edge	Fault tolerant network. Convergence < 150 ms

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Multi-IP to MAC Addresses

- Multi-IP to MAC Address feature can enabled on an Anycast Gateway.
- A Wired endpoint in the associated VLAN can have the following number of IP Address to MAC mappings
 - 1000 IPV4 Addresses to a MAC
 - 1000 IPv6 Addresses to a MAC
- Wired and wireless endpoints hosting bridge network VM can also connected to the associated VLAN.
- A Maximum of 20 Bridge network VMs can be hosted on a wireless endpoint connecting to the associated VLAN.



Multiple IP to MAC Address Example

L2NAT with inter-VLAN routing



Sees multiple IPs to single MAC address as switch is "routing"

Eliminate machine to machine Broadcast:

different vlan 'private' from 'public'

Vlan 3004 inside machine Vlan 100 outside machine IE switch 'routes' between vlans.

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IP Directed Broadcast Use-Case

- An endpoint connected in the Fabric may move into passive/power saving mode(Silent/Sleeping hosts).
- An endpoint whose location in fabric is not known because it has not sent any packets.
- To onboard such clients, broadcast frame must be forwarded across the subnet across the edge nodes at a fabric site.
- In case, the Wake-On-LAN server outside the fabric, Border node can convert an IP Directed broadcast into an Ethernet broadcast and flood to all endpoints in the destination VLAN.





Layer 2 Flooding

- Broadcast, Unknown-Unicast, link-local Multicast traffic is not forwarded by default in Fabric.
- L2 Flooding feature makes it possible by encapsulating the subnet broadcast in the underlay multicast group(239.0.17.x).
- Every edge node with the subnet will subscribe to the underlay-multicast group.
- Underlay PIM ASM must be configured to build the underlay-multicast distribution tree.
- Usecases such as Silent host, Layer2 handoff, Layer2 Fabric requires the Layer2 Flooding to be enabled.



Edge nodes configured with Anycast RP rp-address

instance-id 8203
remote-rloc-probe on-route-change
service ethernet
eid-table vlan 2223
broadcast-underlay 239.0.17.1
flood unknown-unicast
database-mapping mac locator-set rloc xxxx
exit-service-ethernet

Fabric Zones

Use Case:

- Customers would like to restrict the VN/IP pool contained to a certain set of Fabric Edges.
- Customers requires the flexibility for granular control of IP Pool provisioning scope.
- Needed for compliance and security frameworks.

Feature Overview:

- Cisco SD-Access introduces an optional construct known as Fabric Zones
- Provides the flexibility to assign and map selective pools within the VN's to be provisioned at fabric edges.
- Device role that can exist in a fabric zone are only Fabric Edges, extended nodes, and policy extended nodes.





Fabric Zones Feature Overview

- By default, there is no fabric zone created in a fabric site.
- · Fabric Zones are child sites of a parent fabric site
- Fabric zone can be enabled for Day-0 or a Day-N operation.
- A fabric zone can be created at a Building level or a floor level within a fabric site.
- A fabric zone is created at a building level, all the floors within the building become part of the same fabric zone.
- A pool enabled for wireless needs to be manually added to the fabric zone to allow seamless roaming.



Fabric Zones Considerations

- Fabric zone can inherit all the pools within the VN or a selective pool within the VN by using the workflow on the Cisco Catalyst Center.
- All the properties of the Pool such as layer2 flooding directedbroadcast would be inherited on the fabric zone.
- The addition of CP/Border/WLC device is not allowed at the fabric zone. They need to be assigned at the parent fabric site only.
- When designing with a fabric zone , have the Border/CP and WLC at a site hierarchy layer where you don't intend to create a fabric zone.
- PEN/EN nodes within a fabric zone inherit the respective VLANs
 on the fabric zone.
 - Any pool that is added to an existing VN in a fabric site, and if that pool needs to be used in a fabric zone will require explicit addition by using the workflow.

External Routing Domain





REP Ring Support

REP provides a way to control network loops, handle link failures, and improve convergence time

- Prerequisites:
 - STP Ring topology is already setup and devices are onboarded in DNAC via PnP flow
 - Devices onboarded and provisioned successfully





REP Ring Workflow

- Go to the fabric site and select Edge node where the ring is connected. Click REP Rings tab and Create REP Ring button
- 2. Select first adjacent extended nodes from the topology and go Next
- Select last adjacent extended nodes from the topology and go Next
- 4. Review Selection





REP Ring Workflow Verification

User can see the status of the process





Cyber Vision Sensor on SDA





What is Network as a Sensor?

Discover endpoints and visualize application relationships





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Cyber Vision on SDA Network



Cyber Vision Center is deployed at Shared Services

Cyber Vision may be deployed in FE (Cat9300, IE9300). Sensor collection IP needs to be part of the underlay

Cyber Vision on extended nodes/non-SDA IE switches (IE9300, IE3400, IE3300)

Cyber Vision Deployment

- Cyber Vision Sensor installation is not supported through Application Hosting on Catalyst Center. It is recommended to deploy using sensor management extension on Cisco Cyber Vision Center
- Templates on Catalyst Center could be used to configure ERSPAN, AppGig interface, monitoring sessions and exclude ERSPAN VLAN from trunks
- It is required to prune ERSPAN VLAN from all physical interfaces
- For sensors deployed on PEN/EN/Non-SDA industrial switches, configure separated VN for the collection network
- Sensors deployed on Fabric Edge should use a collection interface on the underlay.



TrustSec for the OT





IEC 62443 Zones & Conduits



- Zone: Collection of entities that represent a partitioning of a System under Consideration (SUC) based on their functional, logical and physical (including location) relationship that share common security requirements
- **Conduit**: Physical or logical grouping of communication channels, intermittent or permanent, between connecting a zone with another zone or with the outside that share common security requirements
- The intent is to identify those assets which share common security characteristics in order to establish a set of common security requirements that reduce cybersecurity risk

OT Common Segmentation Requirements



- 1. All devices to the other devices within a zone
- 2. Interlocking devices between zones
- 3. ME applications to devices in specified zones
- 4. IT Applications to all zones
- 5. Robotic application to robots
- 6. Network admin to all devices
- 7. Mobile worker to all devices in specified zones

OT Segmentation requirements takeaways

Zone-Based Segmentation Adequacy:

Segmentation within a zone is generally unnecessary. Zones, defined by logical or functional groupings, inherently provide sufficient isolation. If a device in a zone is compromised, the process stops.

802.1x Limitations in OT Devices:

Most OT devices lack support for 802.1x, and profiling accuracy is often limited.

Process-Centric Privilege:

Privilege levels in OT scenarios are often tied to processes or locations rather than device types, reducing the necessity for extensive device profiling.

OT Endpoints and VLANs:

OT endpoints cannot be moved to another VLAN; they use static IP addressing.

TrustSec Support:

Industrial switches may not have full TrustSec support



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Classification in OT network



*Less common

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Requirements for Classification in OT



VLAN ID Traffic Type Security Groups OT RT1069 \propto \vee Data O Voice Open authentication on access ports

Use Vlan to SGT:

(Dynamic tags overwrite Vlan to SGT)

IP-Directed Broadcast
 Intra-Subnet

3 Use Cyber Vision for context /grouping

Enforcement in the OT

Recommendation is to enforce at the L3 boundary (Fabric Edge)



1. Connectivity over Security within the zone (enforcement inside the zone may not be desirable)

2. Least Privilege across zones (enforcement between zones is required)

3. TrustSec support may not be available on IE switches

Result: packet is denied!



What if Destination Has a Dynamic Tag? Propagation Example



• SXP

Result: packet is allowed!

- SXP propagation is **required** when enforcement is not at the access & dynamic authentication is used. **Needed for enforcement device to learn about destination tag**
- SXP can be from ISE to FE (centralized) or from access switch to FE (distributed)
- SXP is configured via templates

A note on wireless options




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Option	SDA advantages	L2 Protocol support (i.e Profinet)	Mobility	MPO "PRP like"	Normal Endpoint Support	Managed by Catalyst Center	Local switching	Use Case
SDA centralized	Yes	No	WGB: roaming time < 100 ms	No	Yes	Yes	No	 Normal endpoints support Stationary OT endpoints < 10-30ms OT Mobility when critical requirements are not high
OTT centralized	No	No	WGB: roaming time < 100 ms	No	Yes	Yes	No	 Normal endpoints support Stationary OT endpoints < 10-30ms OT Mobility when critical requirements are not high Used as migration step on when there is no support for SDA wireless
OTT Flex Connect Local Switching	No	Yes	WGB: roaming time < 100 ms	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	 Normal endpoints support Stationary OT endpoints < 10-30ms OT Mobility when critical requirements are not high OT L2 protocol support
Cisco URWB	No	Yes	Zero millisecond handoff	Yes	No	No	No	 Critical traffic on AGV, AMR OT protocols Not suitable for normal endpoints Good for point-to-point connectivity. i.e remote switch connected to underlay via wireless

Strong IT/OT relationship is required

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Things

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Backup slides

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L2NAT Example



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Special Segmentation Cases





Case 1: What if I have only IE3400/IE9300?

Could I enforce at the access?



- If all switches support enforcement, it is possible to enforce at the access.
- There is no need to use SXP
- Nodes could be PEN or non-Fabric
- Make sure policy does not get in the way of critical connectivity
- Not compatible with PTP



Case 2: Could I Use Vlan to SGT only? No SXP propagation



- Vlan to SGT only provides "zone to zone" segmentation only.
- Make sure different zones
 use different Vlans
- It cannot be mixed with dynamic authentication unless propagation of dynamic tags is configured



Case 3: Avoid Incorrect Enforcement

Enforcing early based on Vlan to SGT could lead to undesirable results



FE + PEN topology could lead to enforcement based on Vlan instead dynamic tag, either:

- Use EN instead PEN
- Disable enforcement on the FE downlink



Case 4: L2NAT Case

Enforce on L2NAT switch when dynamic tags are applied



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