



Introduction to Campus Network **Design** and **Multilayer Architectures**

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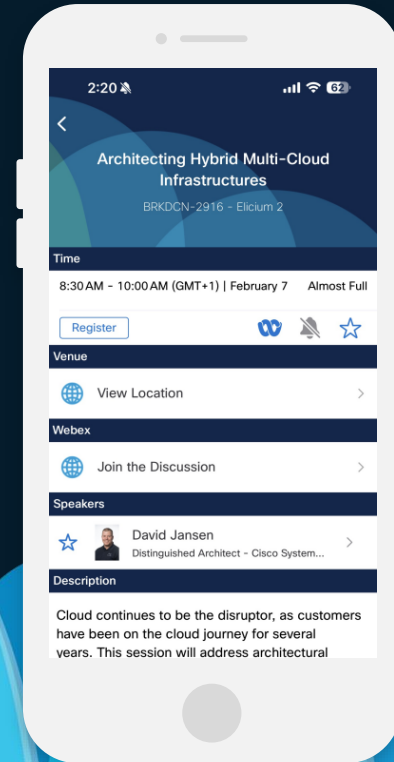
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I am dedicated to enabling the field, partners, and customers in their **transition to intent-based networking, leveraging Software-Defined Access and Cisco Catalyst Center.**

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What this session is NOT

This session is NOT intended as a Deep-Dive or CVD!

The goal is to understand *basic reasons & rationale* for each Campus design 😊

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- [Designing Highly Available Networks using Catalyst 9000 Series Switches - BRKENS-2095](#)
- [Enterprise Campus Design: Multilayer Architectures and Design Principles - BRKCRS-2031](#)
- [Building for the Campus of the Future - BRKENS-2599](#)

Campus Architecture – Series Agenda

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- 1 Campus Design Fundamentals
- 2 Campus Design Principles
- 3 Campus Foundational Services

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- 5 Campus Design Best Practices
- 6 Campus integration with other PINs

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- What is “Campus”?
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- Multi-Layer Model
 - Hierarchical Design
- Access Layer
- Distribution Layer
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- Layer 2 switching protocols
- Layer 3 routing protocols

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- Chassis Considerations (Performance)
- Cabling Considerations (Speed)
- Feature Considerations (Scale)
 - L2 Features
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 - Quality of Service (QoS)

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- LAN High Availability
- LAN Security
- Virtual Networking

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 - 1,2,3 & 4+ Tiers
- Access Layer
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 - [Baseline](#), [Collapsed Core](#), [Collapsed Distro](#)
- Core Layer
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 - [Security \(AAA & ACL\)](#)
 - [Quality of Service \(QoS\)](#)
 - [NetFlow \(AVC & XDR\)](#)

5 Campus Design Best Practices

- LAN High Availability
 - [SSO/NSF](#), [Stack/SVL](#), [mLAG](#), [FHRP](#)
- LAN Security
 - [NAC](#), [Access Control](#), [FHS](#), [ZTNA](#)
- Virtual Networking
 - [MPLS](#), [LISP](#), [EVPN](#)

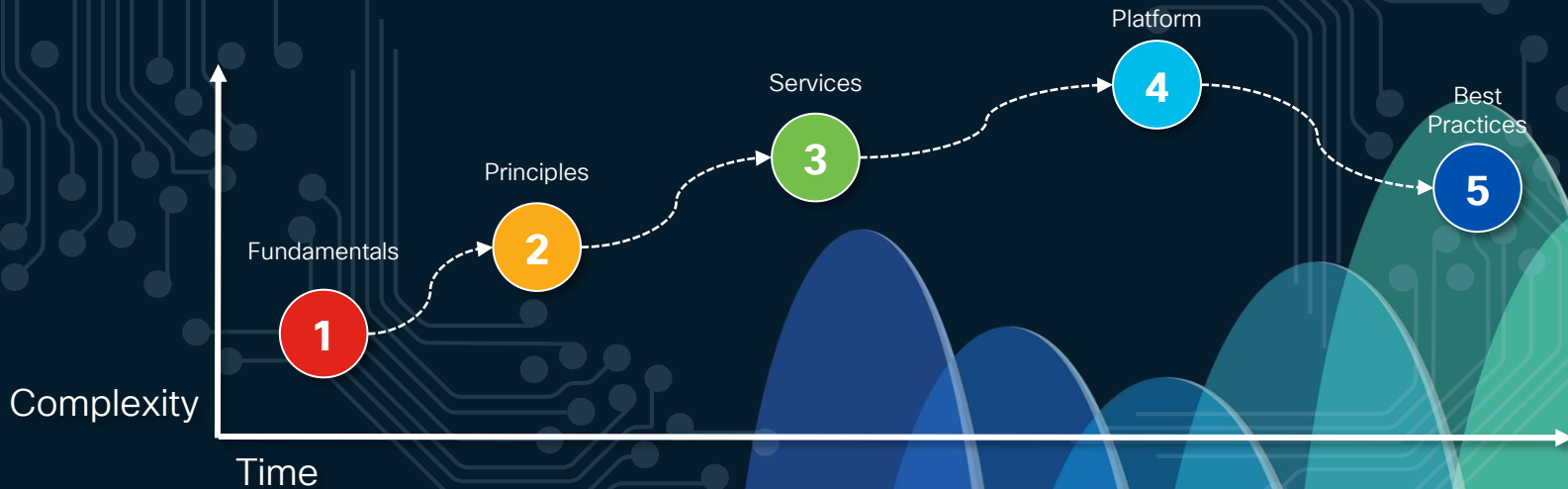
6 Campus integration with other PINs

- [Wireless Integration](#)
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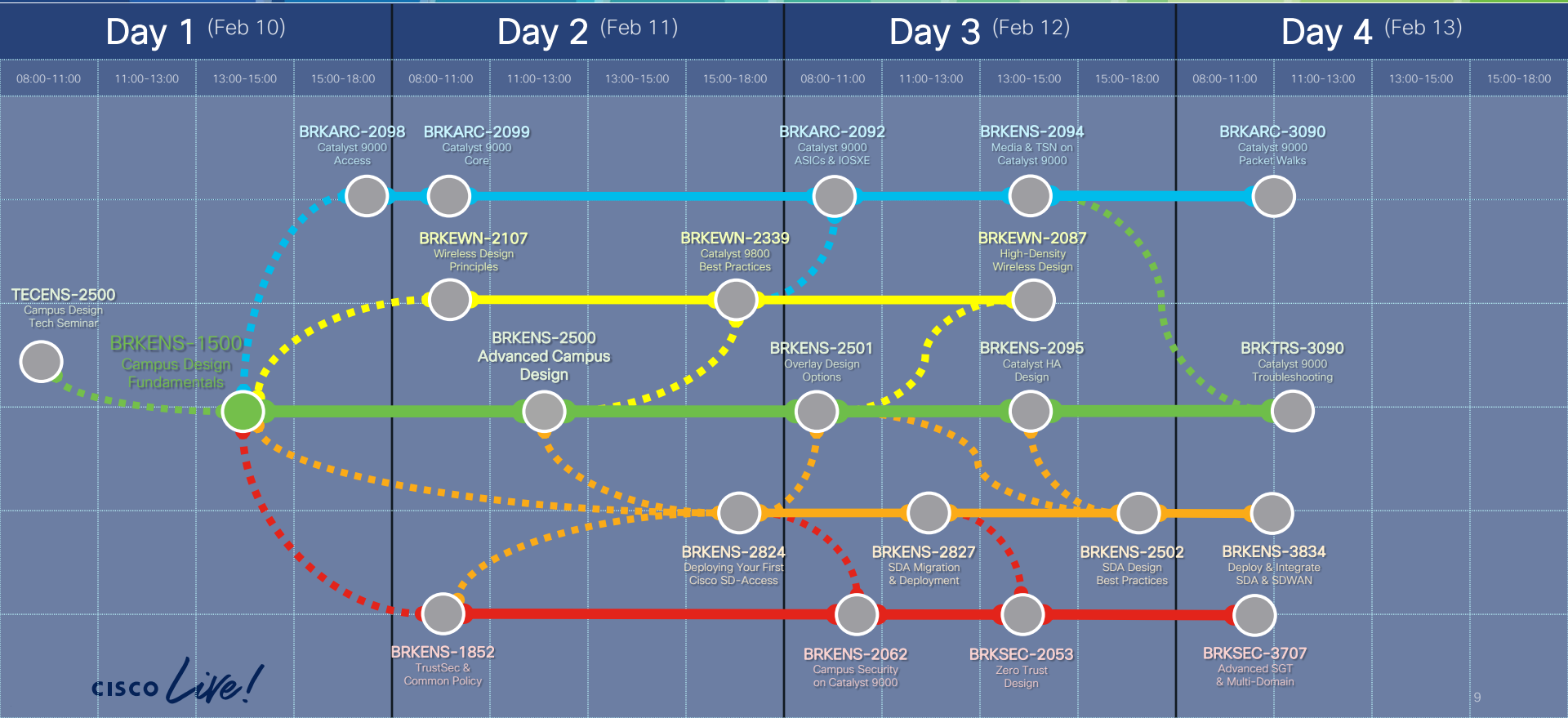


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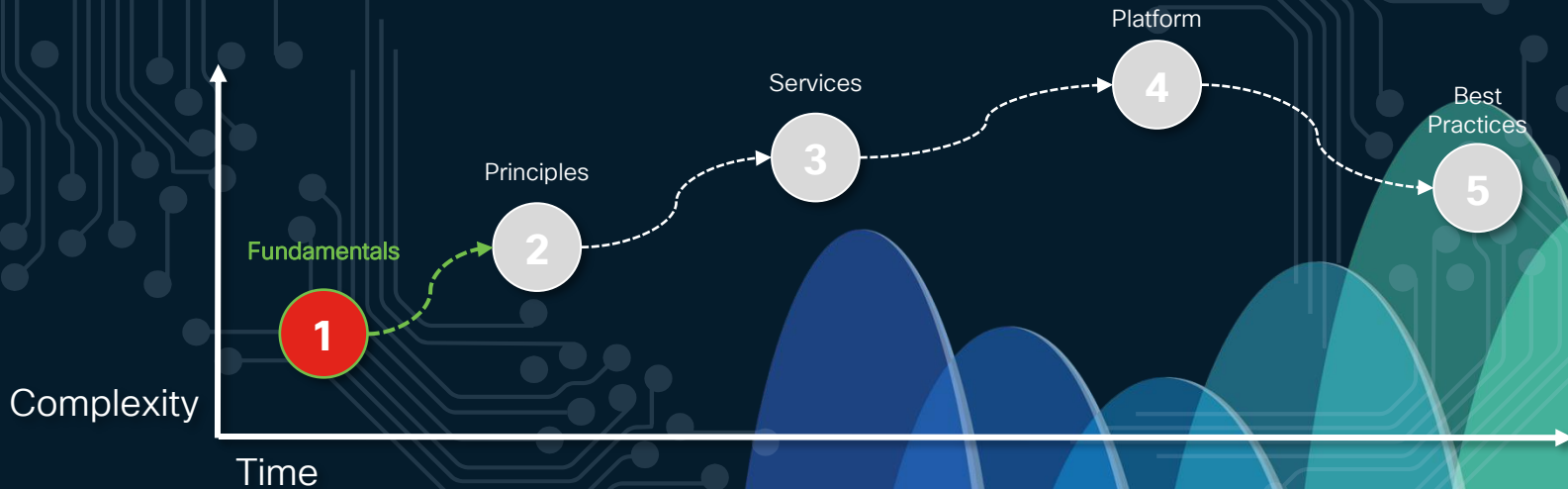


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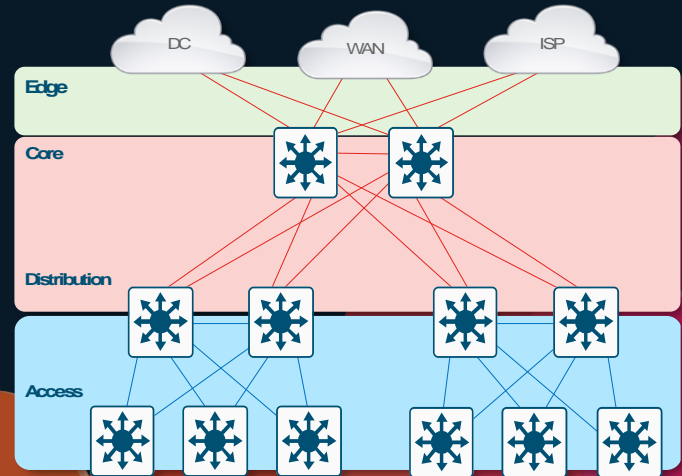
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- ❖ What is “Campus”?
- ❖ Place in Network (PIN)



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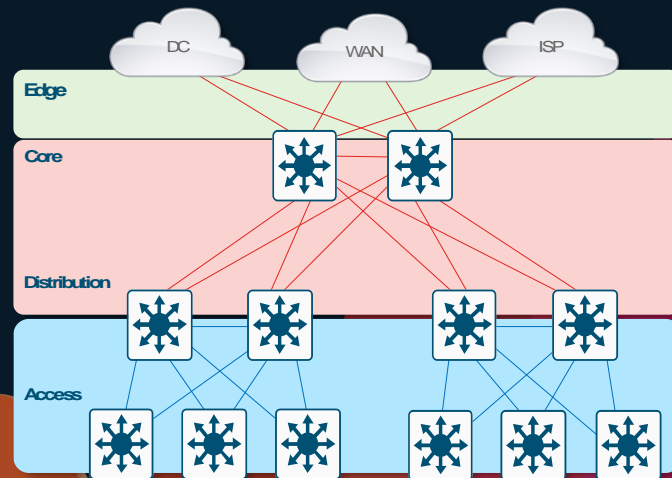
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Principles

Platform

- ❖ What is “Campus”?
- ❖ Place in Network (PIN)





What is a “Campus”?

A basic Merriam-Webster definition of a [Campus](#) is:

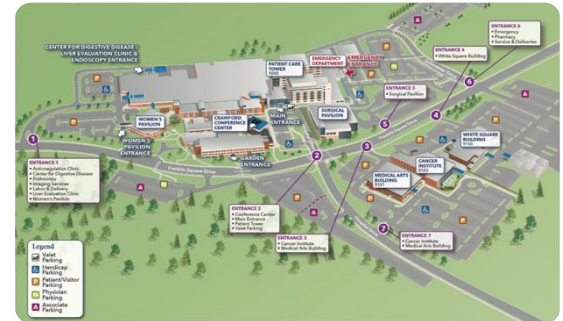
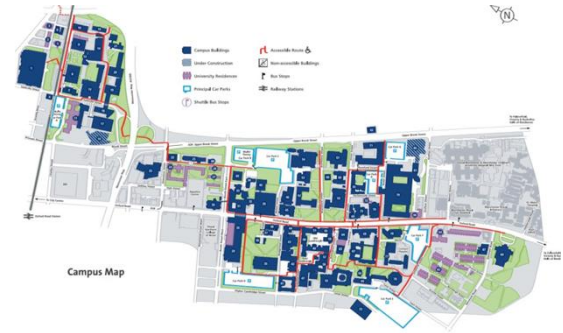
*A group of **one or more buildings**, and surrounding grounds, where **people and their belongings** work together.*

Common examples are Corporate & Government Offices, Hospitals, Schools, Transportation, Manufacturing & more.

Using this – it’s clear a [Campus Network](#) is focused on:

- ✓ **People** (*Users, Vendors, etc.*)
- ✓ **People's devices** (*PCs, Phones, Printers, etc.*)
- ✓ **Local geographic area** (*LAN, WLAN or MAN, etc.*)
- ✓ **Access other domains** (*WAN, ISP, DC & Cloud, etc.*)

This includes many different network technology areas (*Wired, Wireless, Security, QoS, Management, etc.*)



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Campus is focused on User Access

Campus = Geography

Buildings are spread out. Multiple floors per building

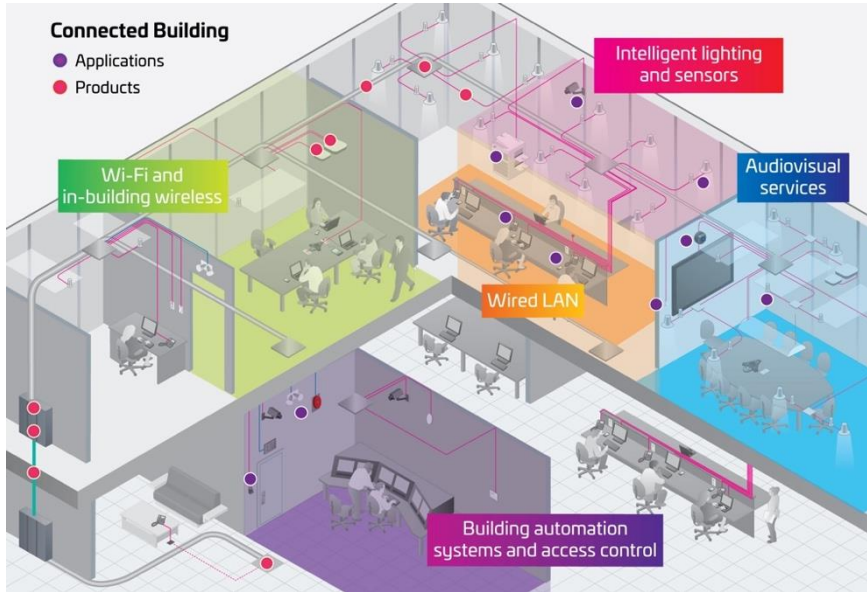


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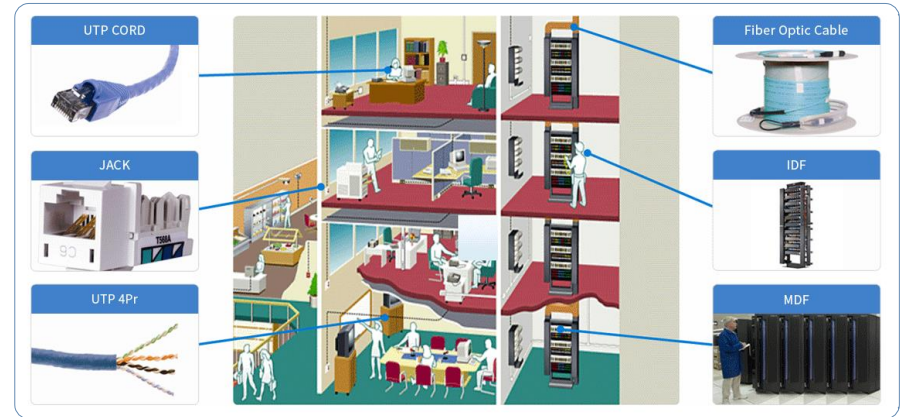
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Campus Networks

Building MDF/IDF & Wiring Closets



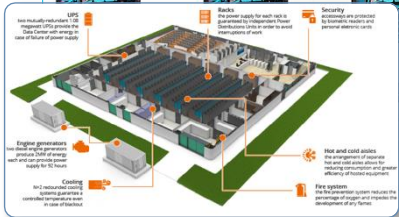
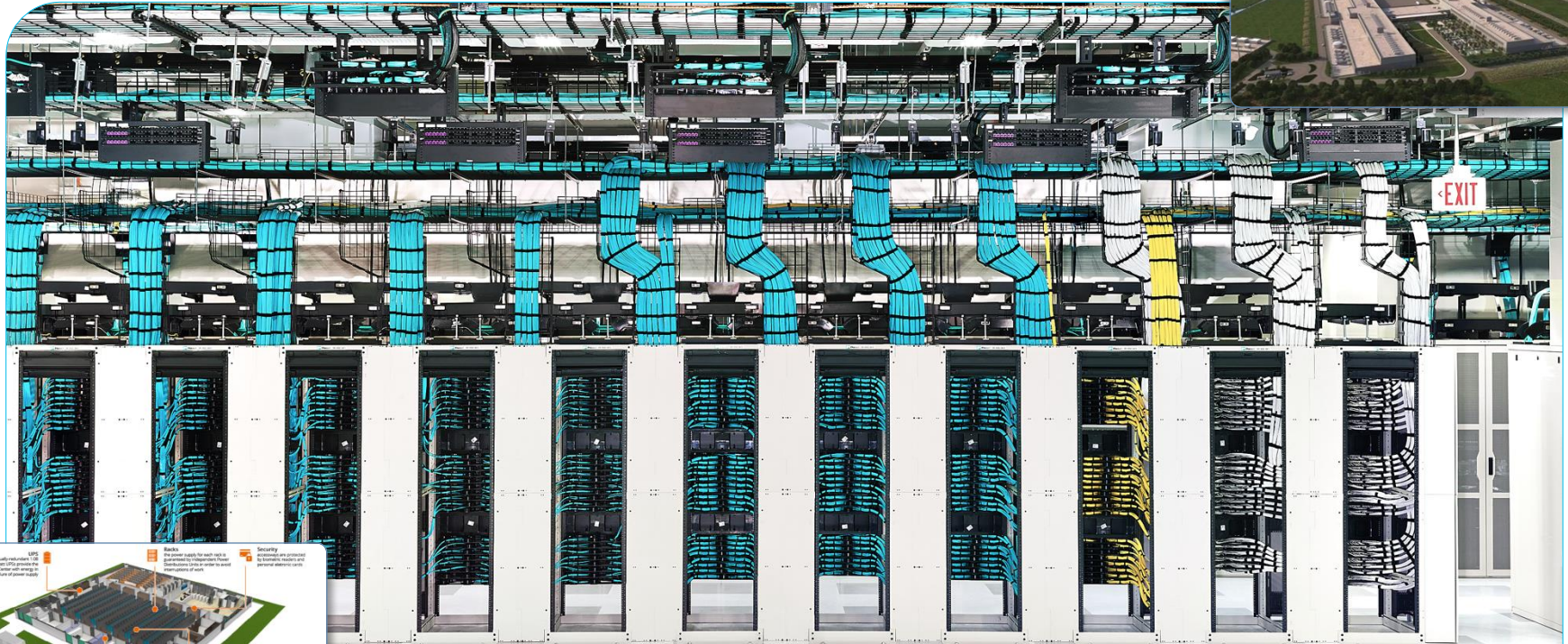
MDF = Main Distribution Framework (Core & Edge)
IDF = Intermediate Distribution Framework (Distro & Access)



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Campus ≠ Data-Center

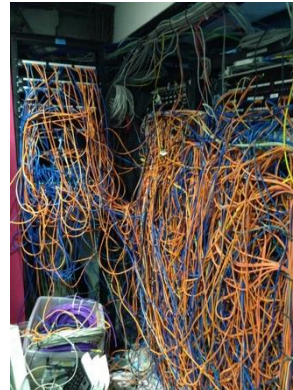
One or few large buildings nearby. Usually a single floor.



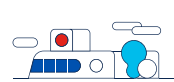
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Campus Networks - Real Life



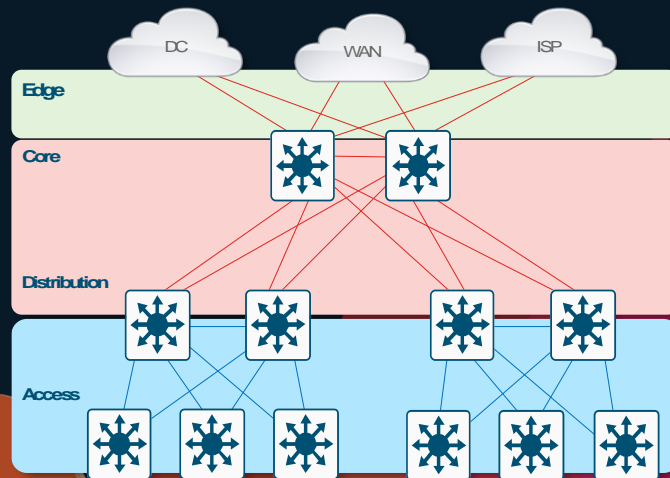
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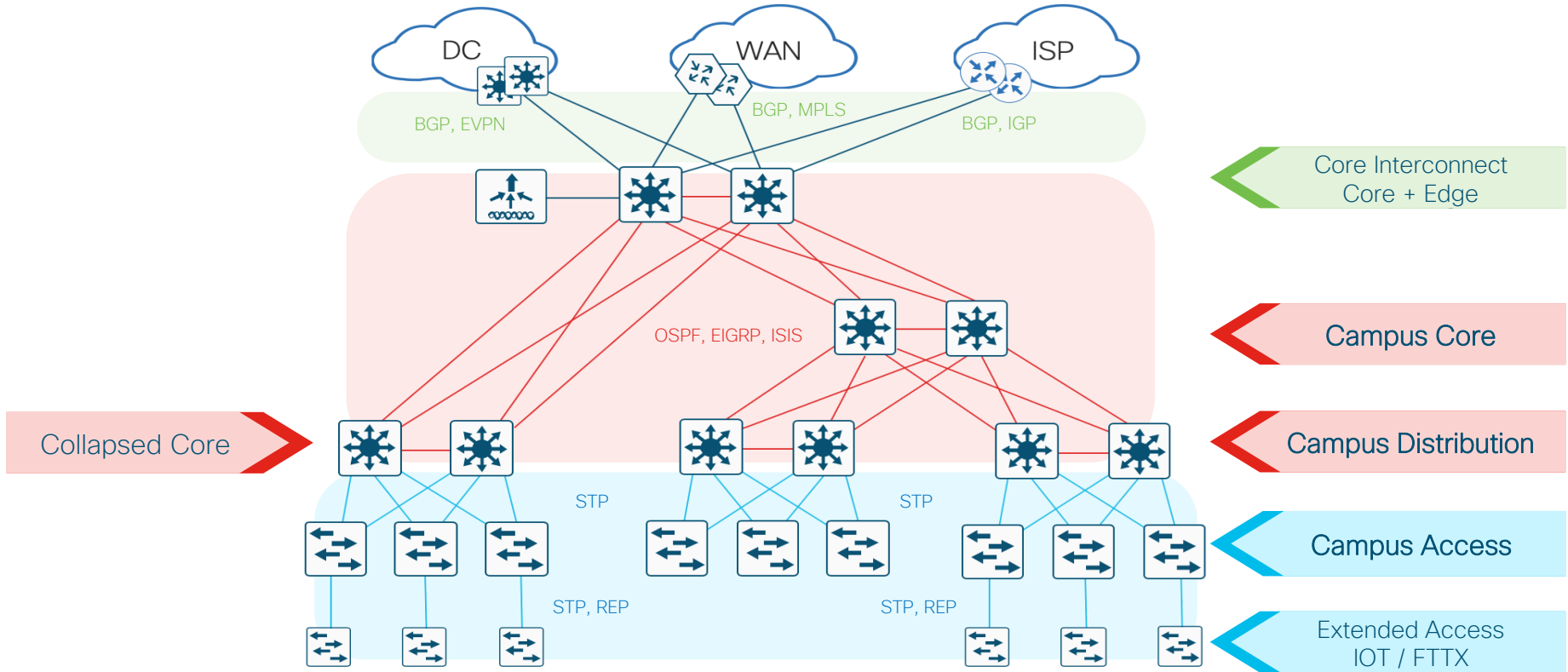
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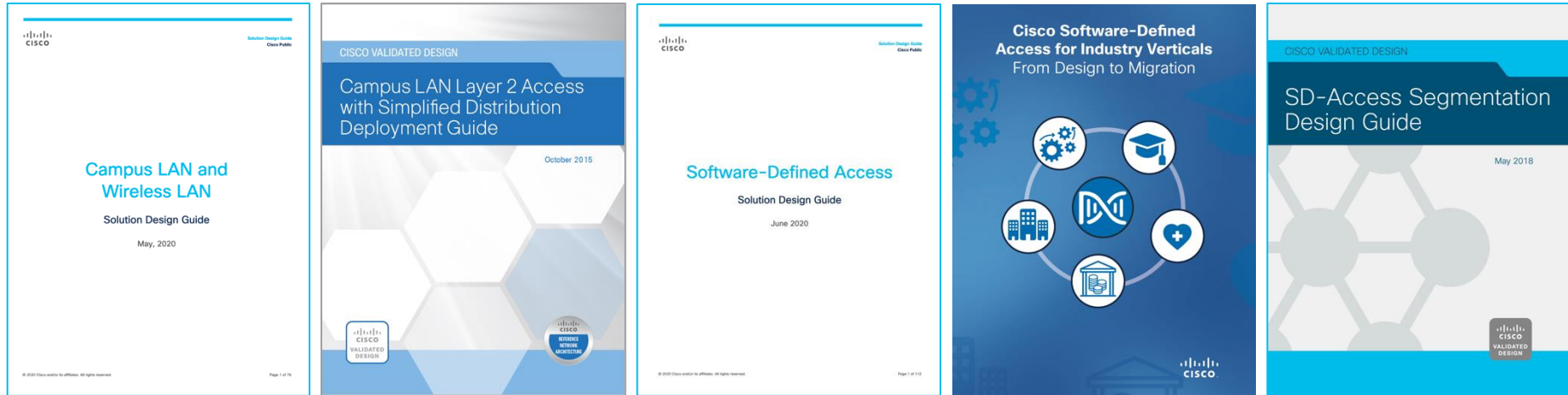
Campus PINs & Topology



Where do I start?

Cisco Validated Designs

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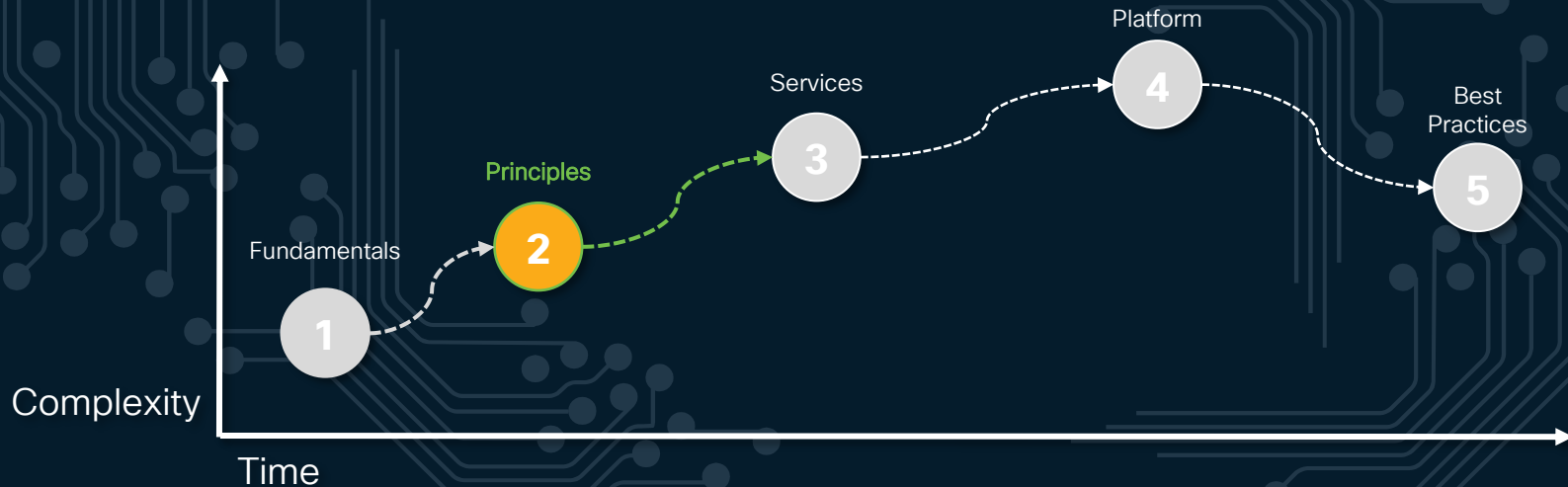
Design Zone for Campus: www.cisco.com/go/cvd/campus

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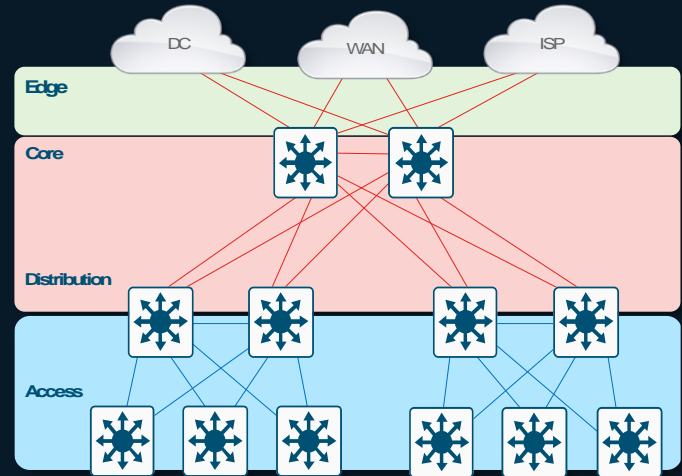
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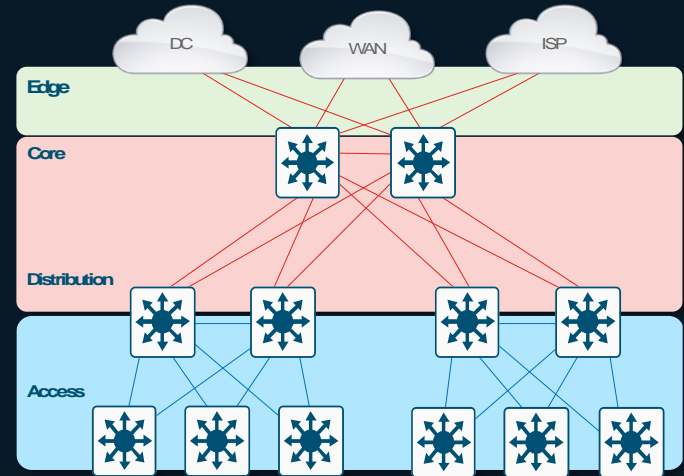
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- ❖ **Access Layer**
- ❖ **Distribution Layer**
- ❖ **Core Layer**



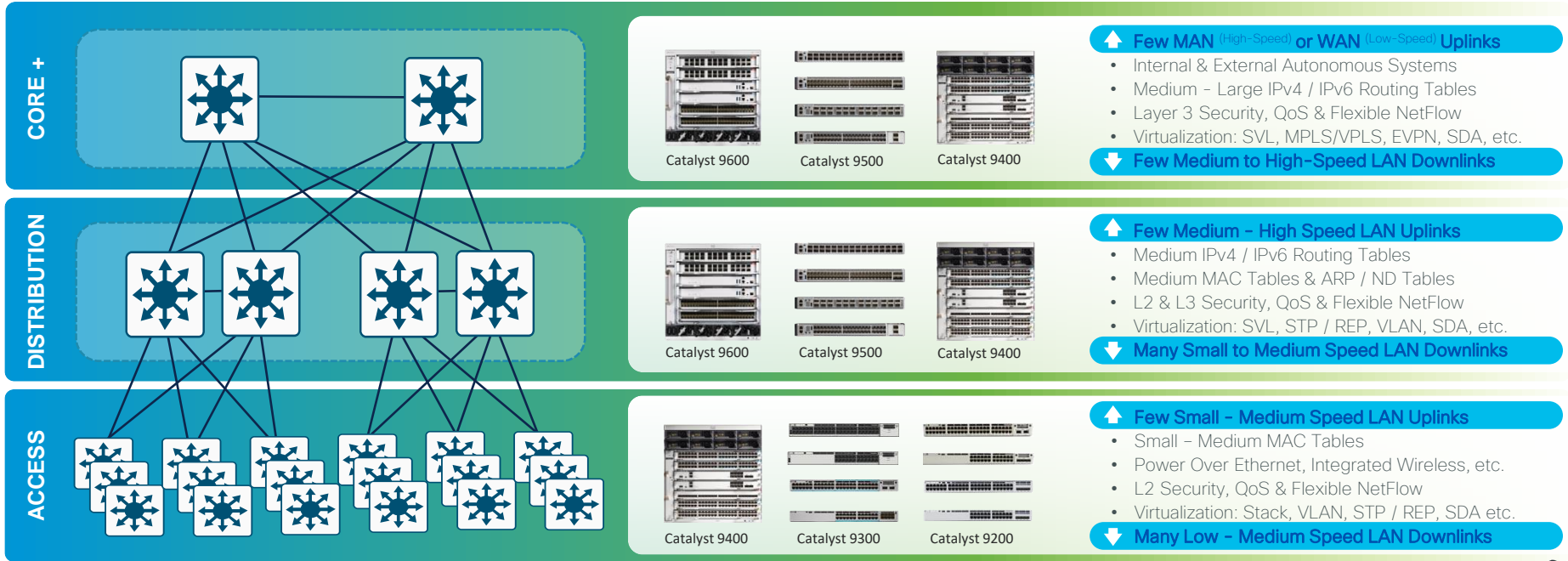
Design Principles



- ❖ **Multi-Layer Model**
 - ❖ Campus Multi-Layer
 - ❖ Hierarchical Design
- ❖ Access Layer
- ❖ Distribution Layer
- ❖ Core Layer



Campus Multi-Layer Model



Always 3 “Logical” Layers

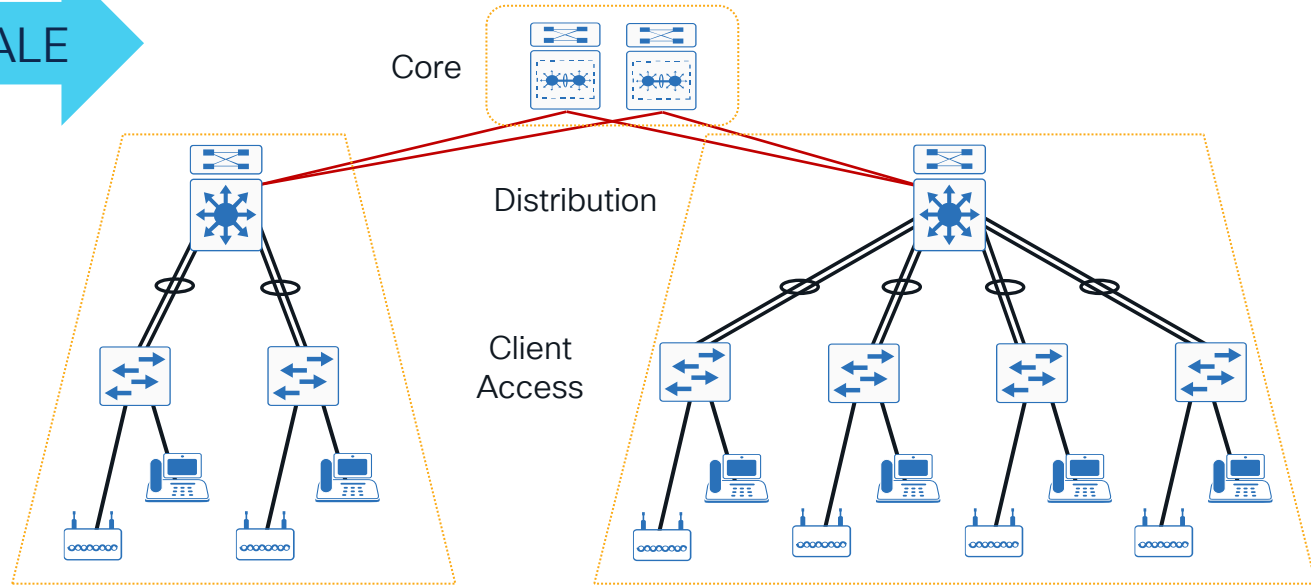
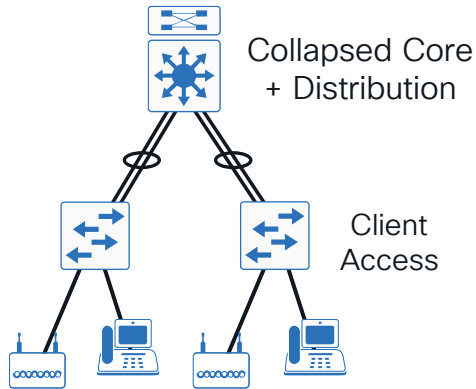
- Each layer provides a **specific set of functions**
- Each layer has a **specific set of requirements**

If you ‘collapse’ layers
your device needs
to support
all ‘logical’ functions



Campus Design Fundamentals

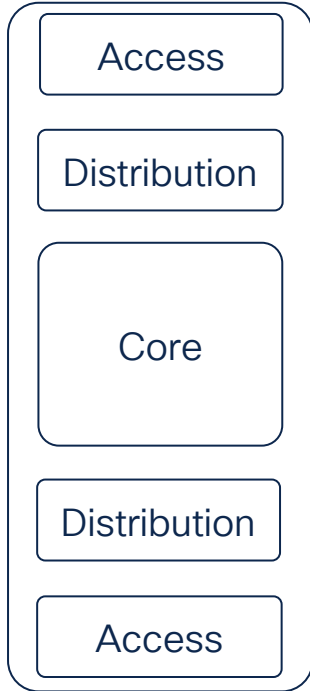
Hierarchical design model – Scalability & Stability



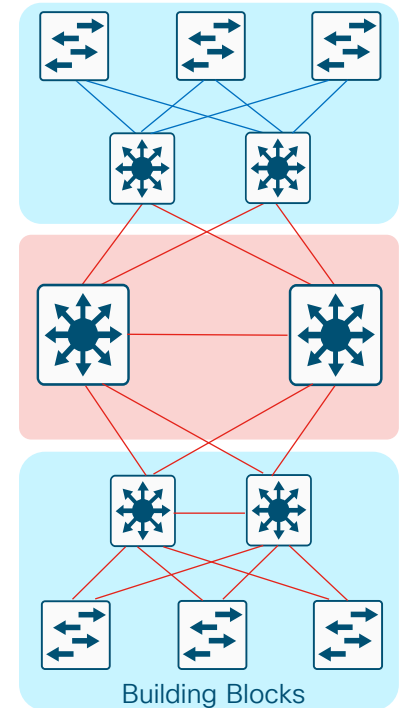
Fault Domain

Hierarchical Network Design

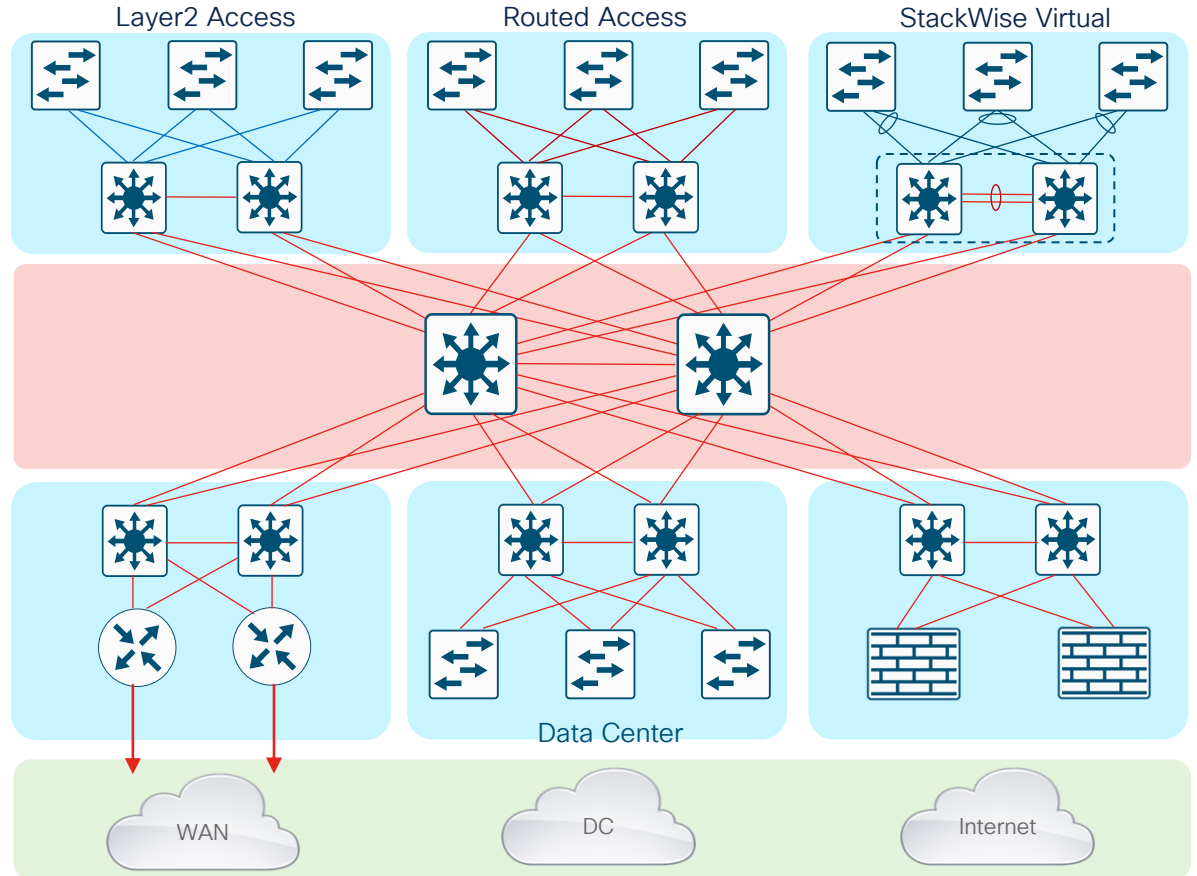
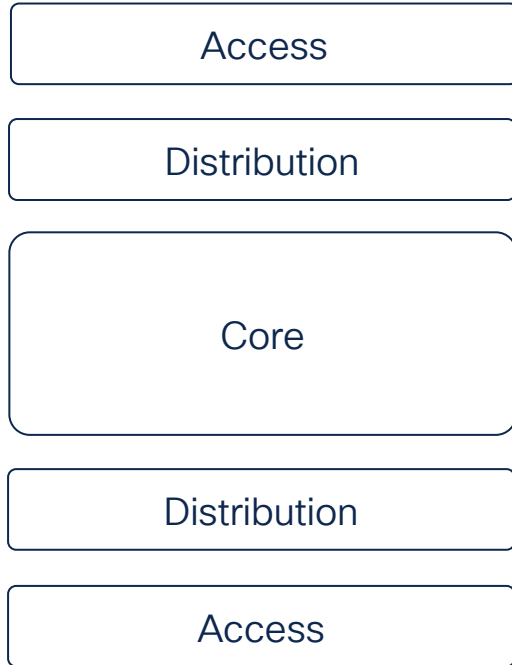
Without a Rock Solid Foundation the Rest Doesn't Matter



- Offers hierarchy—each layer has specific role
- Modular topology—building blocks
- Easy to grow, understand, and troubleshoot
- Creates small fault domains— clear demarcations and isolation
- Promotes load balancing and redundancy
- Promotes deterministic traffic patterns
- Incorporates balance of both Layer 2 and Layer 3 technology, leveraging the strength of both
- Utilizes Layer 3 routing for load balancing, fast convergence, scalability, and control

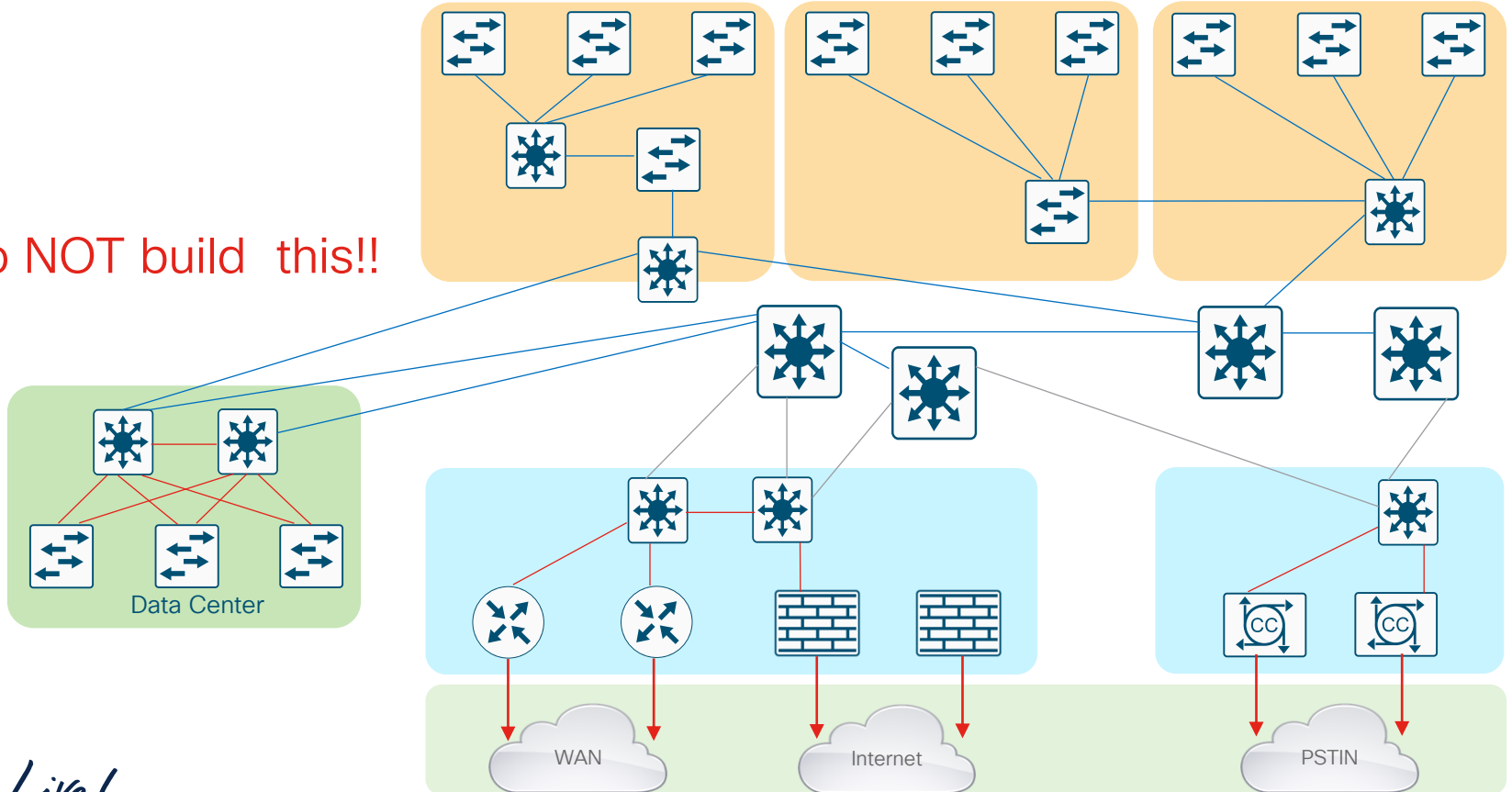


Alternative Designs in Multilayer architecture



Multilayer Architecture DON'Ts

Do NOT build this!!



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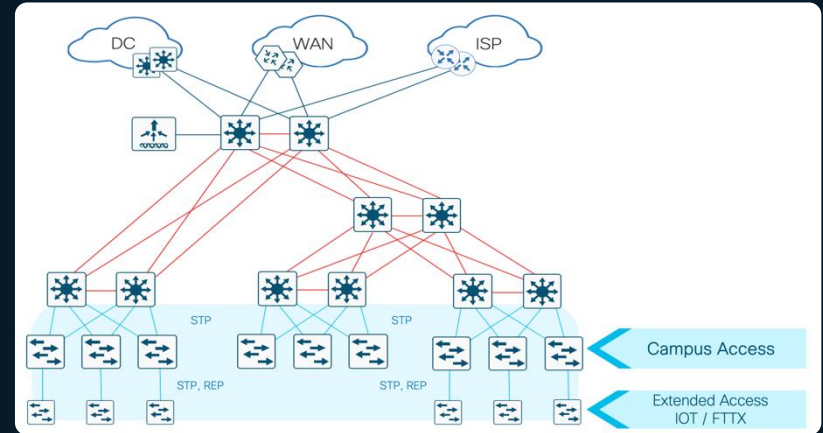
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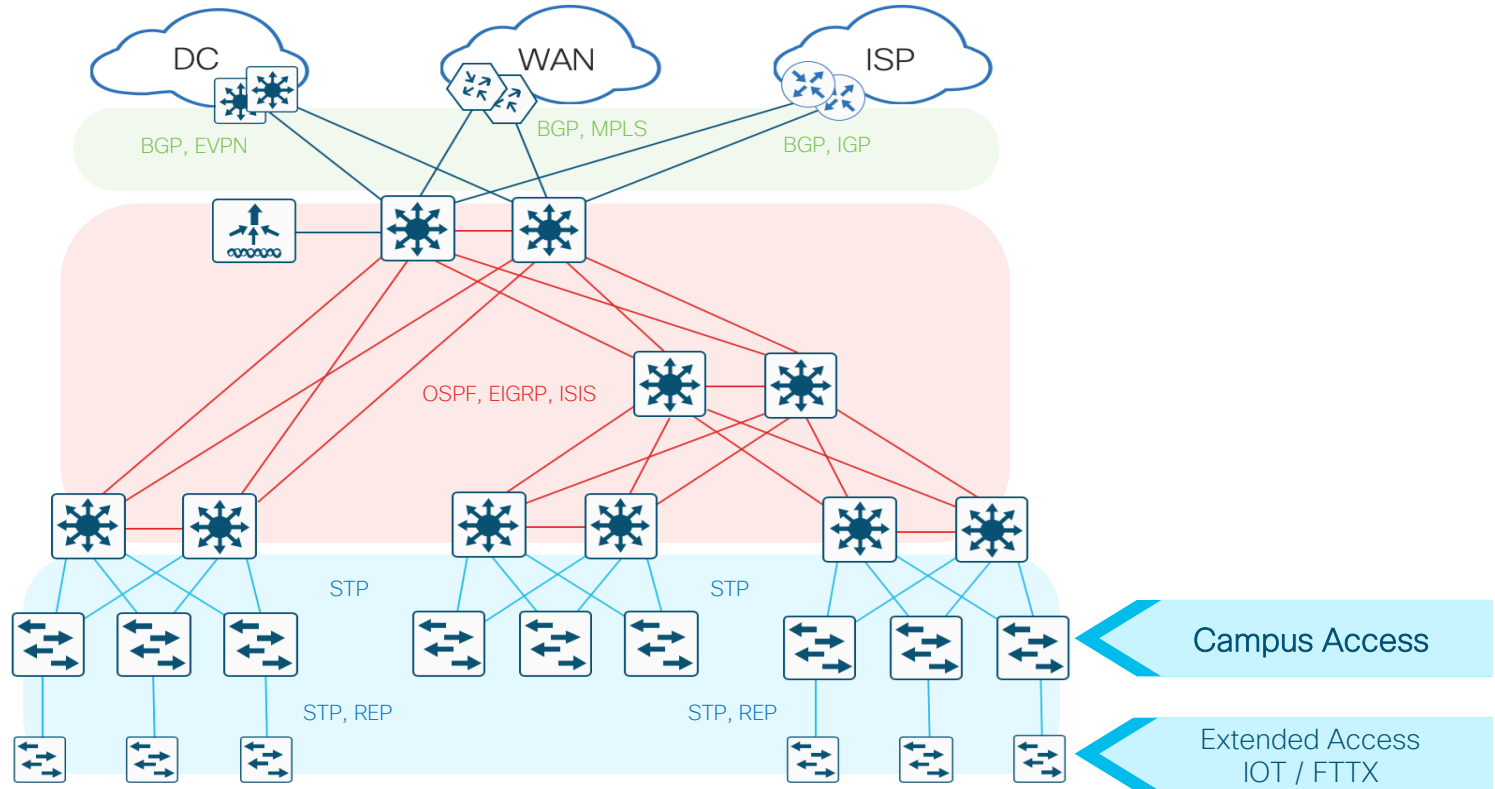
Platform

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- ❖ **Multi-Layer Model**
- ❖ **Access Layer**
 - ❖ **Baseline**
 - ❖ **Oversubscription ratio**
- ❖ **Distribution Layer**
- ❖ **Core Layer**



Campus PINs & Topology



Campus Access (Baseline)

The **Access PIN** (Tier 1) focuses on connecting Users & Devices, or an Extended Access (if applicable), to the Distribution layer

- Other names: [IDE](#), [Wiring Closet](#)
- Common in all Campus & Branch networks

Main purpose is to connect users to network

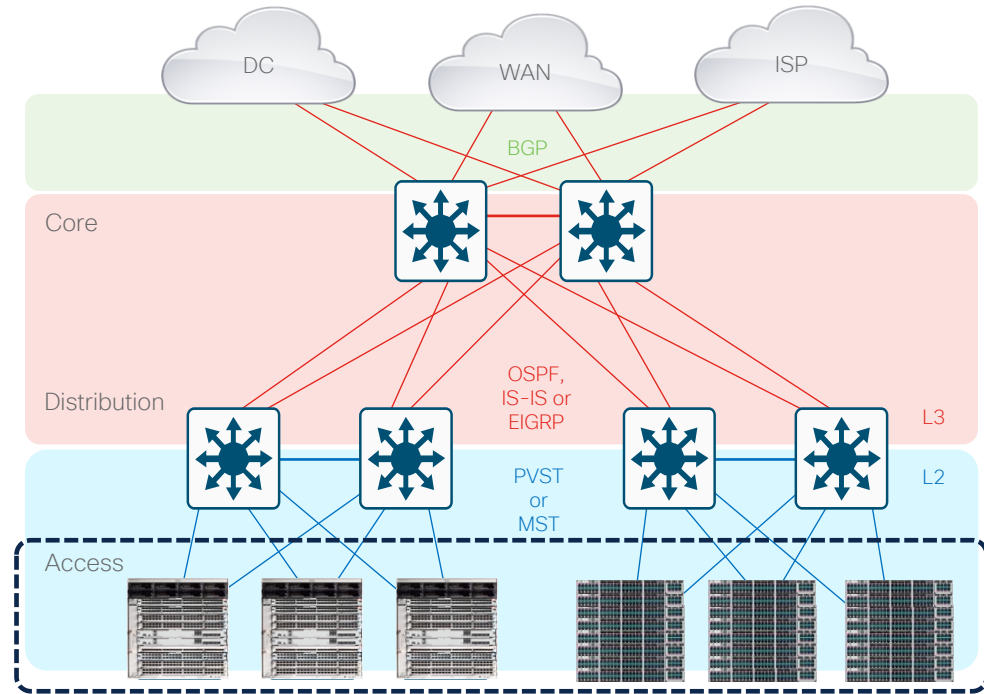
Tends to be **L2 switched** (north & south)

- North: [VLAN](#), [802.1Q](#), [STP](#), [MAC](#), [IGMP Snooping](#)
- South: [AAA](#), [STP](#), [Portfast](#), [Storm-Control](#)

Tends to use **multiple L2** features & services

- [Access Security](#) (e.g. 802.1x, VACLs, PACLs, etc)
- [Access QoS](#) (e.g. L2 CoS, Classification & Marking)
- [Access NetFlow](#) (e.g. AVC, FNF, EPA & ETA)

Tends to require **low-med L2 & feature** scale



Extended Access (IOT / FTTX)

The **Extended Access PIN** (Tier 1) is an extension of the Access, to connect multiple Access layers (areas) to the Distribution layer

- Other names: High-End Access, IOT, FTTX
- Common in Very-Large Campus or Large Branch

Main goal is to extend the size and scale of the Access layer and connect more hosts

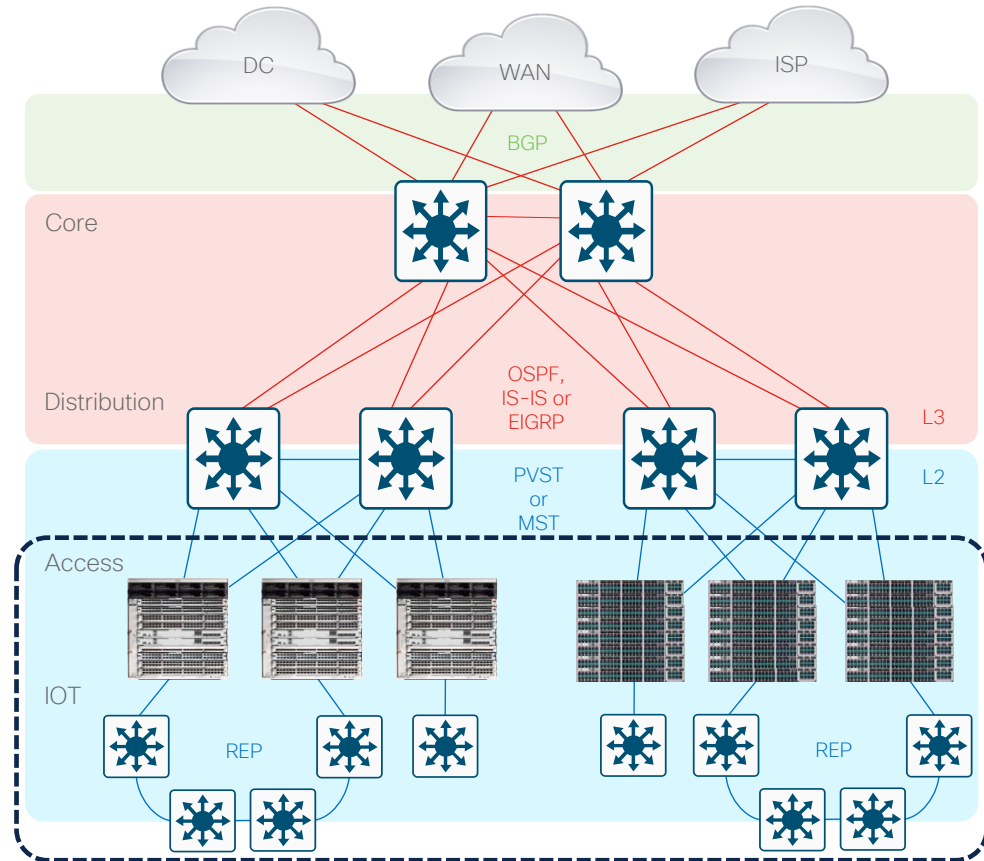
Tends to be **L2 switched** (north & south)

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- South: AAA, STP/REP, Portfast, Storm-Control

Tends to use **multiple L2** features & services

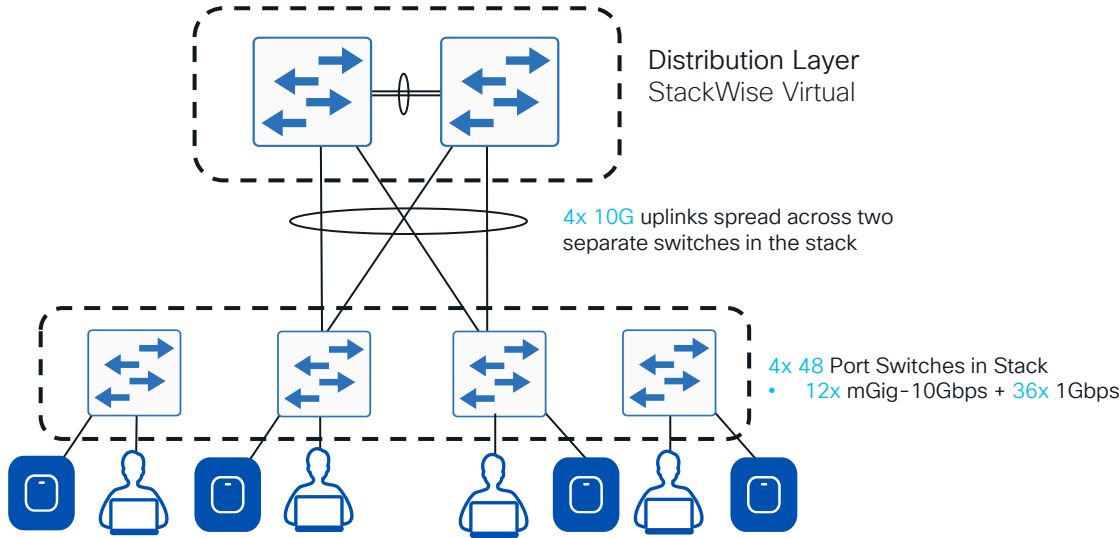
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- **Access QoS** (e.g. L2 CoS, Classification & Marking)
- **Access NetFlow** (e.g. AVC, FNF, EPA & ETA)

Tends to require **med-high L2 & feature scale**



Campus Design Fundamentals

Access Layer - Oversubscription Ratios



Soft recommendation for
Access to Distribution $\leq 20:1$

Access Uplinks: **40 Gbps**

Potential Downlinks:

48 x 10 Gbps

+ 144 x 1 Gbps

+

SUM: **624 Gbps**

Oversubscription ratio:
~15.6 : 1

Design Principles



❖ Multi-Layer Model

❖ Access Layer

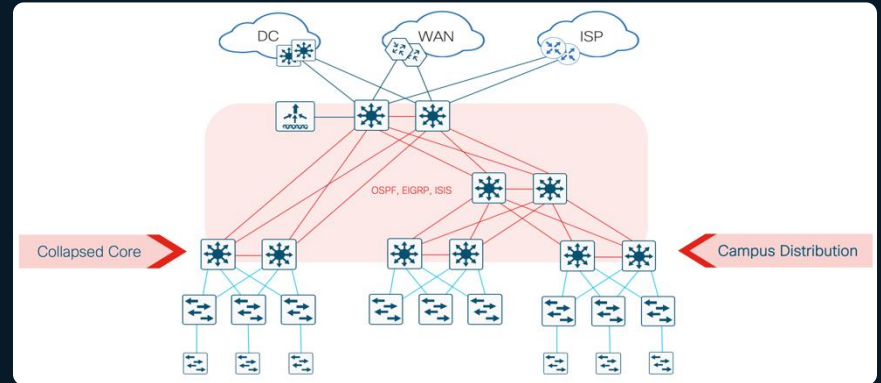
❖ Distribution Layer

❖ Baseline

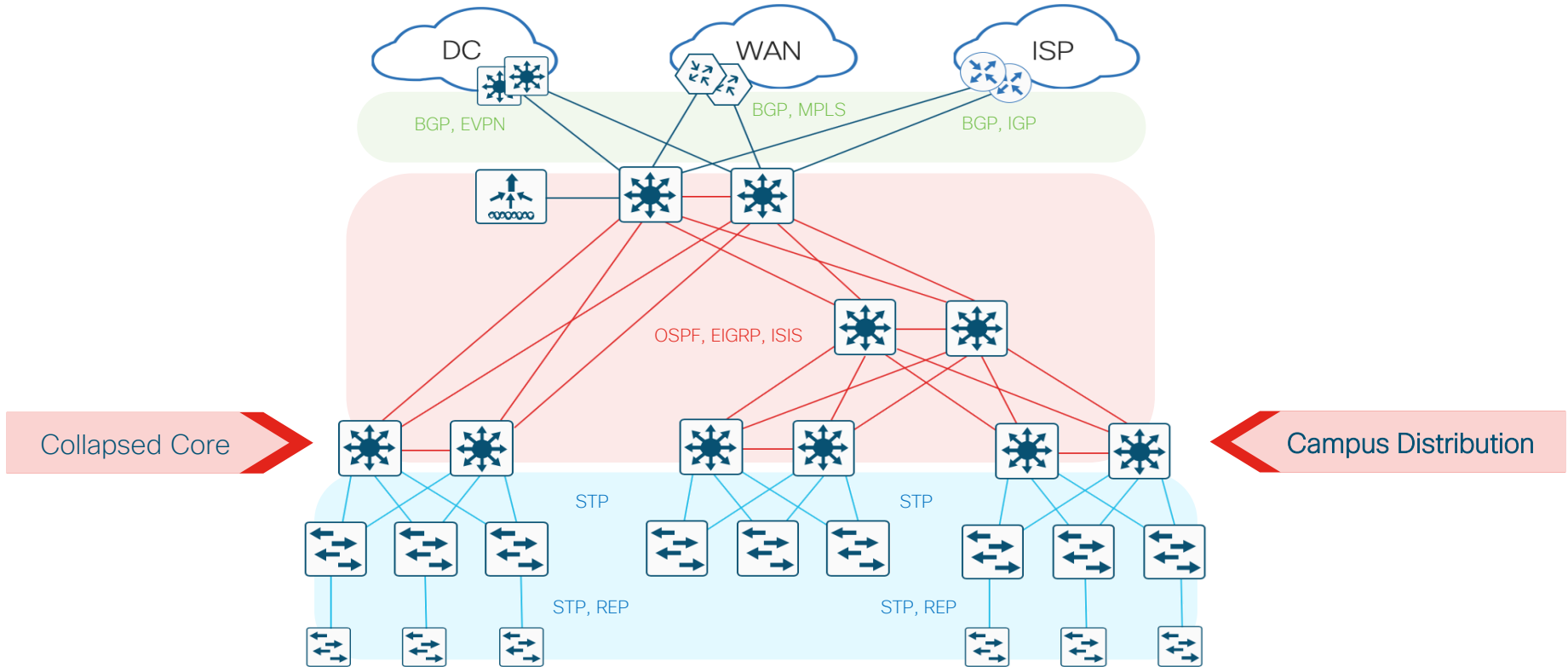
❖ Oversubscription ratio

❖ Different setups

❖ Core Layer



Campus PINs & Topology



Campus Distribution (Baseline)

The **Distribution PIN** (Tier 2) focuses on connecting multiple Access layers and the Core layer.

- Other names: [Collapsed Core](#), [Aggregation](#), [IDF](#)
- Common in Small to Large Campus

Main purpose is to “distribute” connectivity (fan-out) from the Core/WAN to the Access

- Reduces need for high port-density in Core layer
- Also applicable to [L3 Routed Access](#)

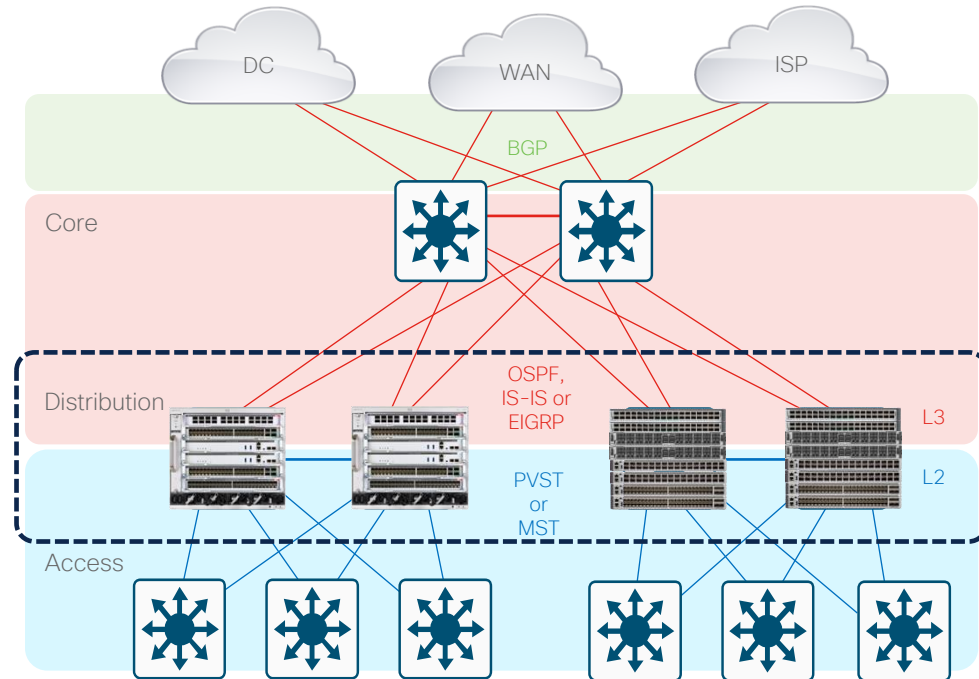
Tends to be both **L3 routed** (north) and **L2 switched** (south)

- North: [SVI](#), [HSRP/VRRP](#), [ARP/ND](#), [IGP](#), [PIM](#)
- South: [VLAN](#), [802.1Q](#), [STP](#), [MAC](#), [IGMP](#)

Tends to use **multiple L2 & L3 features**

- **Access Security** (e.g. IPDT/SISF, VACLs, PACLs, etc)
- **Access QoS** (e.g. NBAR, Classification & Marking)
- **Access NetFlow** (e.g. AVC, FNF, EPA & ETA)

Tends to require **med-high L2/L3 & feature scale**



Campus Distro + Ext. Access

The **Distribution + Ext. Access PIN** (Tier 2+) focuses on connecting multiple Access layers, including an Extended Access (IOT/FTTX) layer, to the Core layer.

- Other names: [Distribution](#), [BDF](#)
- Common in Very-Large Campus or Large Branch

Main purpose is to “distribute” connectivity (fan-out) from the Core/WAN to the Access + Ext. Access

- Reduces need for high port-density in Core layer

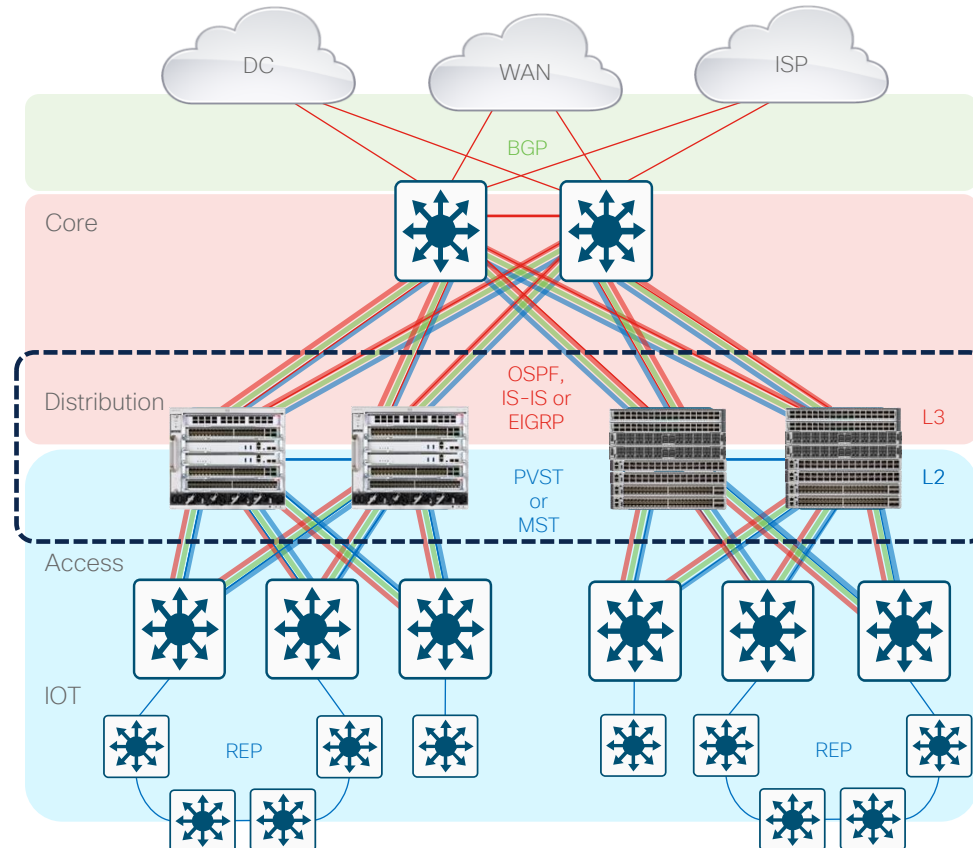
Tends to be **both L3 routed (north)** and **L2 switched (south)**

- North: [VRF](#), [SVI](#), [HSRP/VRRP](#), [ARP/ND](#), [IGP](#), [PIM](#)
- South: [VLAN](#), [802.1Q](#), [STP](#), [MAC](#), [IGMP](#)

Tends to use **multiple L2 & L3 features**

- [Access Security](#) (e.g. [IPDT/SISF](#), [VACLs](#), [PACLs](#), etc)
- [Access QoS](#) (e.g. [NBAR](#), [Classification & Marking](#))
- [Access NetFlow](#) (e.g. [AVC](#), [FNF](#), [EPA & ETA](#))

Tends to require **highest L2/L3 & feature scale**



Campus Collapsed Core

The **Collapsed Core** (Tier 2) focuses on connecting multiple Access layers and the WAN/Edge layer.

- Other names : [Distribution](#), [BDF](#)
- Common in Small Campus or Medium Branch

Main purpose is to collapse Core & Distribution layers

- Mostly for small(er) sites, with low(er) port density
- Similar attributes & requirements as Core + Distribution
- Also applicable to [L3 Routed Access](#)

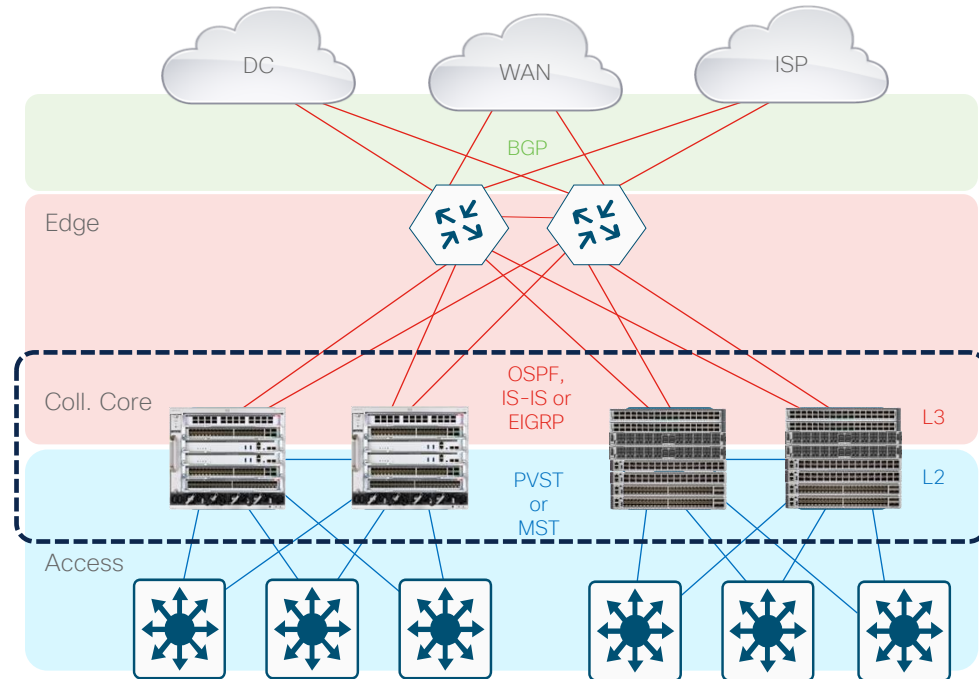
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Tends to use **multiple L2 & L3 features**

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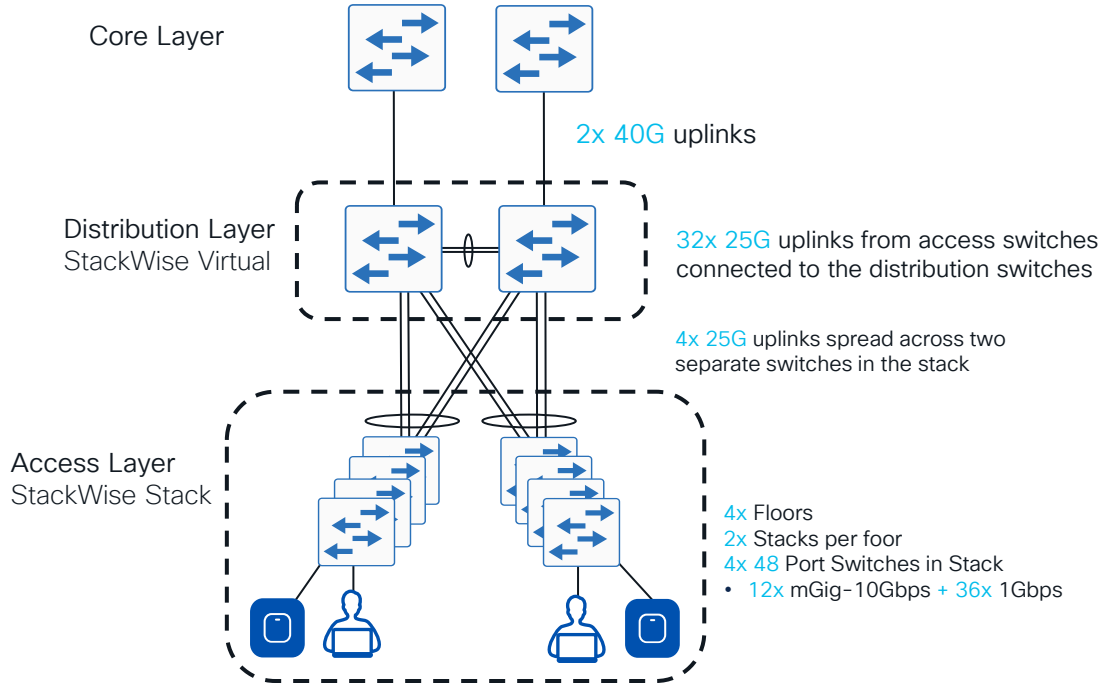
Tends to require **high L2/L3 & feature scale**





Design Fundamentals

Distribution Layer - Oversubscription Ratios



Soft recommendation for
Distribution to Core $\leq 4:1$

Distribution Uplinks: **80 Gbps**

From Access Layer:

4 x 2 x 4 x 25 Gbps

SUM: **800 Gbps**

Oversubscription ratio:

10 : 1

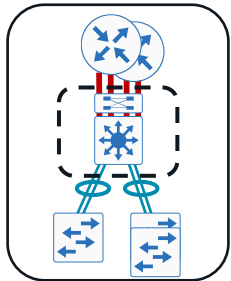


Design Fundamentals

Distribution Layer - different setups

Two tier remote site:

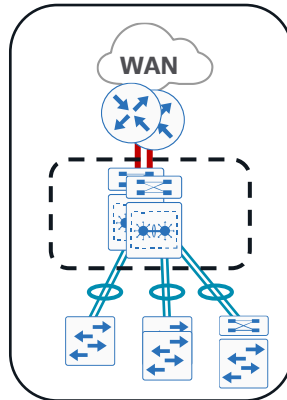
- Aggregates LAN Access Layer and connects to WAN routers



Collapsed Core:

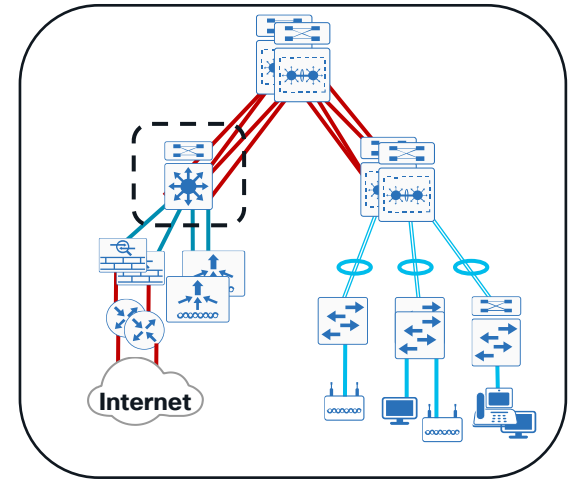
Two tier campus LAN and WAN Core

- LAN Access Layer aggregation
- Central connect point for all services



Large LAN Services Block:

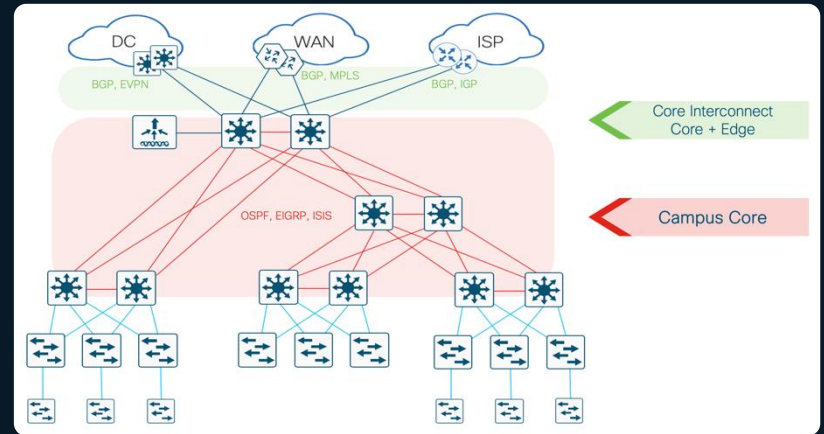
- Connection point for services
- Drives modular building block design



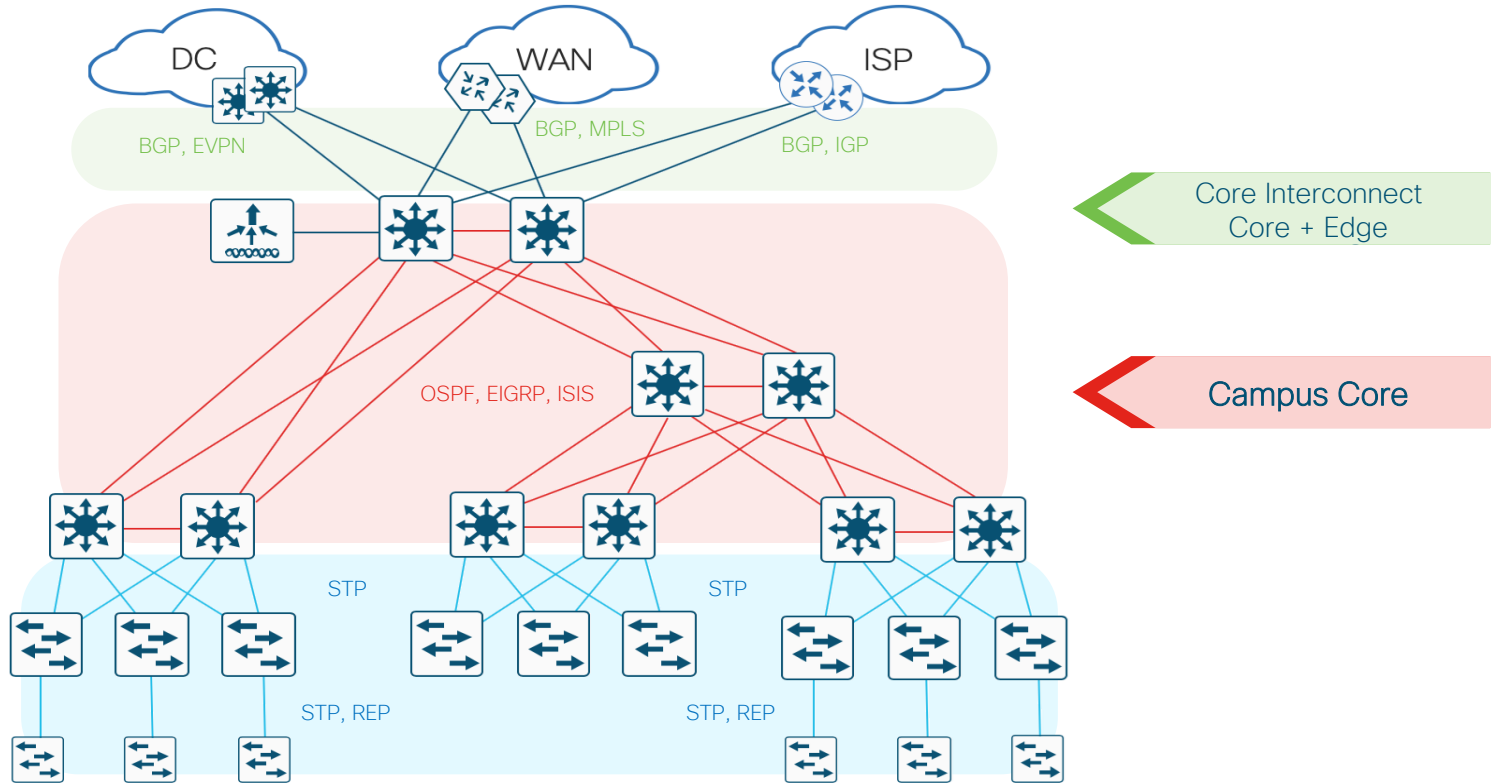
Design Principles



- ❖ **Multi-Layer Model**
- ❖ **Access Layer**
- ❖ **Distribution Layer**
- ❖ **Core Layer**
 - ❖ **Baseline**
 - ❖ **Do I need it?**



Campus PINs & Topology



Campus Core (Baseline)

The **Core PIN (Tier 3)** focuses on connecting multiple Distribution layers to an Interconnect (if applicable) and/or other network domains

- Other names: [MDF](#), [BDF](#)
- Common in Medium & Large Campus

Main goal is a simple, high-bandwidth, L3 transport between other network layers

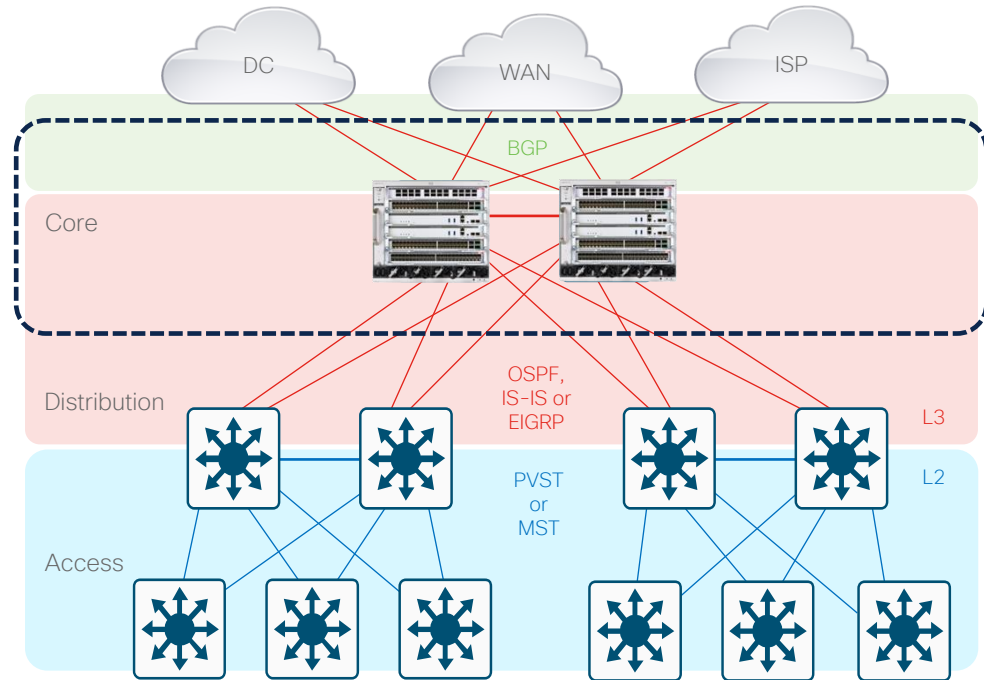
Tends to be **L3 routed** (north & south)

- North: [BGP](#) or [IGP \(ABR\)](#), [PIM + MSDP](#)
- South: [OSPF](#), [IS-IS](#) or [EIGRP](#), [PIM](#)

Tends to use **minimal L3 features**

- [Limited ACLs](#) (e.g. inter-area route-maps, remote access)
- [Limited QoS](#) (e.g. many-to-one WRED, aggregate policers)
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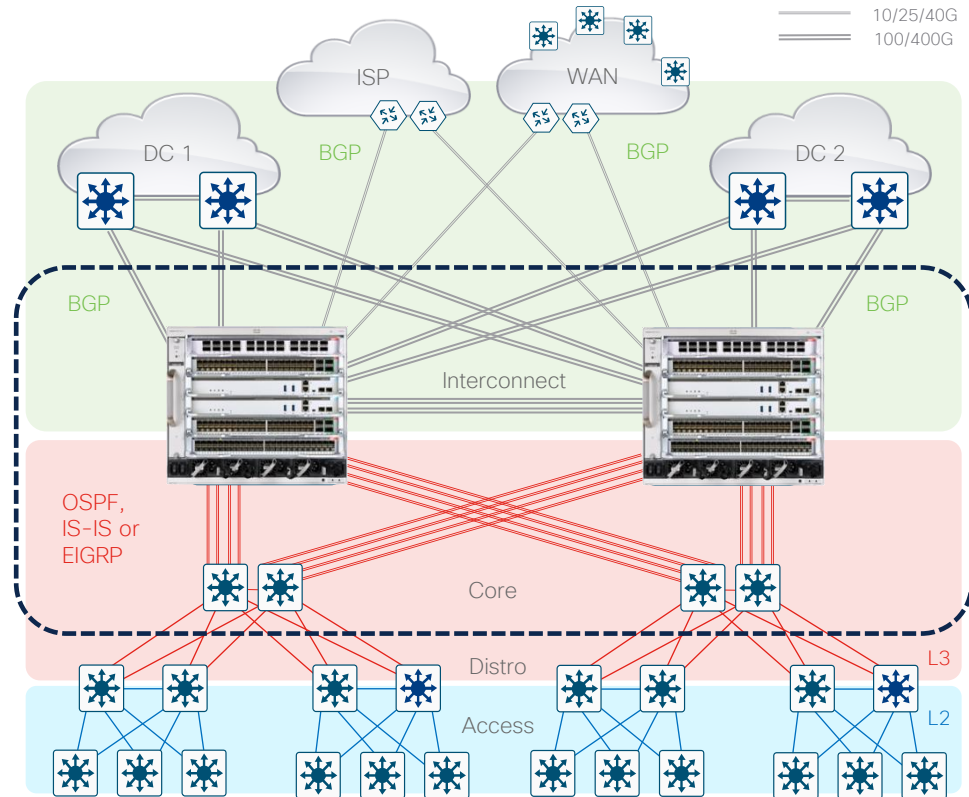
Tends to require **high L3 forwarding scale**



Campus Core Interconnect

The **Interconnect PIN** (Tier 4) is an extension of the Core, used to connect multiple Core layers (areas) and/or other network domains.

- Other names: [Backbone](#), [Super Core](#), [MAN](#), [DCI](#)
- Common in Large & Very-Large Campus
- Main goal is to distribute the bandwidth and density requirements of multiple Core layers
 - Similar attributes & requirements as Core PIN
- Tends to be **L3 routed** (north & south)
 - North: **BGP or IGP (ABR/ASBR), PIM + MSDP**
 - South: **OSPF, IS-IS or EIGRP, PIM**
- Tends to use **minimal L3 features**
 - **Limited ACLs** (e.g. inter-area route-maps, remote access)
 - **Limited QoS** (e.g. many-to-one WRED, aggregate policers)
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- Tends to require **higher L3 scale**



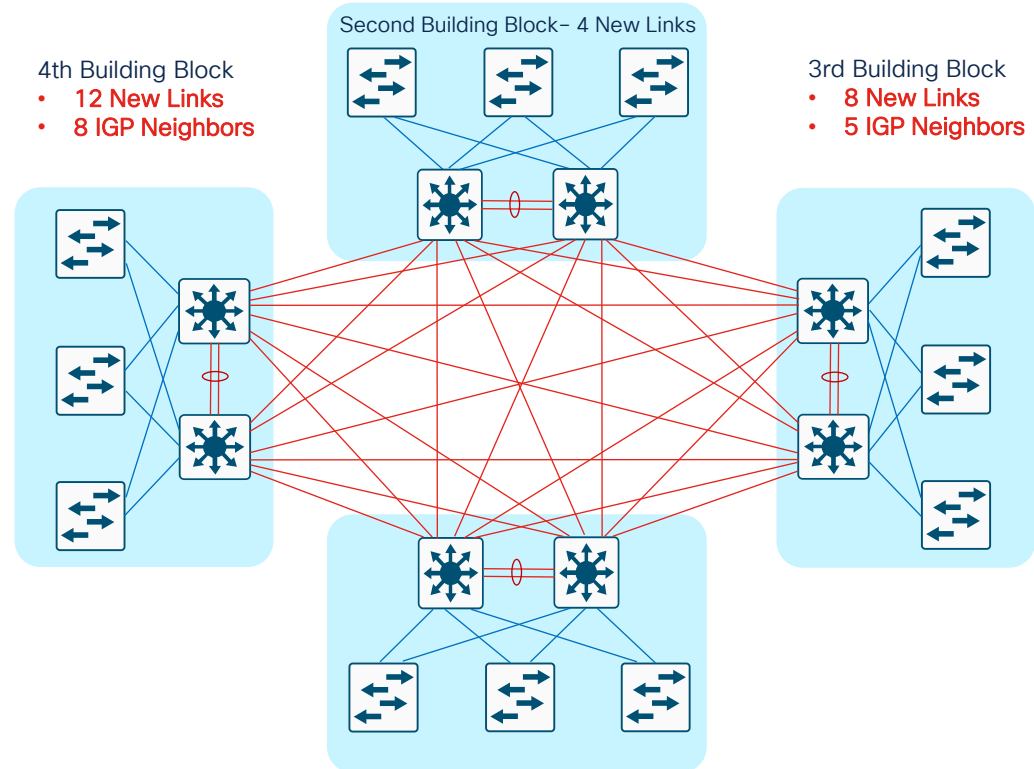


Do I need a Core Layer?

It's Really a Question of Scale, Complexity, and Convergence

No Core (2-Tier)

- Fully-meshed distribution layers
- Difficult to add new blocks
- More physical cabling ($2n-2$)
- Routing complexity
 - More routing peers
 - More ECMP paths



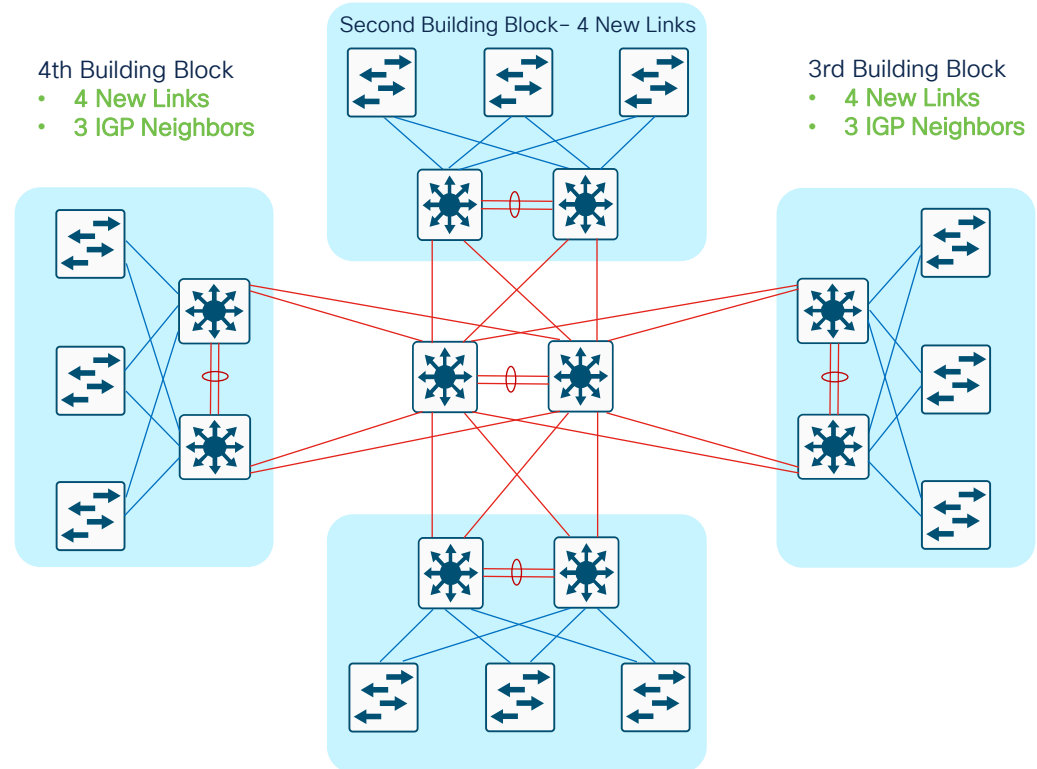


Do I need a Core Layer?

It's Really a Question of Scale, Complexity, and Convergence

Dedicated Core (3-Tier)

- Easier to add a block
- Fewer links in the Core
- Easier bandwidth upgrade
- Fewer routing peers
- Fewer ECMP paths
- Best for convergence



Campus Core + Edge (SP/WAN)

The **Core-Edge PIN** (Tier 4) focuses on connecting multiple Campus areas to remote domains (SP/WAN) and/or to the Internet.

- Other names: [Edge Device](#), [Internet Edge](#)
- Common in Medium to Very-Large Campus

Main purpose is to collapse Core & Edge layers

Tends to be **L3 routed** (north & south)

- North: **MP-BGP + Inter-AS, NAT/PAT, PIM + MSDP**
- South: BGP or IGP (ABR/ASBR), PIM + MSDP

Tends to use **Virtualization & Tunnels**

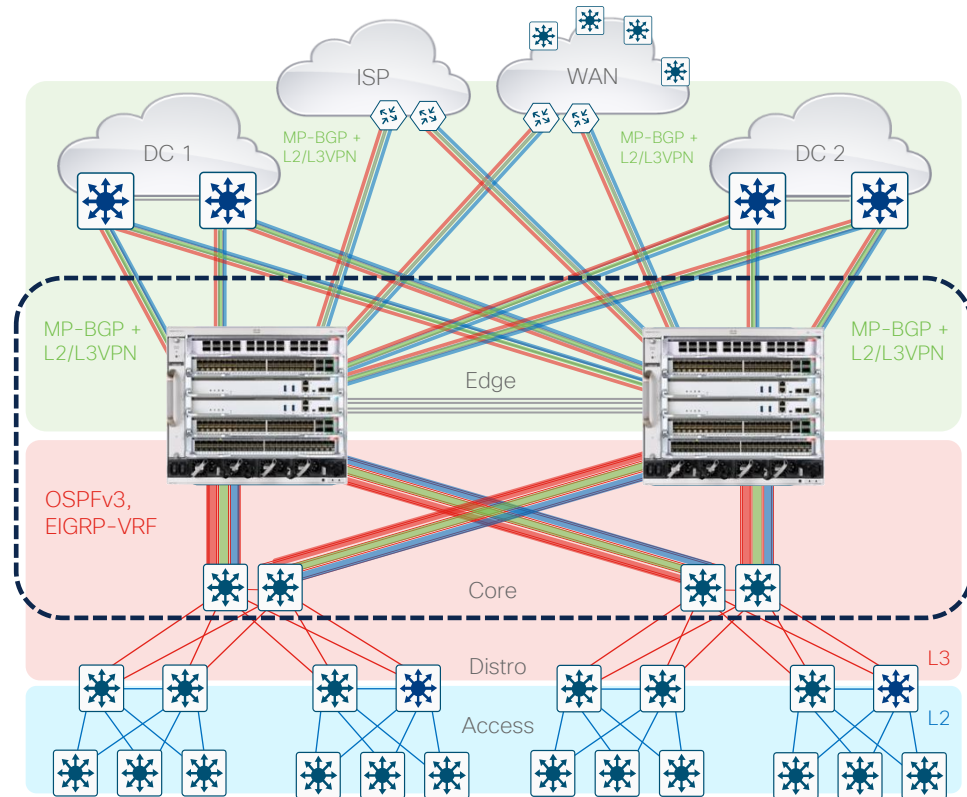
- VRF-Lite, MPLS/VPLS, SR, MVPN
- GRE/MGRE, IPsec, DMVPN
- QinQ, L2oMGRE, OTV, EVPN

Tends to use **multiple L3/VRF** features

- **Edge Security ACLs** (e.g. RACL, CBAC, ZBFW)
- **Hierarchical QoS** (e.g. Class-based Queuing, Shaping)
- **Policy Based Routing** (e.g. WAAS & WCCP)
- **WAN NetFlow** (e.g. L3/VRF FNF, WAN ETA)

Tends to require **highest L3/VRF & feature scale**

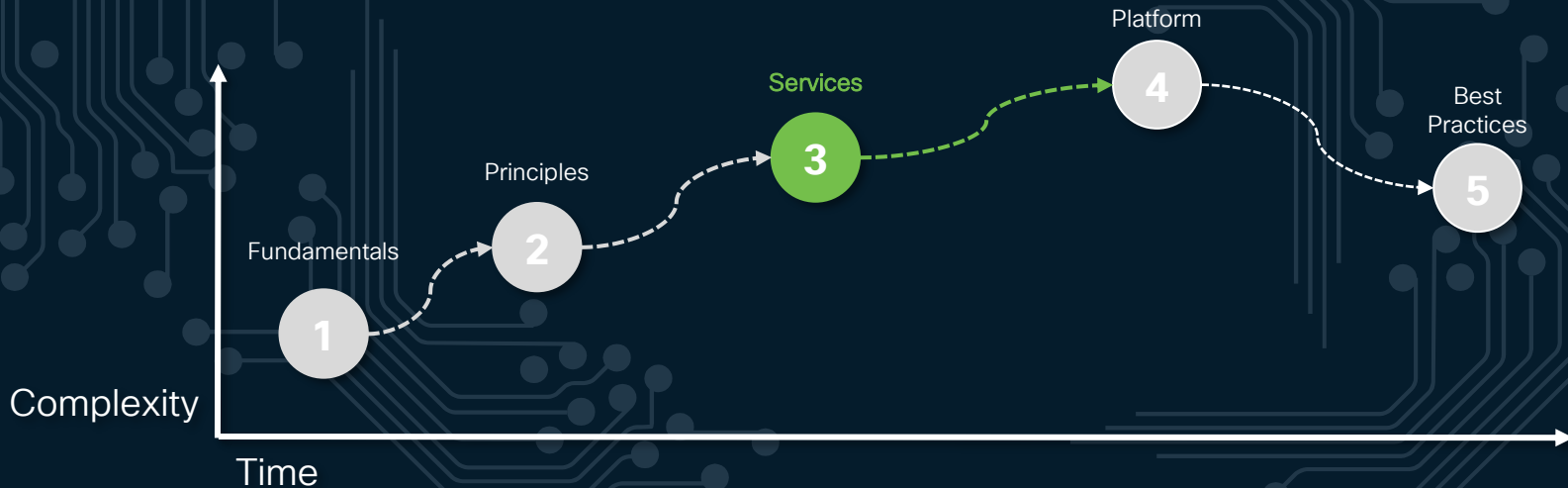
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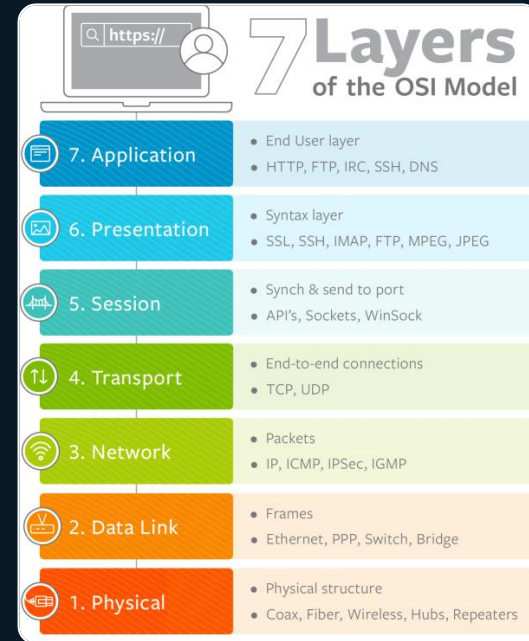
Design Fundamentals

Design Considerations



Campus Services

- ❖ **Layer 1 physical layer & links**
- ❖ **Layer 2 switching protocols**
- ❖ **Layer 3 routing protocols**



Campus Services

❖ Layer 1 physical layer & links

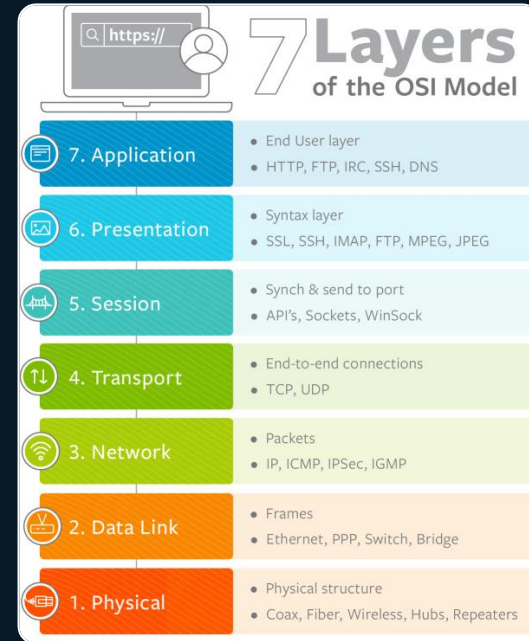
❖ Media type

❖ UDLD

❖ EtherChannel

❖ Layer 2 switching protocols

❖ Layer 3 routing protocols



Copper vs. Fiber Media



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Category 5, 6 and 7

Unshielded (UTP)

Shielded (STP)

RJ45 (Access to Endpoints)



Cat6A
(Offset Wires)

Cat5E
(Flush Wires)



Category	Frequency	Distance	Data Rate	Shielding
5E	100-350 MHz	100m	1000 Mbps	UTP or STP
6	250-550 MHz	1G - 100m 10G - 50m	1 Gbps 10 Gbps	UTP or STP
6A	500-550 MHz	100m	10 Gbps	UTP or STP
7	600 MHz	100m	10 Gbps	Shielded only



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OM3, OM4 and OM5

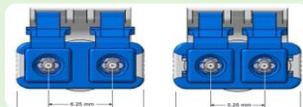
Multi-Mode (MMF)

Single-Mode (SMF)

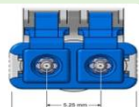
Wave-Division Multiplex (WDM)

SFP (Access and Distribution)

QSFP (Core and Edge)



SFP-LC
LC Duplex



mSFP
Mini LC Duplex



SMF



MPO12
12 Fibers

MPO24
24 Fibers



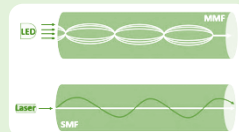
MMF

Multimode

- Short distance cable runs (less than 1000ft.)
- High bandwidth support
- Higher cable cost
- Lower electronics cost
- Easier to terminate due to larger core size

Single Mode

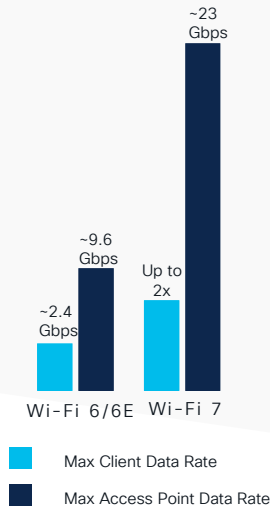
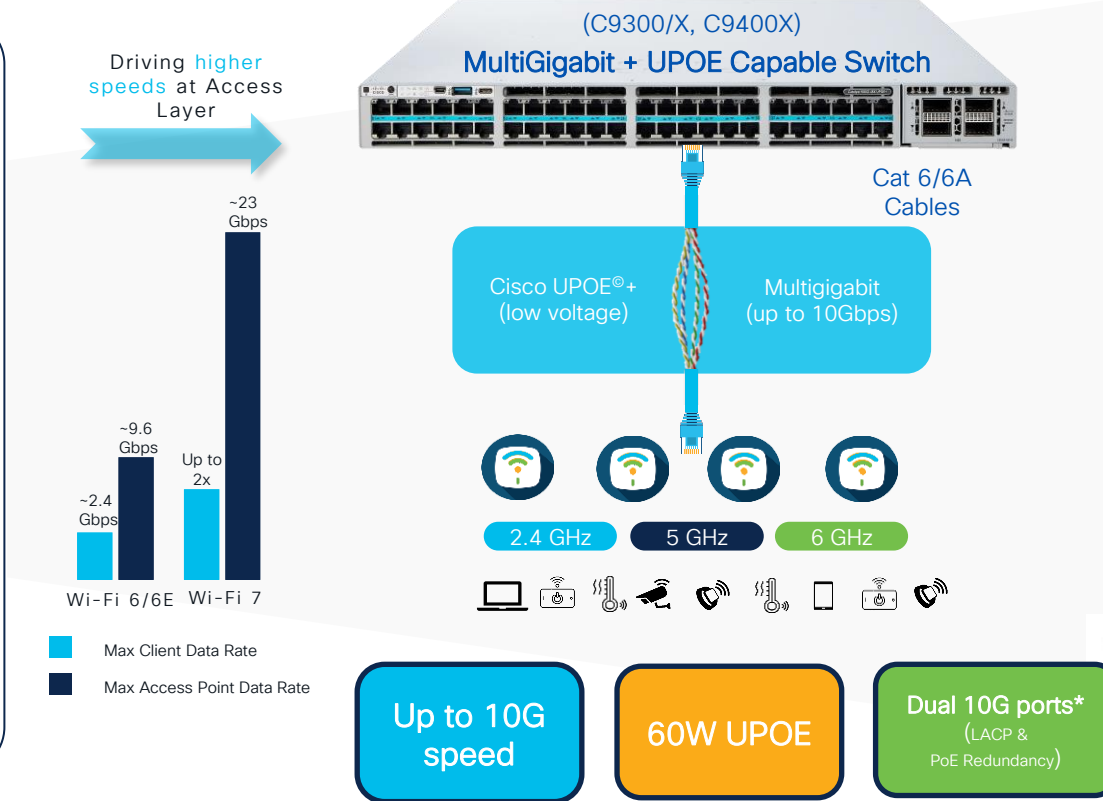
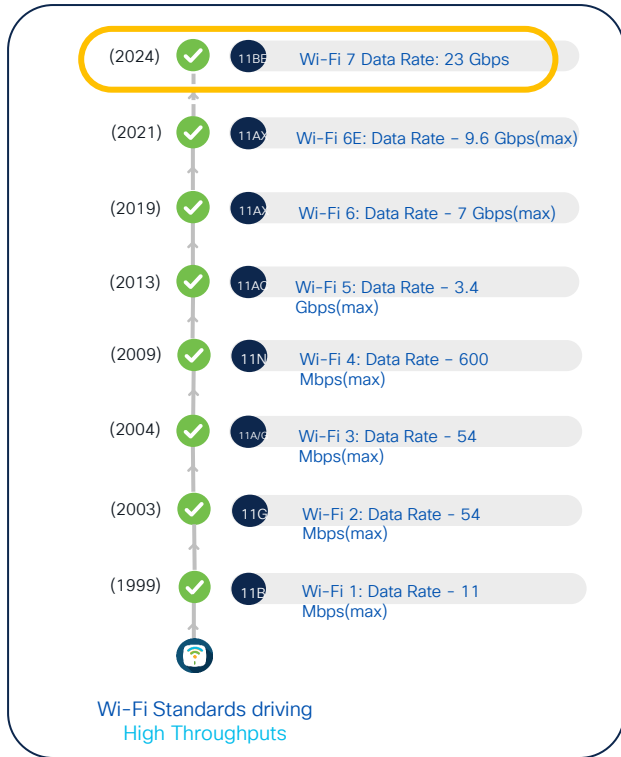
- Long distance cable runs (greater than 1000ft.)
- Highest bandwidth support
- Lower cable cost
- Higher electronics cost
- Harder to terminate due to smaller core size



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Higher Speeds driving Multi-Gigabit Access

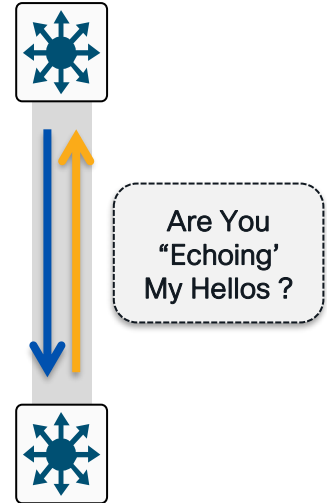
Future Proof with Speed and More Power Over Ethernet



Unidirectional Link Detection (UDLD)

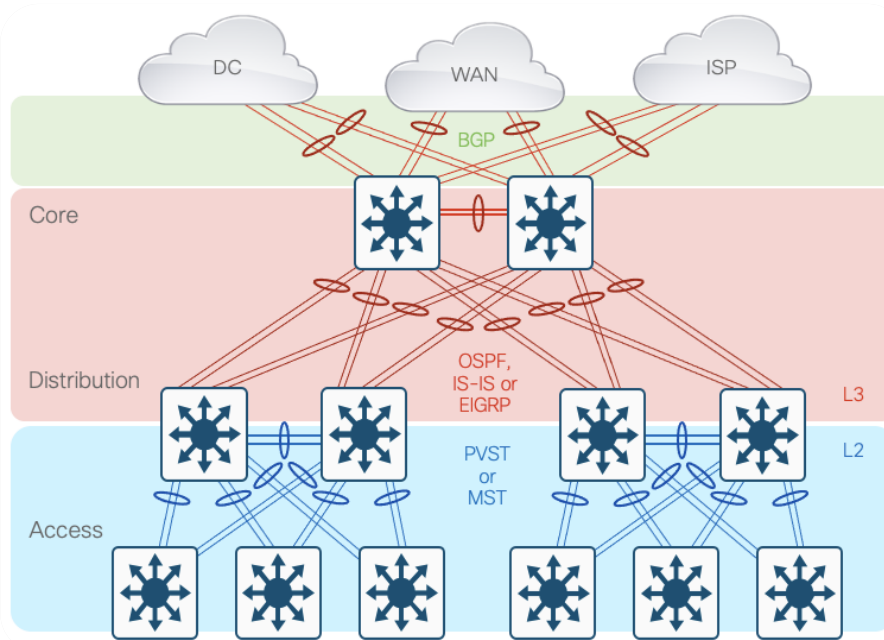
Protecting Against One-Way Communication

- UDLD **protects against one-way communication** or partially failed optics, and the effect it could have on L2 protocols like STP
- Primarily used on fiber optic links where patch or cable errors cause link up/up - with mismatched transmit/receive pairs
- Each switch port configured for UDLD will send UDLD protocol packets (L2) containing the port's own device/port ID
 - The neighbor's device/port IDs seen by UDLD on that port
- Neighboring ports should see their **own device/port ID (echo)** in the **packets received from the other side**
- **If the port does not see its own device/port ID** in the incoming UDLD packets (for a specific duration) - then the link is considered **unidirectional** and is put into **errdisable**



EtherChannels

Reduce Complexity/Peer Relationships



- More links = more protocol peer relationships (and associated overhead)
- EtherChannels allow you to reduce peers by creating single logical interface to peer
- When single link-failure in a bundle:
 - OSPF running on a Cisco IOS-based switch will reduce link cost and reroute traffic
 - EIGRP may not change link cost and may overload remaining links

Campus + EtherChannel

Using **EtherChannel** focuses on combining multiple physical links into a single logical link

- Other names: Portchannel, Link-Aggregation (LAG)
- Common in Medium & Large Campus

Main goal is to increase bandwidth, and provide link-level redundancy between network layers

- Mostly for large(r) sites, with high(er) port density
- Similar attributes & requirements as existing PIN(s)

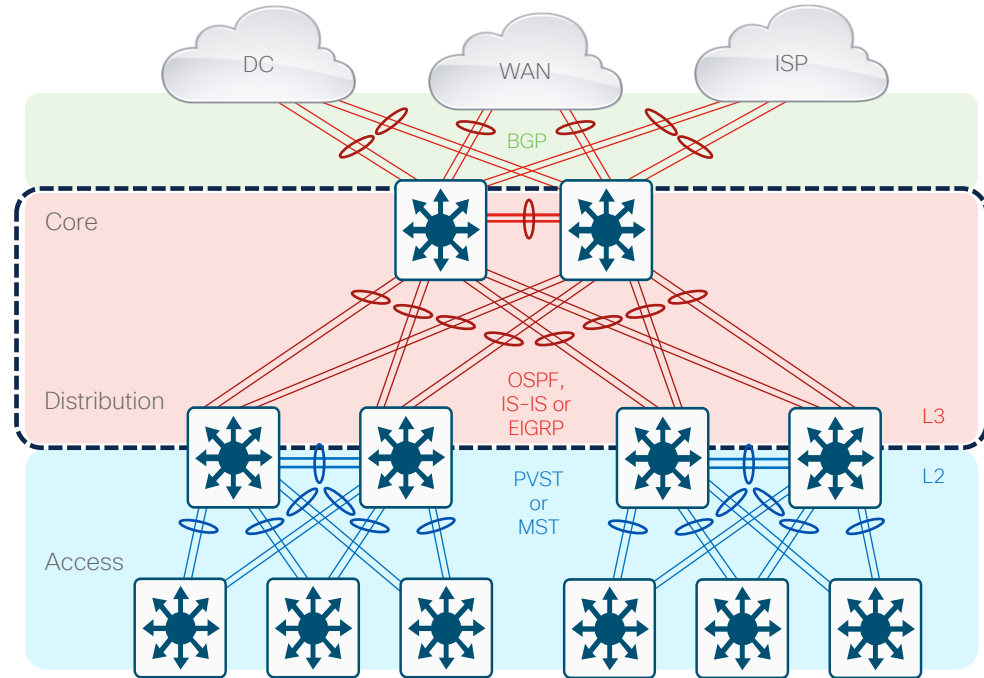
Can be used for **both L2 & L3 links** (north & south)

- North: BGP or IGP, PIM
- South: STP or REP, IGMP/MLD

Tends to require **special L2/L3 features**

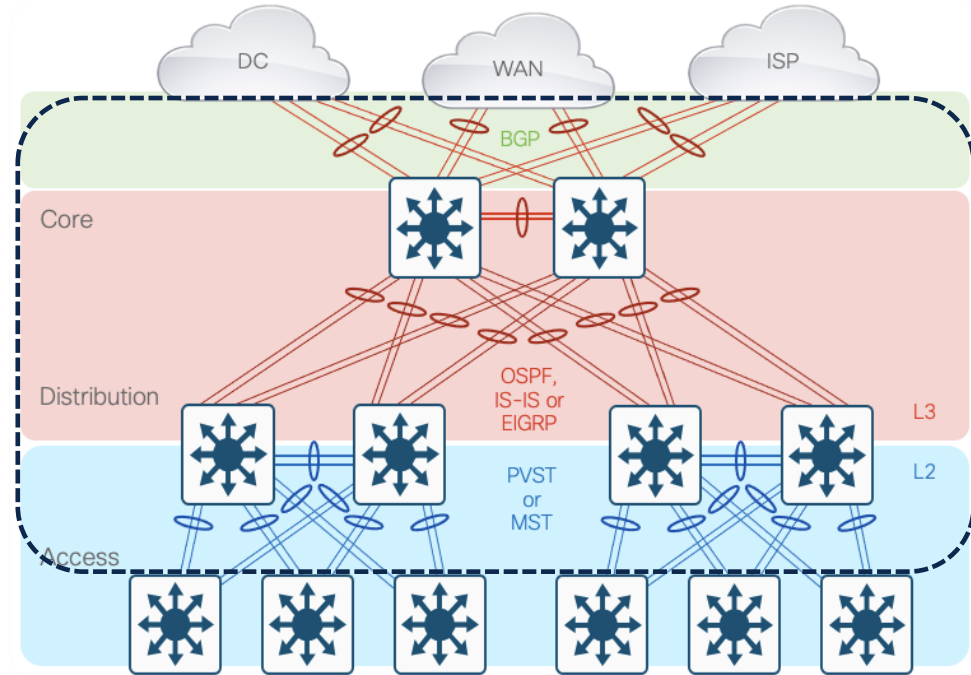
- Portchannel ACLs (e.g. L2/L3 RAACL)
- Portchannel QoS (e.g. L2/L3 aggregate policers)
- Portchannel NetFlow (e.g. L2/L3 FNF)

Tends to require **less L2/L3 forwarding scale**



L2/L3 Ether Channel Config - Best Practices

- Typically deployed in distribution to core, and core to core interconnections
- Used to provide link redundancy—while reducing peering complexity
- Tune L3/L4 load balancing hash to achieve maximum utilization of channel members
- Deploy in powers of two (two, four, or eight)
- 802.3ad LACP for interop if you need it

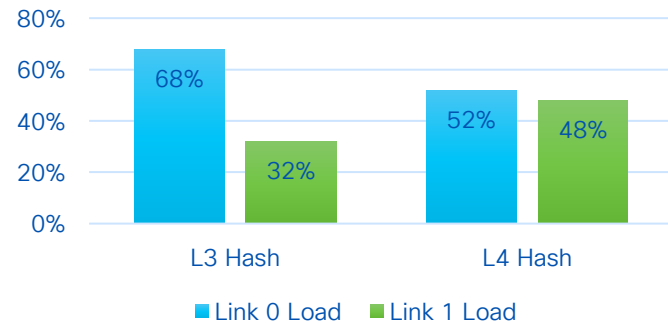
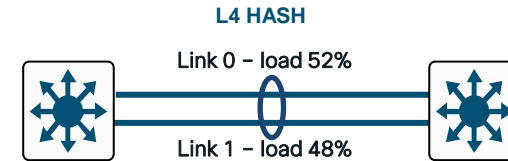
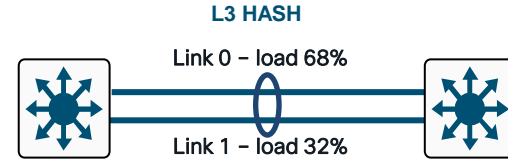


Ether Channel load balancing

Use as much information as possible

- Cisco switches let you tune the hashing algorithm used to select the specific EtherChannel link.
- You can use the default source/destination IP information, or you can add an additional level of load balancing to the process by adding the L4 TCP/IP port information as an input to the algorithm.

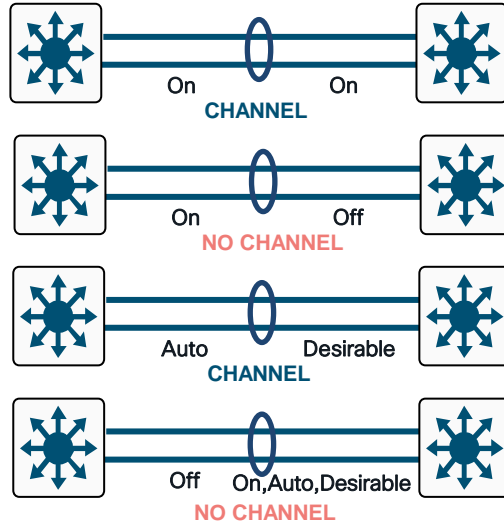
```
switch(config) #port-channel load-balance ?
dst-ip          Dst IP Addr
dst-mac         Dst Mac Addr
dst-mixed-ip-port Dst IP Addr and TCP/UDP Port
dst-port       Dst TCP/UDP Port
extended      Extended Load Balance Methods
src-dst-ip     Src XOR Dst IP Addr
src-dst-mac    Src XOR Dst Mac Addr
src-dst-mixed-ip-port Src XOR Dst IP Addr and TCP/UDP Port
src-dst-port   Src XOR Dst TCP/UDP Port
src-ip        Src IP Addr
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Understanding Ether Channel

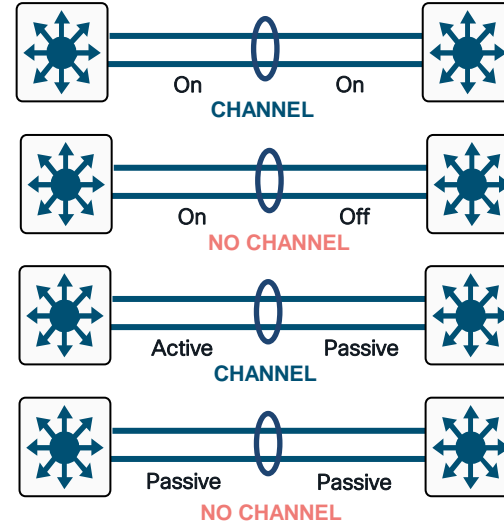
Link Negotiation Options—PAgP and LACP

Port Aggregation Protocol



On: always be a channel/bundle member
Desirable: ask if the other side can/will
Auto: if the other side asks I will
Off: don't become a member of a channel/bundle

Link Aggregation Protocol

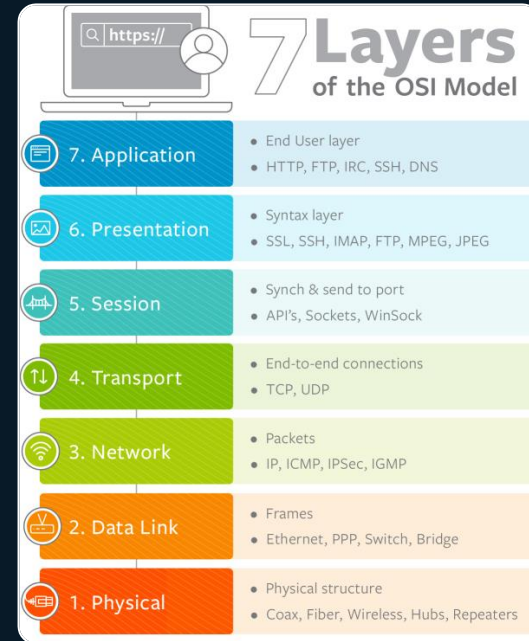


On: always be a channel/bundle member
Active: ask if the other side can/will
Passive: if the other side asks I will
Off: don't become a member of a channel/bundle

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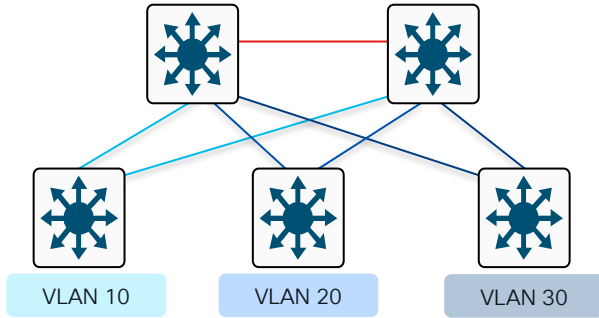


- ❖ **Layer 1 physical layer & links**
- ❖ **Layer 2 switching protocols**
 - ❖ **STP**
 - ❖ **Trunks**
 - ❖ **VTP/DTP**
- ❖ **Layer 3 routing protocols**

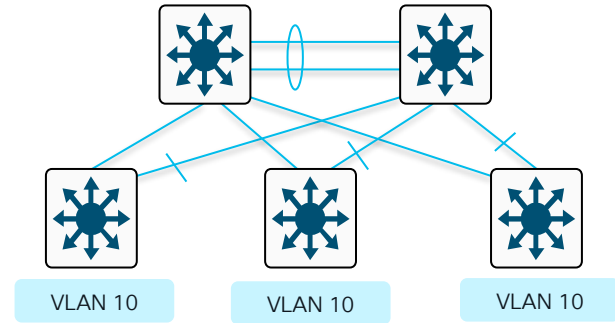


Multilayer Network Design

Layer 2 Access with Layer 3 Distribution



- Each access switch has unique VLANs
- No Layer 2 loops
- Layer 3 link between distribution
- No blocked links



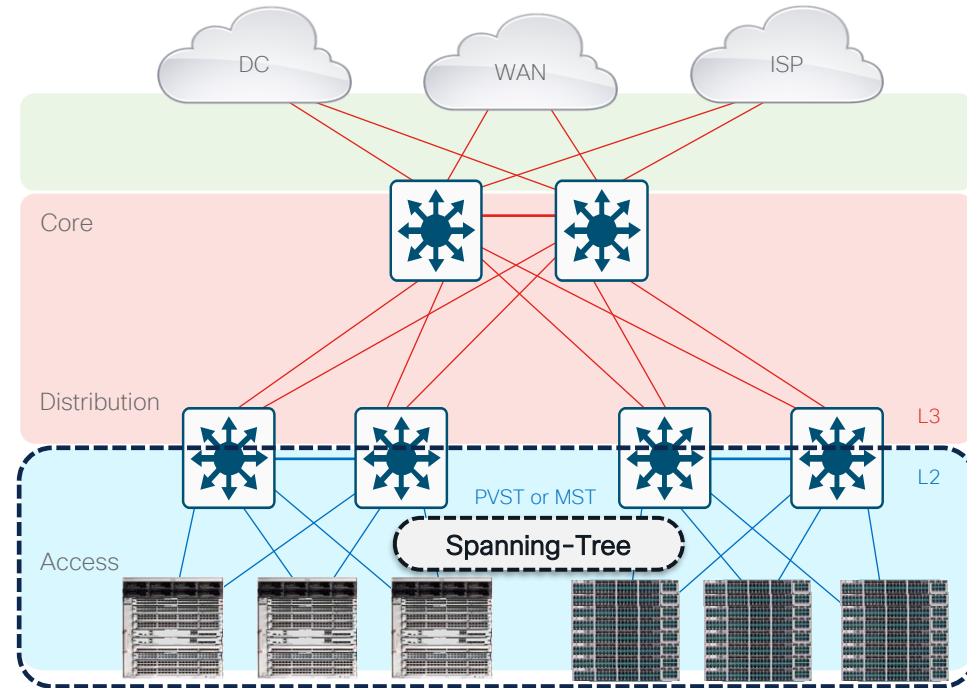
- At least some VLANs span multiple access switches
- Layer 2 loops
- Layer 2 and 3 running over link between distribution
- Blocked links

L2 Spanning Tree

Best Practices



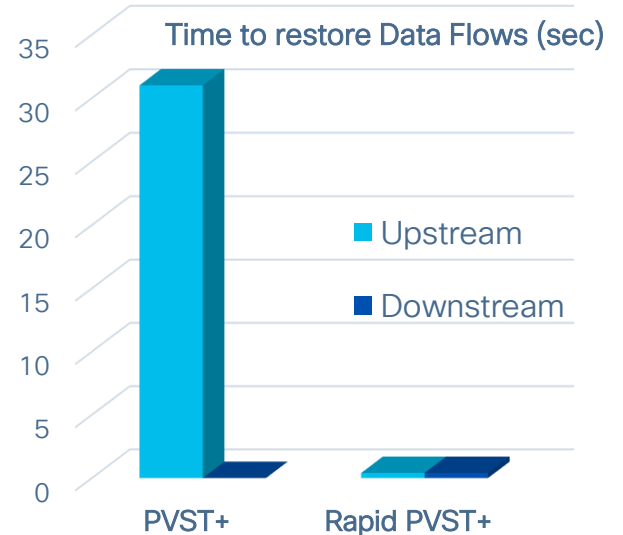
- Only extend VLANs across Access & Distribution layers when you must!
- **Use PVST for best convergence**
 - Rapid-PVST+ (RPVST) is default
- **Use MST for best scale**
 - Required to protect against access loops
 - Required to protect against operational accidents (misconfig or hardware failure)
 - Take advantage of Spanning Tree toolkit



Optimizing L2 Convergence

PVST+, Rapid PVST+ or MST

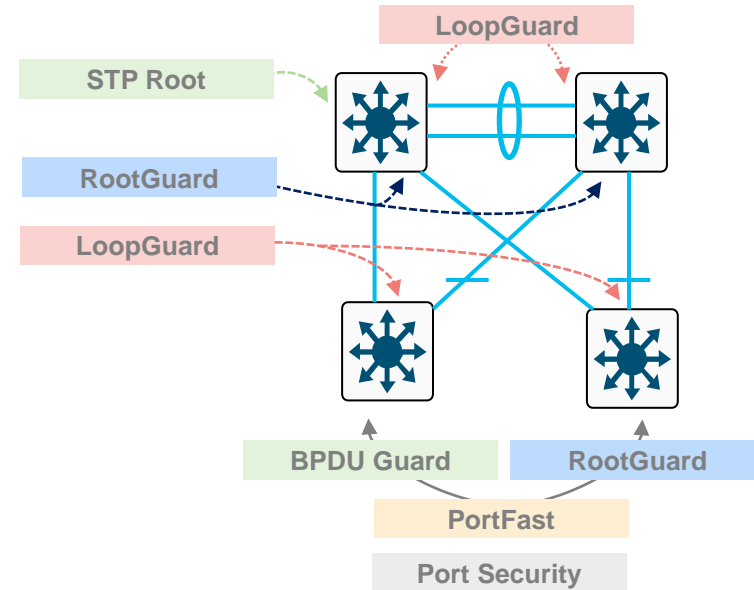
- Rapid-PVST+ greatly improves the restoration times for any VLAN that requires a topology convergence due to link UP
- Rapid-PVST+ also greatly improves convergence time over backbone fast for any indirect link failures
- PVST+ (802.1d)
 - Traditional spanning tree implementation
- Rapid PVST+ (802.1w)
 - Scales to large size (~10,000 logical ports)
 - Easy to implement, proven, scales
- MST (802.1s)
 - Permits very large scale STP implementations (~30,000 logical ports)
- Not as flexible as rapid PVST+



Layer 2 Hardening

Spanning Tree Should Behave the Way You Expect

- Place the root where you want it it
Root primary/secondary macro
- The root bridge should stay where you put it
 - RootGuard
 - LoopGuard
 - UplinkFast
 - UDLD
- Only end-station traffic should be seen on an edge port
 - BPDU Guard
 - RootGuard
 - PortFast
 - Port-security

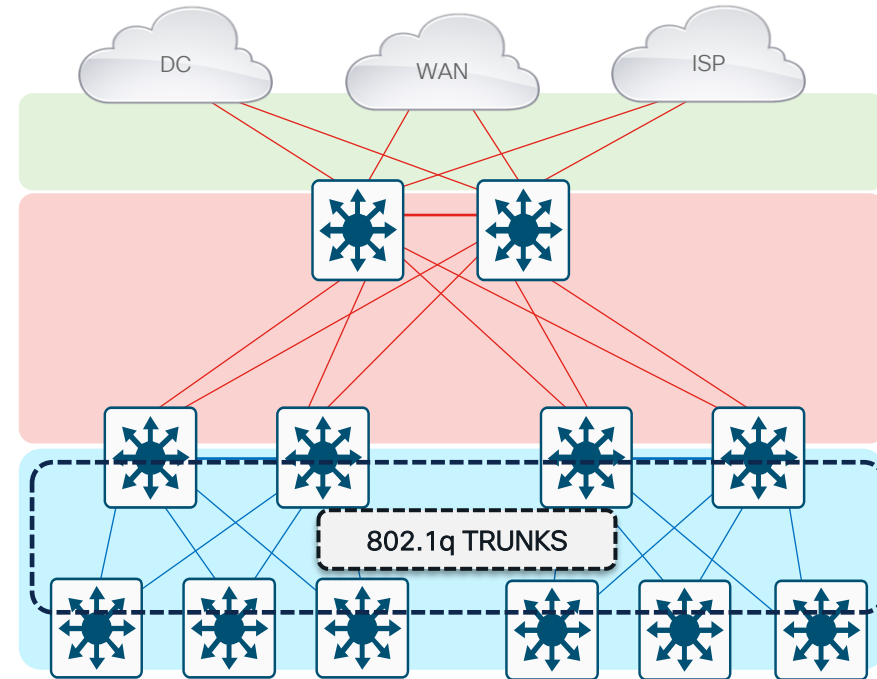


L2 Trunk Configuration

Best Practices



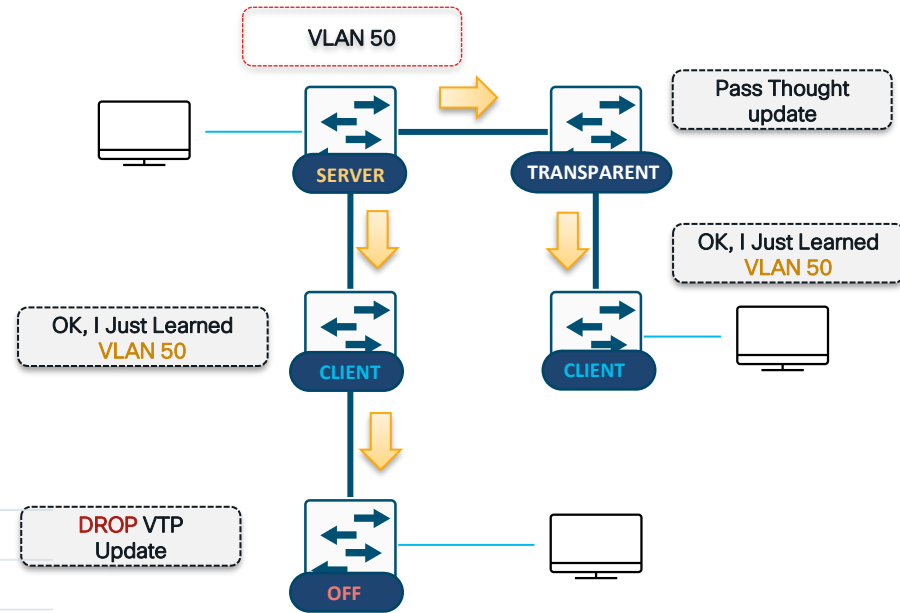
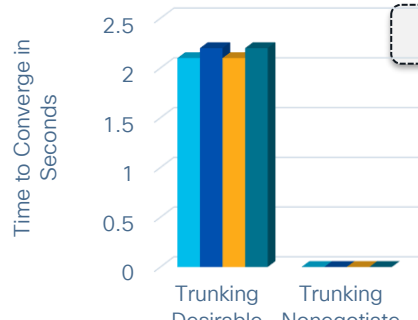
- Typically deployed on interconnection between access and distribution layers
- Use VTP transparent mode to decrease potential for operational error
- Hard set trunk mode to ON and encapsulation negotiate off for optimal convergence
- Change the native VLAN to something unused to avoid VLAN hopping
- Manually prune all VLANS except those needed
- Disable on host ports*



Virtual Trunk Protocol (VTP)

- Centralized VLAN management
- VTP server switch propagates VLAN database to VTP client switches
- Runs only on trunks
- Four modes:
 - **Server:** updates clients and servers
 - **Client:** receive updates— cannot make changes
 - **Transparent:** let updates pass through
 - **Off:** ignores VTP updates

Trunk Auto/Desirable
Takes Some Time



Dynamic Trunk Protocol (DTP)

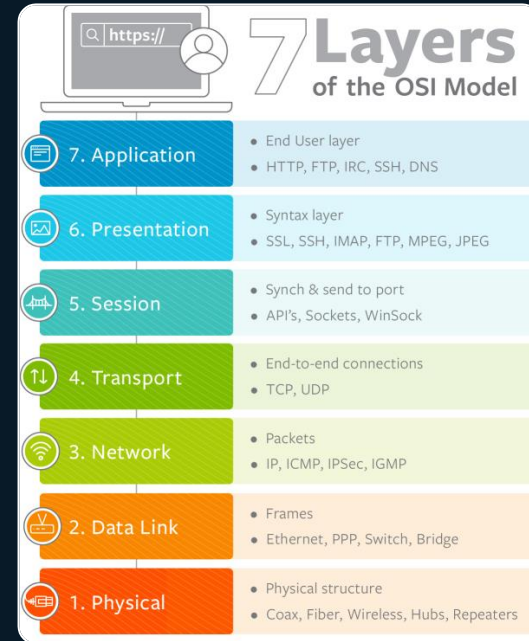
- Automatic formation of trunked switch-to-switch interconnection
 - **On**: always be a trunk
 - **Desirable**: ask if the other side can/will
 - **Auto**: if the other sides asks I will
 - **Off**: don't become a trunk



Campus Services



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 - ❖ **FHRP**
 - ❖ **Summarization**
 - ❖ **BFD**

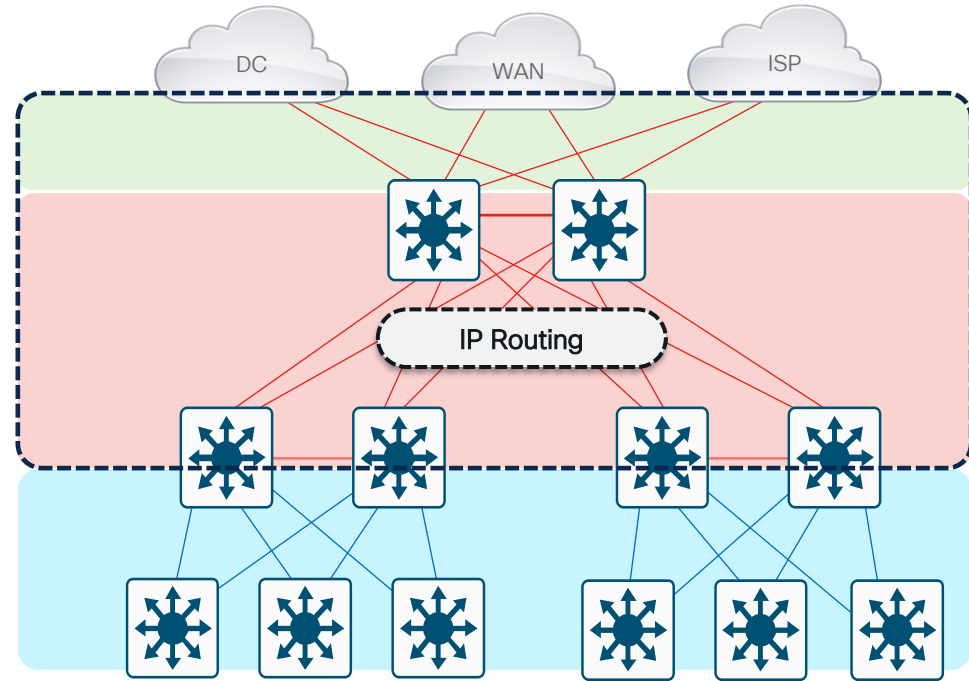


L3 Routing Protocols

Best Practices



- Typically deployed in Distribution-to-Core, and Core-to-Core interconnects
- Used to quickly re-route around failed nodes or links, while providing load balancing over redundant paths
- **Build Triangles - Not Squares for deterministic convergence**
- **Insure redundant L3 paths** to avoid black holes
- Only create peers on links that you intend to use as transit

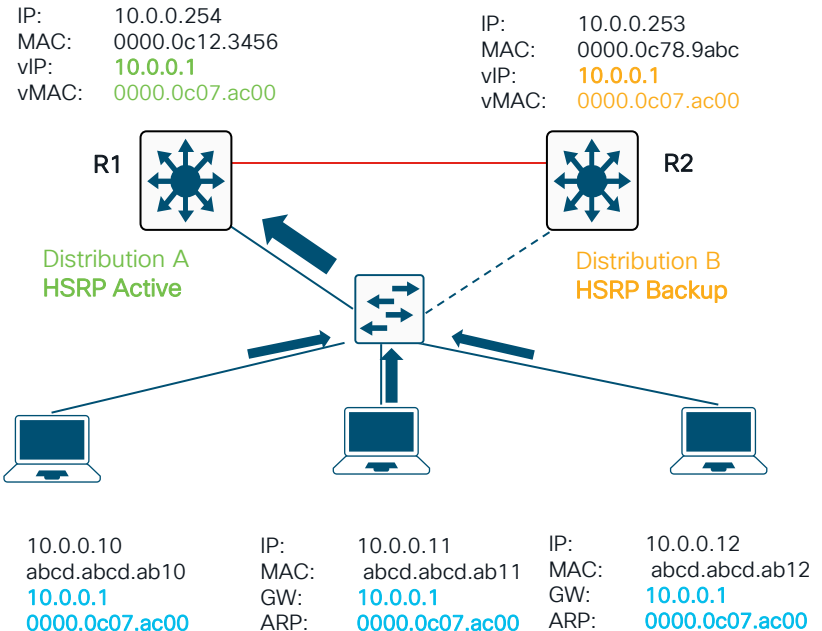


First Hop Redundancy

Hot-Standby Routing Protocol (HSRP) or Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP)

- A pair of L3 routers function as one virtual router by sharing one virtual IP address and one virtual MAC address
- One L3 router is elected as “Active” and performs packet forwarding for local hosts
- The other routers are elected as “Standby” in case the Active router fails
- Standby routers stay idle and do not participate in packet forwarding
 - Use alternating Active/Standby routers for different VLANs (known as Load-Splitting)
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R1 – Active , Forwarding traffic
R2 – Hot Standby, Idle



Redundancy and Protocol Interaction

Layer 2 and 3 - Why Use Routed Interfaces



L3 routed interface provides faster convergence than **L2 switch port** with an associated L3 SVI



1. Link Down
2. Interface Down
3. Routing Update

~ 8 msec loss

```
21:38:37.042 UTC: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface  
GigabitEthernet3/1, changed state to down
```

```
21:38:37.050 UTC: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet3/1,  
changed state to down
```

```
21:38:37.050 UTC: IP-EIGRP(Default-IP-Routing-Table:100): Callback:  
route_adjust GigabitEthernet3/1
```



1. Link Down
2. Interface Down
3. Autostate
4. SVI Down
5. Routing Update

~ 150-200 msec loss

```
21:32:47.813 UTC: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface  
GigabitEthernet2/1, changed state to down
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21:32:47.821 UTC: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet2/1,  
changed state to down
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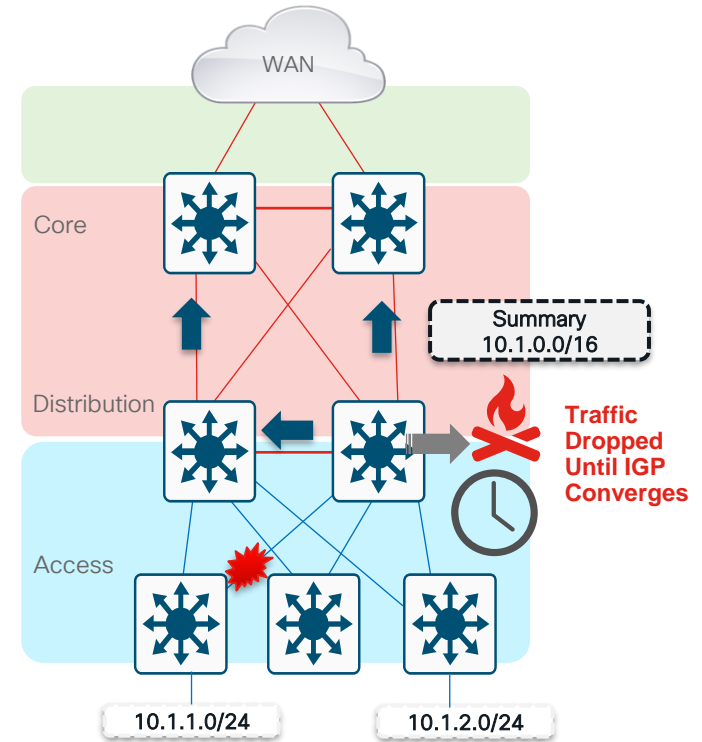
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21:32:48.069 UTC: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface Vlan301, changed state to down
```

```
21:32:48.069 UTC: IP-EIGRP(Default-IP-Routing-Table:100): Callback: route,  
adjust Vlan301
```

Why You Want to Summarize at the Distribution

Reduce the Complexity of IGP Convergence

- It is important to **force summarization** at the distribution **towards the core**
- For return path traffic an OSPF or EIGRP re-route is required
- By **limiting the number of peers** an EIGRP router must query or the number of LSAs an OSPF peer must process we can optimize his reroute
 - For **EIGRP** if we summarize at the Distribution, we stop queries at the core boxes for an Access layer flap
 - For **OSPF** when we summarize at the Distribution (area border or L1/L2 border), flooding of LSAs is limited to the Distribution: SPF now deals with one LSA not three.



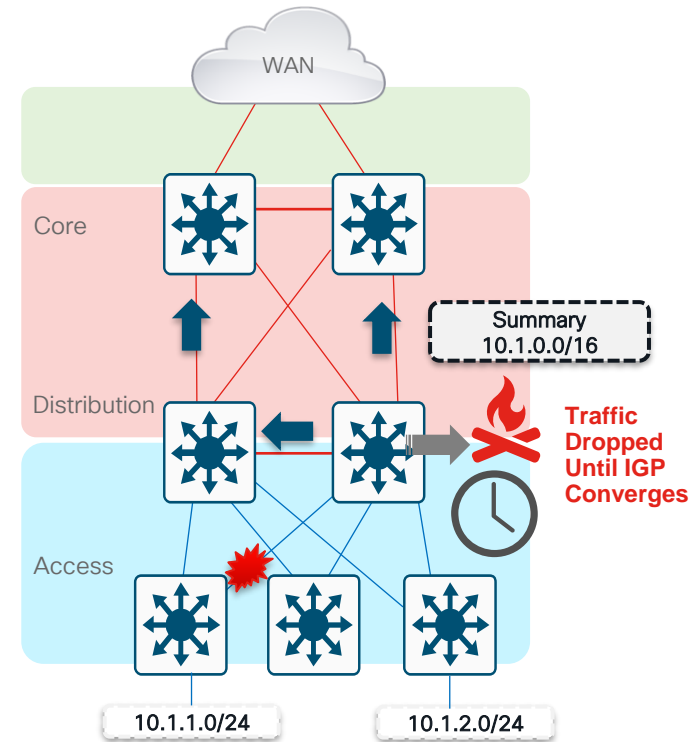
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EIGRP Example:

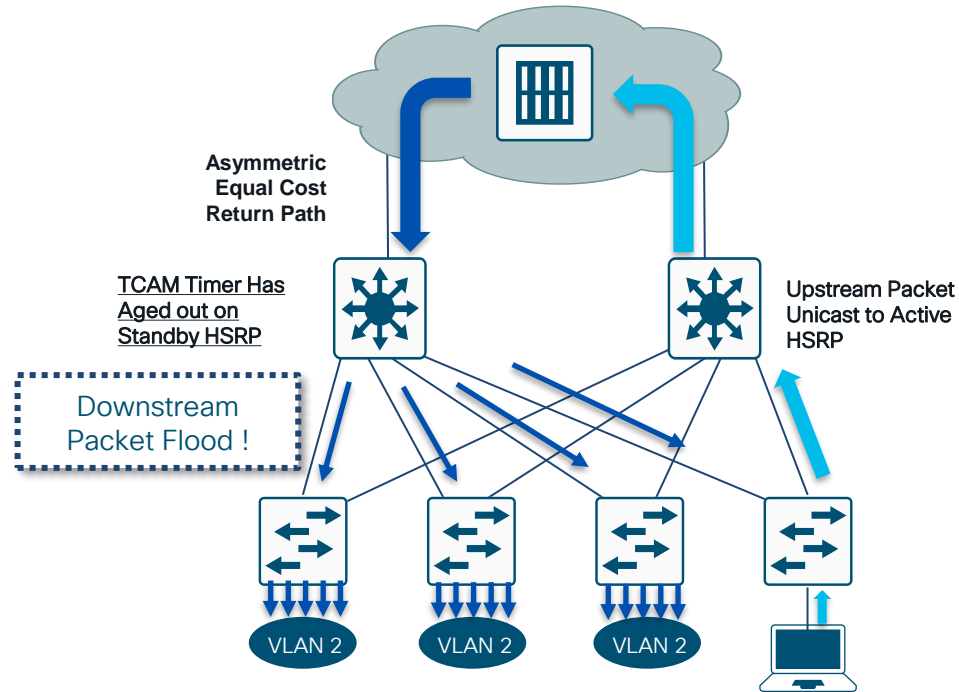
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interface Port-channell
description to Core#1
ip address 10.122.0.34 255.255.255.252
ip hello-interval eigrp 100 1
ip hold-time eigrp 100 3
ip summary-address eigrp 100 10.1.0.0 255.255.0.0 5
```



Asymmetric Routing (Unicast Flooding)

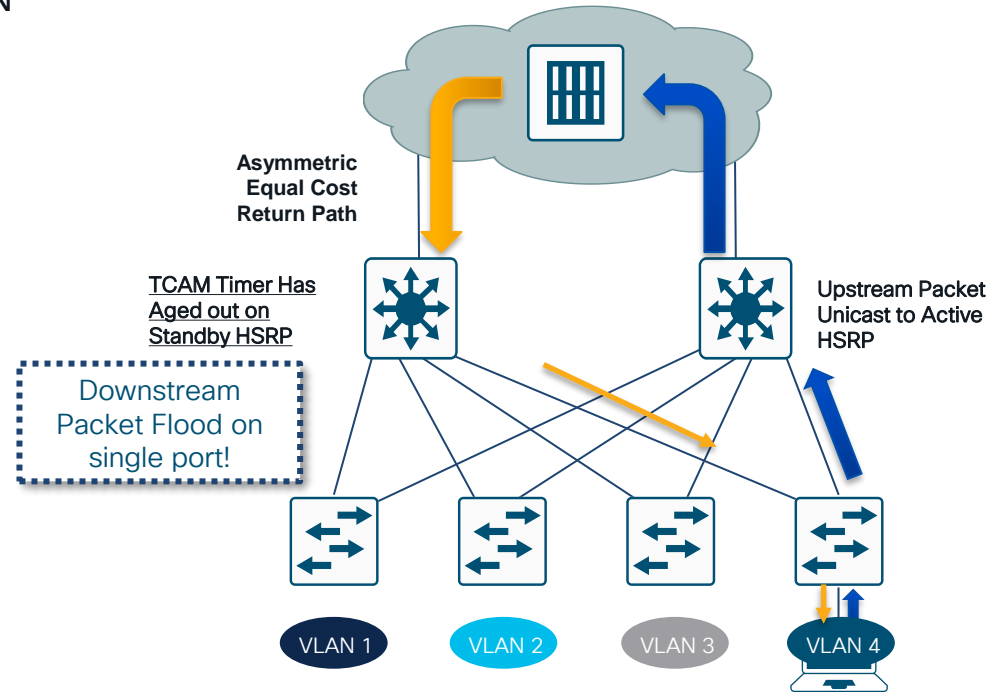
Affects redundant topologies with shared L2 access

- One path upstream and two paths downstream
- CAM table entry ages out on standby HSRP
- Without a CAM entry packet is flooded to all ports in the VLAN



Best Practices Prevent Unicast Flooding

- Assign one unique data and voice VLAN to each access switch
- Traffic is now only flooded down one trunk
- Access switch unicasts correctly; no flooding to all ports
- If you have to:
 - Tune ARP and CAM aging timers; CAM timer exceeds ARP timer
 - Bias routing metrics to remove equal cost routes

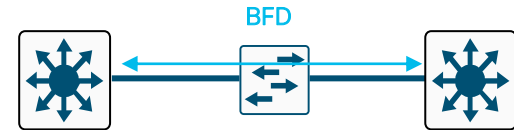


Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD)

- Detect faults between 2 routers
 - Fast (reaction time in milliseconds)
 - Single mechanism to signal upper-layer routing protocols (ISIS, BGP, OSPF, Static) that link is down
 - faster than the DEAD timer of that protocol
 - Works on directly-connected (single hop) routers, as well as routers separated by an L2 overlay (Metro Ethernet, MPLS, VPLS/Pseudowire, etc.)
 - Uses fast exchange of IP/UDP packets
 - port 3784 for control
 - port 3785 for echo
- Supports single-hop and multi-hop

The official recommendation for Catalyst 9000 switches

- 250ms x3 for physical interfaces
- 750ms x3 for SVI



```
interface Gig1/0/1
 ip address 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
 bfd interval 300 min_rx 300 multiplier 3
 ip ospf 1 area 0

router ospf 1
 bfd all-interfaces
```

Distribution Interconnection

Best Practices - Summary

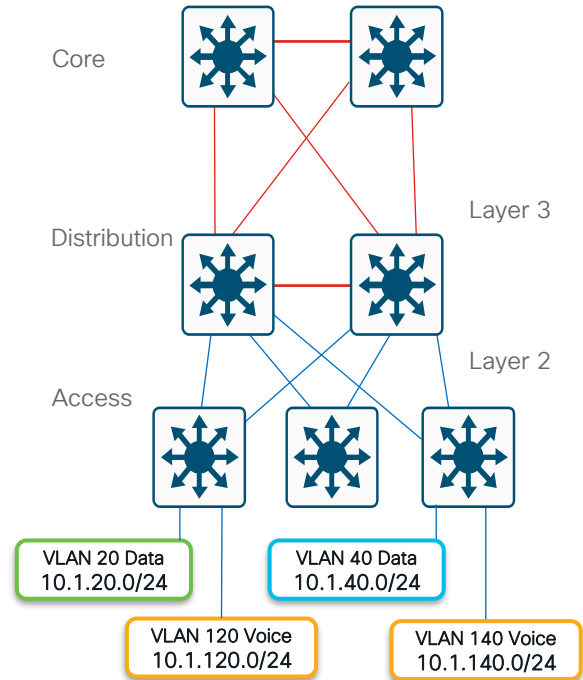


Core

Distribution

Access

- ✓ Summarize routes towards Core
- ✓ Limit redundant IGP peering
 - User EtherChannels
 - Passive interfaces to Access
- ✓ HSRP Active tuning
- ✓ Set Trunk mode on/no-negotiate
- ✓ Set EtherChannel mode on/auto
- ✓ STP Root tuning
- ✓ RootGuard or BPDU-Guard
- ✓ Limit protocols on Access ports:
 - Enable PortFast
 - Disable Trunking
 - Disable EtherChannel
- ✓ Use Port Security features



Layer 3 Distribution Interconnection

Layer 2 Access - Some VLANs Span Access Layer

Core

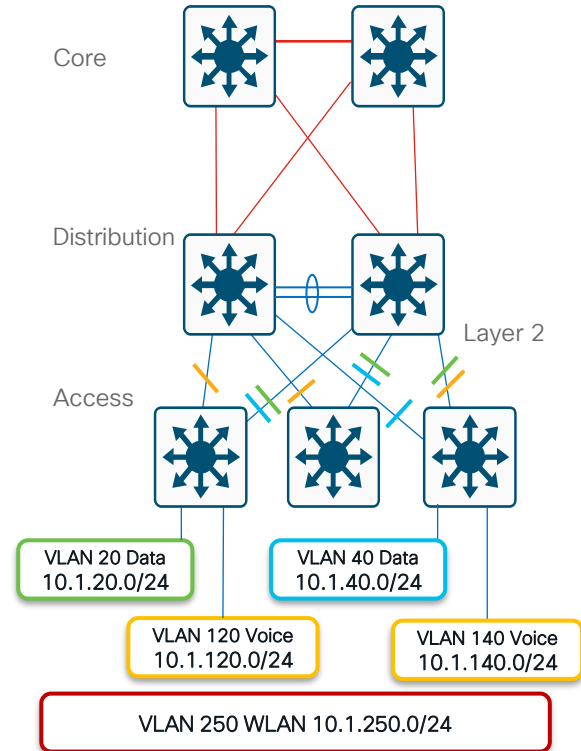
Distribution

Access

- Tune CEF load balancing
- Summarize routes towards core
- Limit redundant IGP peering
- STP Root and HSRP primary or GLBP and STP port cost tuning to load balance on uplinks
- Set trunk mode on/no-negotiate
- Disable Ether Channel unless needed
- RootGuard on downlinks
- LoopGuard on uplinks
- Set port host on access

Layer ports:

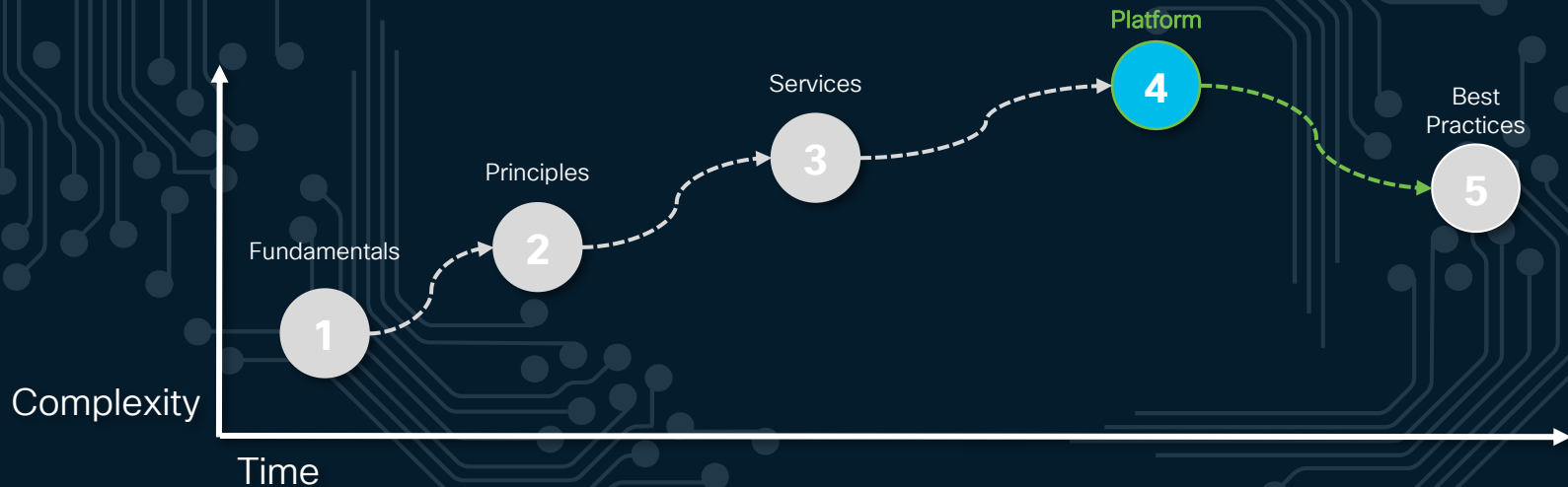
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- Enable PortFast
- RootGuard or BPDU-Guard
- Use security features



Session Agenda

Design Fundamentals

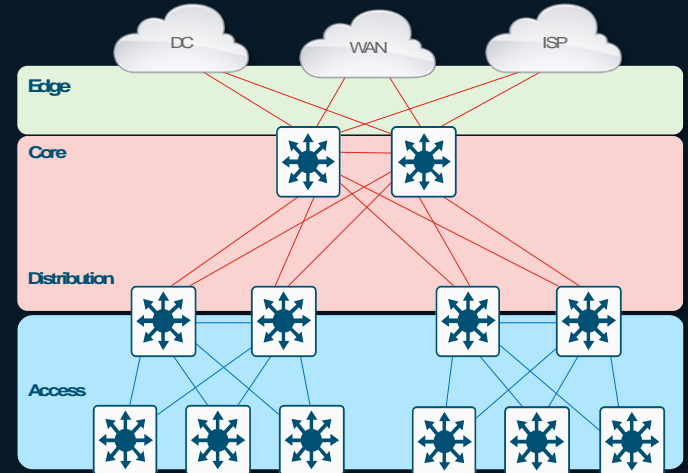
Design Considerations



Platform Design



- ❖ Chassis Considerations
- ❖ Cabling Considerations
- ❖ Feature Considerations



Platform Design



❖ Chassis Considerations

- ❖ Catalyst 9k (Overview)
- ❖ Software vs. Hardware
- ❖ Modular vs. Fixed

❖ Cabling Considerations

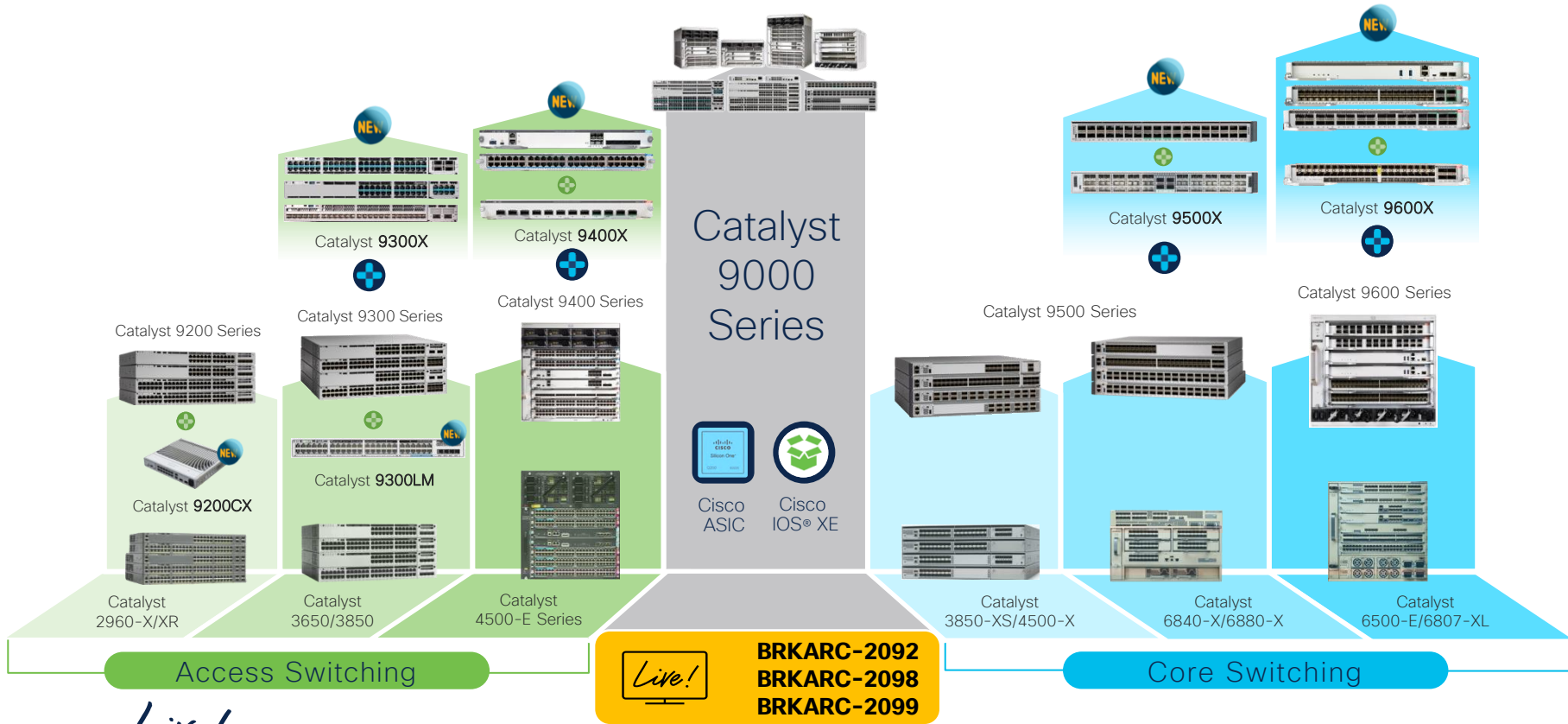
❖ Feature Considerations



Cisco Catalyst 9000 Switching Portfolio

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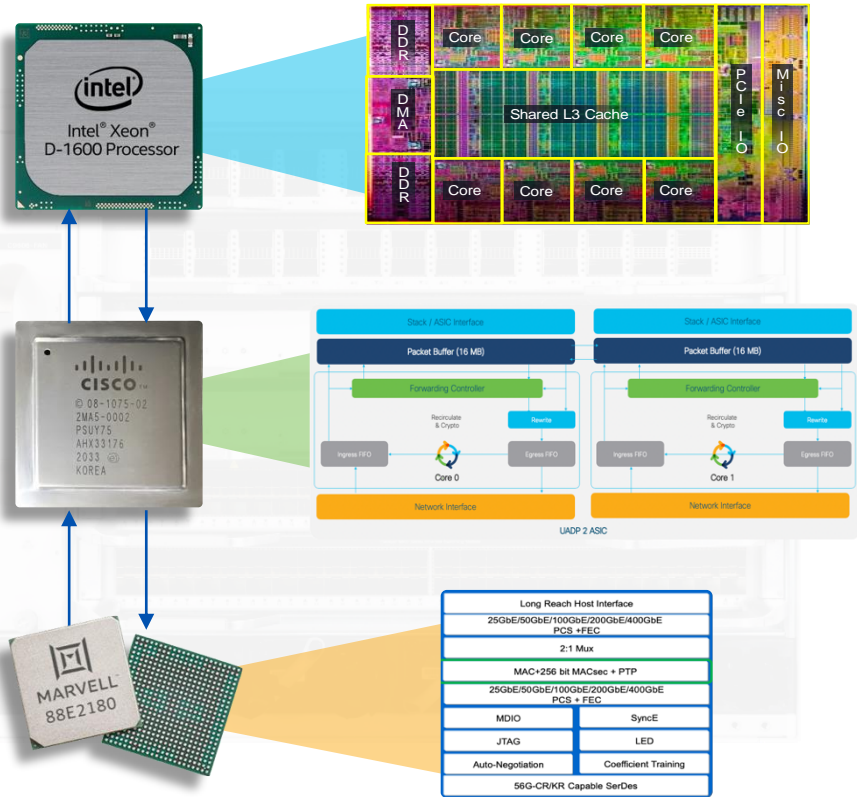
One Family from Access to Core – Common Hardware & Software



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Software vs. Hardware

What to look at when selecting the Switch



CPU/DRAM

Where the OS “software” runs. Includes control-plane, data-plane and system-management functions.

- **OS layer** – IOSXE (IOSd) and Features, etc.
- **System layer** – FMAN, CMAN, IOMD, FED, etc.

ASIC(s) – Application Specific Integrated Circuit

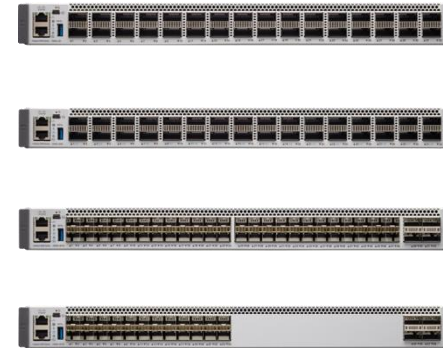
Where the “hardware” processing of traffic & services runs. Uses forwarding and state tables programmed by the software.

- **Forwarding** – L2, L3, ECMP, Encap, etc.
- **Services** – ACLs, QoS, Analytics, Encryption, etc.

Stub/PHY(s)

Transforms electrical and optical signals, splits or combines signals, and other various “physical” layer functions, such as encryption and timestamping.

Modular vs. Fixed Platforms



Modular

PROs

- **More Flexible**
- Longer Life-Cycle
- Higher Port Density
- More Power/Cooling
- Redundant Processors

CONs

- **More Complex**
- BW limit by Chassis
- Slow(er) Dev & Test
- Lower MTBF
- Higher COGs

Fixed

PROs

- **Less Complex**
- Swap Chassis for BW
- Faster Dev & Test
- Higher MTBF
- Lower COGs

CONs

- **Less Flexible**
- Shorter Life-Cycle
- Lower Port Density
- Less Power/Cooling
- Single Processor

Modular Platform Features & Benefits

Redundancy, Expansion, Efficiency & Flexibility



Highest Resiliency



- Redundant Supervisors
- StackWise® Virtual
- Easy Upgrades with ISSU & GIR
- Redundant Fans (Fan-Tray)
- Redundant PSUs (1:1, N+1)



Highest Flexibility



- SUP1 for Small Designs
- SUP2/XL for Large Designs
- Custom ASIC Scale Templates
- Traditional Multi-Layer Designs
- Fabric Overlay Designs



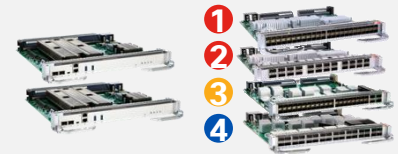
Highest Efficiency



- Lowest Watts per Port
- 3000W Power Supplies
- Titanium Rated (95%) PSUs
- AC and/or DC Power
- Configurable Power Priority



Longest Lifecycle



- Start w/ SUP1 & few Gen1 LCs
 - Add Gen1 LCs as Access grows
 - Replace SUP1 with SUP2
 - Gen1 LCs get a 2X boost
- Add new Gen2 LCs as Core grows



Most Port Options

Mixes of RJ45, SFP & QSFP



C9600-LC-40YL4CD
40x 50G SFP + 2x 100G + 2x 400G QSFP



C9600X-LC-32CD
32x 100G or 24x + 8x 400G QSFP



C9400-LC-48XS
48x 1/10G SFP

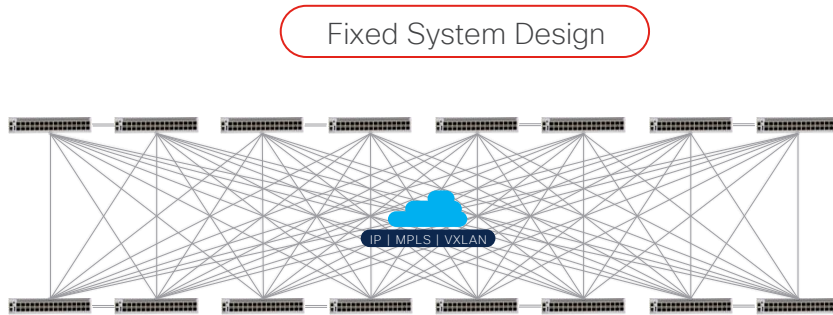


C9400-LC-48HX
48 x 10G mGig + UPOE®

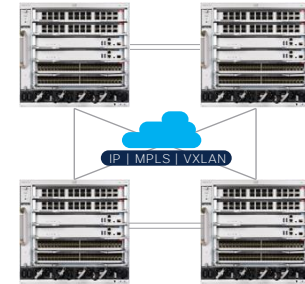
Modular Design for Large Campus

Architecture Perspective – Full Mesh vs. Hierarchical Design

- Static
- Costly
- Complex



Modular System Design



- Simple
- Scalable
- Sustainable

Modular System Benefits



Sustainable

Reduce Energy Demand
Reduce Carbon footprint
Environmental efficient



Cost

Reduce cost – CAPEX | OPEX
License & Service Management
Reduce product life-cycle TCO



Operation

Proven for large Enterprise
Day 0 – N scalable architecture
Simplified Tools and Management



Flexible

Pay-As-You-Grow model
Elastic Aggregation. Static Core.
Simple and large L2 boundaries



Resilient

Non-stop communication
Protected network performance
Reduced MTTR and MTBF

Catalyst 9200/CX, 9300/X & 9400/X

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Catalyst 9000 Series Switching Family – Access

Minhaj Uddin – Leader Technical Marketing, Cisco

This session will cover the platform overview of Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series switches.

It will share the details of the Catalyst 9000 product portfolio, which will include new additions in fixed and modular access series – Catalyst 9200/CX, Catalyst 9300/X, and Catalyst 9400/X.

The session will talk about the component at the heart of these switches, which is the ASIC. It will also cover common attributes, technologies, and features in the Catalyst 9000 Series switches.

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Cisco Catalyst Access Switching Positioning

Secure, resilient campus	Business-critical branch	Simple branch
<p>Catalyst® 9400 Catalyst 9300</p> <p>SD-Access SD-Access extended nodes</p>	<p>Catalyst 9300X Branch-Inline-Box No router</p> <p>Catalyst 9300L Fabric-Inline-Box External router</p> <p>SD-Access</p>	<p>Border + Control plane Edge Catalyst 9200</p> <p>SD-Access</p>
<p>Choose Catalyst 9400 Series or Catalyst 9300 Series modular uplink models (C9300X and C9300) models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed for security, mobility, IoT, and cloudHigh availability, ETA, application hosting	<p>Choose: A) Catalyst 9300 Series fixed uplink models (C9300L models) with external router</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Full security with VisibilityHigh availability, ETA, application hosting <p>B) Catalyst 9300X models for complete branch solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">IPsec, firewall, additional app hosting	<p>Consider Catalyst 9200 Series (C9200 and C9200L models)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Extend automation and policyLimited VRFs
<p>Choose Catalyst 9400 or 9300/9300L for innovations in Intent-Based Networking (IBN)</p> <p>Full SD-Access, Fabric-Inline-Box, Embedded Wireless Controller</p> <p>Wireless Assurance, SD-Access, AVC</p> <p>ETA, MACsec-256</p> <p>On-box app hosting</p> <p>HA, 100 Gbit/s, StackPower, Cisco LPOE1</p>	<p>Entry point for IBN</p> <p>SD-Access, fabric edge, Full NetFlow</p>	

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Catalyst 9500/X & 9600/X

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Catalyst 9000 Series Switching Family - Core & Distribution

Kenny Lei - Leader Technical Marketing, Cisco

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It will share the details of the Catalyst 9000 Series product portfolio, which will include new additions in fixed and modular core and distribution switching series: **Catalyst 9500/X** and **Catalyst 9600/X**.

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Catalyst 9000 Series Core Portfolio

	UADP 3.0	Silicon One Q200
Core + Distribution	Catalyst 9600 C9600-SUP-1 C9600-LC-24C C9600-LC-48YL	Catalyst 9500 C9500-32C / C9500-32QC 32 x 40/100G Ports C9500-48Y4C / C9500-24Y4C 48 x 1/10/25G & 4 x 40/100G Ports
Core + Campus Edge	Catalyst 9600X C9600X-SUP-2 C9600X-LC-32CD C9600X-LC-56YL4C	Catalyst 9500X C9500X-28C8D 28 x 40/100G & 8 x 100/400G Ports C9500X-60L4D 60 x 10/25/50G & 4 x 100/400G Ports
	Total capacity 4.8 Tbps Slot bandwidth 1.2 Tbps	Highest capacity 3.2 Tbps
	Total capacity 12.8 Tbps Slot bandwidth 3.2 Tbps	Highest capacity 6 Tbps

IOS-XE 17.7.1 (Catalyst 9600X)
IOS-XE 17.7.1 (Catalyst 9500X)
IOS-XE 17.10.1 (Catalyst 9500X-60L4D)
IOS-XE 17.13.1 (Catalyst 9600X-LC-56YL4C)

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Platform Design



Principles

Platform

❖ Chassis Considerations

❖ Cabling Considerations

- ❖ Why 2.5, 5 & 10G?
- ❖ Why 25G & 50G?
- ❖ Why 100G & 400G?

❖ Feature Considerations

Category 5, 6 & 7

Unshielded (UTP) | Shielded (STP)

RJ45 (Access to Endpoints)

Category	Frequency	Distance	Data Rate	Shielding
5E	100-350 MHz	100m	1000 Mbps	UTP or STP
6	250-550 MHz	100 - 100m	10 Gbps	UTP or STP
6A	500-550 MHz	100m	10 Gbps	UTP or STP
7	600 MHz	100m	10 Gbps	Shielded only

OM3, OM4 & OM5

Multi-Mode (MMF) | Single-Mode (SMF) | Wave-Division Multiplex (WDM)

SFP (Access & Distribution) | **QSFP** (Core & Edge)

Multimode

- Short distance cable runs (less than 1000m)
- High bandwidth support
- Higher cable cost
- Lower electronics cost
- Easier to terminate due to larger core size

Single Mode

- Long distance cable runs (greater than 1000m)
- Highest bandwidth support
- Lower cable cost
- Higher electronics cost
- Harder to terminate due to smaller core size

10M

100M

Copper vs. Fiber Media



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Category 5, 6 & 7

Unshielded (UTP)

Shielded (STP)

RJ45 (Access to Endpoints)



Cat6A
(Offset Wires)

Cat5E
(Flush Wires)



Category	Frequency	Distance	Data Rate	Shielding
5E	100-350 MHz	100m	1000 Mbps	UTP or STP
6	250-550 MHz	1G - 100m 10G - 50m	1 Gbps 10 Gbps	UTP or STP
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OM3, OM4 & OM5

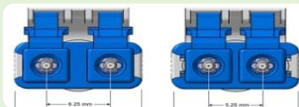
Multi-Mode (MMF)

Single-Mode (SMF)

Wave-Division Multiplex (WDM)

SFP (Access & Distribution)

QSFP (Core & Edge)



SFP-LC
LC Duplex

mSFP
Mini LC Duplex



SMF



MPO12
12 Fibers

MPO24
24 Fibers



Single-Mode Color Coded Boots on MTP

Red - 24 Fiber

Black - 12 Fiber

Gray - 8 Fiber



MMF



Multimode Color Coded Boots on MTP

Red - 24 Fiber

Blue - 12 Fiber

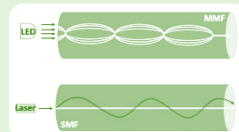
Gray - 8 Fiber

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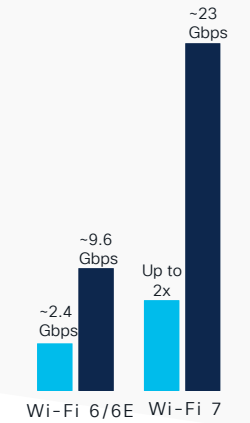
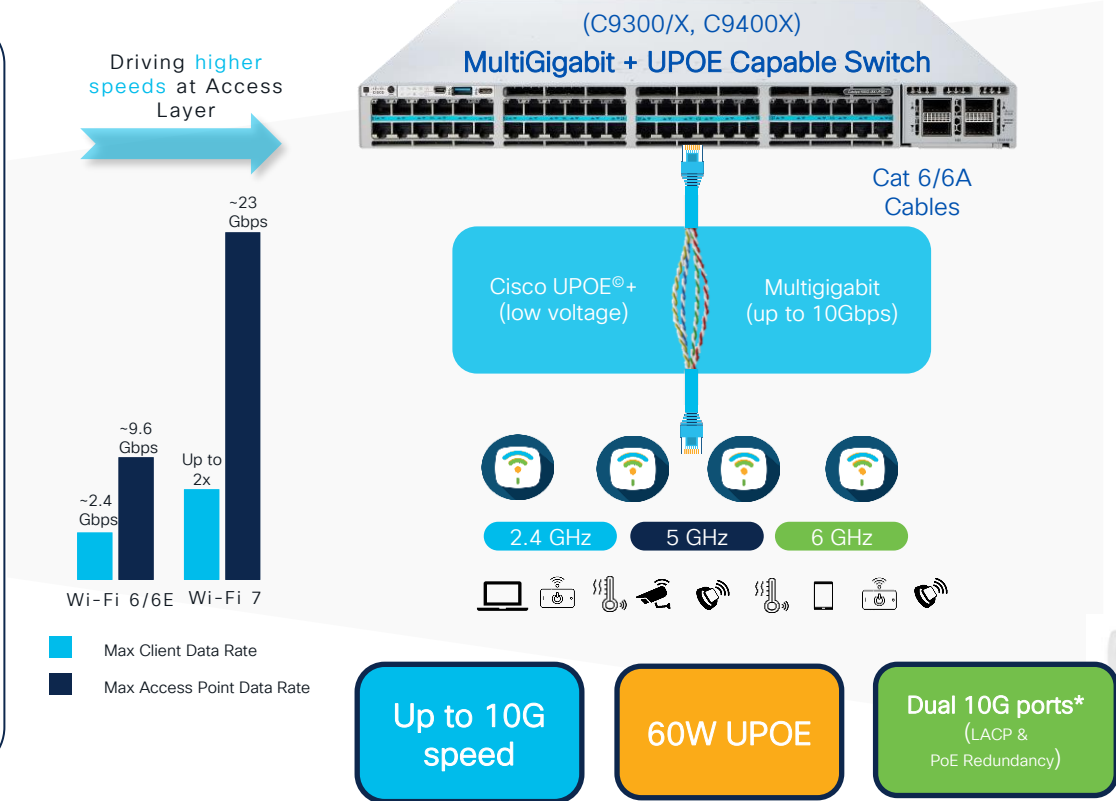
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Higher Speeds driving Multi-Gigabit Access

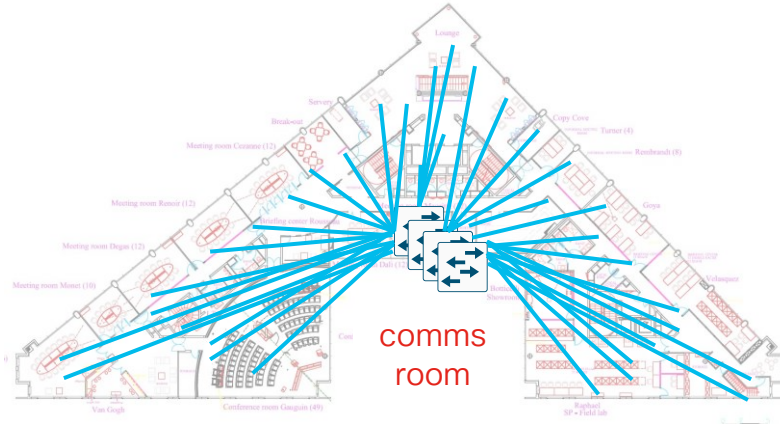
Future Proof with Speed and More Power Over Ethernet



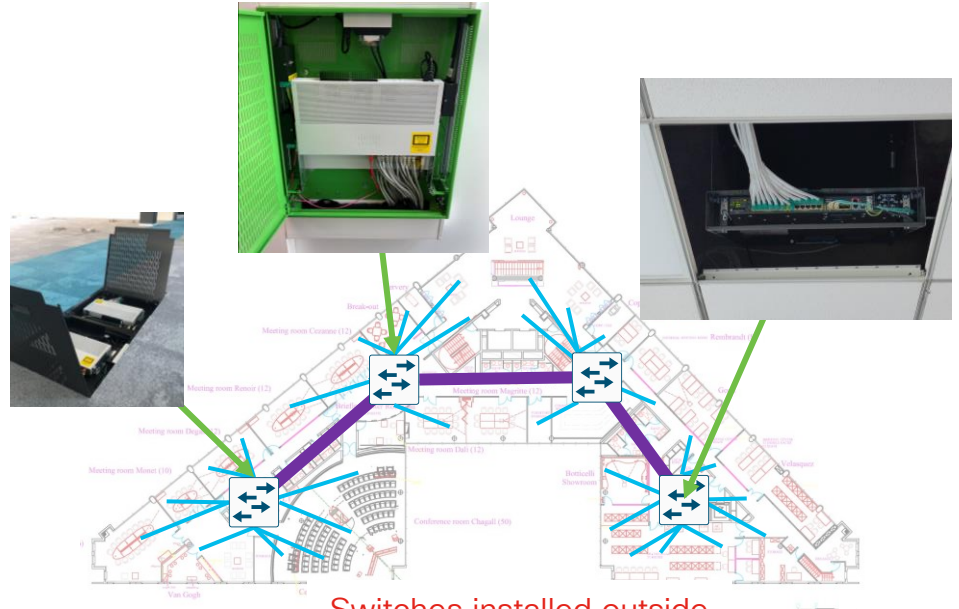
Fiber To The Active Consolidation Point

EcoFlex'IT™

Upgrading Fiber/Ethernet cabling can be costly

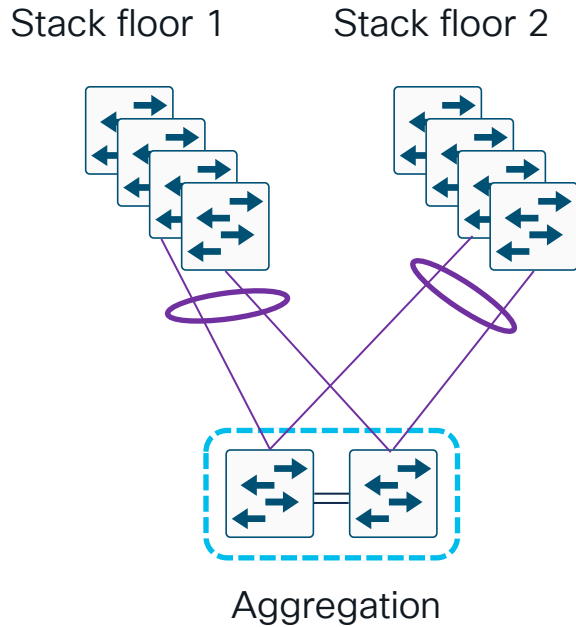


Traditional deployment

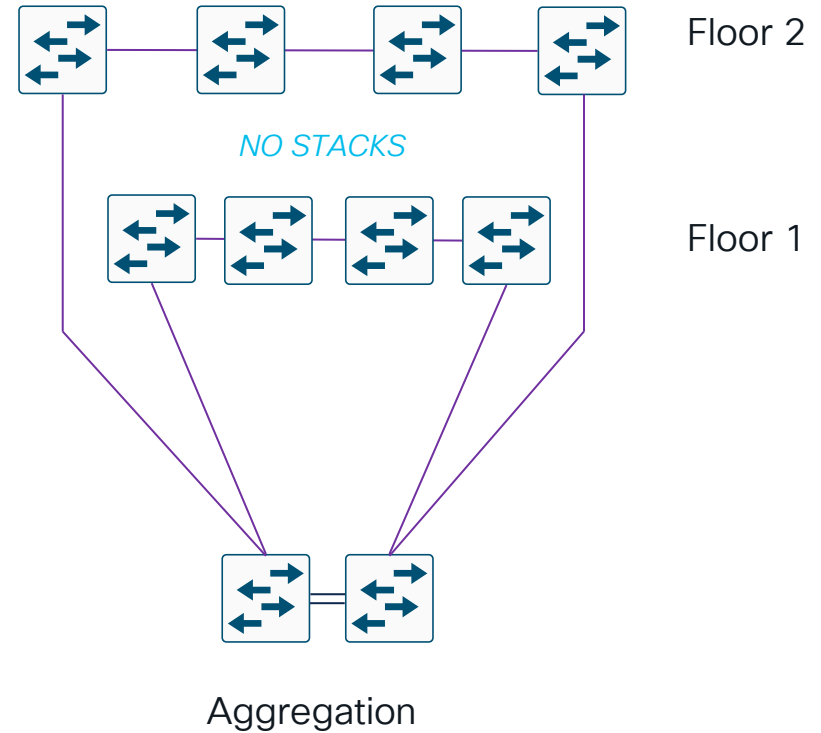


FTTACP-EcoFlex'IT™ deployment

FTTACP-EcoFlex'IT™ impact...

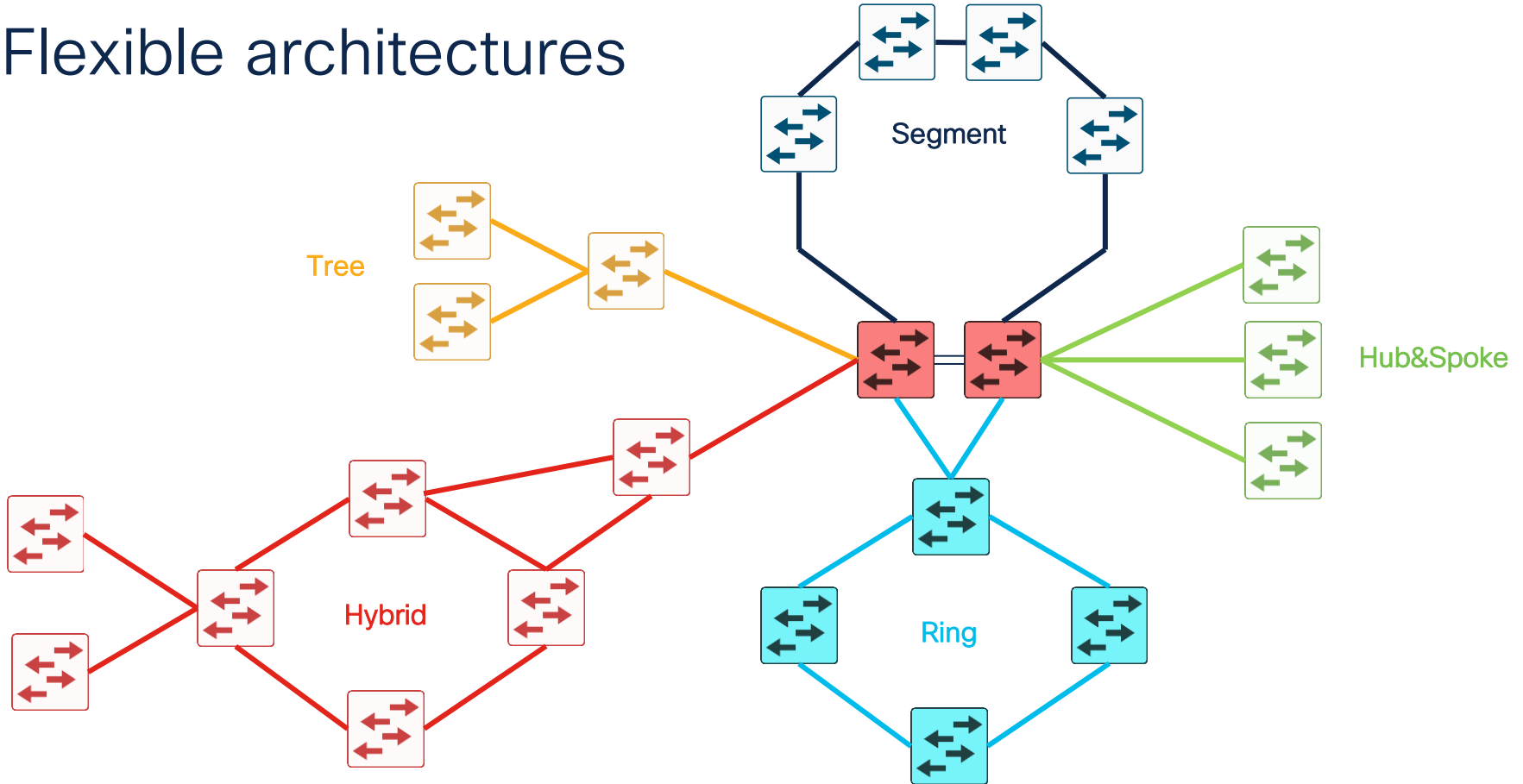


Traditional deployment



FTTACP-EcoFlex'IT™ deployment

Flexible architectures



Sustainable Enterprise

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Cisco SD-Access for the Sustainable Enterprise

Jerome Durand - Technical Solutions Architect, Cisco

What if I told you that it's possible to remove comms rooms in your building floors, make associated air conditioning energy savings, increase usable surface in your premises, and drastically decrease the amount of copper wires and inherent cost. Would that trigger some appetite? What if I told you now that you can do all this and at the same time fully automate your network infrastructure, get more flexibility, and increase resiliency and security with micro-segmentation. Is this too good to be true? Come and see how Cisco SD-Access can be leveraged to improve sustainability and make building smarter.



No more comms rooms - What can be done?



All use 5 to 7 times less RJ45 cable used compared to ISO
All available in Cisco Portfolio



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25GE & 50GE - A Better Alternative

Provide a seamless migration path from 1/10GE SFP

Designation	Speed
L	50GE
Y	25GE
X	10GE

Catalyst 9600



C9600X-SUP2 & LC-40YL4CD



C9600-SUP1 & LC-48YL

Catalyst 9500



C9500X-60L4D



C9500-48Y4C

Catalyst 9400



C9400X-SUP2XL



C9400-SUP1XL-Y

Catalyst 9300



C9300X-NM-8Y



C9300-NM-2Y



Reduced CapEx through reuse of existing cabling



Single-Lane optics provide port densities similar to 10G



Gradual migration options with support for Dual-Rate optics



Reduced OpEx through savings in power and cooling

100GE & 400GE – A Better Alternative

Provide a seamless migration path from 40GE QSFP

Designation	Speed
D	400GE
C	100GE
Q	40GE

Catalyst 9600



C9600X-SUP2 & LC-32CD



C9600-SUP1 & LC-24C

Catalyst 9500



C9500X-28C8D



C9500-32C

Catalyst 9400



C9400X-SUP2XL



C9400-SUP1XL

Catalyst 9300



C9300X-NM-4C



C9300X-NM-2C



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Platform Design

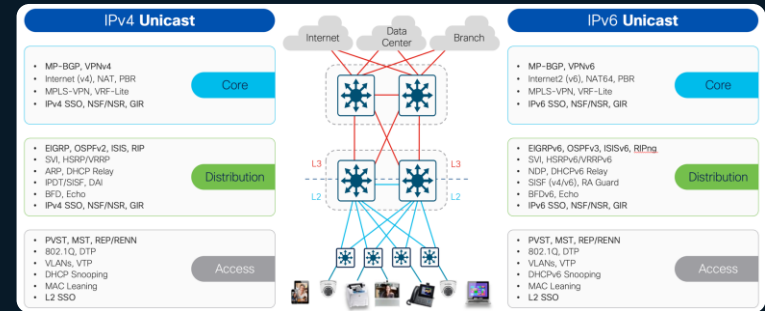


❖ Chassis Considerations

❖ Cabling Considerations

❖ Feature Considerations

- ❖ Unicast (IPv4/IPv6)
- ❖ Multicast (IPv4/IPv6)
- ❖ Quality of Service (QoS)



Campus Networks

L2/L3 Unicast Technologies

IPv4 Unicast

- MP-BGP, VPNv4
- Internet (v4), NAT, PBR
- MPLS-VPN, VRF-Lite
- IPv4 SSO, NSF/NSR, GIR

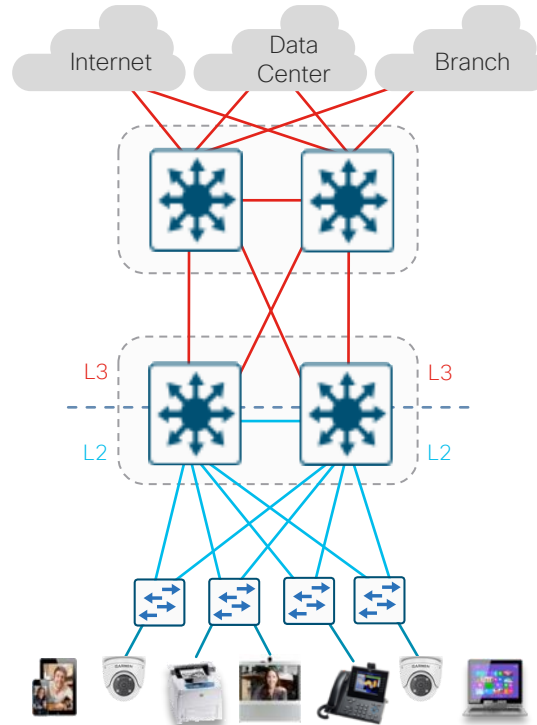
Core

- EIGRP, OSPFv2, ISIS, RIP
- SVI, HSRP/VRRP
- ARP, DHCP Relay
- IPDT/SISF, DA1
- BFD, Echo
- IPv4 SSO, NSF/NSR, GIR

Distribution

- PVST, MST, REP/RENN
- 802.1Q, DTP
- VLANs, VTP
- DHCP Snooping
- MAC Leaning
- L2 SSO

Access



IPv6 Unicast

- MP-BGP, VPNv6
- Internet2 (v6), NAT64, PBR
- MPLS-VPN, VRF-Lite
- IPv6 SSO, NSF/NSR, GIR

Core

- EIGRPv6, OSPFv3, ISISv6, RIPng
- SVI, HSRPv6/VRRPv6
- NDP, DHCPv6 Relay
- SISF (v4/v6), RA Guard
- BFDv6, Echo
- IPv6 SSO, NSF/NSR, GIR

Distribution

- PVST, MST, REP/RENN
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- L2 SSO

Access

Understanding L2 Scale

MAC Address Scale

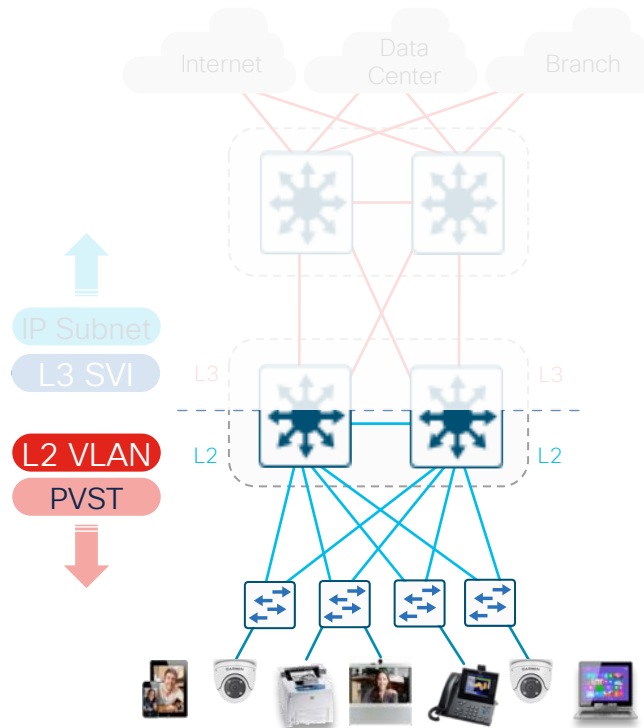


Soft recommendation for
Access to Distribution $\leq 20:1$

- Each unique **Endpoint** (Host) will have 1x **MAC address**
- Access: # Hosts = # MAC
- All **MACs** are learned on **Distribution** (STP Root)
- Distro: Sum of # Access

1-1.5K x 20

SUM: **20-30K MACs**



Campus Networks

L2/L3 Multicast Technologies

IPv4 Multicast

- PIM-SM, SSM and Bidir
- AutoRP, BSR RP, MSDP
- MVPN, Multicast VRF-Lite
- Multicast load splitting
- IPv4 multicast HA

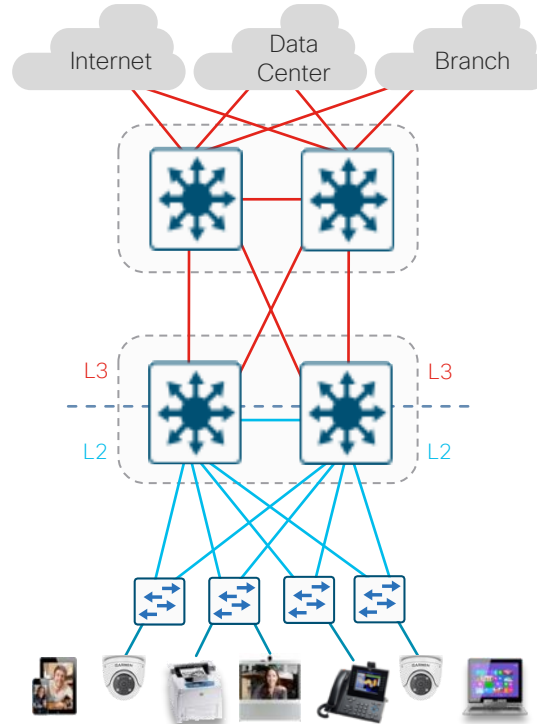
Core

- Dual-stack IPv4 / IPv6
- PIM-SM, SSM and Bidir
- IGMPv2,v3 snooping
- Stub multicast routing
- PIM BFD
- IPv4 multicast HA

Distribution

- IGMP v1,v2,v3 snooping
- IPv4 multicast QoS & ACL
- IGMP v1,v2 filtering

Access



IPv6 Multicast

- PIM-SM and SSM
- IPv6 BSR RP
- IPv6 embedded RP
- IPv6 multicast HA

Core

- Dual-stack IPv4 / IPv6
- PIM-SM and SSM
- MLDv1,v2 snooping
- HW register and RPF
- HSRP-aware PIM
- IPv6 multicast HA

Distribution

- MLD v1,v2 snooping
- IPv6 multicast QoS & ACL
- MLD v1,v2 filtering

Access

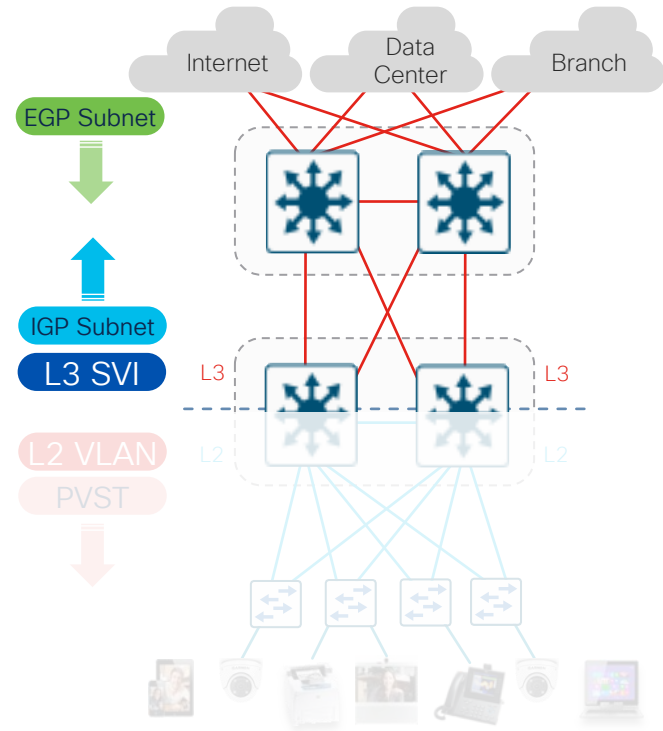
Understanding L3 Scale

IP Route Scale



Soft recommendation for
Access to Distribution $\leq 20:1$
Distribution to Core $\leq 4:1$

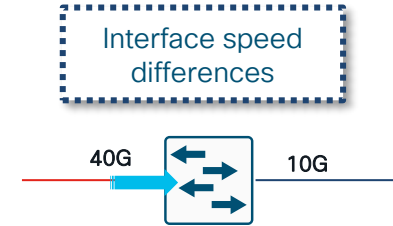
- Each unique **Endpoint** (Host) will have 1x **ARP** (and/or 3+ **NDP**)
- All **ARP/NDP** resolve on **Distribution** (L3 SVI)
 - Distro: Sum of # Access = $1-3K \times 20 = 20-60K$
 - VLANs: 5-10 per Access = $4-5 \times 20 = 100-200$
- All **SVI + WAN/DC** (x VRF) **Subnets on Core**
 - Core(Site): Sum of # Distro = $10-20 \times 200 = 2K-4K$
 - WAN/DC: Sum of # Sites = $10-20 \times 2K = 20K-40K$
 - Internet: Feb. 2025 = $\sim 990K$ IPv4, $\sim 220K$ IPv6



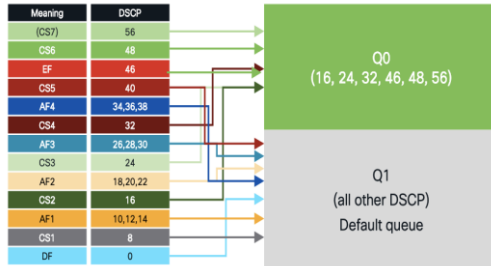
Transmit Queue Congestion

The Case for Campus QoS

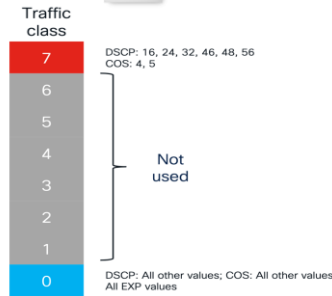
- The primary role of QoS in Campus networks is to manage packet loss
- In Campus networks - it takes only a few *milliseconds* of congestion to cause drops
- Rich media applications (audio/video) are extremely sensitive to packet drops



UADP 2.0/3.0 QoS



S1 Q200 QoS



Design Fundamentals

Access Layer - Queuing with Cisco Catalyst Center Application Policy

- ❖ Application Policy can be used to implement QoS
- ❖ Goes beyond default policies by deploying policies based on the “intent” of an organization

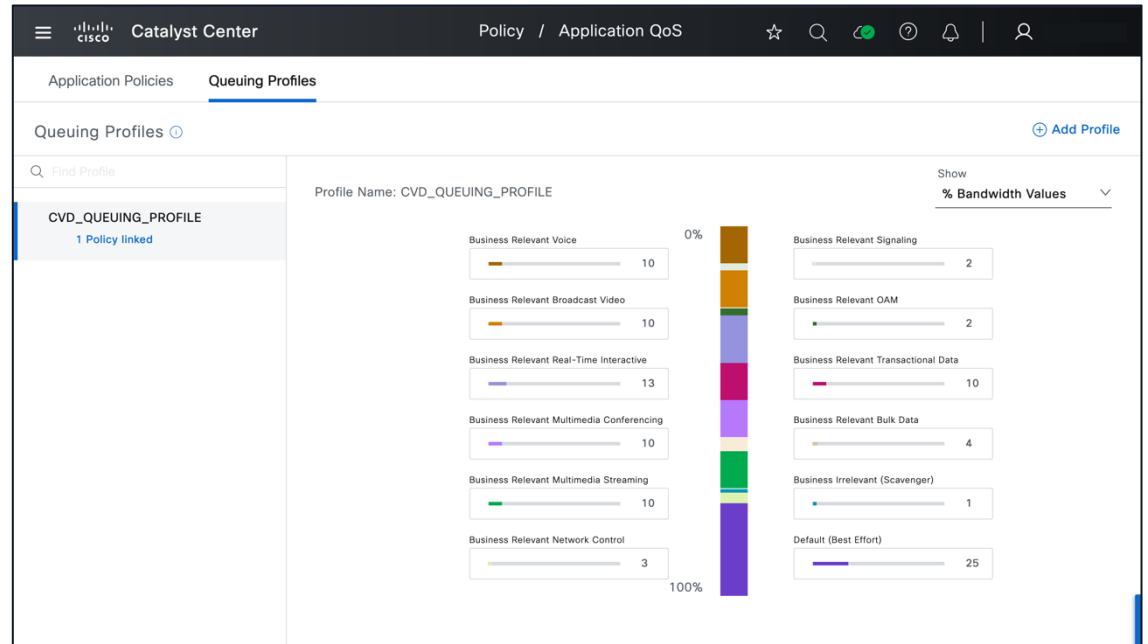
The screenshot shows the Cisco Catalyst Center interface for configuring Application QoS. The top navigation bar includes the Cisco logo, 'Catalyst Center', and 'Policy / Application QoS'. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'Application Policies' and 'Queuing Profiles'. The main content area is titled 'Application QoS Policy Name' and shows a 'default' policy. There are radio buttons for 'Wired' (selected) and 'Wireless'. A search bar for 'Find Application / Application Set' is present. The interface is divided into three columns: 'Business Relevant (16)', 'Default (6)', and 'Business Irrelevant (6)'. Each column contains a list of application categories with their respective application counts and star ratings. For example, 'authentication-services' has 40 applications and 1 star, while 'file-sharing' has 34 applications and 2 stars. At the bottom right, there are 'Close' and 'Deploy' buttons.

Category	Applications	Stars
authentication-services	40	1
backup-and-storage	14	0
collaboration-apps	64	0
database-apps	34	0
desktop-virtualization-apps	18	0
email	29	0
enterprise-ipc	20	0
file-sharing	34	2
general-browsing	14	0
general-media	12	0
general-misc	494	0
software-updates	15	0
tunneling	22	0
consumer-browsing	226	0
consumer-file-sharing	39	0
consumer-gaming	15	0
consumer-media	101	0
consumer-misc	11	0
consumer-social-networking	16	0

Design Fundamentals

Access Layer - Queuing with Cisco Catalyst Center Queueing Profile

- ❖ Application Policies and Queueing Profiles can be custom and could be defined per site/group of sites



Catalyst 9000 Switching QoS

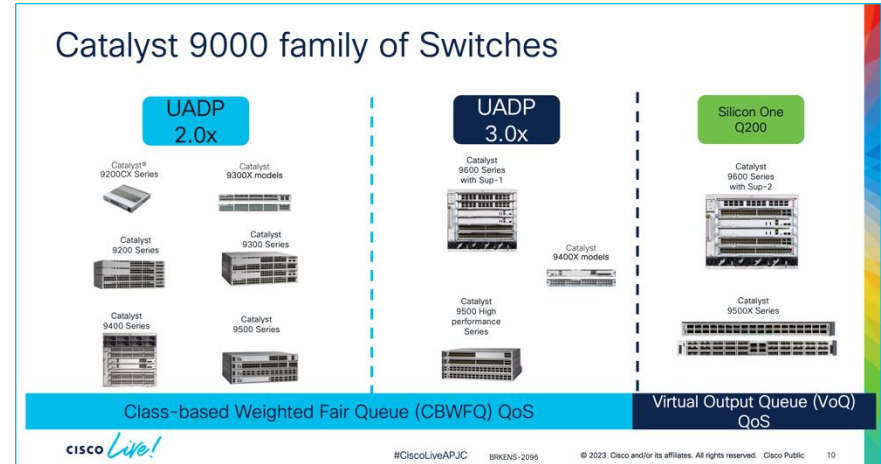
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Cisco Catalyst 9000 Switching QoS Deep Dive

Ninad Diwakar - Technical Marketing, Cisco

This session will deep dive into the QoS model used in the Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series of switches powered by the Cisco UADP and Cisco Silicon One Q200 ASICs.

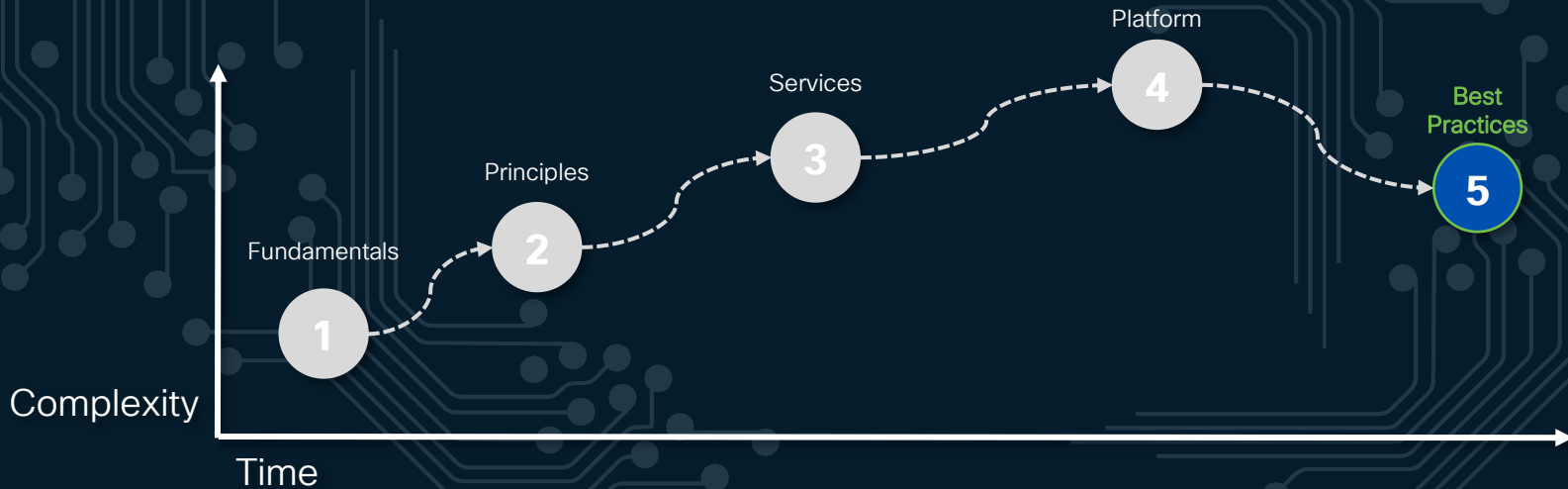
The session will cover platform-specific designs for classification, policing, and ingress and egress queueing policies which are applicable to the Catalyst 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500 and the 9600 switches. To close things off, the session will cover thought processes to be followed for migration configurations from Catalyst 6500 Series switches over to the Catalyst 9500/9600 Series switches.



Session Agenda

Design Fundamentals

Design Considerations



Design

Best Practices



- ❖ LAN High Availability
- ❖ LAN Security
- ❖ Virtual Networking

Best Practices



❖ LAN High Availability

- ❖ SSO / NSF
- ❖ StackWise and StackWise Virtual
- ❖ mLAG
- ❖ In-Service Software Upgrades (ISSUs)
- ❖ Extended Fast Software Upgrade (xFSU)
- ❖ Power Redundancy

❖ LAN Security

❖ Virtual Networking

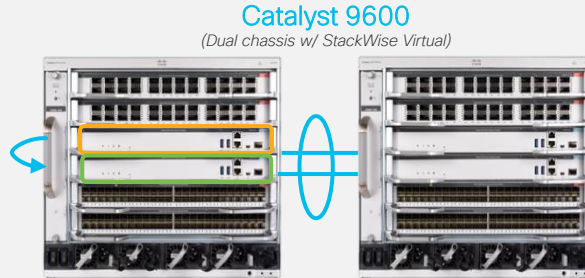
Mission-Critical Resiliency

Your business stops if the network is down



Cost of only one hour of downtime to an average enterprise > \$300,000**

** Based on industry reports from Gartner and ITIC



Catalyst 9600

(Dual chassis w/ StackWise Virtual)



Catalyst 9300, 9400 & 9500

Architecture

StackWise® & StackWise Virtual

- Virtualized redundant systems for simplified configuration & protocols

Graceful Insertion/Removal (GIR)

- No downtime when device in maintenance mode

Operating System

Software Maintenance Upgrade (SMU)

- Minimal or no downtime patches

In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU)

- Minimal or no traffic loss upgrade

Extended Fast Software Upgrade (xFSU) on C9300/L Stack

- < 5 sec downtime - Stack upgrade

Platform

Redundant Control & Data-Plane

- Dual Sup or Stack SSO/NSF
- SVL with Quad-SUP RPR

Redundant Power & Fans

- N+1 or Combined mode

StackPower for StackWise

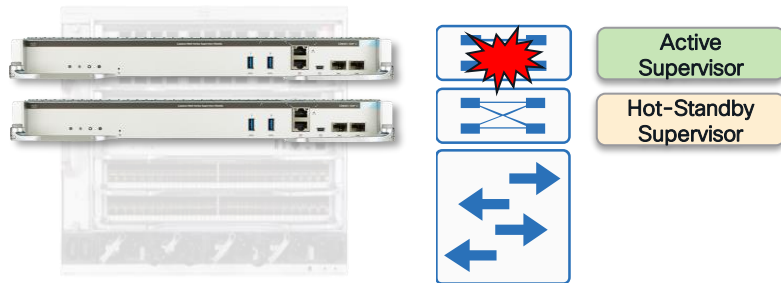
Eliminate downtime with **High Availability** designed at every level

High-Availability - SSO & NSF

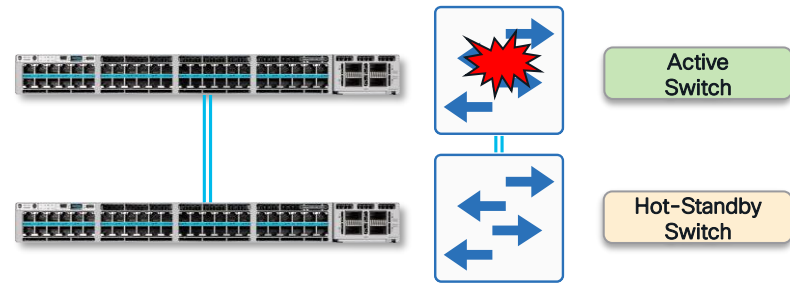
Stateful Switchover (SSO) and Non-Stop Forwarding (NSF)

- ❖ **Stateful Switchover (SSO)** synchronizes **active process state** and **running-config**, between Active & Standby supervisors or Active & Standby switches in a stack
 - ❖ Traffic loss minimized for Active supervisor or Active switch failure
- ❖ **Non-Stop Forwarding (NSF)** allows for **graceful restart** of **L3 routing protocols**

Modular Switch with Redundant Supervisors



StackWise Stack or StackWise Virtual Pair



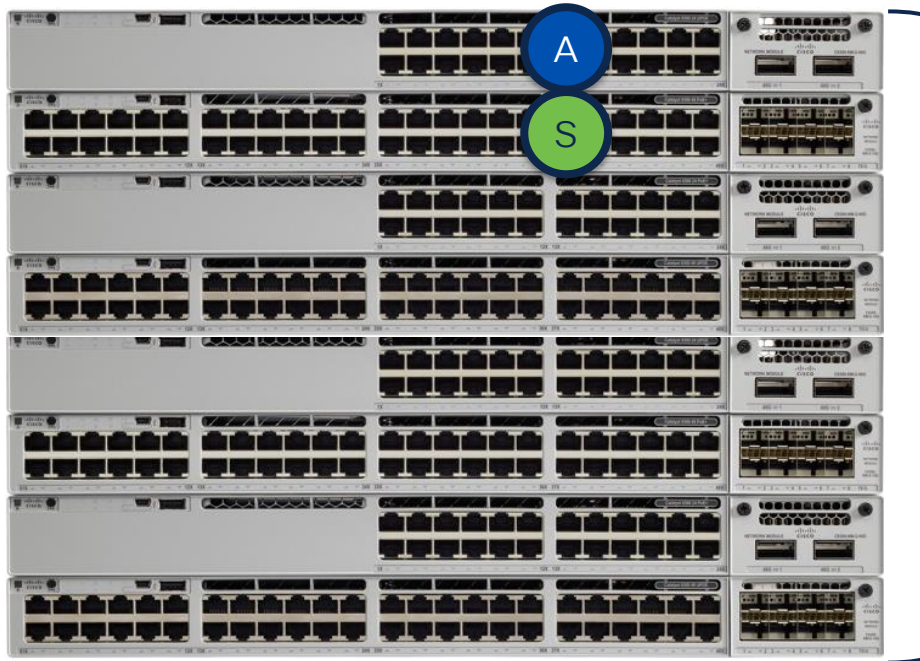
LAN High Availability

Cisco StackWise® - Access Switch Stacking



SSO Active Switch responsible for:

- Management
- L2 protocols
- L3 protocols



Centralized Control Plane

Distributed Data Plane

Up to
8 Members

1+1 Stateful Redundancy
with Active & Standby

Stateful Switchover
SSO/NSF

StackWise - 80/160/360/480/1T*

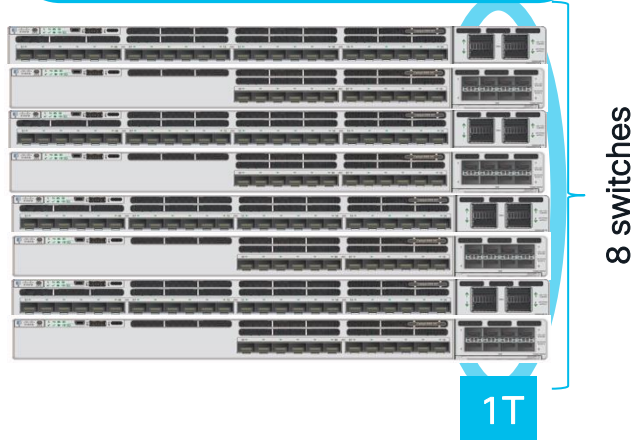
*StackWise speeds vary depending on platform choice

cisco Live!

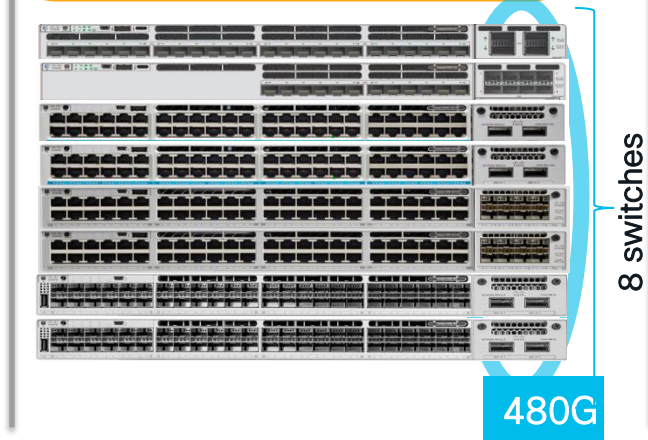
LAN High Availability

Switch Stacking - Catalyst 9300

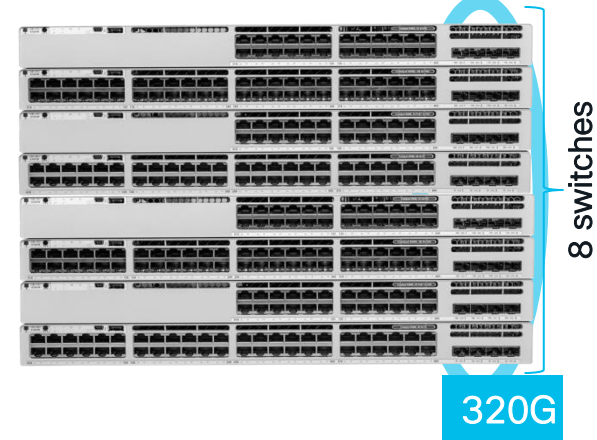
Modular Uplink
Catalyst 9300X models (10/25G Fiber)



Modular Uplink
Catalyst 9300 (non -B) and Catalyst
9300X models



Fixed Uplink
Catalyst 9300L models



Stacking supported among Catalyst 9300X models and mixed stacking between Catalyst 9300 and Catalyst 9300X models

Stacking supported among Catalyst 9300L models only

9200 stacks with 9200 and 9200L stacks with 9200L

StackWise Access

The **StackWise Access PIN** focuses on combining multiple Access switches into a single virtual switch to increase access-layer port density.

- Typically, the same layer as Access (Tier 1)
- The same 'physical' topology as a multi-layer network

Main goal is to expand port density of Access layer

Same L2 protocols & features as Access

- North: VLAN, 802.1Q, STP, MAC, IGMP Snooping
- South: AAA, STP, Portfast, Storm-Control

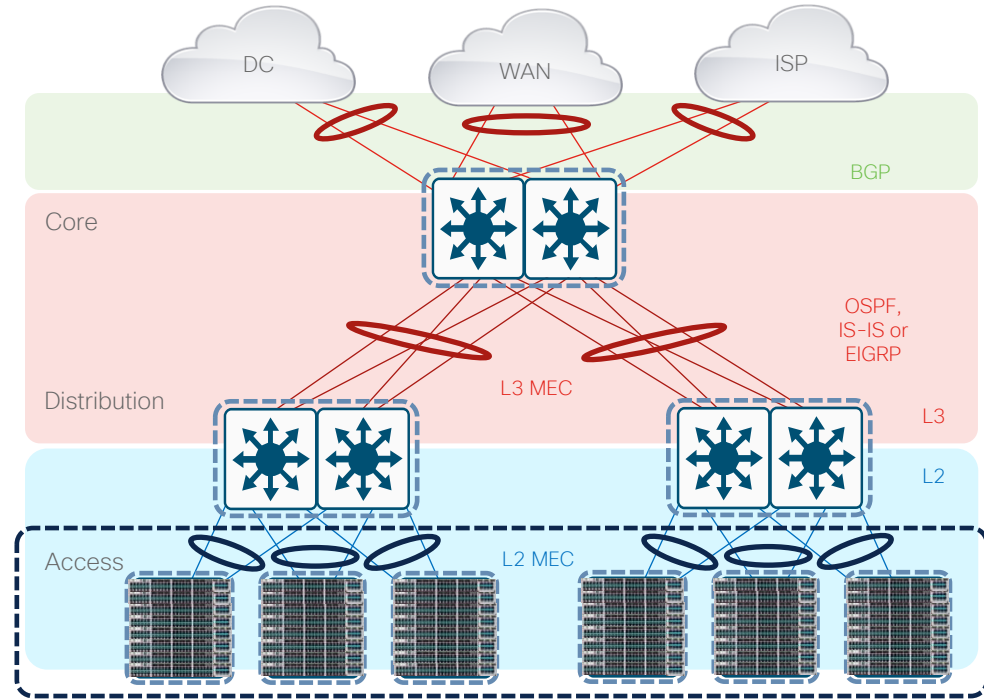
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- Works with NSF/NSR for L3 protocols

Leverages **Multi-chassis EtherChannel (MEC)**

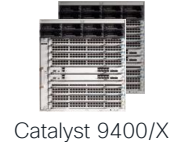
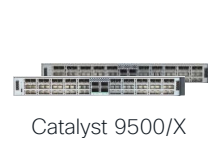
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- L2 Portchannel (neighbor sees single neighbor)

Tends to require med-high L2 + feature scale



LAN High Availability

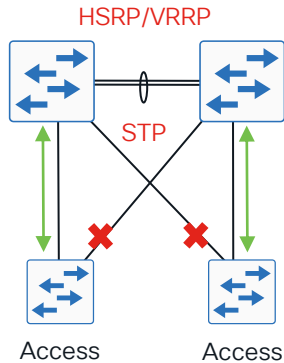
StackWise Virtual - Distro/Core Switch Stacking



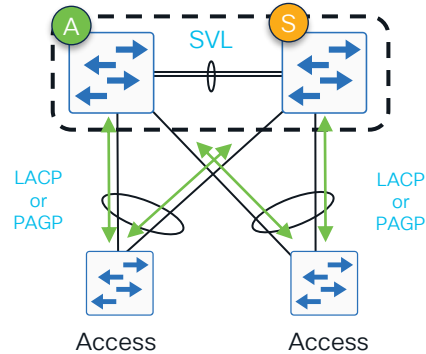
SSO Active Switch responsible for:

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- L3 protocols

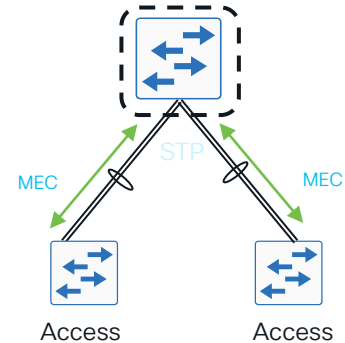
Traditional L2/L3



StackWise Virtual - Physical



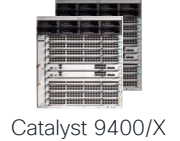
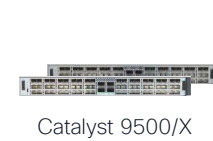
StackWise Virtual - Logical



Both **Active & Standby** switches have **Active data plane** and make **forwarding** decisions

StackWise Virtual Technology

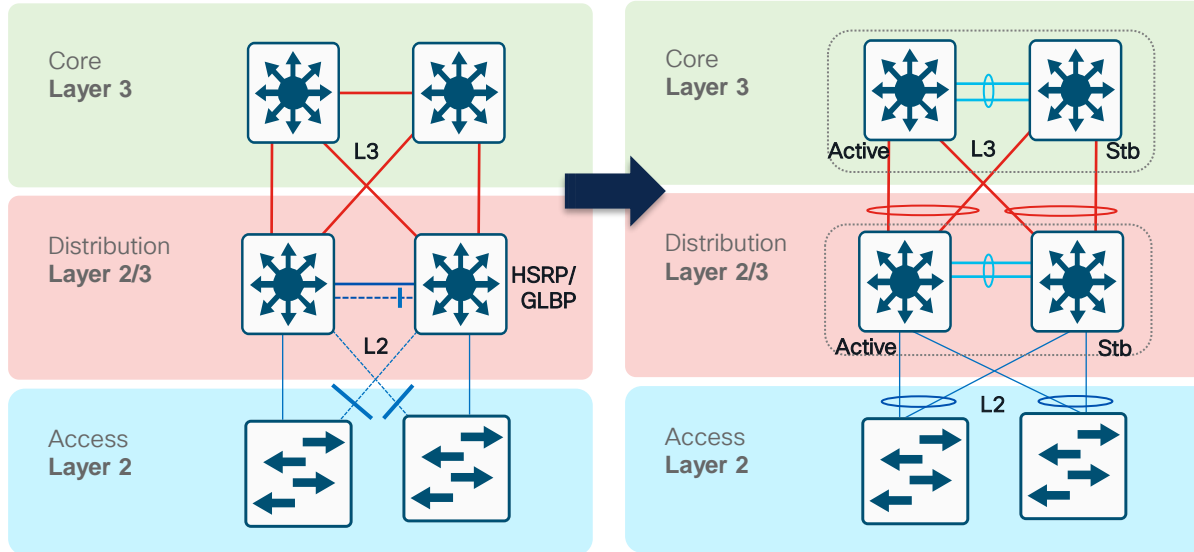
- Intended for **Distribution** and/or **Core** layer
- Available on C9400, C9500 and C9600
- Formed using **Front Panel** ethernet ports



up to 8x
10/25/50G SFP



up to 8x
40/100/400G QSFP



- **Simplify Operations** by Eliminating STP, FHRP and Multiple Touch-Points
- **Double Bandwidth** & Reduce Latency with Active-Active Multi-chassis EtherChannel (MEC)
- **Minimizes Convergence** with Sub-second Stateful and Graceful Recovery (SSO/NSF)

StackWise Virtual Core/Distro

The **StackWise Virtual (SVL) Core PIN** focuses on combining Core and/or Distribution into a single virtual switch to connect to outside areas.

- Typically, the same layer as Distribution or Core (Tier 2-3)
- The same 'physical' topology as a multi-layer network

Main goal is to simplify and expand the Distribution and/or Core layer

Same **L2/L3 protocols & features** as Distro/Core

- North: SVI, ARP/ND, IGP/BGP, PIM
- South: VLAN, 802.1Q, MAC, IGMP (No STP)

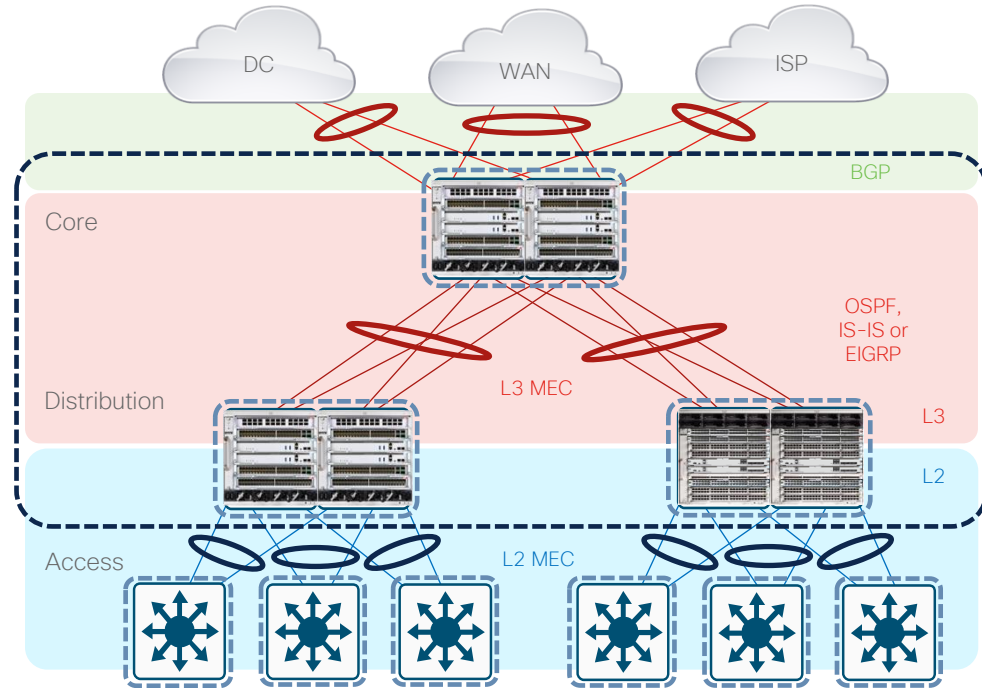
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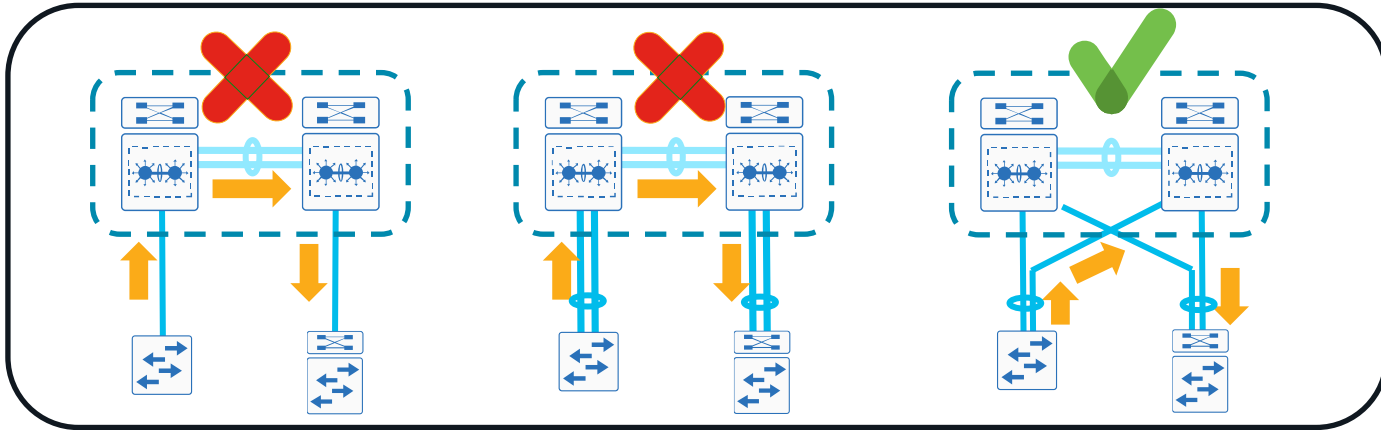
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LAN High Availability

SWV/VSS: connecting distribution to access layer

- ❖ Use EtherChannel for link resiliency and load sharing
- ❖ With SWV/VSS, use multi-chassis EtherChannel and home to each switch



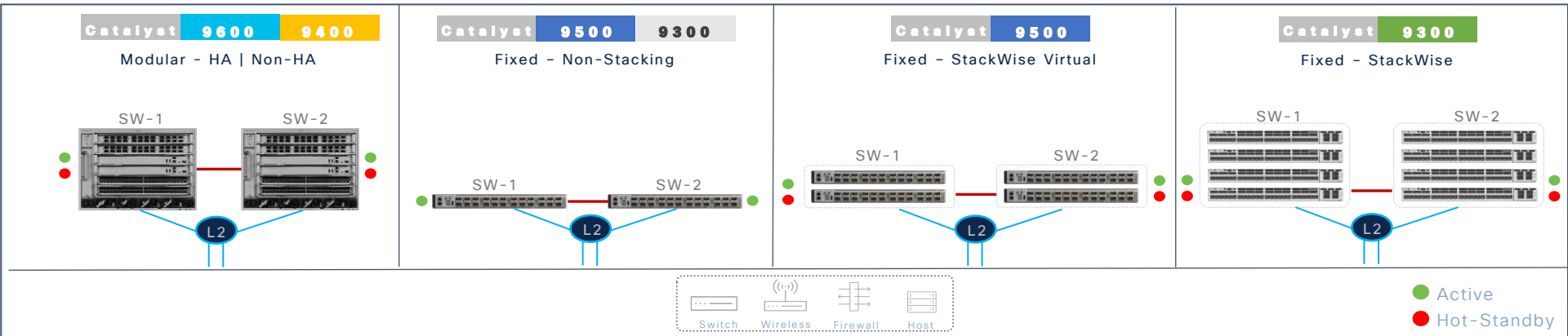
- ❖ Alternatively...
With StackWise distribution layer, connect EtherChannel uplinks to multiple switches in stack

mLAG Flexible Deployment Options

Cisco Catalyst Center

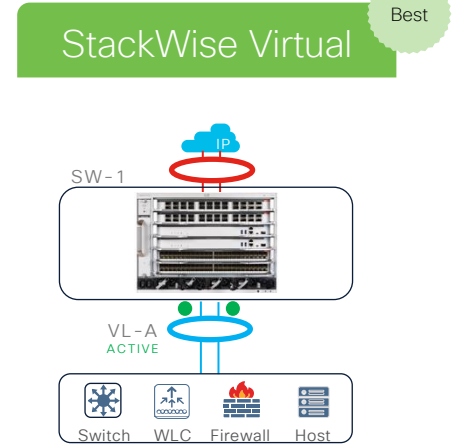
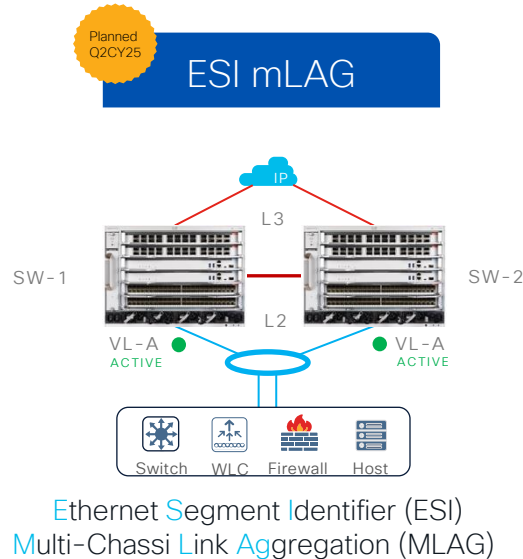
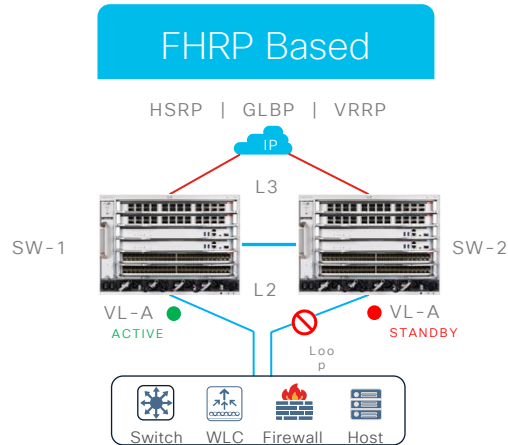


Device Mgmt | 360⁰ | Topology | Base Automation | Network Profile | SWIM | ISSU/SMU Upgrade



- Independent Management Plane system operation from Cisco Catalyst Center
- Day-0 to day-2 complete system management application support
- Limited Layer 2 mLAG network automation and monitoring support
- Unsupported Applications : Cisco SD-Access, Wide Area Bonjour

Resilient Campus Deployment Options



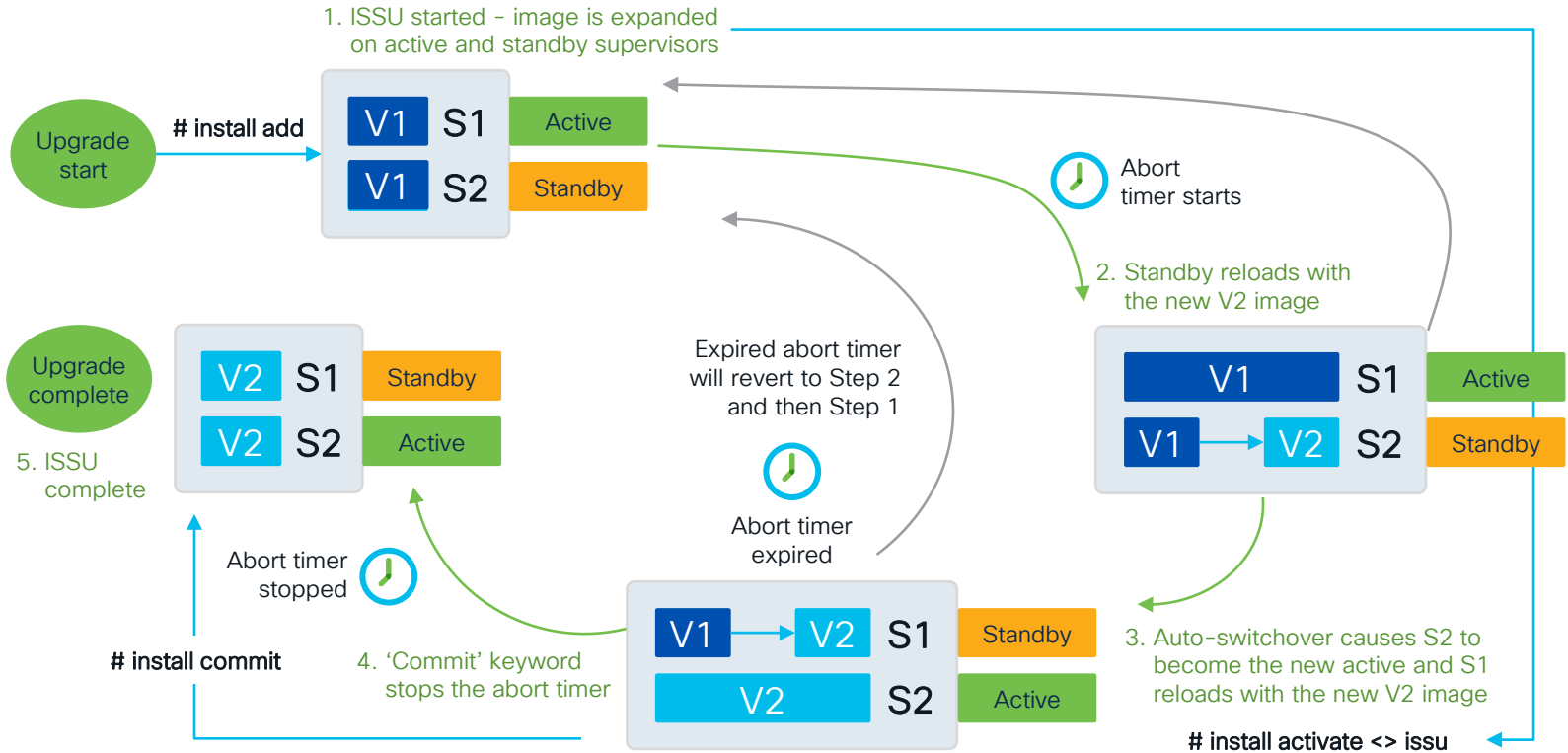
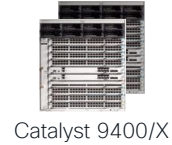
Best-In-Class
Resiliency

Broad L3 IP gateway redundancy design alternatives

- Traditional FHRP-Based IP gateway redundancy - HSRP, GLBP and VRRP
- Industry-standard Layer 2 Multipath Network with Multi-Chassis LAG (mLAG)
- Cisco StackWise Virtual unified system for resilient, scalable and simplified networks

LAN High Availability

In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU)



LAN High Availability

Extended Fast Software Upgrade (xFSU)

C9300/L- 17.3.2

C9300X- 17.7.1

Catalyst® 9300/9300L/9300X standalone



#install add file image activate reloadfast commit

Control plane

Data plane

< 30 seconds of traffic impact

Catalyst 9300/9300L/9300X stack



#install add file image activate reloadfast commit

Active Control plane

Data plane

< 30 seconds of traffic impact for all ports in the stack

LAN High Availability

Extended Fast Software Upgrade (xFSU)



Catalyst 9300X/LM



Catalyst 9300/L

NEW

≤ 5 Seconds - 17.15.2

C9300X (≤ 30s) - 17.7.1

C9300/L (≤ 30s) - 17.3.2



Command to trigger xFSU

```
C9300# install add file <image> activate xfsu commit
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Control Plane Upgrade
V1 → V2

Control Plane

Data Plane

Cache

Data Plane upgrade
V1 → V2



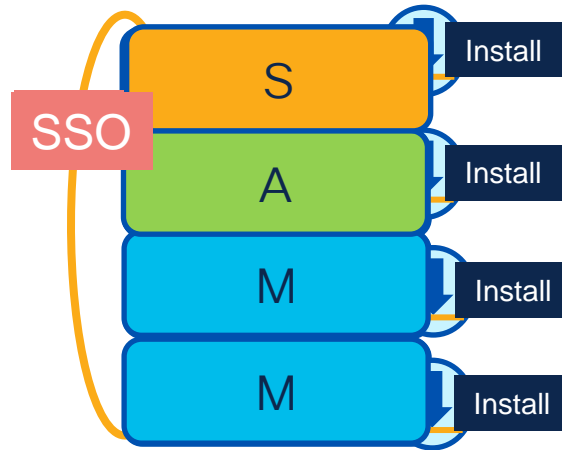
C9300 | C9300L | C9300X

Cisco xFSU minimizes downtime to **less than 5 seconds** (standalone or stack)

LAN High Availability

Extended Fast Software Upgrade (xFSU) on Stack

```
#Install add file image activate reloadfast commit
```



1. Install the images on all switches
2. Fast reload the standby and member switches
3. Fast reload the active switch only
4. Standby becomes the new active
5. Old Active switch becomes the new standby

Traffic Impact during the complete upgrade is less than 30 seconds

LAN High Availability

Power HA - StackPower



HA with Zero
Footprint RPS

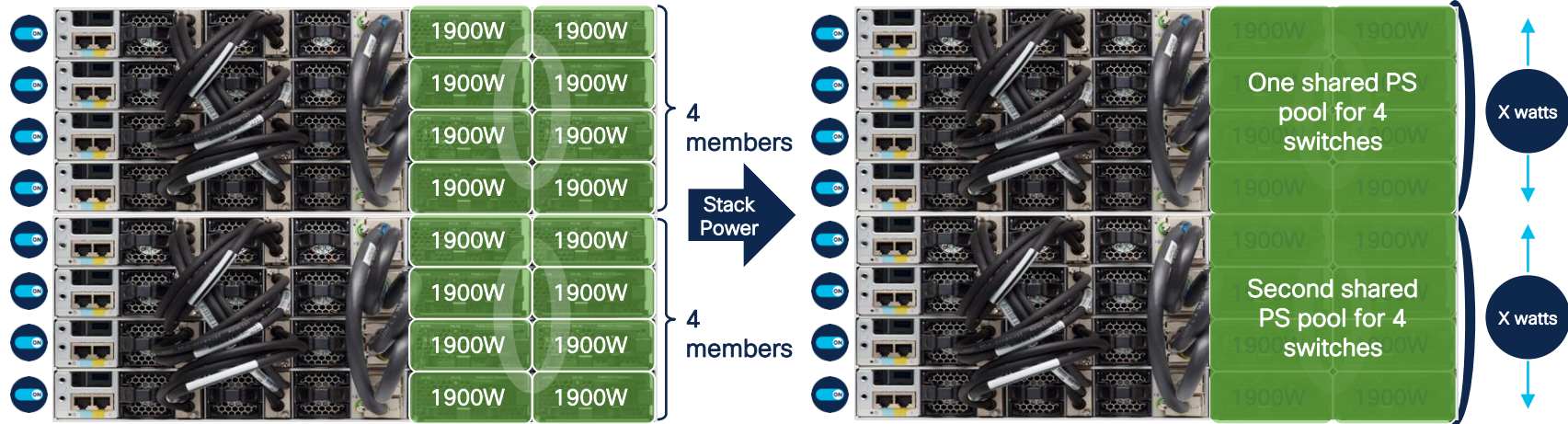
1+N
Redundancy

Flexible
and
Efficient

Power
Resiliency

LAN High Availability

Power HA - StackPower - How it works?



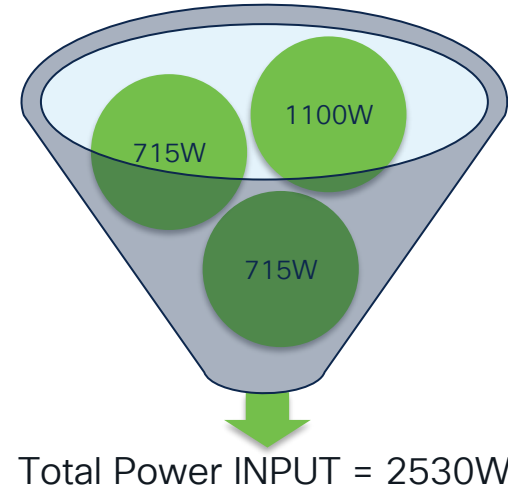
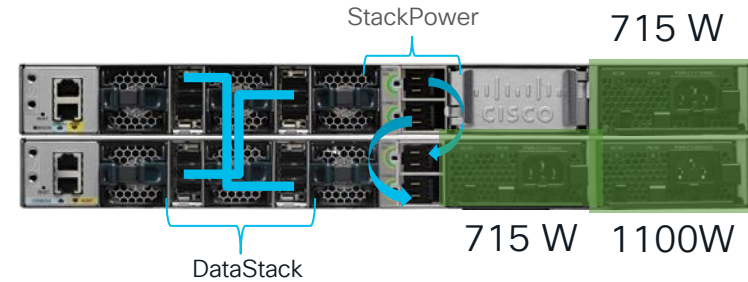
- Pools power from all Power Supplies (PS)
- All switches in StackPower share the available power in the pool
- Each switch is given its minimum power budget

- 1+N Redundancy with inline power
- Up to 4 switches in one StackPower Ring
- Multiple Power stacks possible in one data stack

LAN High Availability

Power HA - StackPower - How it works?

- Pools Power from All PS
- All Switches in StackPower share the available Power in Pool
- Each Switch is given their Minimum Power Budget



LAN High Availability

Summary of Options

Platform	Switch Stacking	Supervisor Redundancy	NSF / SSO	EtherChannel	ISSU	SMUs	GIR	Power Redundancy
Cisco Catalyst 9200 Series	StackWise-160/80 with Active / Standby	–	Yes	Cross-Stack EtherChannel	No	Yes	No	Up to 2 hot-swappable power supplies per switch. PoE models operate in Combined mode. Non-PoE models operate in 1:1 redundancy mode.
Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series	StackWise-480/360 with Active / Standby For Cat 9300X: Stackwise-1T (480G when stacking with Catalyst 9300 model)	–	Yes	Cross-Stack EtherChannel	No. Supports Fast Software Upgrade (FSU) and Extended FSU (xFSU).	Yes	Yes	StackPower (up to 4 switches per stack) operating in shared or redundant mode. Cisco XPS 2200 for stacks of up to 8 switches
Cisco Catalyst 9400 Series	–	Single chassis 1:1 or cross chassis StackWise Virtual	Yes	Multichassis EtherChannel with StackWise Virtual	Yes	Yes	Yes	Hot-swappable power supplies in N+N or N+1 power redundancy modes
Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series	–	Cross chassis StackWise Virtual	Yes	Multichassis EtherChannel with StackWise Virtual	Yes	Yes	Yes	Dual 1+1 redundant power supplies.
Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series	–	Single chassis 1:1 or cross chassis StackWise Virtual	Yes	Multichassis EtherChannel with StackWise Virtual	Yes	Yes	Yes	Four power supplies which can operate in Combined or N+1 redundancy modes.

Design HA with Catalyst 9K

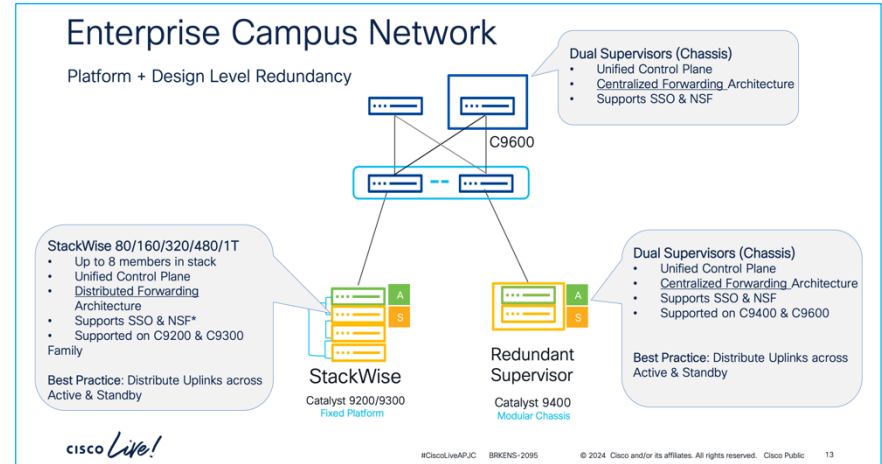
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Designing Highly Available Networks Using Cisco Catalyst 9000 Switches

Minhaj Uddin - Leader Technical Marketing, Cisco

This session will explore both new and existing high-availability features in IOS XE on Catalyst 9000 Series switching platforms.

We will begin by highlighting the significance of high availability across various layers of the hierarchical network. Following this, we will delve into different levels of resiliency, including standalone platform/hardware, design, and software. The session will conclude with a summary of these capabilities, illustrated through various real-world customer use cases and requirements.



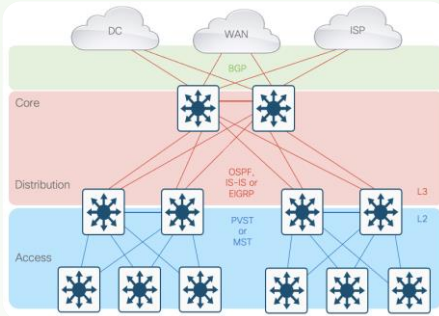
Campus Architectures

Control-Plane & Data-Plane Redundancy



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ECMP (L2/L3 Paths)

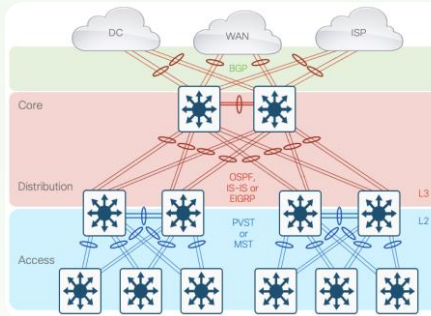


- Complex Topology
- More Nodes, Less Cables
- More Neighbors (+ Tuning)
- Protocol Load-Balancing (ECMP)
- Node-level Redundancy

L1 : Single Connections
L2: STP, MST, REP + ECMP (Port Cost)
L3: FHRP, IGP, BGP + ECMP (Port Cost)
More Neighbors = Requires Protocol Tuning

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EtherChannel (L2/L3 LAG)

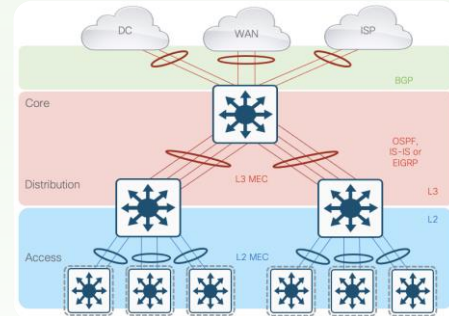


- Complex Topology
- Same Nodes, More Cables (2-8)
- Same Neighbors (+ Tuning)
- EtherChannel Load-Balancing
- Node & Link-level Redundancy

L1 : Multiple Connections
L2: STP, MST, REP + ECMP (Portchannel Cost)
L3: FHRP, IGP, BGP + ECMP (Portchannel Cost)
More Neighbors = Requires Protocol Tuning

3

StackWise (L2/L3 MEC)



- Simple Topology
- Same Cables, Less Nodes
- Less Neighbors (No Tuning)
- Multi-chassis EtherChannel (MEC)
- Layer-level Redundancy

L1 : Multiple Connections
L2: L2 MEC (No STP or REP)
L3: IGP, BGP + L3 MEC (No FHRP)
Fewer Neighbors = No Protocol Tuning



Best Practices



❖ LAN High Availability

❖ LAN Security

- ❖ SISF
- ❖ Transport Security
- ❖ Endpoint Visibility and Profiling
- ❖ Segmentation
- ❖ XDR

❖ Virtual Networking



The five pillars of Workplace Zero Trust Security



Endpoint
Visibility



Secure
Access



Network
Segmentation



Endpoint
Compliance



Rapid Threat
Containment

Story of a Fish Tank...



A
CASINO



A
FISHTANK
WITH A SMART
THERMOMETER



A
HACKER

...AND A LATERAL
MOVEMENT

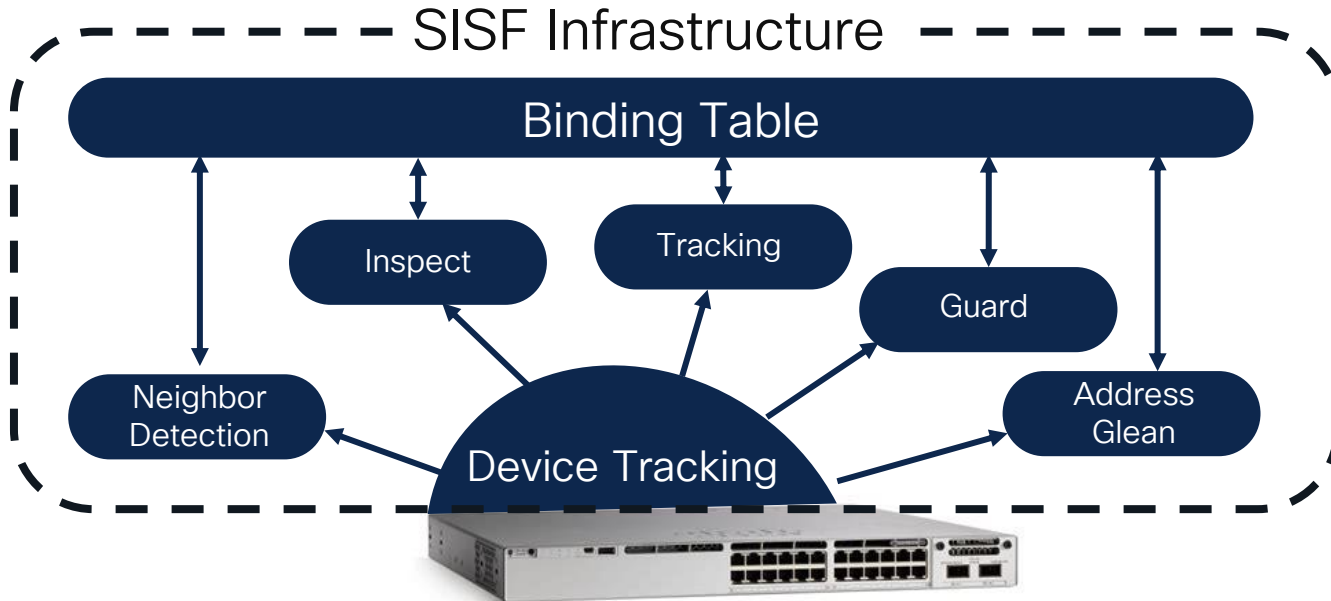
AFTERMATH



Hacker got access through the smart thermometer to the casino's customer database and exfiltrated high-rollers data over days to a remote server

First Hop Security

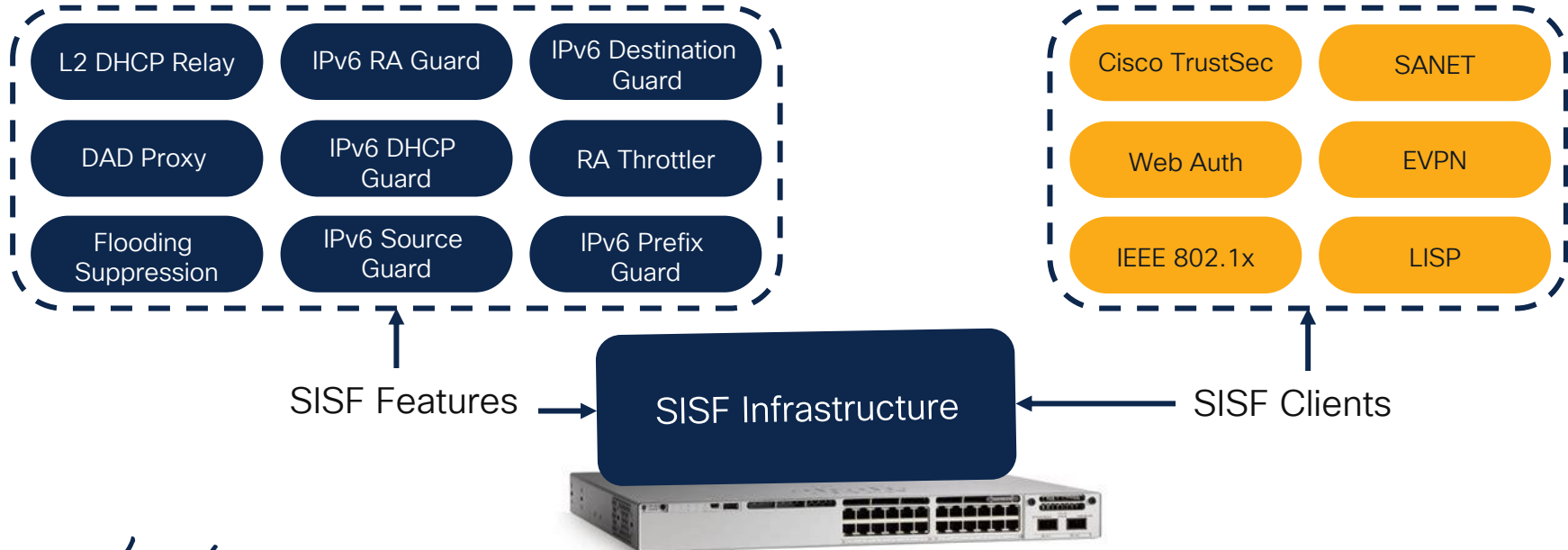
Switch Integrated Security Features



Why is First Hop Security important?



Security of Your Network connected
to C9k relays on SISF



Security Best Practices

Also protects limited Hardware & Software sources



Cisco Umbrella

➤ uses DNS as a security tool to identify and block threats

802.1x User Authentication

➤ forces users to authenticate before allowing them on network

IP Source Guard / v6 RA Guard

➤ prevents IP/MAC Spoofing and IPv6 Man-in-the-Middle attacks

Dynamic ARP Inspection

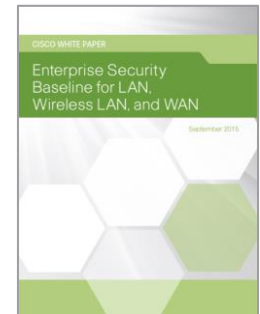
➤ prevents current ARP attacks

DHCP Snooping

➤ prevents Rogue DHCP Server attacks

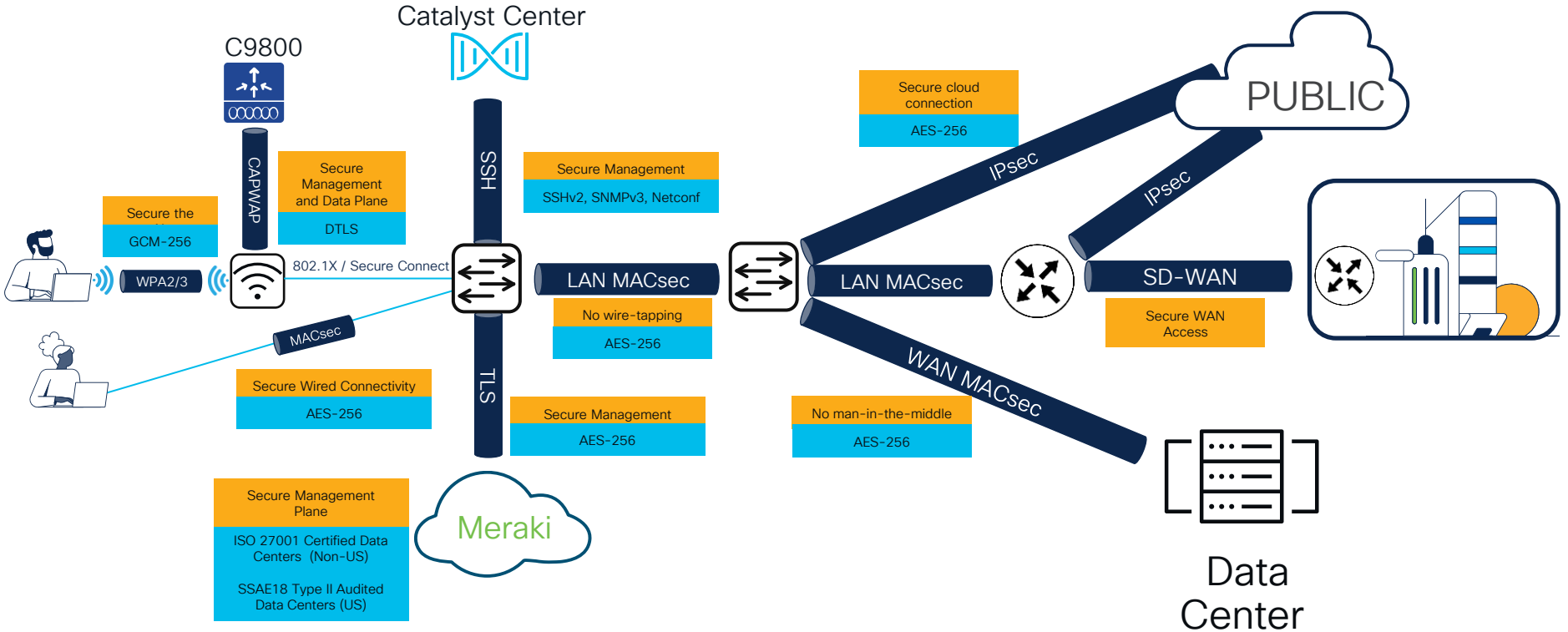
Port Security

➤ prevents CAM attacks and DHCP Starvation attacks



Transport Security

Your options



CISCO Live!

Availability of presented features is platform dependent

Secure Communication – examples

L2 Encryption with MACSec

Switch-to-Host



Cisco Catalyst 9K



MACsec



Endpoint

Switch-to-Switch



Cisco Catalyst 9K

LAN MACsec

WAN MACsec

Hop-by-Hop
directly
connected L2
links

End-to-end
across L2
Ethernet WAN
service



Cisco Catalyst 9K

L3 Encryption with IPsec

Site-to-Site



Branch, campus,
data center



Regional
point of presence



IPsec



Cisco Catalyst
9300X/9400X

Site-to-Cloud



IPsec

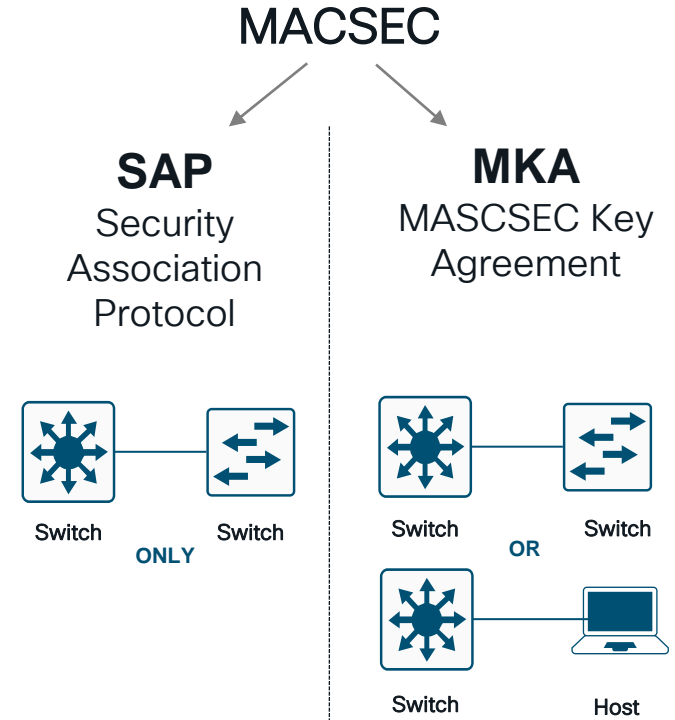


Cisco Catalyst
9300X/9400X

MacSec

Layer2 P2P Encryption

- Higher Speed compared to IP-SEC. MACSEC can reach interface Speed level.
- Encryption done at the physical layer of the ethernet port.
- MACSEC encrypts Layer 2 Frame.
- It is a hop-to-hop protocol.
- MACSEC=802.1AE. It is a Standard



End-to-End Security of Network Traffic

L2 MACSec LAN

- Hop-by-Hop Ethernet encryption per IEEE 802.1AE
- mitigate packet eavesdropping, tampering, and injection
- Keep data confidentiality & integrity
- Line-rate in C9K ASICS

WiFi Control-Plane

- CAPWAP Control encrypted by default
- DTLS Data encryption between AP and WLC

Management Plane

- Meraki tunnel per default encrypted with TLS tunnel
- Meraki SecurePort between Switch and AP
- Catalyst Center management protocols – SSH, Netconf, SNMPv3

L2 MACSec WAN

- Optimize to accommodate running over L2 public Ethernet transport.
- WAN Transparency

WiFi Data-Plane

- Optional DTLS data-plane CAPWAP encryption between AP and WLC
- WPA2/3 encryption of wireless over-the-air traffic

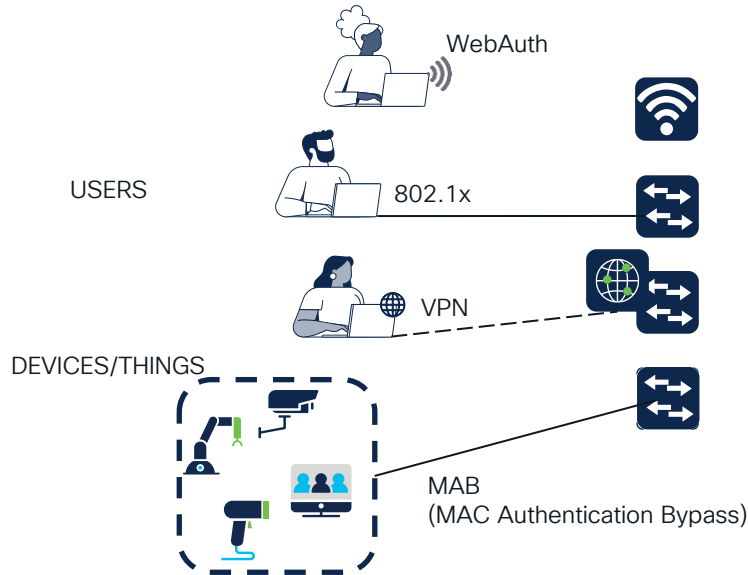
L3 IPsec

- Using C9K ASIC crypto engine
- Line-Rate up to 200G
- C9300-X and C9400X

Think about 'HOW' and 'WHO/WHAT'

HOW

Authenticate



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WHO/WHAT

Identify

IP add: 192.168.2.101	ID	Bob (Employee)
Unknown	WHAT	Apple iPad/IOS/11.0.1
Unknown	WHEN	10:30 AM
Unknown	WHERE	Floor-1, Amsterdam, Building 1
Unknown	Conn TYPE	Wireless
Unknown	APPS	Firefox, MS Word, Anyconnect
Unknown	HW	Serial No, CPU, memory

PROFILING

Identity Services Engine (ISE)

ISE helps you to learn 'HOW'/'WHO/WHAT' and much more...



Get Endpoint Visibility

Active Probes: DHCP | DNS | HTTP | RADIUS | NMAP | SNMP | AD

Device Sensor: CDP | LLDP | DHCP | HTTP | H323 | SIP | MDNS

WiFi Edge Analytics: Firmware, HW_Model, Manufacturer, OS_Version, Vendor

pxGrid: CyberVision (for Industrial endpoints)

ISE gathers context from network devices and endpoints

...and builds database of endpoints with their attributes



Device Type	Camera	IP-Phone	Laptop	Laptop
Manufacturer	Arlo	Cisco	Apple	Lenovo
Model	Pro Wireless Cam	7980	MacBook Pro	Thinkpad 540
OS	Linux	IOS	macOS 13.0.1	Windows Enterprise

ISE classifies this data into Endpoint Profile

pxGrid

Meraki connector

INTEGRATIONS



Catalyst Center

- Group-based policy
- Group-based policy analytics
- SDA Fabric Networks (LISP/EVPN)
- AI Endpoint Analytics

COMMON

- AAA (Wired/Wireless)
- BYOD (Wireless)
- Guest Access (Wired/Wireless)
- Access Control (Wired/Wireless)
- Device Administration
- Context Exchange
- User defined network
- IoT Onboarding (Wired/Wireless)

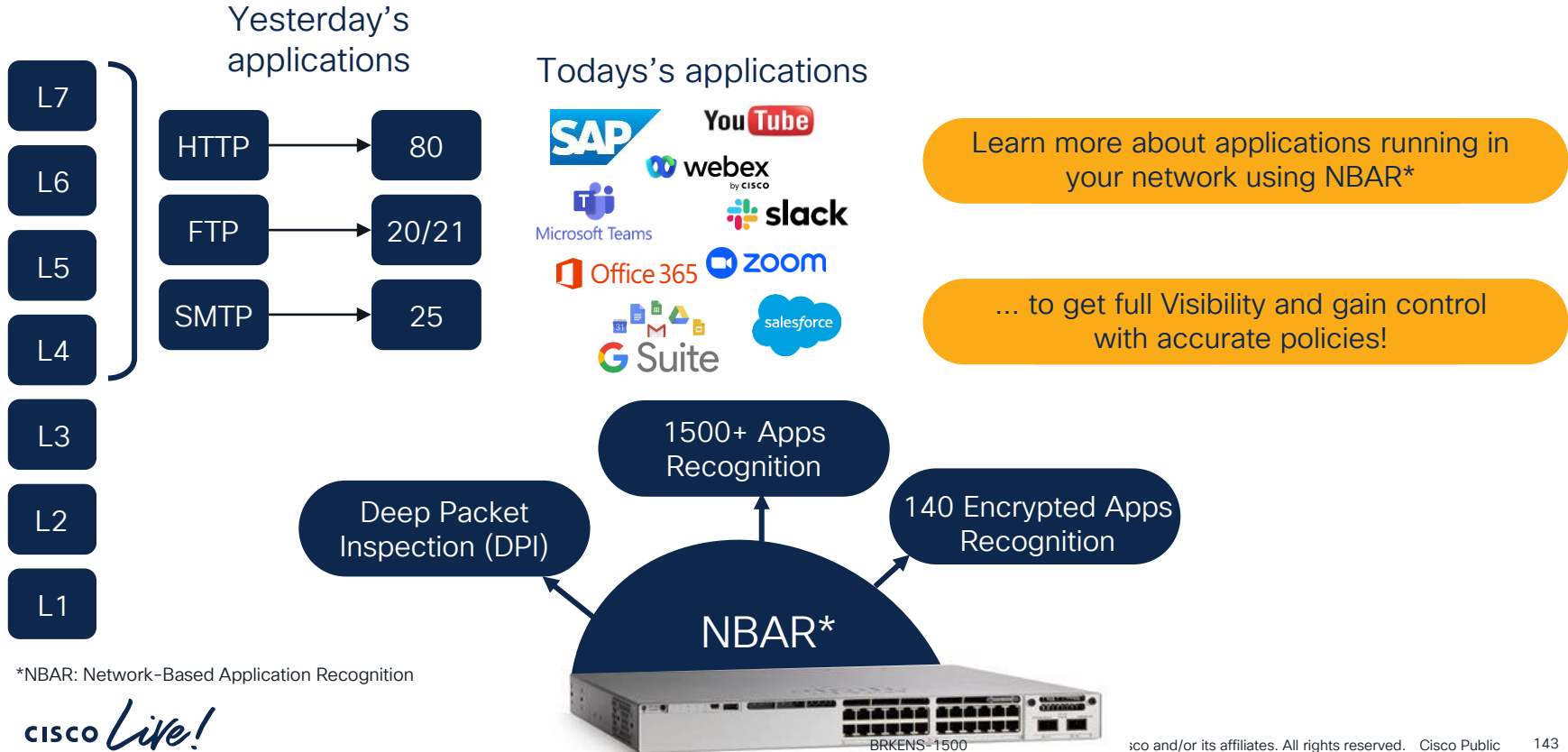


Meraki Dashboard

- Group-based policy
- Adaptive Policy
- Meraki Dashboard policy scale and flexibility upgrade

ISE is a **COMMON Policy Engine** providing **visibility** and **control** across your network domains

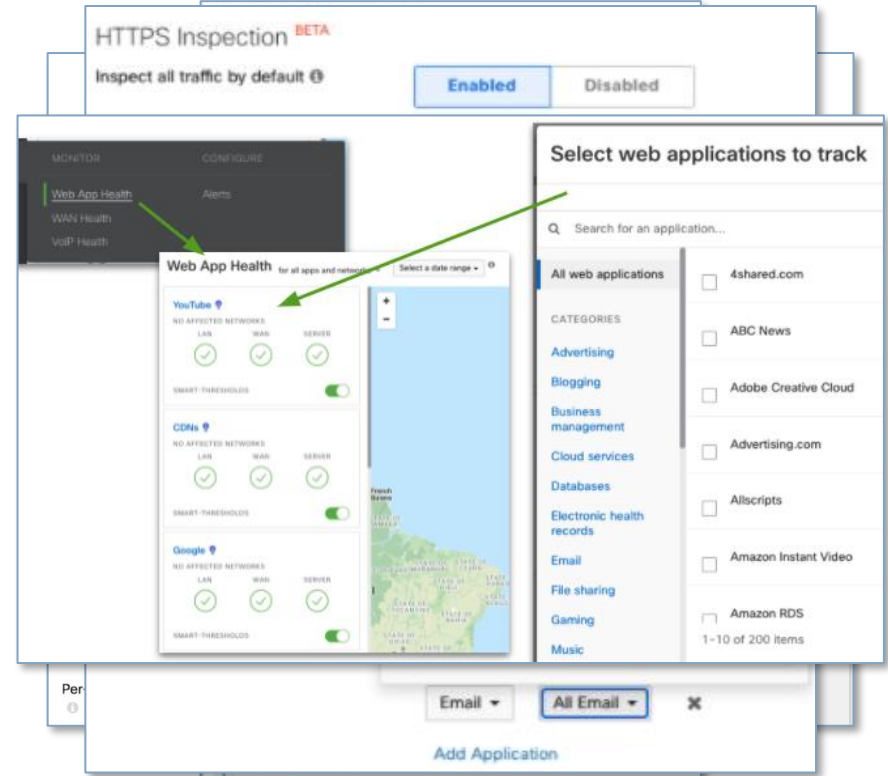
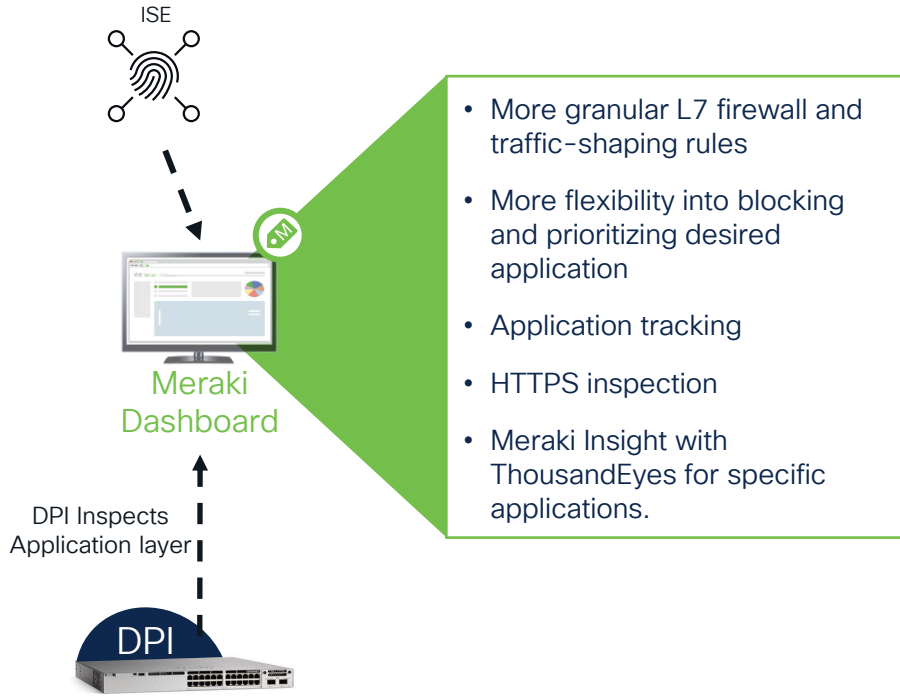
See more with Deep Packet Inspection (DPI)



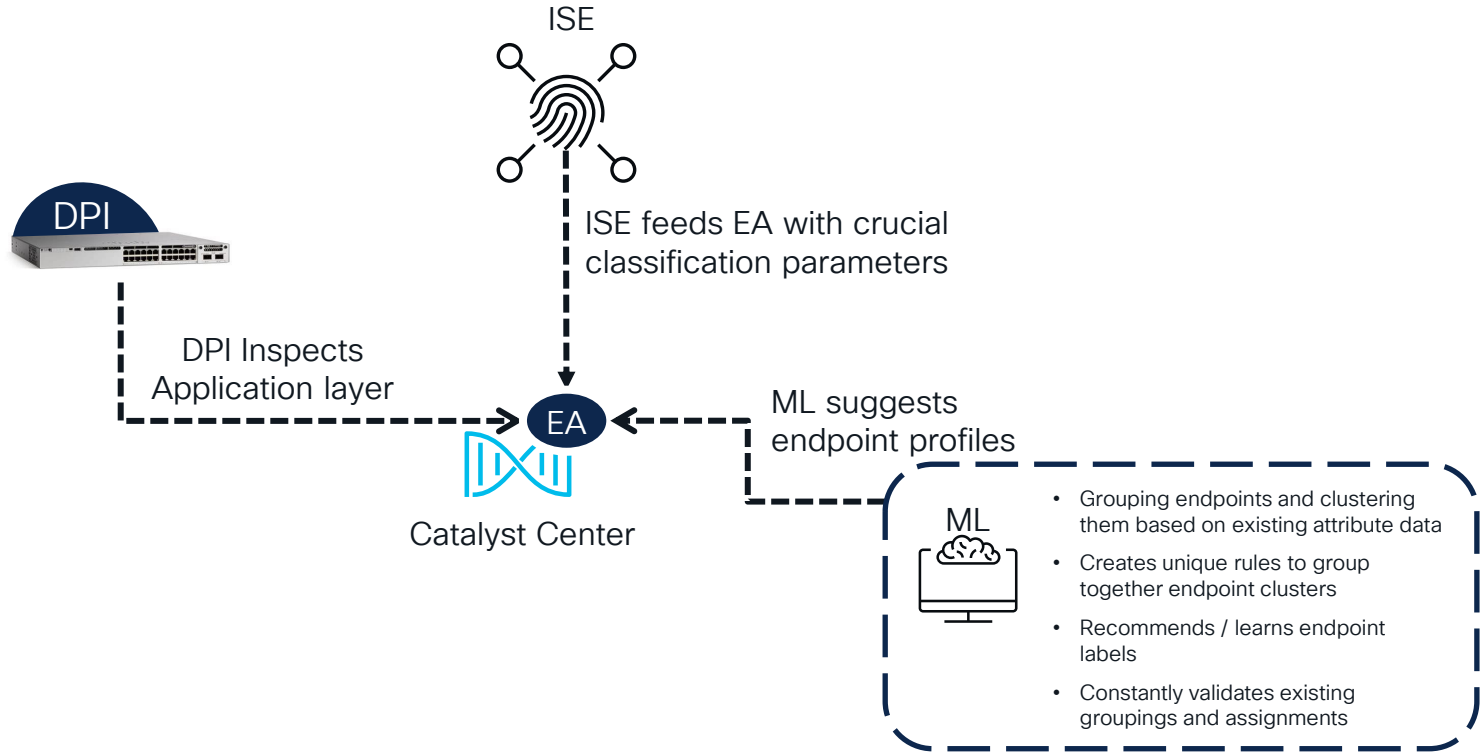
*NBAR: Network-Based Application Recognition



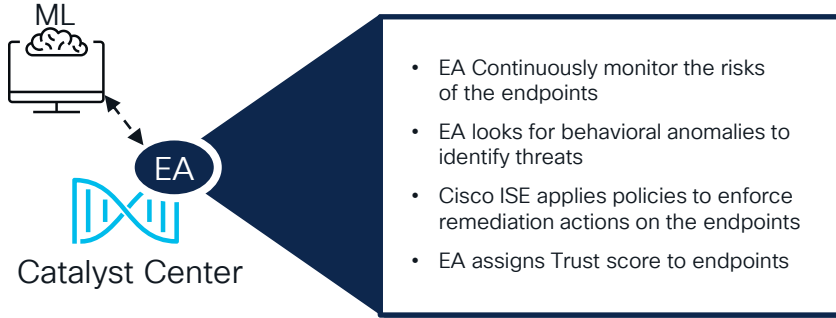
Leverage DPI in Meraki Dashboard



Gain ultimate Visibility with Endpoint Analytics



Gain ultimate Visibility with Endpoint Analytics

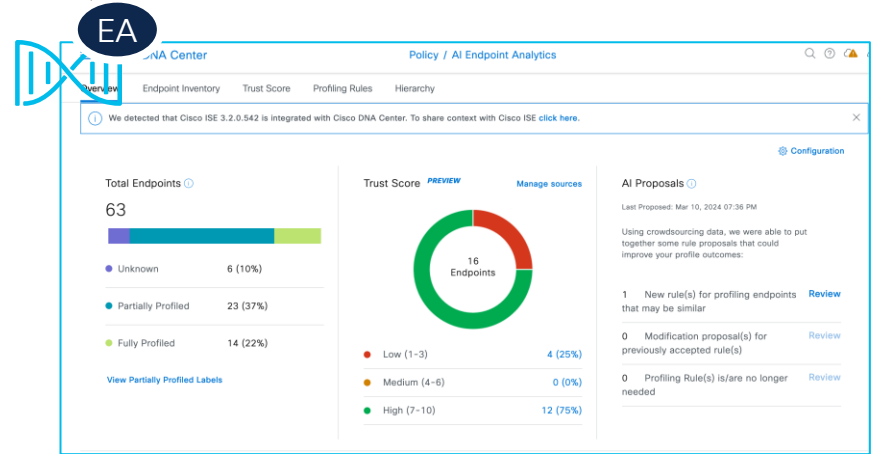


Catalyst Center

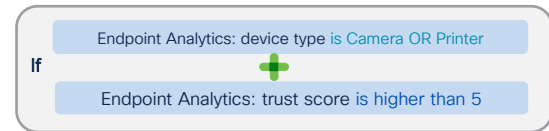
- Vulnerability and Threat metrics
- Unauthorized ports and weak credentials
- Low reputation IP Connections
- Profiling anomalies
- Impersonation attacks
- Auth/ Posture Metrics



Catalyst Center



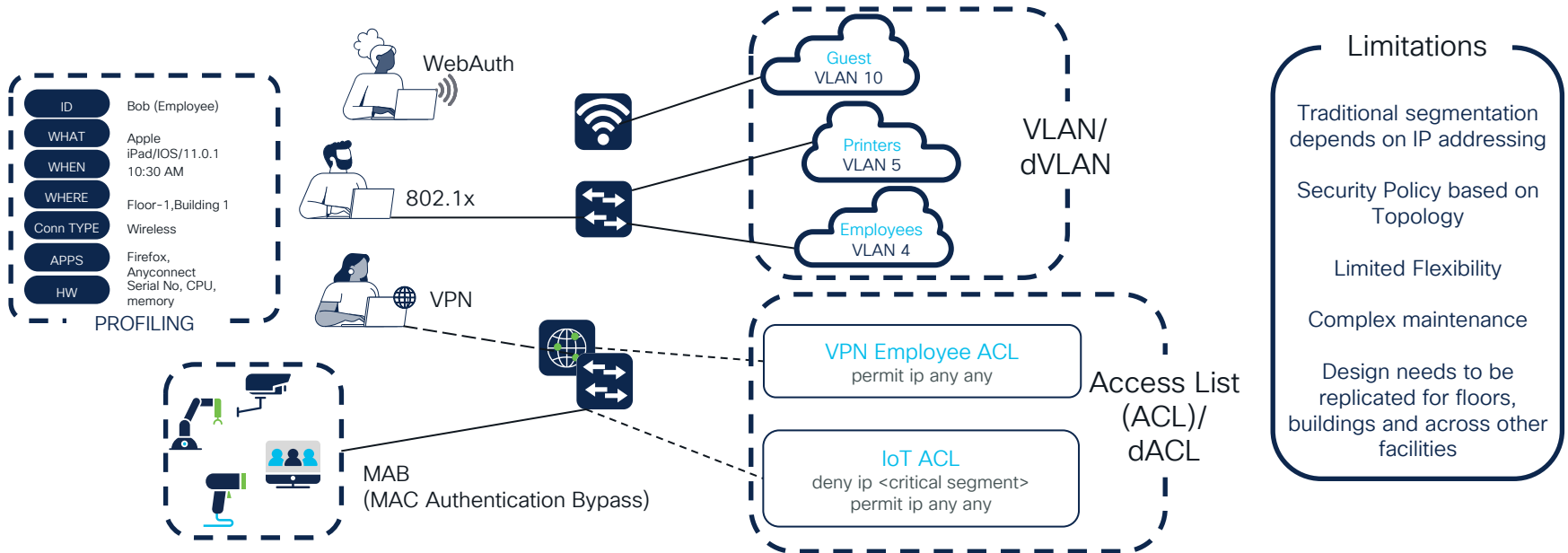
authorization policy for **Low Trust - Printers**:



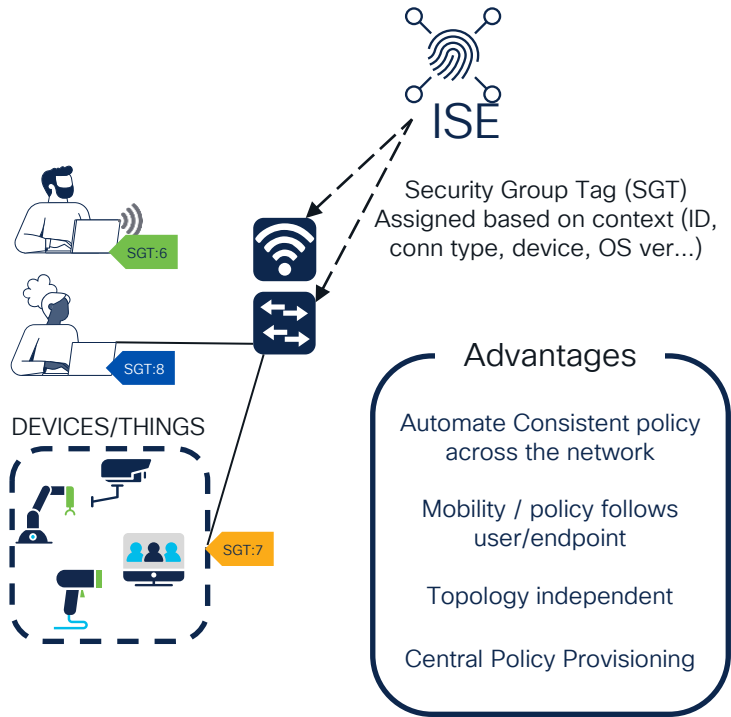
You have Visibility...now what?

Endpoints Authenticated and Profiled

Basic segmentation options you have:



Simpler, please... with Cisco TrustSec(CTS)



- Advantages**
- Automate Consistent policy across the network
 - Mobility / policy follows user/endpoint
 - Topology independent
 - Central Policy Provisioning

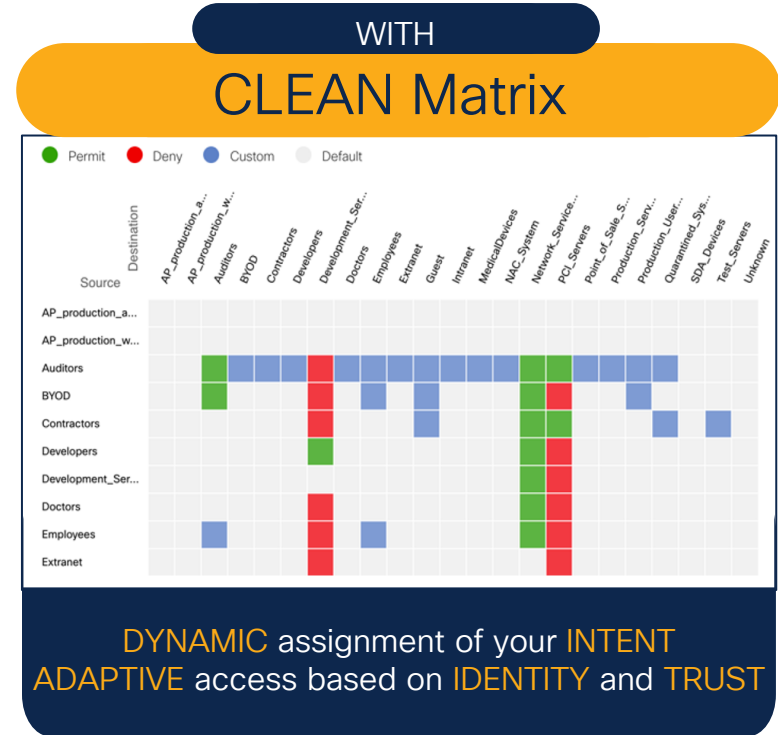
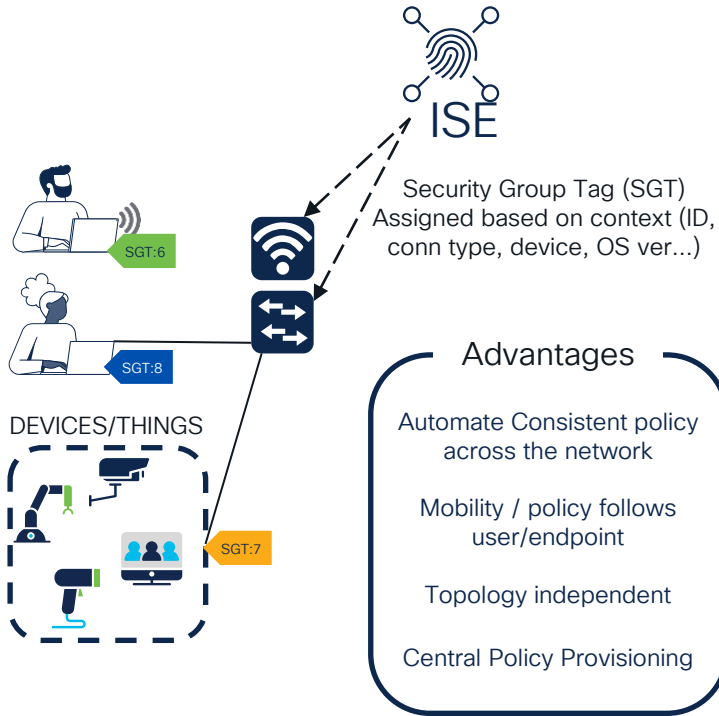
REPLACE Complex ACLs

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access-list 102 permit tcp 131.249.33.123 0.0.0.127 lt 4765 71.219.207.89 0.255.255.255 eq 606
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access-list 102 permit ip 189.71.213.162 0.0.0.127 gt 2282 74.67.181.47 0.0.0.127 eq 199
access-list 102 deny udp 130.237.66.56 255.255.255.255 lt 3943 141.68.48.108 0.0.0.255 gt 3782
access-list 102 deny ip 193.250.210.122 0.0.1.255 lt 2297 130.113.139.130 0.255.255.255 gt 526
access-list 102 permit ip 178.97.113.59 255.255.255.255 gt 178 111.184.163.103 255.255.255.255 gt 959
access-list 102 deny ip 164.149.136.73 0.0.0.127 gt 1624 163.41.181.145 0.0.0.255 eq 810
access-list 102 permit icmp 207.221.157.104 0.0.0.255 eq 1979 99.78.135.112 0.255.255.255 gt 3231
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Cisco TrustSec(CTS)



SGT + Meraki = Adaptive Policy

ISE Integration enables
Dynamic SGT assignment
based on:

- Profile
- Posture
- Location
- Credentials
- Credential Type
- AD Group/s



Organization-Wide intent-based policy



Utilizing inline Security Group Tags (SGTs)



Context shared over the data-plane



IP and topology agnostic security providing
consistent policy for wired and wireless access



Meraki Dashboard

Great option for **Cloud-first Campus**
deployments

ISE + Catalyst Center



Great option for **On-Prem and AirGap Campus** deployments

Fabric Networks (LISP/EVPN)

SDA

- Control-plane choice (LISP or EVPN)
- One Infrastructure
- Consistent zero-trust experience
- Full control of network within YOUR Intent
- Network AND Security Visibility
- Resilient Architecture
- Overlay and Underlay Automation
- Macro segmentation based on VRF
- Micro Segmentation based on SGT



Network-Wide intent-based policy



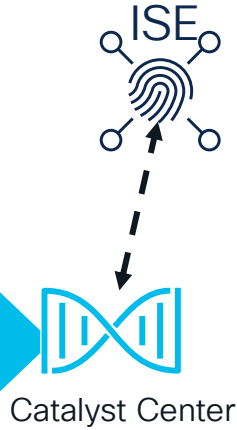
Utilizing Security Group Tags (SGTs)



Automated Configuration/management of network

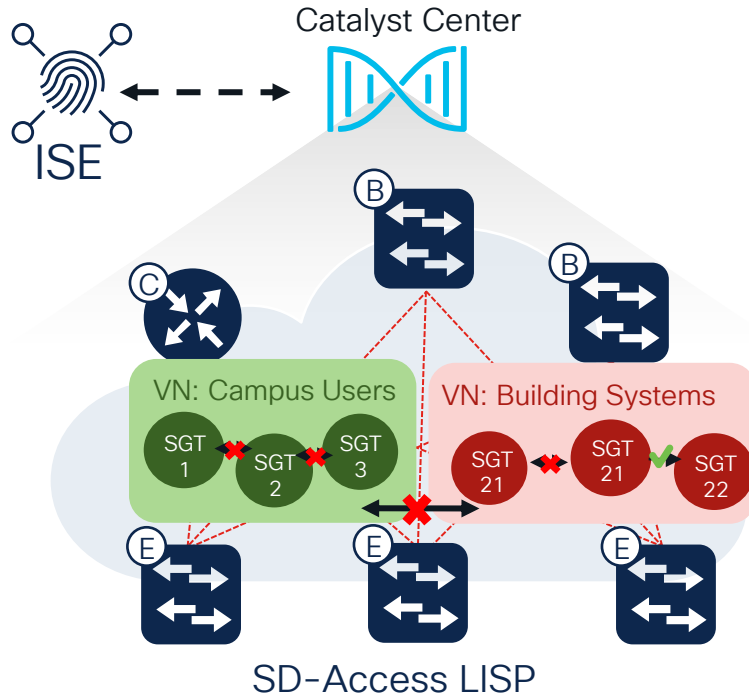


IP and topology agnostic security providing consistent policy for wired and wireless access



SD-Access LISP is **Cisco's recommended Control Plane** for Campus

Cisco SD-Access segmentation options



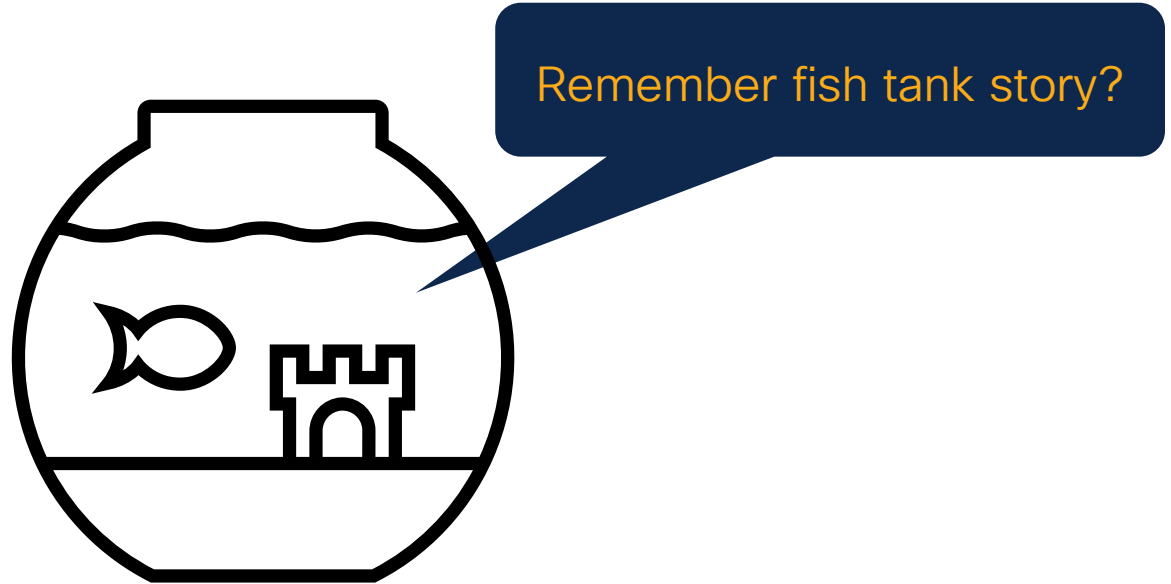
Macro Level: Virtual Network (VN)

First level Segmentation that ensures **zero communication** between specific groups.

Micro Level: Security Group (SGT)

Role based access control between two groups **within a Virtual Network**.
i.e. line of businesses or functional blocks.

Segmentation is here to help you!



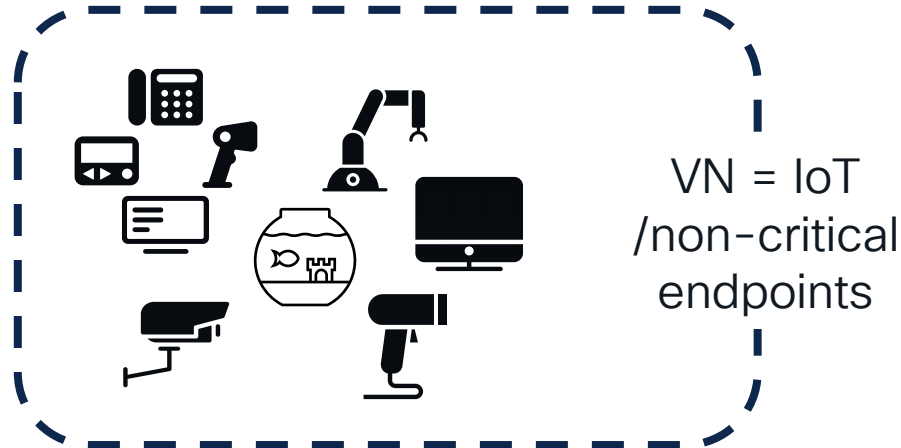
Segmentation is here to help you!



Proper Visibility would help notifying abnormal behaviour quickly

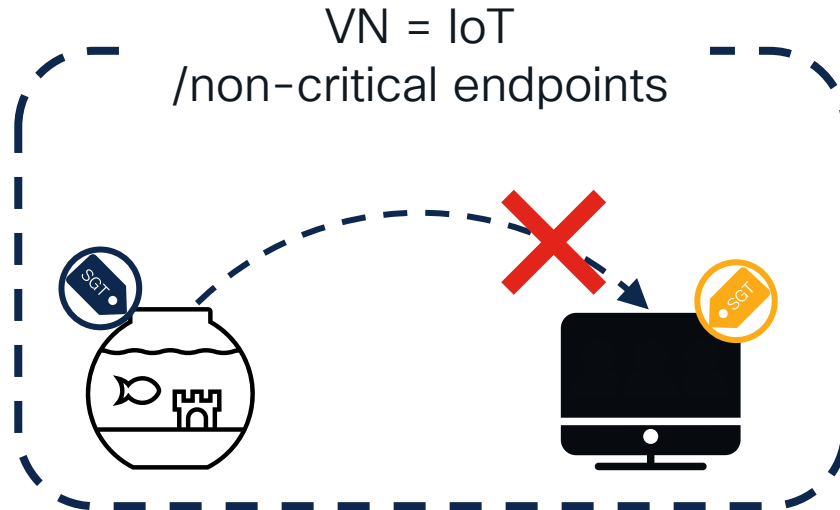
Segmentation is here to help you!

...but placing device into the right **network segment (VN)** would limit the range of damages



Segmentation is here to help you!

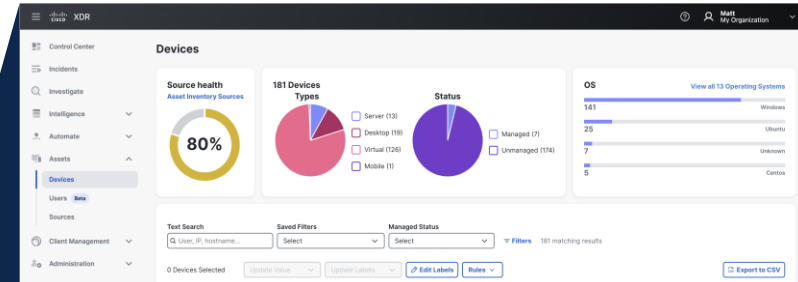
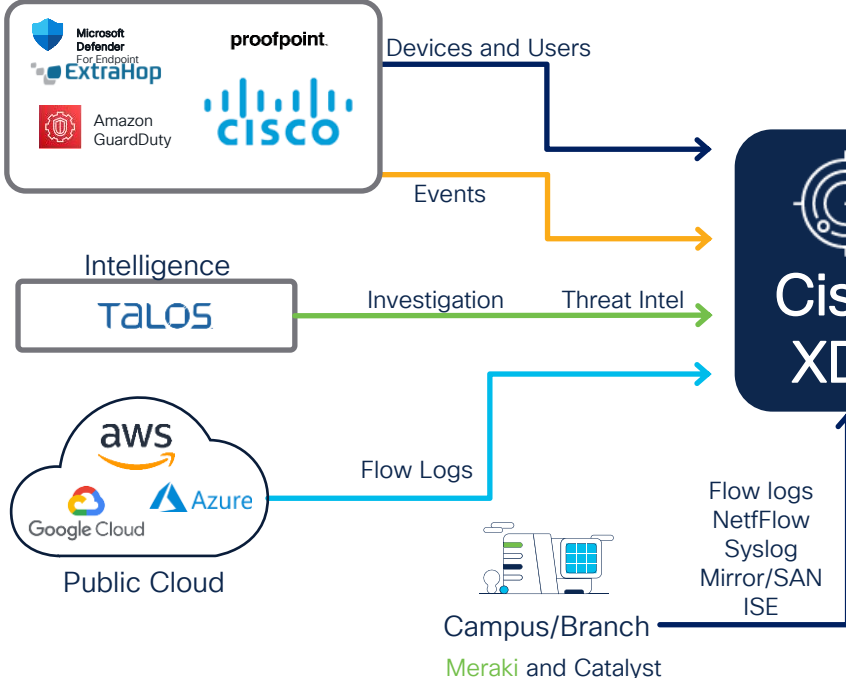
...while assigning proper SGT and enforcing the policy would **NOT** allow communication to happen at all



XDR - Extended Detection And Response

Detect, Act, Elevate and Build Resilience

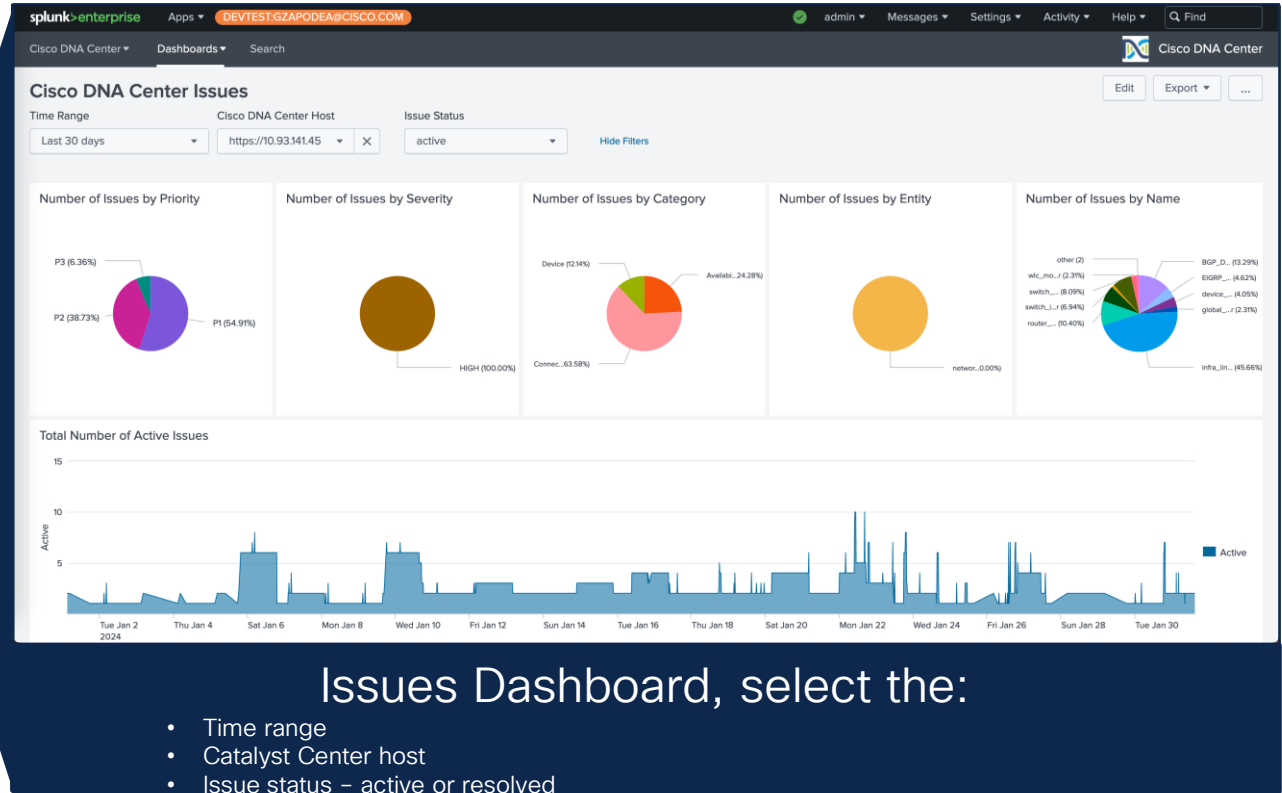
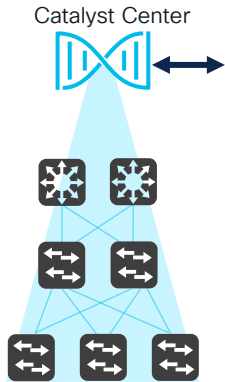
Integrations (Native and APIs)



- Collects telemetry from **multiple resources**
- Provides **full visibility** into assets
- Analyzes gathered data using **advanced analytics** and machine learning algorithms
- Improves **threat detection, response and remediation** of maliciousness



Splunk Integration



Design

Best Practices

Fundamentals

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2

Principles

Services

3

4

Platform

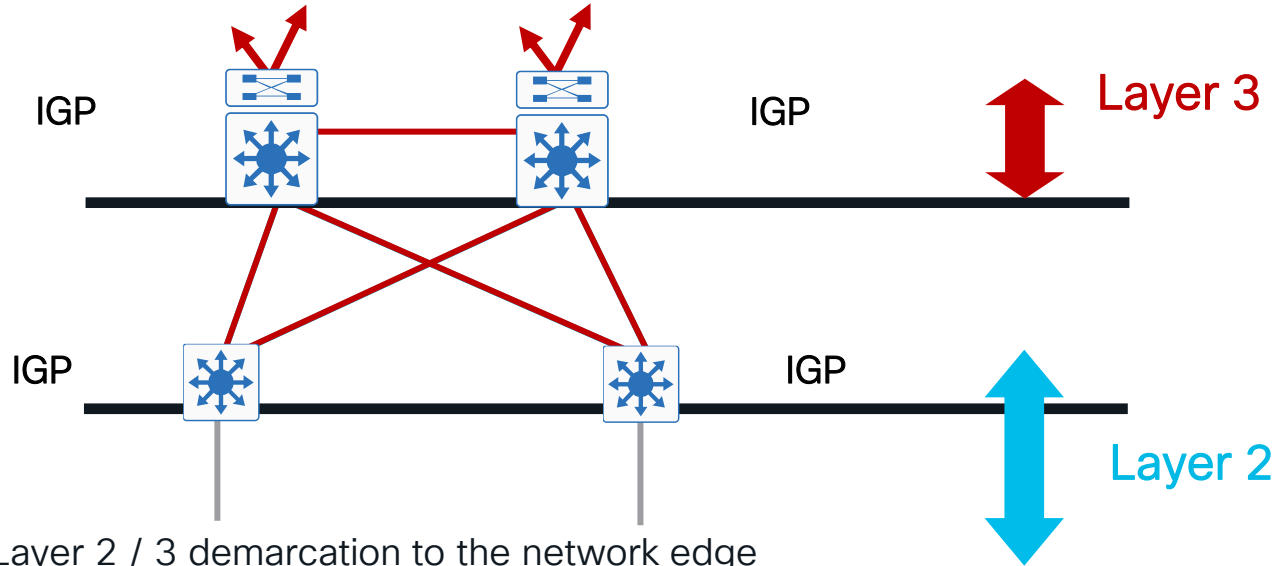
Best
Practices

5

- ❖ **LAN High Availability**
- ❖ **LAN Security**
- ❖ **Virtual Networking**
 - ❖ **Routed Access**
 - ❖ **Overlay**
 - ❖ **Virtual Networking Options**

Routed Access

Layer 3 distribution with Layer 3 access



- ❖ Move the Layer 2 / 3 demarcation to the network edge
- ❖ Leverages Layer 2 only on the access ports, but builds a Layer 2 loop-free network
- ❖ **Design Motivations** – Simplified control plane, ease of troubleshooting, highest availability

Routed Access

The **Routed Access PIN (Tier 1)** has the same purpose, but uses L3 IP routing to limit L2 scale

- Other names: [IDE](#), [Wiring Closet](#)
- Semi-common in Campus & Branch networks

Main purpose is to connect users to network using L3 protocols to reduce L2 challenges.

- Mostly for network stability and simplicity of protocols
- Similar attributes & requirements as Distribution

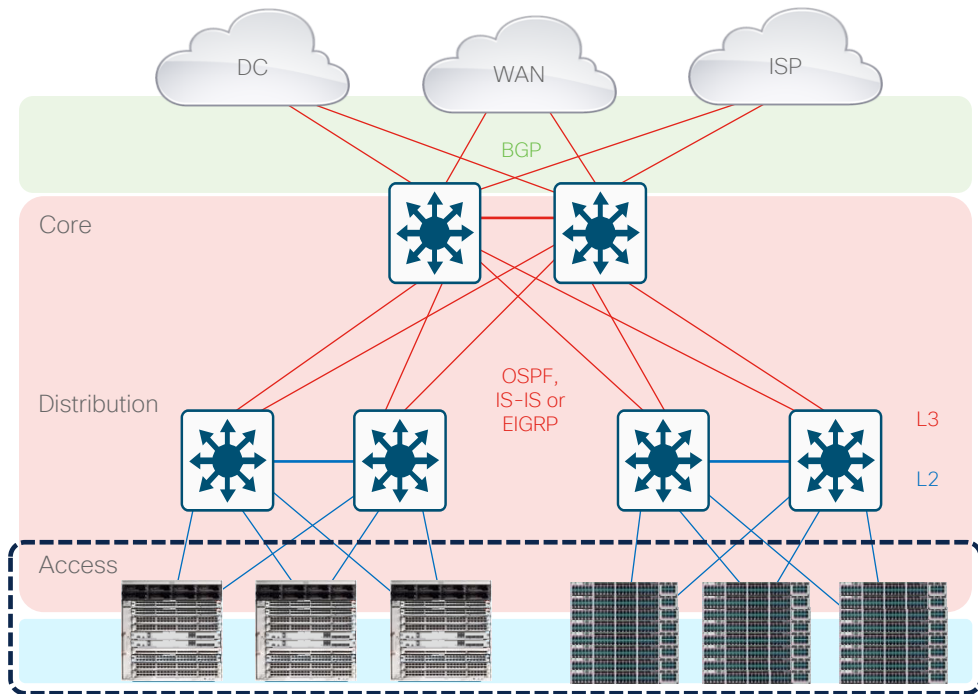
Tends to be both **L3 routed** (north) and **L2 switched** (south)

- North: [SVI](#), [HSRP/VRRP](#), [ARP/ND](#), [IGP](#), [PIM](#)
- South: [VLAN](#), [AAA](#), [MAC](#), [IGMP](#), [STP Portfast](#)

Tends to use **multiple L2 & L3** features

- **Access Security** (e.g. IPDT/SISF, VACLs, PACLs, etc)
- **Access QoS** (e.g. NBAR, Classification & Marking)
- **Access NetFlow** (e.g. AVC, FNF, EPA & ETA)

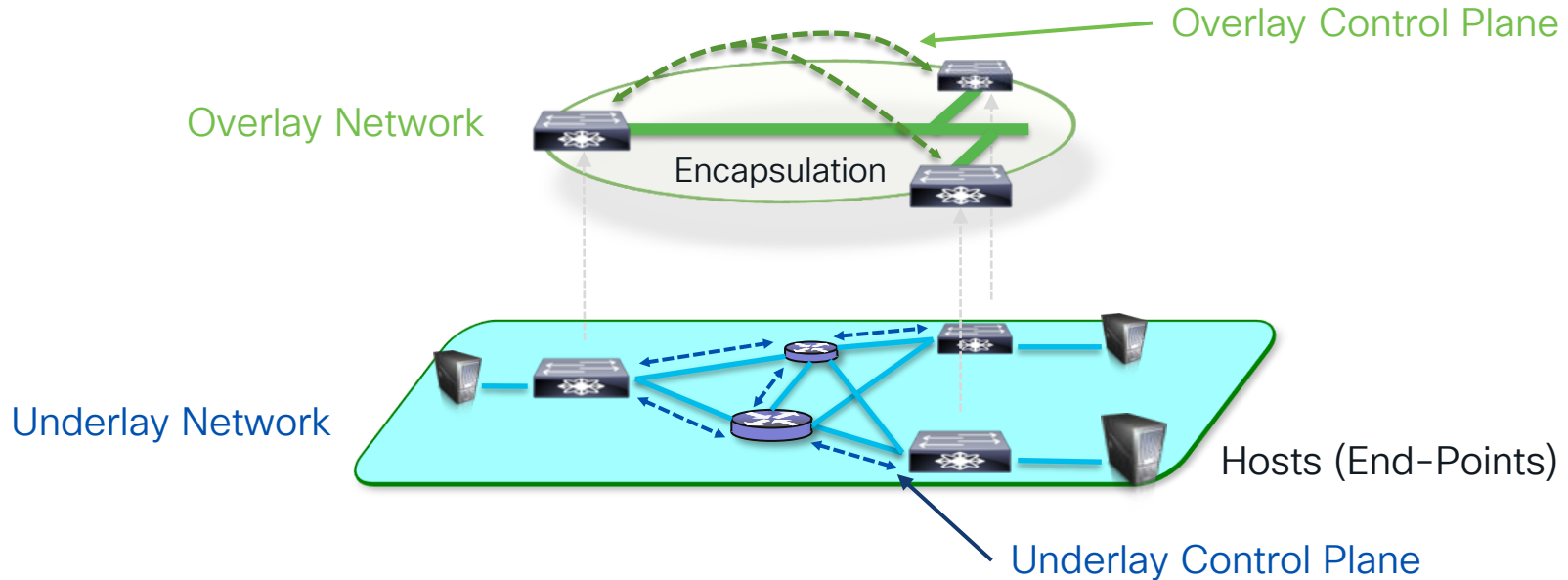
Tends to require **low-med L2 & L3** feature scale



A Fabric is an Overlay

A logical mesh topology used to virtually connect devices

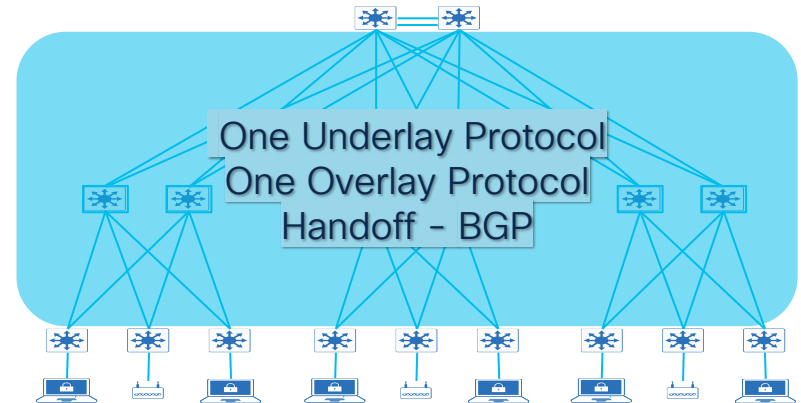
- ❖ Built on top of physical underlay topology – using encapsulation
- ❖ Provides additional L2/L3 services not provided by the underlay



Fabric Solves Network Problems



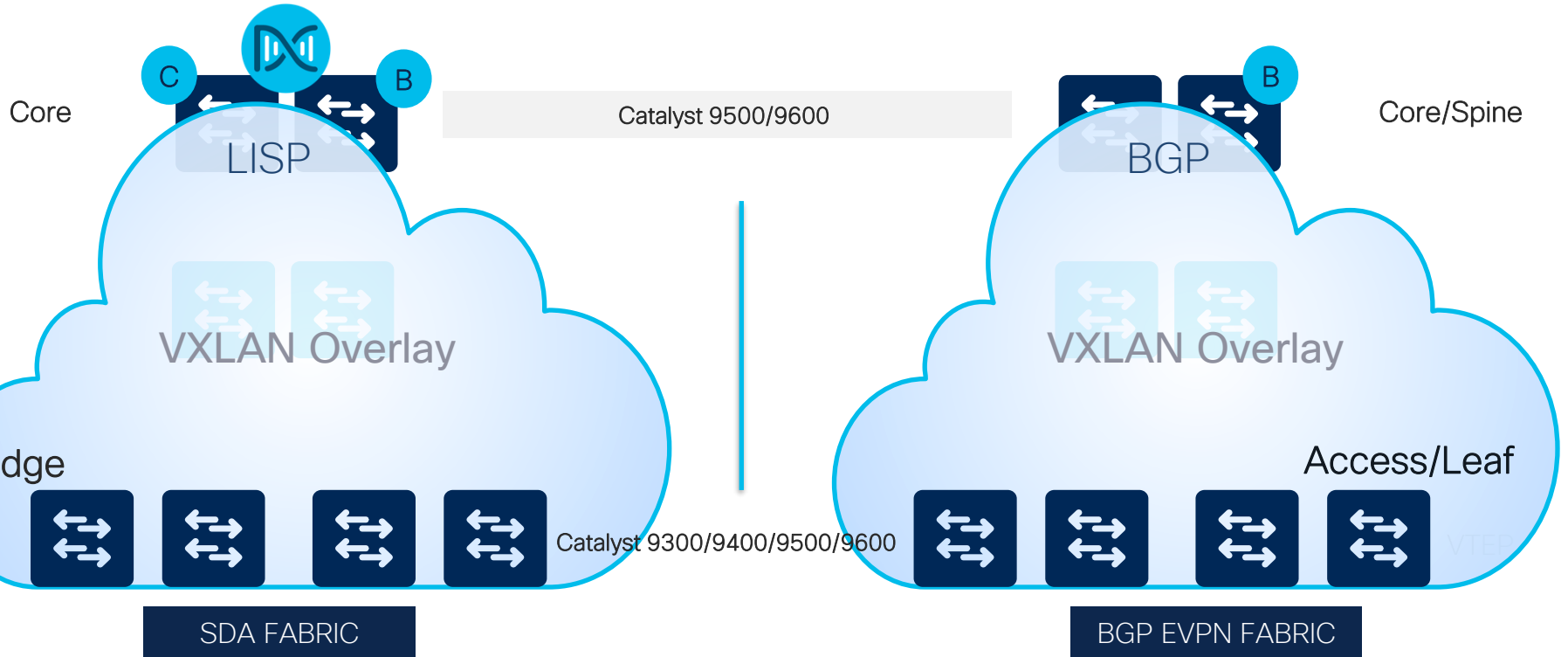
- ✓ Fabric to the Access removes L2 protocols (STP, DTP, VTP)
- ✓ Reliable Layer 2 extension - over simple Layer 3 network
- ✓ Simple, scalable, reliable *and* *automatable* network
- ✓ Consistent Access layer configurations
- ✓ Convergence of wired and wireless



Fabric Networks

Routed Access Evolution

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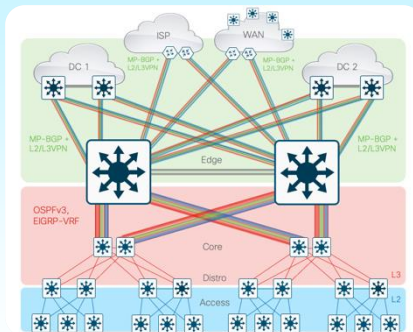
Virtual Networking in Campus

Providing additional services (beyond basic PINs)



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MPLS (L2/L3VPN)

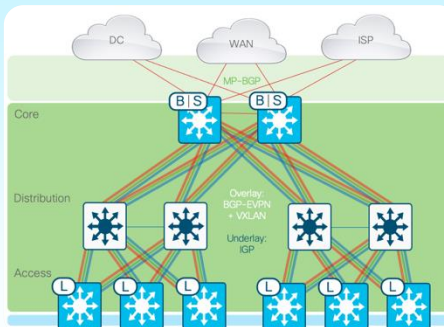


- L3 Underlay + L2/L3 VPN Overlay
- Virtual Private Networks
- L3 VRF-based Segmentation
- WAN/Edge + VPN Services

MPLS/VPLS, LDP, SR, MP-BGP, PIC
MVPN, LSM, Extranet, MSR
SSO, NSF/NSR, ECMP, GIR
VPN-FNF, Uniform/Pipe QoS, PBR, IPACL

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EVPN (L2/L3VNI)

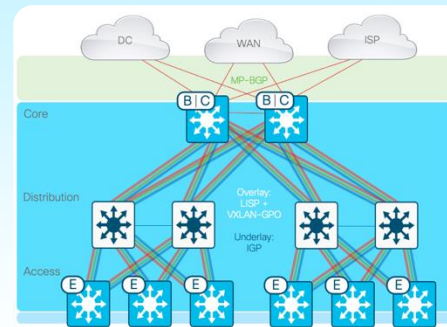


- L3 Underlay + L2/L3 VNI Overlay
- Virtual Network Instances
- L2/L3 VNI-based Segments
- Common WAN/LAN Services

MP-BGP/EVPN, VXLAN, VRF-Lite
L2 TRM, L3 TRM, L2 BUM
SSO, NSF/NSR, ECMP, GIR
Fabric-FNF, Uniform QoS, IPACL/OGACL

3

LISP (L2/L3VNI + SGT)



- L3 Underlay + L2/L3 VNI Overlay
- VNIs + Scalable Group Tagging
- L2/L3 VNI + SGT Segments
- LAN Services + Group-Based Policy

LISP, VXLAN-GPO, MP-BGP, VRF-Lite
LISP HER, Native, L2 BUM
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Fabric-FNF, App QoS, SGACL



Catalyst 9000 Switching QoS

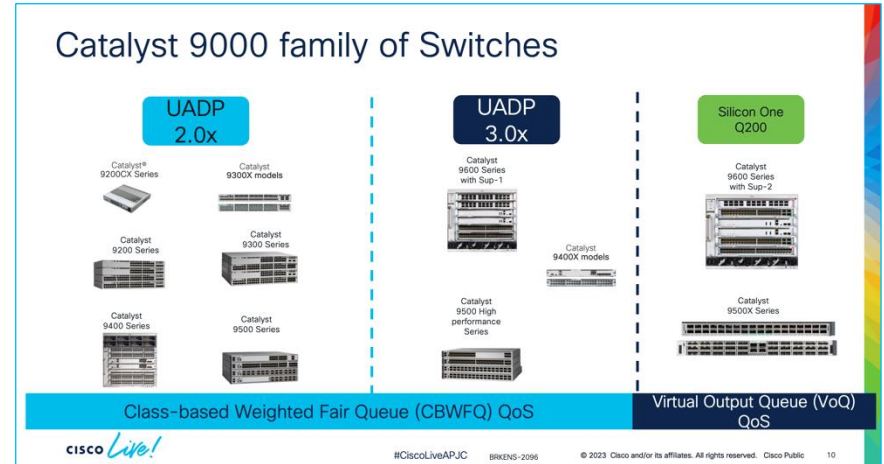
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Cisco Catalyst 9000 Switching QoS Deep Dive

Ninad Diwakar - Technical Marketing, Cisco

This session will deep dive into the QoS model used in the Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series of switches powered by the Cisco UADP and Cisco Silicon One Q200 ASICs.

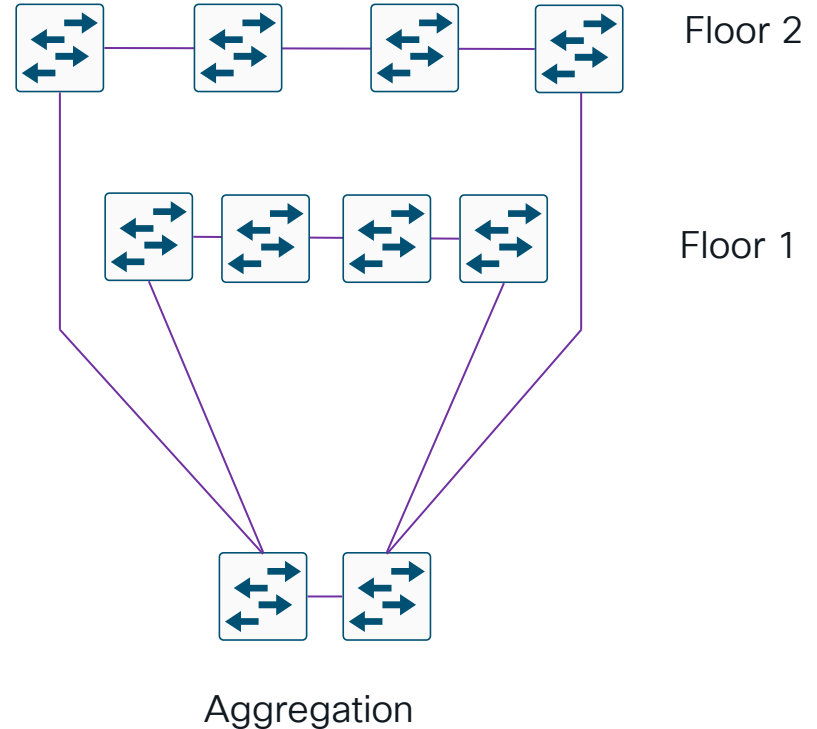
The session will cover platform-specific designs for classification, policing, and ingress and egress queueing policies which are applicable to the Catalyst 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500 and the 9600 switches. To close things off, the session will cover thought processes to be followed for migration configurations from Catalyst 6500 Series switches over to the Catalyst 9500/9600 Series switches.



How Fabric Networks could help?

FTTACP example

- Rings
 - ➔ Need to **Avoid L2 loops**
- More complex topology
 - ➔ Need **Abstraction**
- More points of management
 - ➔ Need **Automation**
- More devices in a path
 - ➔ Need **Assurance**
- Connect building solutions to a converged network platform
 - ➔ Need **Security/Segmentation**

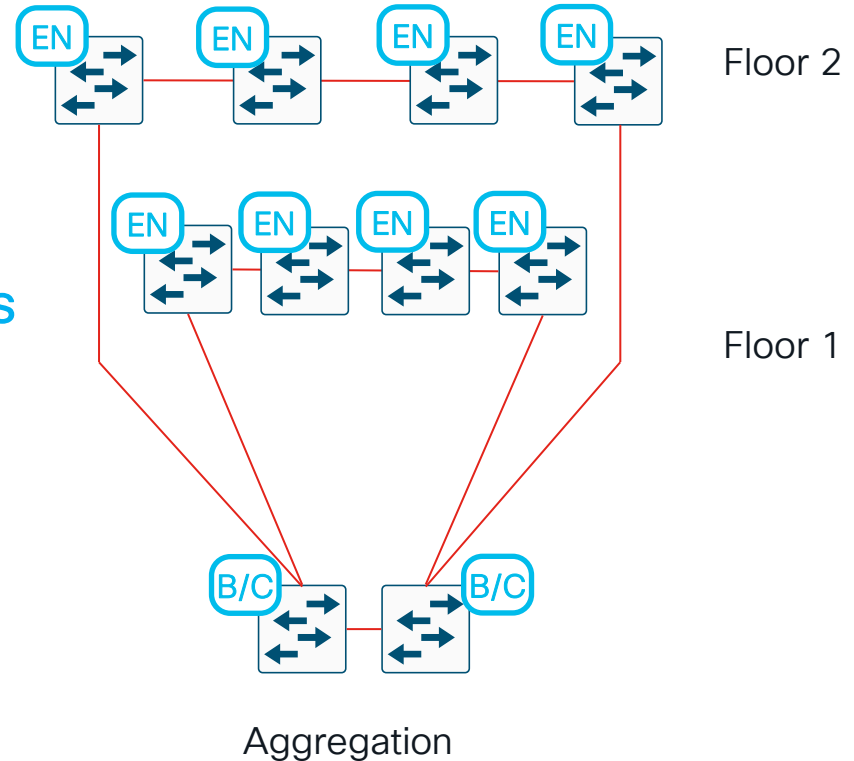


FTTACP deployment

Cisco SD-Access for FTTACP

- Remove L2 loops
- Abstraction
- Automation
- Assurance
- Security/Segmentation

Cisco
SD-Access



MPLS-VPN Provider Edge

The **Provider-Edge PIN** (Tier 3-4) focuses on connecting multiple Campus areas to remote domains (SP/WAN) using MPLS-VPN.

Main goal is to connect EVPN fabric to other networks

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L3 Hand-off**

- North (outside): L3 MP-BGP + Inter-AS, PIM + MSDP
- South (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP

Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

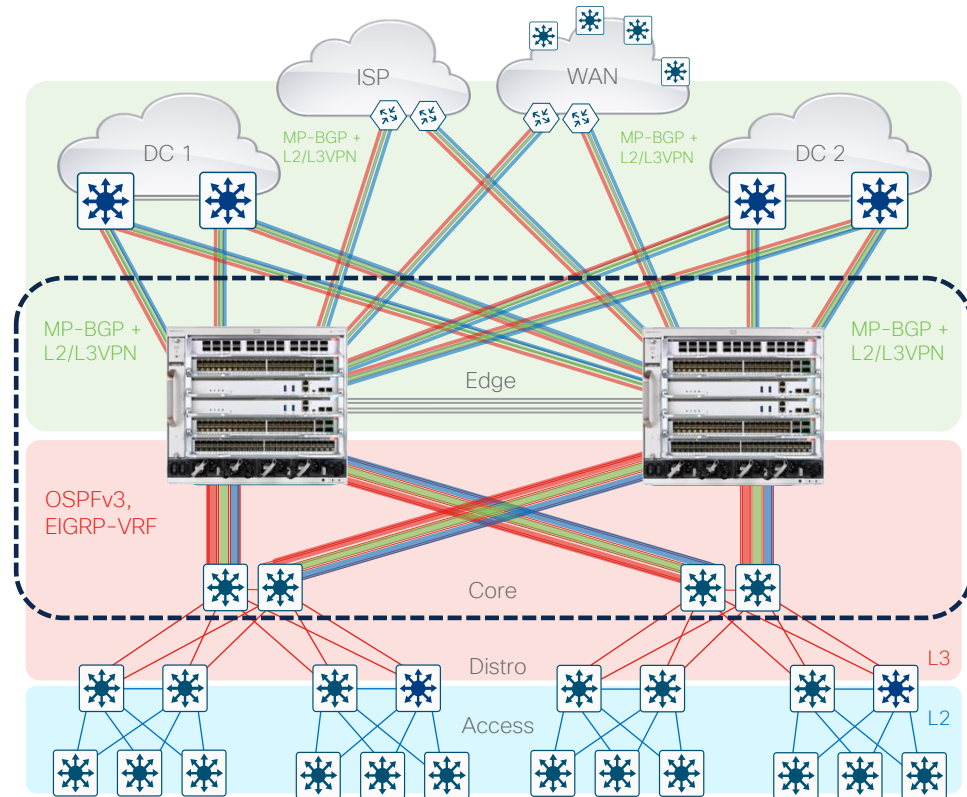
- Control-Plane: **MPLS, EoMPLS/VPLS, MVPN**
- Data-Plane: **LDP, mLDP**
- Policy-Plane: **VPN ID**

Tends to use Overlay-aware Features

- **IP or OG ACLs** (e.g. destined Outside)
- **Uniform/Pipe QoS** (e.g. separate Inner vs. Outer)
- **Inter-VRF Routing** (e.g. VRF-Lite, Leaking)
- **MPLS-aware NetFlow** (e.g. VPN ID in FNF)

May require multiple encapsulation(s)

Tends to require high L2/L3 & feature scale



EVPN Border & Spine

The **EVPN Border & Spine PIN** focuses on connecting an EVPN Fabric and/or other network domains.

- Typically, the same layer as Core or Edge (Tier 3-4)

Main goal is to connect EVPN fabric to other networks

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L3 Hand-off**

- North (outside): L3 MP-BGP + Inter-AS, PIM + MSDP
- South (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP

Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

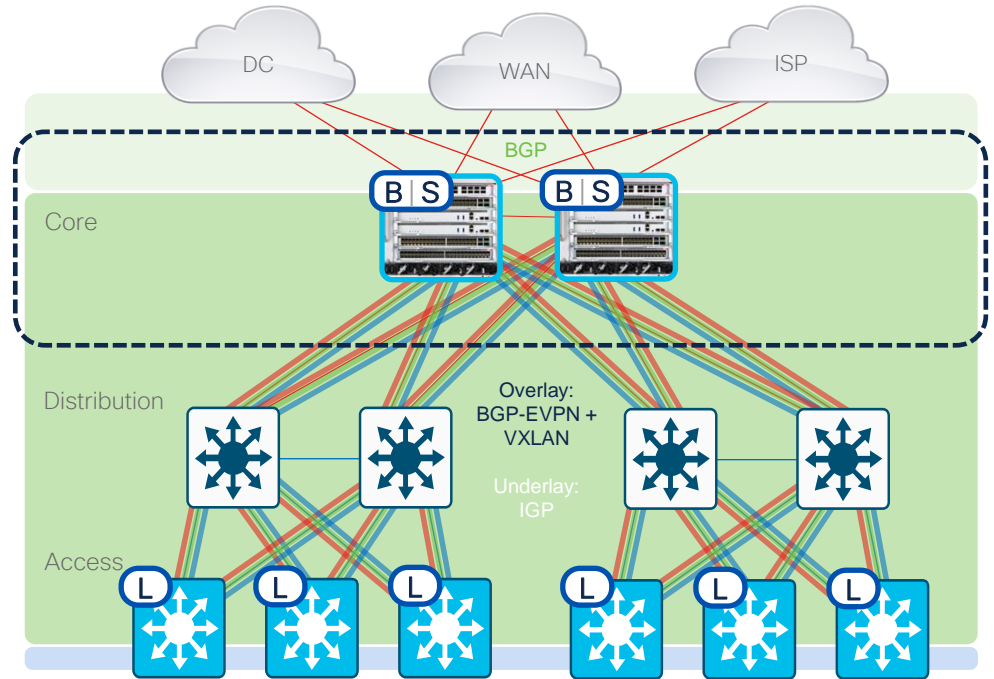
- Control-Plane: **BGP-EVPN (RR), TRM**
- Data-Plane: **VXLAN**
- Policy-Plane: **L2/L3 VNID**

Tends to use Overlay-aware Features

- **IP/OG ACLs** (e.g. destined Outside)
- **Uniform QoS** (e.g. copy Inner, queue Outer)
- **Inter-VRF Routing** (e.g. VRF-Lite, Leaking)
- **Fabric NetFlow** (e.g. VRF/VNID in FNF)

May require multiple encapsulation(s)

Tends to require high L2/L3 & feature scale



EVPN Leaf

The **EVPN Leaf PIN** focuses on connecting Wired endpoints to an EVPN Fabric domain.

- Typically, the same layer as Access or Extended (Tier 1)

Main goal is to connect Endpoints to EVPN network

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L2 Hand-off**

- North (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP
- South (outside): L2 VLAN (L3 SVI), STP, IGMP

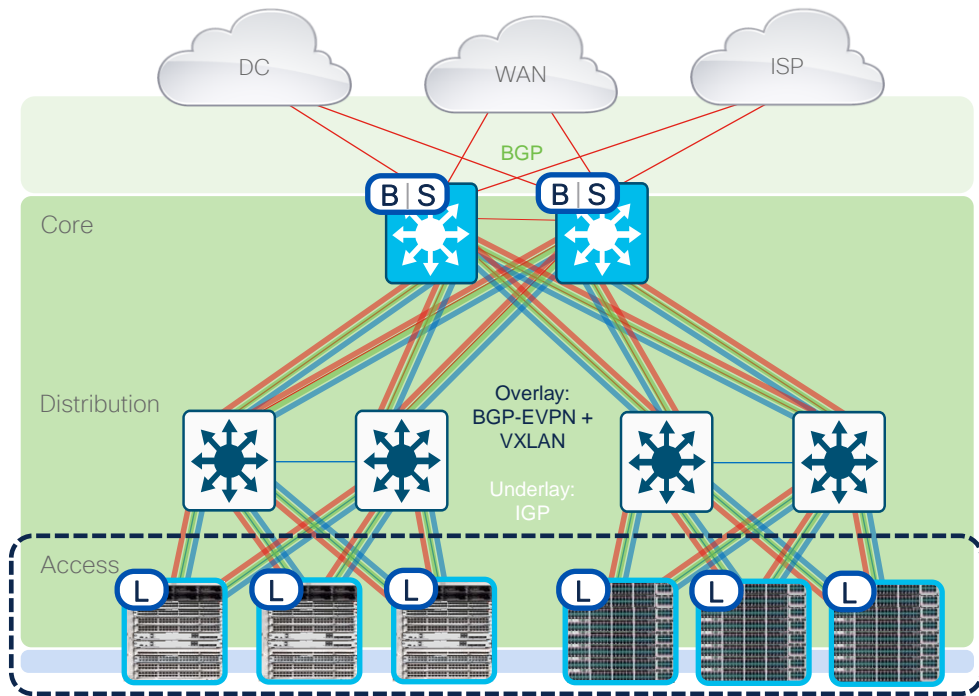
Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

- Control-Plane: **BGP-EVPN, TRM**
- Data-Plane: **VXLAN**
- Policy-Plane: **L2/L3 VNI**

Tends to use Overlay-aware features

- **IP/OG ACLs** (e.g. destined outside)
- **Uniform QoS** (e.g. copy inner, queue outer)
- **Inter-VRF Routing** (e.g. VRF Leaking)
- **Fabric NetFlow** (e.g. FNF + VNID)

Tends to require med-high L2/L3 & feature scale



SD-Access Border & CP

The **SDA Border & CP PIN** focuses on connecting an SDA Fabric and/or other network domains.

- Typically, the same layer as Core or Core/Edge (Tier 3-4)

Main goal is to connect SDA fabric to other networks

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L3 Hand-off**

- North (outside): L3 MP-BGP + Inter-AS, PIM + MSDP
- South (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP

Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

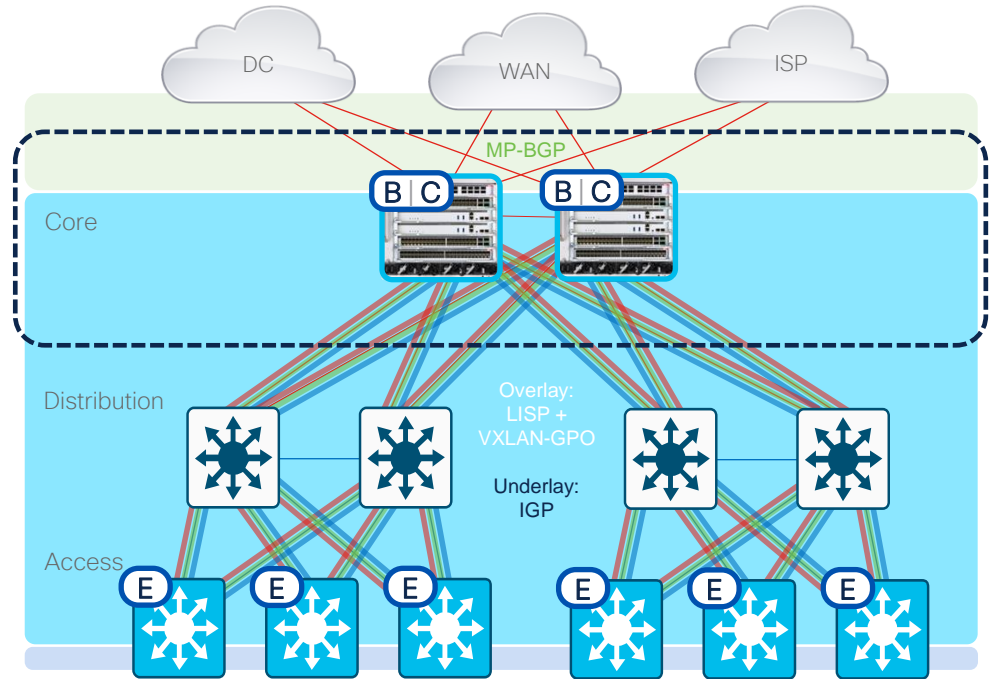
- Control-Plane: **LISP (XTR, MS/MR), PIM**
- Data-Plane: **VXLAN-GPO**
- Policy-Plane: **L2/L3 VNI + SGT**

Tends to use Overlay-aware features

- **Security Group ACLs** (e.g. destined outside)
- **Uniform Pipe QoS** (e.g. copy inner, queue outer)
- **Inter-VRF Routing** (e.g. VN Extranet, or VRF-Lite)
- **Fabric NetFlow** (e.g. VRF/VNID + SGT FNF, NaaS/ETA)

May require multiple encapsulation(s)

Tends to require higher L3 & feature scale



SD-Access Edge

The **SDA Edge PIN** focuses on connecting Wired/Wireless endpoints to an **SDA Fabric domain**.

- Typically, the same layer as Access or Extended (Tier 1)

Main goal is to connect Endpoints to SDA network

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L2 Hand-off**

- North (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP
- South (outside): L2 VLAN (L3 SVI), STP, IGMP

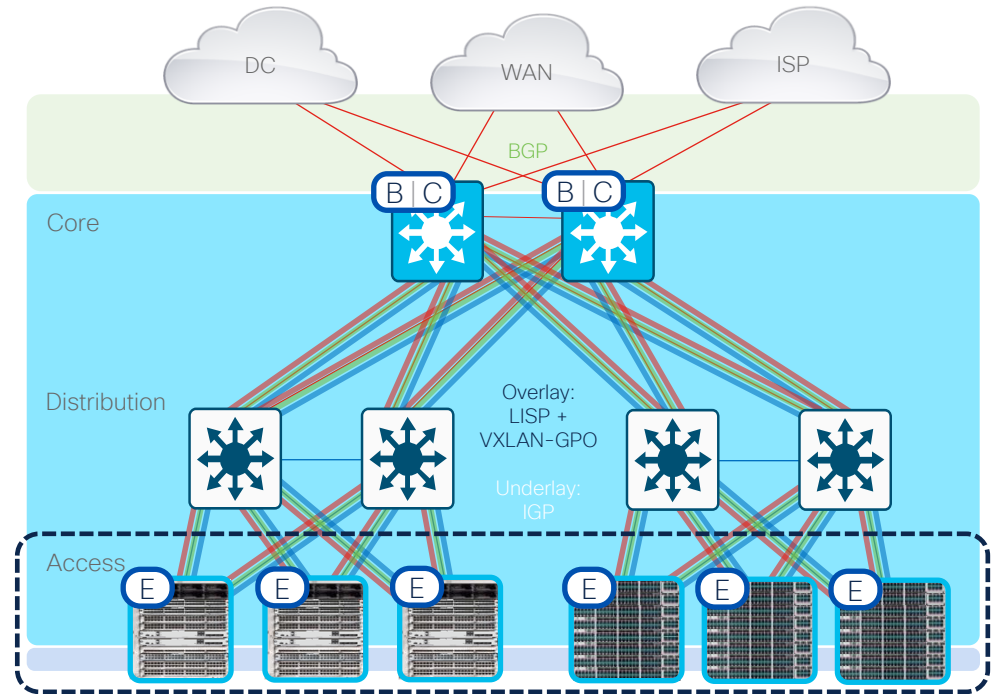
Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

- Control-Plane: **LISP (XTR), PIM**
- Data-Plane: **VXLAN-GPO**
- Policy-Plane: **VN + SGT**

Tends to use **Overlay-aware** features

- **Security Group ACLs** (e.g. destined outside)
- **Uniform Pipe QoS** (e.g. copy inner, queue outer)
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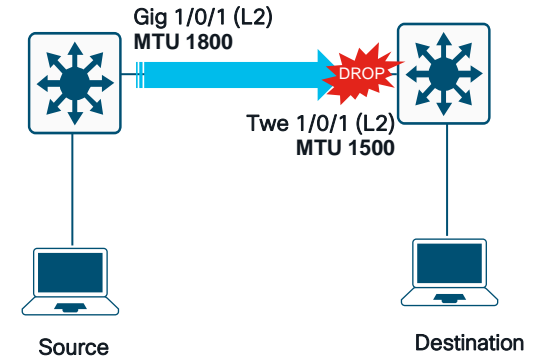
Tends to require **higher L3 & feature scale**



MTU Consideration

MTU is the Maximum Transmit Unit a device can forward.

- In general this "Unit" is the IP packet Length including the IP Header.
- L2 headers like, Dot1q tag, MacSec, SVL header etc, aren't accounted in this calculation
- System MTU vs Port MTU vs IP MTU
 - **System MTU** - System MTU is a global configuration, which sets the MTU of the whole device
 - **Per-port MTU** - Per-port MTU allows setting an MTU value on a per interface basis, and this takes precedence over the system MTU configuration. Once the per-port setting is removed, the interface will fall back to the system mtu.
 - **IP MTU** - is only applicable to IP packets. Other non-ip packet sizes will not be accounted for using this command.



Catalyst 9000 switches handle packet sizes from **64** bytes to **9238** bytes

Catalyst 9000 Overlay Fabrics

SD-Access with BGP EVPN
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Overlay Design Options for Campus Networks

Raj Kumar Goli - Technical Marketing, Cisco

This presentation will delve into the various overlay design options available with the state-of-the-art Catalyst 9000 Switching Platforms. We'll start by defining the concept of network overlay and its critical role in modern network architecture, especially in the era of cloud computing and virtualization.

The focus will then shift to the Catalyst 9000 series, exploring how these switches leverage advanced technologies to support multiple overlay design options. This includes discussion on technologies like Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN) and Software-Defined Access (SD-Access), which are integral for creating network overlays.

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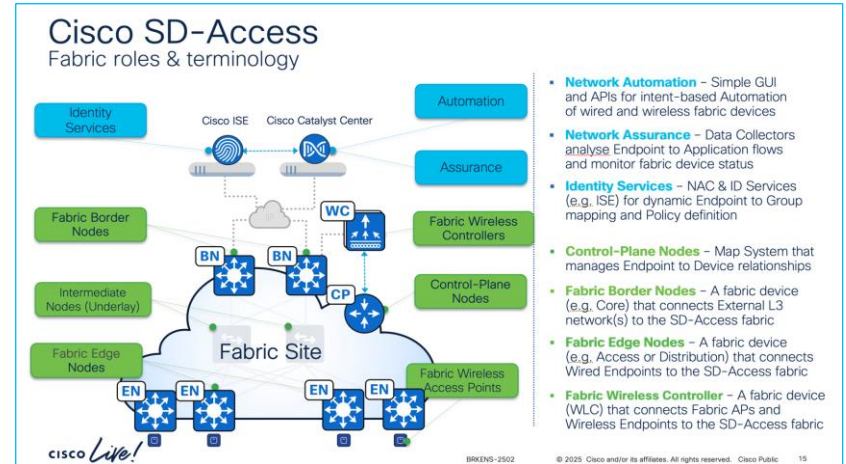
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Cisco SD-Access LISP VXLAN Fabric Best Practices: Design and Deployment

Mahesh Nagireddy - Technical Marketing, Cisco

This session includes a brief introduction of Cisco SD-Access components, and dives into design and scale considerations and deployment options, for single-site designs covering greenfield and brownfield converged wired and wireless infrastructures.

Participants will gain insights into how Cisco SD-Access can provide a journey to digitalization and immediate benefits at every step of embracing the zero-trust architecture. This session will focus on multi-site design and deployment options, with the intent to provide end-to-end segmentation with consistent policy across the enterprise.



Cisco Live EMEA SD-Access Learning Map

Sunday—9th

LABENS-2302 06:15 AM

SD-Access Troubleshooting

LABENS-2410 07:00 AM

Explore the Art of Cross-Domain Automation with SD-Access and SD-WAN

LABENS-2664 08:30 AM

Building the SD-Access Fabric with Ansible Playbooks: DIY SDA

TECENS-3820a 01:30 PM

Software-Defined Access - Architecture Deep Dive - Part 1

TECENS-2850 01:30 PM

Security in Enterprise - A cross-domain security primer across LAN, wLAN and WAN

Monday—10th

TECENS-3688 08:30AM

Advanced Cisco SD-Access Troubleshooting

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Advanced Cisco SD-Access Troubleshooting

TECENS-3820b 08:45 AM

Software-Defined Access - Architecture Deep Dive - Part 2

BRKENS-2810 02:15 PM

Cisco Software-Defined Access LISP Solution Fundamentals

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Tuesday—11th

CCP-1897 08:00AM

SD-Access and Zero Trust: Strategy, Impact, and Vision

BRKENS-1852 08:00AM

TrustSec Refresh Reinforced with Common Policy Innovations

LTRENS-2509 08:30 PM

Mastering Cisco SD-Access: LISP Pub/Sub and its Benefits Made Simple

BRKENS-2811 02:30 PM

Connecting Cisco SD-Access LISP to the World: Use Cases and Segmentation

BRKENS-2824 04:30 PM

Deploying Your First Cisco SD-Access Project

Wednesday—12th

IBOENS-2820 09:00 AM

Deploying a Global SD-Access Zero-Trust Network

BRKENS-1803 12:30 PM

Real-World Success Stories Powered by Cisco SD-Access!

BRKENS-1851 01:00 PM

Zero Trust: Secure the Workplace with Cisco Software-Defined Access

LTRENS-3751 02:00 PM

SD-Access as Code with Cisco Catalyst Center and ISE Automation

BRKENS-2827 03:00 PM

Cisco SD-Access Migration Tools and Strategies

BRKENS-2502 05:00 PM

Cisco SD-Access LISP VXLAN Fabric Best Practices: Design and Deployment

Thursday—13th

BRKENS-2820 08:45 AM

Demystifying IP Multicast in SD-Access

BRKENS-3826 12:15 PM

Advanced LISP SD-Access Forwarding Architecture

BRKTRS-3821 02:15 PM

Mastering Troubleshooting with Cisco Catalyst Center & SD-Access

BRKENS-2819 03:00 PM

Cisco SD-Access and Multi-Domain Segmentation

IBOENS-2820 03:00 PM

Deploying a Global SD-Access Zero-Trust Network

BRKENS-3810 05:15 PM

How to Adopt Zero Trust using SD-Access and Default-Deny without Tears

Friday—14th

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1 to 100: Master All Steps of Deployment, Seamless Integration, and Migration of Large SDA and SD-WAN Networks

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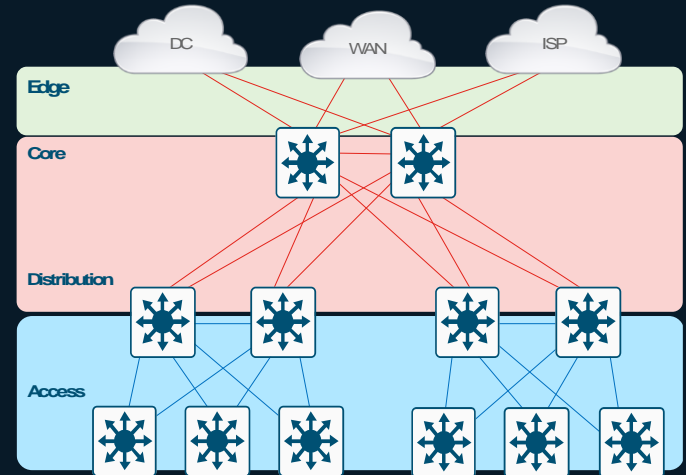
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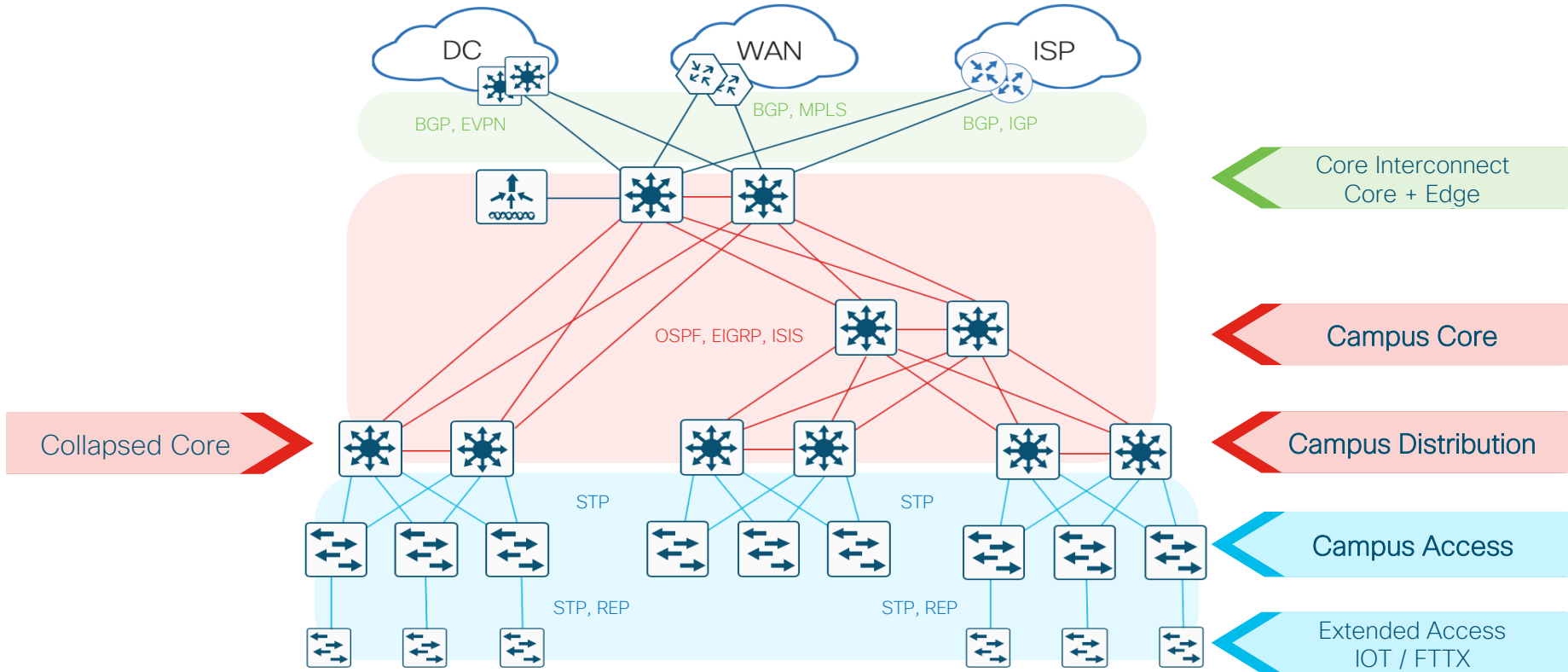
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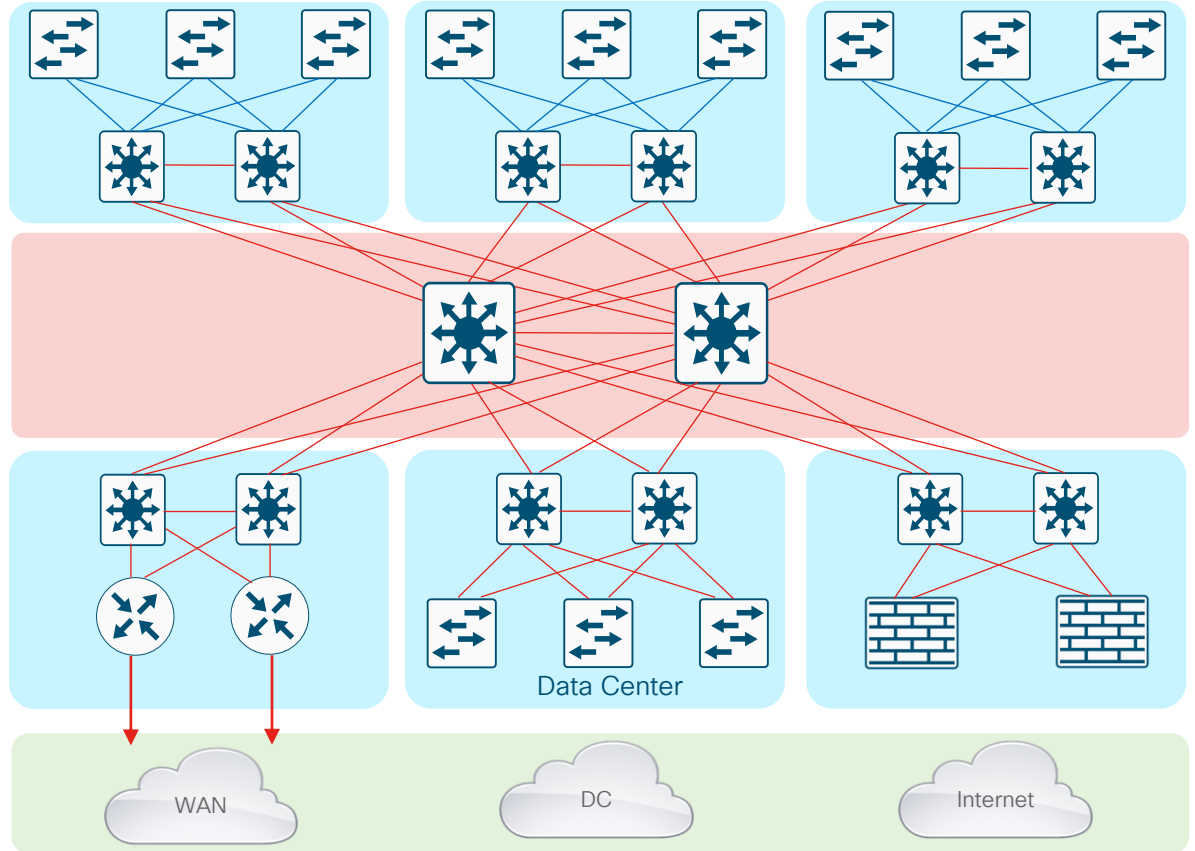
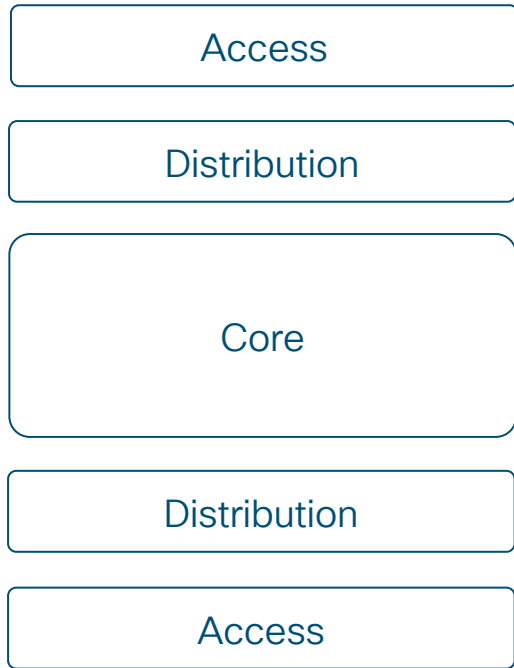
- ❖ Know the Campus PINs
- ❖ Other References
- ❖ Keep Learning!! 😊



Remember: Campus PINs & Topology



Hierarchical Campus - building blocks



Session Agenda – BRKENS-1500

Design Fundamentals

1 Campus Design Fundamentals

- What is “Campus”?
- Place in Network (PIN)

2 Campus Design Principles

- Multi-Layer Model
 - Hierarchical Design
- Access Layer
- Distribution Layer
- Core Layer

3 Campus Foundational Services

- Layer 1 physical layer & links
- Layer 2 switching protocols
- Layer 3 routing protocols

Design Considerations

4 Platform Design Considerations

- Chassis Considerations (Performance)
- Cabling Considerations (Speed)
- Feature Considerations (Scale)
 - L2 Features
 - L3 Features
 - Quality of Service (QoS)

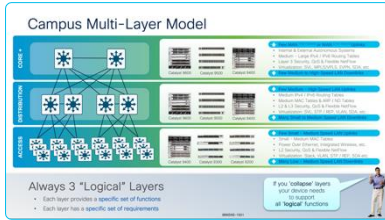
5 Campus Design Best Practices

- LAN High Availability
- LAN Security
- Virtual Networking

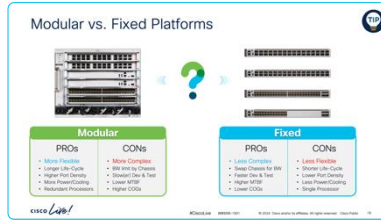
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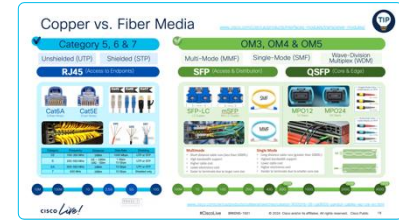
Collapse or Expand Layers?



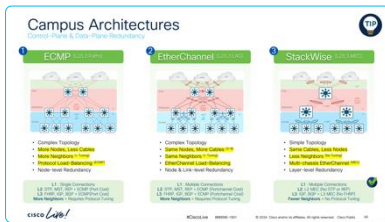
Modular or Fixed Platforms?



Fiber or Copper Links?



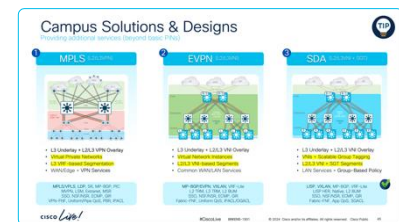
EtherChannel or Stacking?



What about Security?



L2/L3, LISP or EVPN?

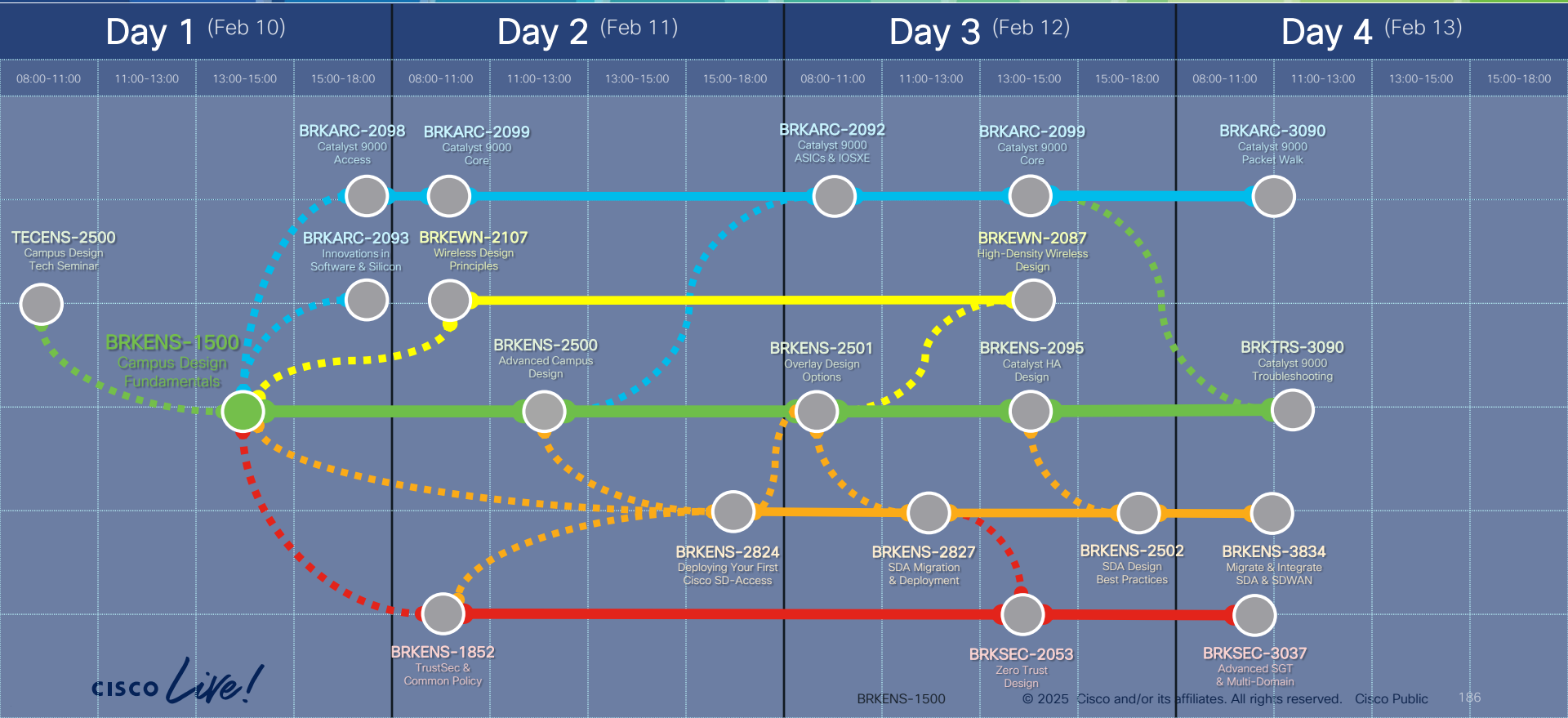


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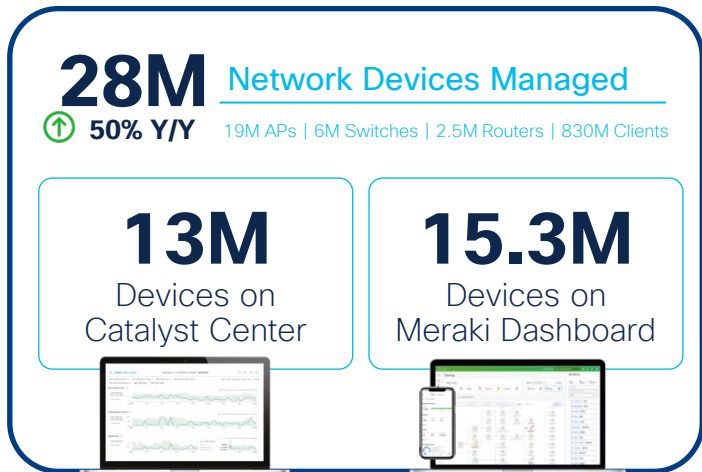
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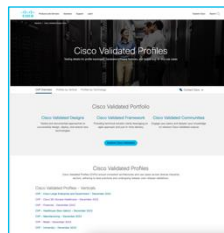
- Common Policy
- Secure Equipment Access
- SD-Access (LISP & EVPN)
- High-speed Encryption

Digital Experience

- Campus Automation
- AI Endpoint Analytics
- ThousandEyes Digital Experience
- AI Ops & Assurance

Operational Simplicity

- Cloud Managed Catalyst
- Infrastructure as a Code
- S3 & CloudWatch Integration
- Visibility, Control & Rollback



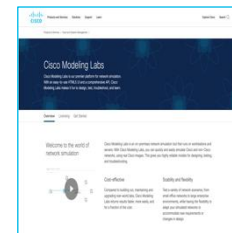
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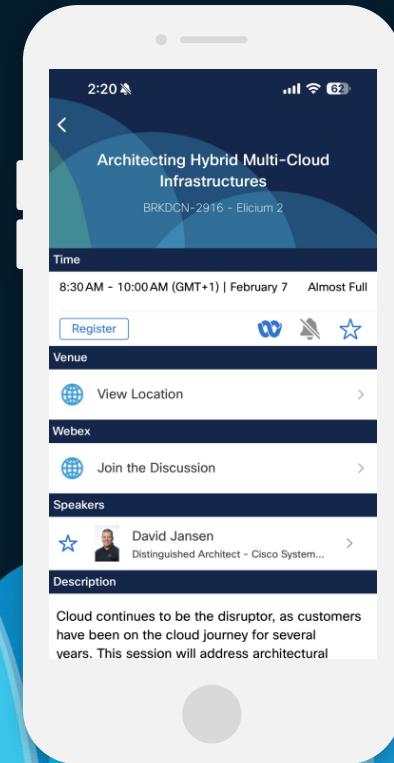
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