

A Network Engineer's Blueprint for ACI Forwarding

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- The Anatomy of an ACI Switch



- Understanding the Tools
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 - Flow Telemetry / netflow
- Debugging and Walking Through ACI Flows
 - (Routed, Bridged, BUM, Proxied)

Glossary of Acronymns

Acronyms	Definitions
ACI	Application Centric Infrastructure
APIC	Application Policy Infrastructure Controller
EP	Endpoint
EPG	Endpoint Group
BD	Bridge Domain
VRF	Virtual Routing and Forwarding
COOP	Council of Oracle Protocol
VxLAN	Virtual eXtensible LAN

VxLAN packet acronyms

Acronyms	Definitions
dXXXo	Outer Destination XXX (dIPo = Outer Destination IP)
sXXX0	Outer Source XXX (sIPo = Outer Source IP)
dXXXi	Inner Destination XXX (dIPi = Inner Destination IP)
sXXXi	Inner Source XXX (sIPi = Inner Source IP)
GIPo	Outer Multicast Group IP
VNID	Virtual Network Identifier



What's Different About ACI Forwarding?

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What is "Application Centric"?

- Traditional networks use ACL's to classify traffic
 - Usually based on L3 or L2 addresses
 - Makes security decisions (permit, deny, log, etc)
 - Makes forwarding decisions (policy based routing)
- ACI can classify traffic based on its EPG or ESG
- Traffic inherits the forwarding and security policy of the EPG or ESG





How is "Application Centric" Achieved? Sources and Destinations Must be Classified into EPG's

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Endpoints	Policy-Prefixes	PcTags	Contracts
 Used by App EPG's and ESG's 	 Used by External EPG's 	 The security ID of an EPG / ESG 	 Defines security and sometimes
 Represents the network identity of an end device 	 Classifies destination by longest prefix match 	 Used in contracts. Ex: Permit PcTag 1000 to PcTag 	policy between epgs
 Learned dynamically or configured statically 	 Also used for shared-services 	2000Sclass/dclass imply PcTag direction	 Essentially an ACL between PcTags Consumer/Provider
	Configured		rather than src/dest

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Vlan Types



What is an Endpoint?

An Endpoint joins both forwarding and security policy

Local Learn	VNID	Remote Learn
leaf103# show system internal epm end ip 192.168	.200.11	leaf103# show system internal epm endpoint ip 192.168.100.10
MAC : 0000.1111.2222 :::: Num IPs : 1 IP# 0 : 192.168.200.11 ::: IP# 0 flags : ::: I3 - sw-hit Vlan id : 2 ::: Vlan vnid 12661 :::: VRF name : CL20 BD vnid : 16613259 ::: VRF vnid : 2523136 Phy If : 0x40018000 ::: Tunnel If : 0 Interface : Ethernet1/25/1 Flags : 0x80005c04 ::: sclass : 32771 ::: Ref count EP Create Timestamp : 11/01/2021 14:06:25.7699 EP Update Timestamp : 11/04/2021 18:51:54.3871 EP Flags : local IP MAC host-tracked sclass timer	: No 22:vrf1 : 5 04 04	MAC : 0000.0000.0000 :::: Num IPs : 1 IP# 0 : 192.168.100.10 ::: IP# 0 flags : :::: I3-sw-hit: No Vlan id : 0 ::: Vlan vnid : 0 ::: VRF name : CL2022:vrf1 BD vnid : 0 ::: VRF vnid : 2523136 Phy If : 0 ::: Tunnel If : 0x18010001 Interface : Tunnel1 Flags : 0x80004400 ::: sclass : 49154 :::: Ref count : 3 EP Create Timestamp : 11/04/2021 16:38:13.570615 EP Update Timestamp : 11/04/2021 18:51:54.386595 EP Flags : IP sclass timer

Interface/TEP

PcTag



What is a TEP? (Tunnel Endpoint)

- IP addresses allocated for overlay communication
- VXLAN Traffic is sent to the TEP + VNID of destination

Most Common TEP Types

TEP Type	What is it?	What is it for?
	Unique Overlay IP Address for each	Non-vpc dataplane, I3out communication, apic-leaf
Physical TEP (PTEP)	individual Leaf/Spine	comm, etc
VPC TEP (VTEP)	Unique Overlay IP Address for each VPC Pair	Traffic destined to endpoints that are connected behind VPC
Proxy TEP	Spine Anycast IP's used for proxy traffic	Leafs send to these TEPs when doing proxy forwarding

a-leaf101# **show ip interface loopback0** IP Interface Status for VRF "overlay-1" lo0, Interface status: protocol-up/link-up/admin-up, iod: 4, mode: **ptep**

What are Tunnels?

• Leafs/Spines Install Tunnel Interface to each known TEP.



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How is an Endpoint Learned?

How does the Egress leaf classify traffic into the correct EPG?





Overlay iVXLAN ACL uses VXLAN with some additional bits

Bit pos 4 – Source Policy Applied Bit pos 5 – Destination Policy Applied Bit pos 7 – Don't learn





How is Traffic Classified with no EP Learn? In most of these cases, the pcTag is based on a policy-prefix lookup There will be no endpoint learn in several cases

- Source/dest is behind an I3out
- Source/dest is in another vrf
- Endpoint learning is disabled by some option

If ingress leaf doesn't apply policy, egress leaf should (indicated via policy-applied bits in ivxlan header)

How is Traffic Classified with no EP Learn?

Destination Behind L3out

leaf101# vsh_lc -c "show forwarding route 10.99.99.100 platform vrf CL2022:vrf1"

Policy Prefix 10.99.99.0/24

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vrf: 16(0x10), routed_if: 0x0 epc_class: 32772(0x8004)



How is Traffic Classified with no EP Learn?

Destination is unknown and is proxied

leaf101# show ip route 192.168.200.20 vrf CL2022:vrf1

192.168.200.0/24, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached, direct, **pervasive** *via 10.0.176.66%overlay-1, [1/0], 4d05h, static, tag 4294967294 recursive next hop: 10.0.176.66/32%overlay-1

leaf101# vsh_lc -c "show forwarding route 192.168.200.20 platform vrf CL2022:vrf1"

Policy Prefix 0.0.0.0/0

Vrf: 16(0x10), routed_if: 0x0 epc_class: 1(0x1)

"Pervasive" indicates this is a BD or EPG subnet (fvSubnet). Send to spine proxy-addr

Don't apply policy, Forward to proxy Anycast!

-pcTag of 1 indicates the fabric owns the subnet, don't apply policy
-policy applied flags not set in ivxlan header

leaf101# show isis dtep vrf overlay-1 egrep "Type PROXY"				
DTEP-Address	Role	Encapsulat	tion	Туре
10.0.176.66	SPINE	N/A	PH	YSICAL, PROXY-ACAST-V4
10.0.176.65	SPINE	N/A	PH	YSICAL, PROXY-ACAST-MAC
10.0.176.64	SPINE	N/A	PH	YSICAL, PROXY-ACAST-V6

Check hidden slide for impact of "Policy Control Enforcement Direction" setting



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What About Flooded Traffic?

The following traffic may be flooded:

- Broadcast
- Multicast
- Unknown Unicast
- Control Plane maintenance (EP <u>announce, fabric ARP, etc</u>)



How does ACI flood?

- Flooded traffic is sent to the BD GiPo (I2 flood) or VRF GiPo (I3 flood)
- The GiPo is an overlay multicast address allocated to a BD or VRF
- Flooding is done on a loop-free tree called an FTAG

Security policy	NOT applied
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GiPo

What are FTAGs?

 FTAGs are loop-free trees within the overlay used by flooded traffic

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- FTAGs are picked per flow from values 0 – 0xc
- One spine is root for each tree
- Outgoing interfaces calculated by ISIS

*Note, the ingress leaf communicates the selected ftag to the rest of the fabric by adding it to the destination gipo. If the gipo is 225.0.0.0 and the ftag is 0x9, the destination address would be 225.0.0.9



Proxy Forwarding



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What is Proxy Forwarding? Why? Scaling out Endpoint Learning





lookups

How to check the Spine-Proxy TEP

leaf1# show ip route vrf CL2022:vrf1

192.168.0.0/24, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached, direct, **pervasive** *via 10.0.16.64%overlay-1, [1/0], 00:21:39, static **BD** Subnet (Pervasive Route)

next-hop should be SPINE-PROXY

<pre>leaf1# show isi</pre>	is dteps vrf	overlay-1	grep PROXY
10.0.16.65	SPINE	N/A	PHYSICAL, PROXY-ACAST-MAC
10.0.16.64	SPINE	N/A	PHYSICAL, PROXY-ACAST-V4
10.0.16.67	SPINE	N/A	PHYSICAL, PROXY-ACAST-V6

next-hop of Pervasive Route is IPv4 Spine Proxy TEP

Three types of Spine Proxy TEP

- Proxy-Acast-MAC
 - ✓ Spine-Proxy for L2 traffic (L2 Unknown Unicast mode "Hardware Proxy")
- Proxy-Acast-V4

✓ Spine-Proxy for IPv4 traffic (includes ARP Request with ARP Flooding mode "OFF")

Proxy-Acast-V6

✓ Spine-Proxy for IPv6 traffic

What is COOP?

COOP is the proxy-database of ACI

- Council of Oracles Protocol A TCP protocol for citizens (Leafs) to publish records to oracles (Spines).
- Used for announcing endpoints, fabric owned IP's, multicast information, and more
- Synced across Pods/Sites with BGP EVPN
- Each Endpoint Record contains all information to forward (VNID, leaf TEP, mac, etc)
- COOP records pushed into hardware on spines
- For modular spines, scale is achieved by pushing each EP onto only two Fabric Modules



How ACI Builds Forwarding Tables

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Building Adjacency Tables

ACI combines ARP and MAC Tables into the Endpoint Table

Legacy Behavior

- ARP/ND tables map Layer 3 to Layer 2
- ARP/ND tables are updated by controlplane messages
- MAC Address Table used for switching decisions
- Mac Address Table updated by dataplane

ACI Behavior

- Endpoint table contains endpoints, which are Layer 2 addresses OR Layer 3 addresses OR a combination of Layer 2 and Layer 3 addresses
- By default, both Layer 2 and Layer 3 information is updated by dataplane
- Used for security and forwarding policy

Building	g Endpoint Tables	Endpoints can be programmed via software process or by hardware dataplane learns (HAL)
Resource	Table Info	Commands to Verify
Supervisor	EPM – Endpoint Manager Sup process for managing endpoints.	show system internal epm endpoint mac <addr> show system internal epm endpoint ip <addr></addr></addr>
Line Card	EPMC – Endpoint Manager Client Line card process that sits between hardware layer (HAL)	vsh_lc -c "show system internal epmc endpoint mac <addr>" vsh_lc -c "show system internal epmc endpoint ip <addr>"</addr></addr>
	and EPM	
Asic	HAL - Hardware Abstraction Layer View of what is programmed into the ASIC.	vsh_lc -c "show plat internal hal ep I2 mac <addr>" vsh_lc -c "show plat internal hal ep I3 ip <ip len="" pfx="">" ! !L3 Endpoints are put into HW Routing Table vsh_lc -c "show plat internal hal I3 routes grep EP"</ip></addr>

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What about ARP?

ARP Tables are still used in ACI for...

L3outs

- Overlay adjacencies
 - VXLAN Endpoints (AVE, K8s, Openstack, etc)
 - APIC / Fabric node adjacencies





Building Routing Tables



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Check Endpoint Table before Routing Table

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Troubleshooting TIP

When Troubleshooting Layer 3 Flows Always...

Check if there is an Endpoint Learn

If not then...

2) Check if there is a BD (pervasive) static route

If not then...

3) Check if there is an External Route

show endpoint ip <addr> show system internal epm endpoint ip <addr>

show ip route x.x.x.x/y vrf <name>

Programming Contracts



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HAL – Hardware Abstraction Layer

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Applicable to EX and Later Hardware

HAL – Hardware Abstraction Layer

Applicable to EX and Later Hardware

L3 Lookup of Hardware Tables



Much more info available in full output!

Understanding the Configuration Options

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VRF Level Forwarding Options

Feature	What Does it Do?
Policy Control Enforcement Preference	If disabled, policy is never applied between EPGs. If enabled, contracts are enforced.
IP Dataplane Learning	If Disabled, ACI uses legacy behavior for learning endpoints. Layer 3 endpoints are learned by ARP/GARP/ND and Layer 2 endpoints are learned by dataplane.
Policy Control Enforcement Direction	If set to Ingress, contract enforcement for I3out flows is done on service leaf. Egress enables enforcement on Border Leaf (requires remote learning to be enabled)
Ingress Enforcement	Egress Enforcement
Ingress leaf sets policy applie	d bits Ingress leaf does not set policy applied bits
Egress leaf does not set policy a	L3out Egress leaf sets policy applied bits
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Bridge-Domain Level Forwarding Options

Feature	What Does it Do?		
L3 Unknown Multicast Flooding	For non-link-local L3 multicast traffic in a PIM-disabled BD, should a leaf with no snooping entries flood in BD (flood) or wait for joins (OMF)?		
Multidestination Flooding	For L2 mcast and broadcast, flood, drop, or flood within epg encap? If flooding with EPG encap, proxy-arp is required for cross-epg L2 communication		
L2 Unknown Unicast	If destination mac is unicast and unknown, flood or proxy to spines?		
Pro is M	oxied, L2 Unknown Unicast dropped if the Destination AC isn't known in COOP		



Bridge-Domain Level Forwarding Options

Feature	What Does it Do?
Limit IP Learning to Subnet	Only learn IP's if they are within the configured BD subnet for local learns.
Unicast Routing	Enable IP learning as well as unicast routing (if a BD subnet is configured)
IP Data-plane Learning	Configured underneath the BD subnet. When disabled, IP/IPv6 learning is done via ARP/ND
ARP Flooding	When disabled, ARP is unicast routed based on the Target IP (if known)
Who has 192.168.100.11?	Image: Second state sta
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EPG Level Forwarding Options

Feature	What Does it Do?
Flood in Encapsulation	Feature is enabled for just the EPG (rather than all epg's in the BD). Requires proxy arp for L2 traffic between encaps.
L4-L7 Virtual IP's	Designed for Direct Server Return flows. This disables dataplane learning per IP. IP is learned by ARP/ND.
Disable DP Learning Per-IP/Prefix New in 5.2, can also be configured on BD	Disables dataplane learning. More specific than VRF-level option. In most cases should be used for DSR too.

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Global Forwarding Options

Feature	What Does it Do?		
Enforce Subnet Check	Don't learn an IP (both local and remote) if it is not within a configured BD subnet in the VRF.		
Disable Remote EP Learning on BL's	Remote IP learning is disabled for Unicast flows on a leaf in a specific VRF if an I3out exists in the same VRF		
Multic	ast sources are still learned		
	Also implicitly disabled when intersite I3out is configured		



The Anatomy of an ACI Switch

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LEAF ASIC Generations

% LST: Local Station Table, GST: Global Station Table% FP Tile: Forwarding and Policy Tile





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How is traffic forwarded?

For Proxied Traffic

- Depending on if the dest IP is the L2 or L3 Proxy TEP the VRF VNID + Dest IP OR BD VNID + Dest MAC is used to hash a synthetic Dest IP and VRF ID
- Synthetic information is used on LC to hash the uplink port to FM
- FM routing lookup is based on Synthetic IP
- Each Synthetic IP is owned by two FM's
- FM uses vnTag to tell egress LC which front panel port to use

How is traffic forwarded?

For Transit Traffic

- Line card hashes across ALL FM uplinks
- ALL FM's have overlay TEP routes
- FM uses vnTag to tell egress LC which front panel port to use





Understanding the Tools





Start with High-level Tools Use Endpoint Tracker for Building a Topology

Syster	n Tenants	Fabric	Virtual Networking	Admin	Operations	Apps	Integrations	
			Visibility & Troubles	hooting C	Capacity Dashboard	EP Tracker	r Visualization	
EP Tra En	cker Id Point Search		EP Locally Learn pod 2, nodes 40	ed on 1-402				
17	2.16.31.100							Search
L	earned At		Tenant	Application	ı E	PG	IP	
2 1	/401-2/402, vPC: vp 0.2.10.19 (learned,vr	oc-esxi- mm)	CiscoLive	Database	[DB	172.16.31.100	
Er 10	nd Point Search		No EP Learn, is t L3out?	his an				Search
L	earned At		Tenant			IP		
				No items h	nave been found.			

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Use Atomic Counters to Check for Overlay Drops and Latency (PTP)

Add EP to EP Policy $\mathbf{?}$ Name: CL-AC Description: optional Disabled Enabled Administrative State: Features: Atomic Counter Latency Statistics Source Type: EP IP Source IP: μQ Database EPG - DB 00:50:56:9A:65:DB 172.16.31.100 Application Profile Client Endpoint Internet Protocol Destination IP: APP 셷 EPG - WEB 00:50:56:9A:66:6E 172.16.32.200 Application Profile Client Endpoint Internet Protocol Filters: Protocol Source port Destination port Description Name Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified ip

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Use Atomic Counters to Check for Overlay Drops and Latency (PTP)

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🗸 🚞 Policies								
> 🚞 Protocol								
Troubleshooting								
> 🚞 SPAN		50.1	50 AL 1 0 1	01.40				
> 🚞 Traceroute	_	EP-t	o-EP Atomic Counte	r - CL-AC				
🗸 🚞 Atomic Counte	r and Laten							
🗸 🚞 EP to EP		✓ So	urce	Destination		Last Collection	n (30 second	s) Pkt
E CL-AC					Transmit	Admitted	Dropped	Excess
> 🚞 EP to EPG		uni/t	n-CiscoLive/ap-Databas	uni/tn-CiscoLive/ap-APP/epg	29	29	0	0
		10	4 Microseconds delay in overlay	of No ove	erlay drop	s!		
	EP-to	-EP Later	icy Average - CL-AC					
Atomic Counter and La	iten	/						
→ EP to EP		Last 30	Seconds Collection 04/25/2	022 16:06:05	Cumul	ative (04/25/2022	15:04:45 - 04/2	25/2022 16:06:05)
E CL-AC	Ave	rage(µs)	Standard Deviation(µs)	Packet Count	Average(µs)	Max	κ(µs)	Packet Count
> 🧮 EP to EPG	104.8	575	0.0000	29	104.8575	104	4.8575	3768
	,							

Use Tenant Visibility tools to check for Contract Drops



Contract Parser

The script checks zoning rules, filters, statistics against EPG names

Leaf# contract_parser	.pyhelp
nz,nonzero	display only entries with non-zero hits
incremented	display only entries that have incremented since last checked
node NODES [NODES]
	display entries specific to one or more leaf nodes
contract CONTRACT	[CONTRACT]
	display only rules that match a specific contract. The
	name of the contract is in the form
	uni/tn- <tenant>/brc-<contract></contract></tenant>
vrf VRF [VRF]	display entries for a specific vrf. The integer vnid
	of the vrf can be provided or the vrf name in the form
	<tenant>:<vrf></vrf></tenant>
epg EPG [EPG]	display entires for specific EPG. The integer pcTag or
	DN name can be provided. Note the dn is a partial dn
	in the form
	tn- <tenant>/ap-<applicationprofile>/epg-<epg></epg></applicationprofile></tenant>

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Port Counters are as Useful as Ever



Using moquery to check port counters fabric-wide

#Check Fabric-wide for FCS Errors
moquery -c rmonDot3Stats -f 'rmon.Dot3Stats.fCSErrors>="1"' | egrep "dn|fCSErrors"

#Check Fabric-wide for total CRC Stomp + FCS Errors
moquery -c rmonEtherStats -f 'rmon.EtherStats.cRCAlignErrors>="1"' | egrep "dn|cRCAlignErrors"

#Check Fabric-wide for Output Buffer Drops
moquery -c rmonEgrCounters -f 'rmon.EgrCounters.bufferdroppkts>="1"' | egrep "dn|bufferdroppkts"

#Check Fabric-wide Output Errors
moquery -c rmonIfOut -f 'rmon.IfOut.errors>="1"' | egrep "dn|errors"

ELAM - Embedded Logic Analyzer Module

- It is a tripwire in hardware
- The first frame to match a specified condition 'trips'
- Report is created with vas amount of data regarding asic decisions modu

Frame was not dropped in lookups!

are	Dst - TCP 10.0.0.1:300	
h a os' it	vsh_lc debug platform inte trigger reset	ernal tah elam asic O
vast ng	trigger init in-se set outer ipv4 ds set outer 14 dst- start	elect 6 out-select 1 st_ip 10.0.0.1 -port 3001
module-1(DBG-elam ELAM STATUS ==========	-insel6)# stat	Matching frame was caught!
Asic 0 Slice 0 St Asic 0 Slice 1 St	atus Armed atus Triggered	
module-1(DBG-elam RW drop reason LU drop reason	-insel6)# ereport 	grep "drop reason" : no drop : no drop

Dst - TCP 10.0.0.1:3000

Dst - TCP 10.0.0.1:300

What ASIC should be set in the ELAM?

vsh_lc
debug platform internal <asic> elam asic 0

Model	Role	Asic for Elam	
N9K-C*C	Fixed Spine	roc	
N9K-C*GX	Fixed Spine / Leaf	арр	
N9K-C*-GX2	Fixed Spine / Leaf	cho	
N9K-C*-EX	Leaf	tah	
N9K-C*-FX/FXP/FX2/F	X3 Leaf	roc	
<u>N9K-X97*-EX</u>	Spine LC	tah	
<u>N9K-X97*-FX</u>	Spine LC	roc	
N9K-X97*-GX	Spine LC	арр	
N9K-C95*-FM-E	Spine FM	tah	
N9K-C950*-FM-E2	Spine FM	roc	
N9K-C95*-FM-G	Spine FM	арр	

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Steps to Using Elam on Gen2+ Leaf or Fixed Spine



Steps to Using Elam on Gen2+ Leaf or Fixed Spine



When running stat if Triggered is seen, this means a matching packet was received

Reading an Elam

At a high-level...

<pre>module-1(DBG-elam-inse !ommitted</pre>	el6)# ereport
Outer L3 Header	
L3 Type IP Version DSCP IP Packet Length Don't Fragment Bit TTL IP Protocol Number Destination IP Source IP !omitted Contract Result	: IPv4 : 4 : 0 : 84 (= IP header(28 bytes) + IP payload) : set : 64 : ICMP : 192.168.200.11 : 192.168.100.10
Contract Drop Contract Logging Contract Applied Contract Hit	: no : no : yes : yes

ereport provides a simple, human-readable report output

 ereport requires >= 5.2 code for modular spines

 Groups data into outer/inner, headers, and lookup results

What if Elam Shows a Drop?

ereport Lookup Drop			
LU drop reason : SECURI	TY_GROUP_DENY	ļ	Common Drop Reasons
Drop Code	What Does it Mea	n?	What to Do?
ACL_DROP	For traffic destined to it is expected and co traffic was received f leaf has a remote EP flag.	o the CPU on an FX sw smetic. Also seen whe rom a fabric port and th learn with no bounce	itch n Ignore if its an FX switch and destined to local he switch IP/process. Otherwise, check for incorrect EP learn.
DCI_*_XLATE_MISS	For multisite / remote matching vnid or pcta	e-leaf, there was no ag translation found.	Check contracts between local and remote resources.
INFRA_ENCAP_SRC_TEP_MISS	No route and/or tunn source IP	el found back to the ou	Iter Check for a tunnel pointing back to the outer source IP. Also, check for a route in overlay.
SECURITY_GROUP_DENY	Frame was contract of	dropped	Make sure a contract is configured to allow the flow.
SRC_VLAN_MBR	Received vlan not proport.	ogrammed on ingress	Check if the frame was correct tagged/untagged. Make sure no invalid-path faults exist for the epg.
UC_PC_CFG_TABLE_DROP	No route was found f	or the destination.	Check the routing table for the destination.
VLAN_XLATE_MISS	Received vlan doesn	't exist on the switch.	Check if the frame is tagged with correct vlan. Check for invalid-path faults on the epg.

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Steps to Using Elam on Gen2+ Modular Spine Challenges of Modular Spines

- Line cards (and potentially FM's) have multiple asics
- · Elam must specify asic number
- Ingress/Egress ports may be internal LC FM connections
- ereport only available in 5.2 and later

Fortunately, spine elams aren't needed as commonly as leaf elams!

Shouldn't ELAM be More Simple?

Elam Assistant in DCAppCenter



ELAM (Embedded Logic Analyzer Module)

• Perform an ASIC level packet capture

ELAM Assistant

- You can perform ELAM like a TAC engineer!
- With a nicely formatted result report

Detail Explanations:

- <u>https://dcappcenter.cisco.com/elam-assistant.html</u>
- How to use video, pictures
 - A download link for ELAM Assistant

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ELAM Assistant in ACI AppCenter (example)

1. Perform an Elam

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System Tenants Fabric	Virtual Networking Admin Ope	erations Apps I	ntegrations Downloads		
Apps ELAM Assistant					
ELAM Assistant	Capture a packet with EL	_AM (Embedded Lo	ogic Analyzer Module)		
Capture (Perform ELAM)	ELAM Parameters				Quick Add Add Node
node-101 (site2-pod1-leaf1)					
node-102 (site2-pod1-leaf2)	Name your capture				
node-203 (site2-pod1-spine3) Status Node	Direction	Source I/F Parameters	VxLA	N (outer) header
node-303 (site2-pod2-spine3) 💮 Set node-401	from downlink	any V (+) (-) dst ip	10.255.255.100	
node-401 (site2-pod2-leaf1)	Report				
node-402 (site2-pod2-leaf2)	Ready node-402	from downlink	any V (+) (-) dst ip	10.255.255.100	
Ø Unsupported Nodes	Report node-303	from LEAF/IPN	any 🗸 🔶 🕒 dst ip	10.255.255.100 (+)
			► Set ELAM(s)	Trigger	
riggered!!	ELAM Report Parse Res	ult(report name:)			Set Paramete
and	Express Detail Raw				
oort is Ready	Select a report.				

ELAM Assistant in ACI AppCenter (example) 2. Read a Report



FTRIAGE – Automating Elams

Orchestrate End-to-End ELAMs from the APIC!

apic1# ftriage route -ii LEAF:101,102 -dip 10.99.99.100 -sip 192.168.100.10									
20:19:54	INFO	main:1295	L3 packet Seen on leaf102 Ingress: Eth1/34 (Po5) Egress: Eth1/54 Vnid: 2523136						
20:19:55	INFO	main:1364	leaf102: Packet's egress outer [SIP:10.0.176.67, DIP:10.0.64.70]						
20:19:55	INFO	main:1371	leaf102: Outgoing packet's Vnid: 2523136						
20:19:56	INFO	main:353	Computed ingress encap string vlan-3501						
20:20:03	INFO	main:464	Ingress BD(s) CL2022:bd1						
20:20:03	INFO	main:476	Ingress Ctx: CL2022:vrf1 Vnid: 2523136						
!									
20:21:46	INFO	main:1295	L3 packet Seen on spine1005 Ingress: Eth1/1 Egress: Eth1/3 Vnid: 2523136						
20:22:38	INFO	fib:737	spine1005: Transit in spine						
20:23:32	INFO	main:1295	L3 packet Seen on leaf103 Ingress: Eth1/29 Egress: Eth1/27/4 Vnid: NULL						
!									
20:24:02	INFO	fib:219	leaf103: L3 out interface Ethernet1/27/4						
20:24:10	INFO	main:781	Computed egress encap string vlan-1055						
20:24:17	INFO	main:1796	Packet is Exiting fabric with peer-device: N3K-1 and peer-port: Ethernet1/31						

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SPAN / ERSPAN

Don't neglect old friends!

- Both local span and erspan supported
- ERSPAN requires an I3 endpoint learned anywhere in the fabric
- Still the best tool for checking -
 - Packet contents
 - Frame format
 - Retransmissions
 - ...and anything else that can be seen in a pcap

Other Tools Requiring External Resources

- · Captures flow information based on specified criteria
- Useful for troubleshooting packet loss and latency

Flow Telemetry

- Hardware directly streams flow data to Nexus Dashboard Insights
- Useful for troubleshooting packet loss and latency
- Latency measurements leverage PTP for additional accuracy
- NDI can perform additional flow analytics

Debugging ACI BUM Flows





ARP – Ingress Leaf

Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Disable ARP Flooding Enabled



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ARP – How to Find the GiPo

From the GUI...

System Tenants	Fabric Virtual Ne	etworking Admin	Operations A	PPS FIOTI LIE APIC CLI
ALL TENANTS Add Tena	nt Tenant Search: <mark>n</mark> a	ame or descr	common CL2022	moquery -c fvBD -f 'fv.BD.dn*"tn-CL2022/BD-bd1"'
CL2022	\bigcirc	Networking – Bridg	ge Domains	# fv.BD
> C► Quick Start ~ <mark>∰</mark> CL2022		Name Comment		arpFlood : yes bcastP : 225.0.2.128
> 🚞 Application Profiles		Name Segment	VRF Multicast Add	dn : uni/tn-CL2022/BD-bd1
V 🚞 Networking		bd1 14811121	vrf1 225.0.2.128	
🗸 🚞 Bridge Domains		bd2 16613259	vrf1 225.0.8.48	
> 🕕 bd1		bd3 16187328	vrf2 225.0.159.112	
> 🕕 bd2				

From the Switch CLI...

moquery -c 12B	D -f 'l2.BD.name=="CL2022:bd1"' -x rsp-subtree=full rsp-subtree-class=fmcastGrp
<pre># fmcast.Grp</pre>	
addr	: 225.0.2.128
dn	: sys/ctx-[vxlan-2523136]/bd-[vxlan-14811121]/fmgrp-[225.0.2.128]
rn	: fmgrp-[225.0.2.128]

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From the ADIC CLI

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ARP – Ingress Leaf Elam Results (ereport)

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Outer L2 Header	
Access Encap VLAN : 3502 (0xDAE) Make sure this matches what is expected	
Outer L3 Header	
ARP Opcode : Request(0x1) ARP Sender IP : 192.168.100.11 ARP Target IP : 192.168.100.10	
Contract Result	
Contract Drop : no Contract Applied : no Frame is flooded in the Bridge Do	omainl
FINAL FORWARDING LOOKUP	
Bits set in Final Forwarding Block: : IFABRIC_IG MC TENANT MYTEP BRIDGE MISS FLOOD	
Lookup Drop	
LU drop reason : no drop	

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ARP - How to Find the FTAG

No other way than Elam...

module-1(DBG-elam-insel6)# ereport | grep "nopad.ftag" wol_lu2ba_sb_info.mc_info.mc_info_nopad.ftag: 0x8 Selected ftag is 0x8

- Leaf forwards to root port and OIF's for ftag 8
- Since GIPO is 225.0.2.128, Dest multicast address is 225.0.2.136 (gipo + ftag)
- Check ftag topology with show isis internal mcast routes ftag





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ARP – Egress Leaf

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Outer L3 Header				
Destination IP	: 225.0.2.136	Destination is GIPO (225.0.2.128) + FTAG (0x8)		
Inner L3 Header				
ARP Sender IP ARP Target IP	: 192.168.100.11 : 192.168.100.10			
Outer L4 Header				
VRF or BD VNID	: 14811121(0xE1FFF1)		
Contract Result				
Contract Drop	: no		Frame is flooded in the Bridge	Domain!
FINAL FORWARDING	LOOKUP			
Bits set in Final	Forwarding Block: :	IFABRIC_EG MC INFRA ENC	CAP MYTEP BRIDGE MISS FLOOD	
Lookup Drop	Not D	ropped in lookups!		
LU drop reason	: no drop	BRKDCN-3900		98

ARP – Egress Leaf Port is VPC

- Both VPC members receive a flooded copy
- One VPC member is the Designated Forwarder (DF) for the flow
- DF is hashed per flow
- Only DF floods out VPC interfaces

for the flow

Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Disable

module-1(DBG-elam-insel14)# ereport | grep df | grep vpc sug_lub_latch_results_vec.lub4_1.vpc_df: 0x0 sug_fpx_lookup_vec.lkup.dciptvec.pt.vpc_df: 0x0 sug_fpc_lookup_vec.fplu_vec.lkup.dciptvec.pt.vpc_df: 0x0 sug_fpc_lookup_vec.fplu_vec.lkup.dciptvec.pt.vpc_df: 0x0

Non-DF Leaf

DF Leaf

module-1(DBG-elam-insel14)# ereport | grep df | grep vpc
sug_lub_latch_results_vec.lub4_1.vpc_df: 0x1
sug_fpx_lookup_vec.lkup.dciptvec.pt.vpc_df: 0x1
sug_fpc_lookup_vec.fplu_vec.lkup.dciptvec.pt.vpc_df: 0x1
sug_fpc_lookup_vec.fplu_vec.lkup.dciptvec.pt.vpc_df: 0x1

Debugging ACI Bridged Flows





Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Disable Unknown Unicast Flood





Bridge Domain Settings: Known Unicast – Ingress Leaf Unicast Routing Disable Unknown Unicast Flood ELAM Spine Spine vsh lc debug plat internal app elam asic 0 trigger reset trigger init in-select 6 out-select 0 set outer ipv4 src ip 192.168.100.11 dst ip 192.168.100.10 start Leaf Leaf Leaf ACI Ping 192.168.100.10 EP2 EP1 192.168.100.10/24 192.168.100.11/24 0000.aaaa.bbbb 0000.cccc.dddd

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Known Unicast – Ingress Leaf Forwarding Verifications

Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Disable Unknown Unicast Flood



Traffic is forwarded out Eth1/29!



Contract Verification

Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Disable Unknown Unicast Flood



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Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Disable Unknown Unicast Flood



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Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Enabled

Forwarding Verifications



Traffic is forwarded out Eth1/29!



Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Enabled

Contract Verification



Proxied Unicast – Spine

Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Enabled



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Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Enabled

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Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Enabled



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Contract Verification

Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Enabled



contract this is actually hitting?



Bridge Domain Settings: Unicast Routing Enabled

Contract Verification



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L3Out Destination – Ingress Leaf



L3Out Destination – Ingress Leaf



L3Out Destination – Egress Leaf



L3Out Source – Ingress Border Leaf



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