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# Catalyst 9000 IOS-XE Innovations

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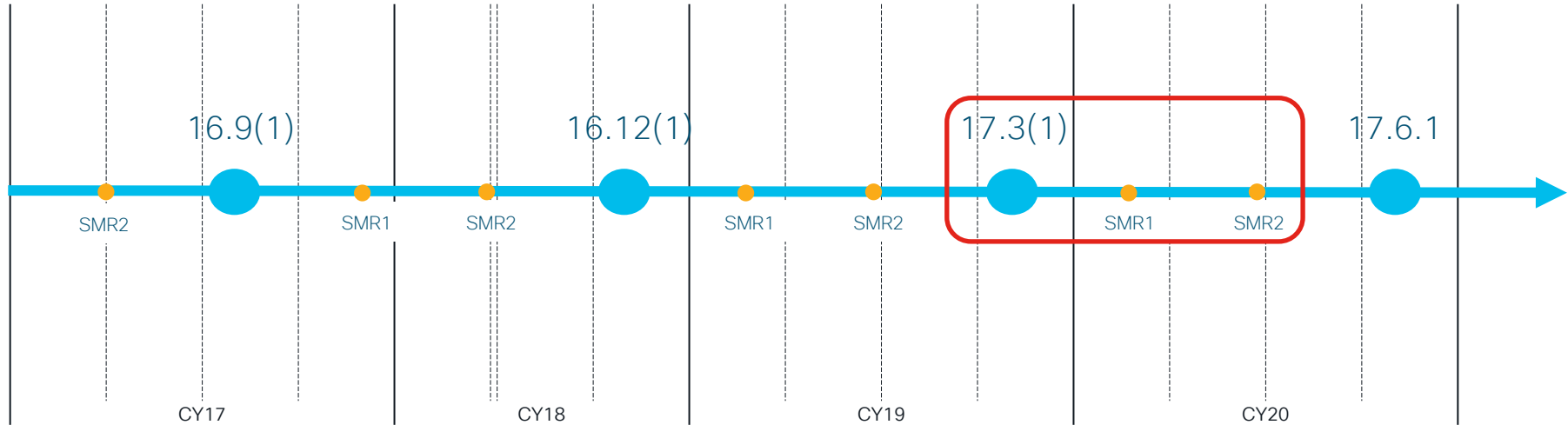



# Agenda

- Introduction
- Latest Innovations
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  - Zero Trust
  - Custom SDM Templates
  - SD-AVC with ETA
  - High Availability
  - Smart Licensing
- Conclusion

# IOS XE Release Schedule

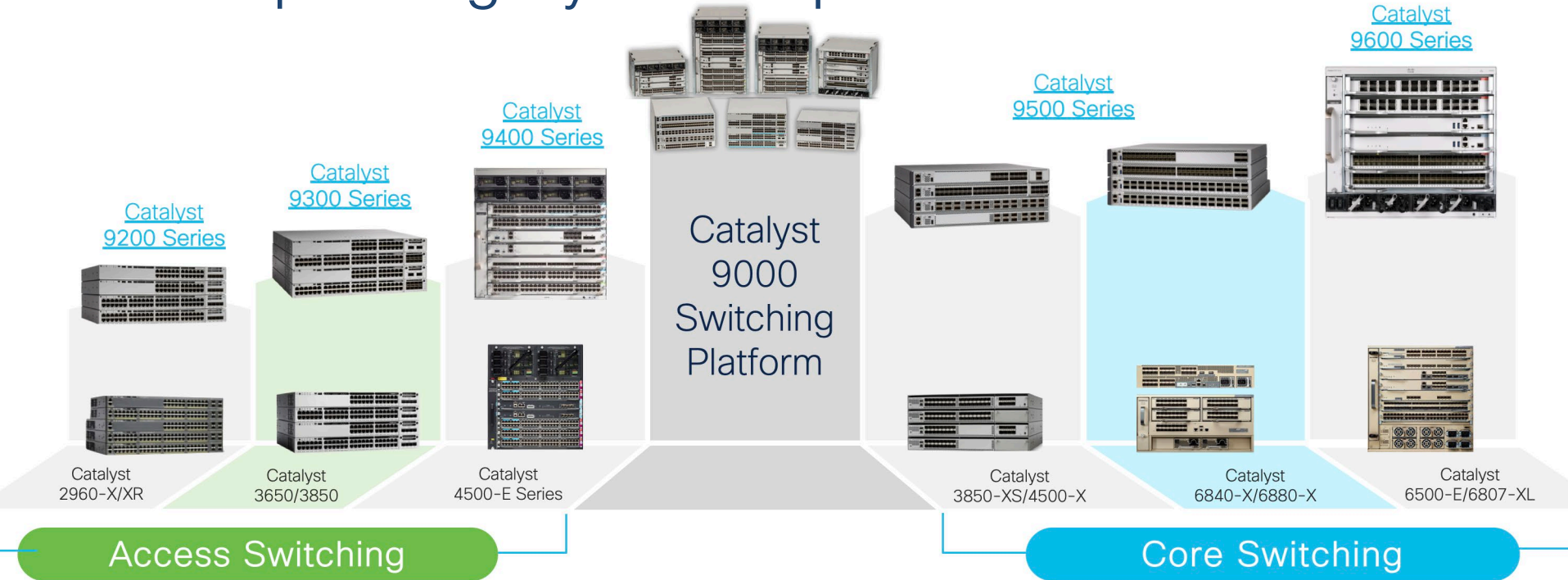
3 Releases Annually (every 4 months)



 Extended Maintenance Release (“EMR”) – **36 months support**. Recommended for wide-scale production deployments – Supports patches (SMU) and ISSU\*

 Standard Maintenance Release (“SMR”) – **12 months support**

# One Operating System: Open IOS-XE



Open IOS-XE 17.5.1

# Latest Innovations

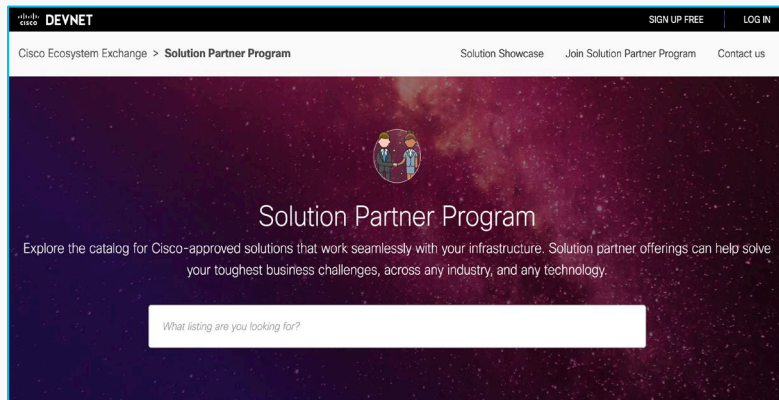
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# Assurance



# Catalyst 9Ks enable Industry Leading Network Visibility and Control at Scale



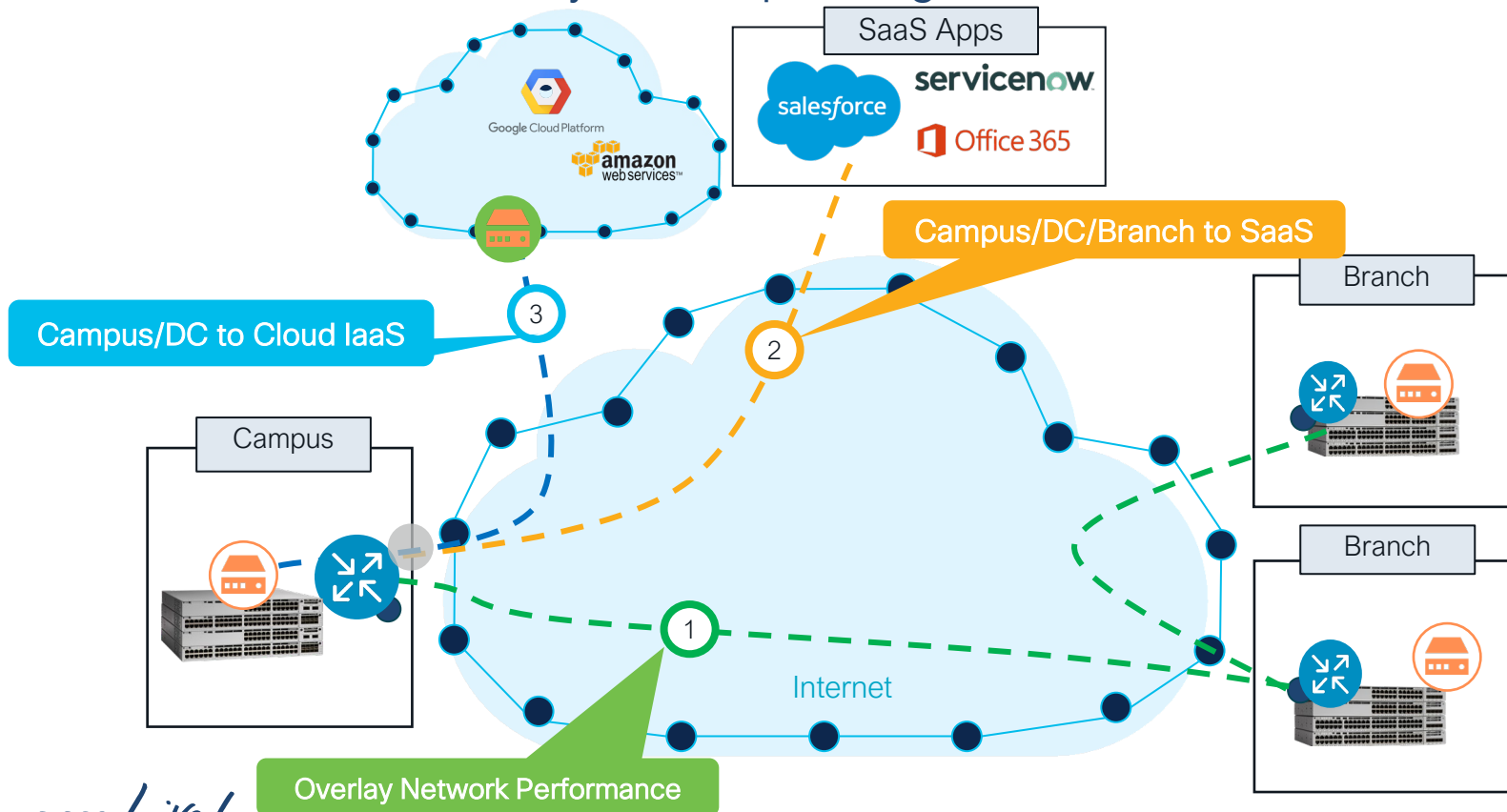
**Thousand Eyes**

Improved Service  
Assurance



# Service Assurance is beyond the Enterprise Domain

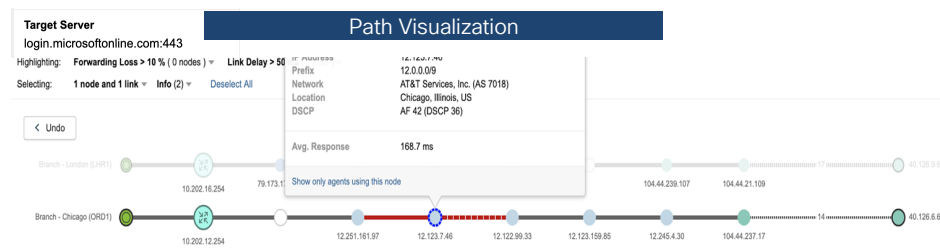
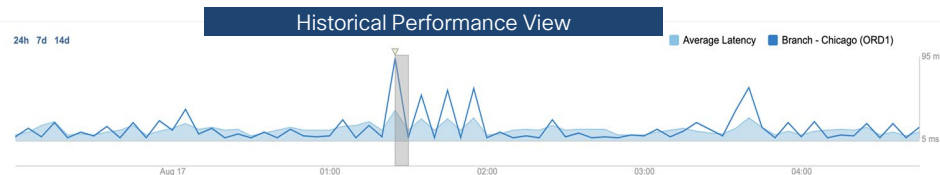
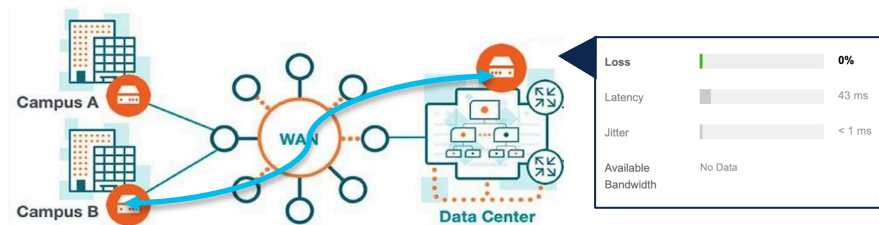
## Use cases for ThousandEyes Enterprise Agent



# Troubleshooting SaaS & Monitoring Campus Performance

Agent to Agent/Server

- Identifying **poor user experience**
  - Did traffic handoff to SaaS app optimally?
  - Was there an outage within Enterprise, WAN or SaaS backbone?
- Full path visibility** to identify and resolve issues
- Active monitoring for **Latency, Loss, Bandwidth, Jitter**



Hop-by-hop picture of performance with Proactive Customizable Alerts

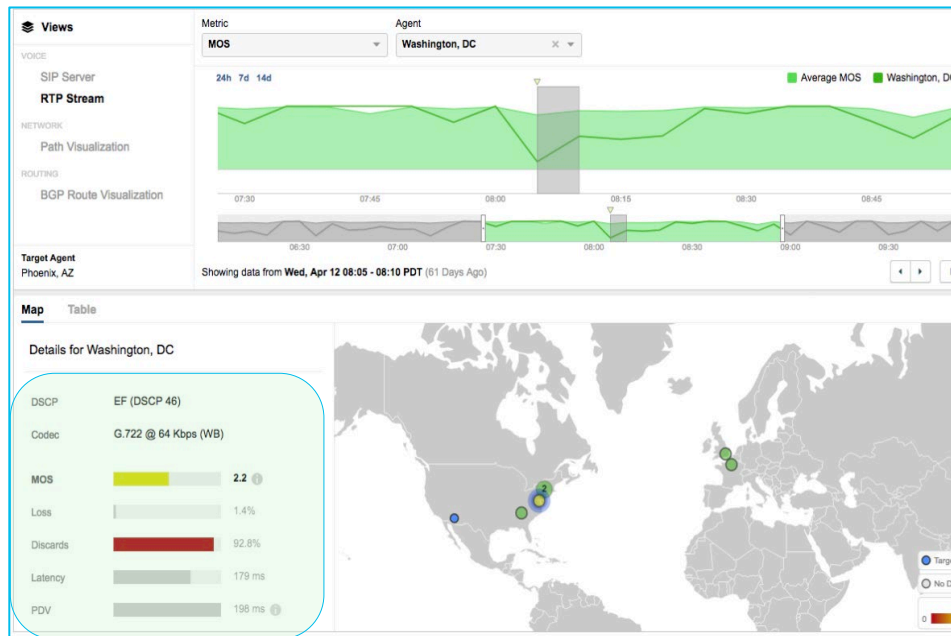
# DNS and Web Performance Monitoring

- **DNS Tests** – Server, Trace, DNSSEC
- In-depth metrics regarding the **in-browser user experience** with waterfall chart
- Identify objects preventing or prolonging page load completion
- **HTTP Server Performance**
  - Availability
  - Response Time
  - Throughput



# Troubleshooting VOIP

- VoIP packets are **extremely susceptible** to underlying network conditions that traditional VoIP monitors can't detect
- **Simulate VoIP calls** between Enterprise Agents in branch office
- Measure SIP and RTP server availability.



# Platform Support for ThousandEyes Agent



**Catalyst 9300**  
**Catalyst 9300L**

w/ IOS 17.3.3



**Catalyst 9400**

w/ IOS 17.5.1

HW Specification	
Type	Light Weight Docker
CPU	1-2 vCPU
RAM	1-2 GB
Flash Storage	1 GB App Data

ThousandEyes Agent preload on Flash

# Automated Issue Resolution with Machine Reasoning Engine

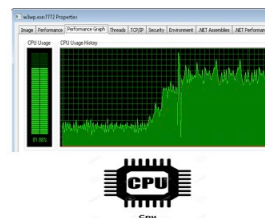
DNAC  
2.1.2

## Power Supply Failure



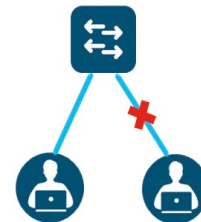
- Power starvation
- Power supply with no input power
- Power supply missing

## High CPU Utilization



- Broadcast of a lot of data traffic on network causes excessive use of CPU resources

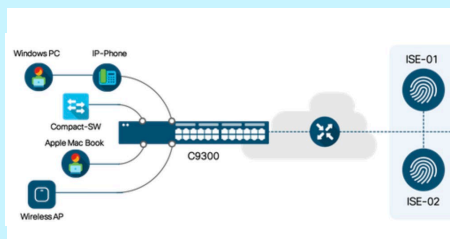
## Interface Flap



- Flap errors/ CRC Errors
- Interface connectivity loss
- Faulty optics

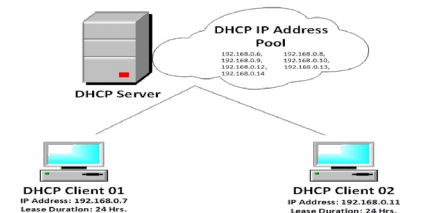
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## Authentication Failure



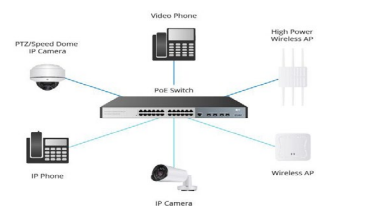
- Dot1x/MAB configuration methods missing
- Credential failure
- Ping to ISE failure

## DHCP Reachability Failure



- Mac Address not present in IPDT
- Discover packets has not been punted
- Multiple logical routes b/w DHCP server & clients

## POE Power Overdraw





- IEEE non-compliant powered device request power more than the standard
- PoE Imax errors

# Zero-Trust

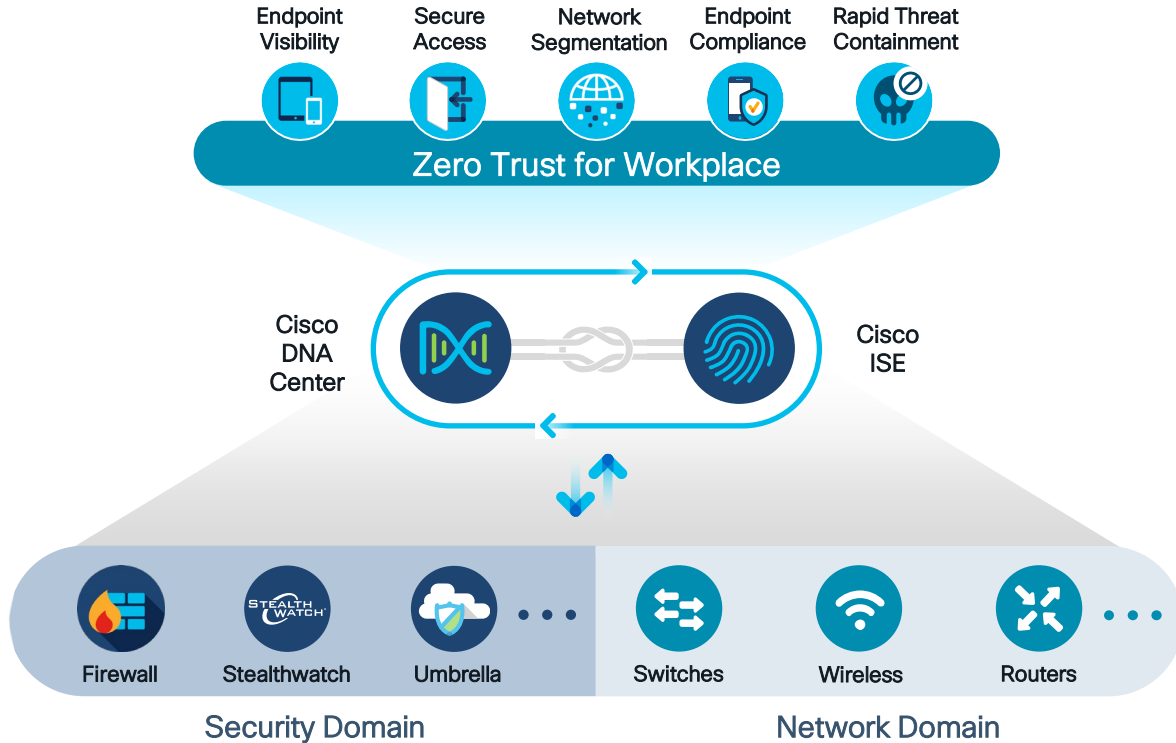


# Zero-Trust for Workplace Framework

 **Simplicity:** Simplify security operations through automation

 **Efficacy:** Strengthen workplace defenses with security integrations

 **Efficiency:** Increase efficiency of security services by leveraging network context





# Catalyst 9K – Cloud Security Services enabled switch



Isolate Peer Endpoints



URL Based Access Control



Intelligent Device Classification

Secure Access

Cloud Security  
Services



Secure RADIUS over Public Networks



DNS based threat protection

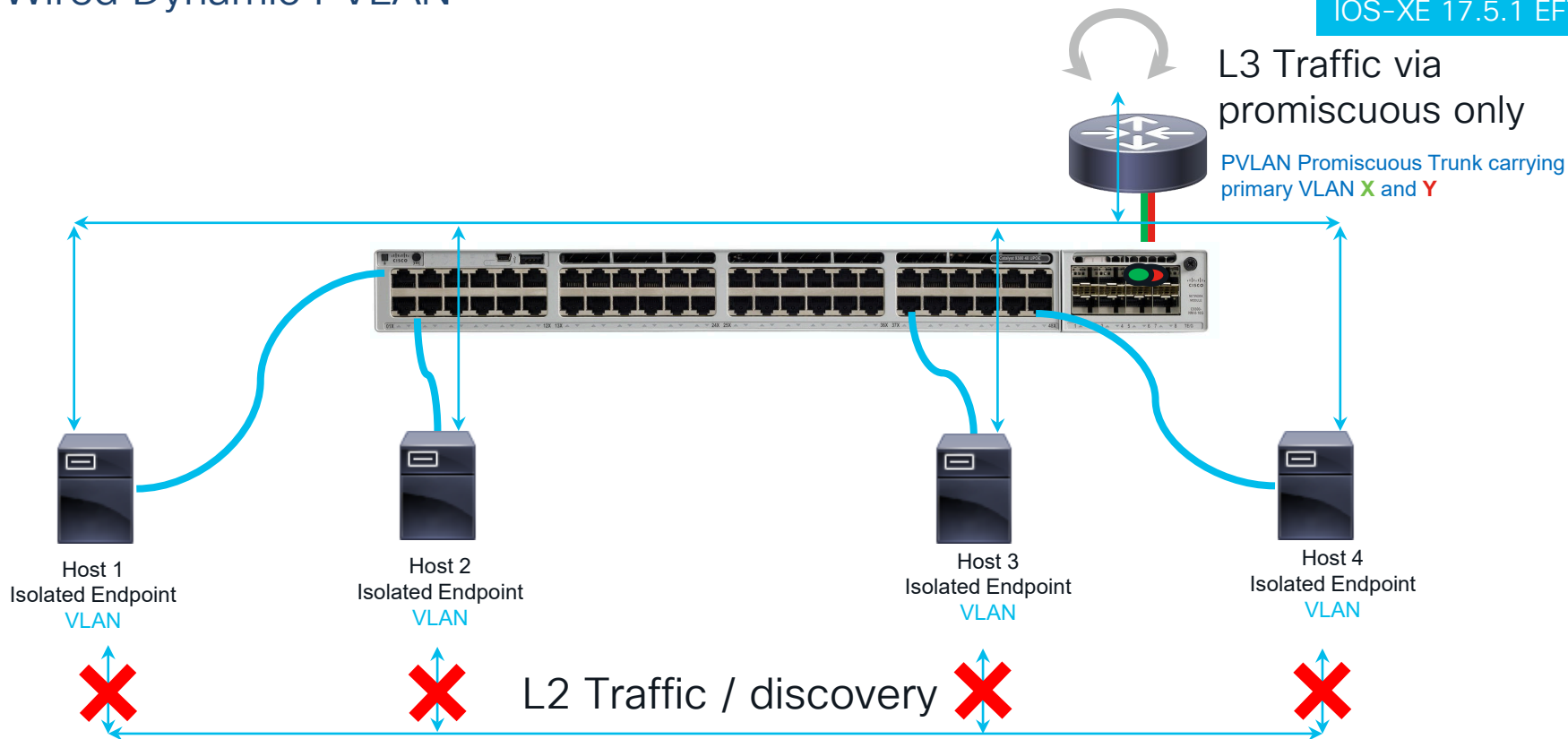


Detect anomalies in traffic with limited resources

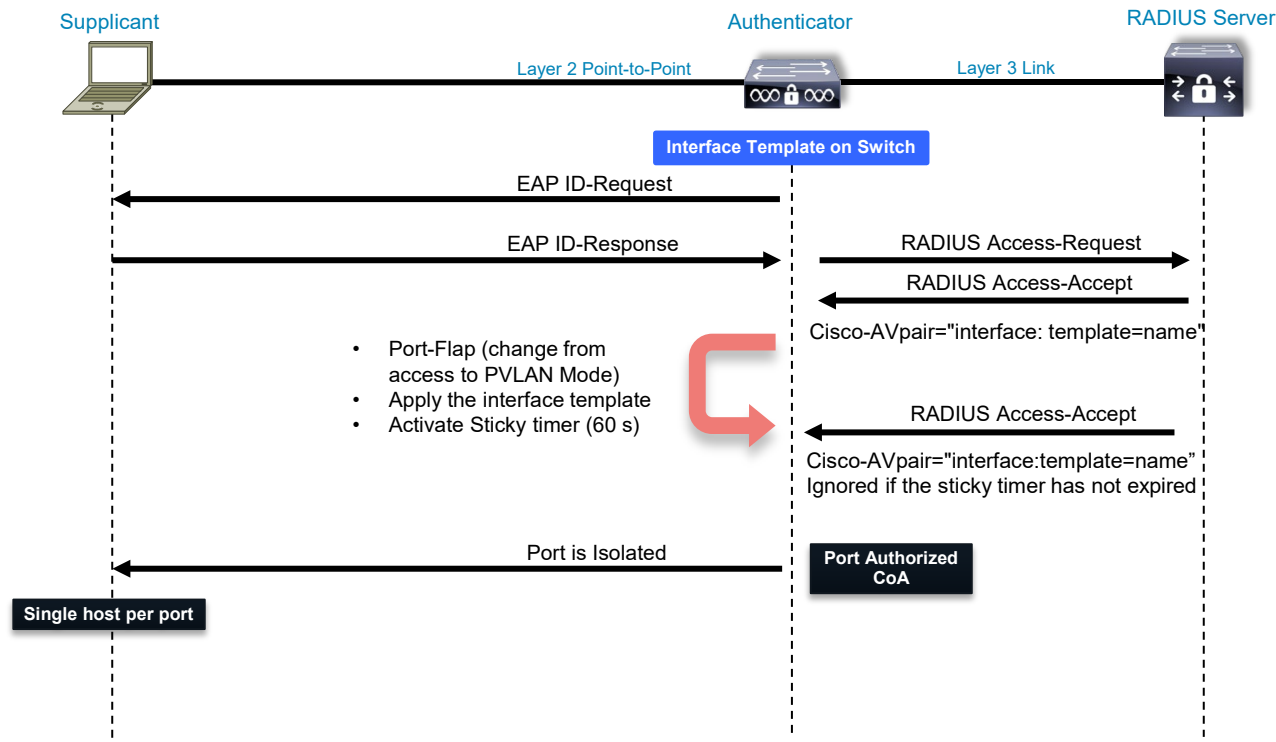
# Isolate Peer Endpoints – Zero Trust at Access

## Wired Dynamic PVLAN

IOS-XE 17.5.1 EFT

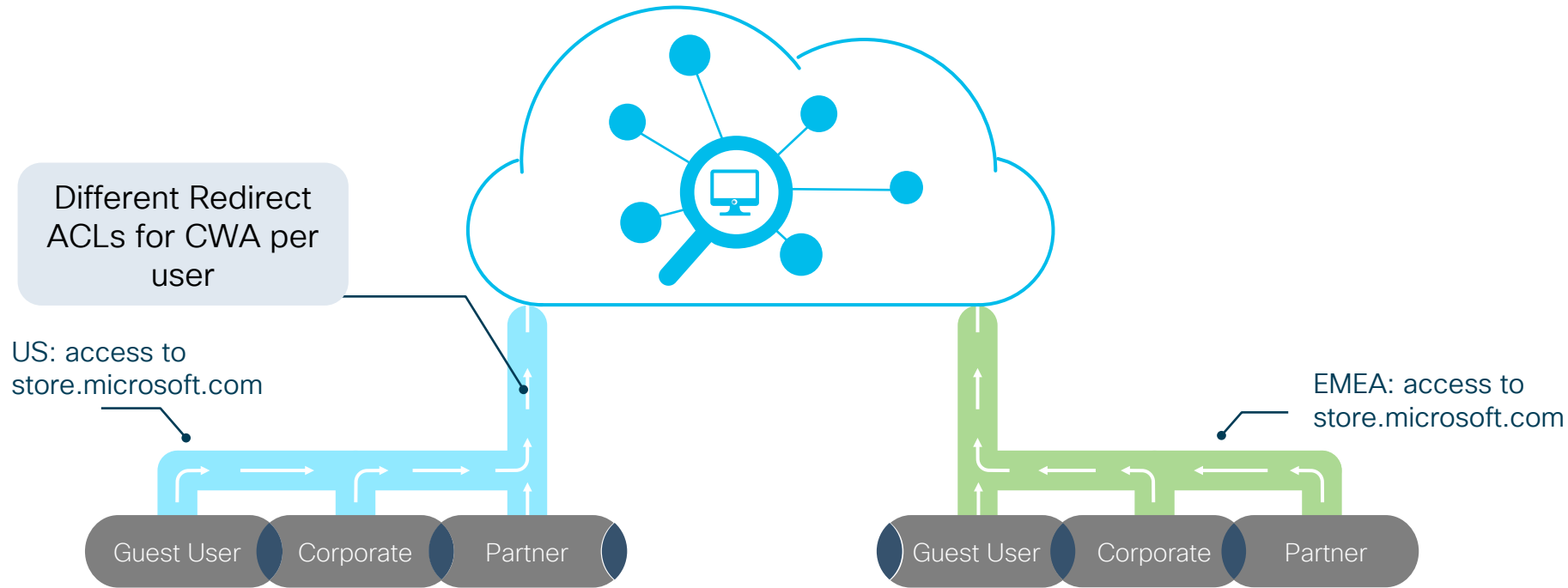


# How does Wired Dynamic PVLAN work?



# IP Based Access Management is complex due to SaaS/Cloud

Simplified URL based access control needed



# FQDN Redirect ACL for CWA

## Simplified Redirect ACL Configurations

IOS-XE 17.4.1

```
ip access-list redirect-CWA
290 deny ip any host 40.126.0.69
300 deny ip any host 40.126.0.65
310 deny ip any host 40.126.0.67
320 deny ip any host 20.190.134.98
330 permit ip any host 40.126.6.65
340 permit ip any host 20.190.134.96
350 permit ip any host 40.126.6.0
...
```

### DNS for store.microsoft.com

```
Domain Name System (response)
Transaction ID: 0xda76
> Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
Questions: 1
Answer RRs: 5
Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 0
Queries
  store.microsoft.com: type A, class IN
Answers
  store.microsoft.com: type A, class IN, addr 13.77.161.179
  store.microsoft.com: type A, class IN, addr 40.76.4.15
  store.microsoft.com: type A, class IN, addr 40.113.200.201
  store.microsoft.com: type A, class IN, addr 40.112.72.205
  store.microsoft.com: type A, class IN, addr 104.215.148.63
[Request In: 7598]
[Time: 0.078341000 seconds]
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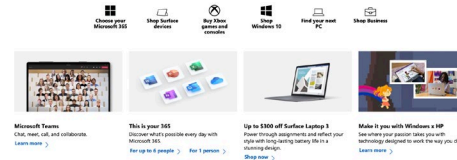
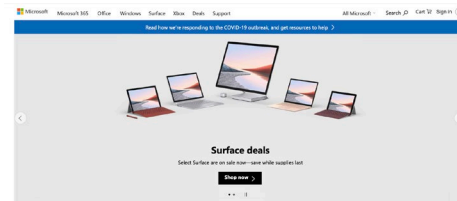
### Traditional IP based ACLs



### NEW FQDN Based ACLs

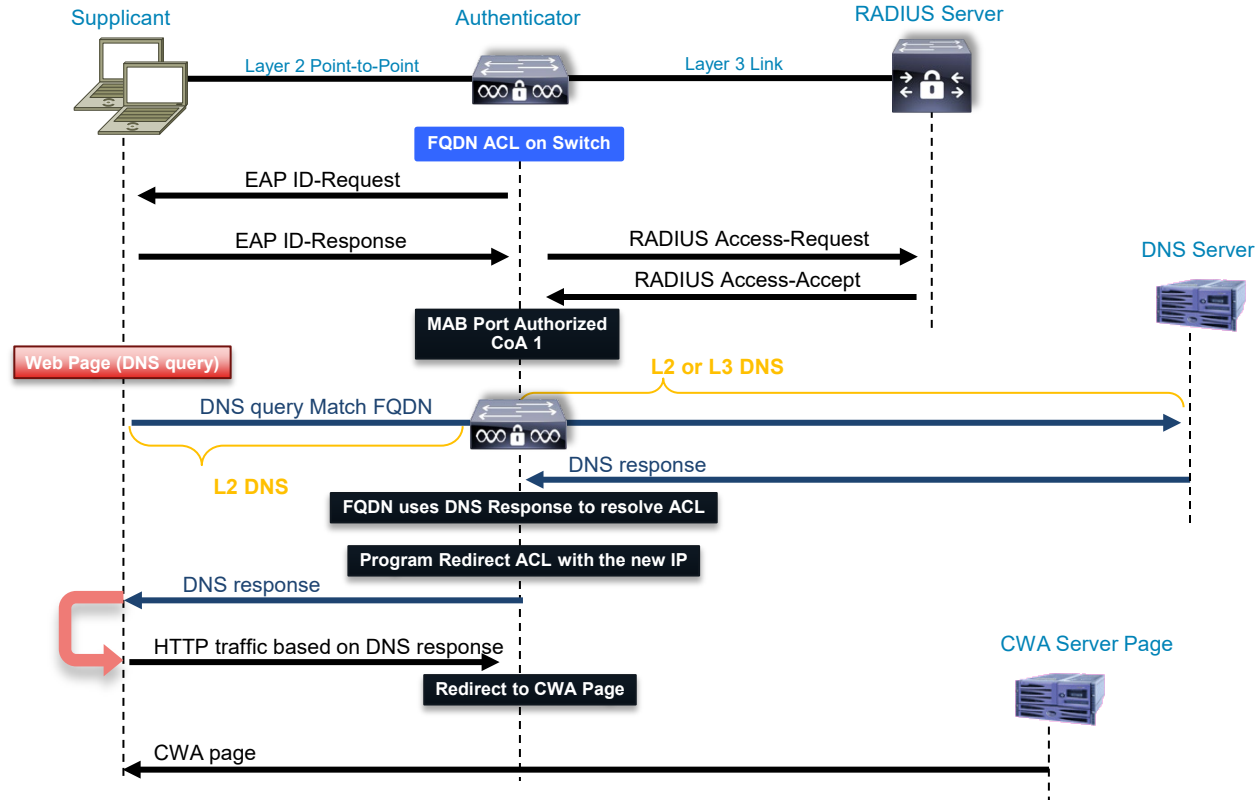
```
ip access-list fqdn redirect-CWA
10 deny ip any host dynamic store.microsoft.com
20 deny ip any host dynamic office.microsoft.com
30 permit ip any host dynamic guests.microsoft.com
```

store.microsoft.com

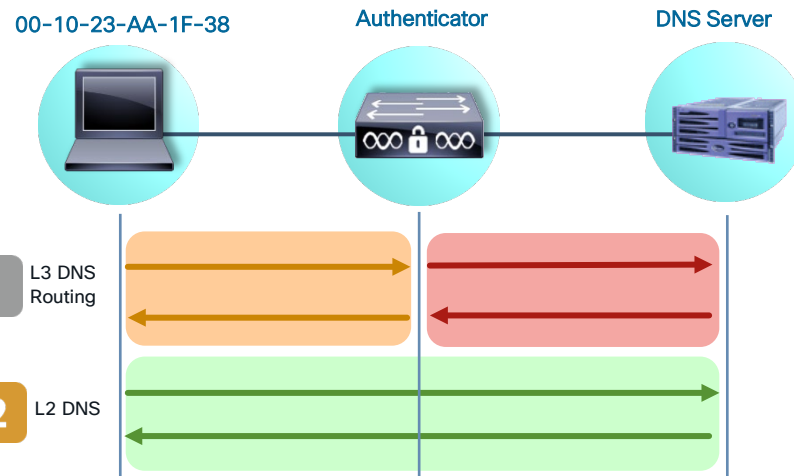
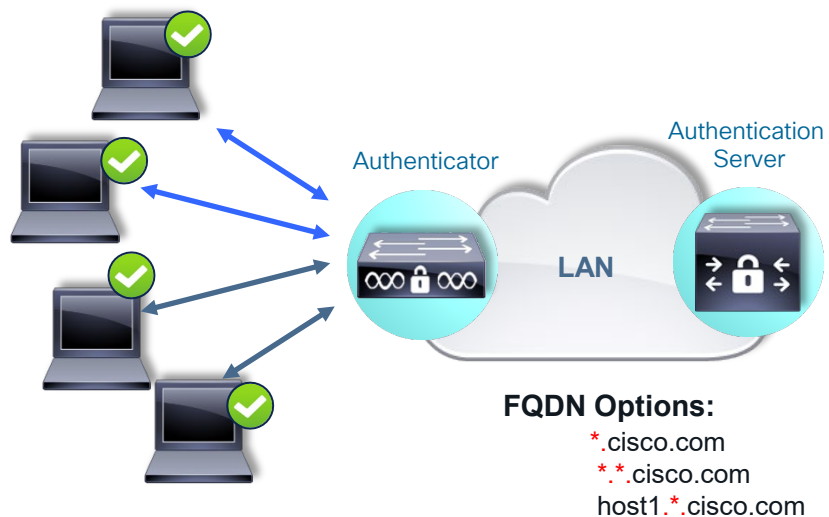


- Configure Redirect ACL entry with the domain name instead of IP
- The IP address is dynamically learned from DNS response and programmed in the hardware
- No configuration changes needed when IP changed under the domain name

# How it works in 17.5(1)?



# FQDN extensions in 17.5(1) ...



Wildcard makes "\*" to match multiple hosts

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L3 DNS Queries

# Support for AV-PAIRs

Cisco:cisco-av-pair	=	url-redirect=https://10.1.3.65:p...
Cisco:cisco-av-pair	=	ip:fqdn-redirect-acl#1=deny ip ...
Cisco:cisco-av-pair	=	ip:fqdn-redirect-acl#2=deny ip ...
Cisco:cisco-av-pair	=	ip:fqdn-redirect-acl#199=perm...
Cisco:cisco-av-pair	=	ip:fqdn-redirect-acl#200=perm...

- Central Redirect ACL Management
- Support on any RADIUS
- Per User Session
- Higher TCAM consumption

## ▼ Attributes Details

Access Type = ACCESS\_ACCEPT

cisco-av-pair = url-redirect=https://10.1.3.65:port/portal/gateway?sessionId=SessionIdValue&portal=26d19560-2e58-11e9-98fb-0050568775a3&daysToExpiry=value&action=cwa

cisco-av-pair = ip:fqdn-redirect-acl#1=deny ip any host 10.1.3.65

cisco-av-pair = ip:fqdn-redirect-acl#2=deny ip any host dynamic \*.cisco.com

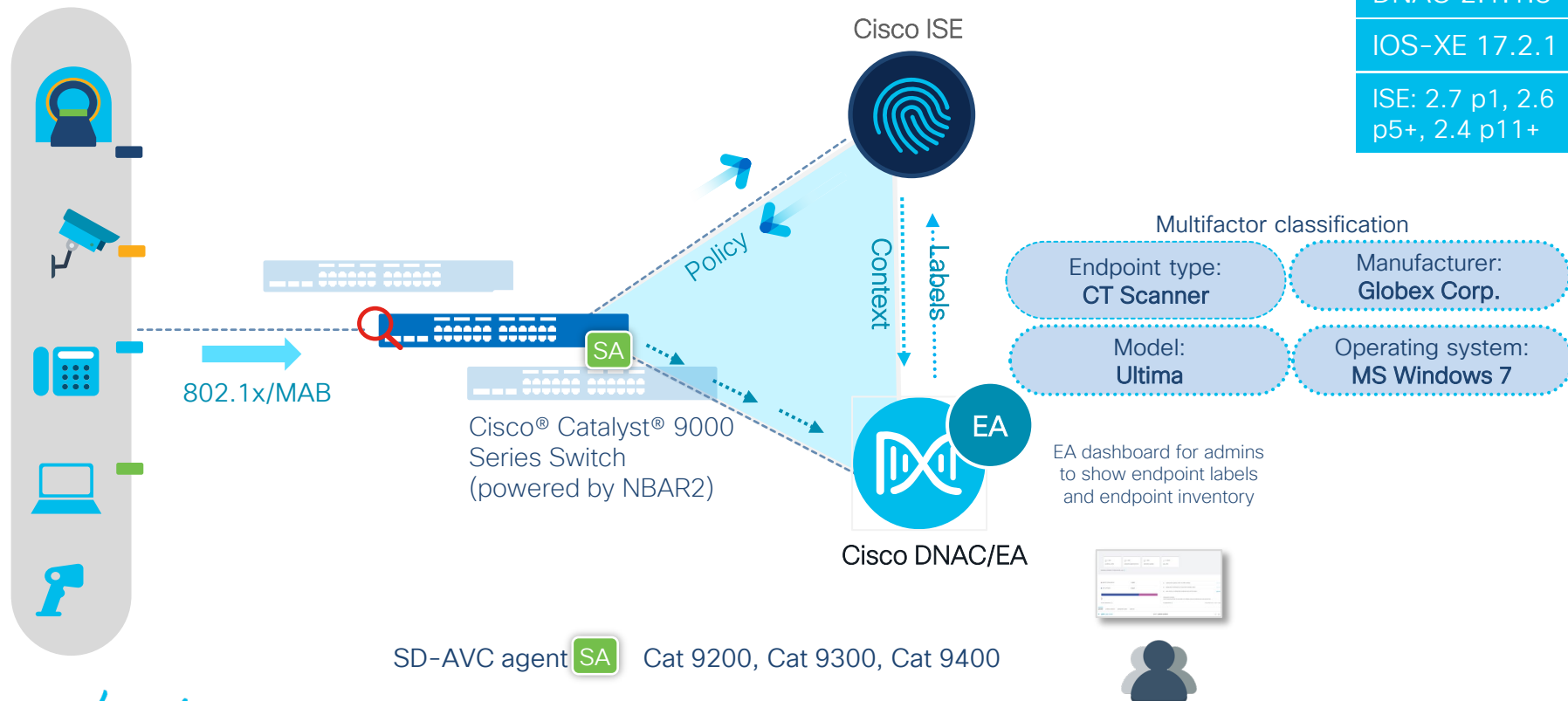
cisco-av-pair = ip:fqdn-redirect-acl#199=permit tcp any any eq www

cisco-av-pair = ip:fqdn-redirect-acl#200=permit tcp any any eq 443



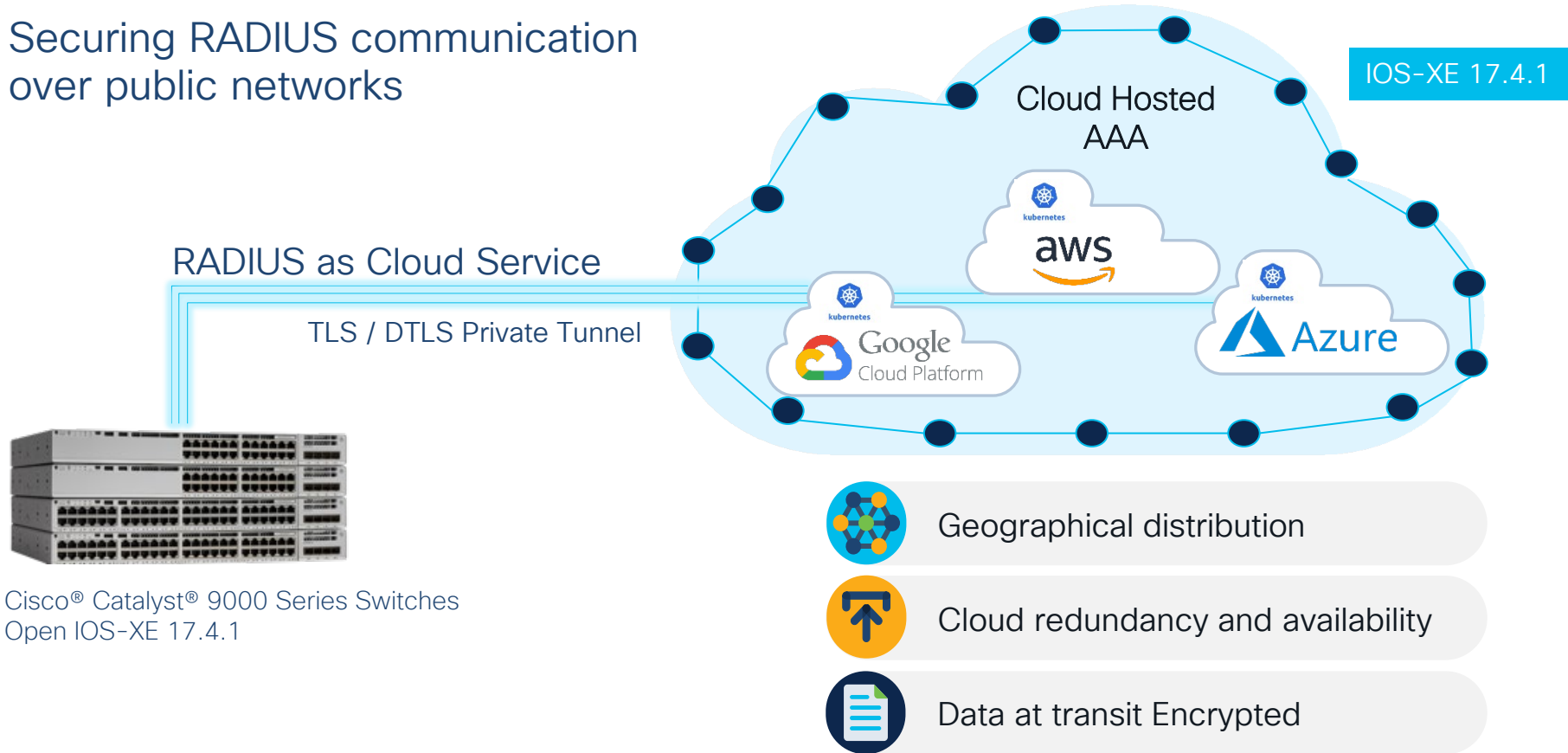
# AI Endpoint Analytics

Identify Endpoints, Enforce Policies, and Stop Threats



# RadSec

Securing RADIUS communication  
over public networks



Cisco® Catalyst® 9000 Series Switches  
Open IOS-XE 17.4.1

# Umbrella Integration with Catalyst 9200/9300



**Network Enforced DNS Security**  
Hosts can not bypass DNS Security



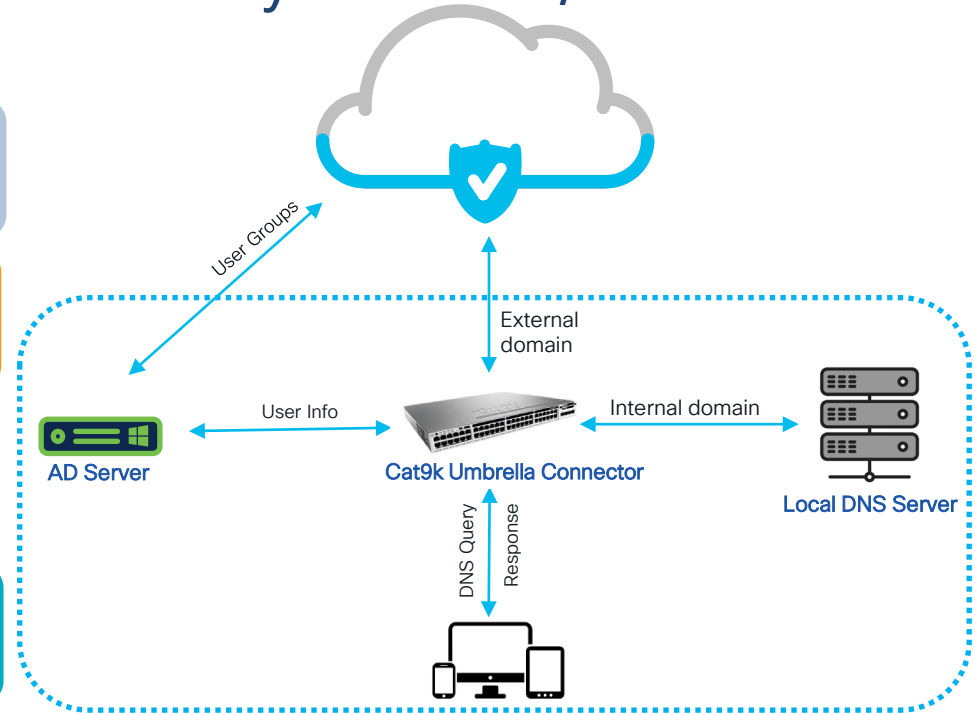
**Trace Source of Anomaly**  
Switch shares User and device login information  
Switch shares Local IP address



**Granular DNS policies**  
Tag based policies – Static interface config  
AD Group based policies – Dynamic



**Split Domain**  
local domain DNS queries to internal DNS Server  
External domain DNS queries to Umbrella Cloud



# Why need Switch to Stealthwatch Cloud?



Usecase: Lateral Movement and Data exfiltration

Usecase: The careless employee compromised credentials

Usecase: The unskilled employee with privileged access

Usecase: The angry employee malicious insider

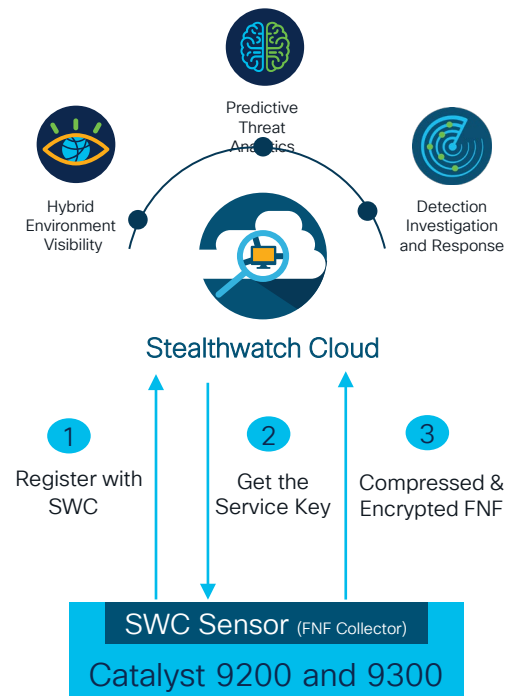
Usecase: The victimized employee compromised credentials

# Native Stealthwatch Cloud Sensor on C9K

Add Advanced Cloud Security to your network

IOS-XE 17.5.1

- Easy Registration
- Simplified FNF configuration
- No additional devices/VMs - Inbuilt FNF Collector
- Consumes less WAN Bandwidth - ZIP Compressed FNF records
- Secure communication - HTTPS encrypted FNF traffic

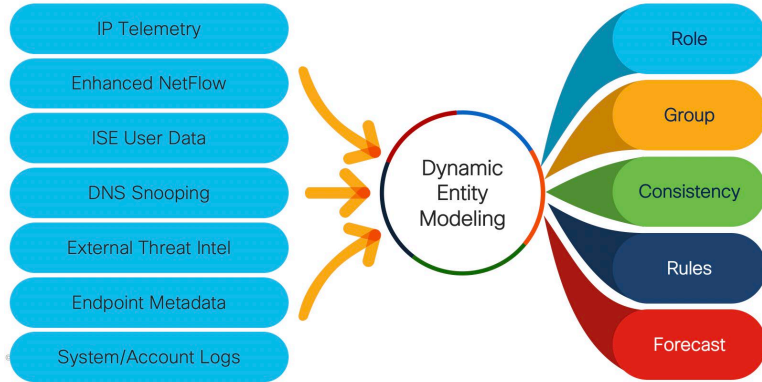


Discounted SWC licenses with DNA-Premier

# Dynamic entity modeling for High Alert Fidelity

95% Stealthwatch Cloud alerts rated as “helpful” by customers

## Machine Learning based Analytics



Excessive failed access attempts



DDoS and amplification attacks



Potential data exfiltration



Geographically unusual remote access



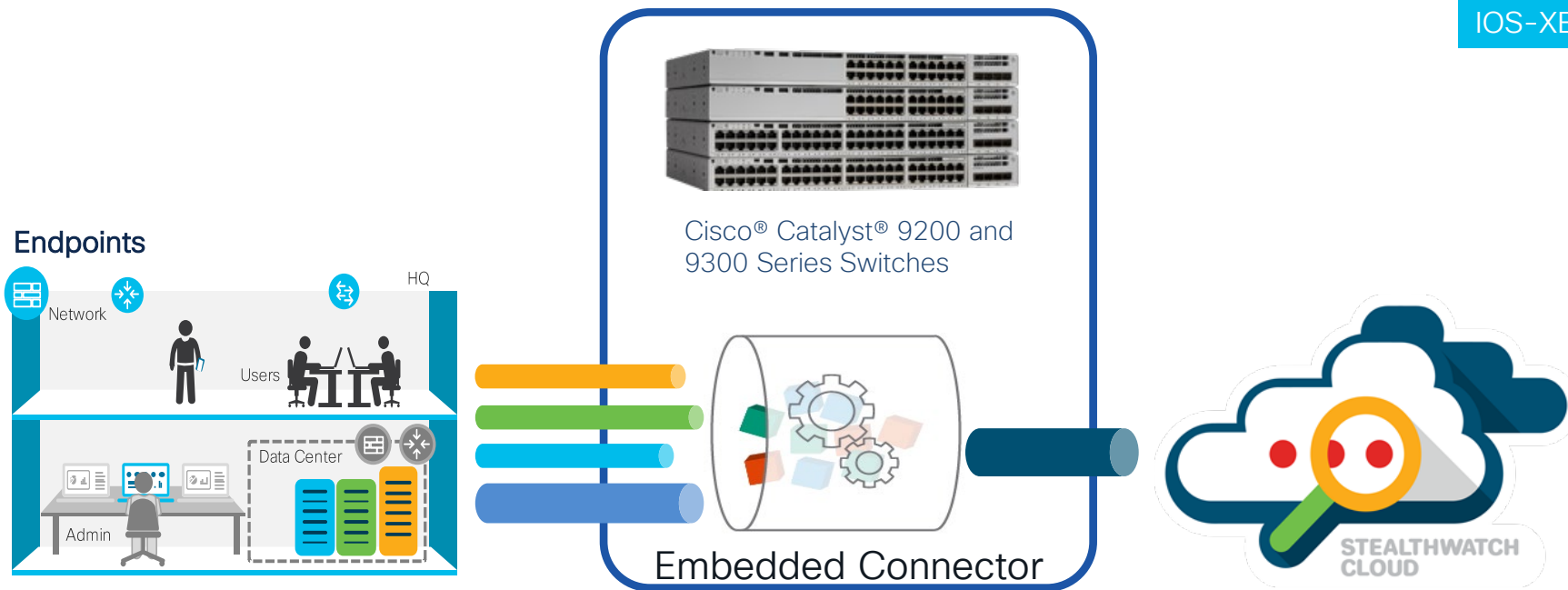
Connection to a suspicious destination



Custom segmentation and configuration policies

# Stealthwatch Cloud Sensor on Cat 9K

IOS-XE 17.5.1



Available on Cisco Catalyst 9200 and 9300 Switches

# Custom SDM Templates





# C9K provides most flexible design and HA options



## Platform

- ✓ Modularity
- ✓ Speed
- ✓ Power
- ✓ POE
- ✓ Wireless
- ✓ ASIC Customization
- ✓ Scale



## Design Options

- ✓ SDA
- ✓ BGP-EVPN
- ✓ MPLS



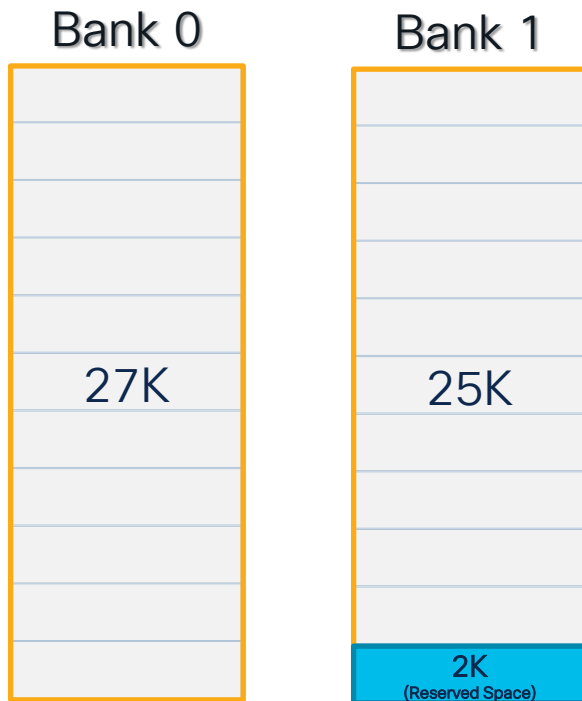
## High Availability

- ✓ StackWise
- ✓ StackWise Virtual
- ✓ NSF/SSO
- ✓ ISSU
- ✓ GIR
- ✓ NSR/IPFRR
- ✓ Quad SUP RPR
- ✓ xFSU

Mix-Match to build the best Infra for your needs

# ACL Scale Considerations

IOS-XE 17.4.1



ACL Features

Feature	Scale Values (Min - Max)	Default Value	Step Size	Customizable
Ingress ACL	4K - 26K, <b>27K</b>	4K	2K	Y
Egress ACL	4K - 26K, <b>27K</b>	4K	2K	Y
Ingress QoS	1K, 2K - <b>16K</b>	1K	2K	Y
Egress QoS	1K, 2K - <b>16K</b>	1K	2K	Y
PBR/NAT	1K, 2K - <b>16K</b>	1K	2K	Y
LISP	1K - 2K	1K	1K	Y
Tunnels	1K - 3K	1K	1K	Y
NFL ACL	1K - 2K	1K	1K	Y
Ingress SPAN	NA	0.5K	NA	N
Egress SPAN	NA	0.5K	NA	N
CPP	NA	0.5K	NA	N
Sec. Assoc	NA	0.5K	NA	N
Macsec SPD	NA	0.25K	NA	N





# Customized Scale on Catalyst 9500H/9600

## Custom SDM Templates for Deployment Flexibility



UADP 3.0

IOS-XE 17.4.1

Feature		Distribution	Core (default)	NAT
 Custom Template FIB IOS-XE 17.3	Routes (IPv4/IPv6)	114K/114K	212K/212K	212K/212K
	Multicast routes (IPv4/IPv6)	16K/16K	32K/32K	32K/32K
	MAC address table	82K	32K	32K
	IGMP/MLD snooping	2K	2K	2K
	Flexible NetFlow (Ingress)	49K/ASIC	32K/ASIC	32K/ASIC
	Flexible NetFlow (Egress)	49K/ASIC	32K/ASIC	32K/ASIC
	SGT label	32K	32K	32K
 New Custom Template TCAM IOS-XE 17.4	Security ACL	Ingress	12K	12K
		Egress	15K	8K
	QOS ACL	Ingress	8K	4K
		Egress	8K	4K
	NetFlow ACL	Ingress	1K	1K
		Egress	1K	1K
	SPAN	Ingress	0.5K	0.5K
		Egress	0.5K	0.5K
	PBR/NAT		3K	15.5K
	CPP		1K	1K
	Tunnel termination and MACsec		3K	2K
	LISP		1K	1K



# ACL Scale Customization – Allocation Examples

IOS-XE 17.4.1

Customer 1  
**Security focus**

Customer 2  
**QoS focus**

Customer 3  
**NAT focus**

Security - Input	<b>27K</b>	6K	12K
Security - Output	<b>18K</b>	6K	8K
QoS - Input	1K	<b>16K</b>	6K
QoS - Output	1K	<b>16K</b>	4K
PBR/NAT	2K	3K	<b>16K</b>
LISP	1K	2K	2K
Tunnels	1K	2K	1K
Netflow ACL	1K	1K	1K
<b>Total Resources *</b>	<b>54K</b>		

\* 2K entries are reserved for System

1K – 1024  
16K – 16384

# ACL Customization – view proposed allocation

```
Switch# sho sdm prefer custom
Showing SDM Template Info
```

This is the Custom template

<SNIP>

```
Security Access Control Entries*:
Egress Security Access Control Entries*:
QoS Access Control Entries*:
Egress QoS Access Control Entries*:
Policy Based Routing ACEs / NAT ACEs*:
Netflow Input ACEs*:
Netflow Output ACEs*:
Flow SPAN ACEs*:
Output Flow SPAN ACEs*:
Tunnels*:
LISP Instance Mapping Entries*:
Control Plane Entries*:
```

<SNIP>

```
MACSec SPD Entries*:
```

<SNIP>

(\*) values can be modified by sdm cli  
The proposed values will take effect post reload.

Switch#

Proposed allocation  
based on user input

12288	(current)	27648	(proposed)
15360	(current)	18432	(proposed)
8192	(current)	1024	(proposed)
8192	(current)	1024	(proposed)
3072	(current)	2048	(proposed)
1024	(current)	512	(proposed)
1024	(current)	512	(proposed)
512	(current)	512	(proposed)
512	(current)	512	(proposed)
2816	(current)	768	(proposed)
1024	(current)	1024	(proposed)
1024	(current)	512	(proposed)
256	(current)	256	(proposed)

Priority 1 ->  
ask fulfilled

Priority 2 ->  
ask partially fulfilled

Remaining with  
lower priority ->  
gets lowest value  
between input  
or default

Input:

- ACL Ing (1): 27K
- ACL Egr (2): 20K
- PBR/NAT (3): 3K
- QOS Ing (4): 4K
- QOS Egr (5): 4K



Proposed:

ACL Ing (1): 27K	NFL-In: 512
ACL Egr (2): 18K	NFL-Out: 512
PBR/NAT (3): 2K	LISP: 1K
QOS Ing (4): 1K	Tunnels: 768
QOS Egr (5): 1K	

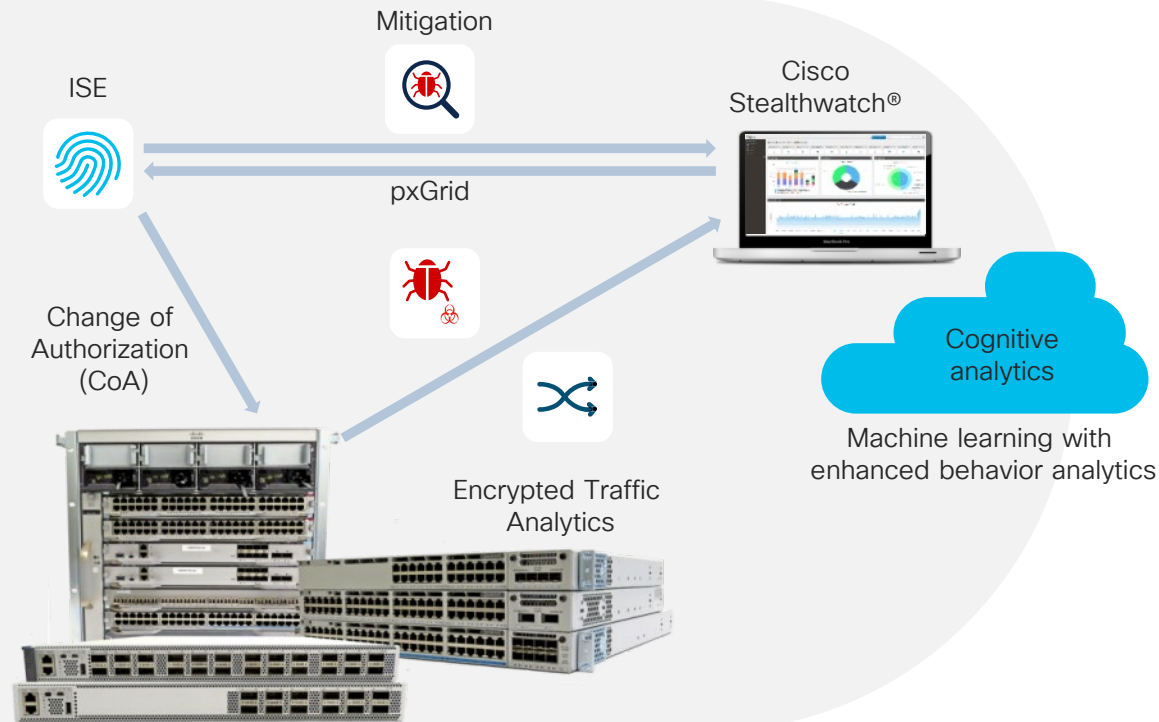
Total Input: 58K

# AVC/NBAR2 and ETA on same port



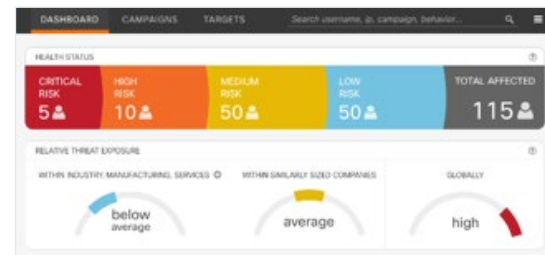
# Cisco Catalyst 9300 / 9400 switches enable Encrypted Traffic Analytics (ETA)

Rapidly mitigate malware and vulnerabilities in encrypted traffic



Threat Grid

Talos



[cognitive.cisco.com](https://cognitive.cisco.com)

Analytics indicating malware in encrypted traffic at 99%+ efficacy



Mitigation using ISE and network



ERSPAN to send traffic for deeper analysis

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# NBAR2 on Catalyst 9200/9300/9400 – How is it done?

# NBAR2 lookup



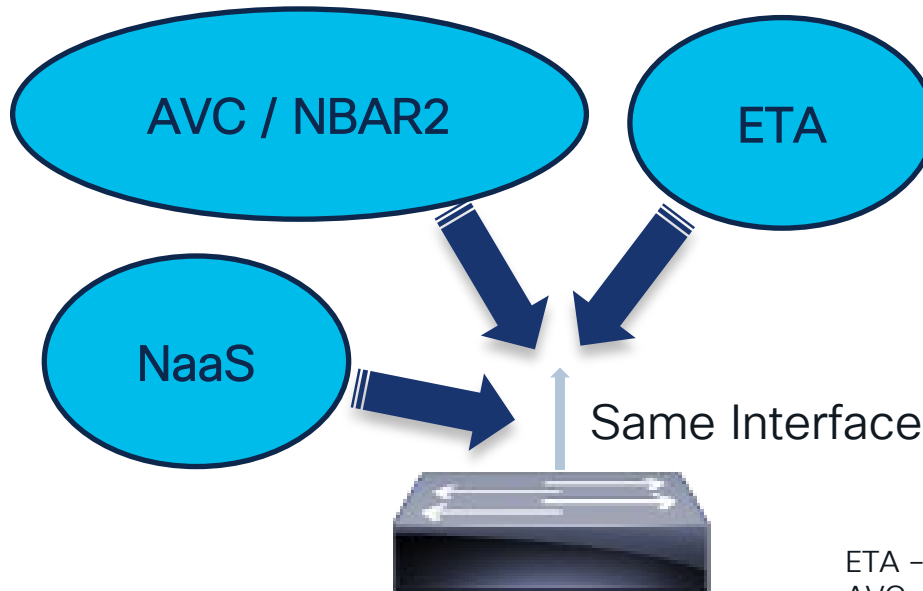
- Original packets of a flow are hardware-switched to destination
- Copies of the initial few packets of a flow to CPU
- The software interacts with the NBAR2 module and detect the Application.





# Network Based Application Recognition 2 (NBAR2)

IOS-XE 17.5.1



ETA – Encrypted Traffic Analytics  
AVC – Application Visibility and Control  
NBAR2 – Network Based Application Recognition  
NaaS – Network as a Service

# High Availability



xFSU

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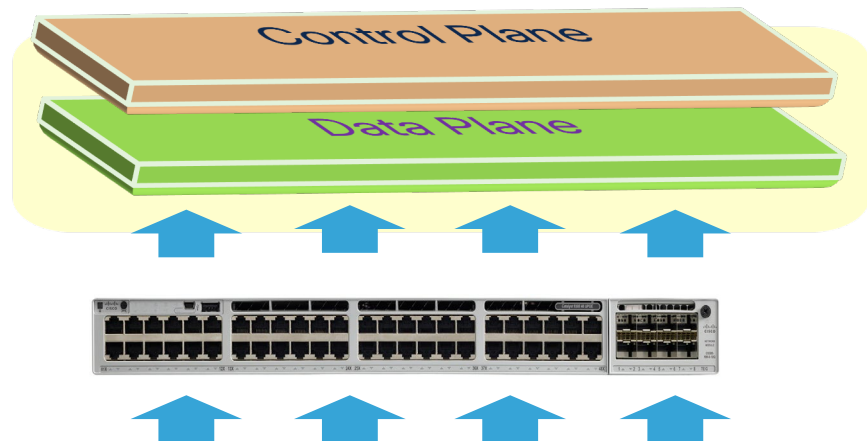
# xFSU on Catalyst 9300 - GA with 17.3.2

IOS-XE 17.3.2

## Reload Only and Software Upgrade Options

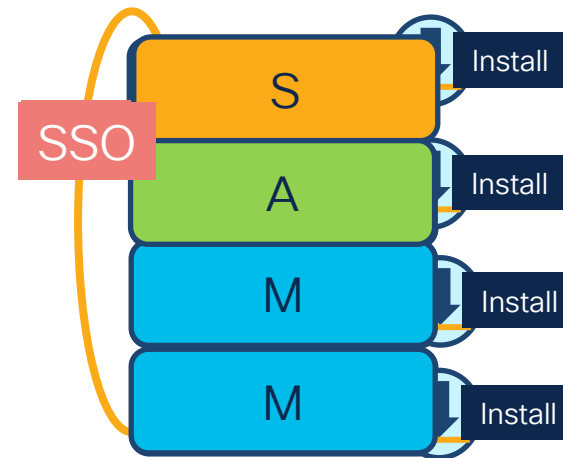
➤ Step 1 : Control Plane Update

➤ Step 2 : Data Plane Update



➤ Step 1 : Standby and Members Upgrade

➤ Step 2 : Active Only



Traffic Impact during the complete upgrade is less than 30 seconds

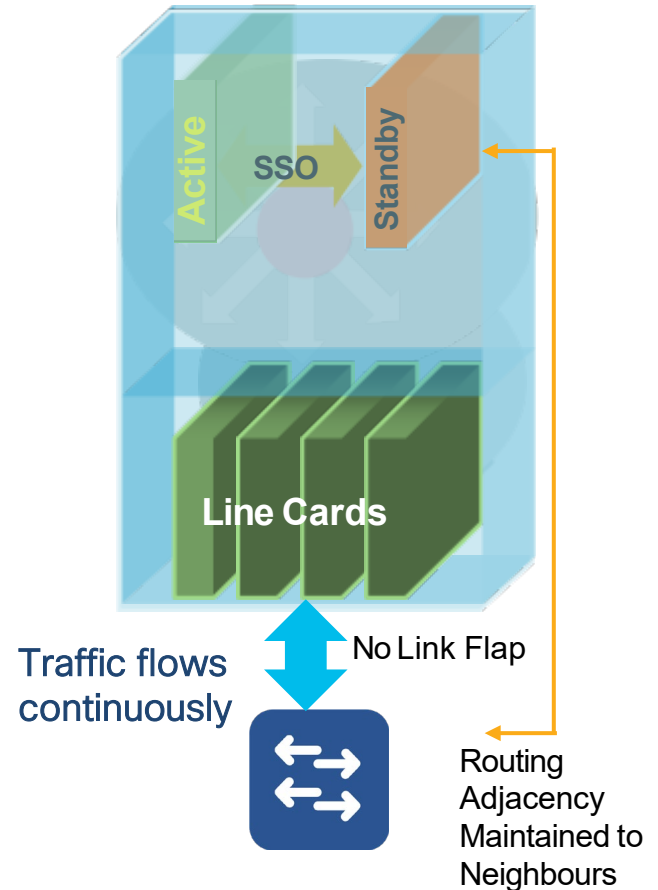
# Non-Stop Routing (NSR)



# Non-Stop Routing

- Non-stop routing feature:
  - Syncing all unicast routing information to Standby
  - Standby device will take over immediately from Active state with neighbor not knowing about the failures
  - NSF-aware peer devices not needed but **recommended**
  - Self-Contained Routing HA Solution

No disruption to the routing protocol interaction with other routers.



# NSR vs NSF

Non-Stop Routing (NSR)	Non-Stop Forwarding (NSF)
No <b>support</b> from peer switches needed	<b>Support</b> from peer switches required
Routing Sessions are <b>not terminated</b>	Routing Sessions are <b>terminated</b> and <b>reestablished</b>
Self contained solution	<b>Requires routing protocol extension</b>
NSR is enabled only on the <b>local device</b>	NSF needs to be enabled on <b>all devices</b> participating in routing
Unicast <b>Routing Control Plane</b> and <b>forwarding information</b> are synced	Only Unicast <b>Forwarding</b> is synced

# NSR/GR Difference and Similarity

## Non-Stop Routing (NSR)

- NSR is disabled by default
- NSR is supported only on Catalyst 9400, 9500H and 9600
- OSPFv2 and OSPFv3 are supported
- Can coexist with Graceful Restart configuration (Cisco NSF or IETF GR)

```
router ospf 1
  nsr
```

```
router ospfv3 1
  nsr
```

## Non-Stop Forwarding (NSF)

- NSF is disabled by default
- Peer need to support Graceful Restart
- BGP, OSPFv2 and EIGRP are supported
- Can coexist with Graceful Restart configuration (Cisco NSF or IETF GR)

```
router ospf 1
  nsf
```

```
router eigrp 1
  nsf
```

```
router bgp 1
  graceful-restart
```



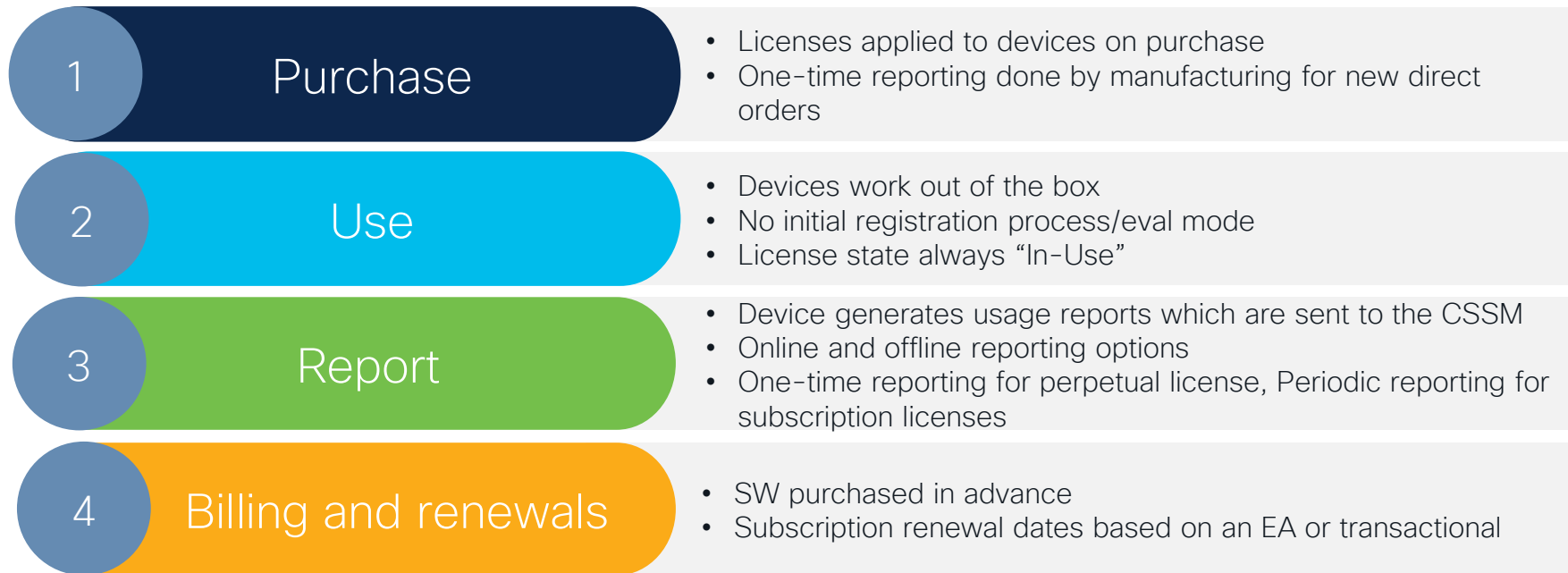
# Smart Licensing

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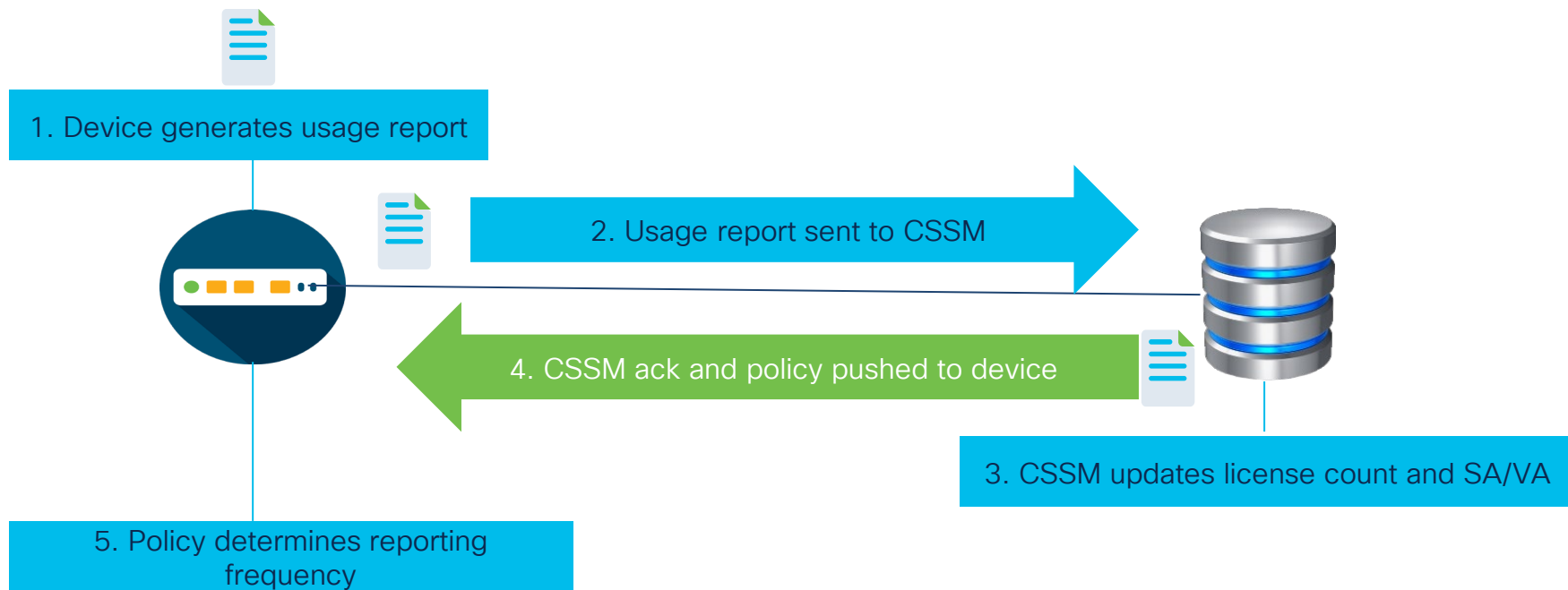
# Smart Licensing Enhancements

Eliminating Day 0 deployment friction, Simplifying licensing workflow

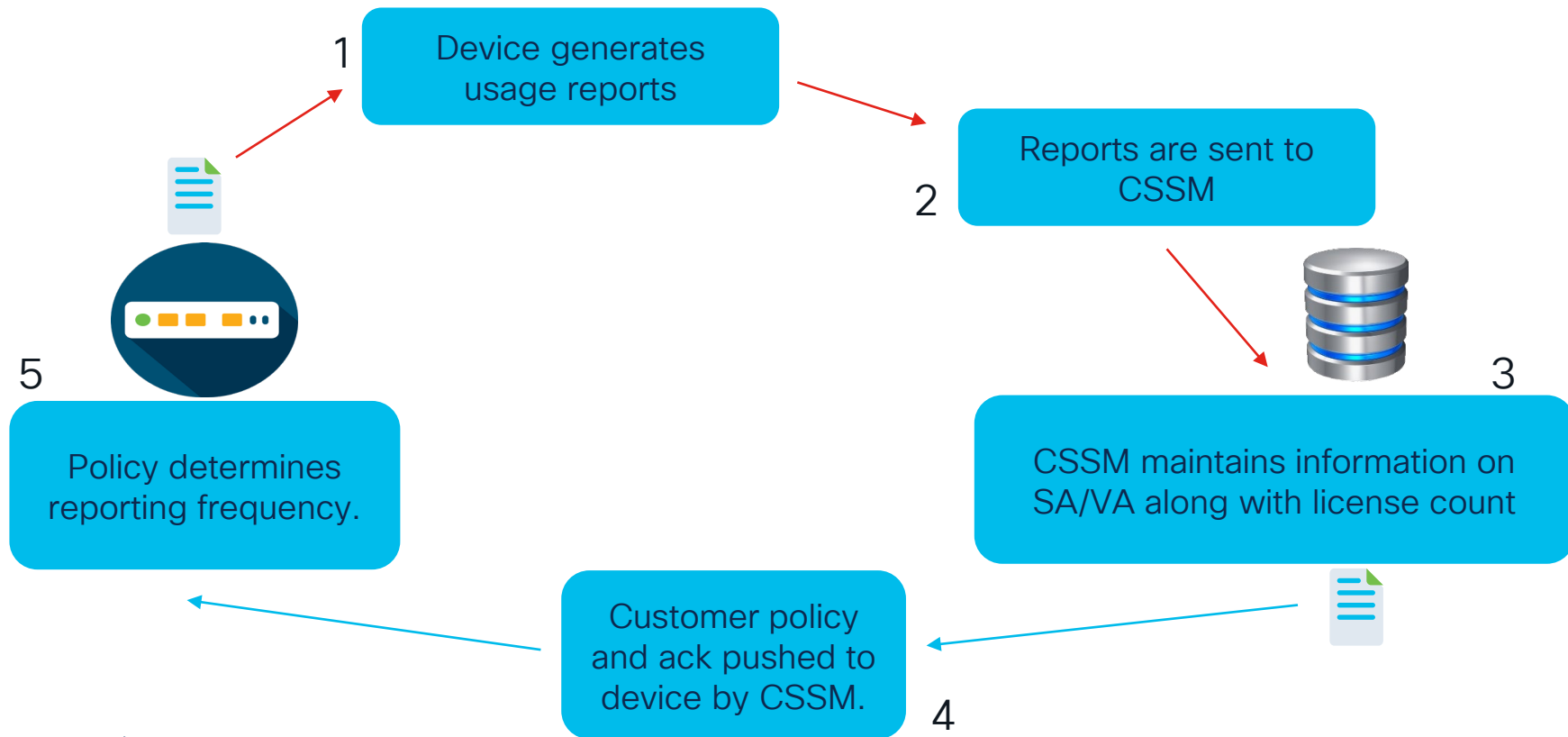


Catalyst 9000 platform support starting IOS-XE 17.3.2 and 17.4.1

# SLP Flow



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# SL vs SLP

Features	SL	SLP
License states	Eval, Unregistered, Registered	In-use
License reservation	Yes	Not applicable*
Factory SLR	Yes (feature on request)	Check Factory license reporting
Custom reporting frequency	No	Yes
Eval mode	Yes	No
Factory license reporting	No	Yes (default behaviour)
Perpetual license	Reporting needed	No reporting needed.

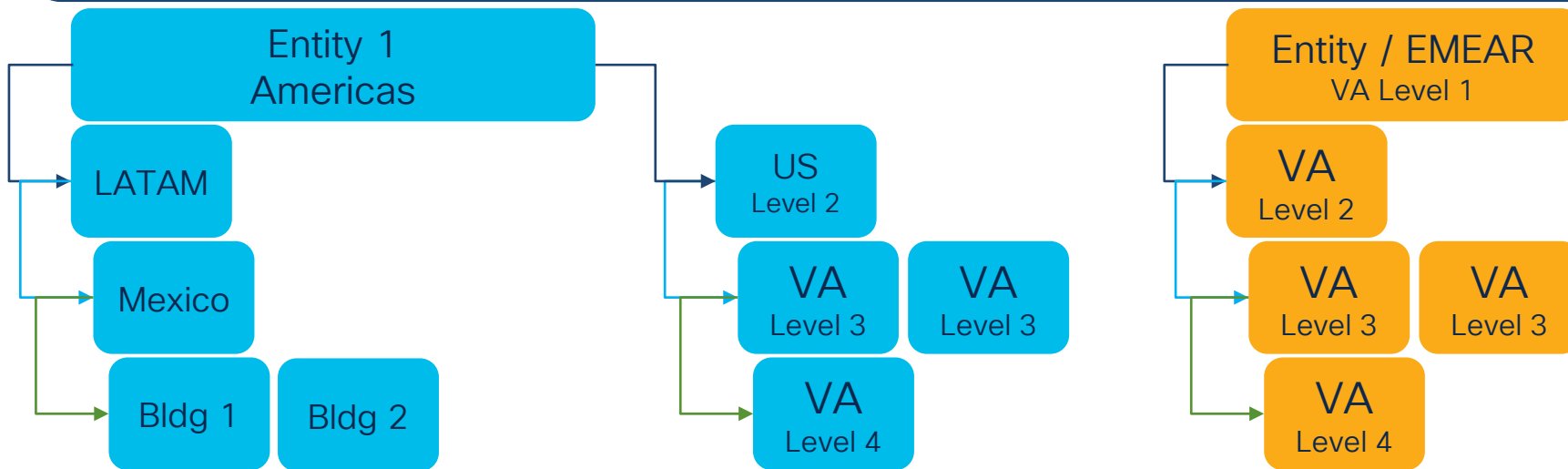
\*Device honors SLR by older install. Refer to section “Upgrade scena

# SA Tree / Nested Structure

## Reconciliation and Reporting Options



### EXAMPLE Customer1.com-Future



# Key Takeaways



- Use software value with **Zero-Trust**
- C9K **Architectural Flexibility**
- Benefit with **mGig and UPOE+** models
- **Assurance is better than a believe**
- Integrate with Cloud

**C9K – Unmatched Value with Each Port**



The bridge to possible

# Thank you

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