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Introduction to Data Centre Security

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Session Abstract

This session will outline how security can be propagated throughout the Data Centre and define how these technologies can work together to build a secure Data Centre and Cloud strategy for the enterprise. Topics covered will include Current Threats, Security Hardware and Software, Network Segmentation, Cloud Connectivity, Software Defined Networks, Security Architectures and more. This session will provide an **overview** to anyone interested in how Security can be inserted in their Data Centre.



Agenda

Introduction

- The Security Challenge
- Trends Impacting the Data Centre
- New Security Model
- Security in the Data Centre
- Data Centre Design
- Data Centre Security with Application Centric Infrastructure
- Conclusion





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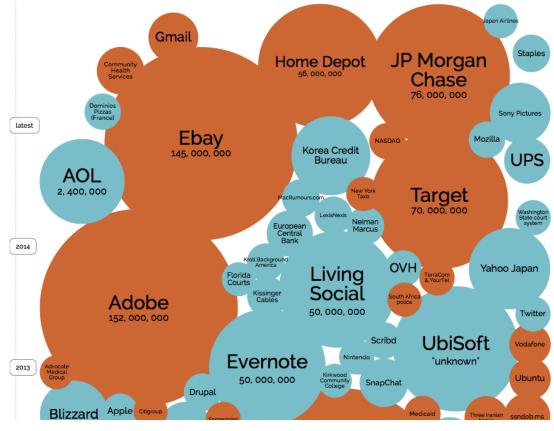
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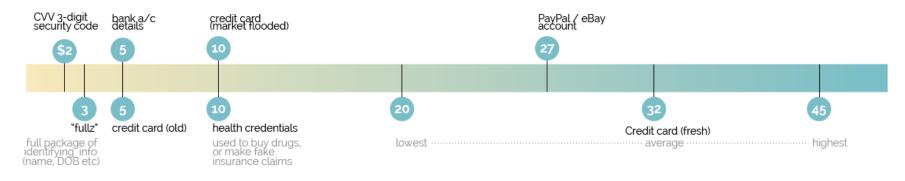
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How Much is Your Hacked Data Worth? Black market \$ prices



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Your Biggest Security Challenges



Maintain Security and Compliance as business models change (Agility) Stay ahead of the threat landscape

Reduce complexity and fragmentation of security solutions

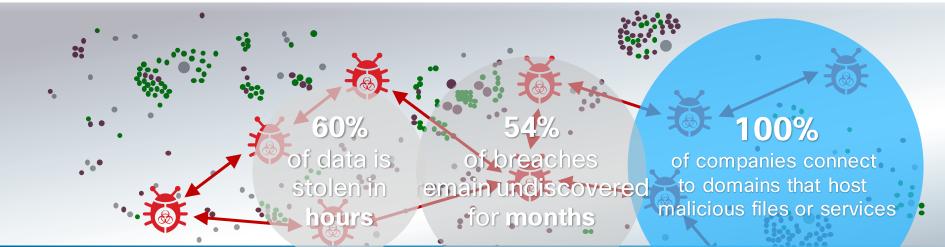
Trends Impacting Data Centre Security



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Trends Impacting the Data Centre

Evolving Threat Landscape

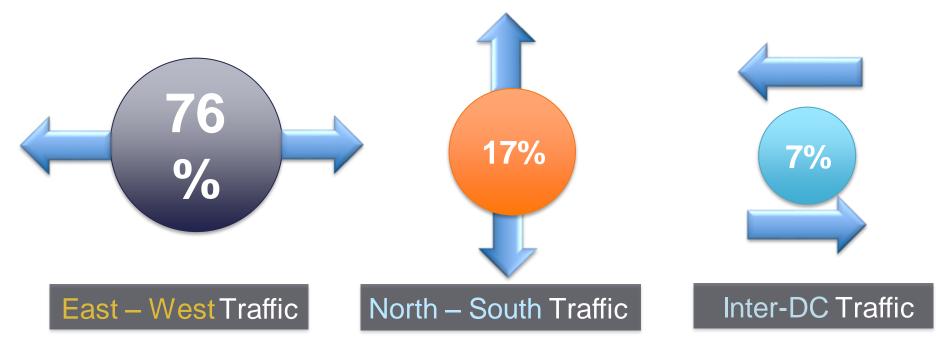


It is a *Community* that hides in plain sight, avoids detection, and attacks swiftly



Trends Impacting the Data Centre

Traffic Patterns in the Data Centre

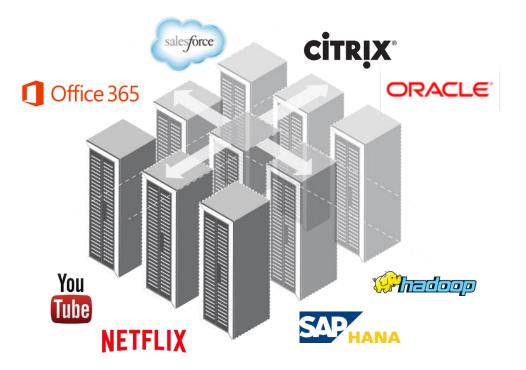


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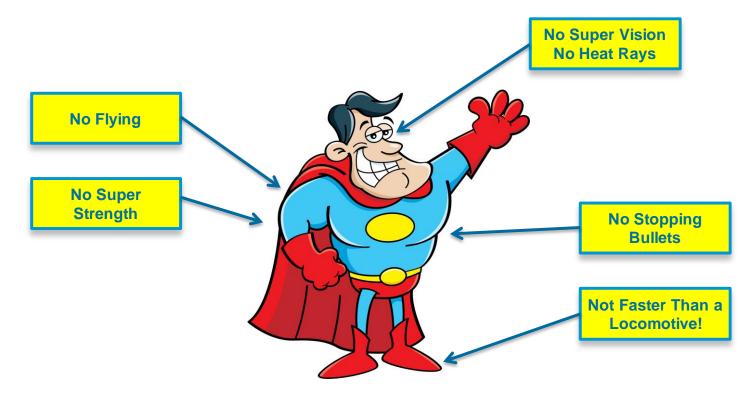
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Physical, Virtual and Cloud Applications





Capabilities Enables Us to Do Incredible Things.... What if Superman did not have capabilities?



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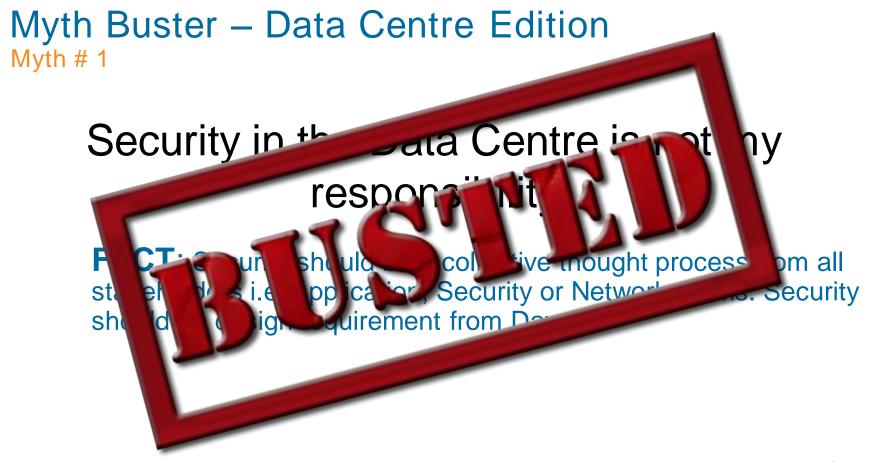
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Without Capabilities... All you have left is hope!



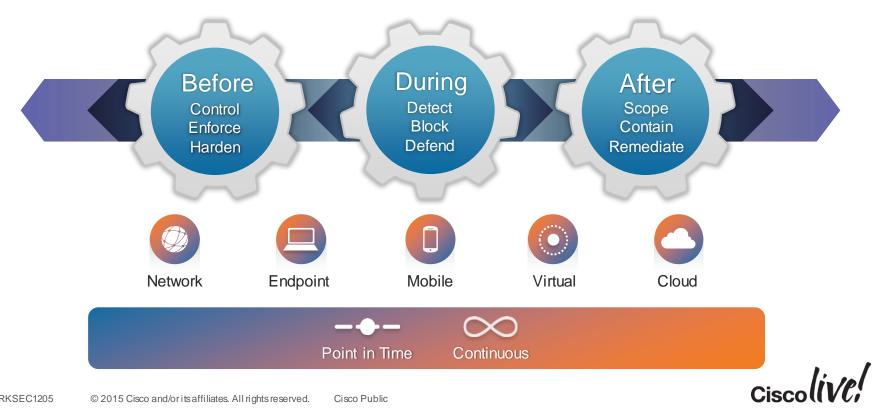
We MUST give our Cyber Defenders capabilities beyond access controls!

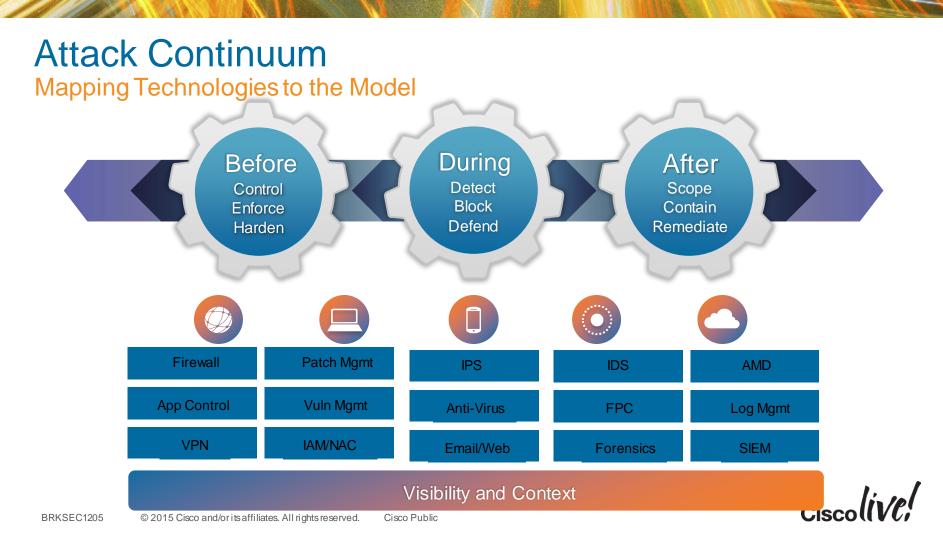




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The Security Model The Attack Continuum





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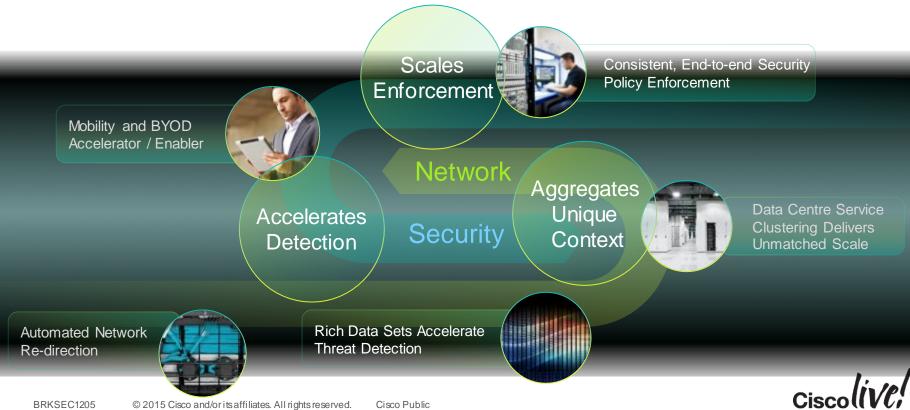
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Security in the Data Centre

Synergy between Security and the Network



Security in the Data Centre Key Requirements

Scale Need for elastic scaling through network integration

High availability is imperative for applications in the data centre

Flexibility

Resiliency

Need for reducing complexity in inserting services

Actionable Security Desire to extend a chain of trust from the user to the application

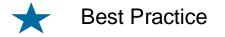
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Scalability Requirements



- Policies ★
- Performance and Latency ★
- Application Tiers
- Security Operations (SecOps)
- Modular Enclaves +
- Enclave Management and Lifecycle Management



Scalability Requirements Scalable Policies with TrustSec

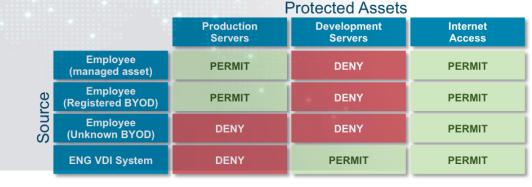
Simplified Access Management

 Accelerated Security Operations

Consistent Policies - Anywhere

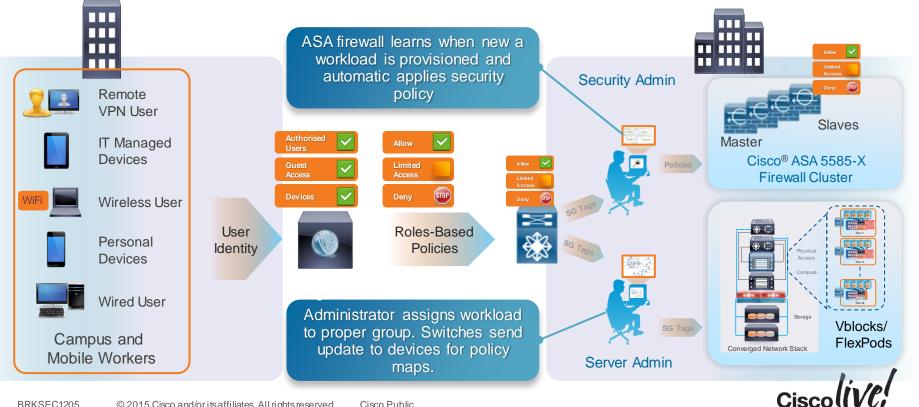
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Scalability Requirements

Scalable Policy Enforcement and Management



Scalability Requirements

Scalable Performance

	Technology	Benefit
Integration with DC Switches	Integration with VSS, vPC and Fabric Path	Ease of Deployment Solves Asymmetric Traffic
Clustered @	Consistent Scaling Factor	Linear, Predictable Performance Increase
Security Services	Pay as You Grow	Only Buy What You Need
	FW, VPN, IPS Services	Compliance and Security

Techology

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Resiliency Requirements



- Asymmetric traffic handling ★
- Flow redundancy ★
- No traffic black-holing and packet loss



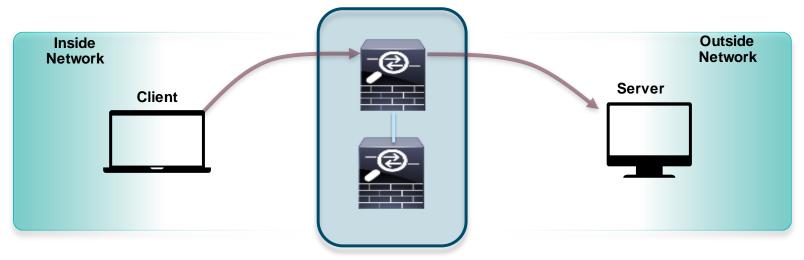


Resilient Traffic Handling – Symmetric Traffic





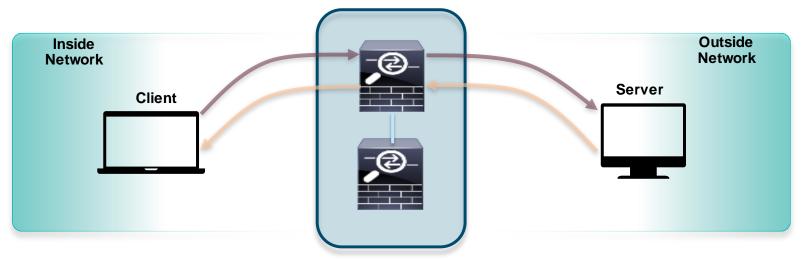
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Security Services Cluster

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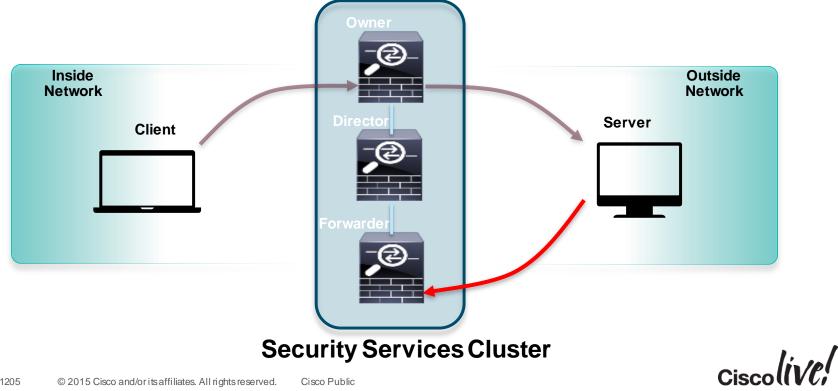
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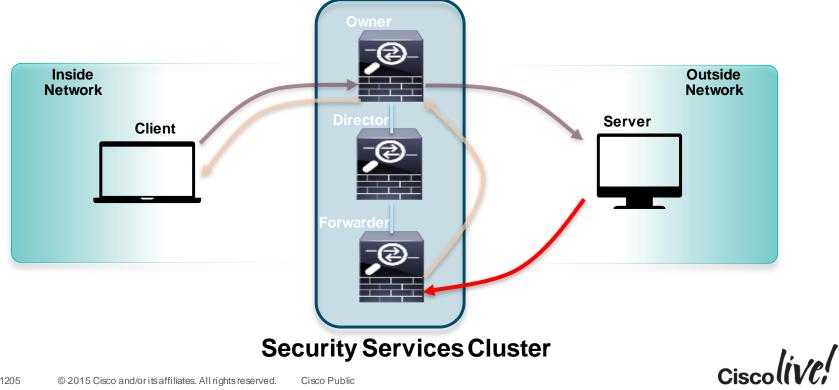
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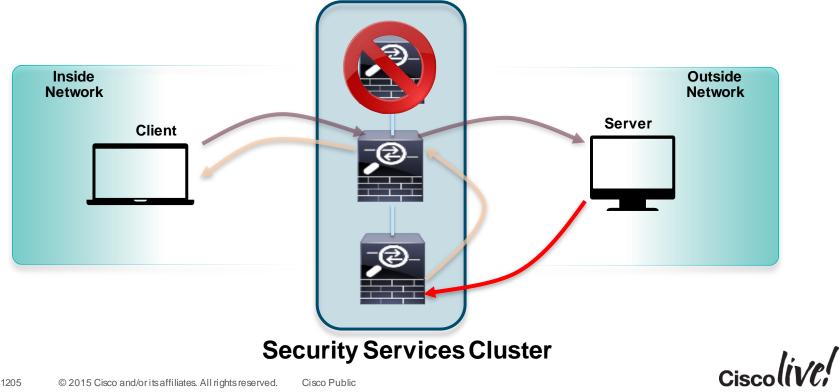
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Resilient Traffic Handling - Failure





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Flexibility Requirements

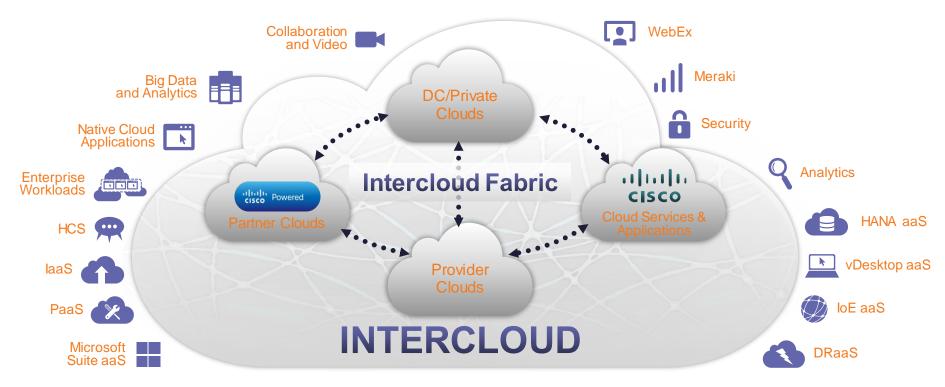
- Workload mobility
 - Inter host and inter DC mobility
- Horizontal Scalability of virtual and physical workloads
 - ASA cluster scale
- Dynamic Link Aggregation in Layer 2 ×
- Minimal Change in data centre design ★
- On-demand provisioning
- Orchestration and onboarding



Best Practice



Cisco Intercloud and Intercloud Fabric



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Actionable Security Requirements

- Data loss prevention
- Consistent policies throughout the fabric ★
- Signature and reputation based protection
- Threat containment and remediation
- East-west protection ★
- Behavioural analysis

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Secure application tiering X





Actionable Security

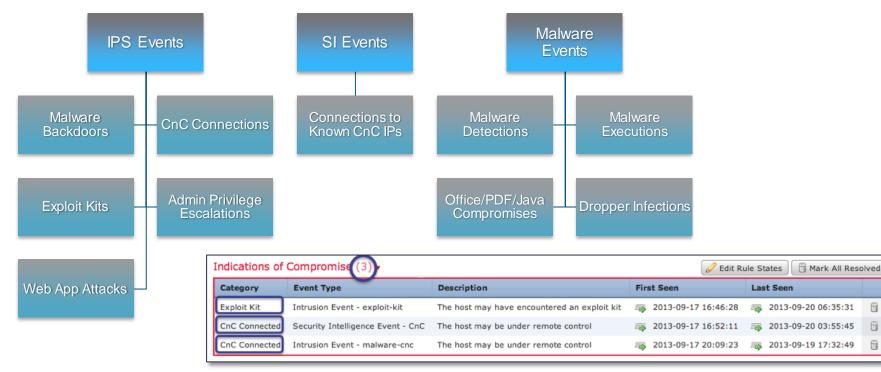
Impact Assessment

- Relies on information from passive discovery: OS, client and server application
- Correlates all Intrusion Events to an Impact of the attack against the target
- Allows analysts to focus on the smaller subset of events that they could be vulnerable to

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IMPACT FLAG	ADMINISTRATOR ACTION	WHY
	Act Immediately, Vulnerable	Event corresponds to vulnerability mapped to host
~ 2	Investigate, Potentially Vulnerable	Relevant port open or protocol in use, but no vuln mapped
~ 3	Good to Know, Currently Not Vulnerable	Relevant port not open or protocol not in use
۲4	Good to Know, Unknown Target	Monitored network, but unknown host
20	Good to Know, Unknown Network	Unmonitored network

Actionable Security Indications of Compromise (IOCs)



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Actionable Security

Detecting Suspecting Data Loss

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Actionable Security

Detecting Spreading Malware

두 Filter 😂 Domain : 🔹 Time : February 1, 2012 🍕 Host : 10.40.10.254								
Identification Alarms	Security	CI Events	Top Active Flows	🔢 Iden	ntity, DHCP & Host Notes 🛛 🔛 Expe	orter Interface		
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Actionable Security Threat Intelligence with Big Data



SECURITY SENSOR BASE

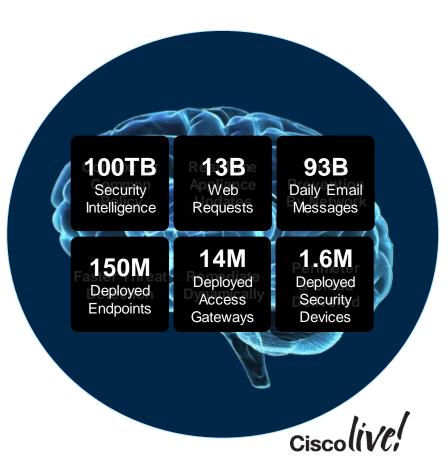
Broadest range of threat & vulnerability data sources

THREAT ANALYTICS

Global and local correlation through analytics and human intelligence



INTELLIGENCE DELIVERED Contextual Policy with Distributed Enforcement



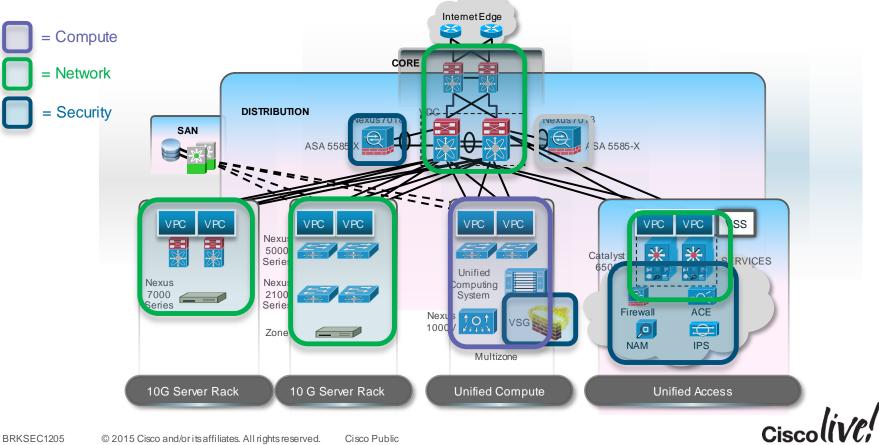
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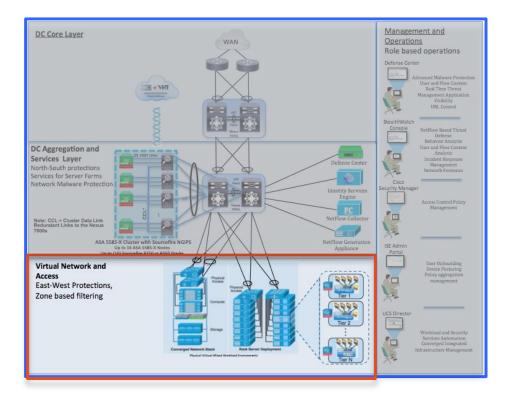




Requiring a Modular Approach



Requiring a Modular Approach Securing the Virtual Network

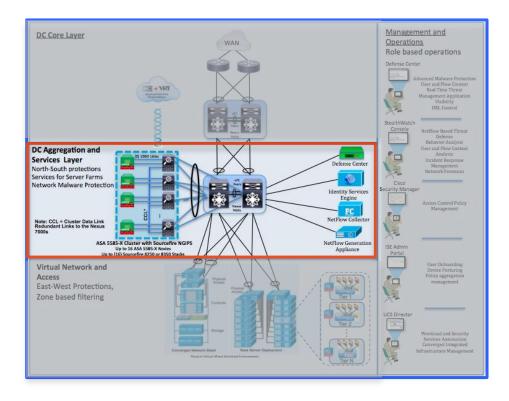


Virtual Network and Access

- Secure Enclaves Architecture Guide
- Content Created for the Server Administrators
- Secure Integrated Infrastructure
 - Flexpod, Vblock
 - Compute
 - Storage
 - Hypervisor Virtualisation
 - Infrastructure Mgmt.
 - Access Layer
 - Secure Enclaves
 - UCS Director for Automation



Requiring a Modular Approach Scaling the Data Centre

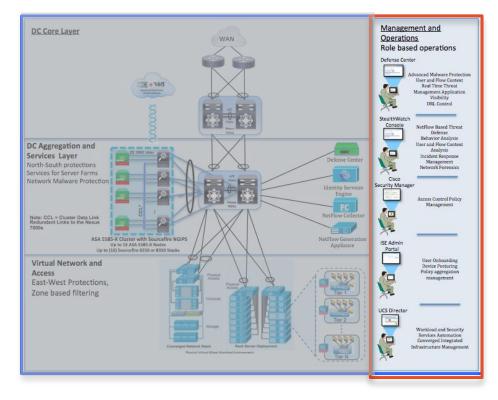


DC Aggregation and Services Layer

- NextGen IPS in ASA Cluster (Asymmetrical Flow Support is Maintained!!!)
- FireSIGHT Management Centre (aka Defence Centre)
- User Context
- Application Control
- URL Filtering
- Network-Based AMP
- End Point AMP (Client and Server)
- Retrospection
- IPS
- File Trajectory
- · 320Gbps Firewall and NextGen IPS Throughput



Requiring a Modular Approach Right tool for the right job with Telemetry and Analytics



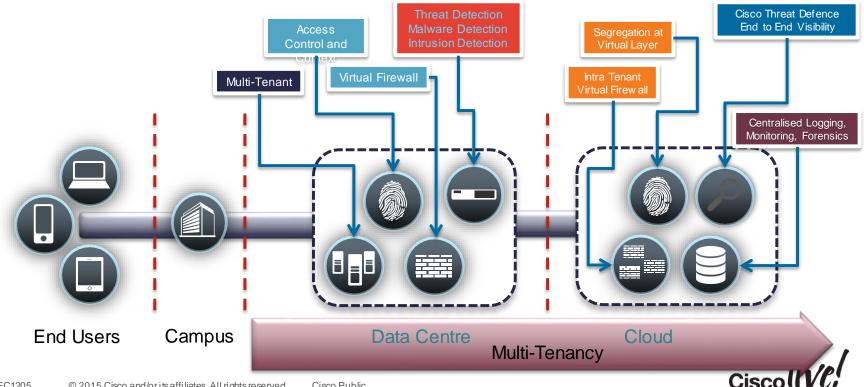
Management and Operations

- Security Incident Response Team
 - FireSIGHT Management Centre
- Security Policy Management Team
 - Cisco Security Manager
 - Identity Services Engine
- Server Administration Team
 - UCS Director
- Network Ops Teams
 - Lancope Stealthwatch

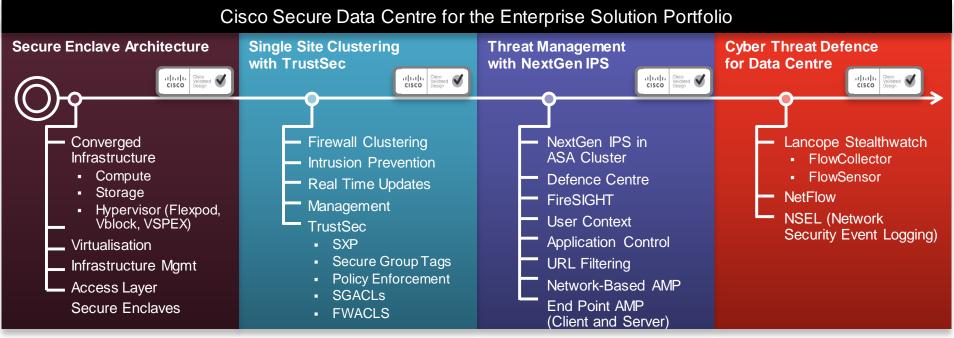


Requiring a Capabilities Approach

Security and Protections from Enterprise to Cloud Providers



Secure Data Centre for the Enterprise Portfolio Comprehensive Set of Capabilities for the Cyber Defender



- Four solutions jointly validated to create a complete solution
- Modular approach
- Industry's most comprehensive security solution Ciscolive

Capabilities by Solution Modular Approach to a Comprehensive Set of Capabilities

Threat Containment and Remediation

Legend

Access Control and Segmentation Application Visibility and Control Identity Management Logging and Traceability

Industry's Most Comprehensive Security Solution								
Secure Enclave Architecture	Single Site Clustering with TrustSec	Threat Mar with Next	Cyber Threat Defence for Data Centre					
Secure Application Tiering Layer 2 Workload Firewall Service Chaining Secure Automated Workload Deployment Port Profile SGT Assignments Service Level Tier Security Intra Service Level Tier Security Intra Workload Security Intra Application Tier Security Out-of-Band Management Roles-Based Automation Roles-Based Management	Policy Consolidation Roles-Based Policies Secure Group Tags Secure Group ACLs Scalable Performance Cluster Health Status Asymmetric Traffic Data Black Hole Prevention Flow Redundancy High Availability Real Time Updates Device Posturing Device Compliance Checks End User Posturing Active Directory LDAP Integration	Device Access Control User Control Policy Enforcement User Notification Security Zones Host Identification Customisable Host Profiles File Control Application Detection Application Detection SSL Application Detection Network File Trajectory DLP—Sensitive Data Detection DLP—Sensitive Data Control User Identification User Access Posturing Detailed User Activity	System Audit Logs Audit Log Streaming System Logs NetFlow Integration Automatic Updates Global Correlation Threat Correlation Intrusion Detection Netw ork-Based Malware Endpoint-Based Malware Mobile Device Malware Email Malware Web Services Malware Indications of Compromise Intelligent White Listing Intelligent Black Listing Connection Intelligence	User Identity Tracking NetFlow Threat Analysis NSEL Threat Analysis Historical Traffic Trending Botnet Detection Malware Detection Data Loss Detection Data Loss Detection Denial of Service Attack Detection Root Cause Analysis Automated Remediation Worm Propagation Visualisation Relational Flow Mapping				

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Active Directory Cisco Public **LDAP** Integration

Logging User to Email Mapping

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Classic Data Centre Challenges

Poor Scalability

Hard to insert resources, power/port constraints, "fat" flows, expansion

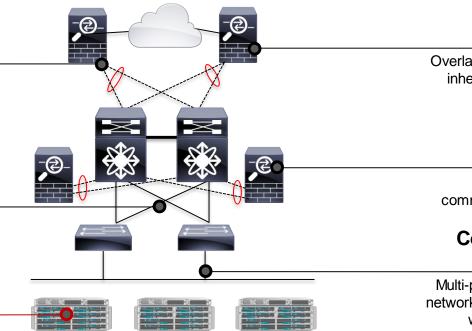
Low Versatility

Complex traffic engineering, VLAN/DRP, suboptimal paths

Physical Network Limits

Applications

Need intelligence to abstract application flows



Policy Set Complication

Overlapping rule sets, complex inheritance, oversubscription

Management Fragmentation

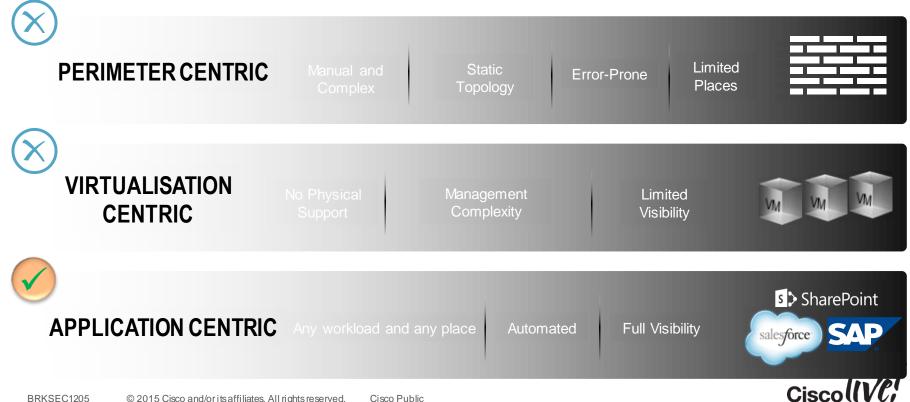
Separate interfaces, no common objects or templates

Cost of East-West Services

Multi-pass inspections, "slow" network traversal, "hairpinning", waste of compute cycles



Right Security Architecture for the Data Centre?



Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI)

Embedded Stateless L4 Firewall (zero trust) Tenant Isolation Group-based Security Policy* (3rd party included) Whitelist Policy Enforcement Fabric High-Availability



NEXUS 9500, 9300 and AVS

Declarative Policy Model Fully Object-oriented and Open Application Centric Desired State Packaged deployment Use, re-use and decommission with audit trails



APPLICATION CENTRIC POLICY







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* Group-based security policy = includes physical and virtual, from Cisco and 3rd party, with embedded white-list security filtering. Superset of micro-segmentation



Centralised Management

Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI)

Flat Hardware Accelerated Network Full abstraction, de-coupled from VLANs and Dynamic Routing, low latency, built-in

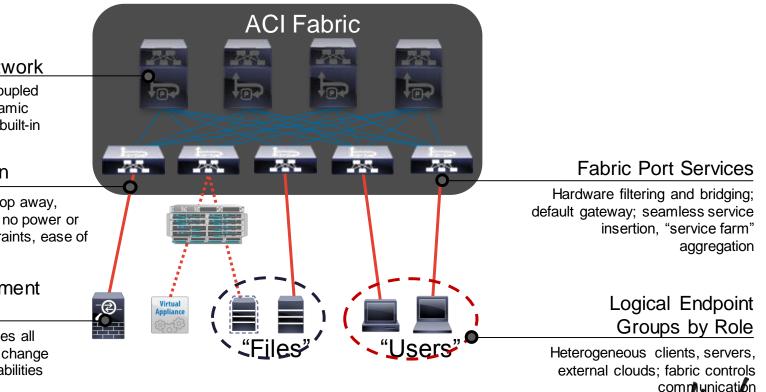
Flexible Insertion

QoS

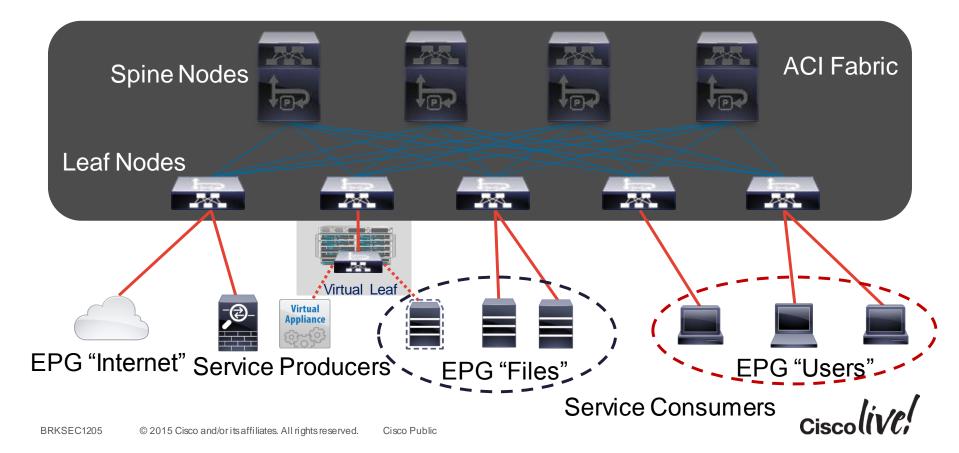
Every device is one hop away, microsecond latency, no power or port availability constraints, ease of scaling

Unified Management and Visibility

ACI Controller manages all participating devices, change control and audit capabilities



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ACI Device Roles

- ACI fabric nodes with negligible port-to-port latency
 - Spine Nodes create the backbone of the intelligent fabric and interconnect leaf nodes
 - Leaf Nodes provide connectivity for network endpoints, every device is one spine node away
 - Virtual Leaf Nodes extend ACI capabilities into VM environment and eliminate physical port traversal
- Service Consumers are the endpoint that rely on network services
 - Physical application servers or virtual machines, client machines
- End Point Groups (EPGs) provide logical abstraction for similar consumers
 - "Similar" in terms of application services and usage
- Service Producers or Nodes provide services to Consumers
 - ASA, IPS, Network Analysers, SSL accelerators virtual and physical form factors
- Fabric enforces specific policies for any inter-EPG communication
 - Port-level basic filtering, QoS, redirection of application flows to service producers

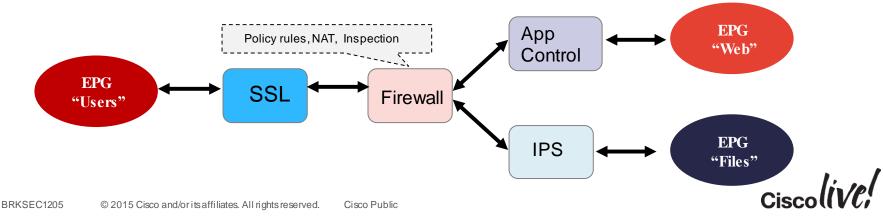


Application Flow Terminology

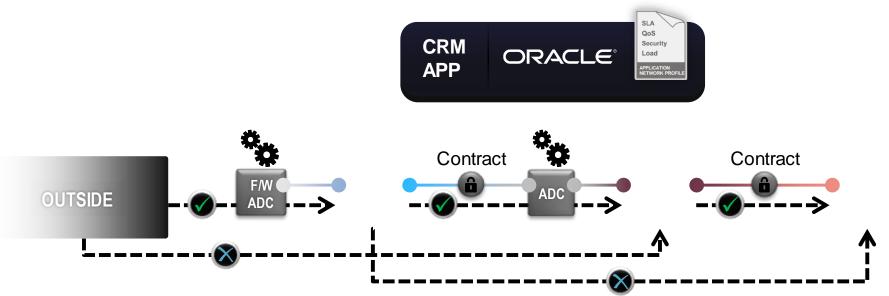
- Application Policy Infrastructure Controller (APIC) enables centralised management
- Application Profiles define EPGs and their network properties
 - Fabric bridges without flooding, acts as default gateway
 - Physically attach anywhere, build any logical topology within the fabric on demand
- Contracts describe rules for inter-EPG communication
 - Hardware port-based TCP/UDP filters offload more complex rules to dedicated security devices
 - Any available network services seamlessly insert into application flow path on demand
- Service Graphs or Chains insert service producers into application flow
 - Referenced from contracts; stateless load-balancing
 - Loop-free single-pass processing, different EPGs can load-share between multiple devices
- Highly abstracted and universal; APIC configures service producers automatically Cisco Public

Typical Service Chain

- Full abstraction within the service chain
 - Every device only knows its function and exchanges packets with the fabric as instructed
 - High degree of modularity with low coupling, specific devices are interchangeable
- ACI maintains flow symmetry through the same device instance



Application Centric Policy Model for Security



WHAT COMPONENTS BRING SECURITY TO AN APPLICATION POLICY?

Endpoint Group: A set of endpoints (VMs/servers) with the same policy **Contracts:** A set of rules governing communication between endpoint groups

Service Chains: A set of network services between endpoint groups



ACI Benefits Compliance Needs for Application Decommission



"Due to compliance regulations, when an application gets decommissioned, every IT resource associated with that must be removed and/or wiped out"



* associated ACI policy also gets removed when applications get decommissioned

ACI Benefits

Attack Detection and Incident Response

Deep visibility enables real-time changes to group policies to mitigate threats

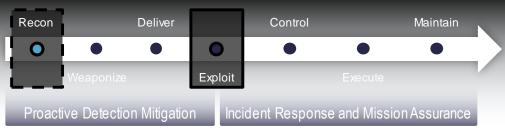
Compliance app uses APIC north bound APIs to detect violation in real-time

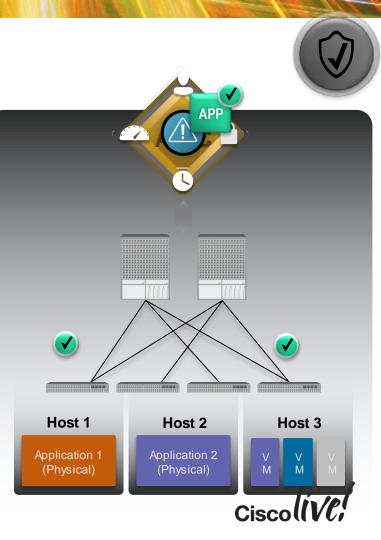
APIC pushes security group policies to the devices as a part of incident response (quarantine, honeypot, etc.)

Compliance app uses APIC north bound APIs to provide assurance



Attack Lifecycle

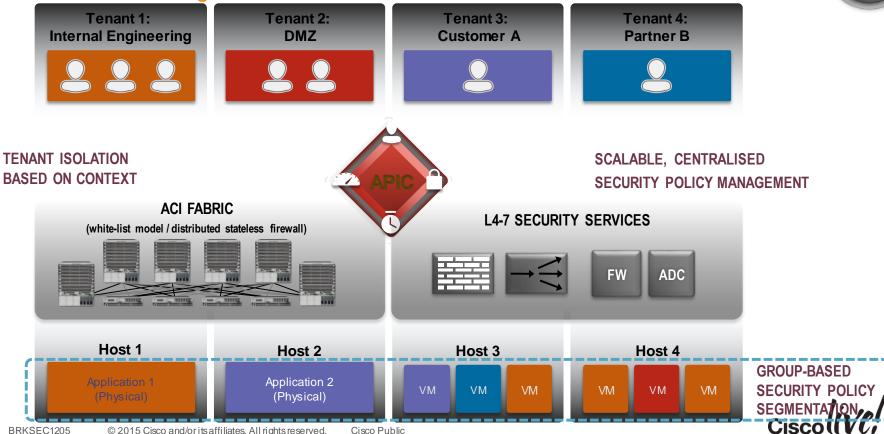




ACI Benefits

Isolation and Segmentation





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ACI Benefits

Broad Ecosystem enables Choice, Investment Protection and supports Defence in Depth Security Strategy 111111 **SOURCE** ire CISCO Symantec. **Terradware CITRIX**[®] splunk embrane Microsoft 🦰 redhat.



Conclusion and Key Takeaways

• Security must be considered from the beginning for Data Centres

 Security must be available as a service to the Data Centre for consumption at no performance or scalability cost

• Visibility and context is key!

Policies should be consistent across the data centre



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