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## Cloud and DC Architecture Evolution for Service Providers

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- Traditional SP DC Architecture VMDC
- Transition to Virtual Services Architecture
  - What is it and what are the advantages ?
  - CSR1000v and Use Cases
  - Cisco InterCloud Hybrid Cloud Enabler
  - Cloud Orchestration Framework
- SDN / NfV in Multi-tenanted SP DC
  - Enabling Technologies and Elements (vPE and ESC)
  - Combining the benefits of DC and WAN
- Conclusion



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### Traditional SP DC Architecture

## VMDC – Cloud Blueprint for the Unified Data Centre

Foundation for Cloud Applications and Services





### **Virtualised Multiservice Data Centre**



## The Challenge - Predictably Scale Data Centre



#### **Key Factors to Consider**

- L2 Scale Virtual Machine Density, VMNics per VM, MAC Address Capacity
- Cluster Scale, ARP Table Size, VLAN scale, Port Capacity, Logical Failure Domains, L2 Control Plane
- L3 Scale BGP Peering, HRSP Interfaces, VRF Instances, Routing Tables and Convergence, Services
- **Resource Oversubscription –** Network Compute and Storage Oversubscription, Bandwidth per VM

- Optimise CAPEX savings while maintaining SLAs
- Predictable performance and scale based on building blocks
- Effective way to add separate application environments

## The Challenge - Ensure High Availability

- **Redundant** end to end links, nodes and paths
- L2 Redundancy –
  1vPC+, ECMP, Port-Channels 2 MEC,
   3MAC-pinning
   L3 Redundancy -
- L3 Redundančy HSRP, NSF, NSR, LDP sync, MPLS graceful restart
- Compute Redundancy -UCS end host mode, (N1KV and MAC-pinning, Active/Standby Redundancy, Intra-Cluster HA)



- **Storage Redundancy 6** FC port channeling, multi-pathing software from VMware or SAN vendor
- Services Redundancy –
  ASA, Load Balancer redundancy (portchannels, vPC, vPC+)
- Routing Protocol Redundancy - BGP, OSPF

- Maximise infrastructure uptime
- Comprehensive end to end architecture

## The Challenge - Service Levels and Multimedia Apps

- Define low latency traffic classes in the multimedia service tier (i.e., VoIP bearer and video conference) are characterised by three metrics - bandwidth, delay and availability.
- Support QoS across hybrid public/private domains



- Traffic Classification and Marking - It is a general best practice to mark traffic at the source-end system or as close to the traffic source as possible in order to simplify the network design.
- Hierarchical QoS for Multi-Tenancy
- Queuing, Scheduling, and Dropping – accounts for differences in queuing structures
- Shaping and Policing

#### **The Solution**

 Quality of Service

- Supports applications with differing latency requirements
- Provides end to end QoS
- Supports QoS across hybrid public/private domains

## **Cloud Consumer Models - Validated Tenancy Models**



- Quickly and securely onboard similar tenants
- Covers different levels of network services for a variety of needs
- Addresses varying security, QoS and other requirements
- Solutions available to automate the process

## VMDC 2.2 PoD Construct



| Component      | SW Versions                  |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| ASR9000        | XR 4.1.0                     |
| ASR1006        | XE 3.4.0 15.1(3)S            |
| Nexus 7010     | NXOS 5.2.1                   |
| ASA5585-60X    | 8.4.2                        |
| ACE30          | A 4.2.1                      |
| Cat 6509       | IOS 12.2.33 SXJ              |
| UCS 6140, B200 | 1.4(2b)                      |
| VSG            | 4.2(1)SV1(2) - VNMC: 1.2(1b) |
| Nexus 1000V    | NXOS 4.2.1 SV1(1.4a)         |
| VMware         | vSphere 4.1 U1, ESXi         |
| MDS9513        | NXOS 5.0.4d                  |



## VMDC 3.0 with FabricPath

#### Simplified Network, Reducing Operating Expenses

- Switch addresses are assigned automatically
- A single control protocol
- Easily expanded in a plug and play manner
- Non-FabricPath switches can still be without STP

#### **Reliability Based on Proven Technology**

- Cisco FabricPath is built on top of IS-IS
- Loop prevention and mitigation is available in the data plane

#### **Efficiency and High Performance**

- 2.56 Tbps of bandwidth between switches (16-way ECMP combined with 16-port 10-Gbps PortChannels)
- Lower Latency than Spanning Tree based solution
- Cisco FabricPath enables massive scalability of the L2 domain





### VMDC 3.0 with FabricPath Design Options and Criteria

#### Design criteria included:

- Available FabricPath modules:
  - M1/F1 mixed VDC
  - M1/F2 split VDC
- VLAN scale: constrained by HSRP, GLBP
- MAC scale
- ARP learning rate
- Conversational MAC address learning
- Port Density
- Forwarding Paths
- Port-channel vs. single links
- VPC, VPC+ options
- QoS
- Distance (intra-PoD)







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### Private Cloud: Major Architectural Transitions Addressing the need for Agility

### **Deployed Architectures**

#### Technologies:

- Physical services
- Fabric-based tenant segmentation
- L3 VPN to Aggregation
- Stovepipe orchestration

#### Characteristics

- Finite-scale
- Complex orchestration
- Limited flexibility and agility



### **Emerging Architectures**

#### Enabling Technologies:

- Virtualised Services
- Overlay-based consumer segmentation
- Virtualised Routing
- Abstracted network orchestration

#### Characteristics

- High-scale
- Simplified orchestration
- Flexible and agile



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## Transition to Virtual Services Architecture (VSA)

## **VMDC** Evolution to VSA





### Virtual Services Architecture: Architectural Highlights

- Overlay networking VXLAN for scalable tenant segmentation and intra-DC L2 extension
- Virtual services with single service instance per tenant
- RAAS virtual router for tenant routing and zonebased firewalling
- Abstracted network control via Prime Network Services Controller







### Virtual Services Architecture: Architectural Highlights

- End to End differentiated SLA Support and Application Visibility
  - NBAR2 on CSR for application-based differentiation
  - Performance Agent on CSR for Round Trip Time reporting
  - vNAM Network Analysis
- Application Performance Tuning
  - vWaaS for end-to-end application optimisation





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## VSA 1.0 Intra-DC End to End Physical Topology



## **End to End System View**



## **VSA – Supported Containers**



- Predefined containers provide examples for different types of deployments
- Automated provisioning and management logic for each container type is pre-defined in the Management and Orchestration software
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### **Expanded Gold Container**

- Enterprise-class tiered application support with in-depth security.
- "All Virtual" network service implementation



### Expanded Gold Container With CSR IOS Zone-based Perimeter Firewall

- Dedicated per-tenant, rather than dedicated logical context on shared physical firewall
- Greater flexibility in terms of policy administration (SP Admin or tenant user)
- Per-tenant granularity of policy control
- Zones based on logical interfaces



### **Silver Container**

- Three routed segments for N-tiered application support
- Load balancer for application HA







### Sample Bronze Container

L3 VPN Single routed segment Raw container for tenant resources Assumes less mission-critical Customer VRF 12 applications eBGP or static Fabri Possible use case: tenant-managed С network resources vCE=CSR1000v Zone 1 Zone N Back-end Zone 1000v + VPATH



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## **Zinc Container**

- At ASA1kv, 1 outside (statically routed) interface. Could be to L3 VPN but in this example, only the Internet/Public use case is shown, reserving the vCE model to the CSR
- 1 inside interface...single subnet with the VSG optionally providing N-tiered application zoning. As with any use of the VSG, there is the possibility to create subzones (for additional policy in front-end or back-end zones)
- vWaaS and vNAM are also options



application or business requirements.

## **VSA 1.0 - Critical System Parameters**

- Max. Tenants per PoD (ASR9k PE pair): 5000
- Tenancy Scale Validation Objective per PoD for 1.0: 2000\*
  - 50 tenants configured in SUT compute layer
  - Simulated tenant sessions to stress the system end to end (at PE, transiting FabricPath, and in port capacity context at N1KV DVS)

\*Note: only 2000 max transit VLANs possible in NX-OS 6.1, per FabricPath domain. This number doubles to 4000 in NX-OS 6.2 (now shipping). 4000 to be validated in VSA 1.0.1.



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### CSR1000v and Use Cases

## **Cisco Cloud Services Router (CSR) 1000V**

#### Cisco IOS Software in Virtual Form Factor



IOS XE Cloud Edition

Selected Features of IOS XE primarily for Cloud Use Cases

Infrastructure Agnostic

Server, Switch, Multi-Hypervisor (ESXi, KVM, Xen, AMI)

Single-tenant WAN Gateway

Small Footprint (reducing from 4 vCPU to 1), Low Performance

Term and Usage based Licenses

- Elastic Capacity (10 Mbps to 1 Gbps\* Throughput, 2 to 16 GB RAM)
   Programmability
- RESTful APIs (leverages OnePK) for Automated Management



## **The Current WAN Landscape**



## The Evolving WAN Landscape – with CSR 1000V



## **CSR 1000V Benefits**

#### **Any-to-Any Connectivity**



#### **Tenant Scalability**



#### **Traffic Redirection/ Control**



#### **Integrated Services**



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#### **Licensing Elasticity**



### **CSR** as a VXLAN Gateway



### **Secure VPN Gateway**

Benefit: Scalable, Dynamic, and Consistent Connectivity with the Cloud

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#### Challenges

- Inconsistent Security
- High Network Latency
- Limited Scalability

#### Solutions

- IPSec VPN, DMVPN, EZVPN, FlexVPN
- Routing and Addressing
- Firewall, ACLs, AAA

- Direct, Secure Access
- Scalable, Reliable
  VPN
- Operational Simplicity
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## **Traffic Control and Management**

Benefit: Comprehensive Networking Services Gateway in the Cloud Enterprise



#### Challenges

- Response Time of Apps
- Resource Guarantees
- Resilient Connectivity
  Solutions
- AppNav for WAAS
- QoS Prioritisation
- HSRP VPN Failover

- Rich Portfolio of Network Features and Services
- Single Point of Control



## DC to Cloud IP Mobility – Hybrid Cloud

Benefit: Simplified Application Deployment to the Cloud



#### Challenges

- Simple, Fast, Transparent Application Onboarding
- Consistency with DC

#### Solutions

- LISP for VM Mobility
- Routing
- NAT, DHCP

#### **Benefits**

Simpler App
 Integration

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- Dynamic infrastructure
- Consistent Management
### **DC to Cloud L2 Extension**



## Nexus 1000V InterCloud + CSR – Hybrid Cloud



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### vCPE On-Premise – Enabling NfV

- L3 CPE functions delivered on a general purpose CPU platform (e.g. Cisco UCS)
- Local loop typically assumed to be Ethernet based
- Virtualised services (e.g. vWAAS, ASA 1000V) replace appliances for CPE functions





#### vCPE Off-Premise

- CPE functions moved into the SP PoP/ Cloud
- Off-premise CPE can be co-located in SP Edge PoP or centralised in Cloud DC
- L2 switches deployed on-premise





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## Cisco InterCloud – Hybrid Cloud Enabler

## **Hybrid Cloud Definition**





#### InterCloud Supports Key Hybrid Cloud Use Cases







Common Peak Workloads



Private Cloud

VPC/Public Cloud

#### Dev/Test

Dev/Test Application across Private and Virtual Private Cloud

Bring Back Workload for Production Scale

#### Shadow IT Control

Providing Rapid Access to Hybrid Cloud Capacity

IT in Control of What and Where Applications Can Be Deployed

#### Capacity Augmentation

Bursting from Private Cloud to Virtual Private or Public Cloud for Peak Workloads

No Change to Application, Networking and Security

#### **Disaster Recovery**

Use Public Clouds for Backup and Disaster Recovery

Securely Extend DC with Consistent Policies



## **Cisco's Hybrid Cloud Approach**



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#### **Cisco InterCloud - Secure Workload Mobility**



**Open:** Freedom to place workloads across heterogeneous Private and Public Clouds Secure: Workloads in public clouds as a secure extension from private cloud **Bi-directional:** Unified management and networking to move workloads across clouds



### **Cisco InterCloud Integration Models**



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#### **Cisco InterCloud Value Proposition for Businesses**



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#### **Cisco InterCloud Architecture**





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#### **Cisco InterCloud Architectural Details**



#### **InterCloud Secure Fabric Key Features**



#### **Cisco InterCloud Director Features**



#### InterCloud Provider Enablement Platform Features



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## **InterCloud Deployment Models**



- Enterprise procures and deploys software on-premise
- Choice of InterCloud enabled provider clouds
- No extra provider charge for InterCloud



- Provider procures and deploys software at enterprise
- Enterprise controls workload placement
- Enterprise pays provider for InterCloud service

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#### **Cloud Orchestration Framework**

### **Cisco Cloud Management Solutions**



#### Intelligent Automation for Cloud 4.0 Network Automation for VSA



# What's New in Cisco Intelligent Automation for Cloud 4.0 Beyond IaaS

Integration with **CISCO UCS DIRECTOR** for virtual + physical infrastructure management

New SELF-SERVICE PORTAL AND SERVICE CATALOG enhancements for IT as a Service

**APPLICATION STACK ACCELERATOR PACK** for DevOps, with native Puppet + Chef support

**HYBRID CLOUD** management support across Amazon, vCloud, and OpenStack

**NETWORK SERVICES AUTOMATION** with Cisco Prime Network Services Controller

Advanced **PRICING AND SHOWBACK** support for improved governance and control

Enhanced multi-tenant and **MULTI-ORGANISATION** support for SPs and large enterprises



#### System Design Overview



#### **IaaS/PaaS: What do End Customers Want?**



## **DevOps Solution Accelerator Stack Designer**

- GUI-based configuration of complete application stacks
- TOSCA-based
  - Graphically describes interoperability of all application stack components
- Puppet or Chef codelets behind GUI icons





#### **Cloud Service Assurance for VMDC - Architecture**



## VMDC / VSA Benefits Summary

- VMDC is the Cisco validated reference architecture for Public/Private/Hybrid Cloud Infrastructure
- Multiple VMDC phases and tenancy models evolving with new technologies/platforms and customer needs
- Multi-tenancy, service differentiation, tiered security services, virtualisation and automation are key for cloud deployments
- Cisco CVDs for cloud infrastructure, orchestration and assurance enable quicker adoption and deployment of complex technologies for end-end solutions
- Out-of-Box Orchestration support for different VMDC designs and tenancy models
- Use these as blueprint, change as necessary to design/deploy your own Clouds
- Do not over complicate Cloud Infrastructure designs it will make Orchestration complex!



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#### SDN / NfV in Multi-tenanted SP DC

#### **Generalised Cloud Orchestration Model**

#### • From monolithic approach in the past ...





## Network Function Virtualisation

#### **Cisco Cloud Service Management** Orchestration Service Orchestration Portal / UI / API Workflow Catalog Service Control Service Assurance Apps Apps Apps Apps Apps Apps Resource Management **Network Control** VM/Storage Control Virtual Services Virtual Network Physical Network Compute / Storage Infrastructure

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#### **NfV Example Workflow**



- 1. Request received
- 2. Catalog item
- 3. Defines workflow
- 4. Workflow calls Service Creation to set up service VMs
- 5. Service Creation calls to Openstack to set up VMs
- 6. Openstack sets up VMs

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- 7. Workflow calls to Service Config function to set up services
- 8. Service Config configures services
- 9. Workflow calls DC network controller
- 10. DC network controller configures overlay network
- 11. Service monitoring tracks availability and performance of service
- 12. Service Creation manages service elasticity and high availability



#### **Cisco Cloud Service Orchestration - Framework**





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Enabling Technologies and Elements (vPE and ESC)

#### End-to-End Dynamic Provisioning and Monitoring of Virtualised Services



#### What Services?



.. Many familiar network services functions have already been developed for virtualised implementations

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#### **Elastic Services Controller - Example**



<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?> 2 <service-request name="46-swire" version="1.1"> // This is the data that is passed down from the // GUI to the FEDC-Controller when a specific service // is being requested as part of the START\_SERVICE call. // The GUI provides the request-id of this request which it // will use to uniquely identify the service in the // fedc-controller-status XML returned from a GET\_STATUS call <parameter request-id="737448483823912"/> <parameter anycast-address="2607:f0d0:1000:51::1"/> <parameter internet-address="171.29.50.1"/> <parameter elastic-mode="true"/> <parameter min-instance="2"/> <parameter max-instance="10"/> <parameter standby-gueue-depth="3"/> <parameter upper-threshold-load="75"/> <parameter lower-threshold-load="25"/> /service-requests

- <service-request> is generated and sent to the Services Controller which then creates the active VMs and hot-standby VMs
- 2. Service starts and reports application stats to the Service Controller STATUS=OK
- 3. Load increases and VMs are getting overloaded STATUS=OVERLOAD
- Services Controller activates 3 of the "hot-standby" VM and adds them to the running service causing the load on all VMs to decrease below the threshold
- 5. The Services controller backfills the "hot standby" queue by booting 3 new VMs but not activating them



## **Service Lifecycle Management - Monitoring & Elasticity**



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### Service Provide Cloud Offering Unique end-to-end Customer Experience



## Data Centre Evolution Traditional DC







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vPE DC

## **Solution Interdependencies**

Need an Architectural Approach





- Multiple ways of addressing each problem
- Interdependencies between options
  - One will impact another
- Need an architectural approach to solve the problem rather than point solutions



## Data Centre Fabric – The Underlay Network



## **vPE Intra-Segment Forwarding**



## **vPE Inter-Segment Forwarding**



## **vPE Network Function Virtualisation**



## vPE L3VPN, L2VPN & Internet Access



## **vPE Services in a Chain**



## **vPE Multi-Tenancy, Varied Topologies**



## **vPE** Control Components



## **vPE Control Components**



## **BGP Signalling in the WAN**



## Use Case 1: laaS / Virtual Private Cloud



## **Use Case 2: NFV & Services Chaining**





## **Use Case 3: Combined VPC and NFV Service Chaining**



## **Components of Cisco vPE Solution**



Virtual Systems Operations Centre (vSOC) Extensible Service Orchestrator



Virtual PE Forwarder (vPEF) Light weight forwarding element per Server

#### **NfV Services**

vASA, CSR1000v for NAT and DPI & RaaS, GI-LAN future

#### DC WAN Gateway

#### ASR9k, Nexus 7k - Physical PE (DC WAN Gateway)

## vPE-F Vector Path Processing (VPP)

Underlying Technology Differentiator

- vPE-forwarder is based on Cisco's VPP technology
- What is Vector Packet Processing?
  - Highly optimised packet processor for general-purpose CPUs
  - Very fast
    - Constructs super frames of packets and processes them in one shot exploits temporal locality of application flows. Benefits from I-cache, Dcache hits.
    - Direct PCI pass-through allows send/receive packets with zero operating system overhead
    - near line rate processing on 10G interfaces
  - 64-bit, multi-threaded
  - Portable
  - VPP is a user space process fault protected & <u>easy</u> <u>upgrades</u>
  - Multi-tenant forwarding contexts for IPv4 and IPv6
  - Shipping on several Cisco products (ASR 9000)
- Complete forwarding stack (as opposed to Intel DPDK developer framework)





## **vSOC** User Experience

- Single portal for customers to login and provision their network and application VMs
- Each customer can create multiple topologies
- Traffic for a topology could come from Internet, existing L3VPN network, L2VPN network
- Topology composed of multiple zones
- Inter zonal traffic subjected to one or more services (FW, NAT, DPI, Load Balancer)
- Ability to provide pre-packaged end application services such as Web Server, Video Server, Mail Server, Database Servers, Hadoop Cluster, etc
- Design template library and custom network topology templates for provisioning ease.
- BYOS Ability for customers to bring their own service appliances





## **Cisco vPE Key Solution Highlights**

| End to end Solution offering from Cisco                     | Based on Open,<br>standards-based<br>interfaces   | Highest performance<br>virtual forwarder             | Virtual forwarder in a<br>VM isolates network<br>failure domain from<br>compute |
|---|---|--|---|
| Overlay architecture<br>independent of<br>underlying fabric | Self Service model<br>and automated<br>network config<br>enables zero touch<br>provisioning | Service configuration<br>integrated with<br>Solution | Elastic Services<br>Management  |



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## Combining the Benefits of DC and WAN

## WAN/Analytics Closed-Loop

- 1. Multi-domain Feeds
- 2. Correlate and determine network policy action needed
- 3. Submit "Network Policy Action" via PCE API
- 4. Network Policy Action programmed to network
- 5. Visualise Feedback Loop



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## **WAN Orchestration Bandwidth Calendaring**

### PCE & Demand Engineering, ESC



WAN Orchestration controller collects topology, state and utilisation info from packet network

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On behalf of user, BW Calendaring App requests a Network path to DC Service A from location attached to Router D

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Service is available at the required Calendar interval



WAN Orchestration controller discovers available resources and calculates optimal path and returns result to the app



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## **Bandwidth Calendaring: Example DCI**



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#### **Elastic Cloud Services (NfV)** Dynamic Scaling of Bandwidth and Services



## Conclusion

- Demand for greater operational efficiencies, quick tenant onboarding and new services will drive "Virtual Services Architecture" adoption
- "Hybrid Cloud" as a service will be the key enabler for the broader cloud adoption
- SDN and NfV adoption will be driven by specific use cases
- Key architectural principles must be open, modular and extensible
- Orchestration and automation will be the key enabler for successful cloud based services



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