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# Data Centre Interconnect with Overlay Transport Virtualisation

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### OTV – Overlay Transport Virtualisation Simplifying Data Centre Interconnect

#### Any Workload



#### Anytime



#### Anywhere





# **Session Objectives**

- The main goals of this session are:
- This session features a detailed analysis of the architectural aspects and deployment benefits behind OTV
- The attendees will learn how OTV is aimed at providing Layer 2 connectivity beyond the Layer 3 boundary while maintaining the failure containment and operational simplicity that the Layer 3 boundary provides
- The attendees will get a deep knowledge of how the OTV control-plane and data-plane work to provide the VLAN extension



## **Session Non-objectives**

- This session does not include:
- In depth discussion of Path Optimisation technologies (DNS, LISP, etc.)
- Storage extension considerations associated to DCI deployments
- Workload mobility application specific deployment considerations
- In depth discussion Multicast

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# Agenda

- Distributed Data Centres: Goals and Challenges
- OTV Architecture Principles
- OTV Design Considerations & New Features





# **Distributed Data Centres Goals**

- Ensure business continuity
- Distributed applications
- Seamless workload mobility
- Maximise compute resources





# Data Centre Interconnect

#### **Traditional Layer 2 Extensions**



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# Challenges in Traditional Layer 2 VPNs

#### Flooding Behaviour



Unknown Unicast for MAC propagation
Unicast Flooding reaches all sites

### Pseudo-wire Maintenance



- Full mesh of Pseudo-wire is complex
- Head-End replication is a common problem

### **Multi-Homing**



- Requires additional Protocols & extends STP
- Malfunctions impacts multiple sites



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No Pseudo-Wire State Maintenance



Optimal Multicast Replication



### Dynamic Encapsulation

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### **Multipoint Connectivity**



#### Point-to-Cloud Model





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### **Protocol Learning**

#### Automated Multi-Homing



#### Site Independence



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### OTV – Overlay Transport Virtualisation Simplifying Data Centre Interconnect



- Nexus 7000 First platform to support OTV (since 5.0 NXOS Release)
- ASR 1000 Now also supporting OTV (since 3.5 XE Release)



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### Terminology OTV Devices and Interfaces

### Edge Device

- Performs all OTV functionality
- Usually located at the Aggregation Layer or at the Core Layer
- Support for multiple OTV Edge Devices (multi-homing) in the same site

#### Internal Interface

- Site facing Interfaces of the Edge Devices
- Carry VLANs extended through OTV
- Regular Layer 2 interfaces
- No OTV configuration required
- Supports IPv4 & IPv6



### Terminology OTV Devices and Interfaces

- Join Interface
  - One of the uplink of the Edge Device
  - Point-to-point routed interface (physical interface, sub-interface or port-channel supported)
  - Used to physically "join" the Overlay network
  - No OTV specific configuration required
  - IPv4 only
- Overlay Interface
  - Virtual interface with most of the OTV configuration
  - Logical multi-access multicast-capable interface
  - Encapsulates Layer 2 frames in IP unicast or multicast



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### OTV Control Plane Building the MAC Tables

- No unknown unicast flooding (selective unicast flooding in 6.2)
- Control Plane Learning with proactive MAC advertisement
- Background process with no specific configuration
- IS-IS used between OTV Edge Devices



# OTV Control Plane

#### Neighbour Discovery and Adjacency Formation

- Before any MAC address can be advertised the OTV Edge Devices must:
  - Discover each other
  - Build a neighbour relationship with each other
- Neighbour Relationship built over a transport infrastructure:
  - Multicast-enabled (all shipping releases)
  - Unicast-only (from NX-OS release 5.2 & IOS-XE 3.9)



### OTV Control Plane Neighbour Discovery (over Multicast Transport)





## **OTV Control Plane (Multicast Transport)**



# **OTV Control Plane (Multicast Transport)**



# **OTV Control Plane**



# Multicast Transport

**OTV Control and Data Plane over Multicast Transport** 

- Use a High-Available Multicast Rendez-Vous Point (RP) configuration
  - PIM Anycast (RFC4610) or MSDP (Multicast Source Discovery Protocol)
- Requirements to Control Plane
  - PIM Any-Source-Multicast (ASM) Sparse-Mode
- Requirements to Data Plane
  - PIM Source-Specific-Multicast (SSM) or BiDir

```
Multicast for OTV on
                                Nexus 7000
feature pim
interface loopback 0
ip pim spare-mode
ip address 192.168.1.100/32
interface loopback 1
ip pim sparse-mode
ip address 10.254.254.n1-x/32
ip pim rp-address 192.168.1.100 group-list 239.1.1.1
ip pim anycast-rp 192.168.1.100 10.254.254.n1
ip pim anycast-rp 192.168.1.100 10.254.254.n2
ip pim ssm range 232.239.1.0/24
interface port-channel1
# This Interface peers with the OTV Join Interface
ip igmp version3
```

\* "n" in the last Octet reflects a unique IP address per Router joining the PIM Anycast Group



Example:

### OTV Control Plane Neighbour Discovery (Unicast-only Transport)

Ideal for connecting a small number of sites

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• With a higher number of sites a multicast transport is the best choice





# OTV Control Plane

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 Establishment of control plane adjacencies between OTV Edge Devices (multicast or unicast transport):

dc1-agg-7k1#	show otv adjacent	су			
Overlay Adjac	ency database				
Overlay-Inter	face Overlay100	:			
Hostname	System-ID	Dest Addr	Up Time	Adj-State	
dc2-agg-7k1	001b.54c2.efc2	20.11.23.2	15:08:53	UP	
dc1-agg-7k2	001b.54c2.e1c3	20.12.23.2	15:43:27	UP	
dc2-agg-7k2	001b.54c2.e142	20.22.23.2	14:49:11	UP	

Unicast MAC reachability information:





### **OTV** Data Plane Encapsulation

- 42 Bytes overhead to the packet IP MTU size (IPv4 packet)
  - Outer IP + OTV Shim Original L2 Header (w/out the .1Q header)
- 802.1Q header is removed and the VLAN field copied over to the OTV shim header
- Outer OTV shim header contains VLAN, overlay number, etc.





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### Spanning-Tree and OTV Site Independence

- Site transparency: no changes to the STP topology
- Total isolation of the STP domain
- Default behaviour: no configuration is required
- BPDUs sent and received ONLY on Internal Interfaces





# Unknown Unicast and OTV

No Longer Unknown Unicast Storms Across the DCI



- No requirements to forward unknown unicast frames
- Assumption: end-host are not silent or uni-directional

#### Default behaviour: no configuration is required

No MAC 3 in the MAC Table



# Unknown Unicast and OTV

Selective Unicast Flooding

- Some Application requirement to forward unknown unicast frames
- Selective Unicast Flooding can be enabled per mac address
- Default behaviour: no unknown unicast forwarding



New Release 6.2

### Controlling ARP Traffic ARP Neighbour-Discovery (ND) Cache

- ARP cache maintained in Edge Device by snooping ARP replies
- First ARP request is broadcasted to all sites. Subsequent ARP requests are replied by local Edge Device
- Timeout can be adjusted (as per NX-OS 6.1(1))
- Drastic reduction of ARP traffic on DCI
- ARP spoofing can be disabled
- IPv4 only feature
- Default behaviour: no configuration is required



OTV-a(config)# interface overlay 1 OTV-a(config-if-overlay)# otv arp-nd timeout 70

# Configures the time, in seconds, that an entry remains in the ARP-ND cache. The time is in seconds varying from 60 to 86400. The default timeout value is 480 seconds.

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## OTV Multi-homing Fully Automated Multi-homing

- No additional protocols required (i.e. BGP)
- OTV site-vlan used to discover OTV neighbour in the same site
- Authoritative Edge Device (AED) Election takes place
- Extended VLANs are split across the AEDs
- The AED is responsible for:
  - MAC address advertisement for its VLANs
  - Forwarding its VLANs' traffic inside and outside the site



## Hardened Multi-homing Introducing OTV Site-identifier

- Same site devices must use common site-identifier
- Site-id information is included in the control plane
- Makes OTV multi-homing more robust and resilient
  - Site Adjacency and Overlay Adjacency are now both leveraged for AED election
- An overlay will not come up until a site-id is configured
  - Site and Overlay Adjacency are both leveraged for AED election

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AED

L3 L2

## OTV Multi-homing VLANs Split across AEDs

- Automated and deterministic algorithm
- In a dual-homed site:
  - Lower IS-IS System-ID (Ordinal 0) = EVEN VLANs
  - Higher IS-IS System-ID (Ordinal 1) = ODD VLANs

	show otv vlan		
OTV Ex	tended VLANs and Edge	e Device State Info	ormation (* - AED)
VLAN	Auth. Edge Device	Vlan State	Overlay
100	East-b	inactive (Non AED)	Overlay100
101*	East-a	active	Overlay100
102	East-b	inactive (Non AED)	Overlav100
OTV-b#	show oty vlan	· · · · ·	
OTV-b#	show otv vlan tended VLANs and Edge	e Device State Info	prmation (* - AED)
OTV-b# OTV Ex VLAN	show otv vlan tended VLANs and Edge Auth. Edge Device	e Device State Info Vlan State	ormation (* - AED) Overlay
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Remote OTV Device MAC Table							
VLAN	MAC	IF					
100	MAC 1	IP A					
101	MAC 2	IP B					



#### OTV Multi-homing AED and Broadcast Handling

- 1. Broadcast reaches all the Edge Devices within the site
- 2. Only the AED forwards the traffic to the Overlay
- 3. All the Edge Devices at the other sites receive the broadcast
- 4. At the remote sites only the AEDs forward it into the site



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## OTV and MAC Mobility MAC Moving and OTV Updates (1)

1. Workload moved between Data Centre sites



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## OTV and MAC Mobility MAC Moving and OTV Updates (2)

- 1. Workload moved between Data Centre sites
- 2. Workload is detected in East DC and OTV control plane is triggered



#### OTV and MAC Mobility MAC Moving and OTV Updates (3)

- 1. Workload moved between Data Centre sites
- 2. Workload is detected in East DC and OTV control plane is triggered
- 3. East to West OTV data plane traffic allows to update the MAC tables of the L2 devices in West Site



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# L2 Multicast Traffic Between Sites

Multicast Enabled Transport

- OTV can leverage the multicast support available in the transport network to optimise the delivery of the multicast traffic for the VLANs stretched across sites
- Three steps:
  - 1. Automated mapping of the sites' multicast groups to a range of multicast groups in the transport network
  - 2. Creation of the Multicast state information at the OTV Edge Devices
  - 3. Sites' Multicast traffic delivered over the Overlay



#### L2 Multicast with Multicast Transport Step 1 – Mapping of the Site Multicast Group

- The site multicast groups are mapped to a SSM group range in the core
- Each (S1,Gs1) maps to a different SSM group in round-robin fashion



## L2 Multicast with Multicast Transport

Step 2 – Multicast State Creation



#### L2 Multicast with Multicast Transport Step 3 – Multicast Packet Flow



#### L2 Multicast with Multicast Transport Multicast Groups in the Core

OTV can leverage the benefits of a multicast-enabled transport for both control and data planes. The following summarises the requirements for a multicast transport:

- Control group Single PIM-SM or PIM-Bidir group used to form adjacencies and exchange MAC reachability information
- Data groups Range of SSM groups used to carry multicast data traffic generated by the sites

interface Overlay100
 otv join-interface e1/1
 otv control-group 239.1.1.1
 otv data-group 232.192.1.0/24
 otv extend-vlan 100-150

The right number of SSM groups to be used depends on a tradeoff between the amount of multicast state to be maintained in the core and the optimisation of Layer 2 multicast traffic delivery

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#### QoS and OTV Marking on Encapsulation

#### On Encapsulation

- CoS bits (802.1p) copied to the OTV shim header
- If IP traffic: The original (inner) DSCP value is also copied to "outer" DSCP



#### QoS and OTV Marking on De-capsulation

- On De-capsulation
  - CoS value is recovered from the OTV shim and added to the 802.1Q header
- Original CoS and DSCP are both preserved
- OTV Control Traffic is statically marked at CoS = 6/DSCP = 48





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## Path Optimisation Egress Routing Optimisation

#### Hot Potato Routing





#### Path Optimisation Egress Routing with LAN Extension

- Extended VLANs typically have associated HSRP groups
- By default, only one HSRP router elected active, with all servers pointing to HSRP VIP as default gateway



#### Egress Routing Localisation FHRP Filtering Solution

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- Filter FHRP with combination of VACL and MAC route filter
- Result: Still have one HSRP group with one VIP, but now have active router at each site for optimal first-hop routing



## Path Optimisation Optimal Routing Challenges

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- · Layer 2 extensions represent a challenge for optimal routing
- Challenging placement of gateway and advertisement of routing prefix/subnet



## Path Optimisation

Is it relevant to my Data Centre model?

- Logical Data Centre or Physical Data Centre?
- High Availability or Disaster Recovery?





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#### Specific Use-Case IPv6 and OTV



Reference

Release 5.2 and above

- IPv6 Unicast Forwarding and Multicast Flooding supported across OTV
  - Requires to disable optimised multicast forwarding (OMF) in IGMP snooping on OTV ED
- IPv6 Transport Network (Join Interface & Source Interface, not yet supported)



# Ingress Routing Localisation

#### Challenge

- Subnets are spread across locations
- Subnet information in the routing tables is not specific enough
- Routing doesn't know if a server has moved between locations
- Traffic may be sent to the location where the application is not available

#### **Options**

- DNS Based
- Route Injection
- LISP Locator/ID Separation Protocol

## For more details on LISP and OTV Deployment see: BRKDCT-2131

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# OTV Support ASR1000



- OTV has been introduced in IOS XE 3.5 (Nov 2011)
- To use OTV on ASR1000, you require:
  - Advance Enterprise Image or Advance IP Service + OTV feature license
- ASR1k <-> N7k Inter-Site Interoperability has been tested
  - No ASR1k <-> N7k Multihoming Support (Intra-Site Interoperability)

#### • OTV on ASR1000 Use Cases are:

- Legacy Deployments where DC may still be Catalyst based
- New Small Data Centre and/or Disaster Recovery Sites where Main DC is equipped with Nexus 7000
- OTV with Layer-3 Encryption where MACSec is no option for Inter-DC Encryption

# OTV Support ASR 1000

- New Features for IOS-XE 3.9
  - OTV Adjacency Server (unicast)
  - OTV with LISP ESM
  - RPVST STP Support
- New Features for IOS-XE 3.10
  - Portchannel for join interface
  - VRF Aware
  - Subinterface for join interface
  - Layer 2 portchannel





## Specific Use-Case

Transparent Firewall and extended Inside & Outside VLANs

- Transparent/Bridged Firewall is separating OTV extended VLANs
- OTV is sharing the same MAC address per Edge-Device





## Specific Use-Case

Transparent Firewall and extended Inside & Outside VLANs



- OTV is sending PIM hellos with source of 0.0.0.0 destination 224.0.0.13
- Hello is sourced from OTV Edge Device (VDC) MAC Address



# OTV compared to FabricPath

#### Is FabricPath a valid Solution to replace OTV

- OTV is purpose build for Data Centre Interconnects
  - Cisco Validated Designs (CVDs)
  - Specific Data Centre Interconnect features
- On Data Centre Interconnect, FabricPath is NOT so Plug and Play
  - No specific DCI functions
  - Designs gotchas but do not impact all customers
  - Multidestination Trees capacity planning is key

#### • FabricPath can be a valid Data Centre Interconnect solution when:

- Short distances between Data Centres
- Multicast is not massively used
- If you know and accept where your Traffic Flows (Multidestination Trees)



## **OTV** compared to FabricPath

- Yes, but Data Centre Interconnect is NOT LAN Switching
- Customer's constraints/needs are unique
- Scoping is based on
  - Application Involved
  - Number of DC sites, meshing, distances, bandwidth requirements
  - Customer Perception
  - Traffic Flows (Unicast, Multicast & Flooding)

	Operations Simplicity	Failure Isolation	Transport Failure Detection	3+ Sites Optimisation	High Availability	L2 Functions	L3 Unicast Functions	Multicast Functions	Scalability
ΟΤV	√	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	√	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	√
FabricPath	$\checkmark\checkmark$	×	×	$\checkmark$	√	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	√	√
Stacking	√	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	√	√	√	×
VSS	√	$\checkmark$	×	×	√	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	√	√
vPC	✓	$\checkmark$	×	×	√	$\checkmark$	×	×	√



**Routed Uplinks** 

to Core

## New Feature for OTV in NX-OS 6.2

Nexus 7000 Hardware Support

F3 Support for OTV in 6.2(6)



F/M-Series interface

F1 and F2e linecards have the ability to be internal interfaces

Release 6.2(6)

#### New Features for OTV Tunnel Depolarisation & Secondary IP

- Secondary IP command introduced
  - Configured within interface, not OTV interface
- Introduction of multiple IPs results in tunnel depolarisation

OTV-a (config-if) # sh otv OTV-a(config-if) # ip address 2.100.11.1/24 secondary OTV Overlay Information Disabling IP Redirects on port-channel11 :secondary Site Identifier 0000.0000.0011 configured. OTV-a(config-if) # sh run int poll Overlay interface Overlay1 !Command: show running-config interface port-channel VPN name : Overlay1 !Time: Wed Mar 27 23:05:21 2013 VPN state : UP Extended vlans : 25-50 72-227 (Total:182) version 6.2(2)Control group : 224.1.1.0 Data group range(s) : 232.1.0.0/24 interface port-channel11 Broadcast group : 224.1.1.0 no ip redirects Join interface(s) : Pol1 (2.100.11.100) ip address 2.100.11.100/24 Secondary IP Addresses: : 2.100.11.1 ip address 2.100.11.1/24 secondary Site vlan : 1 (up) ip ospf network point-to-point AED-Capable : Yes1 ip router ospf 1 area 0.0.0.0 : Multicast-Reachable Capability ip igmp version 3
## New Features for OTV

VLAN Translation: Translation through transit VLAN

- When a different VLAN is used at multiple sites
- Usually for 3 or more sites



Release 6.2

#### New Features for OTV VLAN Translation: Translation through transit VLAN

For Your Reference

OTV-a(config)# int overlay1 OTV-a(config-if-overlay)# **otv vlan mapping 100 to 400** 

OTV-a(config-if-overlay)# sh run int overlay1

!Command: show running-config interface Overlay1
!Time: Fri Mar 29 19:01:04 2013

version 6.2(2)

```
interface Overlay1
  otv isis hello-multiplier 9
  otv join-interface port-channel11
  otv control-group 224.1.1.0
  otv data-group 232.1.0.0/24
  otv extend-vlan 25-50, 72-497
  otv vlan mapping 100 to 400
  no shutdown
```

OTV-a(config-if-overlay)# sh otv vlan-mapping Original VLAN -> Translated VLAN

100 -> 400

OTV-B(config)# int overlay1 OTV-B(config-if-overlay)# otv vlan mapping 200 to 400 OTV-B(config-if-overlay)# sh run int overlay1

!Command: show running-config interface Overlay1
!Time: Fri Mar 29 19:02:29 2013

version 6.2(2)

interface Overlay1
 otv isis hello-multiplier 9
 otv join-interface port-channel21
 otv control-group 224.1.1.0
 otv data-group 232.1.0.0/24
 otv extend-vlan 25-50, 72-497
 otv vlan mapping 200 to 400
 no shutdown

OTV-B(config-if-overlay)# sh otv vlan-mapping Original VLAN -> Translated VLAN

200 -> 400



#### OTV Convergence Small and Large Scale Targets (Extreme Failures)





New Release 6.2

#### Challenges in Traditional Layer 2 VPNs Solved by OTV

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