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Architecting an OpenStack Based Cloud with Cisco Infrastructure

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Agenda

- Trends
- Introduction to OpenStack
- Infrastructure Consideration
- GBP and OpenStack
- Scaling OpenStack Deployments
- Conclusion
Market Trends

- **IT Spending is Shifting to the 3rd Platform**, comprised of Cloud, Mobile, Social, and Big Data. Gartner predicts that in 2015, the 3rd Platform will account for 30% of all IT spending and 100% of growth.

- **Web Scale IT.** Gartner notes that in the next few years, companies will need to think, act, and build applications and infrastructure in the same way Amazon, Google and Facebook do, using cloud to quickly deploy replicatable hardware on-demand.

- **Open Source.** Open source is leading the way in technology development, as developers seek to leverage the innovative solutions of others and concentrate their efforts on new services or applications.

- **Multi/Hybrid Cloud Management.** Few large companies want to put all their eggs in one basket and will be looking for ways to efficiently manage deployments across multiple clouds.

- **Software Defined Everything.** Agile development methods are essential to delivering application and service flexibility. Software defined networking, storage, data centres and security will finally make computing dynamic.
Orchestration in the IT World
What is OpenStack?

“OpenStack is a global collaboration of developers and cloud computing technologists producing the ubiquitous open source cloud computing platform for public and private clouds. The project aims to deliver solutions for all types of clouds by being simple to implement, massively scalable and feature rich. The technology consists of a series of interrelated projects delivering various components for a cloud infrastructure solution.”

- openstack.org

Translated, OpenStack is software to run cloud services and the community behind that software.
OpenStack

Overview

Open source Cloud Computing Platform for Private and Public Clouds

Design tenets – scale & elasticity, share nothing & distribute everything
OpenStack Community History

• Founded in July 2010 by Rackspace Hosting, NASA and partners
  – NASA and Rackspace contributed the initial code

• Code has gone through eight releases
  – OpenStack has a 6-month time-based release cycle

• Over 169 companies have joined the community
  – OS/Hypervisor vendors
  – Public Cloud/service providers
  – Equipment manufacturers
  – OpenStack software and services

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OpenStack is Transforming Cloud Deployment

- **Cost Reduction**
- **Investment Protection**
- **Access to Innovation**
- **Increased Agility**
- **Faster ROI**

- **Greater Control**
- **Choice of Vendors**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Modify & Scale on Demand**
- **Accelerated Deployment**

OpenStack is Transforming Cloud Deployment.
OpenStack is Transforming Cloud Development

**Enterprise/Public Sector**
Application deployment speed in a highly dynamic IT environment

**Service Provider**
End-to-end cloud delivery that is automated and tenant aware

84% of RedHat users indicate OpenStack part of future plans
Typical Use Cases

- Development and Testing
- Proof of Concept Implementations
- Applications in a Private IaaS Environment
- Cloud Scale Applications
- Small to Medium Data Processing Applications

PRIVATE AND HYBRID CLOUDS

- Big Data
- Mobile Applications
- Multi Data Centre Deployments
- Seamless Hybrid Clouds Deployments
- PaaS SaaS
Cisco and OpenStack

- Code contributions across several services – Network, Compute, Dashboard, Storage
- Foundation Board member

- OpenStack based Global Intercloud hosted across Cisco and partners data centres
- Cisco Webex Service running on OpenStack

- Automation (Puppet) and architectures (HA) for production deployment and operational support
  - Neutron/Nova Plug-ins for Cisco product lines – Nexus, DFA, APIC, UCS, CSR/ASR
  - Co-developed solutions (Red at, Canonical, SUSE)

- Cisco Validated Designs for production deployments
  - Work closely and jointly with customers to design and build their OpenStack environment
## Cisco Top Vendor in Network Contributions

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OpenStack Atlanta User Survey
OpenStack Basics
OpenStack is “Project” Based

Core Projects Shown

**Compute**
- “Nova”
  - Houses VMs
  - API driven
  - Support for multi-hypervisors

**Storage**
- Image, Object, Block
  - “Glance, Swift, Cinder”
  - Instance/VM image storage
  - Cloud object storage
  - Persistent block level storage

**Dashboard**
- “Horizon”
  - Web app for controlling OpenStack resources
  - Self-service portal

**Identity**
- “Keystone”
  - Centralised policies
  - Tenant mgmt.
  - RBAC
  - Ext. integration (LDAP)

**Networking**
- “Neutron”
  - Networking as a service
  - Multiple models
  - IP address mgmt.
  - Plugins to external HW

**Telemetry**
- “Ceilometer”
  - Central collection point
  - Metering and monitoring

**Orchestration**
- “Heat”
  - Template-based orchestration engine
  - More rapid deployment of applications

**Database**
- “Trove”
  - DBaaS
  - Single-tenant DB within instance

**Data Processing**
- “Sahara”
  - Fast provisioning of Hadoop clusters

New!
REST API and Messaging Between Components

- Representational state transfer (REST)
- Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP)
OpenStack Software Architecture

Rapidly evolving set of open API’s and services for cloud applications

OpenStack Platform (open source)

Applications / Services

Open APIs

Compute Service (Nova)

Storage Service (Cinder/Swift)

Network Service (Neutron)

Orchestration Services (Monitoring, Elastic LB, Auto-Scaling)

Infrastructure Plug-Ins

Physical and Virtualised Infrastructure
OpenStack Architecture

- Management Network
  - Compute Node: nova-compute, neutron-*-plugin-agent
  - Cloud Controller Node: mysql server, rabbitmq-server, nova-api, nova-scheduler, nova-conductor, keystone-all, neutron-server, glance-api, glance-registry

- Data Network

- External Network

- Internet

- API Network
OpenStack Plugin Model

- Cisco plugin supports multiple sub-plugins
- Modular L2 (ML2) evolution of Neutron
- Allow multiple plug-ins to exist as sub-plugin drivers
OpenStack Neutron Architecture

- **Neutron Core plugins**
  - ML2
  - OVS
  - Cisco (Nexus, N1Kv)
  - More vendor plugins

- **Neutron Service plugins**
  - Load Balancer
  - Firewall
  - VPN
  - L3 Services
  - HA Proxy
  - IPTables
  - OpenSwan
  - More vendor drivers

- **Type Drivers**
  - VLAN
  - GRE
  - VXLAN

- **Mechanism Drivers**
  - Cisco Nexus
  - OVS
  - OpenDayLight
  - APIC
  - More vendor drivers

- **REST API**
  - Core + Extension REST API’s
  - Message Queue for communicating with Neutron Agents
  - Core and Service Plugins
  - Different vendor core plugins
  - Different network technology support
  - ML2 plugin with Type and Mechanism Drivers
  - Service plugins with backend drivers

- **Resource and Attribute Extension API**
  - ProviderNetwork
  - PortBinding
  - Router
  - Quotas
  - SecurityGroups
  - AgentScheduler
  - LBaaS
  - FWaaS
  - VPNaaS
  - ….
Neutron Model

Abstraction | Description
-------------|------------------
Logical Network | L2 / Broadcast domain
Logical Router   | L3 domain
Subnet          | Subnet (OpenStack IPAM / DHCP)
Security Group   | Group-based ACL
Neutron Integration with Other OpenStack Services

• Neutron relies on OpenStack Identity Service (KeyStone) for authentication and authorisation of all API requests

• OpenStack Compute Service (Nova) communicates with Neutron API for plugging VM onto a network through port creation

• Tenants and Administrators use the GUI based OpenStack Dashboard Service (Horizon) for managing Neutron networks
Neutron Networking for Tenant Isolation

Network Type | Network Segmentation Scheme for tenant isolation | Device implementing Network Segmentation Scheme | Neutron plugin/driver
--- | --- | --- | ---
VLAN | vSwitch, ToR | Direct Device Configuration
VXLAN | vSwitch | Device Configuration through Controller
GRE | vSwitch, ToR |
Neutron Networking for Layer 3 Services

Network Type Neutron resource

Device implementing
Advanced Service

Networks

Tenant Networks

Routers

Service VM's

vSwitch, ToR

Linux Host

Direct Device Configuration

Device Configuration through Controller

Admin Provider Networks

Provisioned Externally

Provisioned Externally
Linux Networking Devices on the Compute Host

- There are four distinct types of virtual networking devices: TAP devices, veth pairs, Linux bridges, and Open vSwitch bridges. For an ethernet frame to travel from eth0 of virtual machine vm01, to the physical network, it must pass through nine devices inside of the host: TAP vnet0, Linux bridge qbrXXX, veth pair (qvbXXX, qvoXXX), Open vSwitch bridge br-int, veth pair (int-br-eth1, phy-br-eth1), and, finally, the physical network interface card eth1.

- Vnet connects to the extra set of Linux bridge device so that IPTables can be used for SecGroups.

- Veth pair acts like a "patch panel".

- qvo: veth pair openvswitch side

- qvb: veth pair bridge side

- qbr: bridge

- qr: l3 agent managed port, router side

- qg: l3 agent managed port, gateway side
Linux Networking Devices on the Network Node

- Connection to public network
- Routers
- Floating IPs, SNAT
- DHCP
Typical Network


Openstack Network Troubleshooting: http://docs.openstack.org/trunk/openstack-ops/content/network_troubleshooting.html
Neutron Advanced Services via Service Plugins

• Layer 3
  – Enables creation of router for connecting/attaching Layer 2 tenant networks that require L3 connectivity
  – Requires creation of Floating IP’s for associating VM private IP address to public IP address
  – External Gateway for forwarding traffic outside of tenant networks

• LoadBalancer
  – Requires creation of a load balancer pool with members for a tenant
  – Enables creation of a virtual IP (VIP) that when accessed through the loadbalancer, directs the request to one of the pool members
  – Health Monitor Check for pool members

• VPN
  – Related to a specific tenant subnet and router
  – VPN connection represents the Ipsec tunnel established between two sites for the tenant
  – Requires creation of VPN – IKE – Ipsec - Connection

• Firewall
  – Provides perimeter firewall functionality on Neutron logical router for a tenant
  – Requires creation of Firewall – Policy – Rules
Neutron Router

- Run on network node
- L3 Agent in network node
- Uses Namespaces per tenant
- Icehouse proposed DVR
  - Can run on any compute node
  - Better E-W traffic

Source: https://developer.rackspace.com/blog/neutron-networking-l3-agent/
LBAAS

- Introduced in Grizzly
  - Backend - HAProxy Only
  - Round Robin, Least Connections, Source IP
  - Single Agent/node

- Havana
  - Multi-vendor support
  - HAProxy - Multiple agents/nodes, statistics, improved health monitor

- Features
  - Monitor – Ping, HTTP
  - Connection limits
  - Session Persistence

VPNaaS

- Experimental introduction in Havana
- Based on OpenSwan
- Site to Site
- Pre-shared Keys
FWaaS

- Could be 3rd Party
- IPTables based
- Modeled after ASA and Checkpoint
- Default insertion is L3 GW

http://docs.openstack.org/admin-guide-cloud/content/install_neutron-fwaas-agent.html
Multi-Segment Networks

- Created via multi-provider API extension
- Segments bridged administratively (for now)
- Ports associated with network, not specific segment
- Ports bound automatically to segment with connectivity
Infrastructure Considerations & Solutions
Neutron
Applications Typically Start Like This
App Developers Define Their Own Network Topology

- Virtual, isolated networks
- Virtual routers
- Load-balancers
- Public, private addresses
- Access rights and security
We need better two-way communications between applications and infrastructure.
## Infrastructure Components

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Neutron Cisco Nexus Plugin

- Neutron Server
- Neutron Core plugin (Cisco/ML2)
- Cisco Nexus Plugin/Driver
- Nclient
- Nexus ToR
- Compute Nodes
- Nova
- VM
- VM

create/update port request sent to Neutron

Benefits

- Works with Nexus 3k/5k/6k/7k/9k
- Support for Neutron Provider Networks
- Dynamic VLAN and SVI provisioning/deprovisioning on ToR
- Network based Overlays using VXLAN

Demo of Nexus plugin at the end!
Neutron Cisco Nexus1000v Plugin (KVM)

Neutron N1Kv specific API extensions usage –

- **neutron network-profile-create** `PROFILE_NAME`
  - `vlan --segment_range 400-499`
  - Network Profile (admin)

- **neutron net-create** `NETWORK_NAME` 
  - `n1kv:profile_id PROFILE_ID` 
  - Policy Profile defined in VSM (periodic polling)

- **neutron policy-profile-list**

- **neutron port-create** `NETWORK_NAME`
  - `n1kv:profile_id PROFILE_ID` 
  - Policy Profile

**Benefits:**

- Network Profiles – VLAN, VXLAN (multicast/unicast), Trunk
- Policy Profiles – ACLs, QoS
- VXLAN Gateway Service VM
Neutron Cisco UCS VM-FEX Driver (KVM)

Benefits:
- Bypasses the vswitch
- Improves throughput
Neutron’s Routing Reference Implementation

Routing REST API requests

- Neutron Server
- Neutron Service plugin (L3)
- Agent Scheduler

Picks a L3 agent on a Network Node

- L3 agent on Network Nodes
- Default Gateway, Namespace and IPTables

Namespace maps to a Neutron logical router. IPTables handle address translations

- Compute Nodes
  - VM
  - VM

L3 traffic goes through Network node

• Limitations
  - x86 box for L3 services
  - HA (Neutron logical router)
Neutron + NFV (Cisco Driven Architecture)

- **Service Plugins**
  - Management of logical resources
- **Scheduler**
  - Select Hosting device
- **Device Manager**
  - Lifecycle management of devices (Spinning up of NFV devices)
  - Book-keeping of processing capacity in devices (Avoid over allocation)
- **Config Agent**
  - Apply configuration to devices
  - Monitor health devices
Neutron Cisco CSR1000v for Neutron L3 Service

- Mapping of Neutron reference L3 implementation -
  - Linux namespaces - CSR1Kv VRF
  - Router ports (qr) on bridge – CSR1Kv VLAN sub interfaces
  - Gateway ports (qg) on bridge - CSR1Kv VLAN sub interfaces
  - Linux IPTables – CSR1Kv NAT

- Benefits
  - Available as NFV services
  - Scalable solution
  - Integrates with N1Kv
Example CSR1Kv Config for a Neutron Logical Model

```
interface GigabitEthernet2.500
  encapsulation dot1Q 500
  ip vrf forwarding nrouter-462986b8
  ip address 10.0.100.1 255.255.255.0
  ip nat inside

interface GigabitEthernet2.600
  encapsulation dot1Q 600
  ip vrf forwarding nrouter-462986b8
  ip address 173.38.209.1 255.255.255.0
  ip nat outside

  ip nat inside source static 10.0.100.2 173.38.209.2
  vrf nrouter-462986b8 match-in-vrf
```
Neutron Cisco CSR1000v VPN Service Driver (KVM)

Benefits

- CSR1Kv secure VPN qualified solution
- Unlock rich CSR1Kv features into OpenStack

```
neutron vpn-ikepolicy-create ikepolicy1
neutron vpn-ipsecpolicy-create ipsecpolicy1
neutron vpn-service-create --name myvpn --description "My vpn service" router1 mysubnet
neutron ipsec-site-connection-create --name vpncconnection1 \ --vpnservice-id myvpn \ --ikepolicy-id ikepolicy1 \ --ipsecpolicy-id ipsecpolicy1 \ --peer-address 172.24.4.23 --peer-id 172.24.4.23 --peer-cidr \ 10.2.0.0/24 --psk secret
```
Neutron Cisco Dynamic Fabric Automation (DFA) Driver

**Benefit**
- Fabric based overlays with OpenStack
- Network Fabric Advantages exposed to OpenStack networks

**Diagram**
- Neutron Server
- Neutron Core plugin (ML2)
- Cisco DFA Driver
- vSwitch Driver
- Data Centre Network Manager (DCNM)
- DFA Spine/Leaf Switches
- LLDPAD Agent
- Compute Nodes
- VM
- VM

**Network attributes communicated to switches**
- neutron net-create NETWORK_NAME --dfa:cfg_profile_id PROFILE_ID
- neutron config-profile-list

**Communicates (VDP) with the Leaf passing the VM’s information along with the Segment ID when instance is created/deleted.**
Evolving the Neutron API

API to provide clear separation between Application developer and Infrastructure manager

• Application developer doesn’t need to care about network centric resources such as Networks/Routers etc (existing Neutron API)
• Infrastructure Manager doesn't need to care about application requirements such as what ports requires to be opened for the applications
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neutron vpn-ikepolicy-create ikepolicy1
neutron vpn-ipsecpolicy-create ipsecpolicy1
neutron vpn-service-create --name myvpn --description "My vpn service" router1 mysubnet
neutron ipsec-site-connection-create --name vpnconnection1 --vpnservice-id myvpn --ikepolicy-id ikepolicy1 --ipsecpolicy-id ipsecpolicy1 --peer-address 172.24.4.23 --peer-id 172.24.4.23 --peer-cidr 10.2.0.0/24 --psk secret
```
Benefits of Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure
Foundation for Scalable Clouds

Cisco UCS
Unified, Programmable, Rapid Provisioning, Scalable

Cisco Nexus
Scalable, Secure, Network Fabric

Storage Partners
Choice of: Direct Attach, NAS/SAN

- Standard “Building Blocks”
- Performance, Scalability, Availability
- Secure Multi-Tenancy
- ACI Ready
- Hybrid and Intercloud Enabled

Simplifies operations -- Maximises ROI -- Accelerates deployment
Cisco UCS - Powering Applications at Every Scale

- Edge-Scale Computing
- Core Data Centre Workloads
- Cloud-Scale Computing

Customer Needs:
1. Power and Operational Simplicity in the Data Centre Core
2. Seamlessly Extend the Data Centre to the Edge
3. More Efficient Way to Power Cloud-Scale Applications
Cisco UCS for Cloud Deployment

Adding Value and Innovation

Programmability
- Cisco UCS programmability is accomplished through published APIs and Python scripting

Centralised Management
- Racks of computing and storage nodes can be managed through a single GUI
- Quickly spin up new or replacement computing/storage assets

Standardisation and Consistency
- Service profiles enable standardisation across compute assets and speed new installation

Cost Effective and Customisable
- High memory density supports more guest OS instances in fewer physical servers
- Flexibility of hardware options enables selecting the best-fit server for computing, storage, and controller nodes
Starter Edition Topology

- PortChannel from each Cisco UCS fabric interconnect to ToR
- Fabric interconnects in end-host mode, with dynamic pinning of server vNICs to uplink PortChannels

- Link aggregation on OVS
- Load balancing
Starter Edition: Controller and Network Nodes

- OpenStack services on single controller node:
  - Horizon
  - Keystone
  - Glance API: as Ceph client (operating system images)
  - Nova scheduler
  - Neutron server
  - AMQP
  - mySQL
  - Cinder volume: as Ceph clients for persistent block storage on Ceph cluster for boot from volume and data
  - Heat: installed as foundation for subsequent Starter releases that involve Heat templates
- Packstack installer on controller node
- Networker node (other Neutron services, OpenvSwitch agent)
  - For scaling to production-level deployment
  - RHEL OpenStack installer allows networker co-location with controller
UCS C3160 as Ceph Storage Node

- C3160 is ideal for Ceph Object Stores and as well as block based Ceph deployments
- Optimised for high throughput workloads
- Power efficient server
- Petabytes of local storage in a standard 19-inch rack
- Investment protection and reduced operational cost
Policy w/ OpenStack
What’s Wrong with OpenStack Networking Today?

Cloud Application Model

- No broadcast / multicast
- Resilient / Fault Tolerant
- Scalable Tiers
- Built around loosely coupled services
- Don’t care about IP addresses

Neutron Model

- L2 / Broadcast is the base API!
- Network / routers / subnets
- Based on existing networking models
- No concept of dependency mapping or intent
Where Can We Do Better

Separation of Concerns

- Separate application requirements from low level APIs
- Separate tenant from operator

Dependency Mapping

- Build self-documenting dependency maps of tiers of an application

Enable Network Services

- Define network service chains between tiers of an application without low level configuration
Introducing Group-Based Policy

- Intent-based API for describing application requirements
- Separates concerns of tenants and operators
- Captures dependencies between tiers of an application
- Plugin model
  - Supports mapping to Neutron APIs
  - Supports “native” SDN drivers
Group-Based Policy Model
OpenStack GBP Architecture

Neutron Driver maps GBP to existing Neutron API and offers compatibility with any existing Neutron Plugin.

Native Drivers exist for OpenDaylight as well as multiple vendors (Cisco, Nuage Networks, and One Convergence).

Open model that is compatible with ANY physical or virtual networking backends.
Group-Based Policy Model

**Policy Group**: Set of endpoints with the same properties. Often a tier of an application.

**Policy Rule Set**: Set of Classifier / Actions describing how Policy Groups communicate.

**Policy Classifier**: Traffic filter including protocol, port and direction.

**Policy Action**: Behaviour to take as a result of a match. Supported actions include “allow” and “redirect”

**Service Chains**: Set of ordered network services between Groups.

**L2 Policy**: Specifies the boundaries of a switching domain. Broadcast is an optional parameter.

**L3 Policy**: An isolated address space containing L2 Policies / Subnets.
Neutron Cisco Application Policy Infrastructure Controller (APIC) Driver and Plugin

- Neutron Server
- Neutron Core plugin (ML2)
- Cisco APIC Driver
- vSwitch Driver
- VMs on Compute Nodes
- vswitch

Developing Integration with APIC Using OpenStack Neutron Group Policy API

REST API: Network:EPG, Router:Contract

ACI Spine/Leaf Switches

Provides distributed L2,L3 functionality
OpenStack Deployment

**Controller Node**

- **Supporting Services**
  - Database: MySQL
  - Message Broker: RabbitMQ

- **Basic Services**
  - Identity: Keystone
  - Image: Glance
  - Compute: Nova Mgmt
  - Dashboard: Horizon

- **Optional Services**
  - Block store: Cinder Mgmt
  - Object store: Swift Proxy
  - Orchestration: Heat
  - Telemetry: Ceilometer

- **Network Interfaces**
  - Management: Fabric
  - Network: Fabric

**Compute Node**

- **Basic Services**
  - Compute Nova Hypervisor

- **Network Interfaces**
  - Management: Fabric

**APIC**

- **Basic Services**
  - Networking ML2 Plugin
  - APIC Driver
  - DHCP

- **Network Interfaces**
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  - Compute Nova Mgmt
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Generally combine network and controller node for ACI

APIC manages all tenant and physical networking policy. At least 3 APICs are deployed for redundancy.
Nexus Standalone Integration

- 1 Controller, 2 Compute nodes
- Separate Management (eth0) and Data networks (eth1)
- ToR switch connections and config
- Separate Nova availability zones
- Neutron Cisco plugin -> ML2 Driver
- Not running Neutron L3 agent on controller server
- VLAN range managed by vswitch plugin (ovs, n1kv)
- Supported on Grizzly or later releases
- Requires ncclient on control-server for NETCONF

*There is an additional linux bridge on the host which has not be shown for simplicity*
Why Cisco ACI and OpenStack

1. **GROUP-BASED POLICY SUPPORT**
   - Automation
   - Intent-driven

2. **PHYSICAL + VIRTUAL**
   - Zero-touch Performance
   - Physical server
   - Multi-hypervisor

3. **FABRIC TUNNELS**
   - Automatic VXLAN
   - Distributed L2
   - Distributed L3

4. **SERVICE CHAINING**
   - Service chaining and redirection

5. **TELEMETRY AND OPERATIONS**
   - Health Metrics
   - Visibility
   - Troubleshooting

- Service chaining and redirection
- Physical server
- Multi-hypervisor
- Automatic VXLAN
- Distributed L2
- Distributed L3
- Zero-touch Performance
- Intent-driven
- Automation
- Health Metrics
- Visibility
- Troubleshooting
Advanced Services Integrations

- ACI supports a rich device package and service chaining feature for managing network services.
  - Automatic service deployment
  - Automatic service chaining

- However, it is also possible to use the LBaaS / FWaaS APIs in Neutron as well
  - Neutron handles device configuration via API
  - No direct support for service chaining.
    - Physical devices as external next-hop routers
    - Service VM per tenant set as gateway for Neutron network
Two Options for ACI

APIC Driver (ML2)

NEUTRON NETWORK → NEUTRON ROUTER → SECURITY GROUP

- Neutron Networking
- APIC Driver
- OVS Driver

Group Policy Plugin

Contract

WEB
ADC
AP
DB

Group Policy

- Neutron Networking
- APIC Group Driver
- OVS Driver

HYPERVERSOR
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APIC Driver for OpenStack

- ML2 (modular level 2) driver supporting existing Neutron APIs: network, router, security group, LBaaS, etc.
- Automation of neutron ports for virtual machines
- Relies on OVS in hypervisor
- Shipping today from Cisco
- Available on Openstack IceHouse, Juno, etc.
Neutron Workflow
1. User creates a network / router / etc. through Neutron CLI / Horizon / Heat
2. OVS Driver selects VLAN from VLAN pool. VLAN is configured in Open vSwitch
3. APIC Driver maps neutron object to APIC policy model
4. IP Tables in Linux Hypervisor provides host-based security group enforcement
5. Open vSwitch tags each Neutron network with VLAN
6. ACI ToR translates VLAN into VXLAN, providing distributed L2 and distributed default gateway support.
Group-Based Policy

• OpenStack extensions on top of Neutron exposing a policy API

• Supports policy API to APIC

• Backwards compatible with existing neutron plug-ins (works with Nexus 9000 standalone)

• Available for Openstack Juno (Q1 CY 15)

• Open approach

• Enables Openstack customers to deploy, scale and modify policy across teams fast
Group Policy Plugin

ACI Fabric Offers:
• VXLAN tunnels
• Distributed L2
• Distributed default gateway
• Security enforcement

Neutron Workflow
1. User creates Group-Based Policy through CLI / Horizon / Heat.
2. OVS Driver selects VLAN from VLAN pool. VLAN is configured in Open vSwitch.
3. APIC Driver maps GBP to APIC policy.
4. Non-OpFlex: All inter-EPG traffic sent to ToR for enforcement (note, with OpFlex switching and enforcement may occur in OVS).
5. Open vSwitch tags each group with VLAN.
6. ACI ToR translates VLAN into VXLAN, providing distributed L2, security policy, and distributed default gateway support.
   • Automated configuration of Layer 2 and 3 and Layer 4-7 services.
Scaling Open Stack Deployments
What’s Missing in Today’s Public Clouds?

• The network, a critical component of application performance, is abstracted away from the developer.
  • High-performance applications need to be able to understand how the network is performing to optimise their behaviour, and optimally could report their performance indicators to influence network behaviour

• SPs are migrating network services away from managed CPE toward Network Function Virtualisation.
  • This places performance demands on the network that cannot easily be achieved in public clouds

• Public clouds have spotty support for advanced features like IPv6, dynamic routing, and multicast
Tenant Resource View (L2 – L3)
# DC Network - Product Requirements and Challenges

## Openstack

OpenStack out-of-box networking capabilities on top of traditional DC network

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## Infrastructure Scale Demands

Stable, highly available, performing & secure network topology for cloud scale

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Interim Step – Smart Plugin (VLAN based)

Address the Tenant & Tenant NW scale with Smart OpenStack Plugin –

- VLAN is dynamically provisioned on TOR if/when needed
- 1200 Tenants (assuming 3 NW on average/tenant)
- 3600 tenant networks
- 12K Floating IP (10/tenant)
- Addresses Data Plane HA Problem
DC LAN with Cloud Mgmt. (Classic with Tenants GW + Floating IP HA)

Access
- Nexus 9396
- UCS B Series with KVM + OVS
- VM
- VM
- VM
- VM

Aggregation
- Nexus 9508
- UCS FI
- VM
- VM
- VM
- VM

Core
- ASR 9010
- Tenant + Provider Networks
- Tenant Network (VLAN)

Floating IP
- Tenant L3 GW

Outside World (Internet)
- Public Networks (Direct + Floating)

Cloud Mgmt.
- Nova
- Neutron
- All Controllers

CEPH Storage
- Tenant Network

Nova Compute
- Tenant
- Tenant Network

Floating IP
- Public Direct
- Public Floating

DMZ
- WAF
- Reverse Proxies
- DoS

ASR 1000
Sample Scale Out Architecture for OpenStack
Standalone Network with SDN Controller and OpenStack Plugin
Scale Out Architecture w/ACI

- Scalable NAT/PAT on OVS
- Distributed GW on the ToR (L3 FW) – East/West Traffic
- Flexible Group based Policy Plugin
- OpFlex For Tighter Integration & Local Switching
- ARP suppression
Conclusion
Agenda

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Cisco’s Investment and Expertise in OpenStack

Community Participation
- OpenStack Foundation board member
- Code contributions across core services
- Prolific reviewer of completed blueprints
- One of the leading contributors of code to the Neutron project
- Expanding beyond Neutron on bare metal and group policy code

Engineering Investment
- Neutron plug-ins for Cisco Nexus®
  - Cisco® ACI and APIC plug-ins
  - VLAN programming
  - Cisco Nexus 1000V portfolio for KVM
- Cisco UCS plug-ins for Neutron and Ironic (incubation)
- Cisco UCS OpenStack Cisco Validated Design

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