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Innovations for the next generation Data Center Cisco Nexus 7000





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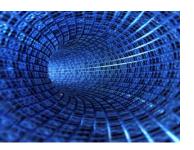
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The New Data Center



Consolidation Needed to Combat Infrastructure Sprawl and its attendant capex/opex impact

Cisco Nexus7000 Delivers Infrastructure Scalability to defer the need to add infrastructure



Virtualization of Resources to Easily and Efficiently Adapt to Change

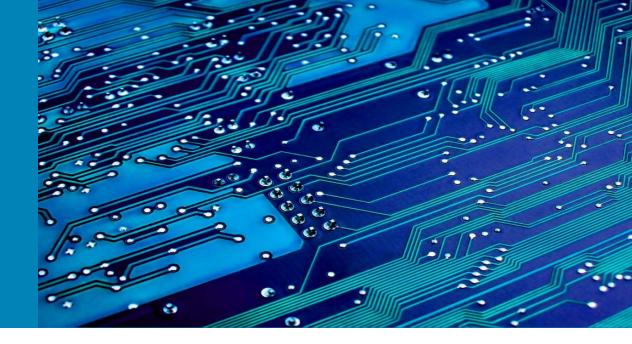
Cisco Nexus7000 Transport Flexibility to meet growing needs and address next-gen protocols



Automation Improves Operations Effectiveness and Infrastructure Availability

Cisco Nexus7000 Operational Continuity through a "Zero Service Loss" system architecture

Nexus 7000 Chassis



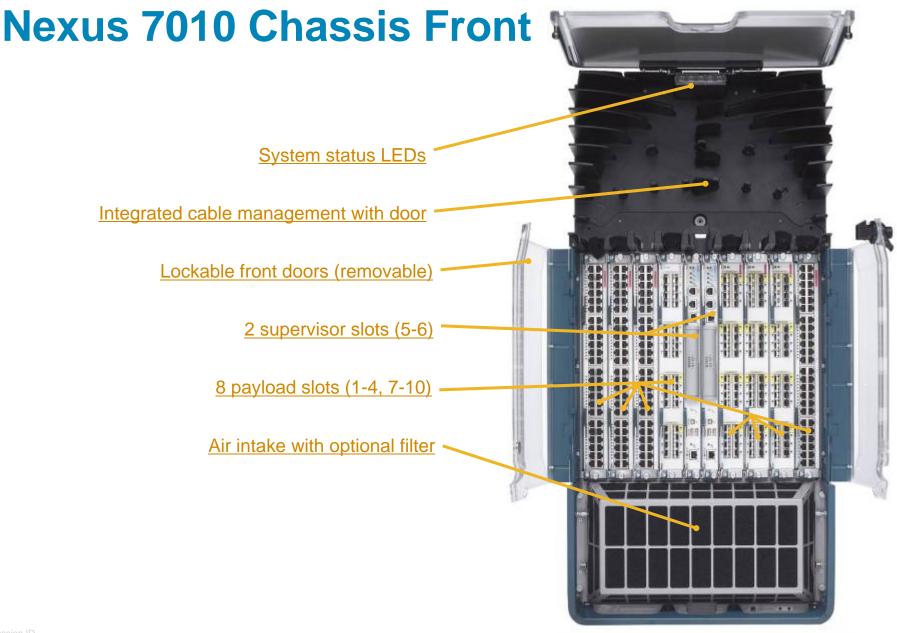
Nexus 7010 10-Slot Chassis

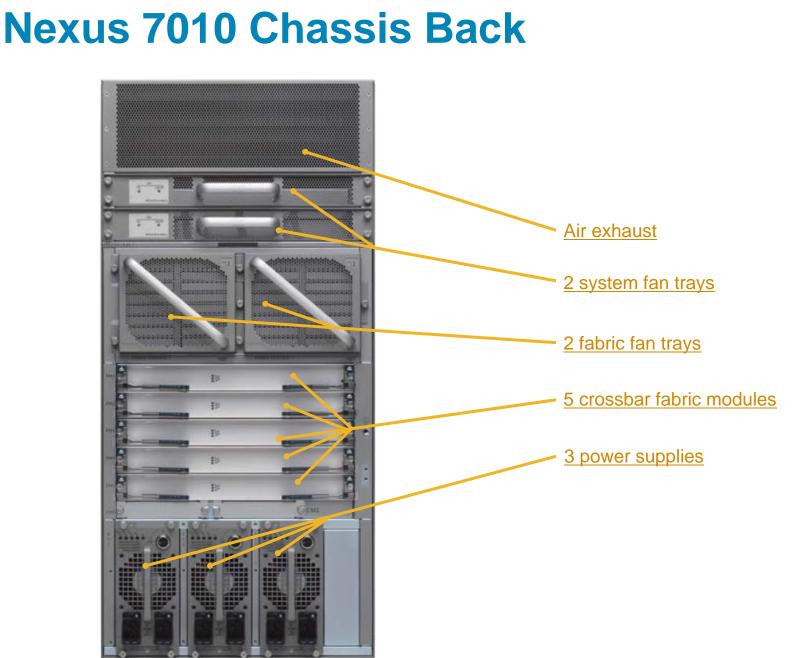


- First chassis in Nexus 7000 product family
- Optimized for data center environments
- High density

256 10G interfaces per system

- High performance
 - 1.2Tbps system bandwidth at initial release
 - Initially 80Gbps per slot
 - 60Mpps per slot
- Future proof
 - Initial fabric provides up to 4.1Tbps Product family scaleable to 15+Tbps 40/100G and Unified Fabric ready





System Power

- 6000W AC power supply for Nexus 7000 series chassis
- Dual inputs at 220/240V or 110/120V
- Proportional load-sharing among supplies
- Hot swappable
- Blue beacon LED for easy identification

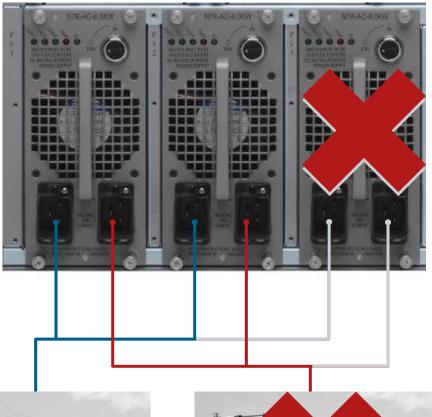


Nexus 7010 Power Redundancy 6 power supplies in 3 physical bays

Power redundancy modes:

- Power Supply Redundancy (default)
- Input Source Redundancy

Power Supply Redundancy Input Source Redundancy







Grid #2

System Cooling

- Variable speed redundant fans provide complete system cooling
- Fans removed from chassis rear no disruption of cabling
- Hot swappable
- Blue beacon LED for easy identification
 - Redundant system fan trays provide cooling of I/O modules and supervisor engines





 Redundant fabric fans provide cooling of crossbar fabric modules

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Other Hardware Features



Blue beacon LEDs allow for easy FRU identification for servicing



Locking ejector levers ensure proper module seating and prevent accidental disengagement



System LEDs provide aggregate view of system status

- Power supplies
- Fan trays
- Supervisor engines
- Fabric modules
- I/O modules

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Nexus 7000 Supervisor Engine

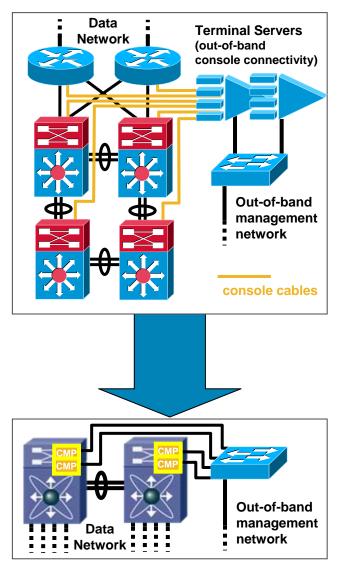


Supervisor Engine

- Dual-core 1.66GHz Intel Xeon processor with 4GB DRAM
- Connectivity Management Processor (CMP) for lights-out management
- 2MB NVRAM, 2GB internal bootdisk, 2 external compact flash slots
- 10/100/1000 management port with 802.1AE LinkSec
- Console & Auxiliary serial ports
- USB ports for file transfer
- Blue beacon LED for easy identification



Connectivity Management Processor (CMP)

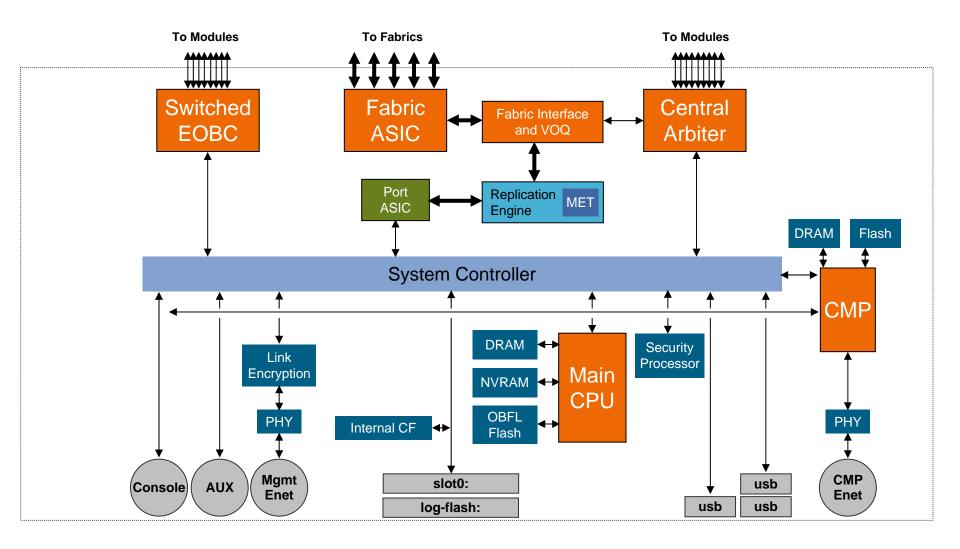


- Standalone, always-on microprocessor on supervisor engine
- Provides 'lights out' remote management and disaster recovery via 10/100/1000 interface
 Removes need for terminal servers
- Monitor supervisor and modules, access log files, power cycle supervisor, etc.

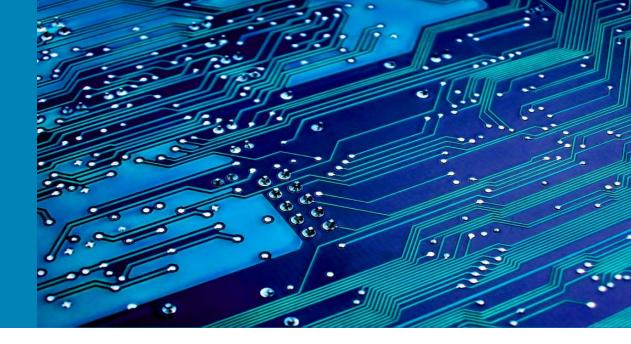
Runs lightweight Linux kernel and network stack Completely independent of DC-OS on main CPU



Supervisor Engine Architecture



Nexus 7000 I/O Modules



32-Port 10GE I/O Module

- 32 10GE ports with SFP+ transceivers
- 80G full duplex fabric connectivity
- Integrated 60Mpps forwarding engine for fully distributed forwarding
- 4:1 oversubscription at front panel

- Virtual output queueing (VOQ) ensuring fair access to fabric bandwidth
- 802.1AE LinkSec on every port
- Buffering:

Dedicated mode: 100MB ingress, 80MB egress

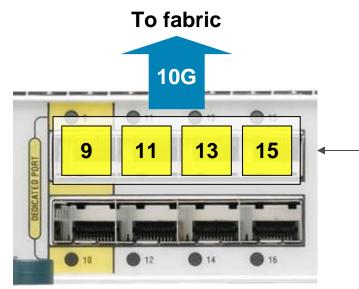
SFP+

Shared mode: 1MB + 100MB ingress, 80MB egress

- Queues: 8q2t ingress, 1p7q4t egress
- Blue beacon LED for easy identification

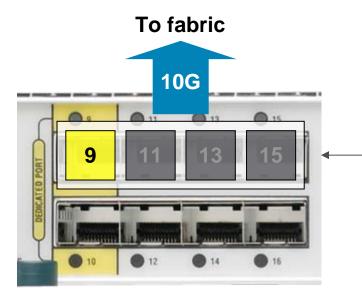
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Shared versus Dedicated Mode



Shared mode

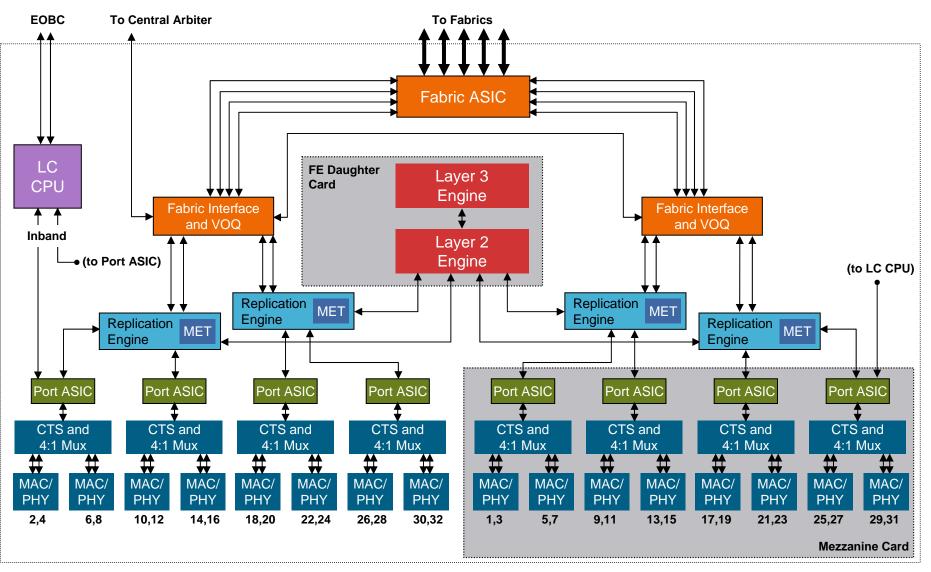
Four interfaces share 10G bandwidth



Dedicated mode

- One interface gets 10G bandwidth
- Three interfaces disabled

32-Port 10GE I/O Module Architecture

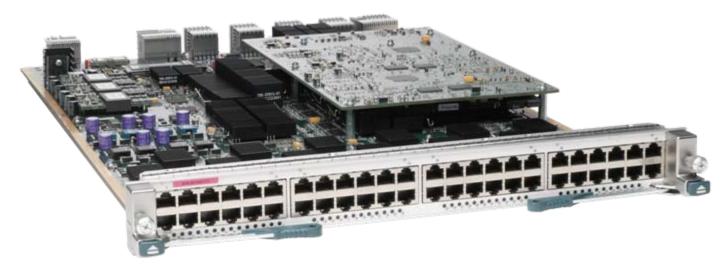


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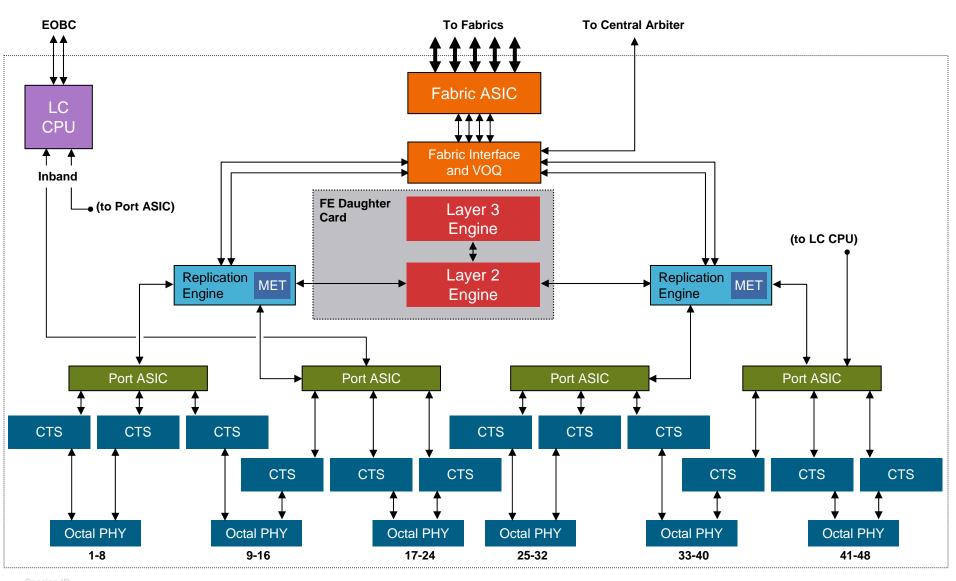
48-Port 1GE I/O Module

- 48 1GE 10/100/1000 RJ-45 ports
- 40G full duplex fabric connectivity
- Integrated 60Mpps forwarding engine for fully distributed forwarding
- Virtual output queueing (VOQ) ensuring fair access to fabric bandwidth

- 802.1AE LinkSec on every port
- Buffer: 7.5MB ingress, 6.2MB egress
- Queues: 2q4t ingress, 1p3q4t egress
- Blue beacon LED for easy identification



48-Port 1GE I/O Module Architecture

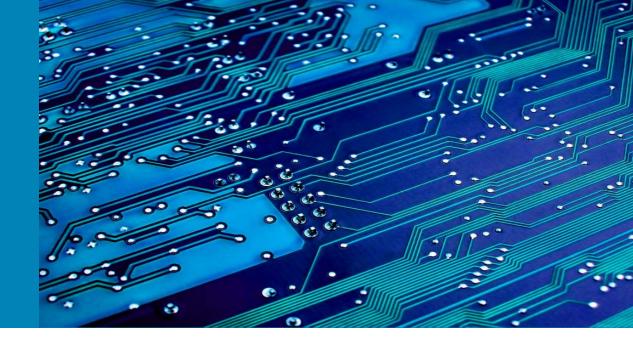


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Nexus 7000 Forwarding Engine

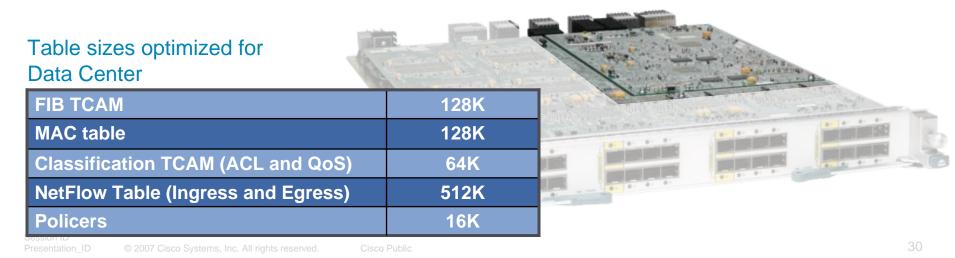


Forwarding Engine Hardware

Advanced hardware forwarding engine integrated on every I/O module

- 60Mpps Layer 2 bridging with hardware MAC learning
- 60Mpps IPv4 and 30Mpps IPv6 unicast
- IPv4 and IPv6 multicast (SM, SSM, bidir)
- IPv4 and IPv6 security ACLs
- Cisco TrustSec security group tag support
- Unicast RPF check and IP source guard
- QoS remarking and policing policies
- Ingress and egress NetFlow (full and sampled)
- GRE tunnels





Forwarding Engine Details

Forwarding engine chipset consists of two ASICs:

Layer 2 Engine

Performs ingress and egress SMAC/DMAC lookups

Hardware MAC learning

True IP-based Layer 2 multicast constraint

Performs lookups on ingress I/O module, and egress I/O module for bridged packets

Layer 3 Engine

60Mpps IPv4 and 30Mpps IPv6 Layer 3/Layer 4 lookups

Performs all FIB, ACL, QoS, NetFlow processing

Linear, pipelined architecture – every packet processed in ingress and egress pipe

Performs lookups on ingress I/O module, and egress I/O module for multicast replicated packets

Nexus 7000 Fabric and Bandwidth



I/O Module Bandwidth Capacity



- Initially shipping I/O module bandwidth: 80Gbps per slot Assumes 8 * 10G ports in dedicated mode per module
- In Nexus 7000 10-slot chassis:

(80Gbps/slot) * (8 payload slots) = 640Gbps

(640Gbps) * (2 for full duplex operation) = 1280Gbps = 1.2Tbps system bandwidth

1.2 Terabits per second initial system bandwidth

Fabric Bandwidth Capacity



Initially shipping fabric bandwidth: 230Gbps per payload slot, 115Gbps per supervisor slot

Initially shipping modules cannot fully leverage fabric bandwidth Assumes future modules that can leverage full bandwidth

In Nexus 7000 10-slot chassis:

(230Gbps/slot) * (8 payload slots) = 1840Gbps

(115Gbps/slot) * (2 supervisor slots) = 230Gbps

(1840 + 230 = 2070Gbps) * (2 for full duplex operation) = 4140Gbps = 4.1Tbps system bandwidth

4.1 Terabits per second fabric bandwidth capacity

Future Vision for Platform Series



 Future goal to double fabric bandwidth 500+Gbps bandwidth per slot Requires future fabric module

- I0 slot chassis will scale to 9+Tbps system bandwidth
- 18 slot chassis will scale to 15+Tbps system bandwidth

15+ Terabits per second platform bandwidth capacity

Fabric Module

 Provides 46Gbps per I/O module slot

Also provides 23G per supervisor slot

Up to 230Gbps per slot with 5 fabric modules

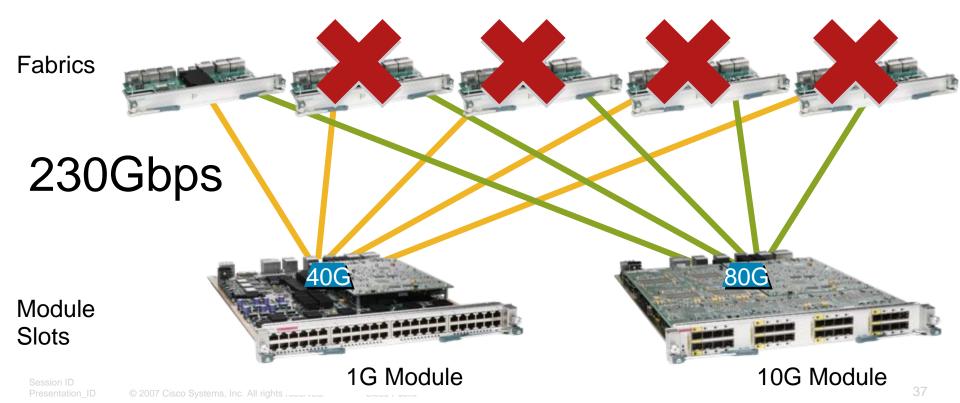
Initially shipping I/O modules do not leverage full fabric bandwidth

- Load-sharing across all fabric modules in chassis
- Multilevel redundancy with graceful performance degradation
- Non-disruptive OIR
- Blue beacon LED for easy identification



Fabric Capacity and Redundancy

- Per-slot bandwidth capacity increases with each fabric module
- 1G module requires 2 fabrics for N+1 redundancy
- 10G module requires 3 fabrics for N+1 redundancy
- 4th and 5th fabric modules provide additional level of redundancy
- Future modules will leverage additional fabric bandwidth
- Fabric failure results in reduction of overall system bandwidth



Access to Fabric Bandwidth

- Supervisor engine controls access to fabric bandwidth using central arbitration
- Fabric bandwidth represented by Virtual Output Queues (VOQs)

What Are VOQs?

- Virtual Output Queues (VOQs) on ingress modules represent bandwidth capacity on egress modules
- Guaranteed delivery to egress module for arbitrated packets entering fabric

If VOQ available on ingress, capacity exists on egress

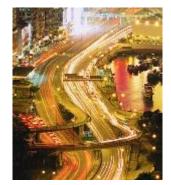
- VOQ is NOT equivalent to ingress or egress port buffer or queues Relates ONLY to ASICs at ingress and egress to fabric
- VOQ is "virtual" because it represents EGRESS capacity but resides on INGRESS module

It is PHYSICAL buffer where packets are stored

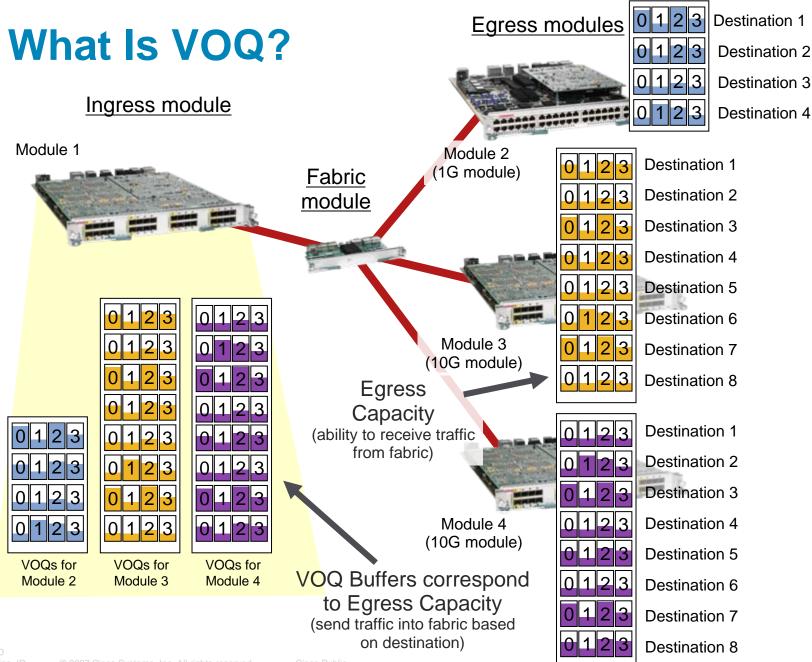


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Centralized Fabric Arbitration

 Access to fabric bandwidth on ingress module controlled by central arbiter on supervisor

In other words, access to the VOQ for the destination across the name

Arbitration works on credit request/grant basis

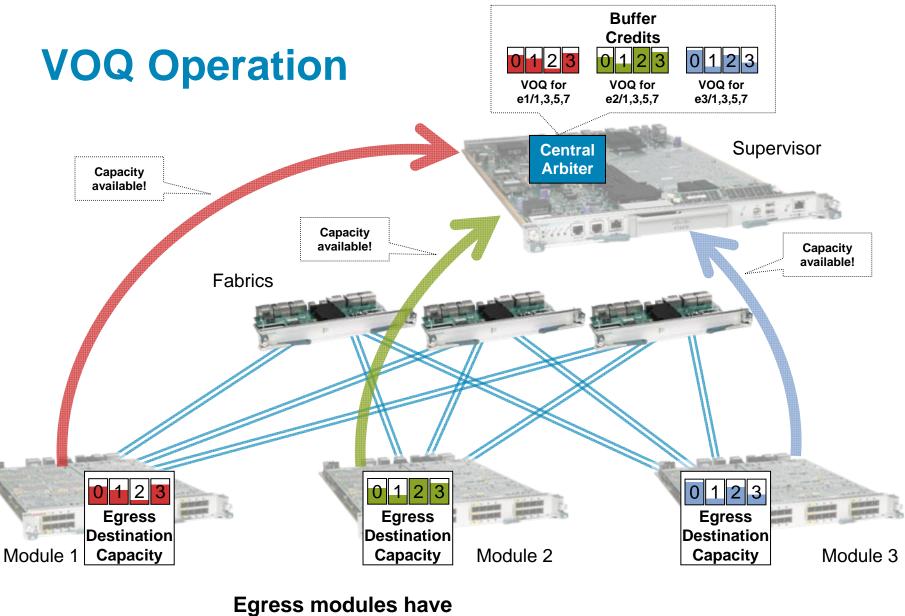
Modules communicate egress fabric buffer availability to central arbiter

Modules request credits from supervisor to place packets in VOQ for transmission to destination over fabric

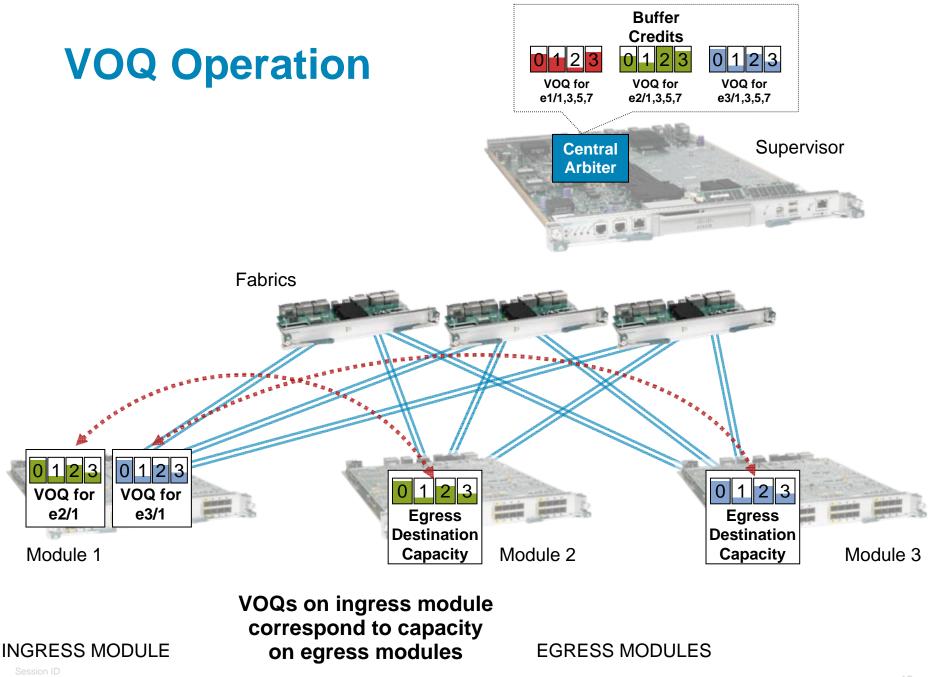
Supervisor grants credits based on egress fabric buffer availability for that destination

Arbiter discriminates among four classes of service

Priority traffic takes precedence over best-effort traffic across fabric



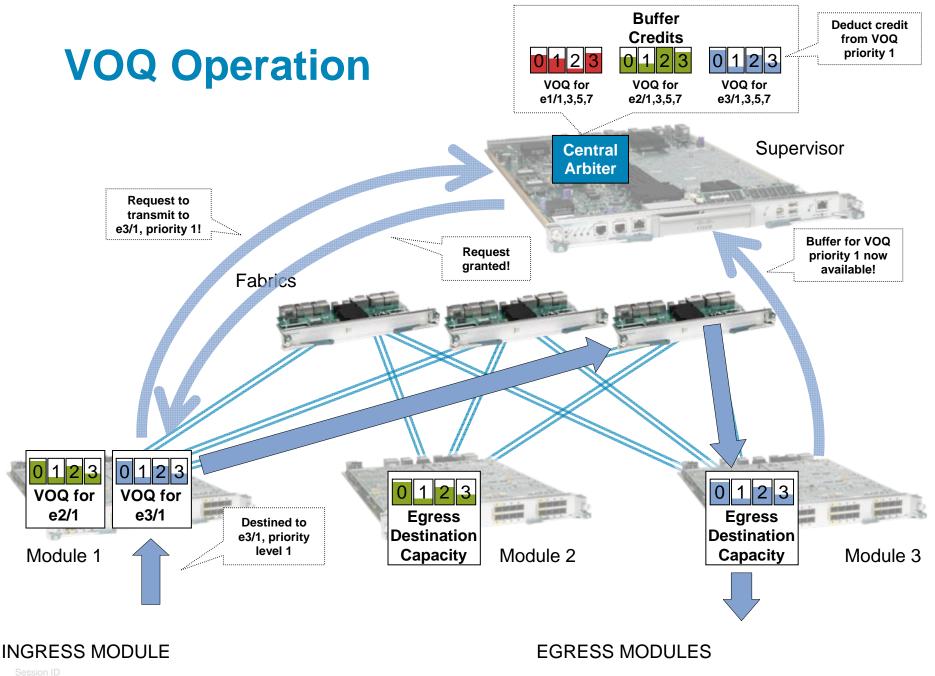
capacity to receive traffic from fabric



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Benefits of Central Arbitration and VOQ

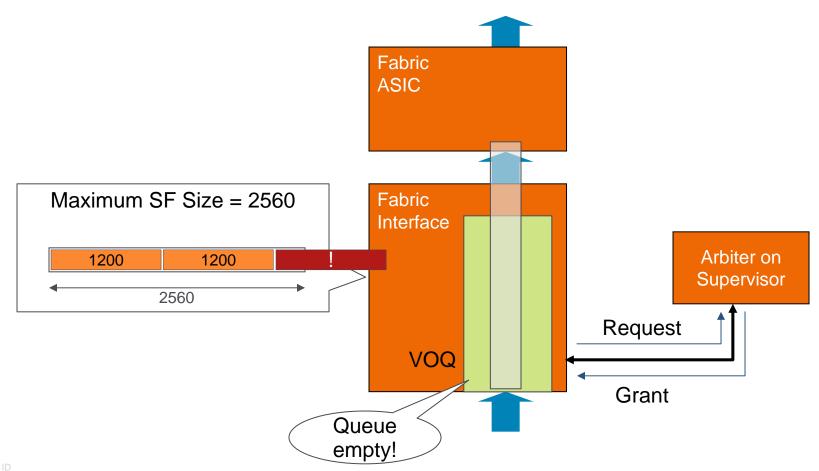
- Ensures fair access to bandwidth for multiple ingress ports transmitting to one egress port
- Prevents congested egress ports from blocking ingress traffic destined to other ports
- Priority traffic takes precedence over best-effort traffic across fabric
- Engineered to support Unified I/O

Can provide no-drop service across fabric for future FCoE interfaces

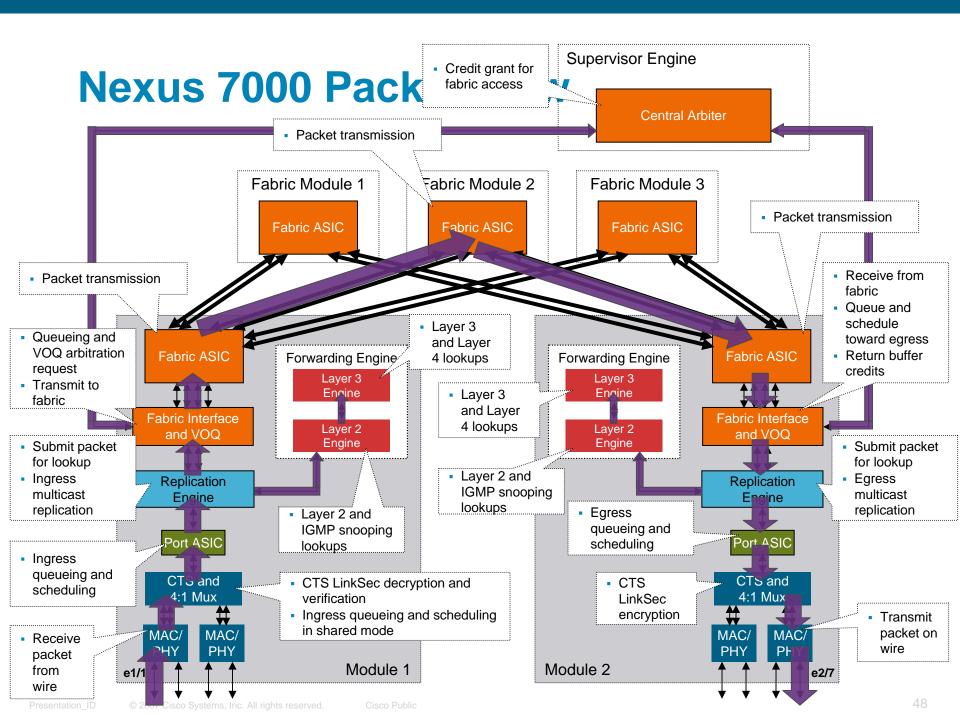
Fabric Superframing

- Fabric interface ASIC performs superframing for fabric-bound unicast packets
- When packet hits VOQ, arbitration request generated immediately
- When grant returned, packet immediately transmitted into fabric
- When packet transmission complete, check if other packets are enqueued in the same VOQ – if so, transmit them
- Transmit until superframe limit reached, or queue empty
- Superframe up to 2560 bytes, or up to 32 packets, whichever comes first
- If additional packets need transmission, new arbitration request generated and new superframe begins
- Superframe disassembled on egress fabric interface ASIC

Fabric Superframing



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DC-OS Data Center class operating system



DC-OS: Delivering DC Class Attributes



Granular stateful process restart provides increased uptime and improved network stability

Integrated Manageability toolset improves troubleshooting and reduces time-to-resolution

ISSU+ allows software upgrades without service interruption

Virtual Device Contexts allow the switch to be split into multiple logical switches for better utilization and isolation

Multi-transport control plane natively supports unified d fabric without external gateways

Multi-core/multi-thread architecture means turning on features will not impact performance

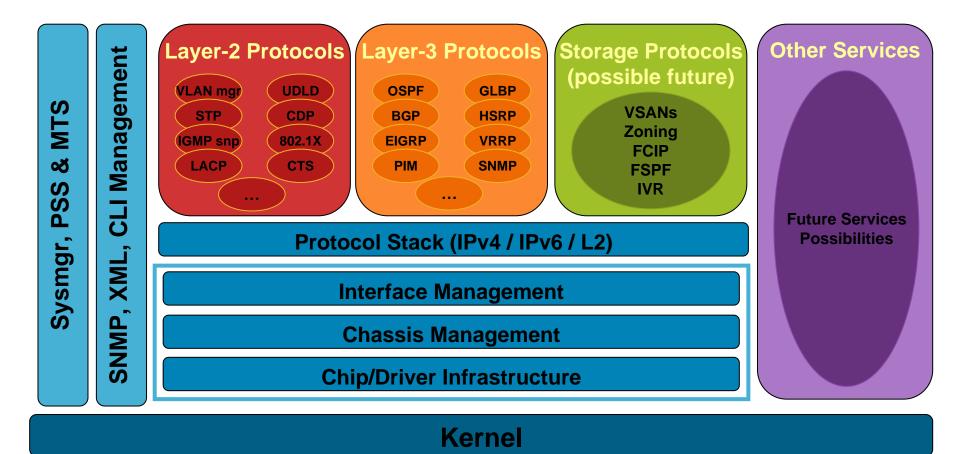
Transport Flexibility

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DC-OS Software Architecture



Licensing

- Licenses are enforced on the switch
 - # show license host-id

License tied chassis serial # stored in dual redundant NVRAM modules on backplane

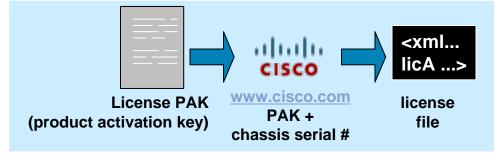
- Licenses are issued in the form of a digitally signed text file
 - # install license bootflash:DC3-1234.lic

Grace Period

- Enables features to be run for a certain period without installing a license
- Allows feature testing/trials without buying a license (e.g. 120 days)
- Periodic syslog, callhome and SNMP traps warning when grace period nears expiry

Time-bound licenses

- License with expiry date
- Currently used in SAN-OS as an emergency when grace period is over and need time to buy license
- Expiry date is absolute (expires at midnight UTC on expiry date)
- Periodic syslog, callhome and SNMP traps warning when time bound license nears expiry
- After expiry date feature will continue to run if grace period has not been exhausted



NX-OS Licensing Simple, Flexible Licensing Model

- There are three levels of enforced licensing: Base, Enterprise Services, and Advanced Services
- Grace periods facilitate feature testing and trials without buying a license (for example, 120 days), with some restrictions. The Cisco Trusted Security does not have a grace period because of export restrictions on strong cryptography

Base	ISSU	PVRST+	MSTP+	802.1Q	LACP	PVLANs	NetFlow	SPAN	QoS
	RIP/RIPng	IGMP snooping	DHCP helper	uRPF check	Port Security	SSHv2	RBAC	SNMP	RADIUS
	HSRP	GLBP	VRRP	VRF lite	CoPP	DHCP snooping	DAI	IPSG	802.1x
	Jumbo Frames	UDLD	Storm control	EEM	Cisco GOLD	Call Home	NAC	TACACS+	ACLs
Enterprise Services	OSPF	EIGRP	IS-IS	BGP	Graceful Restart	PIM-SM	Bidirectio nal PIM	PIM-SSM	IGMP
	MSDP	PBR	GRE						
Advanced Services	VDCs	Cisco Trusted Security							

Note: Enterprise Services is NOT included with Advanced Services license

New NX-OS Feature Navigator

PRODUCT: Cisco Nexus 7000 Series

RELEASE: NX-OS Version 4.0

CATEGORY:

All categories

COMPONENT:

SUBCOMPONENT:

Welcome to the Cisco Feature Navigator NX-OS

Cisco Nexus 7000 Series Switches, the first series of switches designed specifically to meet data center-class requirements and scalable to 15 terabits per second (Tbps). The Cisco Nexus 7000 Series Switches comprise a modular data center-class product line designed to provide highly scalable 10 Gigabit Ethernet networks with future support for 40 and 100 Gigabit Ethernet interfaces. Purpose built to meet the requirements of the most mission-critical data centers, it delivers continuous system operation and virtualized, pervasive services.

Cisco NX-OS is a data center-class operating system built with modularity, resiliency, and serviceability at its foundation. Based on the industry-proven Cisco SAN-OS Software, Cisco NX-OS helps ensure continuous availability and sets the standard for mission-critical data center environments. The self-healing and highly modular design of Cisco NX-OS makes zero-impact operations a reality and enables exceptional operational flexibility.

This intuitive, easy to use tool walks you through the process of identifying the individual components, subcomponents and features you need more information about.

A cascading series of drop down menus leads you to a narrowed, alphabetized listing of associated features each of which is linked to a full description of an individual feature, benefits and links to additional information.



Feature Navigator NX-OS

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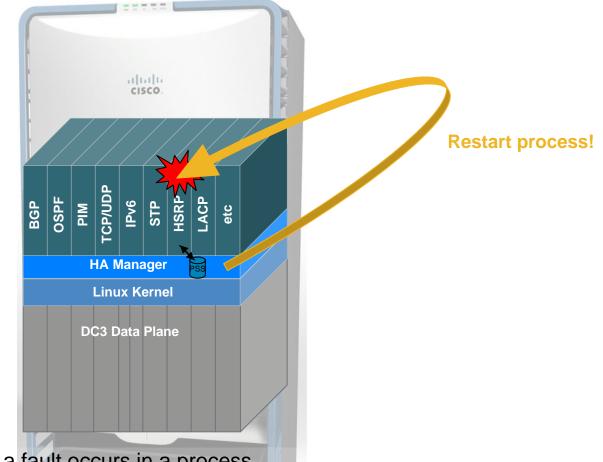
(RFC 2973) IS-IS Mesh Groups

- 4 4-Byte ASN Support (RFC 4893)
- 8 802.1x Authentication (with Cisco TrustSec)
- A Anycast Rendevous Point (RP) (RFC 3446)
- B Anycast-RP (RFC 4610)
- C Authentication, Authorization & Accounting (AAA)
- Autonomous System Confederations (RFC3065)
- F BGP Cease Subcodes (RFC 4486)
- G BGP Communities Attribute (RFC 1997)
- H BGP Graceful Restart (RFC4724)
- BGP version 4 (RFC 4271)
- BGP4 MIB (RFC4273)
- Bi-directional Protocol Independent Multicast
- N (BIDIR-PIM)
- O Broadcast Supression
- P Capabilities negotiation (RFC3392)
- R Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP)
- S Control Plane Policing
- Dynamic Arp Inspection (DAI) IPv4
- V Dynamic Hostname Exchange Mechanism (RFC 2763)
 - Embedded Event Manager (EEM)
 - Enhanced Interior Gateway Protocol (EIGRP)
 - Flexible NetFlow (FNF)
 - Gateway Load Balancing Protocol (GLBP)

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Stateful Fault Recovery

 DCOS services checkpoint their runtime state to the PSS for recovery in the event of a failure



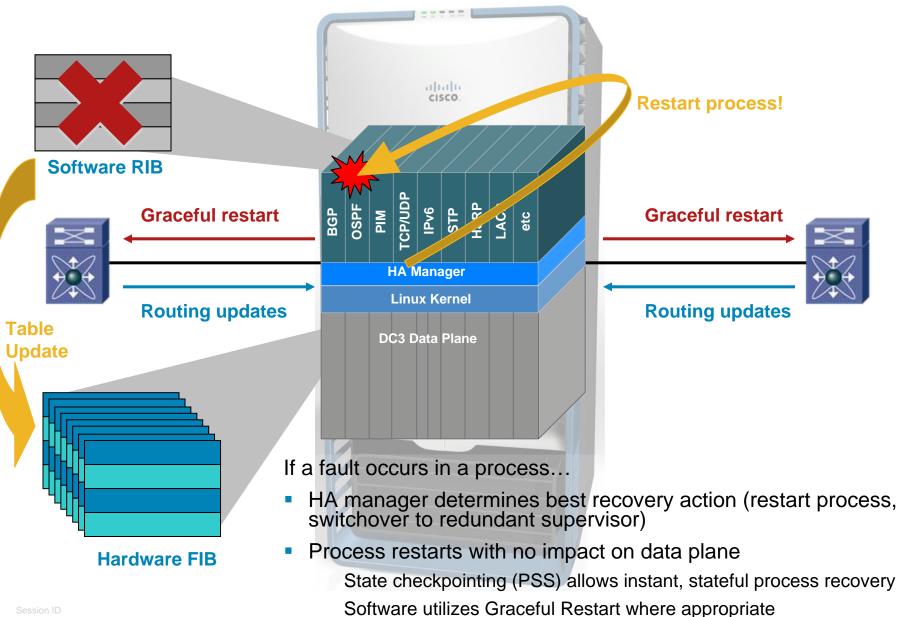
If a fault occurs in a process...

- HA manager determines best recovery action (restart process, switchover to redundant supervisor)
- Process restarts with no impact on data plane

State checkpointing (PSS) allows instant, stateful process recovery

Software utilizes Graceful Restart where appropriate

Stateful Fault Recovery

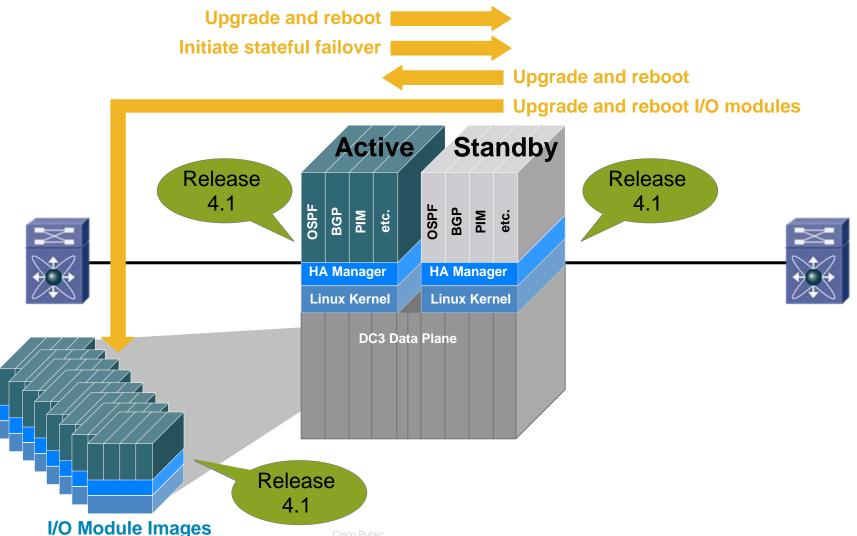


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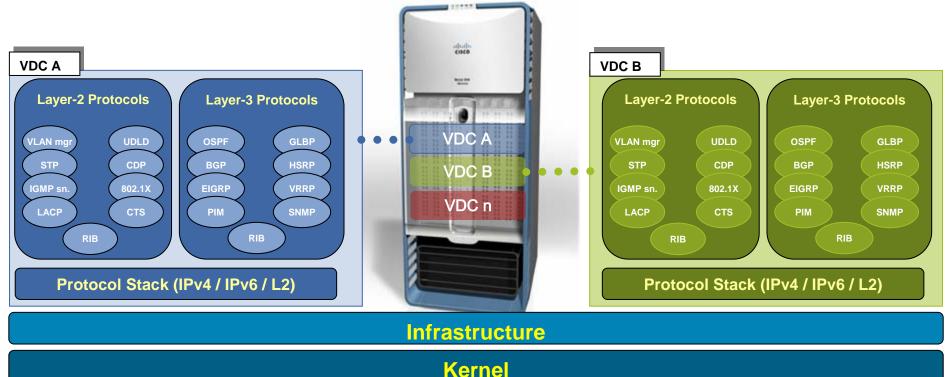
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In-Service Software Upgrade

dc3# install all kickstart bootdisk:4.1-kickstart system bootdisk:4.1-system
dc3#



Virtual Device Contexts (VDCs)



VDC – Virtual Device Context

Flexible separation/distribution of **Software Components**

Flexible separation/distribution of Hardware Resources

Securely delineated Administrative Contexts

VDCs are not...

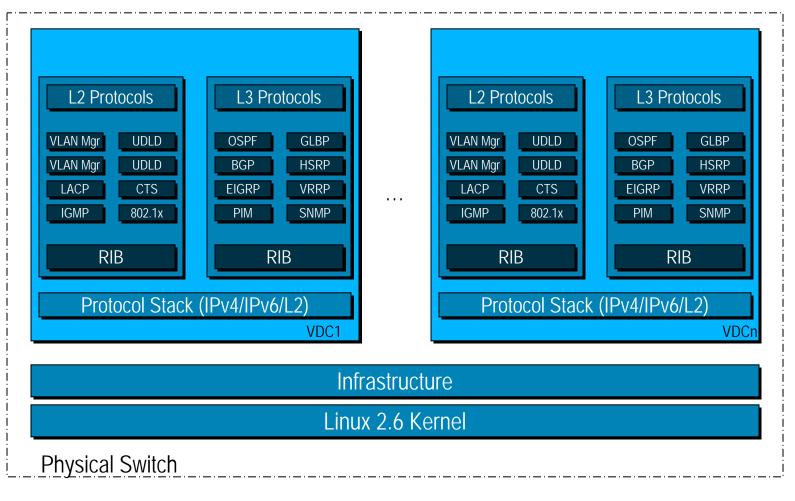
The ability to run different OS levels on the same box at the same time

based on a *hypervisor* model; there is a single 'infrastructure' layer that handles h/w programming...

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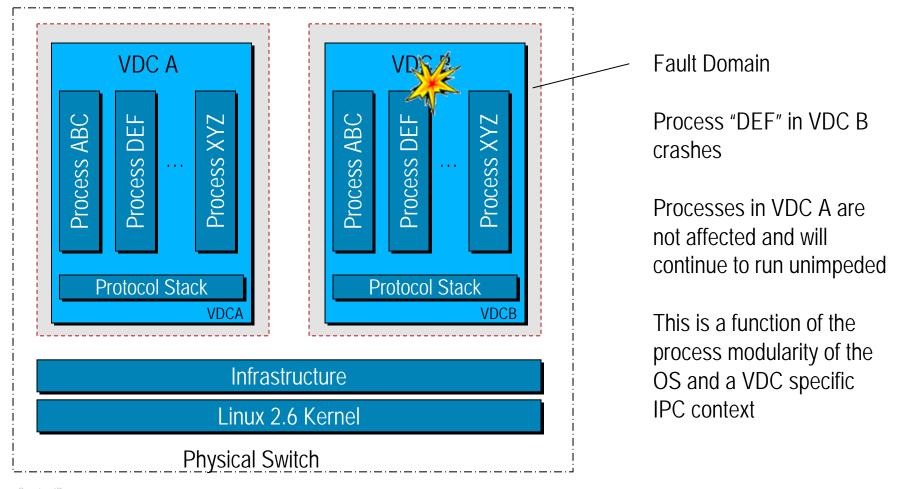
Virtual Device Contexts An Introduction to the VDC Architecture

Virtual Device Contexts provides virtualization at the device level allowing multiple instances of the device to operate on the same physical switch at the same time...



Virtual Device Contexts VDC Fault Domain

A VDC builds a fault domain around all running processes within that VDC - should a fault occur in a running process, it is truly isolated from other running processes and they will not be impacted...

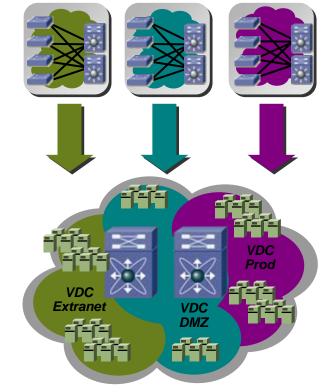


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Virtual Device Contexts (VDCs)

- Network Consolidation:
 Multiple logical nets/single physical net
 Maintain clear delineation between nets
 Independent Topologies
 Clear Management Boundaries
 Fault Containment
- Service Velocity:
 - In-line tests
 - Rapid deployment and rollback
 - e.g. Enable Utility Computing
- Device Consolidation:
 - **Logical Appliances**
 - **Multi-switch emulation**
 - Pwr, Cooling & Real-Estate efficiencies



Physical network islands are *virtualized* onto common datacenter networking infrastructure

Command Line Interface



CLI

IOS look-and-feel CLI with enhancements...

- Show commands can be executed identically from exec mode and configuration mode
- Show commands have parser help even in configuration mode

```
tstevens-dc3-10# sh ip ospf nei
 OSPF Process ID 10 context default
Total number of neighbors: 1
Neighbor ID Pri State
                                    Up Time Address
                                                             Interface
                  1 INIT/DROTHER 00:00:04 10.1.2.2
                                                             Eth1/2
 10.255.255.2
tstevens-dc3-10# config t
tstevens-dc3-10(config)# router ospf 10
tstevens-dc3-10(config-router)# sh ip ospf nei
 OSPF Process ID 10 context default
Total number of neighbors: 1
Neighbor ID
                Pri State
                                    Up Time Address
                                                             Interface
10.255.255.2
                  1 FULL/BDR
                                    00:00:03 10.1.2.2
                                                             Eth1/2
tstevens-dc3-10(config-router)#
```

CLI Routing Configuration

Two configuration models for routing protocols

BGP follows neighbor-centric model

tstevens-dc3-10(config)# router bgp 100
tstevens-dc3-10(config-router)# address-family ipv4 unicast
tstevens-dc3-10(config-router-af)# network 10.0.0.0/8
tstevens-dc3-10(config-router-af)# neighbor 10.1.2.2 remote-as 200
tstevens-dc3-10(config-router-neighbor)# address-family ipv4 unicast
tstevens-dc3-10(config-router-neighbor)# address-family ipv4 unicast

IGPs follow interface-centric model

```
tstevens-dc3-10(config)# router ospf 10
tstevens-dc3-10(config-router)# int e2/22
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)# ip router ospf 10 area 0
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)# ip ospf hello-interval 1
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)#
```

CLI Slash Notation

"Slash" notation supported for all IPv4/IPv6 masks

tstevens-dc3-10(config)# int e2/23
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)# ip add 10.2.23.1/24
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)# ipv6 add ::abcd:223/120
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)# ip access-list test
tstevens-dc3-10(config-acl)# permit ip 10.1.1.0/24 any
tstevens-dc3-10(config-acl)#

CLI Interface Ranges

Same configuration used for interface ranges as for single interfaces

tstevens-dc3-10(config)# int e1/1-3
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if-range)# no sh
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if-range)# int e2/3
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)# ip add 10.2.3.1/24
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)# int e2/1-4,e1/1-2,e1/15
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if-range)# mtu 9216
tstevens-dc3-10(config-if-range)#

CLI Parser Help

 <TAB> key displays brief list of all available options at current branch

? key displays full parser help strings

tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)# <TAB>

bandwidth	description	exit	mac	rate-mode	storm-control
beacon	dotlx	flowcontrol	mdix	service-policy	switchport
cdp	duplex	ip	mtu	shutdown	vrrp
channel-group	eou	ipvб	nac	spanning-tree	
delay	errdisable	link	no	speed	

tstevens-dc3-10(config-if)# ?

bandwidth	Set bandwidth informational parameter
beacon	Disable/enable the beacon for an interface
cdp	CDP Interface Configuration parameters
channel-group	Add to/remove from a port-channel
delay	Specify interface throughput delay
<etc></etc>	

CLI Piping Terminal Output

- Variety of advanced pipe options for CLI output, including egrep, less, no-more, wc
- Multiple levels of pipe

```
tstevens-dc3-10# sh run | ?
  egrep
           Egrep
 grep
           Grep
           Stream Editor
 less
 no-more Turn-off pagination for command output
           Count words, lines, characters
 WC
 begin
           Begin with the line that matches
  count
           Count number of lines
  exclude Exclude lines that match
 include Include lines that match
tstevens-dc3-10# sh run | egrep ?
  -A
        Print <num> lines of context after every matching line
  -B
        Print <num> lines of context before every matching line
       Print a total count of matching lines only
```

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    -c Print a total count of matching lines only
    -i Ignore case difference when comparing strings
    -n Print each match preceded by its line number
    -v Print only lines that contain no matches for <expr>
    -w Print only lines where the match is a complete word
    -x Print only lines where the match is a whole line
    SesWORD Search for the expression
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```

tstevens-dc3-10# sh run | eqrep -A 2 -B 2 ospf interface Ethernet2/22 ip address 10.2.22.1/24 ip router ospf 10 area 0 interface Ethernet2/23 ip address 10.2.23.1/24 ip router ospf 10 area 0 interface Ethernet2/24 _ _ interface loopback0 ip address 10.255.255.1/32 ip router ospf 10 area 0 router ospf 10 hostname tstevens-dc3-10 tstevens-dc3-10# sh run | in ospf | wc -1 4 tstevens-dc3-10#

CLI Configuration Rollback

- Provides checkpointing and rollback facility to return configuration to any previous state
- Options to name checkpoints, view contents of checkpointed configuration, diff checkpoints versus each other or running/startup configuration, etc.

tstevens-dc3-10# sh checkpoint						
Checkpoint_id	Label	UserName	TimeStan	 1p		
16777476	10-8	tstevens	Mon Oct	8 21:55:45 2007		
tstevens-dc3-10# rollback destination label 10-8						
Note: Processing the Request Please Wait						
Note: Generating the Rollbackpatch Please Wait						
Note: Executing the patch Please Wait						
`conf t`						
`interface Ethernet1/1`						
`no service-policy type qos input foo stats-enable`						
`no ip access-group test in`						
tstevens-dc3-10#						

CLI running-config permutations

 'show running-config' ("show run") works as expected, but there are many other enhancements over IOS:

dc3# show running-config ?

>	Redirect it to a file
aaa	Display aaa configuration
 all	Current operating configuration with defaults
am	Display am information
arp	Display arp information
bgp	Display bgp information
callhome	Display callhome configuration
cdp	Display cdp configuration
cmp	Display CMP information
copp	show running config for copp
dhcp	Display dhcp snoop configurations
diagnostic	Display diagnostic information
 diff	Show the difference between running and startup configuration
dotlx	Display dot1x configuration
eem	Show the event manager running configuration
eigrp	Display eigrp information
істрvб	Display icmpv6 information
igmp	Display igmp information
interface	Interface configuration
ip	Display ip information
ipqos	show running config for ipqosmgr

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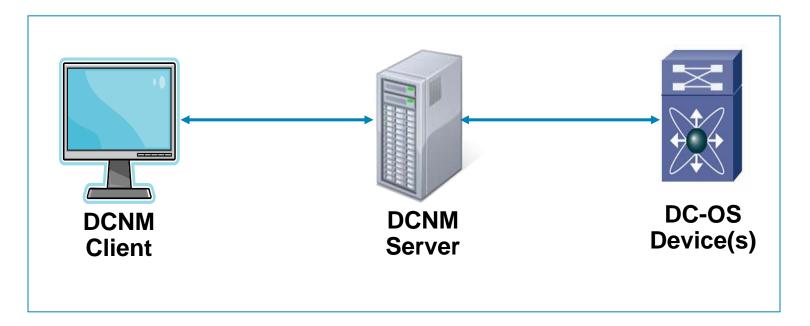
DCNM Data Center Network Manager



DCNM Solution Components

DCNM is a Client Server Solution

- DCNM Server communicates with the DC-OS devices
- DCNM Client communicates with the DCNM Server



Server Hardware Specifications

System Requirements

- CPU Speed: 3+GHz dual-core processor (32 bit)
- RAM: Minimum 4GB
- 100GB High Performance Hard disk

Operating Systems Supported

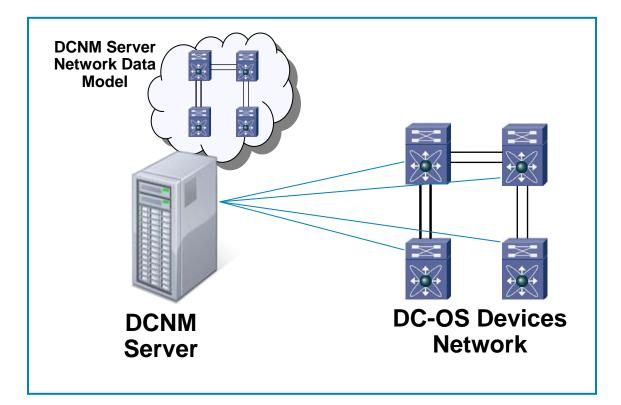
- Windows Server 2003 Standard Edition Service Pack 2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS release 4.

DCNM Discovery

- Discovers DC-OS and Cisco IOS devices
- Discovers adjacent devices if CDP enabled
- Server collects extensive switch inventory and configuration details. Based on the collected information, DCNM Server builds a virtual network model.
- As part of discovery process, DCNM establishes an SSH session with each DC-OS device managed by DCNM and each Cisco IOS device discovered
- SSH session is left in place after discovery. DCNM relies on the SSH session to gather information at regular intervals.

DCNM Server Network Model

DCNM Server builds an intelligent Network data model that enables the server to intelligently serve user requests.



DCNM Client

- DCNM Client is a Java Application
- DCNM Client is downloaded from the DCNM Server using Java Web Start technology.

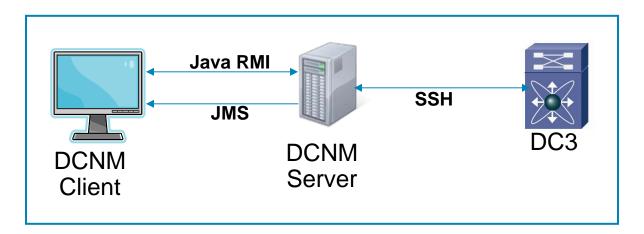
Java Web Start technology enables Java software applications to be deployed with a single click over the network.

Java Web Start ensures that the most current version of the application is deployed, as well as the current version of the Java Runtime Environment (JRE).

 DCNM Client is a thin client – all business logic on the DCNM Server.

Communications

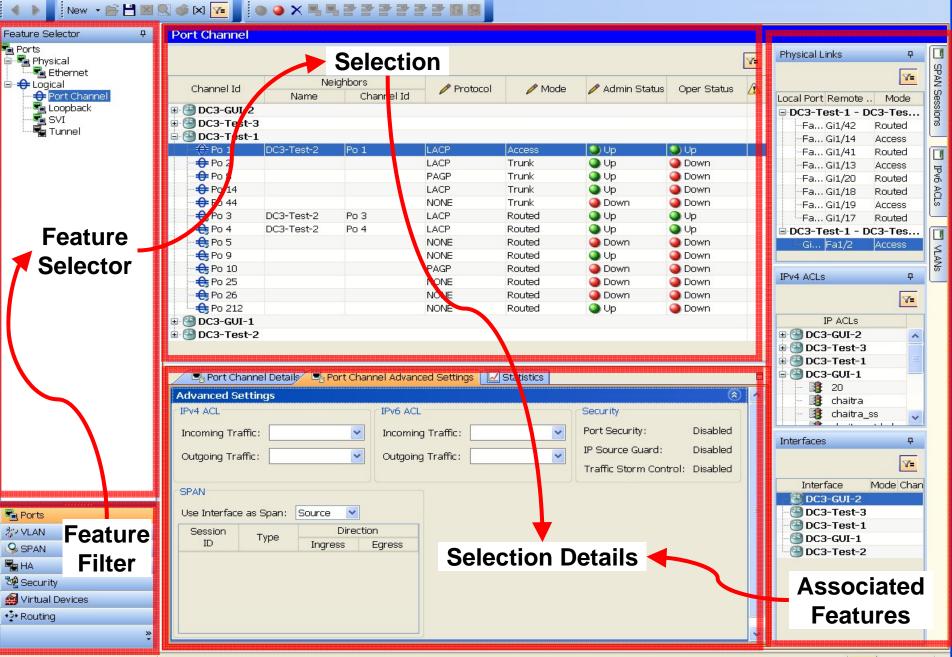
- DCNM Server connects to the DC-OS devices over SSH.
- DCNM Client communicates to the DCNM server over Java RMI. No direct communication between DCNM Client and the DC3 devices.
- DCNM Server notifies DCNM Client of asynchronous events as JMS messages.







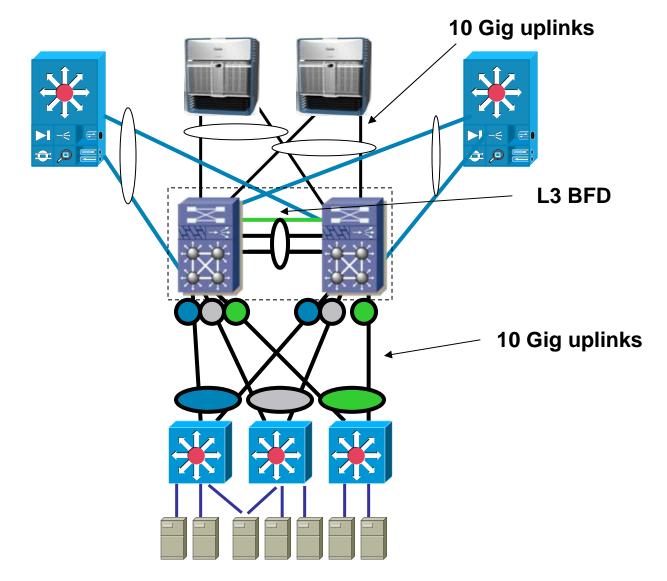




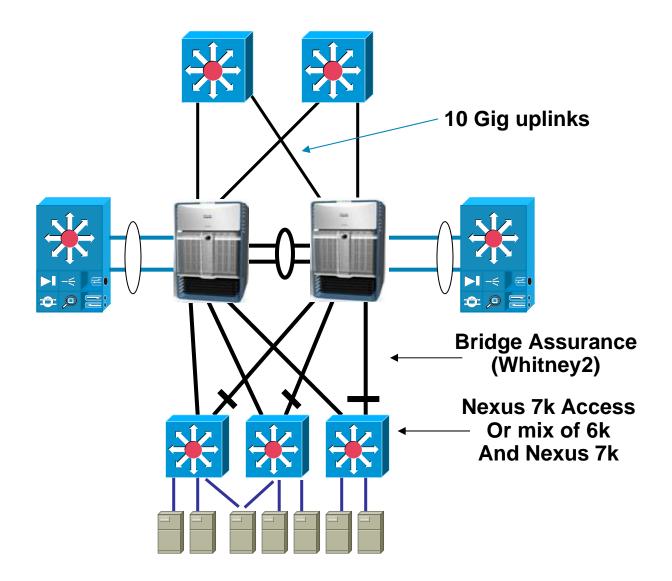
Data Center network design with Nexus



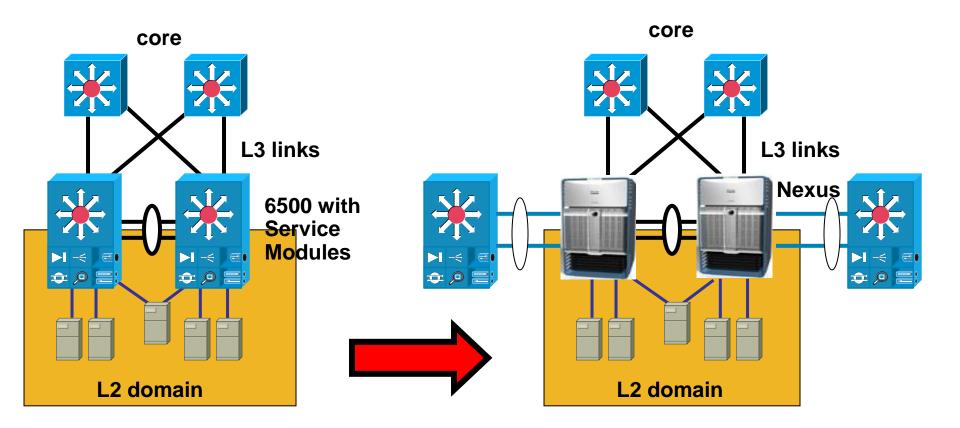
VSS Design with Service Modules and Nexus 7k in the core



Nexus 7k for 10 Gig Aggregation



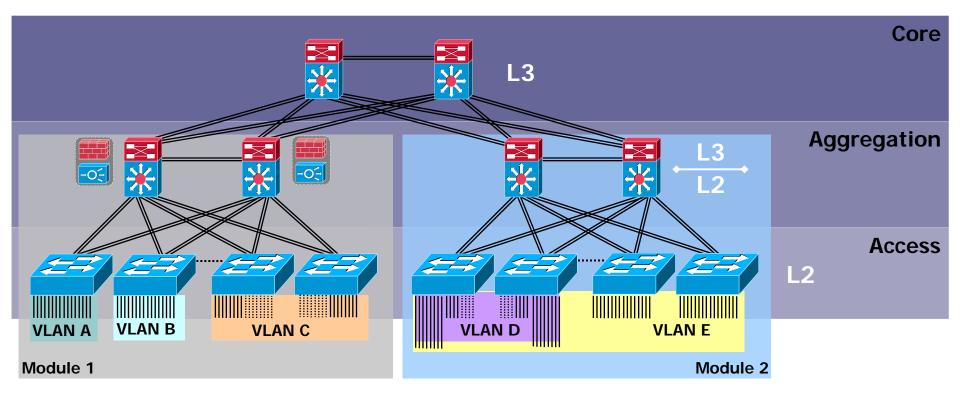
Collapsed Aggregation/Access



Data Center topologies with Nexus and virtualization



Reference Network Topology



Hierarchical Design

Triangle and Square Topologies

Multiple Access Models: Modular, Blade Switches and ToR

Multiple Oversubscription Targets (Per Application Characteristics)

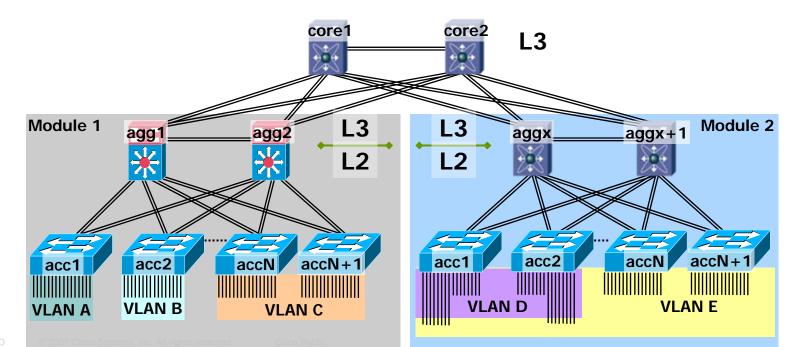
2000 - 10000 Servers

10,000 to 50,000 ports

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New Topology Classic Design

- 1. Common Topology Starting Point
 - Nexus at Core and Aggregation Layers
 - 2-Tier L2 topology
 - VLANs contained within Agg Module
- 2. Topology Highlights
 - Lower Oversubscription if Needed
 - Higher Density 10 GE at Core and Agg Layers



High Density GE Server Farms

10GE Aggregation and Server Farm Capacity

High Density Optimization Areas

More Ports per Access Switch

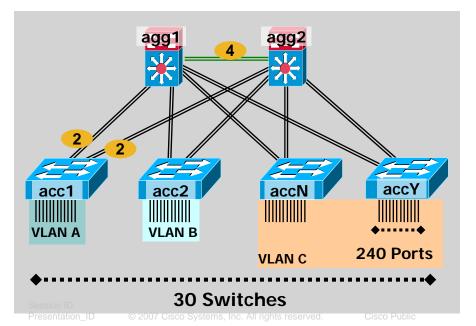
- i. New Supervisor with 10GE Uplinks
- ii. From 240 to 336 Access Ports

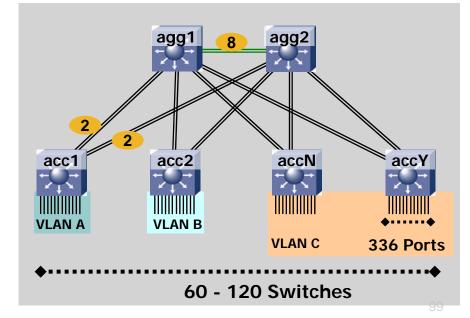
More Access Switches per Aggregation Module

- i. 16-port on Catalyst 6500 and 32-port on Nexus 7000
- ii. From 30 to 60 or 120 Access Switches

More Aggregation Modules per Core Module

- i. New I/O modules: 8 wire rate 10GE ports
- ii. From 32 to 64 Wire rate 10GE port per core switch





New Topology... Enhanced L2 Design

Enhanced L2 Topology

3-tier L2 TopologyNexus at Core and Aggregation Layers6500 at Aggregation and Services Layers

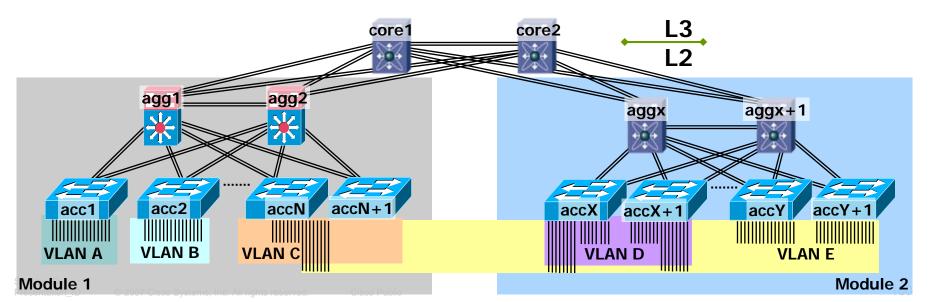
Topology Highlights

DC-Wide VLANs

Higher Stability of STP environment – New STP Features

Lower Oversubscription - if Needed

Higher Density 10 GE at Core and Agg Layers



Enhance L2 Topology... End to end Virtual Switching

Enhanced L2 Topology

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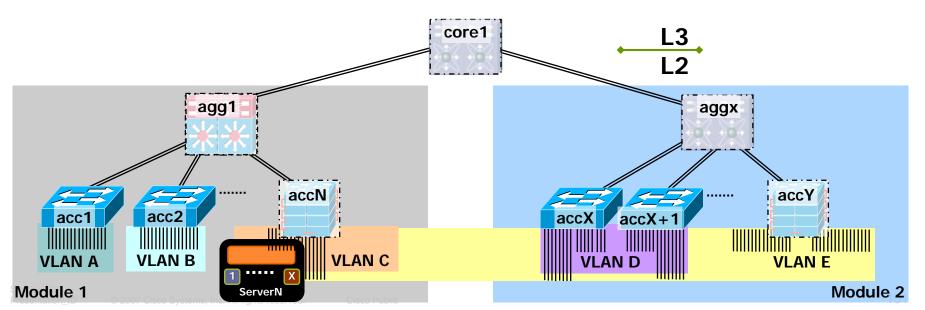
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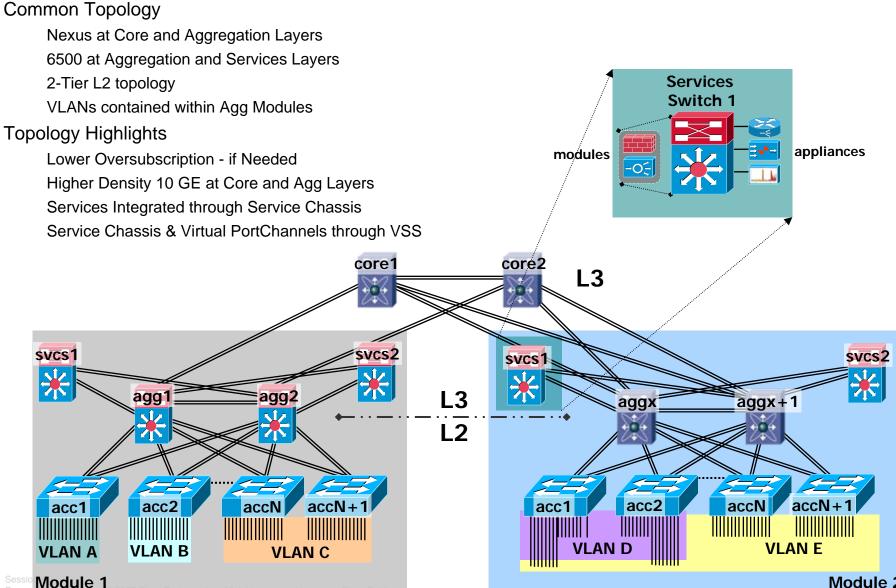
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New Topology... Classic Design + Integrated Services



Module 2

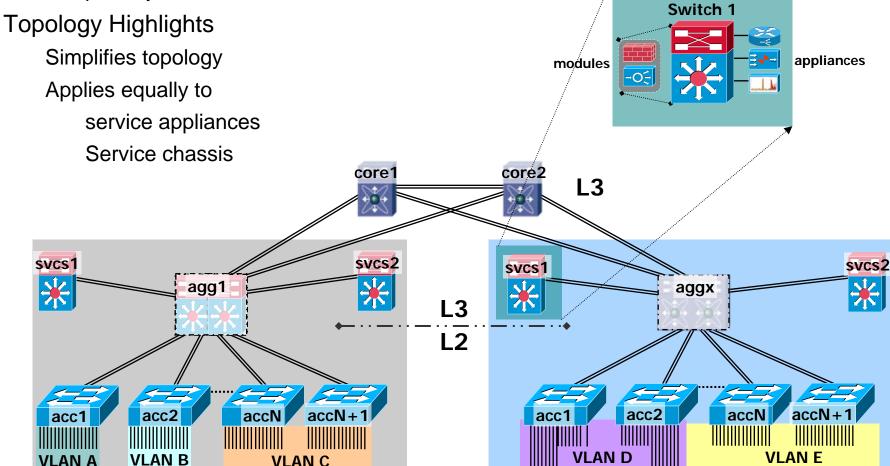
New Topology...

Classic Design, Integrated Services + Virtual Switching Service Appliances of Service Switches

Services

Leverage Virtual Port Channels

Non-blocking path to STP root/HSRP primary



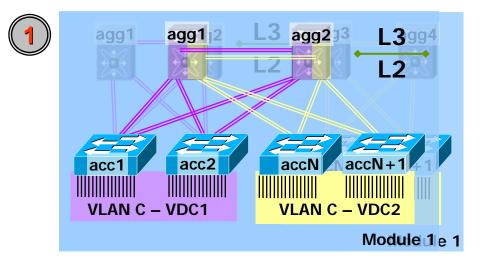
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Pods are isolated at aggregation layer

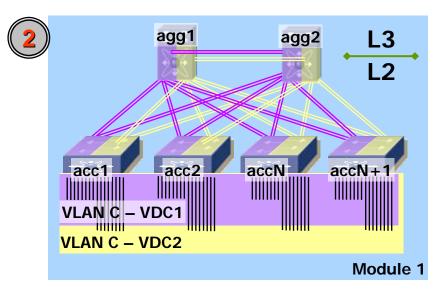
Each Pod runs its own STP instance (instance per VDC)

Multiple pods could exist in a single VDC

VLANs contained within Agg Module per VDC



Pods are logically isolated – two topologies Each Pod belong to multiple VDCs Each VDC topology requires dedicated Ports VLANs contained within Agg Module per VDC



Higher 10GE Port Density Allows multiple Agg Pairs to be collapsed Collapsed Agg Pair could still be L2 isolated (different STP instances) VLAN IDs could be replicated on different VDC – shared infrastucture

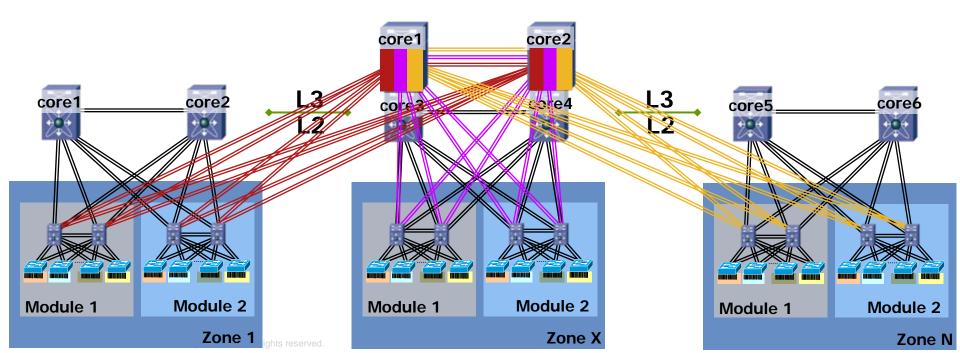
New Topology – Enhanced L2 Collapsed Core Virtual Device Contexts @ Core Layer

Enhanced L2 Topology with Collapsed Core

Benefits of 3-tier L2 Topology

Zone are still isolated (An STP instance per zone)

Core switches are managed independently by VDC



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