



# Software-Defined Access

## DNA Foundational

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# Enterprise Networks Today are Complex...



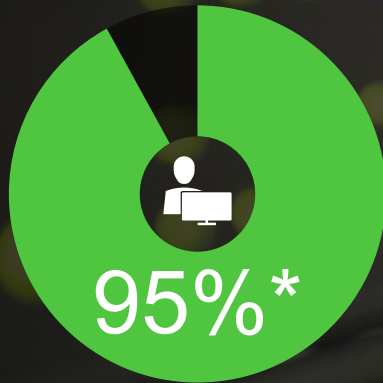
Setting Up  
Multiple VLANs

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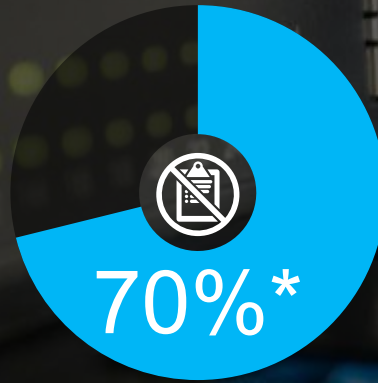
Defining Policies for  
LAN, W-LAN & WAN

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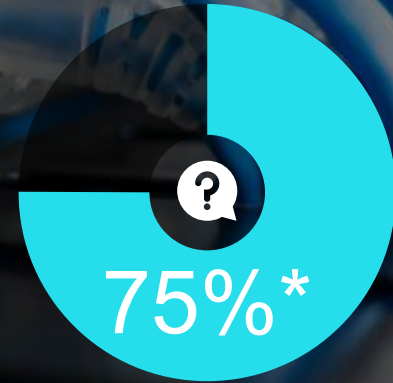
# ...and Have Multiple Operational Challenges



Network Changes  
Performed Manually



Policy Violations  
Due to Human Error



OpEx spent on Network  
Visibility & Troubleshooting

Traditional Networking CANNOT Keep Pace with the Demands of Digital Business

\*2016 Internal Customer Study

# Digital Transformation Requires Network Evolution

## Information Era: 2000-2015

### Connectivity

*with High Reliability*

Human Scale

Physical Appliances

Manual Management

Centralized Enterprise and Web Apps



## Digital Business Era: 2015+

*Platform for*

### Innovation, Agility, Security

IoT Scale (People, Devices, Things)

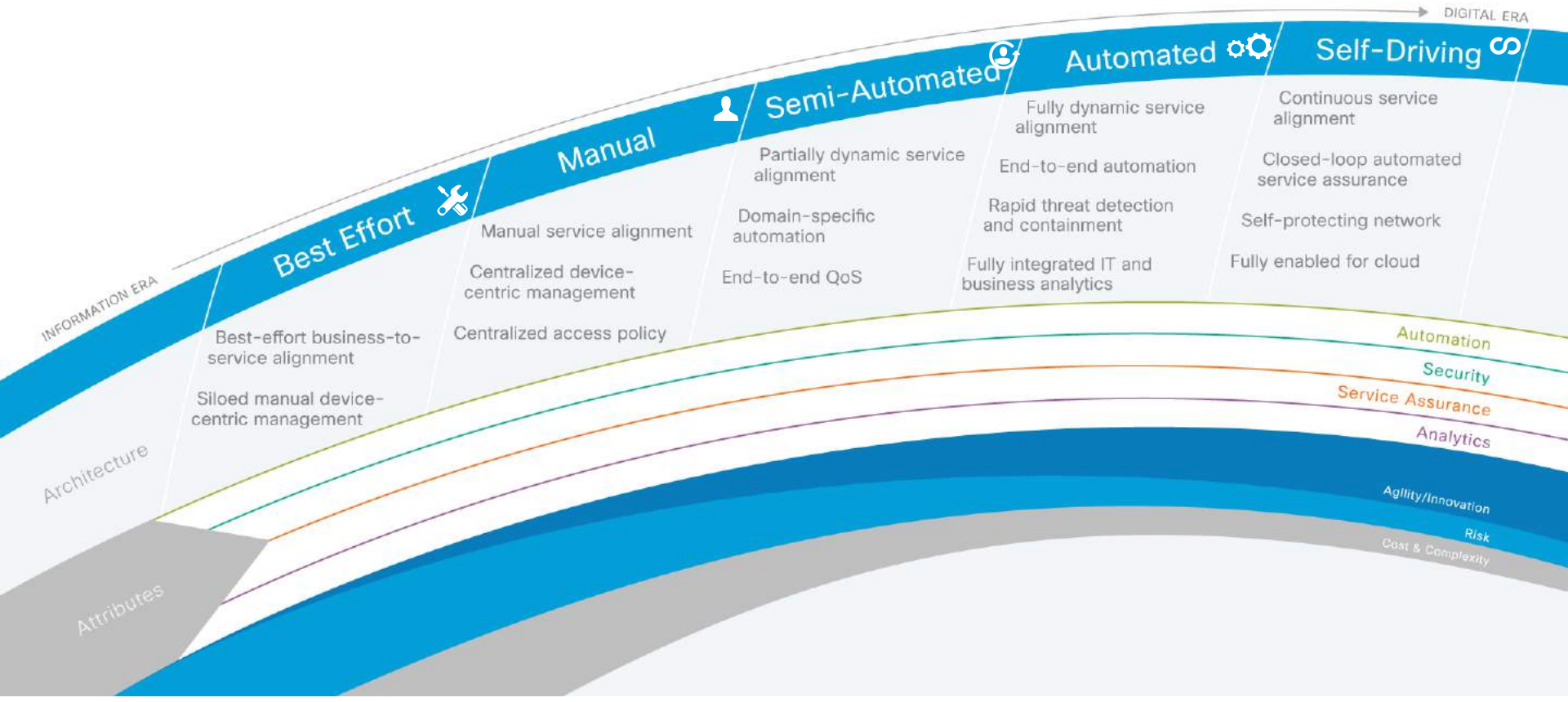
Virtualized Services

Automation, Zero Touch, DevOps

Distributed SaaS, Mobile, & M2M Apps

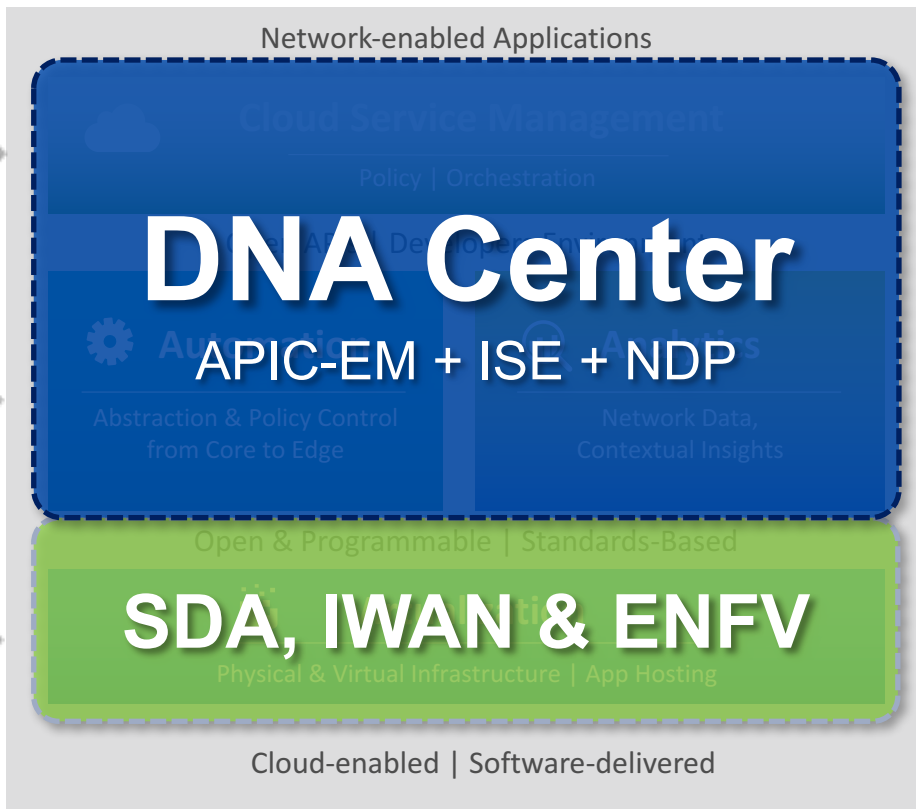
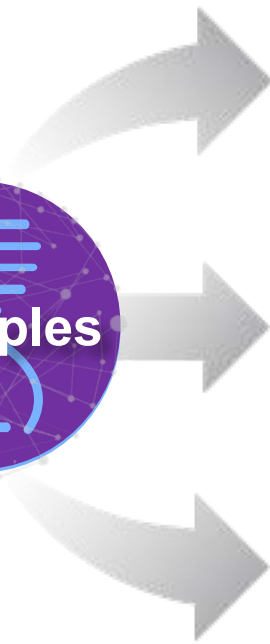
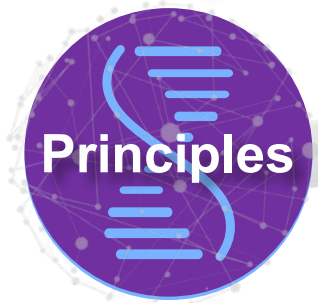
# Digital Readiness Model

## Framework for DNA



# Cisco Digital Network Architecture

## DNA Overview



**FASTER INNOVATION**  
Insights & Experiences



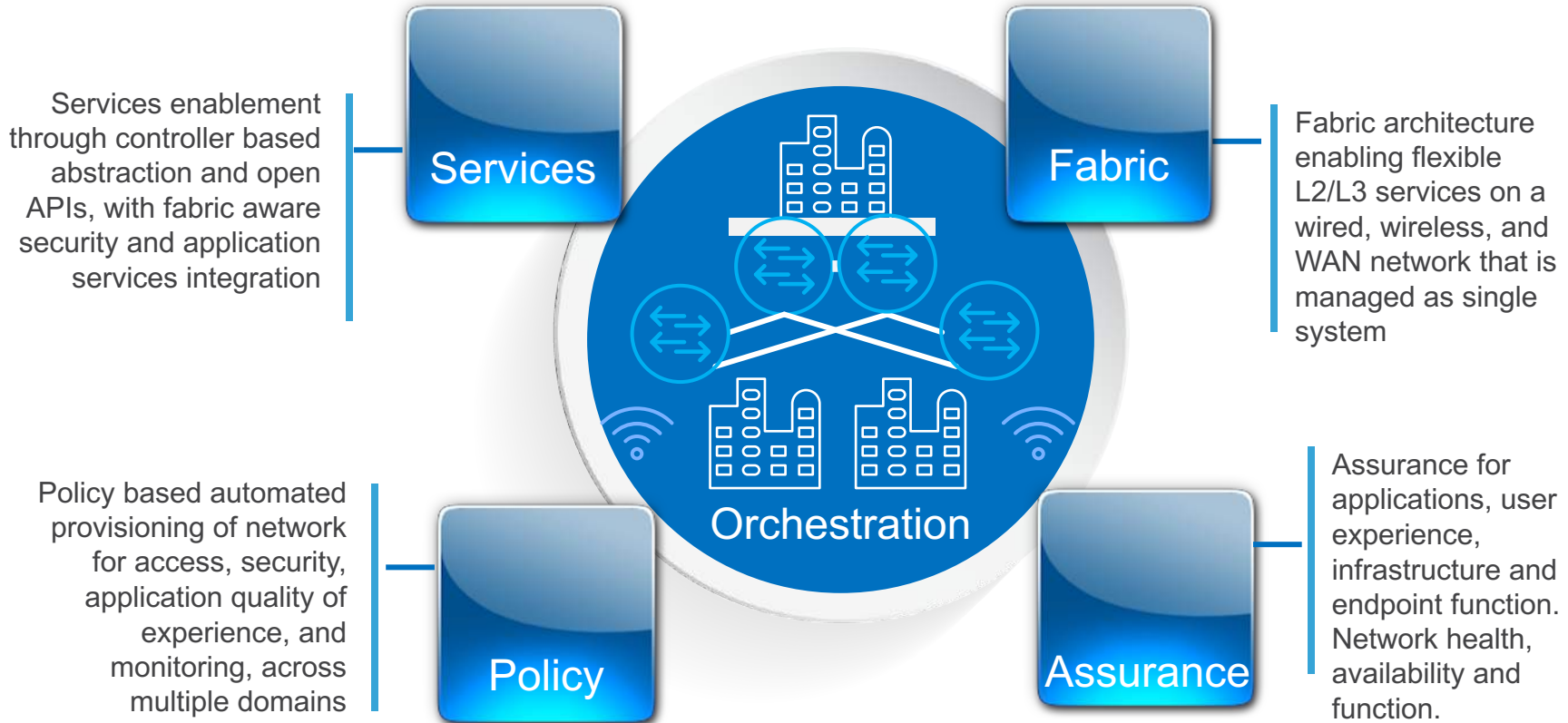
**REDUCED COST & COMPLEXITY**  
Automation & Assurance



**LOWER RISK**  
Security & Compliance

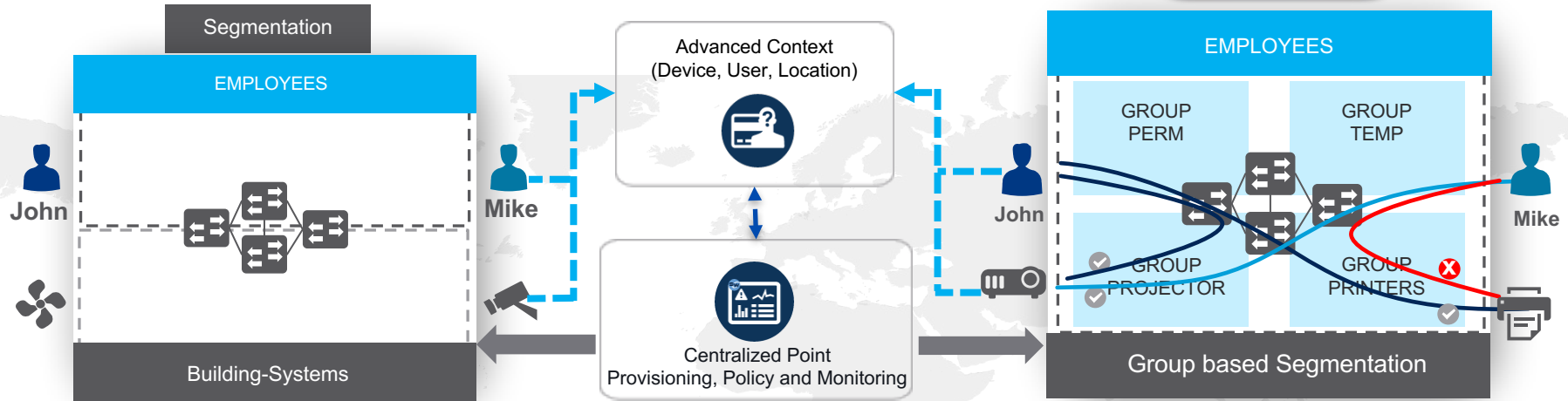
# Next Generation Enterprise Infrastructure

## Foundational Elements Required for New Operational Paradigm



# Journey to Secure Automation Business Driven Architecture

Location and  
IP Address  
Independence



## Secure, Automated, Flexible



### Secure

- Support user/ endpoint authentication, identification, remediation, quarantine
- Integrated scalable security enforcement
- IP Address agnostic and location independent
- Software defined segmentation



### Policy Driven

- Simplified endpoint policy development and application
- User Centric : Independent of IP Address
- Pervasive and Systemic Application
- Easy to understand, apply, modify or remove



### Automated

- Add/Remove Fabric Elements quickly and easily
- Intuitive User Centric GUI
- Integrates with other tools and open API's



### Flexible and Scalable

- Supports L2 and L3 topology overlay with location independence
- Supports thousands of infrastructure devices within the fabric
- Wired and Wireless Integration
- Supports migration and interoperability





# SD-Access High Level Design Considerations

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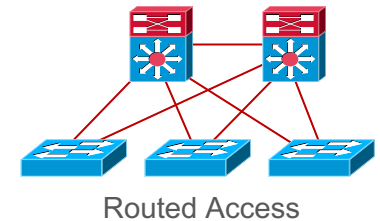
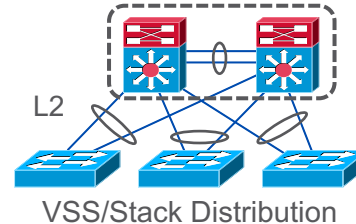
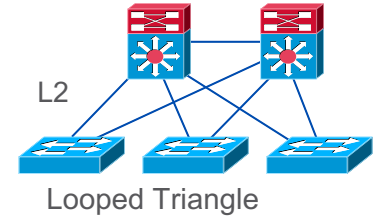
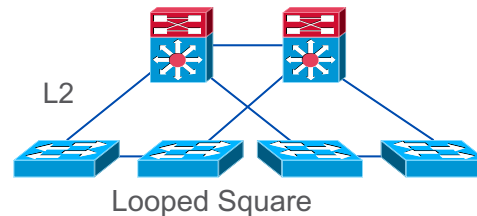
# Common Access Layer Topologies

## Design and Deployment Considerations

### Design Challenges with Growing Needs and New Innovation

- L2/L3 Protocol Tuning
  - STP Priority to HSRP Mapping
- STP Complexity and Limitations
  - STP Root, Priority, Cost
- Failure Domains
  - Topology impact on failover and convergence
- QoS Policy
  - L2 vs. L3 policy enforcement
- Security Policy
  - ACLs statically mapping to MAC and IP

#### Access Topology Design



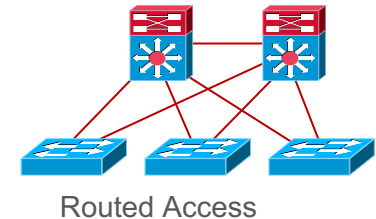
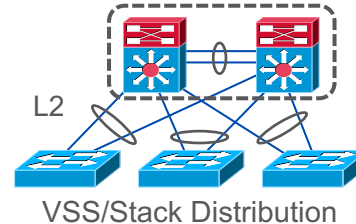
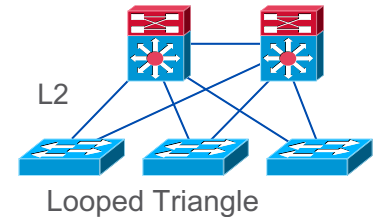
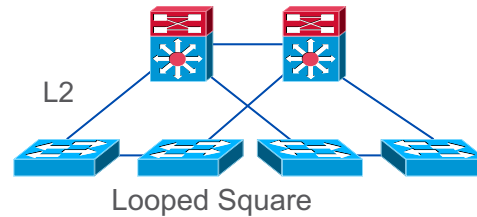
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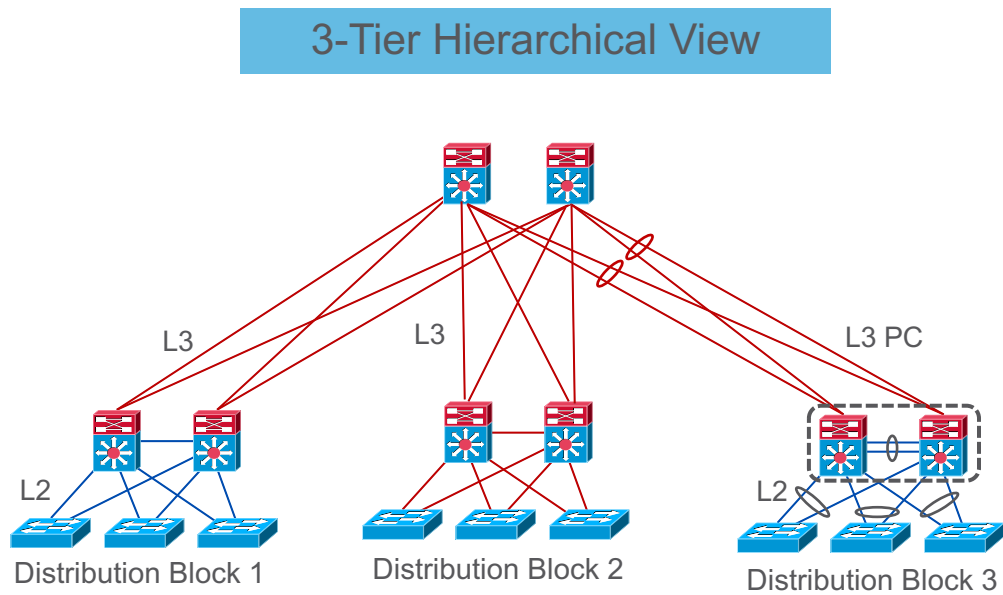


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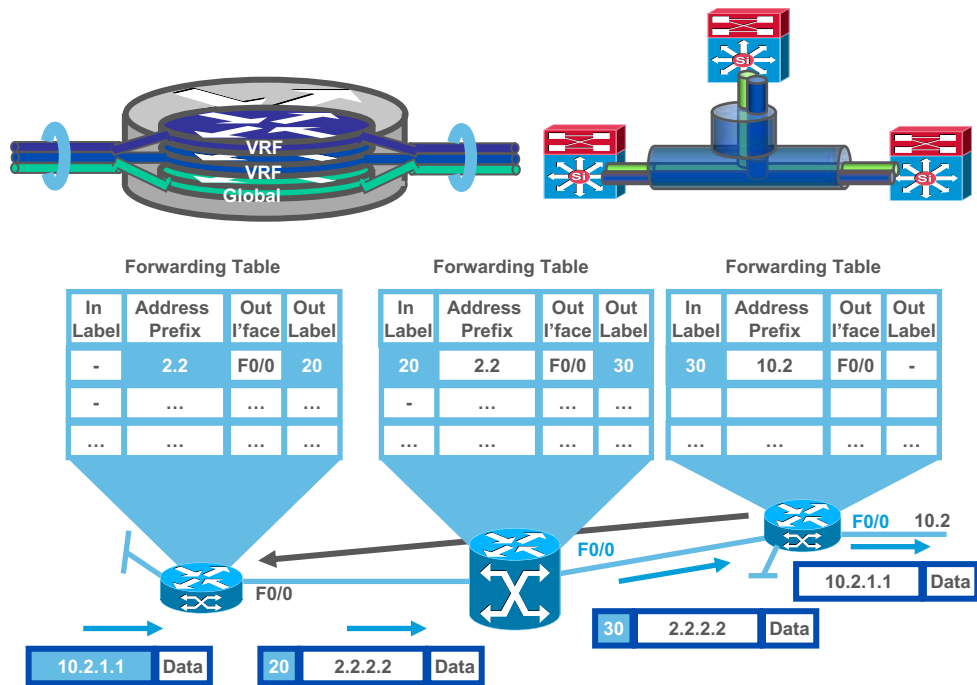


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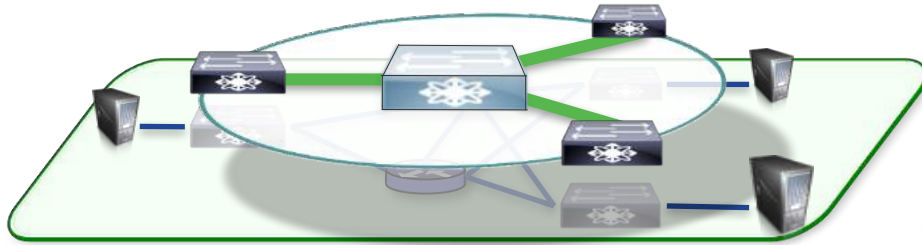
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- Segmentation
  - Growing complexity associated with introduction of VRF and full scale MPLS provisioning
- Manageability
  - Inconsistent, inflexible and complex operational model



# Layer 2 or Layer 3 Access

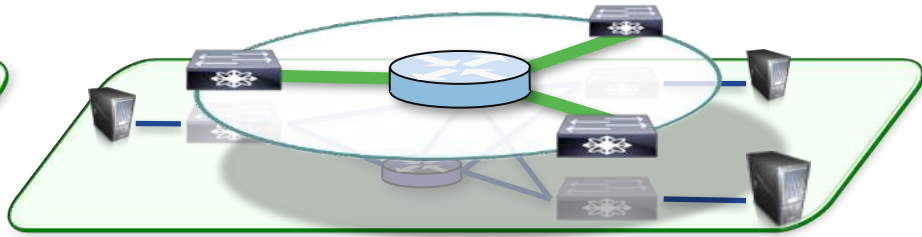
## Dictated by Consumer Device Requirements

### What World Do You Live In?



#### Layer 2 Access

- Stretched LAN segment to extend subnets across multiple closets
- Transport Ethernet Frames (IP & Non-IP)
- Single subnet mobility (L2 domain)
- Exposure to Layer 2 flooding
- STP for loop detection and prevention



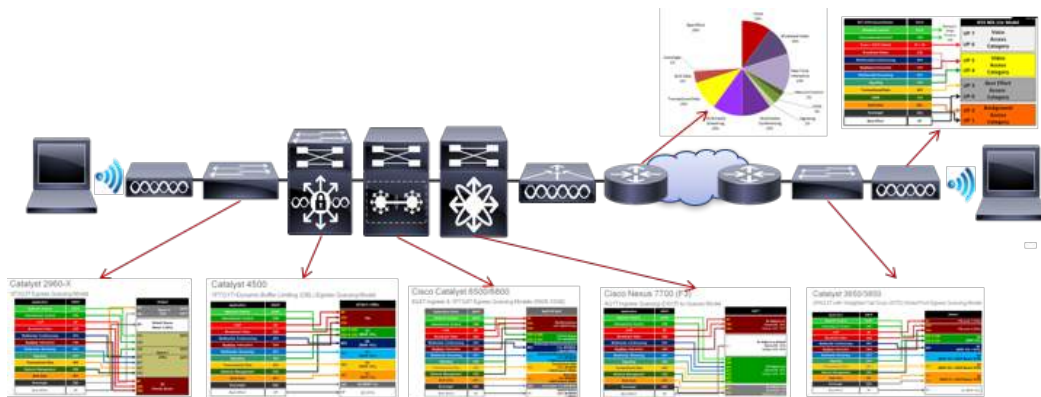
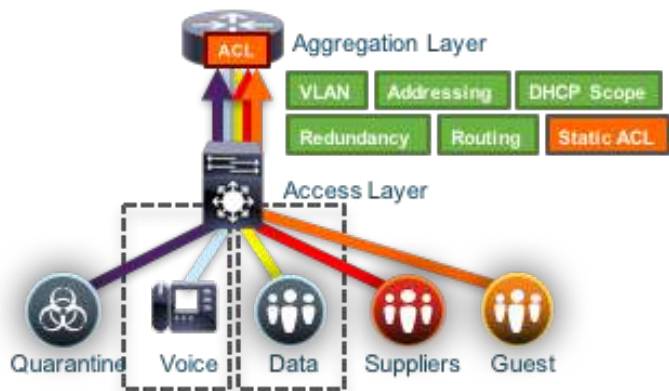
#### Layer 3 Access

- Modular IP connectivity
- Contain network related failures (floods)
- Transport IP Packets (IPv4 & IPv6)

# Layer 2 and Layer 3 Access

## Accommodating Security and Differentiated Services

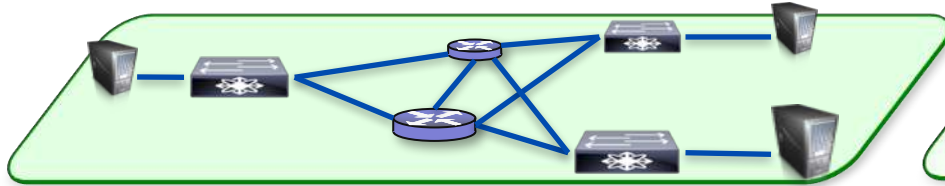
One Can Only Do So Much! What Are You Doing? What Challenges Are You Experiencing?



# Empower NG Business Driven Infrastructure

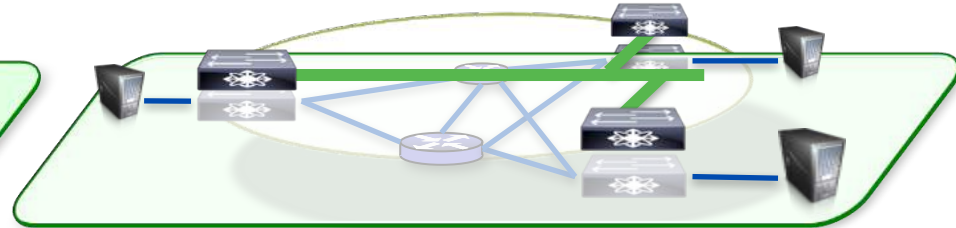
## Overlay is the Answer

Underlying Transport Built for Forwarding and Optimized Overlay for Services Delivery



### Leverage Foundation for Transport Forwarding

- Provision physical devices and paths
- Ensure high speed differentiated forwarding
- Provide resiliency to maximize network availability
- Keep it simple, let the forwarding plane forward



### Create Optimized Overlay for Services Delivery

- Design for flexibility and programmability
- Accommodate mobility to track end-points at edges
- Not constrained by the rigidity of the underlay protocols
- Support for L2 and L3 capabilities
- Reduce number of management touch points and the associated nuances
- Distribute state to the network edge to increase scalability



# How is Fabric Different from an Overlay?

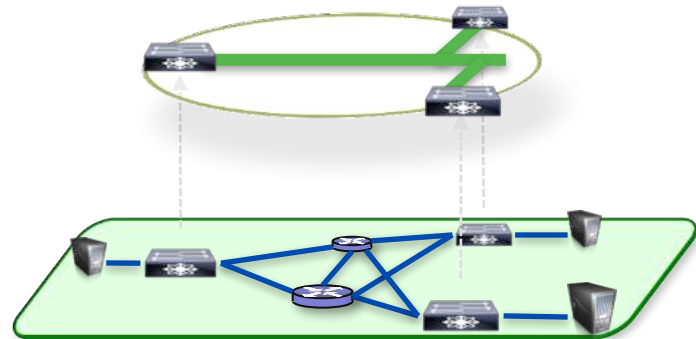
## Fabric is an Overlay

An “Overlay” is a *logical topology* used to *virtually connect* devices, built *on top* of an arbitrary physical “Underlay” topology.

An “Overlay” network often uses *alternate forwarding attributes* to provide *additional services*, not provided by the “Underlay”.

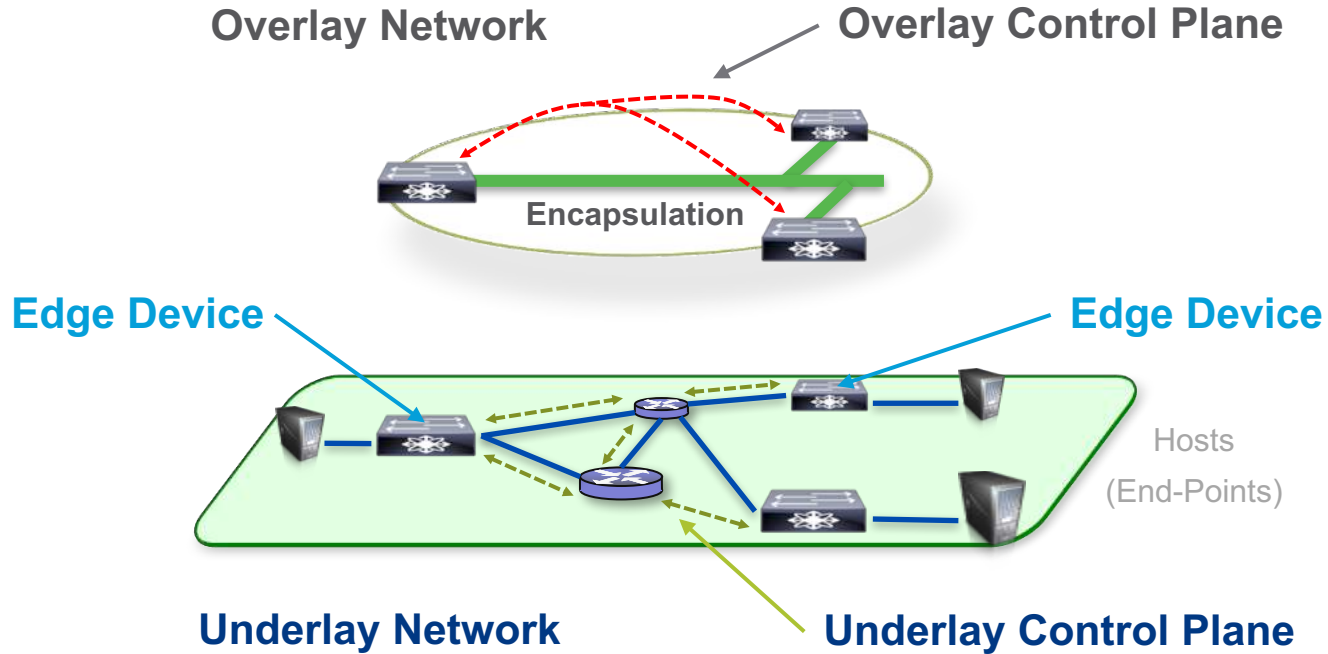
### We Live in a World of L2/L3 Overlays

- GRE or mGRE
- L2TPv2 or L2TPv3
- MPLS or VPLS
- IPsec or DMVPN
- CAPWAP
- LISP
- OTV
- DFA
- ACI



# Interaction Between Overlay and Underlay

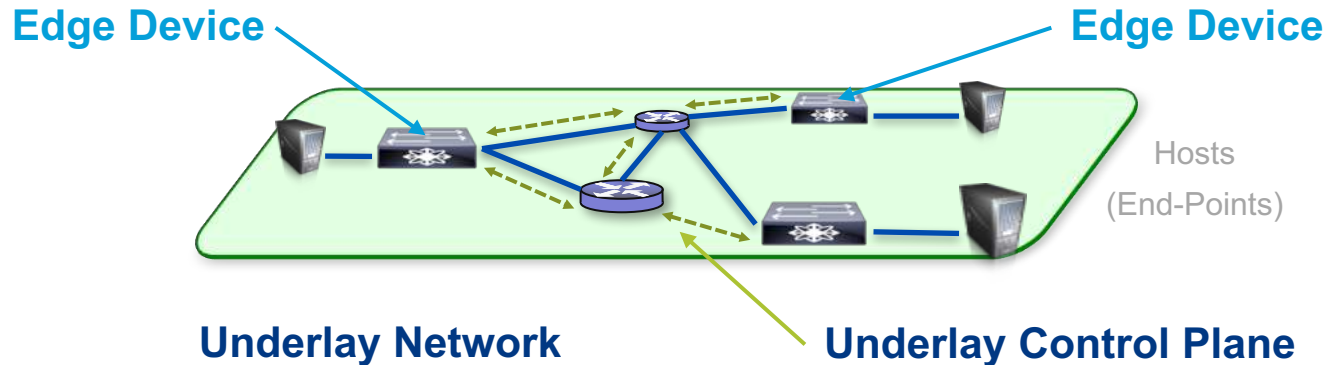
## A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



# Design and Deploy for Impact Alignment

## Things the Underlay Must Accommodate

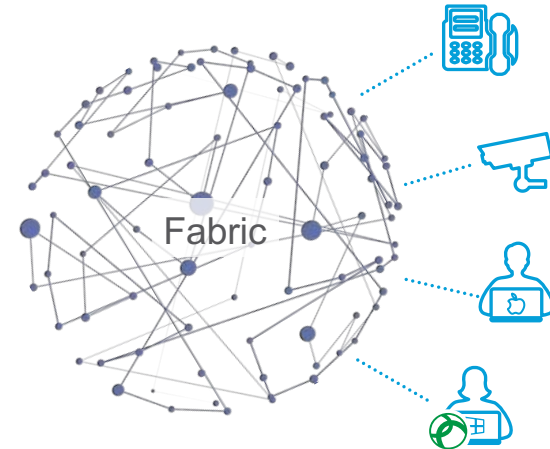
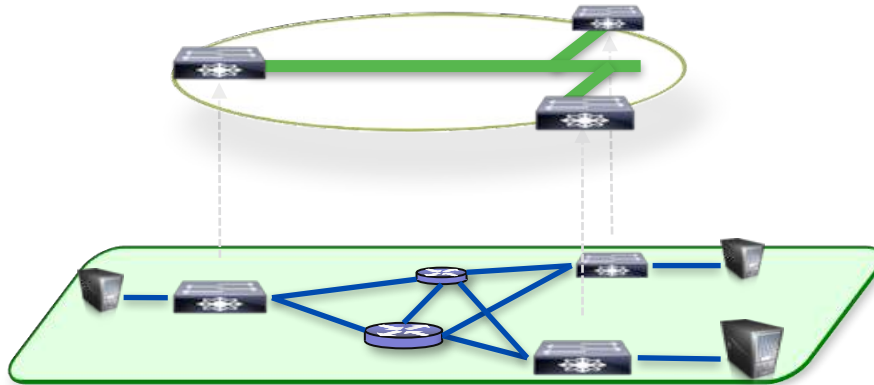
- Routed Network – Intelligent Packet Handling
- Reliability – Maximize Network Availability
- Simplicity – No STP, No Blocking Links, No HSRP, No VSS, etc



# Design and Deploy for Impact Alignment

## Things the Campus Fabric Must Accommodate

- Host Mobility without stretching VLANs
- Network Segmentation without implementing MPLS
- Role-based Access Control without 'End-to-End' TrustSec







# SD-Access

## Where DNA Center Meets Campus Fabric

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# Software Defined Access (SD-Access)

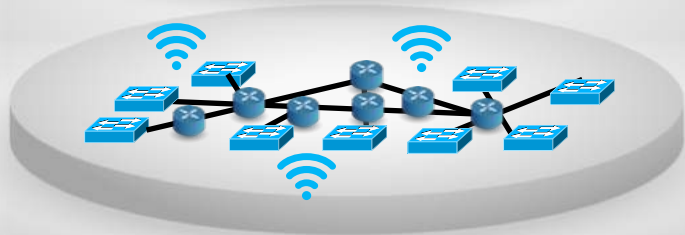
## Bringing Everything Together



Controller-based Management



Programmable Overlay




Simplified L3 Underlay




**Cisco ISE**  
Identity Services Engine




**Policy** **GUI** **Design**




**Provision** **Assurance**



**APIC-EM CONTROLLER**



**Cisco NDP**  
Network Data Platform



**The Fabric**  
*A collection of network devices under the administrative control of DNA Center*



**Switch**



**Router**



**WLC**



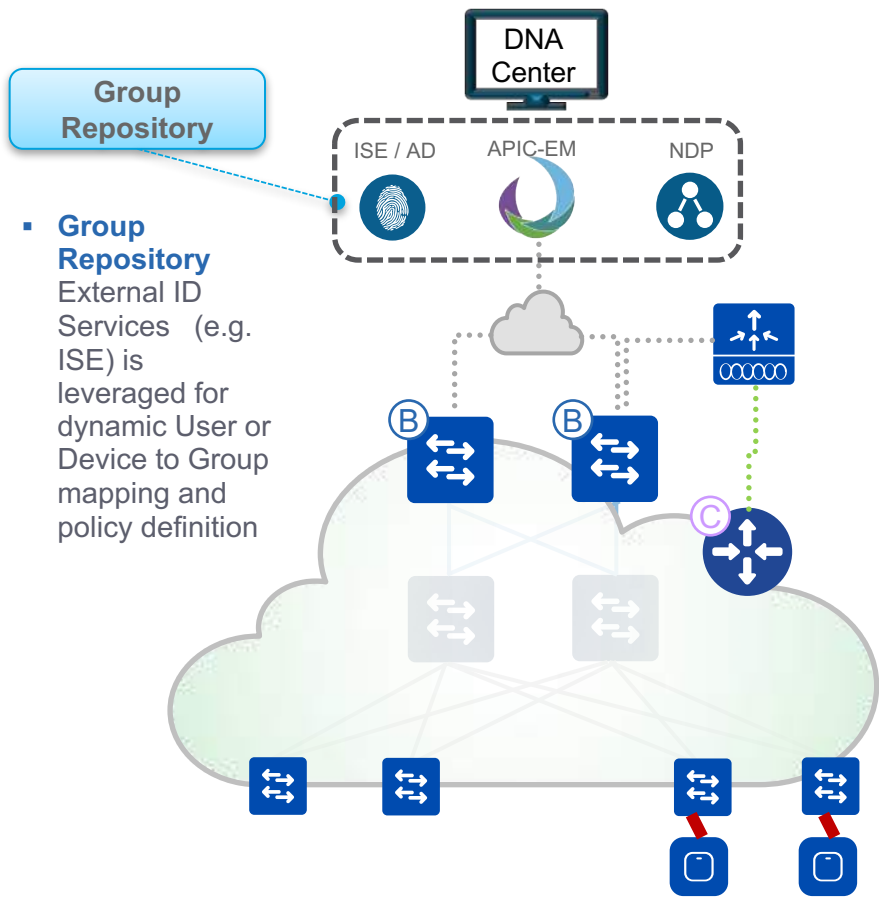
**AP**





# SD-Access Architecture

## Roles and Terminology



- Group Repository External ID Services (e.g. ISE) is leveraged for dynamic User or Device to Group mapping and policy definition

Source		Destination				
		Employee	Suppliers	App Servers	Shared Services	Non-Compliant
Employee		✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Suppliers		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
App Servers		✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Shared Services		✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Non-Compliant		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Authenticate Users at Fabric Edge (802.1X, MAC Auth, ...)

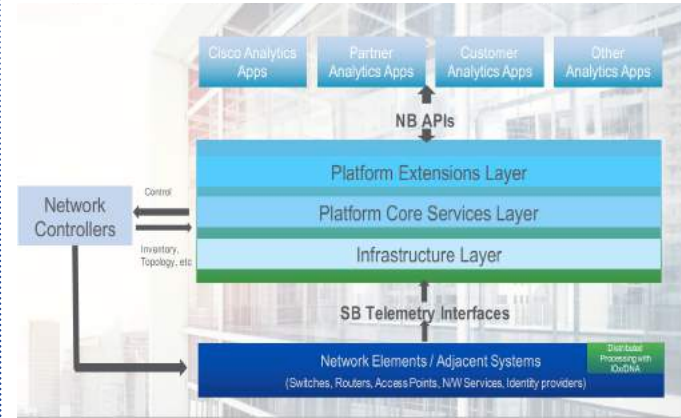
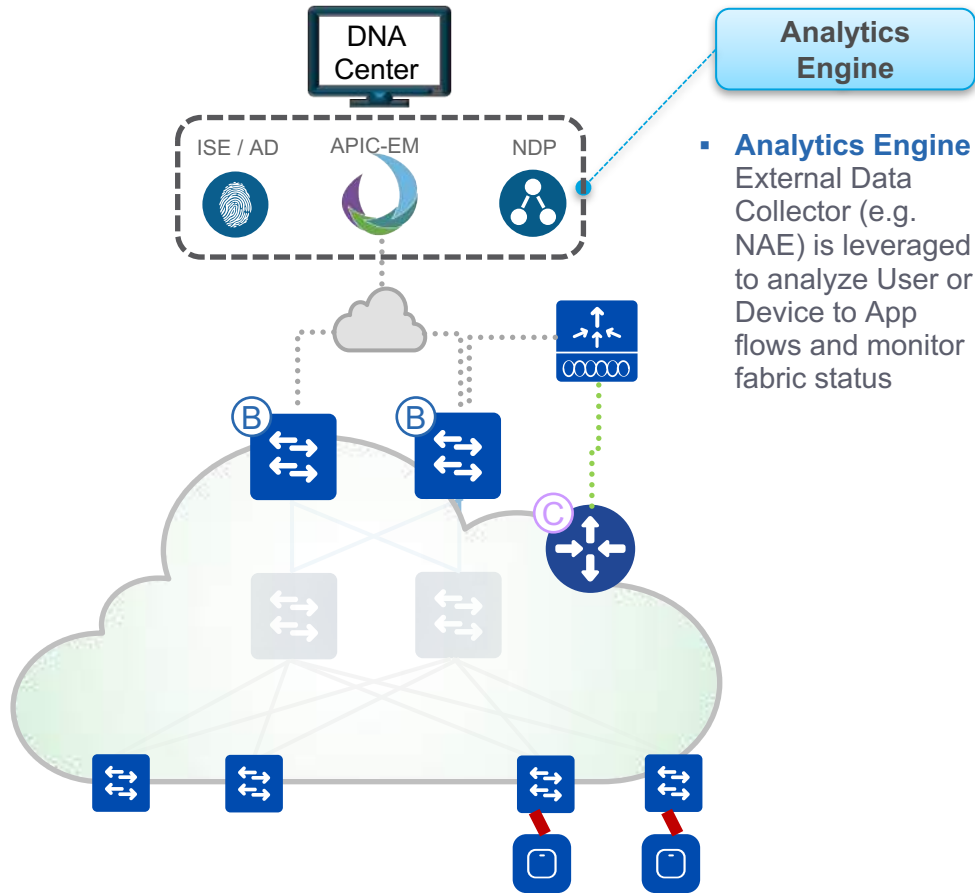
Segment traffic based on classified group (SGT), not based on topology (VLAN, IP subnet)

Regardless of location, the “policy” (SGT) stays with users, devices, and applications

CTS simplifies ACL management for all cross-domain traffic

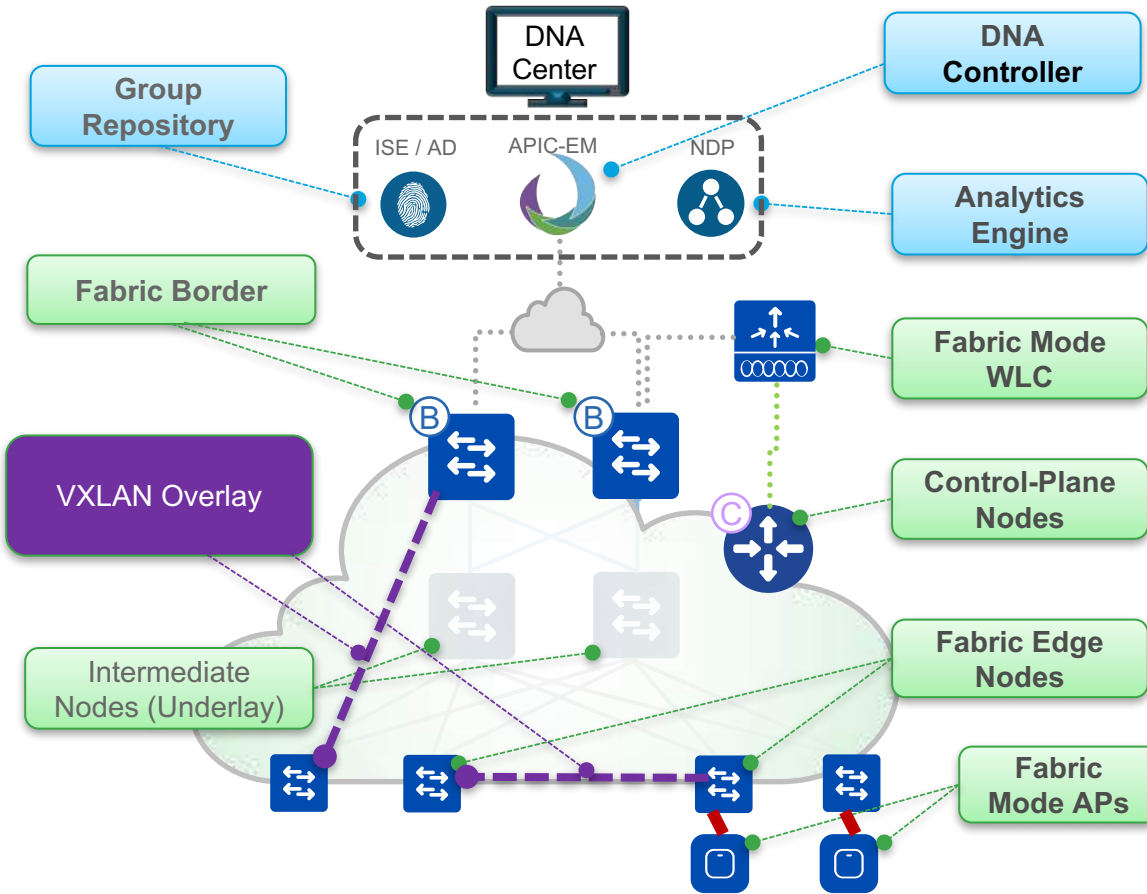
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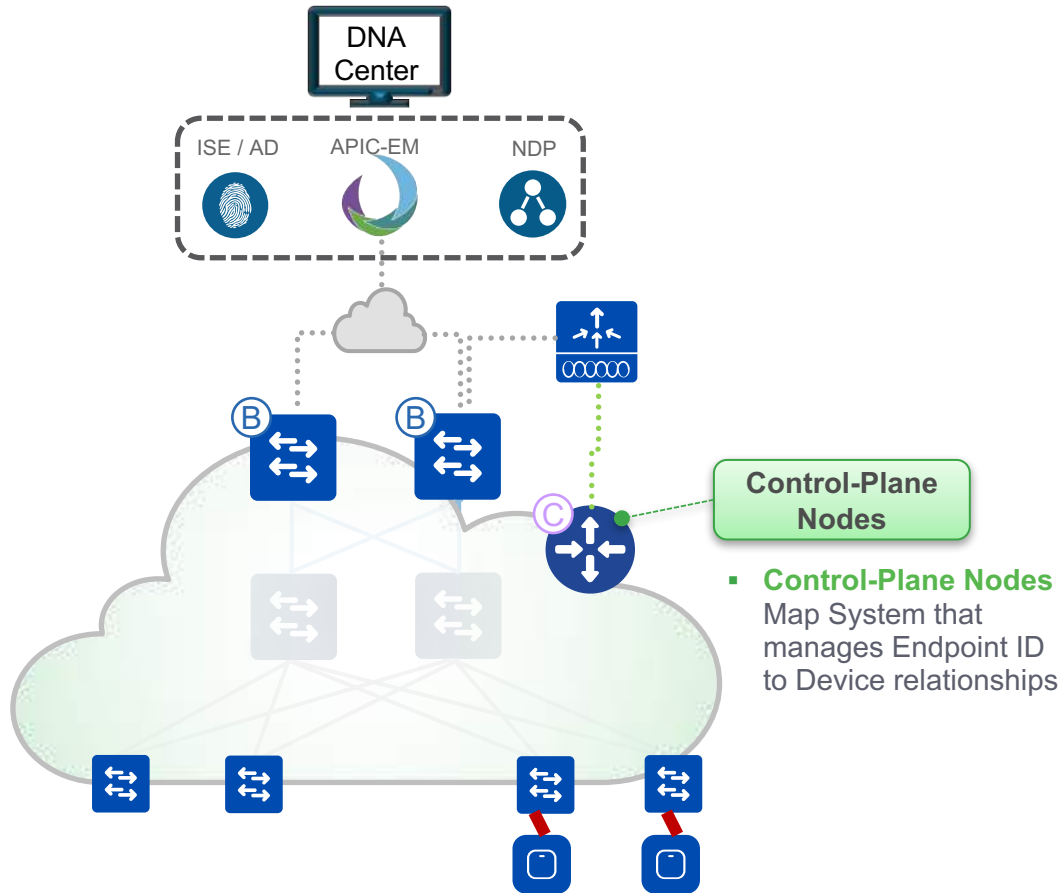
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- **Control-Plane Nodes** – Map System that manages Endpoint ID to Device relationships
- **Border Nodes** – A Fabric device (e.g. Core) that connects External L3 network(s) to the SD-Access Fabric
- **Edge Nodes** – A Fabric device (e.g. Access or Distribution) that connects Wired Endpoints to the SD-Access Fabric
- **Fabric Wireless Controller** – Wireless Controller (WLC) that is fabric-enabled
- **Fabric Mode APs** – Access Points that are fabric-enabled.
- **Intermediate Nodes** – Underlay
- **Overlay** – Endpoint traffic carried within VXLAN frames between Fabric Edges and between Fabric Edges and Border Nodes

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## Fabric Control-Plane Node Responsibilities



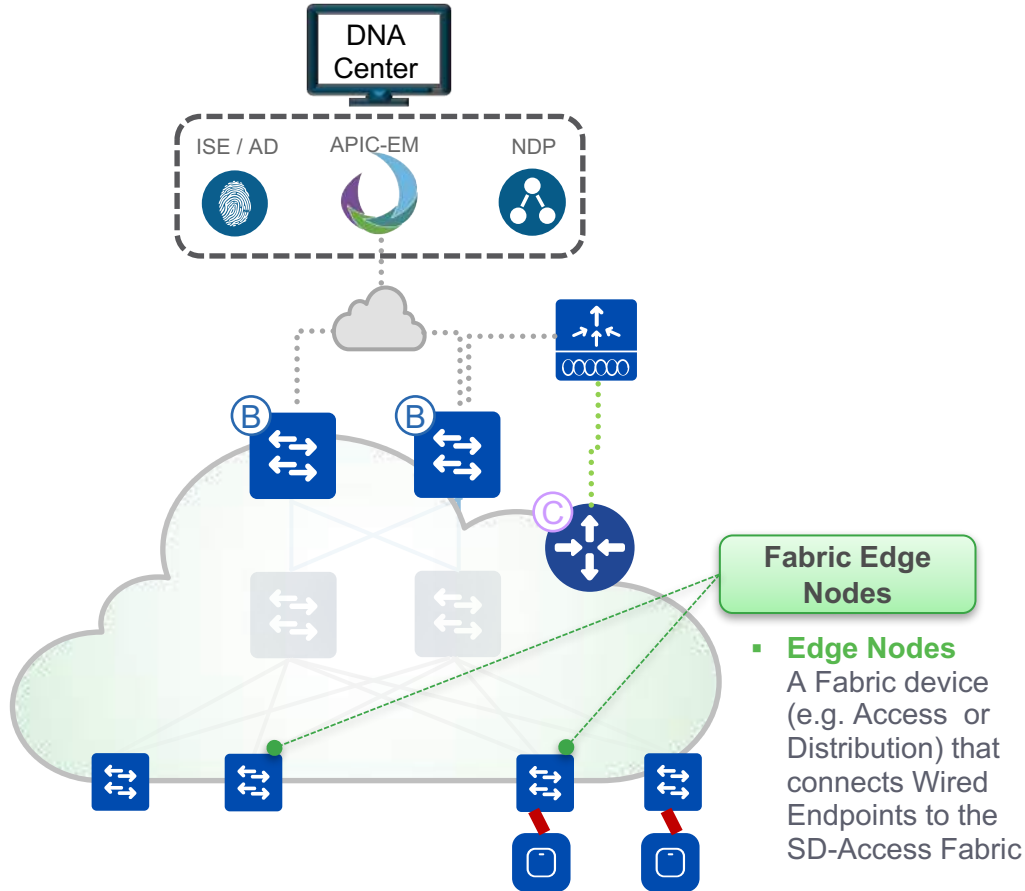
**Fabric Control-Plane Node** is based on a **LISP Map Server / Resolver**  
Runs the Host Tracking Database to provide overlay reachability information

- Receives prefix registrations from Edge Nodes with local Endpoints
- Provides a simple Host Database, that ties the Endpoint to the Edge Node where it resides (includes other relevant attributes)
- Resolves lookup requests from remote Edge Nodes, to locate local Endpoints
- Host Database supports multiple Endpoint ID lookup keys (IPv4 /32, IPv6 /128 or MAC)



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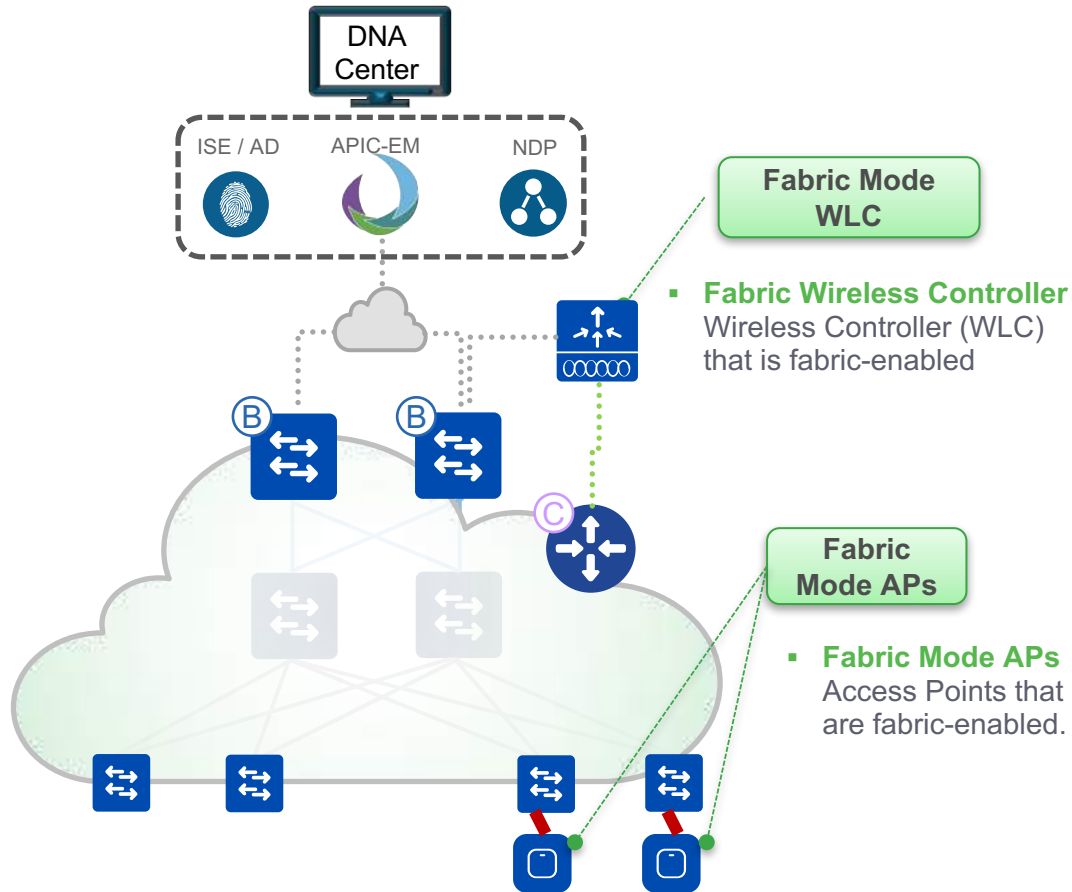
**Fabric Edge Node** is based on a **LISP Tunnel Router (xTR)**

Provides connectivity for Users and Devices connected to the Fabric

- Responsible for Identifying and Authenticating Endpoints as they move around
- Registers Endpoint ID information with the Control-Plane Node(s)
- Provides Anycast L3 Gateway for connected Endpoints removing the need for HSRP and facilitating seamless host mobility
- Must encapsulate / de-encapsulate host traffic to and from Endpoints connected to the Fabric

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## Fabric Mode WLC and AP Responsibilities



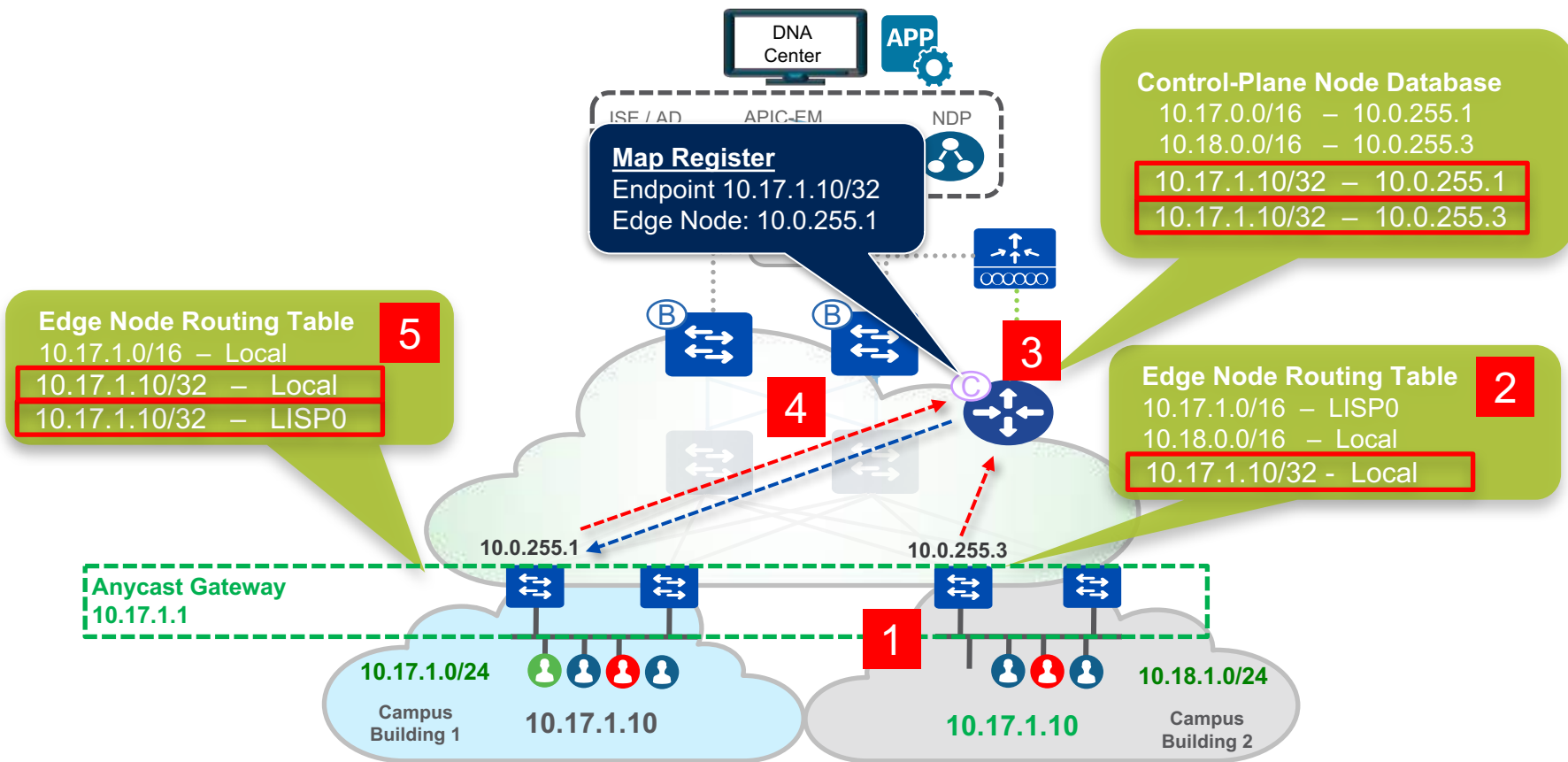
- Centralized control/management plane, distributed data plane, with scalable consistent guest access
- WLC Communicates Client Information to LISP Host Tracking Database (HTDB). It is part of the LISP Control Plane





# Wired and Wireless Host Mobility Without Stretching VLANs

Always connect to the same L3 gateway



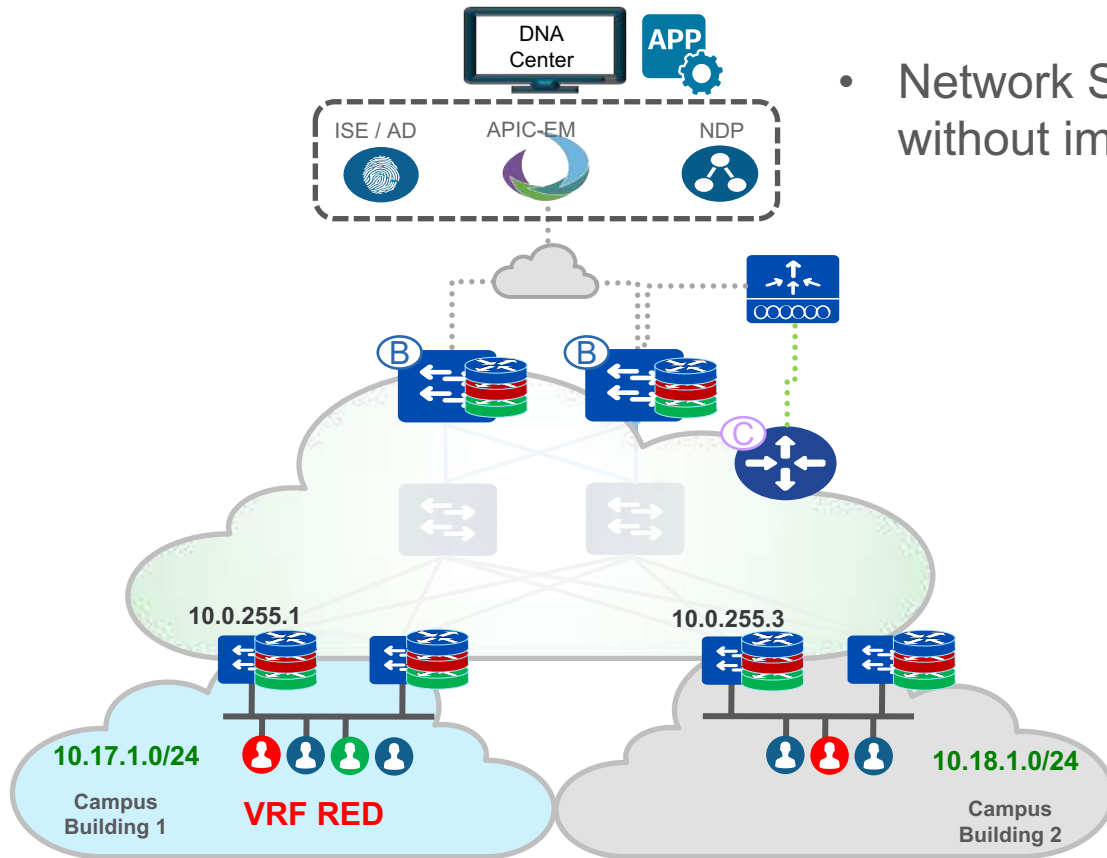


Secure



Segmentation

Simple **Segmentation** constructs  
to build **Secure** boundaries for “users and things”



- Network Segmentation without implementing MPLS

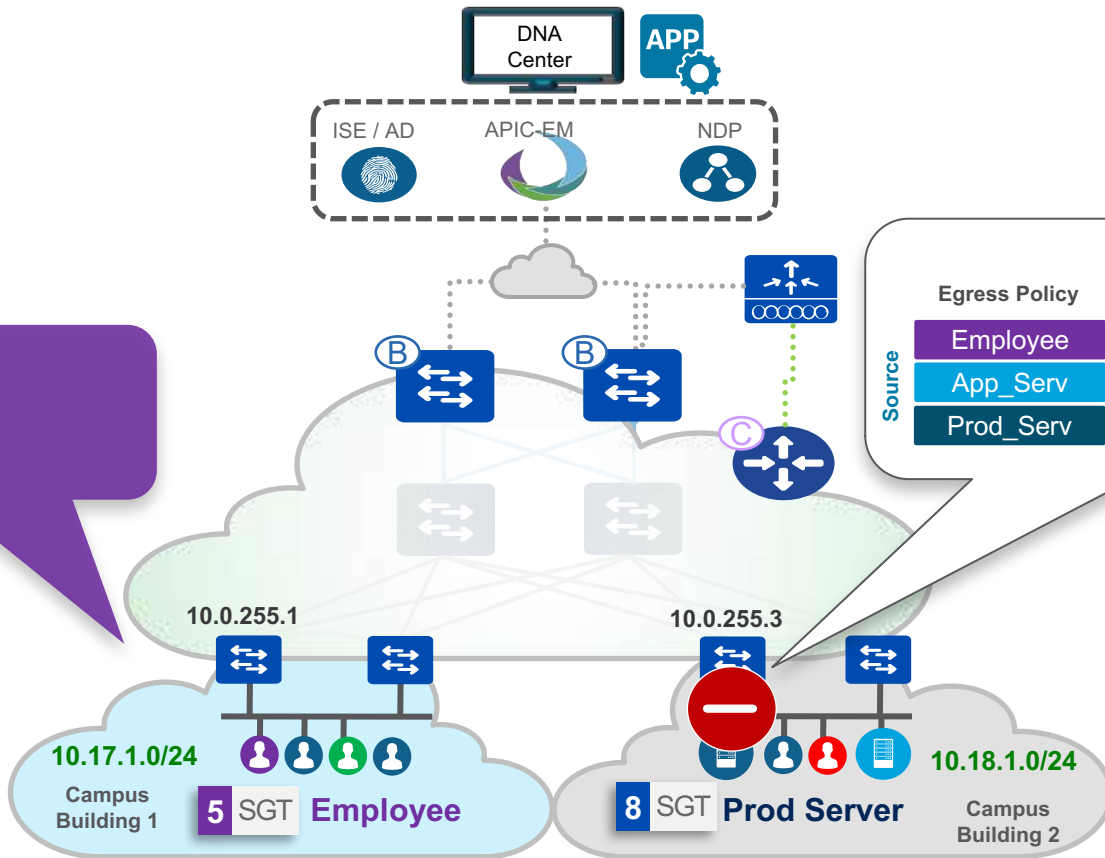


Intelligent Policy

# Simplified Network Wide *Intelligent Policy* enforcement

Based on your Identity, not on your Address

**CLASSIFICATION**  
Employee – SGT 5



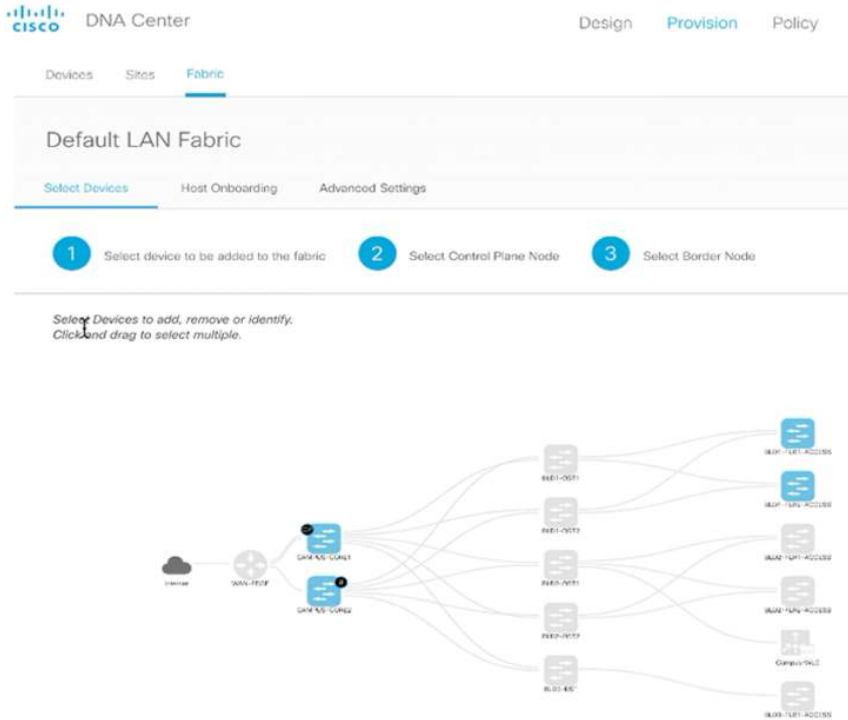
		Destination	
Egress Policy		App_Serv	Prod_Serv
Source	Employee	Permit All	Deny All
	App_Serv	Permit All	Deny All
	Prod_Serv	Deny All	Permit All



# Provision

## Simplified Provisioning

Deploy devices using “best practice” configurations using Smart CLI, Programmability models, Controller capabilities





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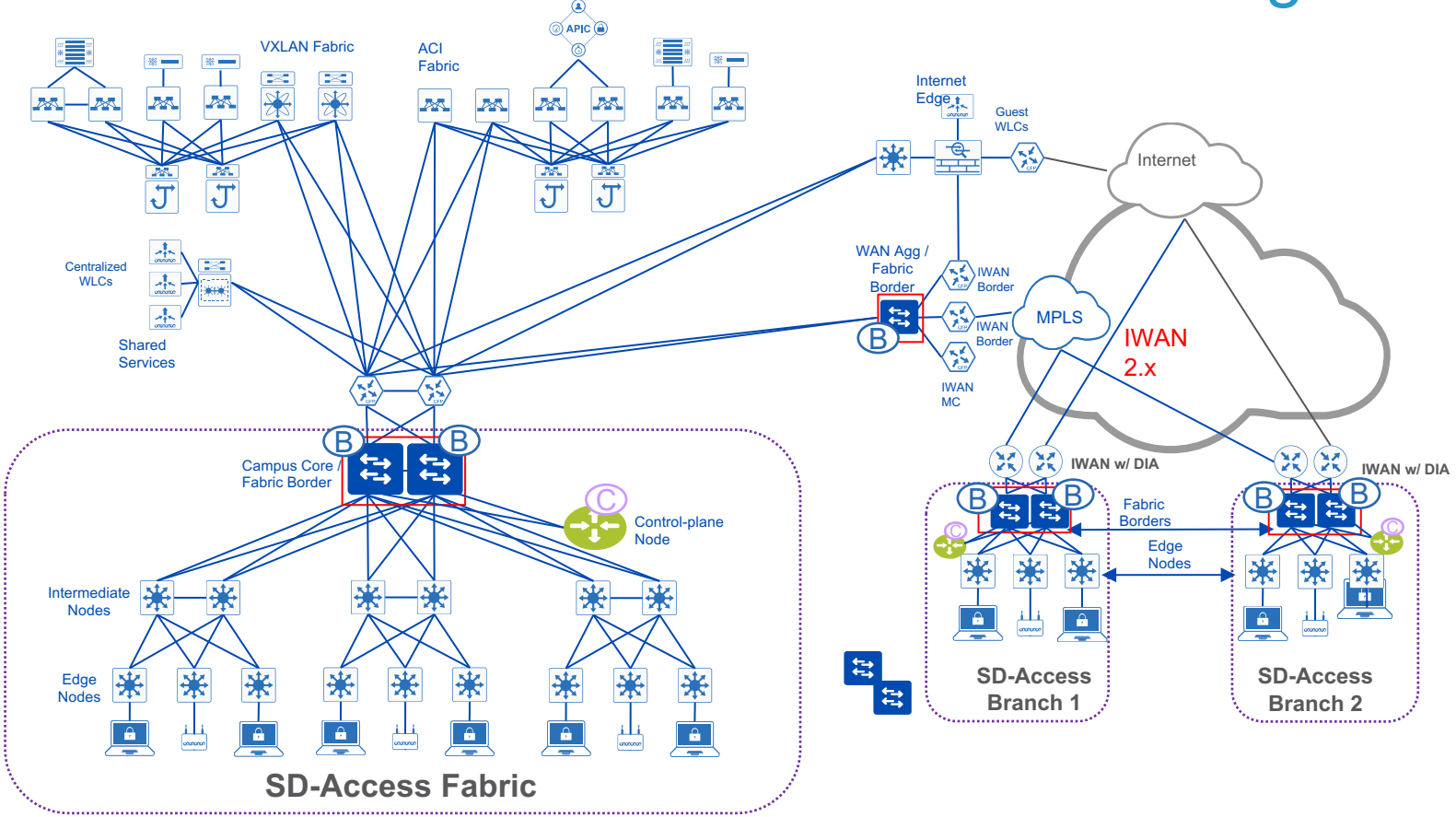
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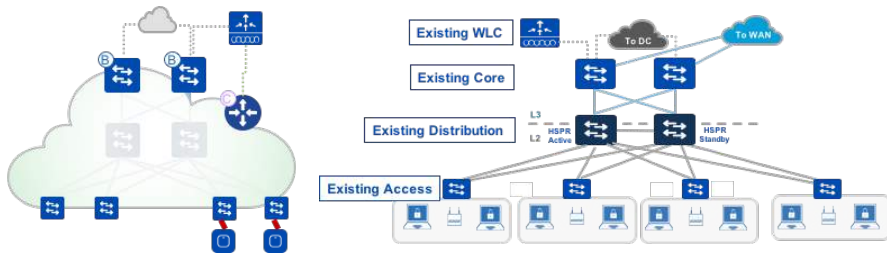
## SD-Access Per Site Fabric Distribute Design



# SD-Access Brownfield

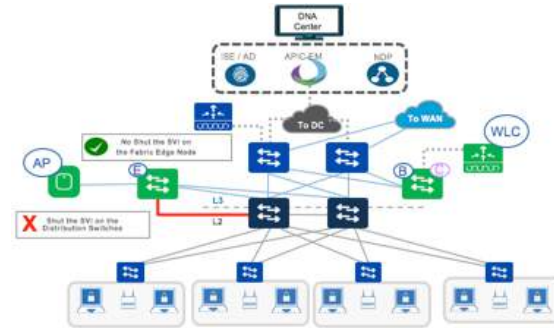
## Approaches to Integration and Migration

### Conditions and Advantages Associated Both Approaches



#### Parallel Installation Considerations

- Well suited for environments that have mostly legacy hardware
- Requires sufficient facilities (Cabling, Power, Space, etc.)
- Opens up new design and deploy for impact opportunities (underlay connectivity, revised IP addressing schemes, etc.)
- Huge advantages associated with testing prior to cutover as well as ability to rollback
- Typical approach for remote site deployment



#### Migrating One Switch at a Time Considerations

- Ideal for protecting recent investments while upgrading pockets of legacy hardware
- Requires additional fiber runs to distribution switch
- Switch by switch upgrade of certain layers typical
- More risky approach to migration
- Appropriate for both campus and remote site environments



Worldwide  
Sales Training

# SD-Access

## High Level Integration DC & Wireless

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# Distinct Doesn't Necessarily Mean Different

## Differences and Commonalities

### SD-Access



- Underlay



- Overlay



- Logical constructs



- VNID



- SGT



- User Endpoint



- Group Based Policy



### ACI Fabric

- Underlay

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- EPG

- App Endpoint

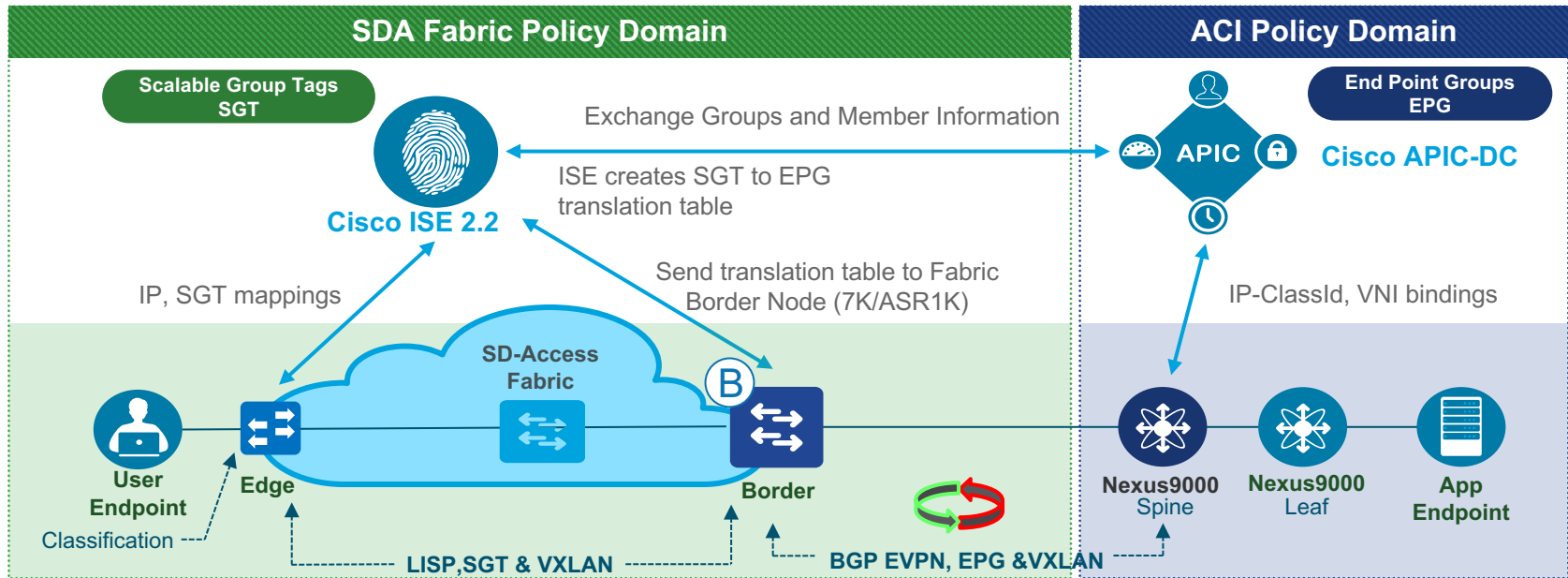
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# SD-Access and DC Policy Integration Design

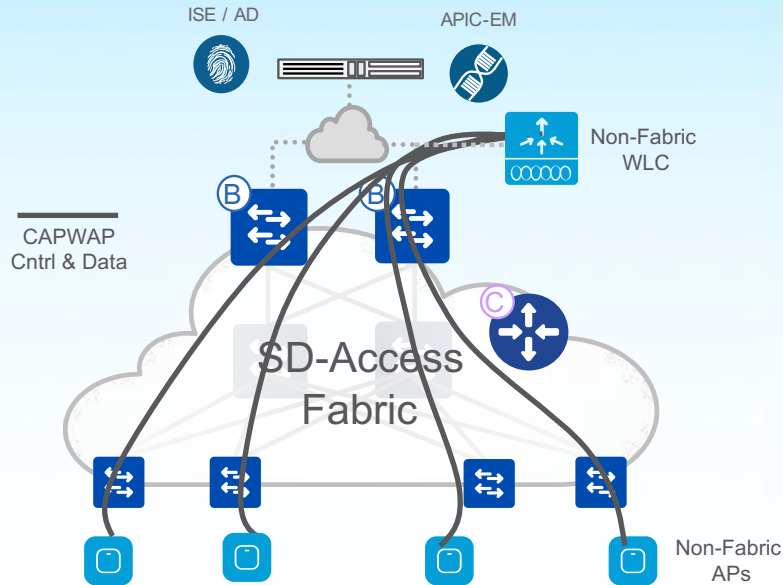
## VXLAN Data Plane Between SD-Access and ACI

VXLAN data plane between Internal Border the Cisco ACI fabric to establish communication with the different domains and also to carry the information needed (SGT/EPG) for policy enforcement.



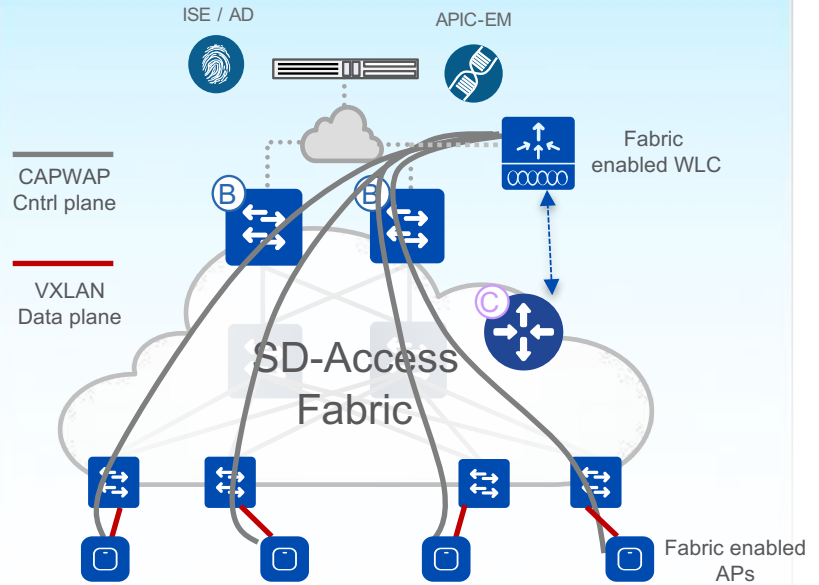
# Wireless Integration in SDA Fabric

## CUWN wireless Over The Top (OTT)



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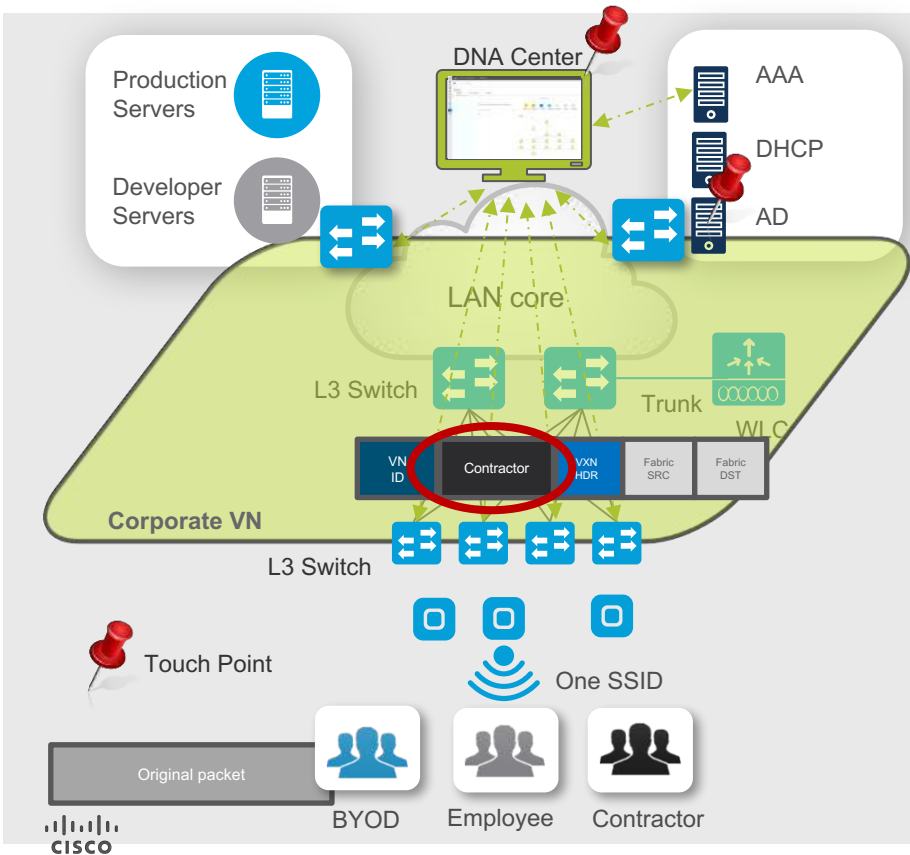


- CAPWAP for Control Plane and Data Plane
- SDA Fabric is just a transport
- Supported on any WLC/AP software and hardware
- Migration step to full SDA

- CAPWAP Control Plane, VXLAN Data plane
- WLC/APs integrated in Fabric, SD-Access advantages
- Requires software upgrade (8.5+)
- Optimized for 802.11ac Wave 2 APs

# SD-Access Wireless Benefits

## User Group policy rollout



### 1. Define Groups in AD

### 2. Design and Deploy in DNA-C

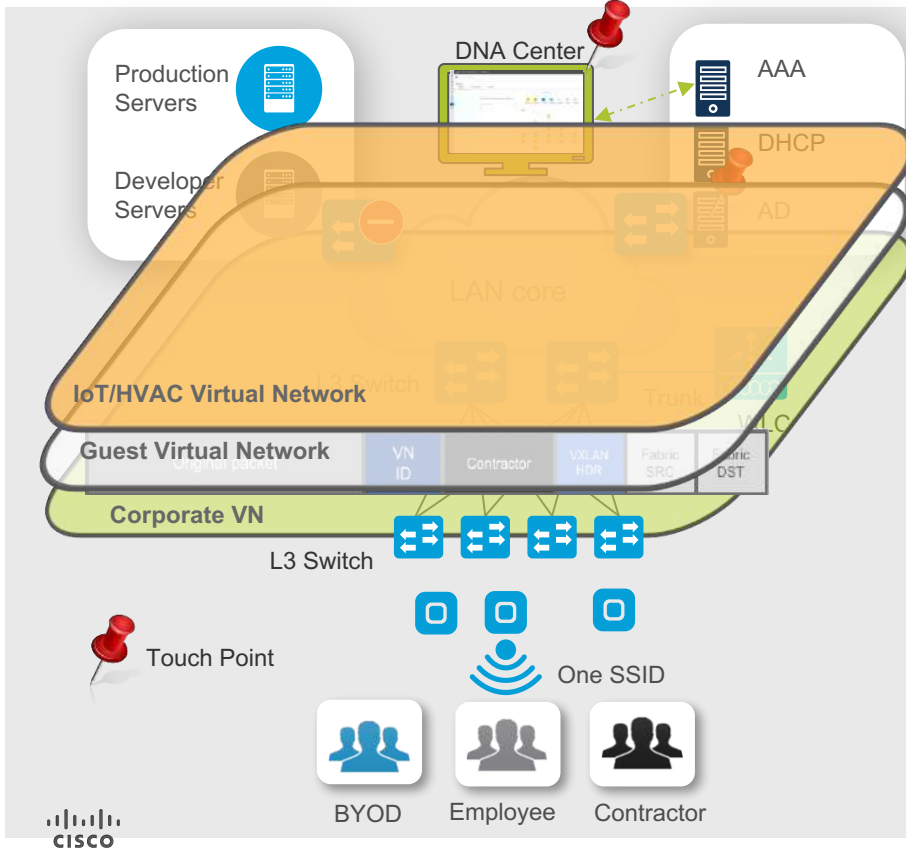
- Create Virtual Network for Corporate
- Define Policies
  - Role/Group based
- Apply Policies
  - SGT based

	Production Serv. SGT 10	Developer Serv. SGT 20
Employee SGT 100		
BYOD SGT 200		
Contractor SGT 300		

### 3. Upon user authentication, Policy is automatically applied and carried end to end

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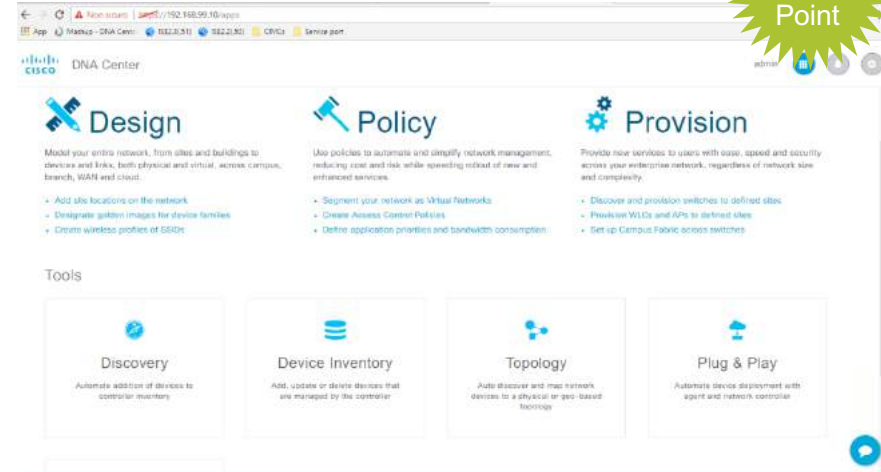


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One Touch Point



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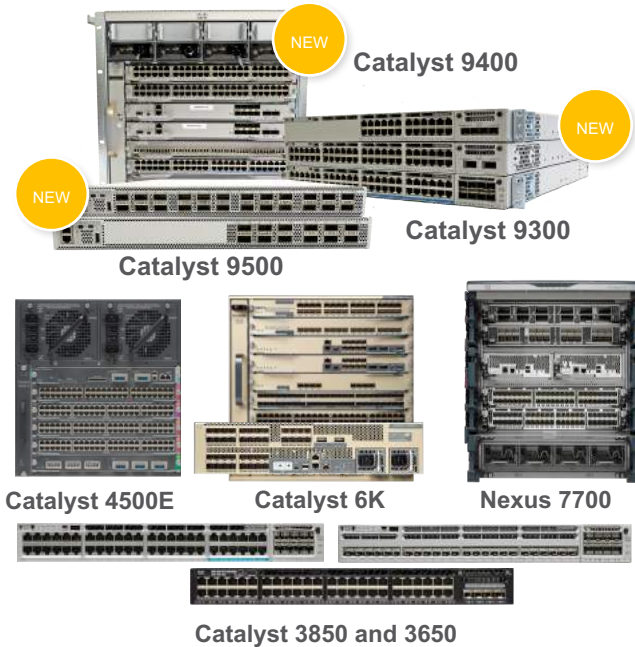
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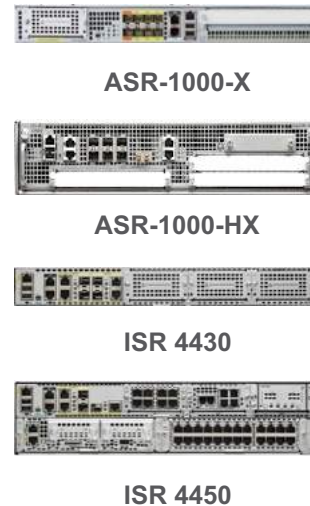
# SD-Access Platform Support

## Complete Investment Protection

### Switching



### Routing



### Wireless



\* No IPv6 or AVC support

# New Era in Networking Beyond Days of Convergence



Software Defined Access  
(SD-Access)



Security (9K Series)



Video  
Voice  
Data



Previous Era



Mobility

Cloud

New Era

*SD-Access - Policy Based Automation from Edge to Cloud*



# Future of Enterprise Networking

## Platform Transitions

Catalyst 9500



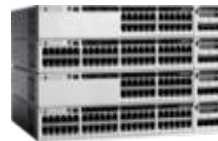
Catalyst 4500X Catalyst 3850 Fiber 48 port

Backbone Switching

Catalyst 9300



Catalyst 9400



Catalyst 3850 Copper



Catalyst 4500-E

Access Switching



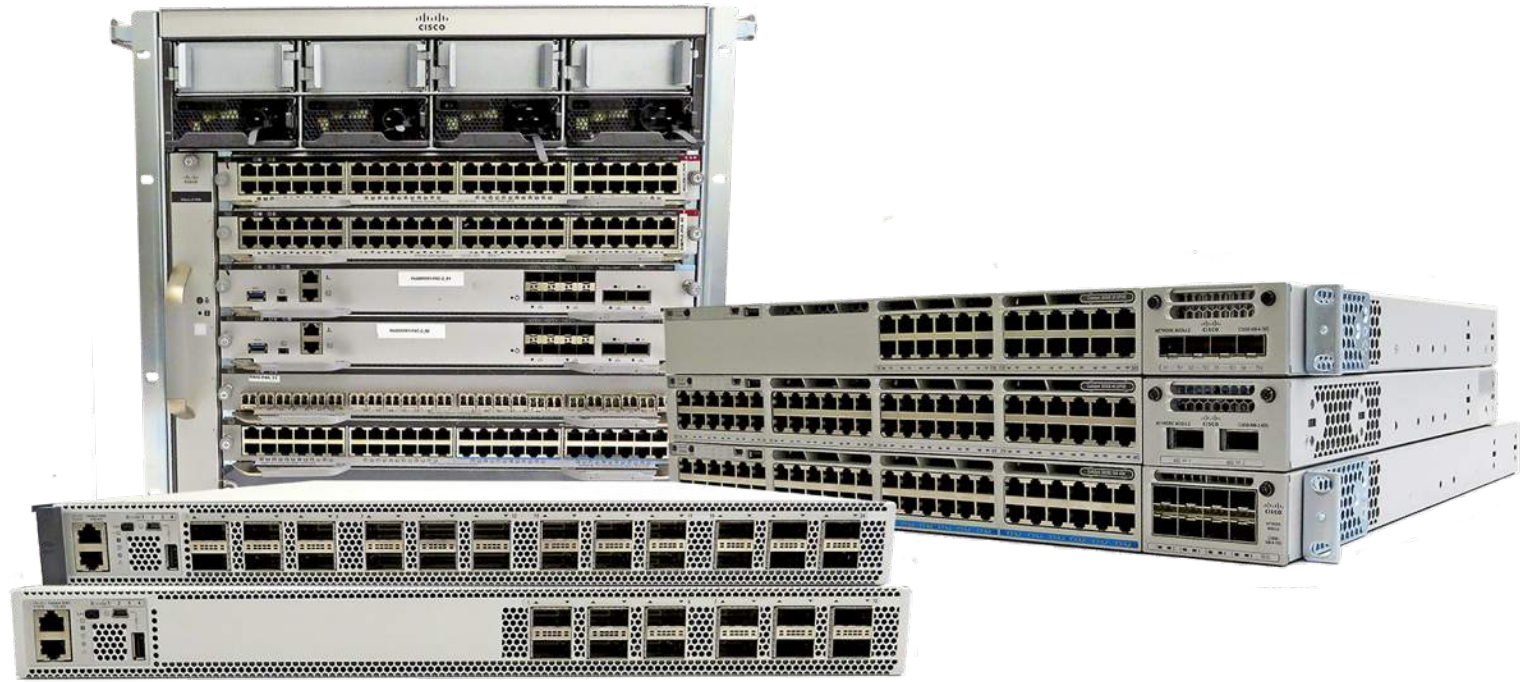
Device Bootstrap and Onboarding



Configuration Automation through Open Interfaces

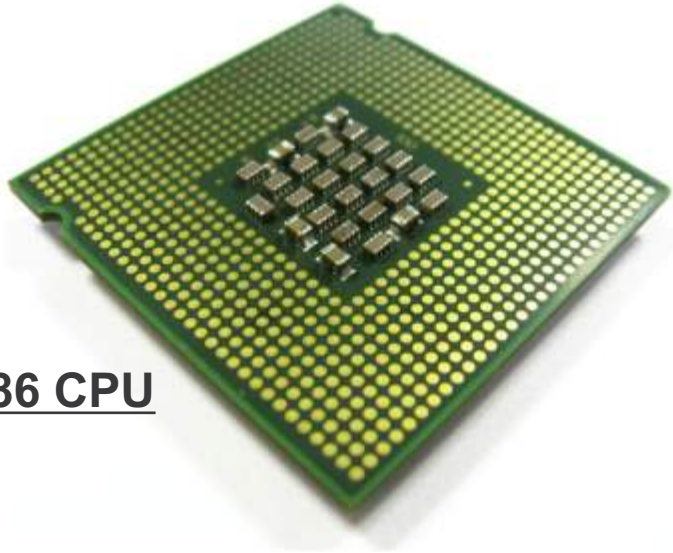


Server Management Tools on x86 Infrastructure



The Catalyst 9K Family's **Common** Attributes

# Catalyst 9K Family – x86 CPU



x86 CPU



Example x86 based 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Apps

x86 enables hosting containers and 3<sup>rd</sup> party apps

# Catalyst 9K Family – External Storage Options

SATA SSD Storage



Up to 1 TB

USB 2.0/3.0\*

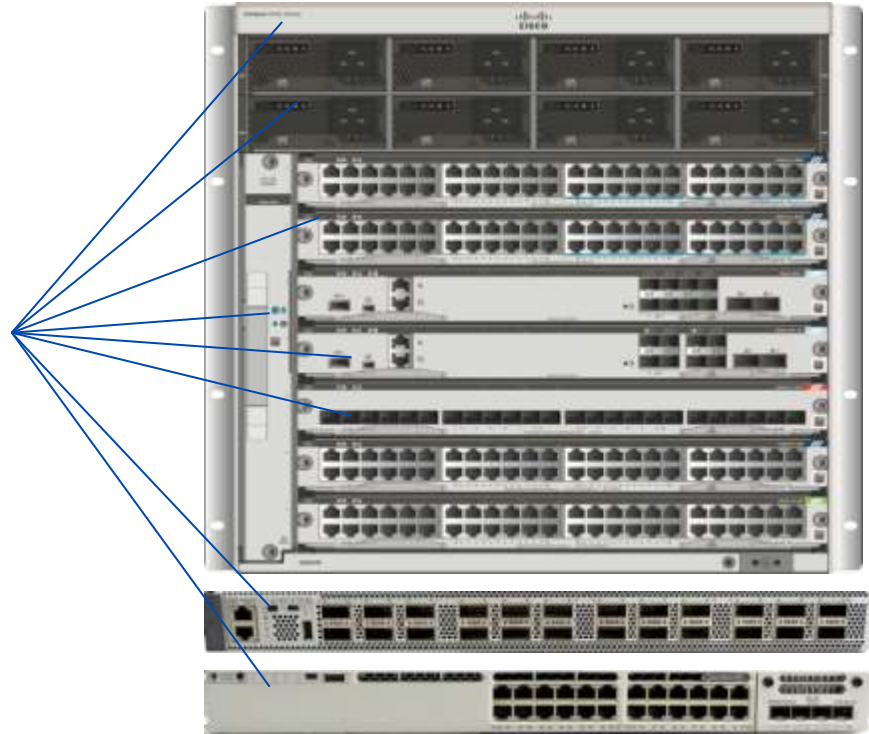


Up to 120 GB

For Local Logging – 3<sup>rd</sup> Party App Hosting - Containers

# Catalyst 9K Family – Blue Beacon

Blue Beacon  
on Every System &  
Components



Identification of Devices has never been Easier

# Catalyst 9K Family – RFID

RFID on Every Device  
and FRUable  
Components of Catalyst  
9400



Inventory Management (Tracking) has never been Easier

# Catalyst 9K Family – Optional Bluetooth



File Transfer



Device Management



```
cat9k (config)# interface bt0
```

Accessing the Device has never been **Easier**

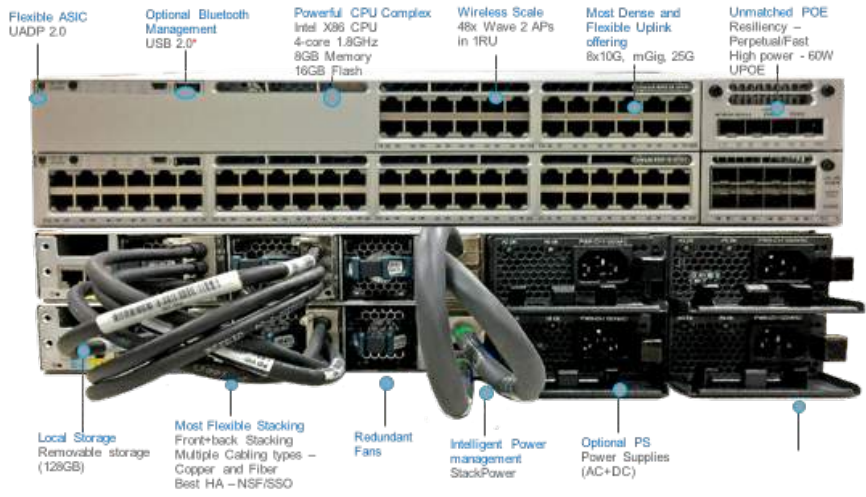
# Catalyst 9300

## Next Generation Fixed Access

2.5G at the Price of 1G  
40G at the Price of 10G

Highest 2.5G/mGig Density in the Industry

Only Stackable Switch with 8X 10G Uplinks



### mGig UPOE



24xmGig  
48xmGig (36 X 2.5G + 12 X 10G)

### 1G UPOE/POE+



24 Ports  
48 Ports

### 1G Data



24 Ports  
48 Ports

#### Modular Fans

#### Modular Uplinks

8x10G    2x40G    4x mGig    4x1G

#### Modular Power Supplies

350W    715W    1100W



# Catalyst 9400

## Next Generation Modular Access

Industry's  
Highest PoE  
Scale

Redundancy  
is now  
Table-stake

9Tbps  
System b/w



- **N+N Power Supply Redundancy**  
Safeguard against power circuit failure
- **N+1 Power supply redundancy**  
Safeguard against power supply failure
- **"Transparent" line card design**  
Minimal on-board components for very high MTBF
- **Unique uplink redundancy**  
Uplinks of failed supervisor continue to remain active
- **Dual Supervisors**  
with sub 50ms ISSU & NSF/SSO
- **Redundant Fans**  
N+1 Fan redundancy within Fan-tray;  
Up to 2 minutes of fan-less operation for servicing fan-tray



4-Slot\*



7-Slot



10-Slot

### Supervisor

Sup-1: 80G/Slot Access Optimized  
Sup-1XL\*: 120G/Slot Core Optimized

### Access Linecards

24xmGig + 24xUPOE  
48xUPoE  
48xPoE+\*  
48xData

### Core Linecards

24x 10G SFP+  
48x1G SFP\*  
24x1G SFP\*

### Power Supply

3200W AC  
3200W DC\*  
2200W AC\*

\*not available at FCS

# Catalyst 9500

## Next Generation Fixed Core/Agg

40G at the Price of 10G

8X Buffering vs. Competition

Industry's First 40G Enterprise Switch



Granular Port Densities to Address all Campus Sizes



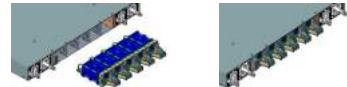
Catalyst 9500-12Q

Catalyst 9500-24Q

Catalyst 9500-40X



Redundant platinum rated power supplies



Front to back airflow with N+1 Modular Fans



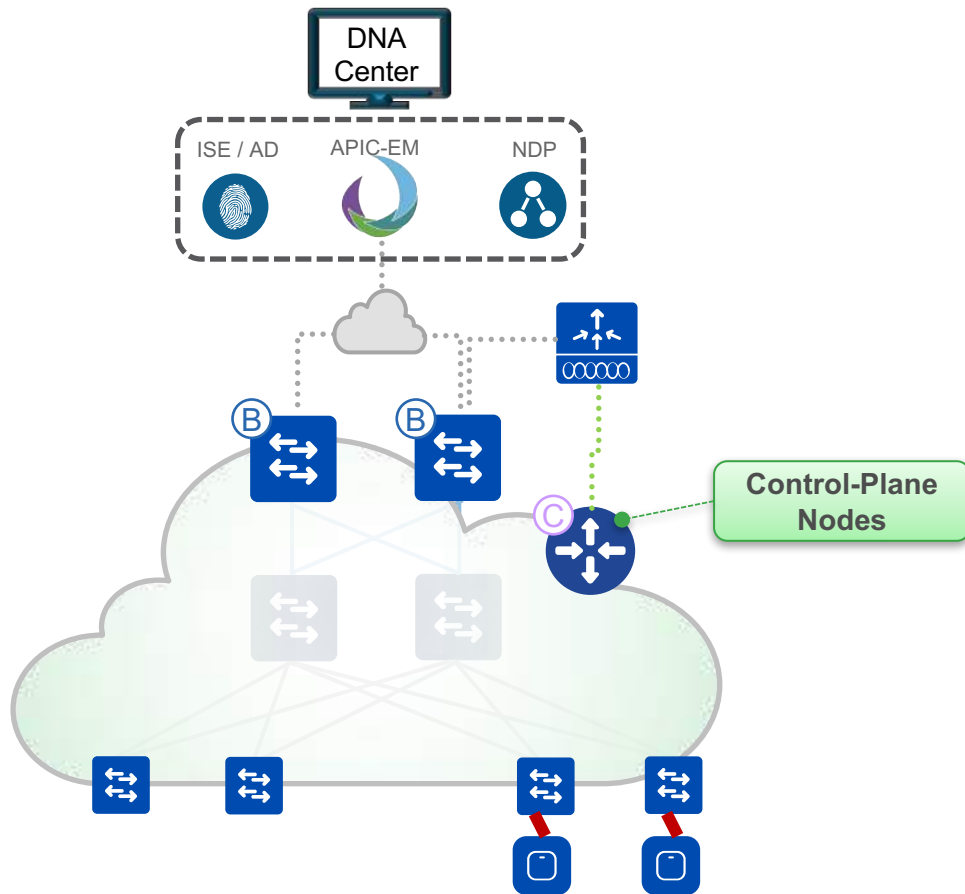
RFID for Efficient Inventory Management



USB3.0 Storage to host High End Applications



# Fabric Control-Plane Node Supported Hardware/Software



## Catalyst 3K



- **Catalyst 3850**
- 1/10G SFP+
- 10/40G NM Cards
- **IOS-XE 16.6.1+**

## Catalyst 6K



- **Catalyst 6800**
- Sup2T/6T
- 6880-X or 6840-X
- **IOS 15.5.1SY+**

## Catalyst 9500



- **Catalyst 9500**
- 40G QSFP
- 1/10G NM Cards
- **IOS-XE 16.6.1+**

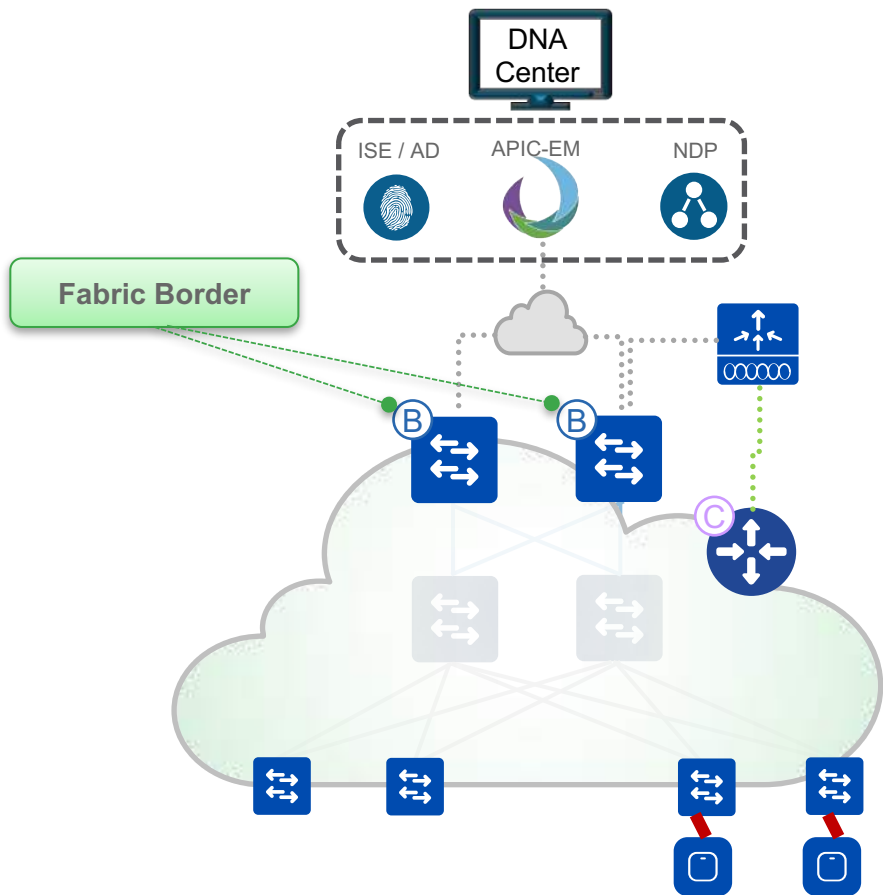
## ASR1K & ISR4K



- **ASR 1000-X/HX**
- **ISR 4430/4450**
- 1/10G/40G
- **IOS-XE 16.6.1+**

# Fabric Border Node

## Supported Hardware/Software



### Catalyst 9500



- Catalyst 9500
- 40G QSFP
- 10/40G NM Cards
- **IOS-XE 16.6.1+**

### Catalyst 6K



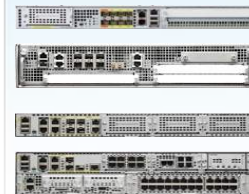
- Catalyst 6800
- Sup2T/6T
- 6880-X or 6840-X
- **IOS 15.5.1SY+**

### Nexus 7K



- Nexus 7700
- Sup2E
- M3 Cards
- **NXOS 7.3.2+**

### ASR1K & ISR4K



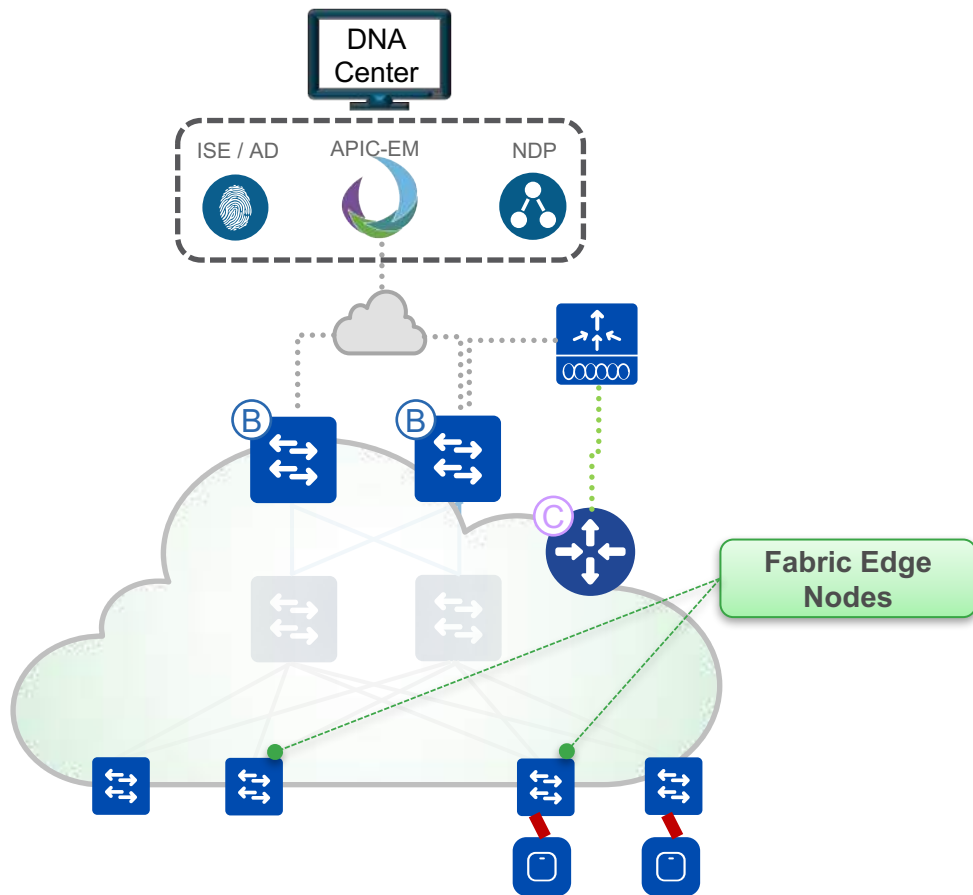
- ASR 1000-X/HX
- ISR 4430/4450
- 1/10G/40G
- **IOS-XE 16.6.1+**

### Catalyst 3K



- Catalyst 3850
- 1/10G SFP+
- 10/40G NM Cards
- **IOS-XE 16.6.1+**

# Fabric Edge Node Supported Hardware/Software

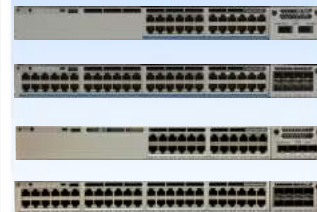


## Catalyst 3K



- Catalyst 3650/3850
- 1/MGIG RJ45
- 10/40G NM Cards
- **IOS-XE 16.6.1+**

## Catalyst 9300



- Catalyst 9300
- 1/MGIG RJ45
- 10/40G NM Cards
- **IOS-XE 16.6.1+**

## Catalyst 4500E



- Catalyst 4500
- Sup8E/9E (Uplinks)
- 4700 Cards (Down)
- **IOS-XE 3.10.1+**

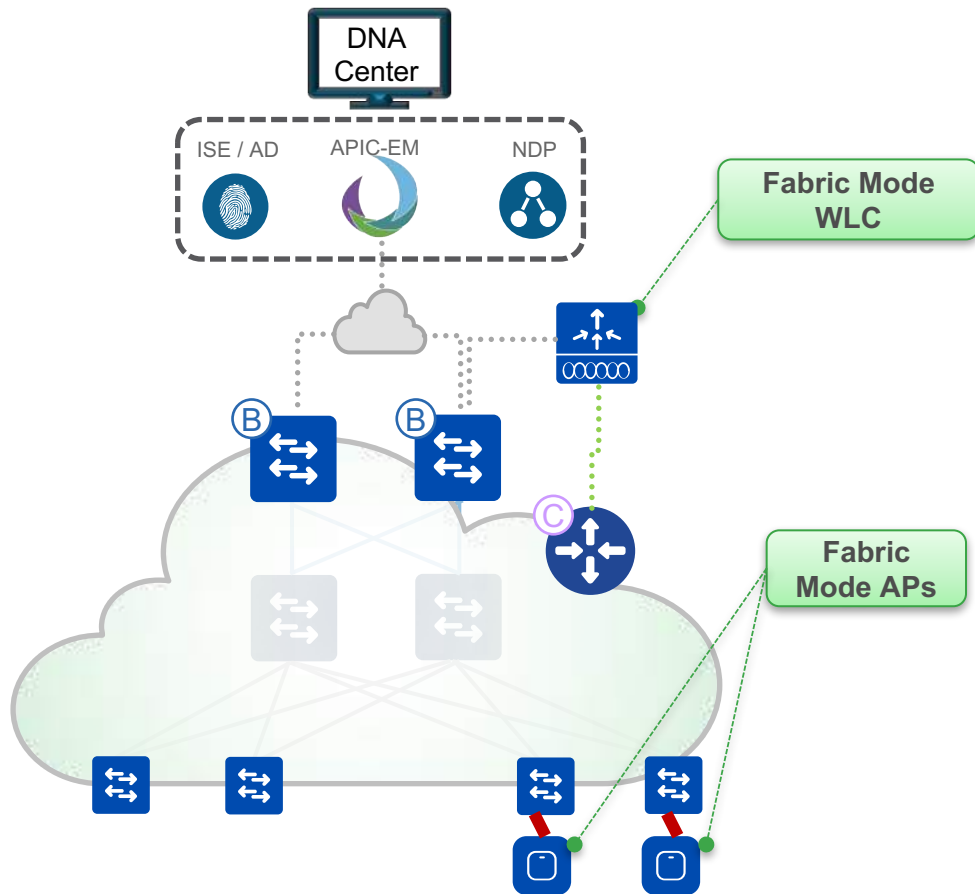
## Catalyst 9400



- Catalyst 9400
- Sup1E
- 9400 Cards
- **IOS-XE 16.6.1+**

# Fabric Mode WLC & APs

## Supported Hardware/Software



### 5500 WLC



- AIR-CT5520
- No 5508
- 1G/10G SFP+
- AireOS 8.5.1+

### 8500 WLC



- AIR-CT8520/40
- No 8510
- 1G/10G SFP+
- AireOS 8.5.1+

### WAVE 1 APs



- 1700/2700/3700
- 11ac Wave1 APs
- 1G RJ45
- AireOS 8.5.1+

### WAVE 2 APs



- 1800/2800/3800
- 11ac Wave2 APs
- 1G/MGIG RJ45
- AireOS 8.5.1+

# Key Foundation Takeaways

## Summary

- The Catalyst 3650, 3850, 4500E, 6800, 9300, 9400, 9500 and the Nexus 7700 leveraging M3 cards are all supported from a switching perspective as part of the SD-Access solution
- The Catalyst 9K platform has been built to address security risks posed by advanced persistent threats, operational complexities associated with IoT convergence, evolving mobility requirements and a need to take advantage of Cloud agility & consumption models
- The Catalyst 9500 is the ideal choice to address both Fabric Control-Plane Node and Fabric Border Node requirements
- The Catalyst 9300 and 9400 are the ideal choice to address Fabric Edge Node requirements



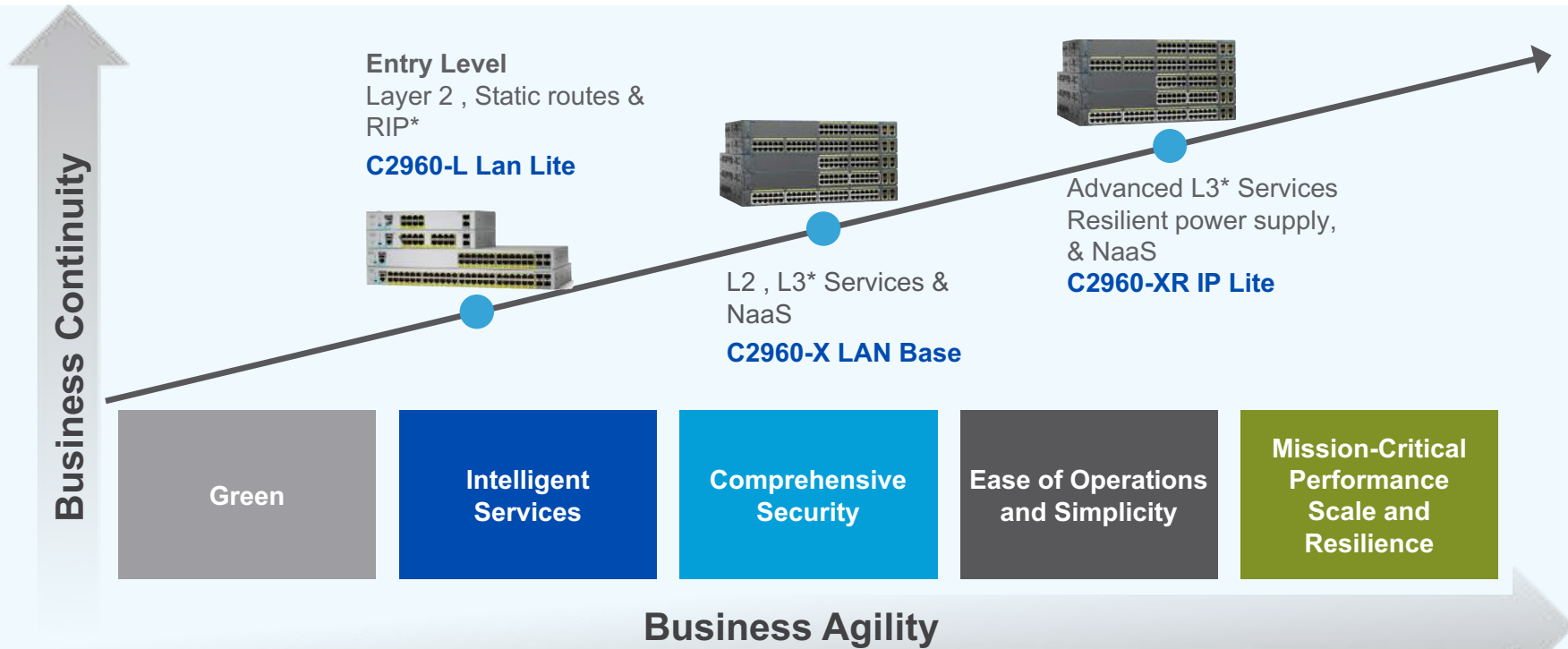
Worldwide  
Sales Training

# Catalyst 2900 Family



# Addressing Business Transformation

## New Unified Access Cisco Catalyst Switching Solution



\*RIP support in 3.10 release

\*L3 services – access routing protocols

\*Advances L3 – access routing protocols + vrf lite etc



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