3 Steps to Gain Actionable Visibility in the Cisco SD-WAN Using Cisco ThousandEyes

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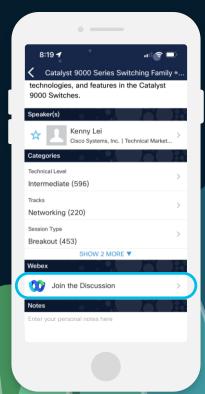
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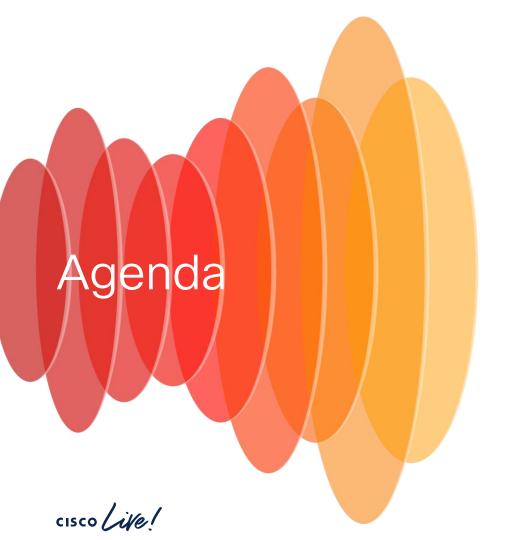
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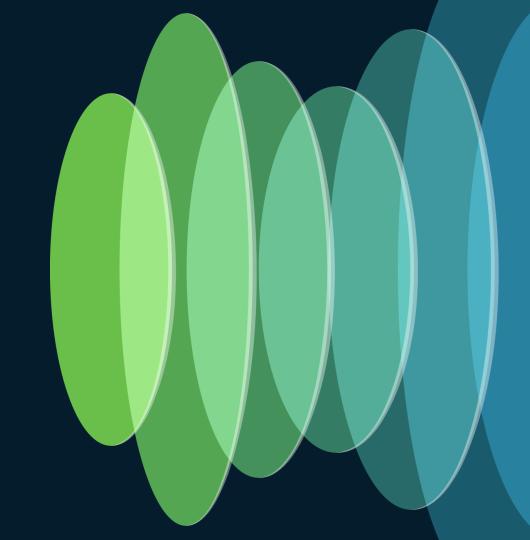






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SD-WAN + ThousandEyes

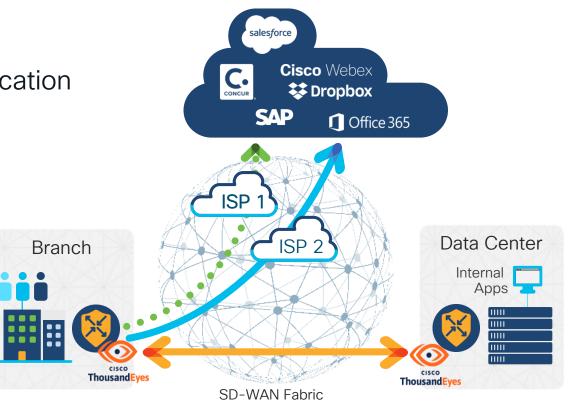


Use Cases

Internal and SaaS Application

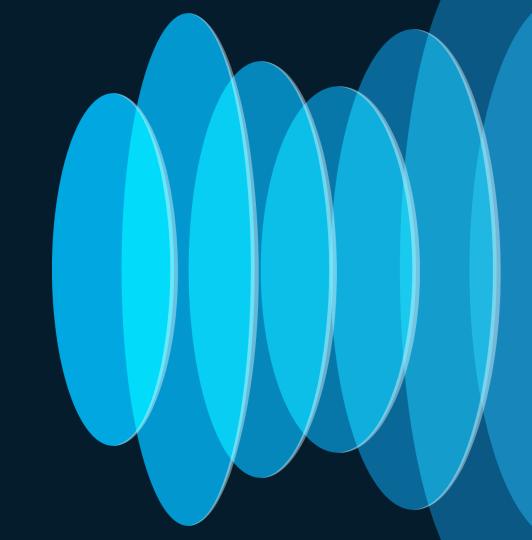
SD-WAN Underlay

SD-WAN Overlay





First Step: Deploying Embedded Agents



Embedded Agent Requirements

Platform	HW Requirements	SW Requirements	BrowserBot	Management*
ASR 1001-(H)X ASR 1002-(H)X ASR 1006-X	Minimum 8G of RAM and Flash	IOS-XE 17.8.1+		Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN
Catalyst 8500(L)				Manager 20.8+
Catalyst 8300 Catalyst 8200(L)	Minimum 8G of RAM and Flash	IOS-XE 17.6.1+	Not supported	Cisco Catalyst
ISR44xx ISR43xx ISR42xx				SD-WAN Manager 20.6+
ISR 1100X-4/6G		IOS-XE 17.7.1+		
Catalyst 9300(L) Catalyst 9400	SSD module for BrowserBot tests	IOS-XE 17.6.1+ DNA Advantage	Supported with SSD module	Catalyst Center 2.2.2.3+
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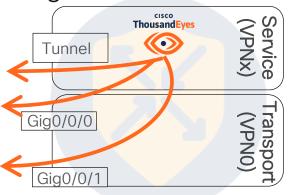
Deployment Options

Agent in VPN0 Tunnel Tolsco ThousandEyes Gig0/0/0 Gig0/0/1



- Basic setup (default)
- Test traffic routed via a VPG interface
- Still behind a NAT
- Test traffic follows best path

Agent in Service VPN



- Test traffic can follow SD-WAN policies
- Can monitor Overlay and Underlay paths
- Requires unique subnet

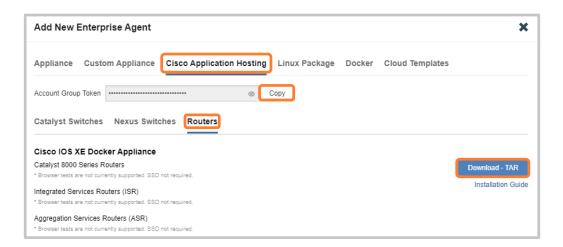
Deploying ThousandEyes Agent Using vManage

- Download Agent Software from ThousandEyes portal
- Copy Account Group Token
- Upload Agent Software to Catalyst SD-WAN Manager (vManage)
- Define ThousandEyes Feature Template in Manager
- Attach Feature Template to target device



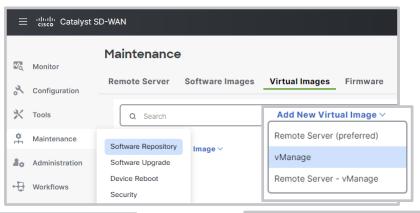
Downloading Agent Software

- Cloud & Enterprise Agents > Agent Settings > Add New Ent. Agent
- Cisco Application Hosting > Routers > Download TAR
- Note down the value of the Account Group Token

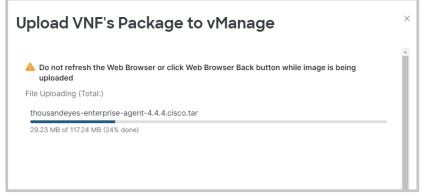




Uploading ThousandEyes Agent to vManage

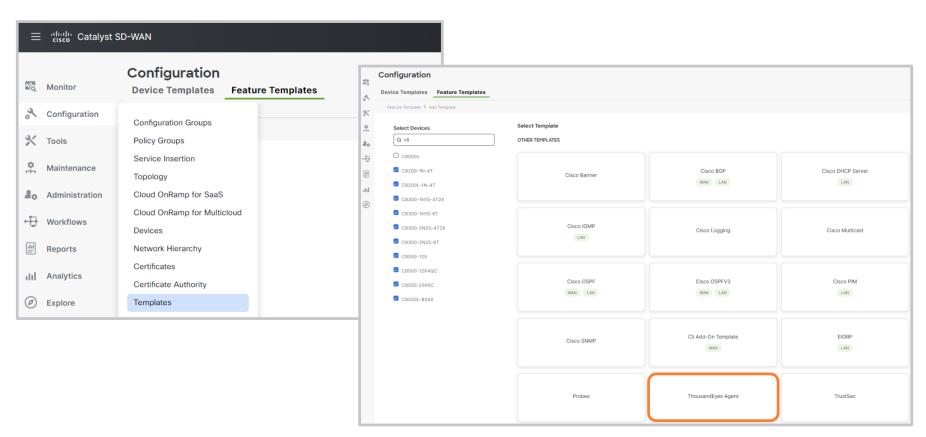








Defining ThousandEyes Feature Template

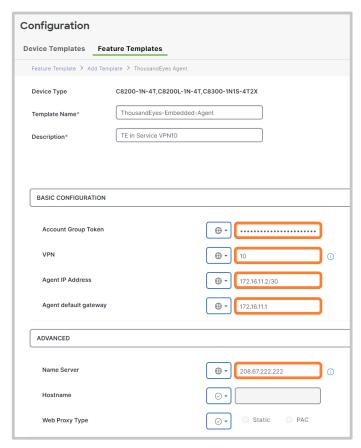




Configuring a Feature Template

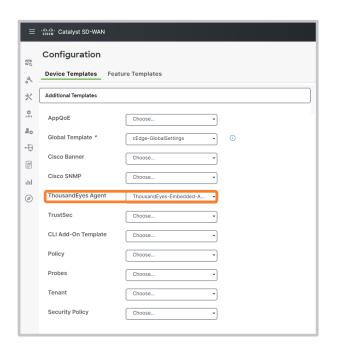
- Set Account Group Token (global)
- Specify VPN
- Set device specific variable for Agent IP Address and default gateway

 Depending on your environment, you can set the Advanced settings globally, device specific or default





Attaching a Feature Template



```
interface VirtualPortGroup4
 no shutdown
 vrf forwarding 10
 ip address 172.16.11.1 255.255.255.252
iox
app-hosting appid te
 app-default-gateway 172.16.11.1 guest-interface 0
 app-resource docker
  prepend-pkg-opts
  run-opts 1 "-e TEAGENT ACCOUNT TOKEN=BRKENT2126"
 app-vnic gateway0 virtualportgroup 4 guest-interface 0
  quest-ipaddress 172.16.11.2 netmask 255.255.255.252
 name-server0 208.67.222.222
 start
```



Troubleshooting

```
cEdge# show app-hosting list
App id
                                                 State
te
                                                 RUNNING
cEdge# app-hosting connect appid te session /bin/bash
root@te: more /var/log/agent/te-agent.log
2022-06-09 10:42:59.307 INFO [20047f00] [te.agent.status] {} ThousandEyes Agent starting up
2022-06-09 10:42:59.309 DEBUG [20047f00] [te.agent.AptPackageInterface] {} Initialized APT package interface
2022-06-09 10:42:59.309 INFO [20047f00] [te.agent.main] {} Agent version 1.138.0 starting.
2022-06-09 10:42:59.310 DEBUG [20047f00] [te.agent.db] {} Vacuuming database
2022-06-09 10:42:59.311 INFO [20047f00] [te.agent.db] {} Found version 53, expected version 53
2022-06-09 10:42:59.322 DEBUG [20047f00] [te.agent.DnssecTaskProceessor] {} Agent is not running bind
2022-06-09 10:42:59.323 INFO [20047f00] [te.agent.main] {} Configured crash report to
https://crashreports.thousandeves.com/submit
2022-06-09 10:42:59.324 INFO [20047f00] [te.agent.main] {} Found id 504516
2022-06-09 10:42:59.324 INFO [20047f00] [te.agent.ClusterMasterAdapter] {} Set clustermaster URL to
https://scl.thousandeyes.com
2022-06-09 10:42:59.324 INFO
                             [20047f00] [te.agent.ClusterMasterAdapter] {} Attempting to get controller assignment from
https://scl.thousandeves.com
2022-06-09 10:43:01.369 INFO
                             [20047f00] [te.agent.ClusterMasterAdapter] {} https://sc1.thousandeyes.com told us we should talk
to controller c1.thousandeves.com
2022-06-09 10:43:01.397 DEBUG [20047f00] [te.agent.NtpClient] {} Sending NTP packet to pool.ntp.org (193.2.78.228)
<-- output omitted -->
```



Installing Agent Behind a SIG

Agent fails to register due to untrusted certificate

```
cEdge# app-hosting connect appid te session /bin/bash root@cEdge:/# tail /var/log/agent/te-agent.log 2023-02-02 09:01:19.890 ERROR [d7825f00] [te.agent.status] {} Error calling createAgent: Curl error - Peer certificate cannot be authenticated with given CA certificates
```

Manually copy/paste the missing root CA in a PEM format

```
root@cEdge:/# vi /usr/share/ca-certificates/UmbrellaRootCA.pem
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
<-- output omitted -->
----END CERTIFICATE----
```

Or transfer it directly (unsecure)

```
root@cEdge:/# curl --insecure https://xzy.cloudfront.net/certificates/Cisco_Umbrella_Root_CA.cer -o
/usr/share/ca-certificates/UmbrellaRootCA.pem
```



Installing Agent Behind a SIG (Cont.)

Append a new certificate name to the configuration file

```
root@cEdge:/# echo 'UmbrellaRootCA.pem' >> /etc/ca-certificates.conf
```

• Execute update-ca-certificates command

```
root@cEdge:/# update-ca-certificates
Updating certificates in /etc/ssl/certs...
rehash: warning: skipping ca-certificates.crt,it does not contain exactly one certificate or CRL
1 added, 0 removed; done.
```

Remove specific package (embedded agents only)

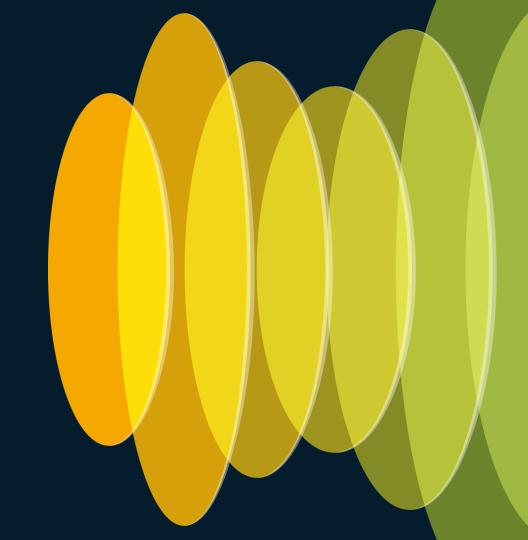
```
root@cEdge:/# apt remove --purge cisco-core-trsb
```

Restart the agent

```
root@cEdge:/# sv restart te-agent
```



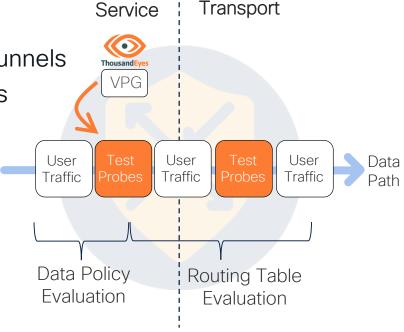
Second Step: Steering Test Traffic



Common Objectives

- Basic approach: follow preferred/best paths
- Advanced approach:
 - Steer test traffic over redundant overlay tunnels
 - Steer test traffic over redundant DIA paths

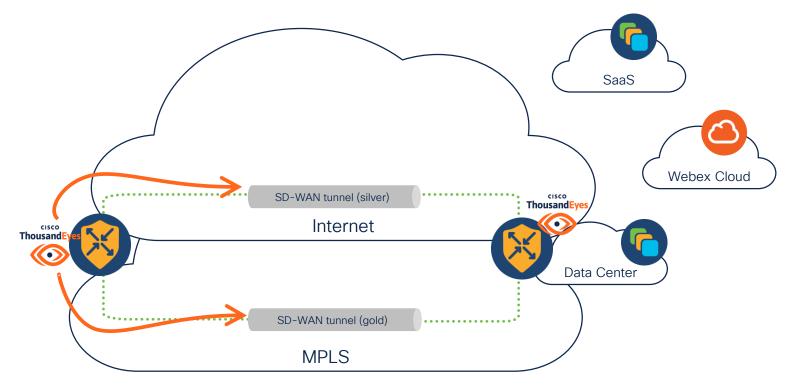
- Options for matching test traffic
 - Source IPs
 - Destination IPs & ports
 - DSCP coloring





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Steering Test Traffic over Redundant Overlay Paths

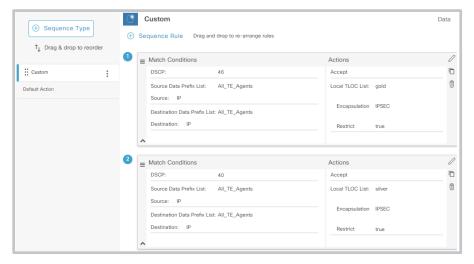




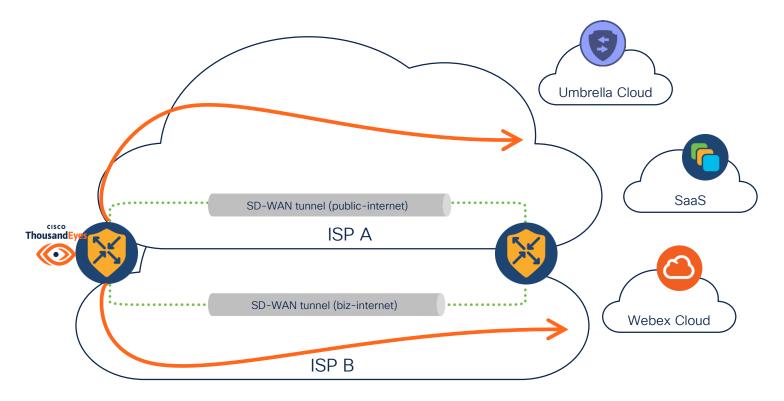
Steering Test Traffic over Redundant Overlay Paths

```
data-policy Overlay-A2A
 vpn-list VPN10
    sequence 1
     match
      dscp 46
     source-data-prefix-list All TE Agents
     destination-data-prefix-list All TE Agents
     action accept
      set
      local-tloc-list
       color gold
        encap ipsec
        restrict
    sequence 11
     match
      dscp 40
     source-data-prefix-list All TE Agents
     destination-data-prefix-list All TE Agents
     action accept
      set
       local-tloc-list
        color silver
        encap ipsec
        restrict
default-action accept
```

```
lists
  data-prefix-list All_TE_Agents
  ip-prefix 192.168.255.0/24
!
site-list all-sites
  site-id 1-1000
  vpn-list VPN10
    vpn 10
!
apply-policy
  site-list all-sites
  data-policy Overlay-A2A from-service
```



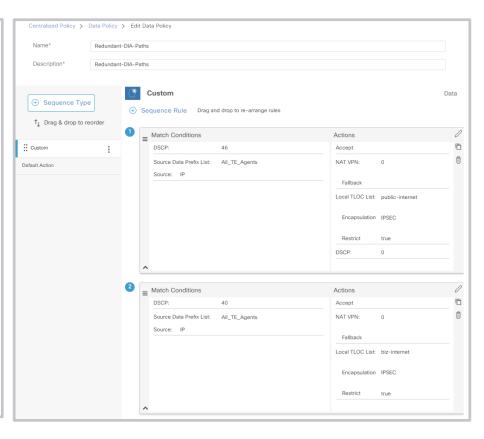
Steering Test Traffic over Redundant DIA Paths





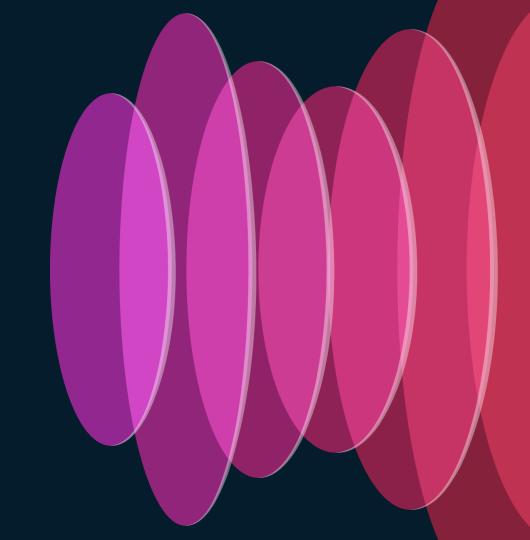
Steering Test Traffic over Redundant DIA Paths

```
data-policy VPN10-Redundant-DIA-Paths
 vpn-list VPN10
   sequence 1
    match
     dscp 46
     source-data-prefix-list All TE Agents
    action accept
     nat use-vpn 0
     set
      local-tloc-list
       color public-internet
      encap ipsec
       restrict
      dscp 0
   sequence 11
    match
     dscp 40
     source-data-prefix-list All TE Agents
    action accept
     nat use-vpn 0
     set
      local-tloc-list
       color biz-internet
       encap ipsec
       restrict
 default-action accept
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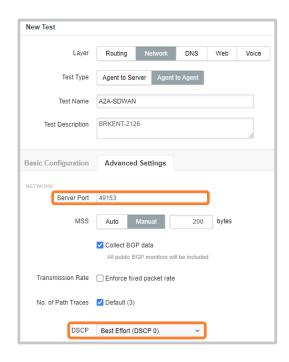
Last Step: Configuring Tests



Network Test: Agent-to-Agent

- Prefer A2A tests over A2S whenever possible
- Supports bidirectional testing
- Detects asymmetrical paths
- Supports also UDP

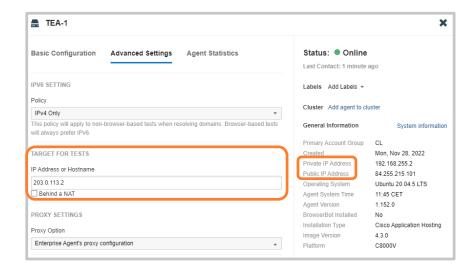
 Use different ports or DSCP for matching test traffic with data policy





Network Test: A2A Challenges

- Single target IP for tests
- Difficult to support both overlay & underlay A2A tests concurrently
- Monitoring underlay reachability of the target agent
- Place agent directly into the underlay as VA or utilize PAT* (since 20.9)

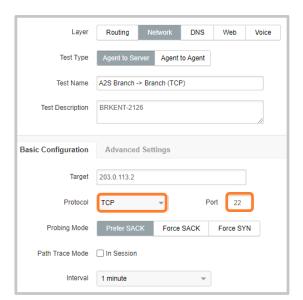


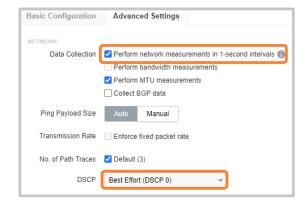
ip nat inside source static tcp 192.168.255.2 49153 203.0.113.2 49153 vrf 10 egress-interface GigabitEthernet1 ip nat inside source static udp 192.168.255.2 49153 203.0.113.2 49153 vrf 10 egress-interface GigabitEthernet1

Network Test: Agent-to-Server

- Use when no agent available at test destination
- Prefer TCP over ICMP
- SDWAN underlay interfaces are locked down by default
- Utilize DSCP for data policy actions
- With 1 minute interval measurements can be spread in 1 second intervals









Web Layer Tests

- Matching different web test traffic with an SD-WAN data policy becomes a challenge:
 - No DSCP coloring options, source ports settings, etc.
 - Only HTTP Server test supports different source interfaces*

BrowserBot is needed for Page Load and Transaction tests

Alternative - Multiple agents in a branch



What about SASE?

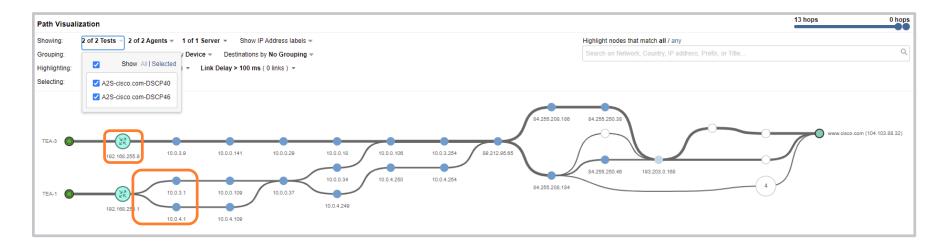
- Secure Internet Gateways (proxies) break network visibility
 - Utilize web tests for end-to-end application performance and visibility
 - Monitor underlay to IPsec/GRE gateways using A2S network tests

- HTTPs/SSL decryption requires additional installation step on agents
 - Import utilized CA certificate (<u>documentation</u>)



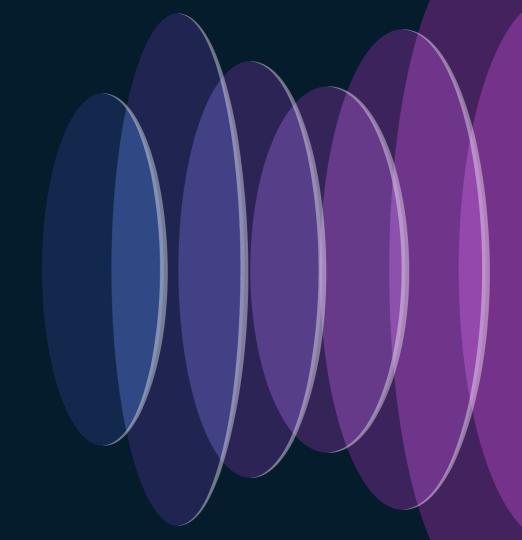
Improving Visualization

- Combine individual tests using multi-views
- Enable SNMP on SD-WAN edges and utilize Device Layer monitoring
 - Make sure data policy does not match such traffic for DIA action





Demo



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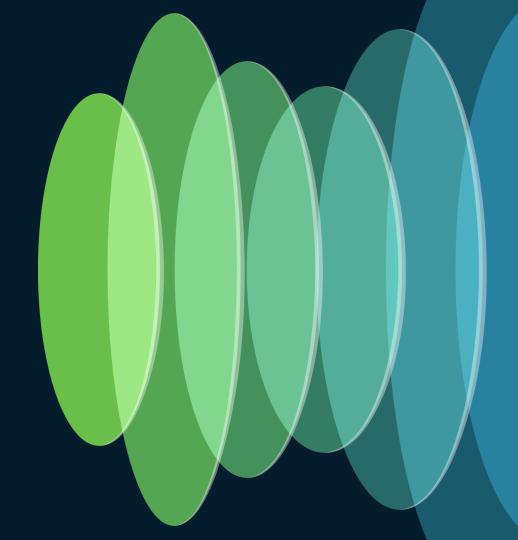
Dual DIA towards CiscoLive.com
 https://aznerwsgznptcxfgabhpvcoxgkhsvmsu.share.thousandeyes.com

A2A SDWAN Branch (1|3) <-> HQ (UDP)
 https://abqtqardmprnawyxhlzvzgrwbnxvmgbf.share.thousandeyes.com

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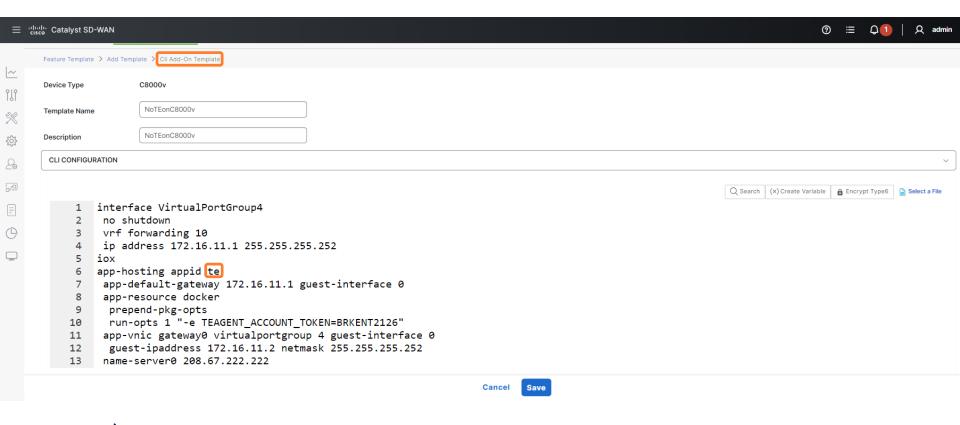


What If...?



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Unsupported Platforms





Manual Agent Installation

Objective: keep device in vManage mode

```
C8000v# app-hosting install appid te package bootflash:thousandeyes-enterprise-agent-4.4.4.cisco.tar
Installing package 'bootflash:thousandeyes-enterprise-agent-4.4.4.cisco.tar' for 'te'.
Use 'show app-hosting list' for progress.
```

```
C8000v# show app-hosting list
App id State
te DEPLOYED
```



Manual Agent Activation

C8000v# app-hosting activate appid te

te activated successfully Current state is: ACTIVATED

C8000v# show app-hosting list

App id State

te ACTIVATED

C8000v# app-hosting start appid te

te started successfully

Current state is: RUNNING

C8000v# show app-hosting list

App id State

te RUNNING



Multiple Agents?

```
interface VirtualPortGroup5
no shutdown
vrf forwarding 12
ip address 172.16.12.1 255.255.255.252
iox
app-hosting appid te2
app-default-gateway 172.16.12.1 guest-interface 0
app-resource docker
prepend-pkg-opts
run-opts 1 "-e TEAGENT_ACCOUNT_TOKEN=BRKENT2126"
app-vnic gateway0 virtualportgroup 5 guest-interface 0
guest-ipaddress 172.16.12.2 netmask 255.255.252
name-server0 208.67.222.222
```

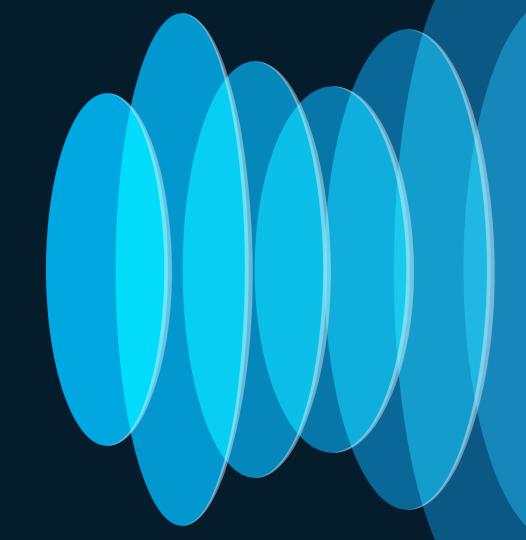
C8000v# show app-hosting list	
App id	State
te	RUNNING
te2	RUNNING





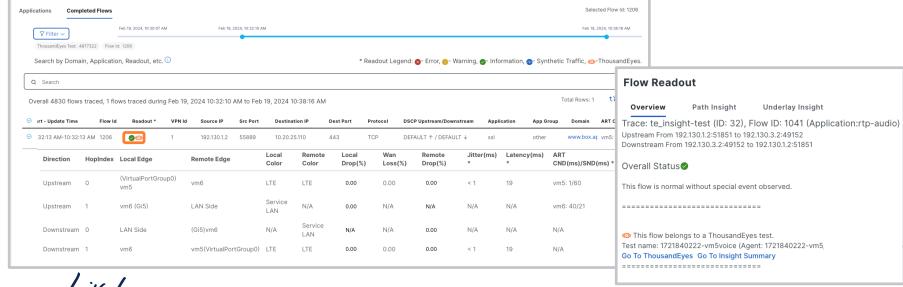


Network Wide Path Insights Integration

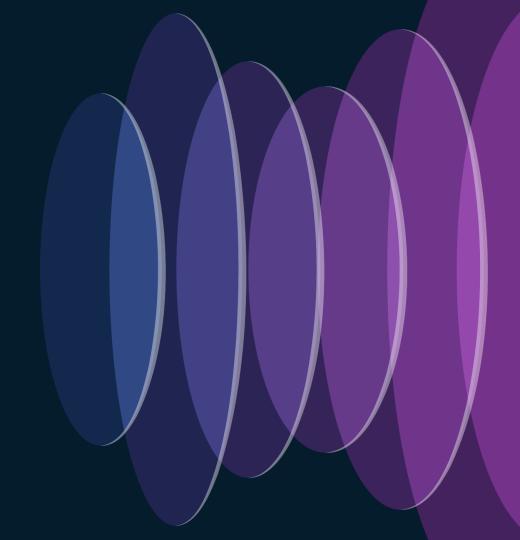


NWPI Integration with Cisco ThousandEyes

- NWPI Trace data and ThousandEyes test data is auto corelated (Since 20.14)
- Underlay Measurement and Tracing Service (UMTS) results are combined with ThousandEyes test results.



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