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# BRKENS-2051 Migrating legacy infrastructure to Catalyst 9000

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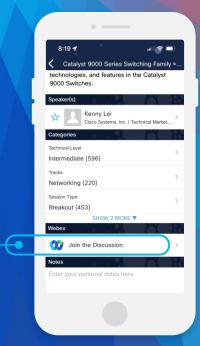
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- Migration Overview
- Migration Types, Approach and Process
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- Best Practices
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- Conclusion



### Introduction

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# Catalyst 9000 portfolio & Three Tier Campus network architecture

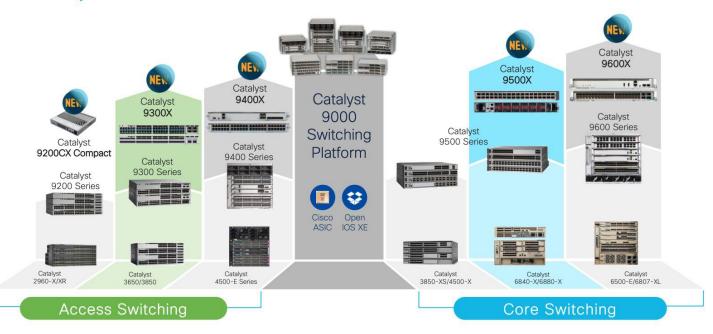


## Hardware Placement (Access/Core/Distribution)

Cisco Catalyst 9000 Switching Portfolio

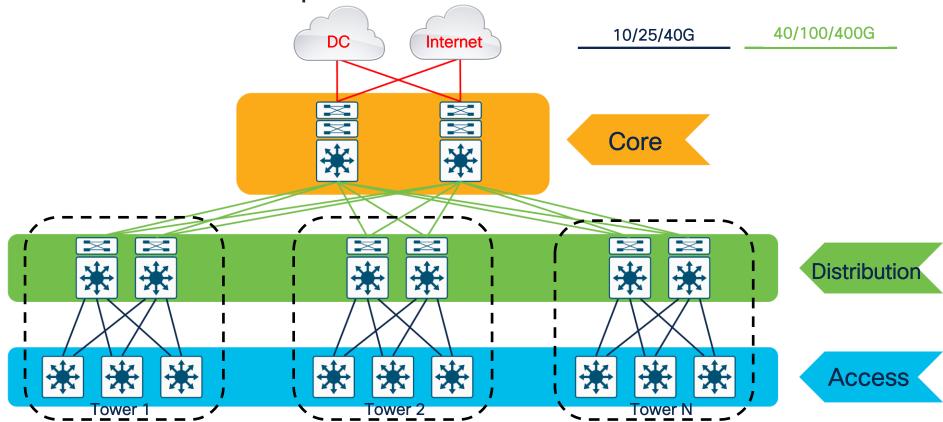
One Family from Access to Core - Common Hardware & Software



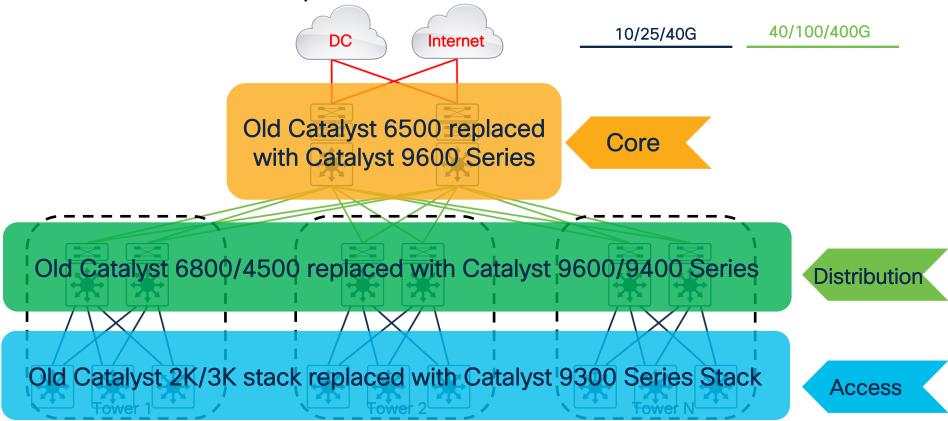




## Three Tier Campus Network Architecture



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## Migration Overview



## How did we help the customer

Background

- Enterprise customer with 1000+ legacy Catalyst switches across 10 campus sites
- Customer wants to upgrade campus infrastructure to adopt newer technologies - Software Defined Access or VxLAN BGP EVPN fabric

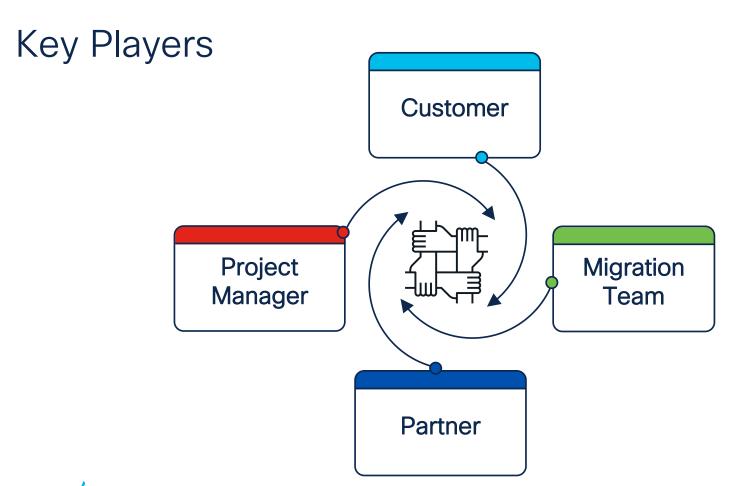
**Customer Asks** 

- Campus sites refresh with minimal business impact
- Minimize migration cost, time
- Incorporate design & operational best practices to increase network high availability & redundancy

Cisco CX

- Helping customer to migrate to Catalyst 9000 to start Enterprise Network Transformation journey
- Phased, well structured & well executed campus site migrations
- Phase 0 & 1 200+ devices (120 Access, 60 Distribution & 40 Core) migrated successfully







Project Manager Managing Project Setting realistic migration Timelines and engineer schedules requests Project Manager **Bringing Stakeholders** Maintaining, updating and Together reporting project data to stakeholders Bridging the Gap



## **CX Migration Team**

#### **Pre-Migration**

#### Migration Strategy

- Requirements Gathering
- Design Documentation
- Migration Execution Procedure

**BoM Validation** 

Feature, HW Support Check

Port-Mapping

**Config Conversion** 

Lab testing

#### Staging

Device Configuration
Recommended SW Version
Stacking/StackWise Validation
Hardware Resource Check

#### Migration

L2/L3 Post Migration Checks

**Failover Checks** 

**Resolving Technical Issues** 

Assisting in Service Validation

Post MW 24-hour Support

Migration Closure Document



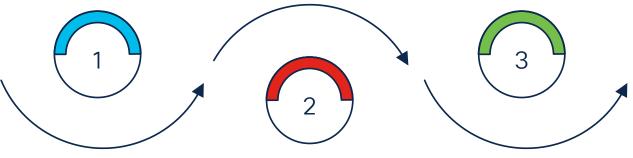
### Customer

#### **Pre-Migration**

- Site Survey Information
- Site Technical PoC
- Site Readiness

#### Migration

- Service Validation
- User Acceptance
   Testing



#### Staging

- Sufficient Power & Connectors
- Rack Space
- Facilitating Device Movement



#### Partner

**Pre-Migration** 

- Carrying out site survey
- · Assessing rack space requirement
- Capturing power/PDU requirements



Staging

- SFP Copper & Fiber, SMF/MMF Cables
- Cable labeling
- Rack, Stack, Power
- POST



Migration

- Device Commissioning/Decommissioning
- Cable movement as per MoP
- Cable dressing & final labeling

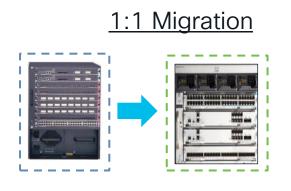


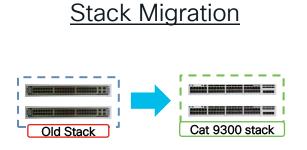


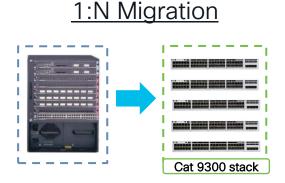
Migration Types, Approach and Process



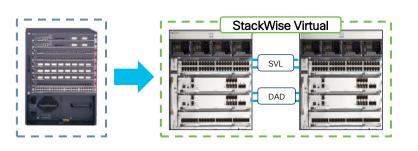
## Migration Types





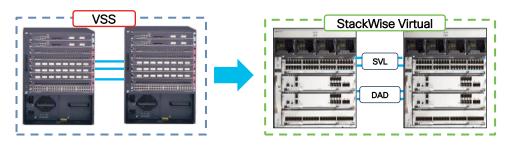








#### 2:2 Migration



## Migration Approach

#### Hardware Swap

- Remove existing gear and replace with new
- Ensure transceiver compatibility
- Ensure proper site access
- Ensure cables are marked properly
- Longer downtime
- Difficult roll back
- New gear should be pre-staged for config/software upgrade at a different location
- More suitable for Access Layer switches

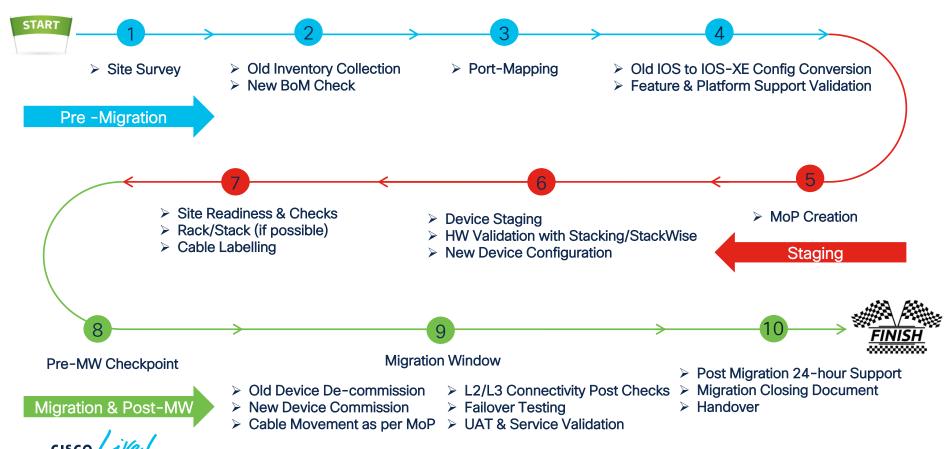
#### Parallel Migration

- Existing and New gear will run parallelly
- Layer 2 and Layer 3 interconnects between Existing and New Gear allows for easier migration and roll back
- VLAN migration and STP convergence should be thoroughly planned
- HSRP states can be easily controlled using priorities
- If carefully planned, almost no downtime in most cases
- More suitable for Distribution/Core Layer switches



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## Migration Process



## Technical Challenges



## Challenge - TCAM Exhaustion

#### Lots of Access Control List Entries

#### Background -

Legacy Catalyst device is having many ACLs configured

#### Issue -

On new Catalyst 9000, large number of Access Control Entries (ACEs) are not getting programmed in HW

AM Utilization for ASI Table	Subtype	Dir	Max	Used	%Used	V4	V6	MPLS	Other
 Mac Address Table	EM	I	32768	27	0.08%	0	0	0	 27
Mac Address Table	TCAM	I	768	21	2.73%	0	0	0	21
L3 Multicast	EM	I	32768	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
L3 Multicast	TCAM	I	768	6	0.78%	3	3	0	0
L2 Multicast	TCAM	I	2304	7	0.30%	3	4	0	0
IP Route Table	EM/LPM	I	212992	36	0.02%	35	0	1	0
IP Route Table	TCAM	I	1536	11	0.72%	6	3	2	0
QOS ACL Ipv4	TCAM	I	5632	15	0.27%	15	0	0	0
QOS ACL Non Ipv4	TCAM	I	2560	30	1.17%	0	20	0	10
QOS ACL Ipv4	TCAM	0	6144	13	0.21%	13	0	0	0
OOS ACL Non Try/	TCAM	0	20/18	27	1 32%	۵	1.0	ρ	0
Security ACL Ipv4	TCAM	I	7168	6752	94.20%	6752	0	0	0
Security ACL Non Ipv4	TCAM	I	5120	76	1.48%	0	36	0	40
Security ACL Ipv4	TCAM	0	7168	5718	79.77%	5718	0	0	0
Security ACL Non Ipv4	TCAM	0	8192	29	0.35%	0	24	0	5
NETTIOW ALL	TCAM	1	512	б	1.1/%	2	2	0	2
PBR ACL	TCAM	I	3072	22	0.72%	16	6	0	0
Netflow ACL	TCAM	0	512	6	1.17%	2	2	0	2
Flow SPAN ACL	TCAM	I	512	4	0.78%	1	2	0	1
Flow SPAN ACL	TCAM	0	512	4	0.78%	1	2	0	1



%ACL\_ERRMSG-4-UNLOADED: Chassis 1 F1/0: fed: Output IPv4 L3 ACL on interface Vlan639 could not be programmed in hardware and traffic will be dropped.



## Challenge - TCAM Exhaustion

#### **Lots of Access Control List Entries**



- SDM templates can be used to configure system resources to optimize support for specific features, device role
- Catalyst 9600 & 9500 supports Custom as well as three Standard SDM templates
  - Core
  - NAT
  - Distribution
- Catalyst 9400 supports 4 Standard SDM templates
  - Access
  - Core
  - SDA
  - NAT
- Catalyst 9300 supports 2 Standard SDM templates
  - Access
  - NAT



Switch(config)#
Switch(config)#Switch(config)#Sdm prefer custom ACL
Switch(config-sdm-acl)#acl-ingress 20 priority 1
Switch(config-sdm-acl)#acl-egress 20 priority 2
Switch(config-sdm-acl)#exit
Use 'show sdm prefer custom' to see proposed values and 'sdm prefer custom commit' to apply
Switch(config)#Sdm prefer custom commit
Changes to the running SDM preferences have been stored and will take effect on the next reload.

Switch(config)#
Switch(config)#
Switch(config)#

Switch# Switch#show sdm prefer custom Showing SDM Template Info

1pv4/1pv0 shared unitcast routes*.	212332		
Ingress Security Access Control Entries*: Egress Security Access Control Entries*: Ingress Oof Access Control Entries*:	12288 (current) - 20480 (proposed) 15360 (current) - 20480 (proposed)	(current) - 20480	
Egress QoS Access Control Entries*: Policy Based Routing ACEs / NAT ACEs*: Netflow Input ACEs*: Netflow Output ACEs*: Input Flow SPAN ACEs*: Output Flow SPAN ACEs*: UITPUT Flow SPAN ACEs*: LISP Instance Mapping Entries*: Control Plane Entries*: Input Netflow flows*: Output Netflow flows*: Output Netflow flows*: SGT/DGT (or) MPLS VPN entries*: SGT/DGT (or) MPLS VPN overflow entries*: MACSec SPD Entries*: MACSec SPD Entries*:	8192 (current) - 1024 (proposed) 512 (current) - 1024 (proposed) 512 (current) - 512 (proposed) 512 (current) - 768 (proposed) 5148 (current) - 768 (proposed) 512 (current) - 512 (proposed) 512 (proposed) 512 (proposed) 512 (proposed) 513 (proposed) 514 (proposed) 515 (proposed) 516 (proposed)	(current) - 1024 (current) - 512 (current) - 512 (current) - 512 (current) - 512 (current) - 768 (current) - 1024 (current) - 512 (current) - 512 (current) - 512 (current) - 512 (current) - 512 (current) - 512	

## Challenge - TCAM Exhaustion

#### Lots of Access Control List Entries

#### Solution - Switch Device Manager (SDM) Template

 Once the device is reloaded with proper SDM template, ACLs will be programmed in HW

Switch#show platform Codes: EM - Exact_Mat									
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OOS ACI	TCAM	0	1024	40	3.91%	13	18	Ø	9
Security ACL	TCAM	I	20480	17998	87.88%	17922	36	0	40
Security ACL	TCAM	0	20480	8969	43.79%	8940	24	0	5
NETTLOW ACL	TCAM	1	512	б	1.1/%	2	2	Ø	2
PBR ACL	TCAM	I	1024	22	2.15%	16	6	0	0
Netflow ACL	TCAM	0	512	6	1.17%	2	2	0	2
Flow SPAN ACL	TCAM	I	512	4	0.78%	1	2	0	1
Flow SPAN ACL	TCAM	0	512	4	0.78%	1	2	0	1



%ACL\_ERRMSG-6-RELOADED: Chassis 2 F0/0: fed: Output IPv4 L3 ACL on interface Vlan639 has now been loaded into the hardware.



## Challenge - Object Group ACL Syntax Difference

Config conversion for Object Group based ACLs

Background -

Object group ACL configuration syntax difference between Legacy Catalyst and new Catalyst 9000 switches

Legacy Catalyst Switches	Catalyst 9000 Switches
object-group ip address g1 host 10.20.20.1 host 10.20.21.1 object-group ip port p1 gt 100 lt 200 ip access-list extended test1 permit tcp host 1.1.1.1 port-group p1 adrgroup g1	object-group network g1 host 10.20.20.1 host 10.20.21.1 object-group service p1 tcp source gt 100 tcp source lt 200 ip access-list extended test1 permit object-group p1 host 1.1.1.1 object-group g1
object-group ip address g2 host 10.30.20.1 host 10.30.21.1 object-group ip port p2 gt 300 lt 400 ip access-list extended test2 permit tcp host 1.1.1.1 addrgroup g2 port-group p2	object-group network g1 host 10.20.20.1 host 10.20.21.1 object-group service p1 tcp source gt 100 tcp source lt 200 ip access-list extended test1 permit object-group p1 host 1.1.1.1 object-group g1

## Challenge - Object Group ACL Syntax Difference

Config conversion for Object Group based ACLs



#### <u>lssue</u> -

- Multiple Legacy Devices with 10-15K configuration lines of object group ACLs
- Impossible to do manual config conversion for Object Group ACLs due to syntax changes



#### <u>Solution</u> –

- Automation tool for quick & easy Object Group ACL config conversion
- · No manual errors, time saving



# Challenge - Catalyst 9400 PVST Instance Scalability

Catalyst 9400 Supervisor PVST Instance limit

#### Background -

On legacy device, there are more than 300 PVST instances are active

#### Issue -

 Catalyst 9400 sup models currently supports up to 300 PVST instances with IOS-XE 17.1

%SPANTREE\_VLAN\_SW-2-MAX\_INSTANCE: Platform limit of 300 STP instances exceeded. No instance created for VLAN301 (port Po10)

#### Solution -

- Use Catalyst 9600 or Catalyst 9500 (UDAP 3.0 models) to replace these legacy devices
- Catalyst 9600 Sup-1 supports 1000 & Sup-2 up to 4096 PVST instances\*
- Catalyst 9500 (UDAP 3.0 models) up to 4000 PVST instances\*

\* refer Catalyst 9000 data sheet for more details

PBR support to forward traffic into GRE tunnel

#### Background -

 On legacy device, PBR is configured to forward traffic into GRE tunnel using "set interface tunnel" in PBR

#### Issue -

 Set interface, set default next-hop and set default interface are not supported in PBR route-map on Catalyst 9000



%FMANRP\_PBR-3-UNSUPPORTED\_RMAP: Route-map PBR has unsupported options for Policy-Based Routing. It has been removed from the interface, if applied.



PBR support to forward traffic into GRE tunnel



#### Solution -

- Starting with the Cisco IOS XE -17.7.1 release, PBR can forward traffic into GRE tunnel on Catalyst 9000
- Use "set ip next hop" instead of "set interface"

#### Legacy Catalyst Switches

#### Catalyst 9000 Switches

```
interface Vlan105
                                                 interface Vlan105
description **Server-Vlan**
                                                  description **Server-Vlan**
ip address 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
                                                  ip address 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
ip policy route-map PBR
                                                  ip policy route-map PBR
route-map PBR permit 10
                                                 route-map PBR permit 10
match ip address PBR-ACL
                                                  match ip address PBR-ACL
set interface Tunnel100
                                                  set ip next-hop <x.x.x.x>
route-map PBR permit 20
                                                 route-map PBR permit 20
```

PBR based on TOS, DSCP and IP Precedence

#### Background -

On legacy device, PBR is configured to set IP precedence, TOS, DSCP

#### Issue -

 On Catalyst 9000 switches, PBR based on TOS, DSCP and IP Precedence are not supported.

%FMANRP\_PBR-3-UNSUPPORTED\_RMAP: Route-map Marking-Voice has unsupported options for Policy-Based Routing. It has been removed from the interface, if applied.



#### PBR based on TOS, DSCP and IP Precedence



Use QoS service-policy configuration to set IP Precedence, TOS, DSCP.

#### Legacy Catalyst Switches

#### Catalyst 9000 Switches

```
access-list 1 remark ** Voice traffic **
                                                 access-list 1 remark ** Voice traffic **
access-list 1 permit any
                                                 access-list 1 permit any
access-list 1 deny any
                                                 access-list 1 deny any
route-map Marking-Voice permit 10
                                                 class-map match-any VOICE
match ip address 1
                                                  match access-group 1
 set ip precedence critical
                                                 policy-map Marking-Voice
                                                  class VOICE
interface Vlan96
                                                   set ip precedence 5
 description IP Phones
 ip policy route-map Marking-Voice
                                                 interface Vlan96
                                                  service-policy input Marking-Voice
```

## Challenge - Traditional vs Flexible NetFlow

#### **NetFlow Support**



 Traditional NetFlow is configured on legacy devices however flexible NetFlow is supported on Catalyst 9000 switches.



 Traditional NetFlow configuration can be easily mapped to flexible NetFlow configuration which provides more customized and flexible option for flow data



## Challenge - Traditional vs Flexible NetFlow

#### **NetFlow Support**

#### Legacy Catalyst Switches

#### Catalyst 9000 Switches

```
!
ip flow-export destination 1.1.1.1 9996
ip flow-export source GigabitEthernet 0/2
ip flow-export version 5
!
ip flow-cache timeout active 1
ip flow-cache timeout inactive 15
!
interface GigabitEthernet 0/1
ip flowingress
!
```

```
flow export export1
destination 1.1.1.1
transport udp 9996
export-protocol netflow-v5
source GigabitEthernet 1/0/2
```

flow record record1

```
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match ipv4 protocol
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect interface output
collect counter bytes
```

flow monitor monitor1
 record record1
 exporter export1
 cache timeout active 1
 cache timeout inactive 15

interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/1
ip flow monitor monitor1 input



## Challenge - Parameter differences

### Legacy Catalyst 6500 vs Catalyst 9600

Parameter	Legacy Catalyst 6500 Switches	Catalyst 9600 Switches				
Default Port Type & State	Layer 3 & Off (shutdown)	Layer 2 & On (no shutdown)				
Interface	interface <type><slot#>/<port#></port#></slot#></type>	interface <type><slot#>/<bay#>/<port#></port#></bay#></slot#></type>				
Numbering 	Example - TenGigabitEthernet1/1	Example - TenGigabitEthernet1/0/1				
Mgmt Interface & VRF	Mgmt0     management	<ul><li>GigabitEthernet0/0</li><li>Mgmt-vrf</li></ul>				
Port-channel numbering	Cisco IOS Release 15.1SY -  1 to 512 in VSS mode  1 to 256 in standalone mode	<ul> <li>IOS-XE 17.3.x &amp; below - 1 to 128</li> <li>IOS-XE 17.4.x &amp; later - 1 to 192</li> <li>In StackWise Virtual setup, PO 127 and 128 are reserved by default</li> </ul>				
CoPP Differences	<ul> <li>Default - Enabled</li> <li>CoPP Class map can be added, modified, deleted</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Default - Enabled (can't be disabled, but policing rates can be modified)</li> <li>CoPP class map - System predefined</li> </ul>				
Domain	ip domain-name <name> ip domain-lookup</name>	ip domain name <name> ip domain lookup</name>				
ntp calendar	ntp update-calendar	clock calendar-valid				



## **Best Practices**



## Design and configuration Best Practices

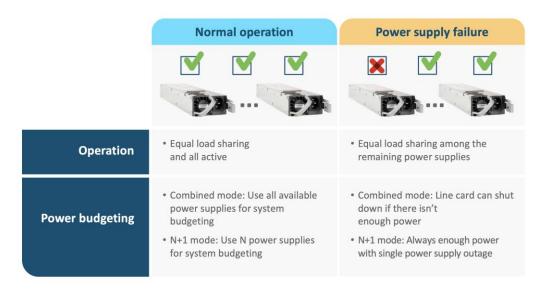
- Consider to plan for Routed Access Design
  - Avoid Spanning Tree, make use of ECMP
  - Consistent and Predictable
- Summarization at Distribution Layer
  - Limits the number of EIGRP Queries or OSPF LSAs
- ✓ Use Passive Interfaces for IGP
- Consider deploying QoS even if you have tons of bandwidth today

- ✓ Use VTP Transparent mode
  - Avoids Operational Errors
- Configure portfast on Edge ports
- Use Uni Directional Link Detection (UDLD)
  - Protects against One-Way Communication in Fibre Optic links
- Configure device hardening best practices
  - AAA & TACACS, password/key, SNMP, SSH, Syslogs



#### Catalyst 9600 - Power Redundancy Mode

- Supported power supply redundancy modes
  - Combined
  - N+1
- Combined mode is the default, redundant mode is configurable



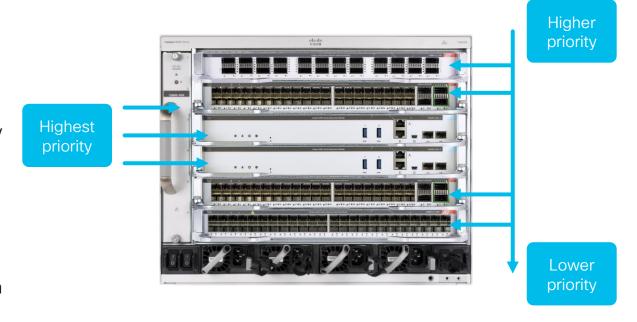


Use redundant mode (N+1)



#### Catalyst 9600 Power Priority

- All components in the system are assigned with a power priority level
- Supervisors and the fan tray have the same highest priority level
- Line cards with lower slot numbers have the higher power priority level by default
- User-configurable power priority for line card slots is on the roadmap



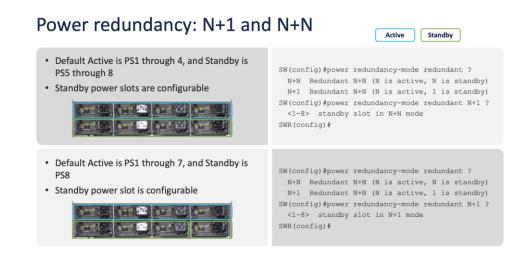


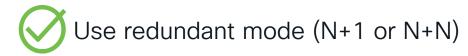
Place important connectivity on higher priority line cards

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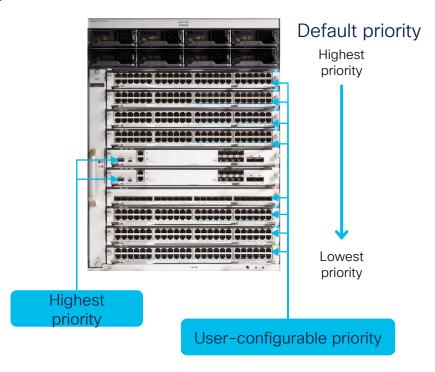




#### Catalyst 9400 Power Priority

- All components in the system are assigned a power priority level
- Supervisors and fan tray have the same highest priority level
- Line cards with lower slot numbers have the higher power priority level by default if "power supply autoLC shutdown" is configured
- Software allows user-configurable power priority for line card slots

```
C94(config) #power supply autoLC priority ?
    <1-7> Physical slot number
     <cr>
C94(config) #power supply autoLC priority
```

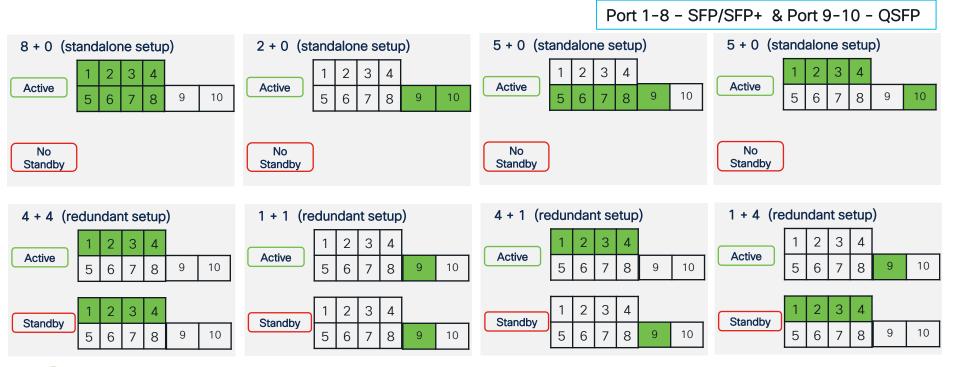




Place important connectivity on higher priority line cards



#### Catalyst 9400 Sup-1 Uplink Ports Configurations





To use an SFP or SFP+ port, disable the corresponding QSFP interface

#### Catalyst 9400 Sup-2 Uplink Ports Configurations



Port 1-4 - SFP+/SFP28 Port 5-8 - QSFP/QSFP28



To use an SFP+ or SFP28 port, disable the corresponding QSFP/QSFP28 interface



## **Automation Story**





#### Why is automation needed?

- Eliminate hard work, enable smart work
  - Reduce repetitive work for configuring multiple Catalyst switches simultaneously
  - Avoid human errors/typos
  - Available to do more in less time
- Brings in configuration consistency

- Saves troubleshooting time
  - Automating pre and post checks during migration
  - Quickly identify which routes or mac addresses are missing
  - Capture the ideal network state for future references
- Version Control
  - Share templatized configurations with team
  - Desired state of the network managed as a code



# Automation Use Cases for Campus Network Migration

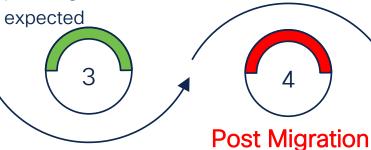
#### **Device Onboarding**

- Pre-Migration switch configuration
- IOS to IOS-XE Config conversion



#### **Migration**

- Capture Pre and Post Migration checks
- Compare the checks to ensure post migration checks are as



- Software upgrade
- Upgrade the device to recommended version before migration



- Day 2 changes
- SW Image Management
- Telemetry



## Conclusion





#### Key Takeaways

- Campus infrastructure can be upgraded rapidly with well managed & executed migration process
- Automation helps in consistent, efficient, accurate & faster migrations
- Use infrastructure refresh opportunity to improve campus network design & deployment
- Cross team collaboration is key
- Cisco CX is always there to help you and work with you to achieve your campus network infrastructure transformation



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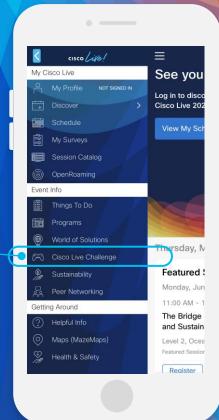
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