

Simple VXLAN/EVPN Fabric Setup with Nexus Dashboard

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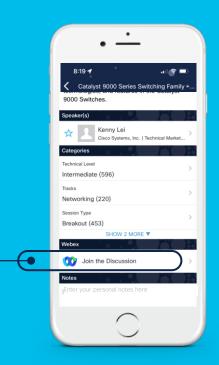
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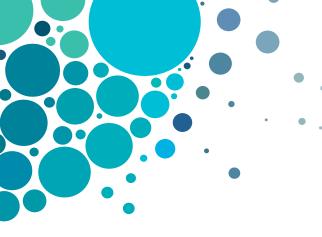
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Agenda

- Nexus Dashboard (ND)
- Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator (NDO)
- Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller (NDFC)
 - Classic LAN Fabric
 - VXLAN EVPN Fabric
 - Multi Site Domain
 - External Connectivity
 - L4-L7 Services Insertion
- NDFC Automation & Programmability
- NDFC Demos

Cisco Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller

New Name, New Architecture from Release 12.0



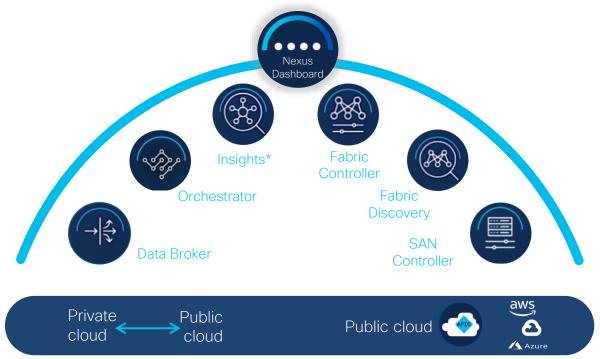


Nexus Dashboard



Cisco Nexus Dashboard

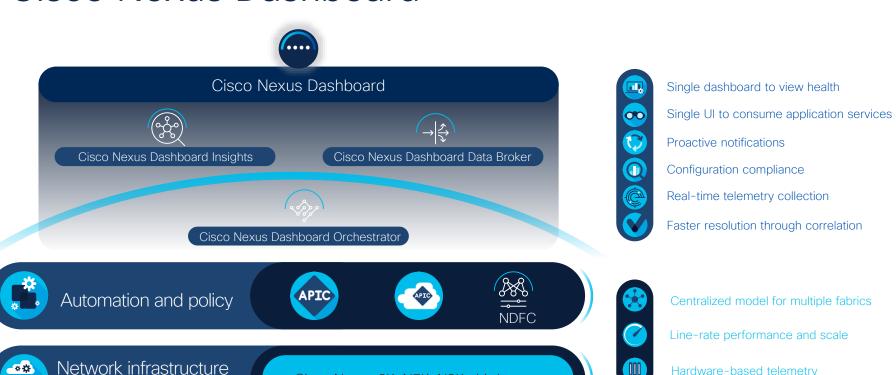
Simple to Automate, Simple to Consume



Consume all services in one place



Cisco Nexus Dashboard



Cisco Nexus 9K, N7K, N3K, third-party

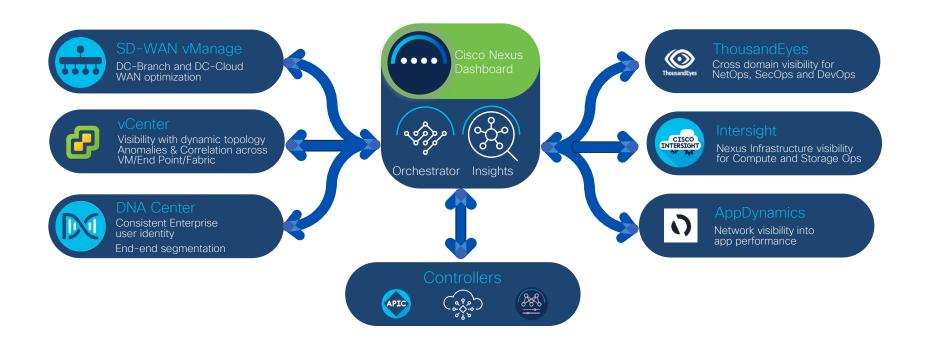


and telemetry

Hardware-based telemetry

Nexus Dashboard

Platform for Integrations :: Open APIs





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Nexus Dashboard

Appliance Specifications



Physical Form Factor

- UCS C220 M5 chassis
 - 2x10 core 2.2G Intel Xeon Silver CPU
 - · 256G RAM
 - 4x2 4TB HDDs
 - 400GB SSD
 - 1.2TB NVMe
 - 4x25G Virtual Interface Card 1455
 - 1050W Power Supply
 - Cluster PID: SE-CL-L3
 - Node: SF-NODF-G2
 - Minimum 3 nodes to run a cluster
 - Support of max 2 standby nodes
 - 4 additional worker nodes

Virtual Form Factor

- VMware ESXi 6.5,6.7 or 7.0
- vCenter 6 x
- App Node
 - · Memory: 64 GB
 - vCPU: 16
 - Storage: 550G + 50G (HDD or SSD)
- Data Node
 - Memory: 128 GB
 - vCPU: 32
 - Storage: 3TB + 50G (SSD/NVMe)

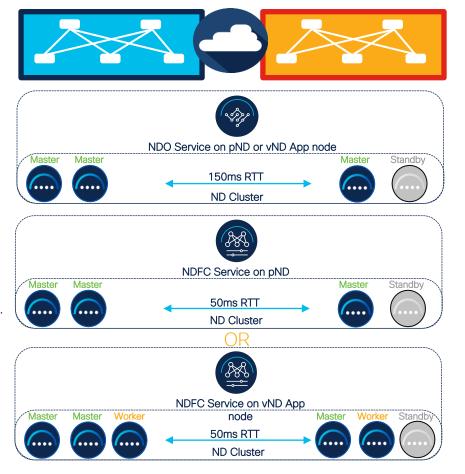
Cloud Market Place

- Provider: AWS and Azure
- Instance Type:
 - AWS: m5.4xlarge
 - Azure: Standard_D16s_v3
- Storage:
 - AWS: 100G gp2 SSD, 300G gp2 SSD
 - Azure: OS: 50 GB, Data 250/500 GB
- Network:
 - · VPC / VNET: 2
- IP Address:
 - Flastic: 6
 - Static: 3



Nexus Dashboard Distributed Cluster Deployment

- Master node: Cluster control plane. Performs scheduling tasks when PODs are instantiated based on resources/ load and maintains state of the cluster. 3 nodes of same form factor. Can replace 1 master node at any time
- Worker node: Horizontal scaling-out and execute containers applications. Additional 4 nodes (needs to be same type as master)
- Standby node: Increasing HA in case of Master node failure. Only a Standby node can be promoted to Master.
- NDFC tolerates failure of up to 1 Master node. The ND/NDFC cluster goes into read-only when 2 Master nodes are down.

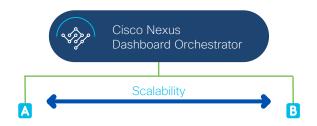


Network Dashboard Orchestrator



Nexus Dashboard

Orchestration for NDFC









Scale out

- 30 Cisco NDFC VXLAN-EVPN fabrics (starting NDO 4.0)
- 500 VRFs and networks (L2-1500, L3-1000)



Virtual routing and forwarding stretch



L2/L3 network stretch



Overlay BGP EVPN/VXLAN connectivity across sites

- Full-mesh
- · Centralized to route-server
- · Inter-site connectivity automation through BGWs



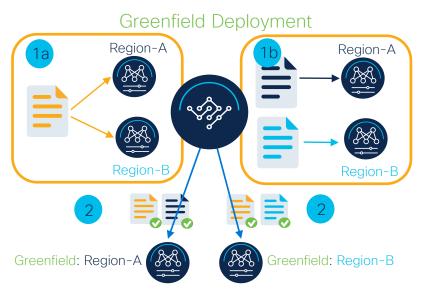
Static port/VLAN provisioning

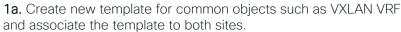


Visibility

- · Fault information for NDFC objects within NDO
- Tunnel and NDFC object health within NDO

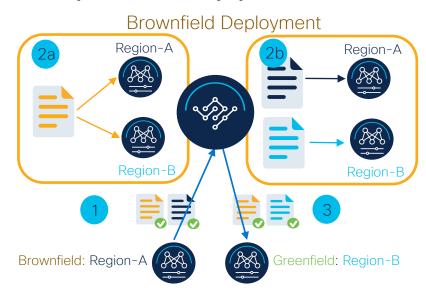
Greenfield and Brownfield Template Support





- **1b.** Create site-specific templates for site-specific template such as VXLAN Network and associate them to each site.
- 2. Push template to NDFC sites.





- 1. Import existing objects such as VXLAN VRF and Network from NDFC VXLAN Brownfield MSD to new common and site-specific templates on NDO.
- 2a. Associate common template to both sites (for stretched objects).
- 2b. Associate site-specific templates to each site.
- 3. Push the template back to the NDFC sites.

Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller



Cisco Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller NDFC Key Pillars



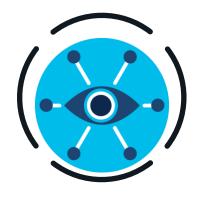
Automation

Accelerate provisioning and simplify deployments



Management

In depth Management and control for all network deployments



Visibility

Get Centralized Visibility and Monitoring views

Complete life cycle automation for VXLAN-EVPN, LAN, SAN, and Media fabrics for Cisco NX-OS Nexus and MDS infrastructure



Why NDFC?



Multi-Architecture 3-stage & 5-stage CLOS, 3-Tier Hierarchical, Collapsed Core, Routed Access



Multi-Topology, Multi-Protocol For example – In Legacy networks, choose from 3 Tier or Collapsed Core, choose to run IGP or BGP

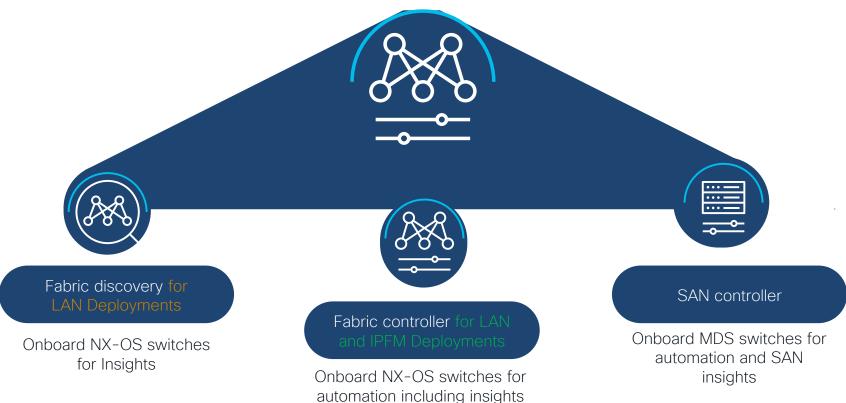


Multi-Domain, Multi-Platform LAN,SAN,IPFM Nexus 2k/5k/6k/7k/9k, MDS, IOS-XE, IOS-XR, Non-Cisco



Cisco Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller

Operational Modes





NDFC and Other Network Device Operations

Device type	Monitor	Manual Config**	Automate	Automate IFC
Nexus 9000 Classic LAN	4	ß	4	4
Nexus 9000 VXLAN EVPN	ß	ß	4	4
Catalyst 9000 Classic LAN	4	<u></u>		4
Catalyst 9000 VXLAN EVPN	ß	ß	ß	4
ASR 1000 series IOS-XE	4	ß		4
ASR 1000 series IOS-EX SD-WAN				
ISR 1100 series IOS-EX SD-WAN	4			
ASR 9000 series IOS-XR		ß		4
Non-Cisco platforms	Arista	4		



Different Types of Fabric Templates

NX-OS Nexus family LAN Classic

> Fabric Group

Monitor or Managed Mode

- Cisco Nexus switches
- Configuration compliance
- Backup or restore
- Network Insights
- Performance monitoring
- VMM
- Topology view
- Kubernetes visualization
- RBAC

NX-OS, IOS-XE, IOS-XR, non-Cisco

External Fabric

Similar to LAN Classic +

- VXLAN EVPN (manual)
- Multi-Site IFC
- VRF-lite IFC
- NX-OS family devices
- OS-XE family devices
- IOS-XR family devices
- Arista 4.2 (any model)

Nexus N3k N9k Catalyst 9000 Easy Fabric

IGP/iBGP eBGP

Used to automate deployment of VXLAN EVPN

- 3 use-cases:
- N9k/N3k IGP/iBGP
- N9k/N3k eBGP
- C9k OSPF/iBGP
- Automation for Brownfield/Greenfield Fabrics (Refresh Platforms)
- Templatized Best Practices

MSD Fabric

Multi-Site Domain

- Multi-Fabric container
- Single Point of Control for Overlay networks & VRF shared across members (Fabrics)
- Easy Fabric are members for Multi-site creation
- ToR, External Fabric, can also be members to automate overlays networks (ToR) and underlay (IFC)

NX-OS Nexus family

> Easy Classic

Used to automate deployment of Classic LAN

- Investment protection for existing networks
- Automation for Brownfield/Greenfield Fabrics (Refresh Platforms)
- Templatized Best Practices



Benefits of NDFC



Complete Cloud-Native Micro-services architecture on ND with Active Active HA Cluster



Joins the ecosystem of services that runs natively on top of Nexus Dashboard



Simple download and installation from the Cisco App Store



Single Experience with a common Web GUI which simplifies adoption across the entire Cloud Networking Product Portfolio



Easier implementation of various personas namely LAN, SAN, IPFM controller



Easier scalability with adding extra nodes to the cluster dynamically



What's New with NDFC



Complete Cloud-Native Micro-services architecture on ND with Active Active HA Cluster



New Look & Feel with Modern Topology View, Consistent UI across all Cisco ND Apps



Fabric Features



- **Enhanced Topology View**
- Ability to modify switch discovery IP
- Flexible CLI option config profile or native NXOS CLI
- Performance Programmable reports
- Granular RBAC



Image Mgmt & POAP

- Secure POAP User
- Simplified and flexible Image Management
- Server Smart Licensing



IOS-XR/IOS-XE Features

- Automate IOS-XR configuration
- Automate VXLAN EVPN fabric deployment with Cat9k

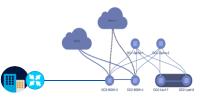


NDFC Classic LAN Fabric

NDFC LAN Fabric

Enhanced Visibility + Connectivity Automation

Define your network configuration and deploy it on multiple switches/routers



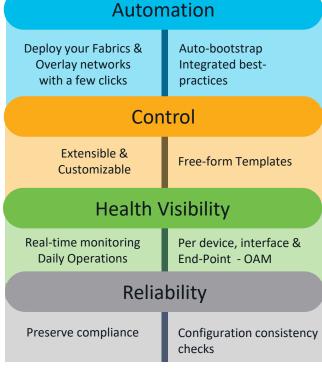


Programmability

REST/JSON

Infrastructure-as-Code (Terraform/Ansible)

Strengths





NDFC LAN Foundation Focus Areas



- Classic LAN Operation
 - Centralize Management and monitor Classic LAN
 - Leverage Policy and Free-Form templates For device configuration



- VXLAN EVPN BrownField Fabric
 - Transition existing VXLAN BGP EVPN Fabric Management to NDFC
 - Import existing Fabric while Checking the Config following Cisco Best Practices



- VXLAN EVPN GreenField Fabric including Multi-Site Domain,
 - Zero-touch POAP process following Cisco Best Practices (N3k, N9k & C9k)
 - Automate Networks and VRF deployment



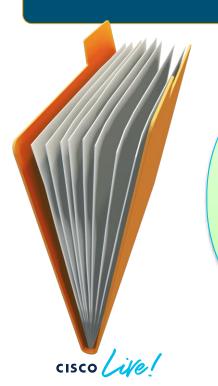
- Single Pane of Glass
 - Integrates all types of Network Fabrics under the same Topology
 - Configure, Monitor, Alarm, Operation Tools, Programming Reports



VXLAN EVPN Fabric

Nexus 9000 Series and Catalyst 9000 Series

VXLAN EVPN Operation for Multiple Cisco Platforms



Easy Fabric
Template for
Nexus 9000
series
NX-OS

Easy Fabric
Template for
Catalyst 9000
series
IOS-XE

NDFC Fabric Management & Operations



Visibility & Maintenance

Real-Time Network Topology & Fabric Health

Compute Stack Visualizer

3rd Party integration

Performance Monitoring & Reports

Event Analytics

Configuration Compliance

Image Management, Upgrades and RMA

Enhanced RBAC support

Backup & Restore Configuration

NDFC





E2E Network Provisioning

GUI/API-based Auto-provisioning

Classic LAN, VXLAN EVPN Fabric

BrownField import and GreenField creation

Multiple Fabrics & Multi-Site

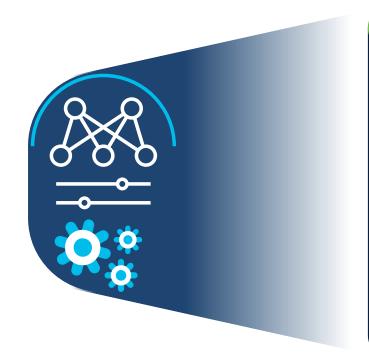
Advanced Network services

External Layer 3 connectivity (VRF-Lite, MPLS, SR)





NDFC Automation



Accelerate provisioning from days to minutes

Easy to understand approach to auto-bootstrapping of entire fabric

Rapid Deployment with Fabric Builder best practice templates for VXLAN-EVPN

DevOps friendly

Enhanced Programmability

Scale within and across data centers with Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator

Benefits

Simplify fabric deployments

Developer agility

Multi-site





NDFC Management



Reliability

Single point for management for data center operations

Optimized for both large deployments and traditional deployment models

Ensure consistency and reliability of data center fabrics

License management

Role based access control (RBAC) to reduce administrative workflows

Management for non-Nexus platforms

Benefits

Compliance

Secure





NDFC Visibility and Monitoring



Intuitive

Get comprehensive monitoring

Enhanced topology views

Compute and endpoint visibility

OAM support with NDFC

Obtain detailed inventory, health, resource consumption information on devices

End-to-end visibility, monitoring and troubleshooting

Integrate with Day 2 operations

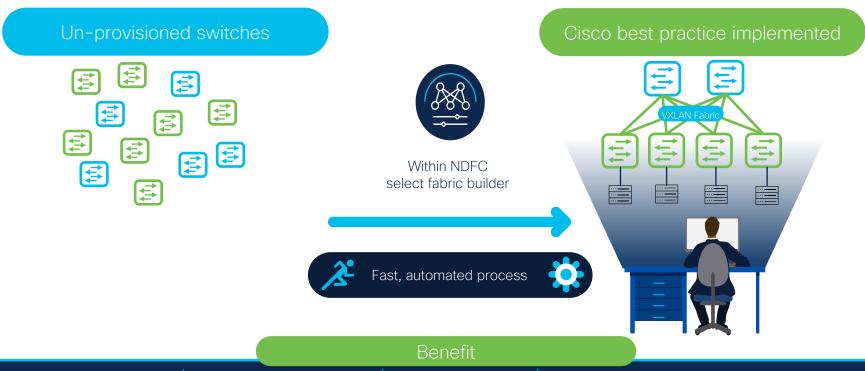
Benefits

Deep Visibility Enhanced monitoring



Automate VXLAN EVPN Deployments

Provision a New Fabric in Minutes





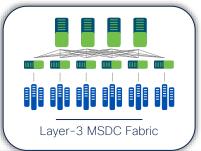
Automated consistency

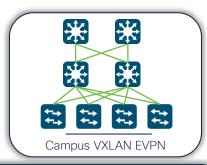
Minimize risk

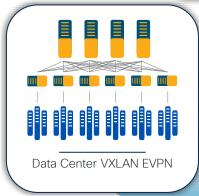
Support for both Greenfield and Brownfield deployment

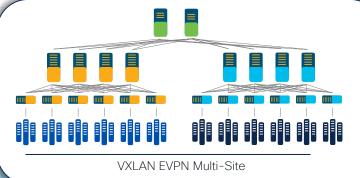
Accelerate fabric deployments

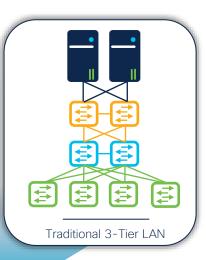
Fabric Builder

















VXLAN EVPN Greenfield Setup



Step 2

Import switches with POAP or Day-0 config

Define switch Roles (Border, Leaf, Spine, etc)

[Optional] Create vPC pairs







Step 1

Create

Define fabric settings (Underlay, Overlay) - AS#, Replication Mode, IGP, IP Pools, etc.

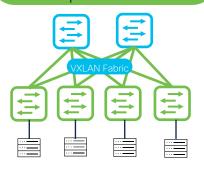
Step 3

Recalculate and Deploy Generates config based on intent

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Preview side by side diffs

Cisco best practice implemented







VXLAN EVPN Brownfield Migration



Step 2

Discover

Import switches with Preserve Config

Define switch Roles (Border, Leaf, Spine, etc)







Step 3

Recalculate and Deploy

Sanity checks for mis-config and Normalizes configuration to best practices

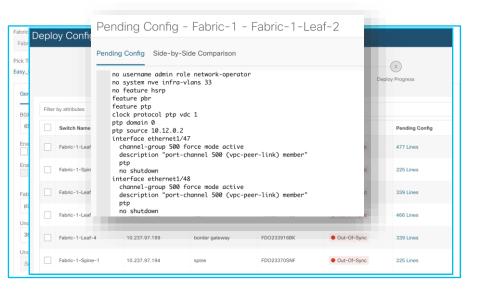


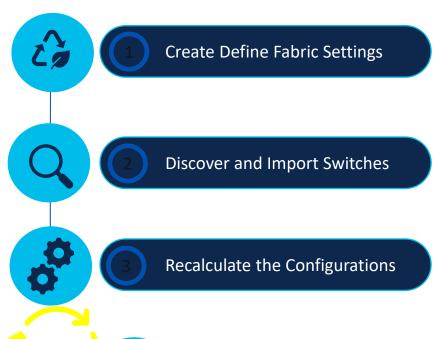
Define fabric settings (Underlay, Overlay) - **Match** AS#, Replication Mode, IGP, etc.



Day in the Life of NDFC

Underlay Using Fabric Builder





Deploy Configurations





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Preview (Optional)

Day in the Life of NDFC

Overlay Network Management

Top-Down deployment via GUI or REST APIs

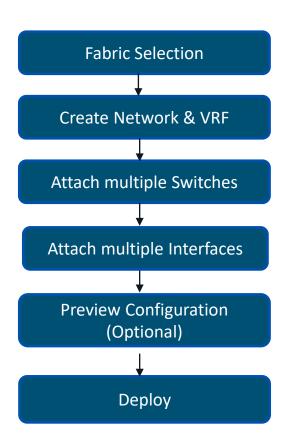
Network/VRF Creation with custom Overlay Policies

Attach Network to Switches and Interfaces

Per Network/Per Switch deployment History

Centralized Overlay Resource Manager Tracking for VNIs, VLANs etc.

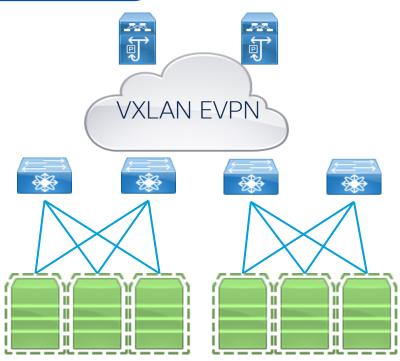




- 1) Create VRFs
- 2 Create Networks per VRF
- 3) Attach Networks









NDFC Automation & Programmability



NDFC Automation Tools



Overlay Networks & VRF Deployment

Day-0 Operations involve One-time steps

Day-1 Operations involve Multiple-time steps

NDFC Offers Features and Tools in addition to its Web UI

NDFC Programming with IaC

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 - o API-Docs (formerly Swagger)
 - Postman, Boomi, Oracle API Mgr
 - Ansible Playbooks, Terraform

NDFC Bulk Attachment and Detachment



VXLAN Multi Site

Different Roles for Border Gateway (BGW)

Border Gateway

Layer 3 based Anycast BGW deployed at the leaf Layer

vPC Border Gateway

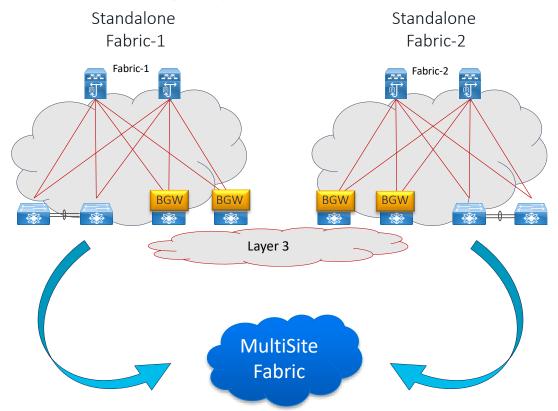
Used to locally dual-attach Layer 2 networks or Endpoints
Allows Distributed Anycast Gateway (DAG)

Border Gateway Spine

Layer 3 based Anycast BGW deployed at the Spine Layer

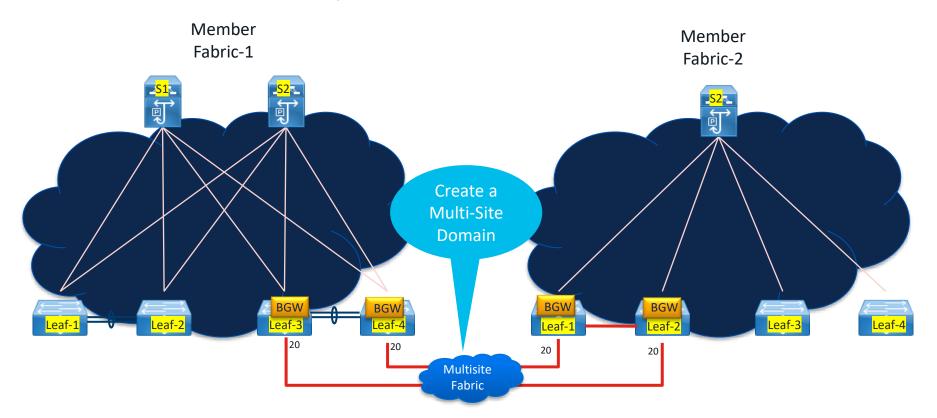


Interconnect Multiple VXLAN EVPN Fabrics VXLAN EVPN Multi Site Domain (MSD)





Create and Deploy the Multi-Site Domain

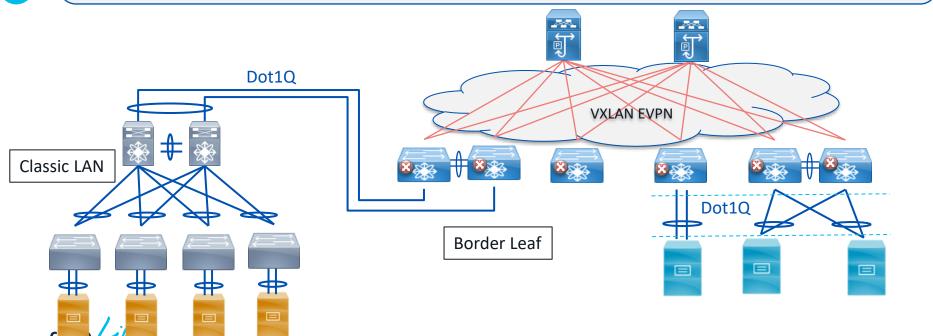




VXLAN EVPN

External Layer 2 Connectivity

- 1 (Endpoints locally attached at Layer 2 (e.g. Servers, IPS, Service Node in Bridge mode)
- Classic LAN to Border Leaf nodes at Layer 2 (Hot live Motion, Migration, Ops simplicity)

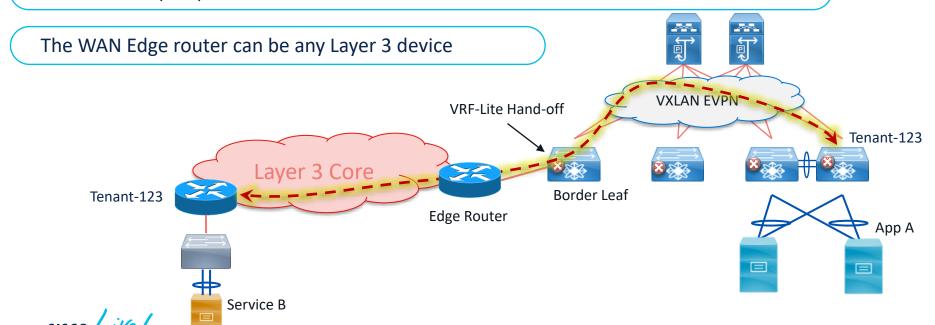


VXLAN EVPN

External Layer 3 Connectivity

VRF Lite is used for connecting the fabric to an external Layer 3 domain (N-S)

Each Tenants (VRF) can connect outside the Fabric via a Borders Leaf Node

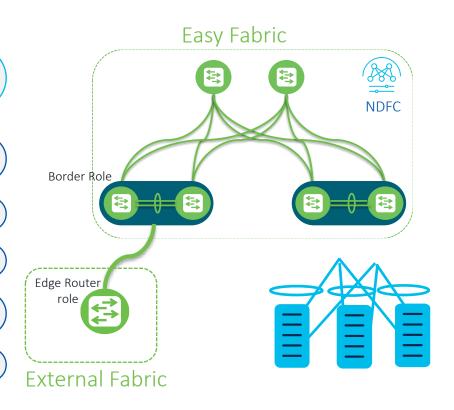


VXLAN EVPN External Layer 3 Connectivity

Prerequisites and Guidelines

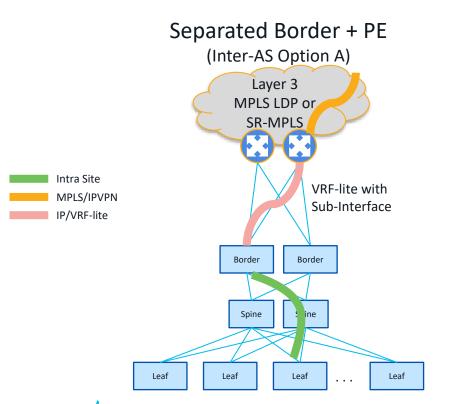
NDFC auto deployment of VRF-Lite rules

- The target router must be part of an External Fabric or Easy Fabric
- 2 (VRF-Lite hand-off must be initiated from an Easy Fabric
- The Role of the border device must be Border <role>
- The Role of the Target router must be Edge Router or Border node
- 5 (Advertise Default Route is enough for ext. L3 conn



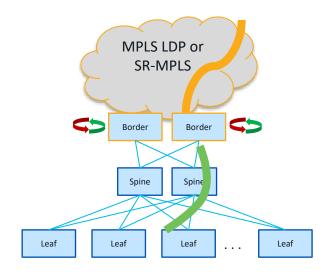
Seamless Protocol Gateway

Various Models



Seamless Data-Plane Stitching between VXLAN, MPLS and Segment Routing

Collapsed Border + PE



L4-L7 Service Insertion Use Cases

Virtual & Physical Form Factor Static & Dynamic Peering vPC/Non-vPC Attachments

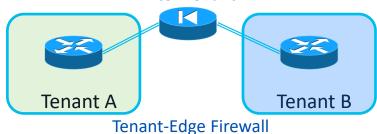




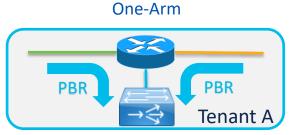


PBR Use-Cases

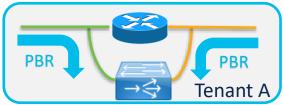
Inter-Tenant













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L4-L7 Service Node Guidelines

Supported on VXLAN EVPN with the Easy Fabric Template

Enabled on CloudScale based Switches (Cisco Nexus 9300-EX/-FX)

Leaf, Border Leaf, Border Spine, Border Super Spine, Border Gateway

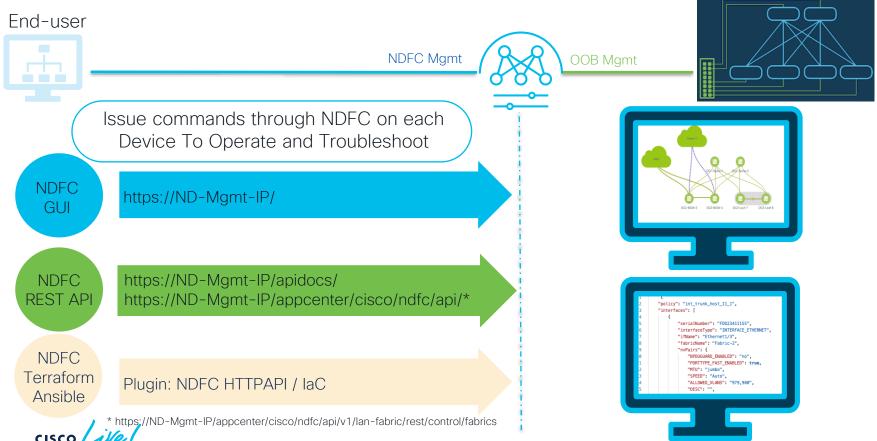
L4-L7 Service node automation using NDFC UI or NDFC REST API

L4-L7 Services generate Kafka Notification for Real-Time Interaction

Display Cumulative statistics From the Service Policy and Redirected Flows



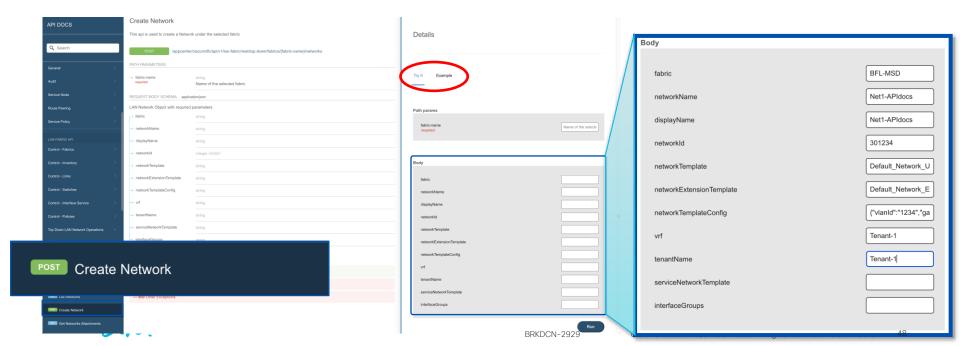
NDFC Elements Management Config Options



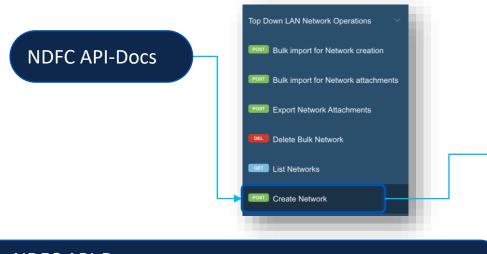
NDFC REST API Embedded API Docs

Select the definition of interest and Expand it

"Try it out" And fill-up the variables with the desired values



NDFC and REST API



Leverage NDFC API-Docs

Select the POST operation you want to execute

Typically, given examples provide the JSON script

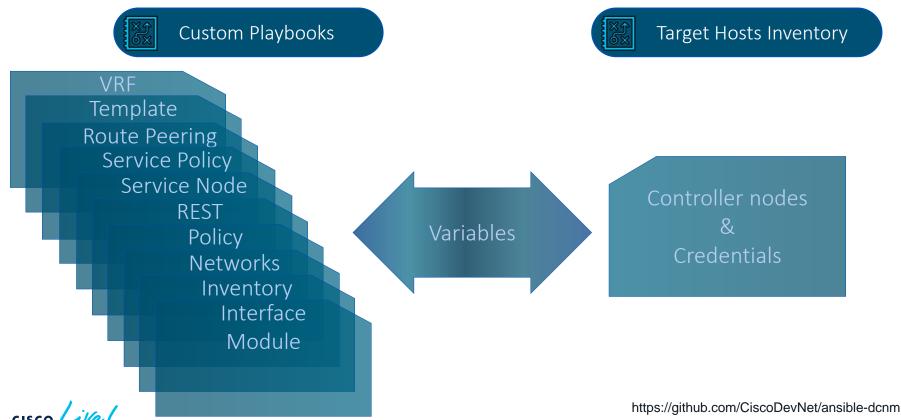
Copy the example to reuse it by a REST API 3rd party tool





NDFC and Infrastructure as Code

Ansible Collection



NDFC and REST API

Demo Using Ansible Playbooks



Use-case: You have been asked to urgently build and deploy about twenty networks across multiple Leaf nodes and interfaces, and you want to use the Ansible collection to speed up deployment while mitigating the risk of errors.



Install Cisco Ansible DCNM Collection *version 2.0.1 for both DCNM & NDFC





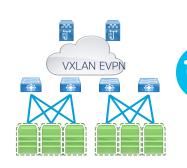
Configure the controller (NDFC) reachability information



Configure the Network Playbook to merge new Networks & VRF



Run the Ansible Playbook command associated with the Environment





NDFC Demos



NDFC Demo

NDFC Dashboard Walkthrough

NDFC VXLAN Multisite

Bonus – NDFC N9K and Cat9k VXLAN Fabric



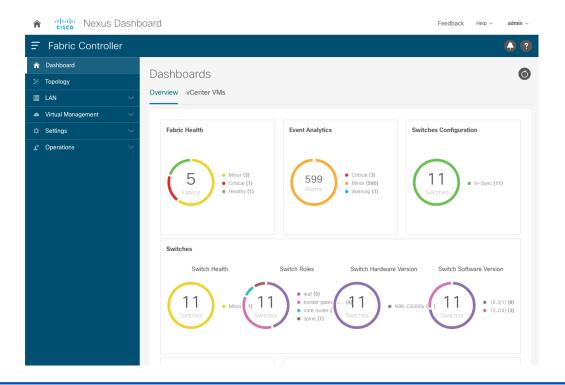
NDFC Dashboard Walkthrough

New Redesign

Enhanced End Point Capabilities

24-hour Snapshots

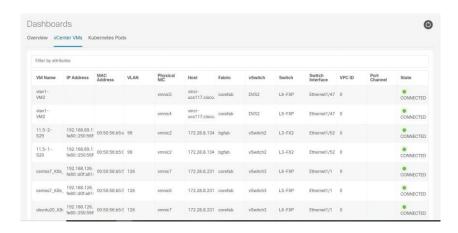




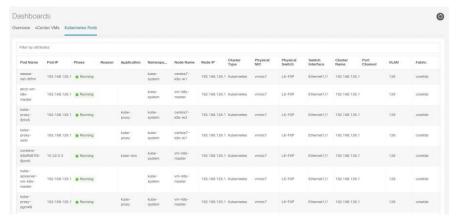
The intent of the **Dashboard** is to enable network and storage administrators to focus on areas of concern around the health and performance of data center switching.

Enhanced End Point Capabilities

Viewing vCenter VMs



Viewing Kubernetes Pods



NDFC Provides Superior Visibility to the End Points



NDFC VXLAN Multisite

Two N9K VXLAN Fabrics

Easy to Implement

End-to-End Visibility

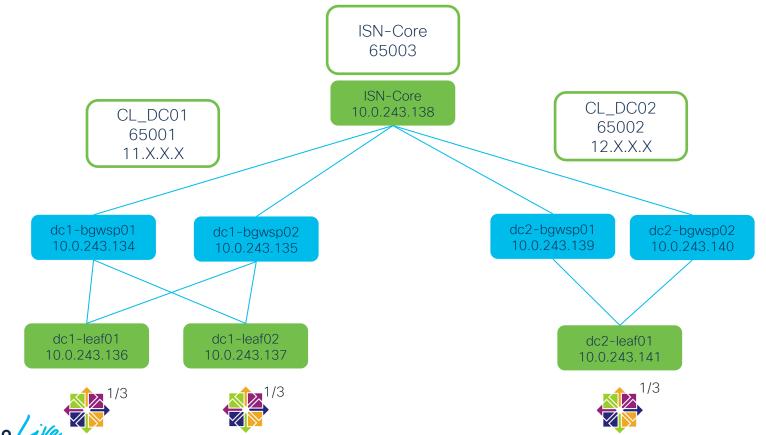


NDFC VXLAN Multisite





Physical Topology



Bonus - NDFC N9K and Cat9k VXLAN Fabric

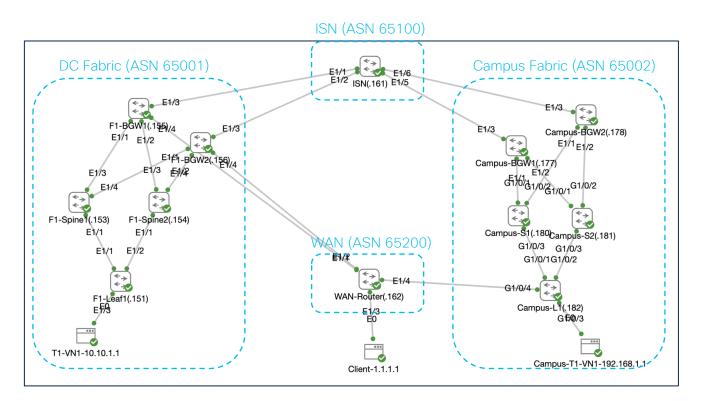
N9K and Cat9K VXLAN Fabrics

Easy to Implement

Single Pane of Glass



Bonus - NDFC N9K and Cat9k VXLAN Fabric





NDFC Summary



Streamlined lifecycle management



Automate and configure your networks with ease



Maintain compliance and detect errors



Extensive visibility, monitoring and modernized topology views



Expand your network with integrations with NDO and NDI



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