

# VxLAN BGP-EVPN

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# Agenda

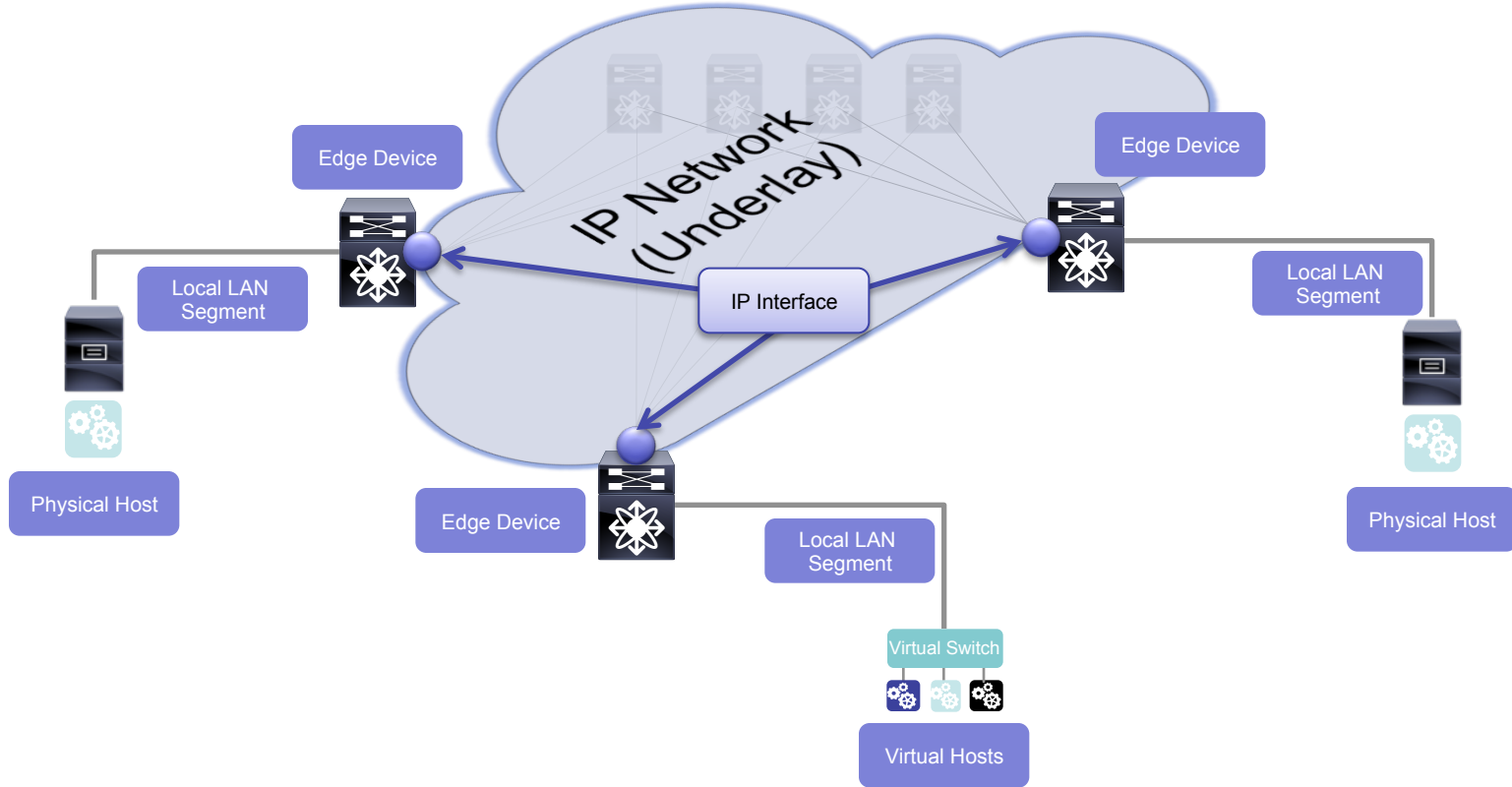
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# VxLAN Overview

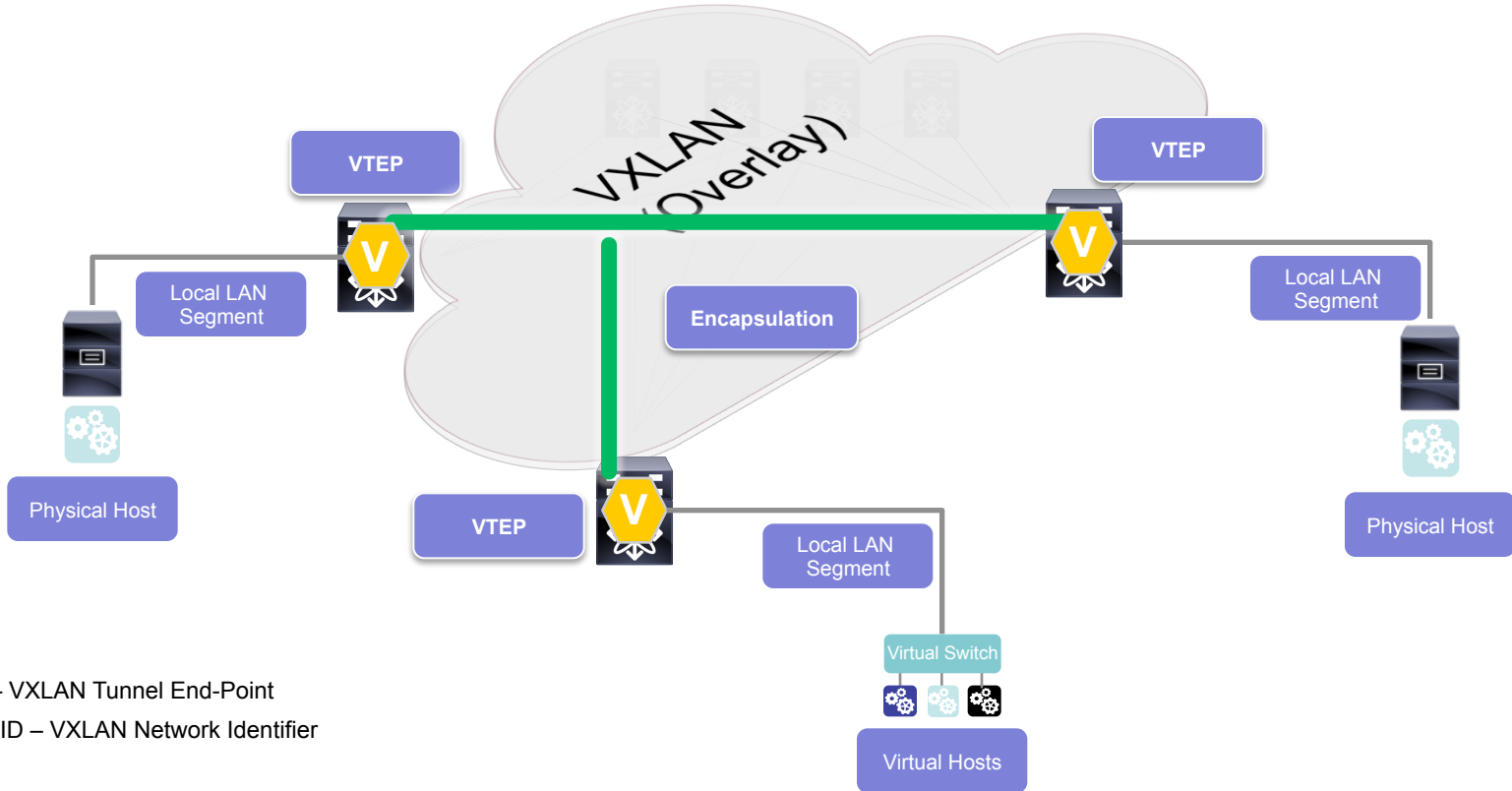
## Simple Definition

- VxLAN Overlay
  - Layer 2 overlay on top of your Layer 3 underlay
- VxLAN Network Identifier
  - Each VxLAN segment is identified by a unique 24-bit segment ID
  - Only hosts on the same VNI are allowed to communicate with each other
- Benefits
  - Overcome 4094 VLAN Scale limitation
  - Better utilization of available network paths
  - Multi-Tenant with virtualization

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VTEP – VXLAN Tunnel End-Point

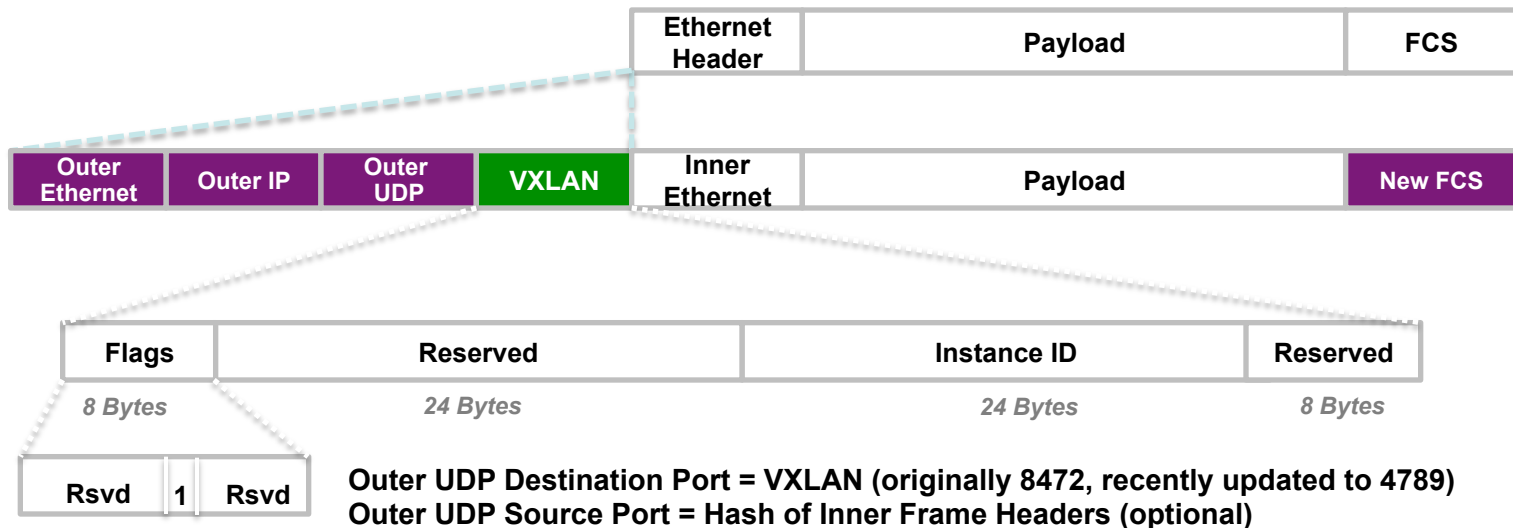
VNI/VNID – VXLAN Network Identifier

# VxLAN Overview

## VXLAN Concepts

- VXLAN Overlay
  - A VXLAN Overlay or VXLAN segment is a Layer-2 broadcast domain identified by the VNID that extends or tunnels traffic from one VTEP to another.
- VXLAN Tunnel End Point (VTEP)
  - A VTEP is a device that provides both encapsulation and de-capsulation of classical Ethernet and VXLAN packets to and from a VXLAN segment
  - Each VTEP may have the following types of interfaces:
    - Switchport interfaces on the local LAN segment to support local endpoints
    - Layer-3 interfaces to the transport IP network
    - SVI interfaces
- VXLAN Gateway
  - A VTEP that bridges traffic between VXLAN segments

# VXLAN Encapsulation



The outer IP header has the source IP and destination IP of the VTEP endpoints  
The outer Ethernet header has the source MAC of the source VTEP and the destination MAC of the immediate Layer-3 next hop

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## VxLAN Gateway Types

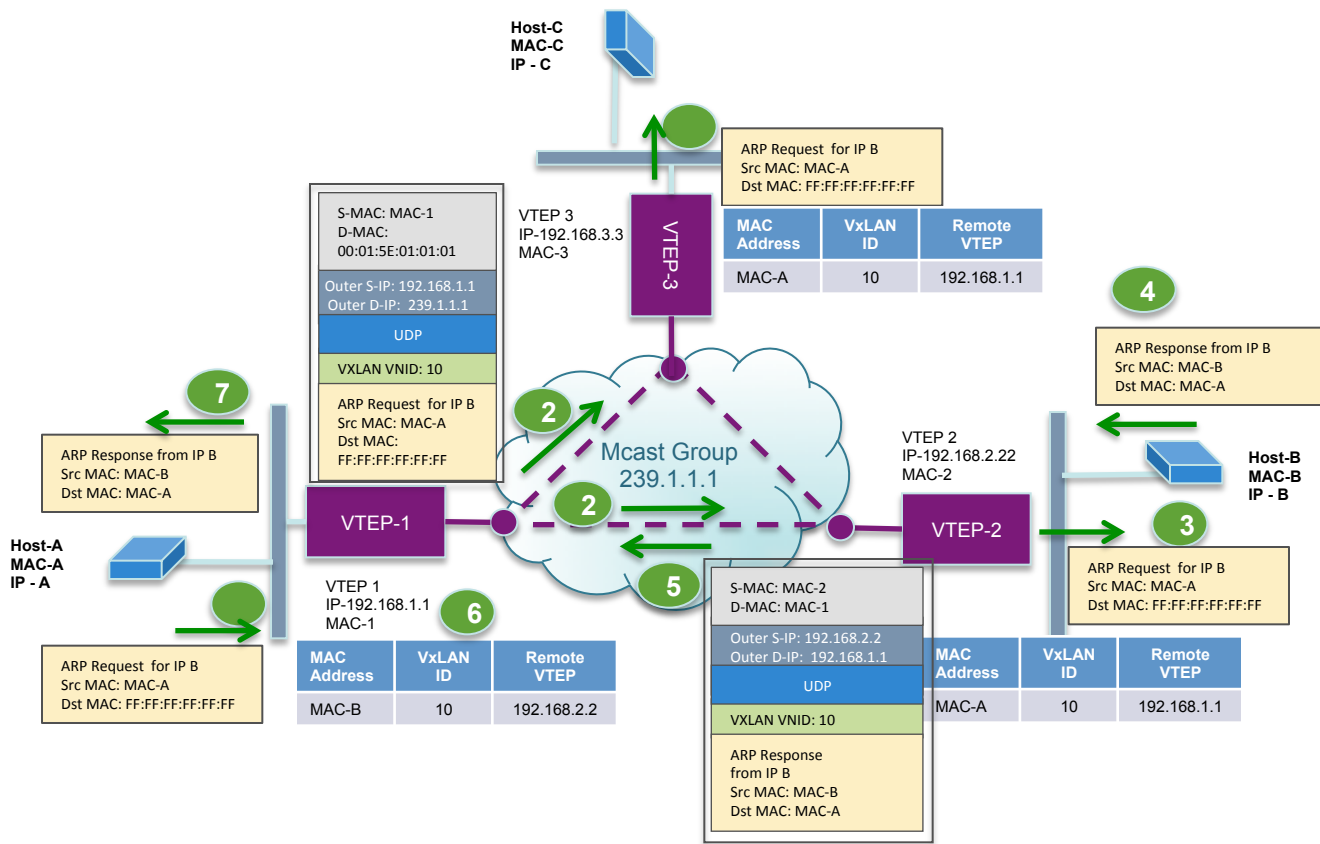
- Layer 2 Gateway
  - The layer 2 gateway is required when the layer 2 traffic (IEEE 802.1q tagged traffic) comes from VLAN into VxLAN segment (encapsulation) or
  - The Ingress VxLAN packet egresses out an 802.1q tagged interface (de-encapsulation), where the packet is bridged to a new VLAN.
- Layer 3 Gateway
  - A layer 3 gateway is used when there is a VxLAN to VxLAN routing
  - The ingress packet is a VxLAN packet on a routed segment but the packet egresses out on a tagged 802.1q interface and the packet is routed to a new VLAN



# VxLAN – Flood and Learn

## Overview

- Data Plane learning technique for VxLAN
- VNI's are mapped to a multicast group on a VTEP
- Local MACs are learnt over a VLAN (VNI) on a VTEP
- Broadcast, Unknown Unicast, Multicast (*BUM Traffic*) is flooded to the delivery multicast group for that VNI
- Remote VTEPs part of same multicast group learn host MAC, VNI and source VTEP as the next-hop for the host MAC from flooded traffic
- Unicast packets to the host MAC are sent directly to source VTEP as VxLAN encapsulated packet

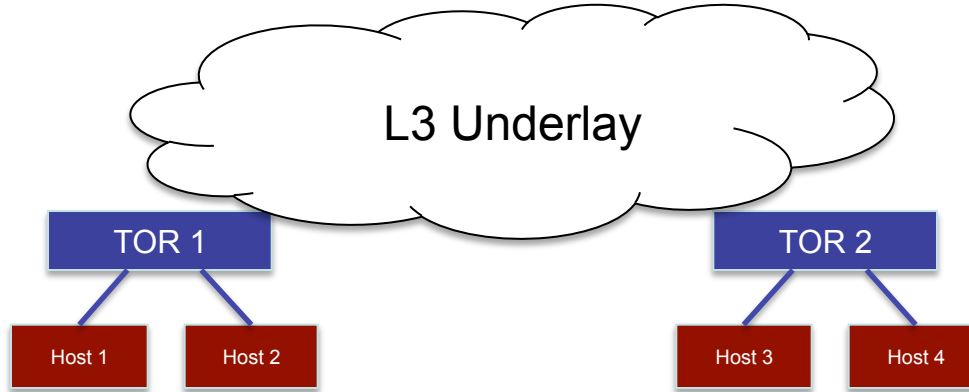


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## Ingress Replication

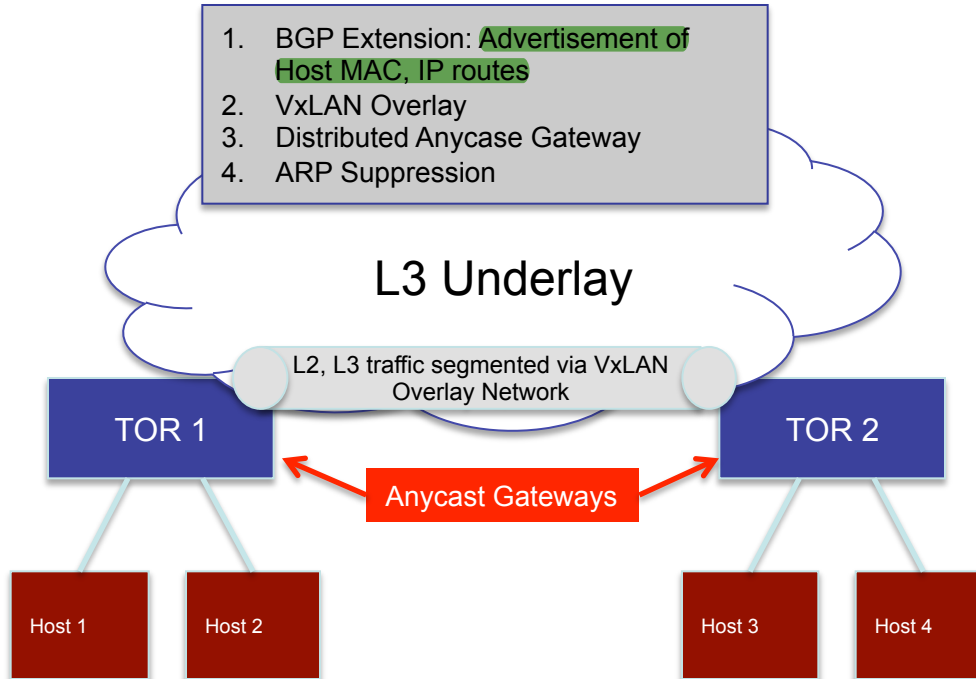
- Some customers not comfortable deploying multicast in their core
- With *Ingress Replication (IR)*, BUM traffic ingress access side is replicated to remote VTEP as unicast
- Static IR VTEP tunnel is kept alive as long as the route to the VTEP is available.
- Support multiple VTEPs per VNI and a VTEP in multiple VNIs
- Up to 16 static IR VTEPs recommended – on Cisco Platforms
- Multicast and IR config can co-exist on the same switch nodes but on different VNI's

# Problem Definition



- Host placement anywhere, and mobility
- Optimal east-west traffic
- Segmentation of tenant L2 and L3 tenant traffic
- Minimum flooding traffic

# Elements of Solution



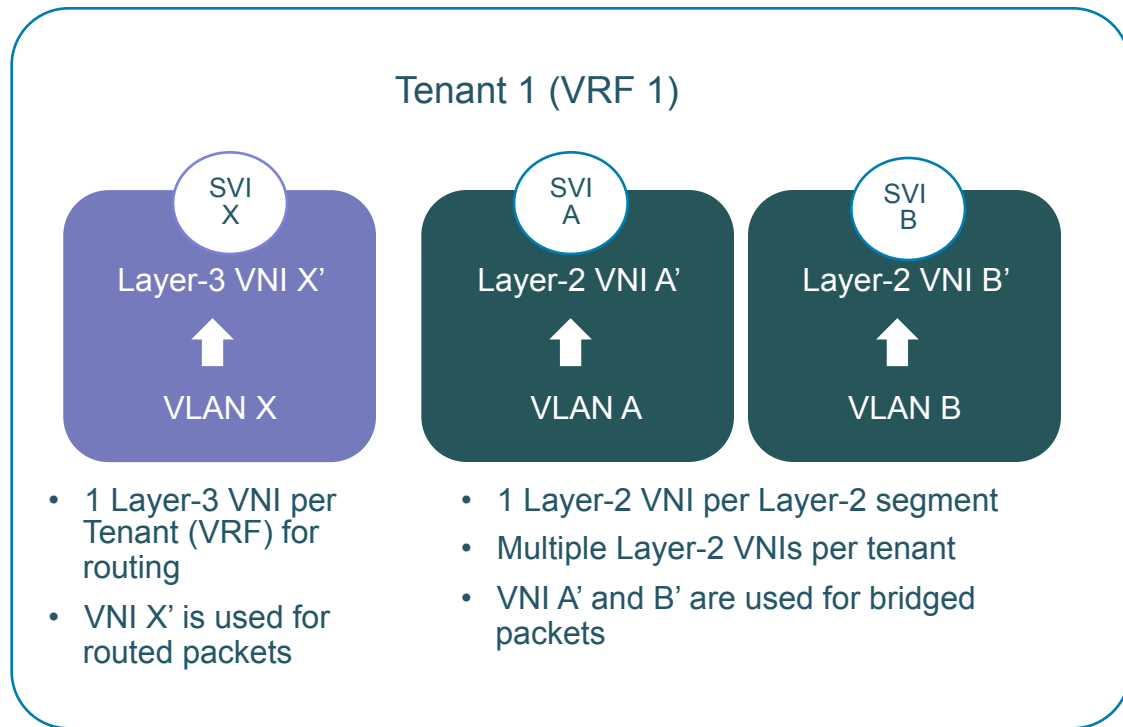
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## WHY?

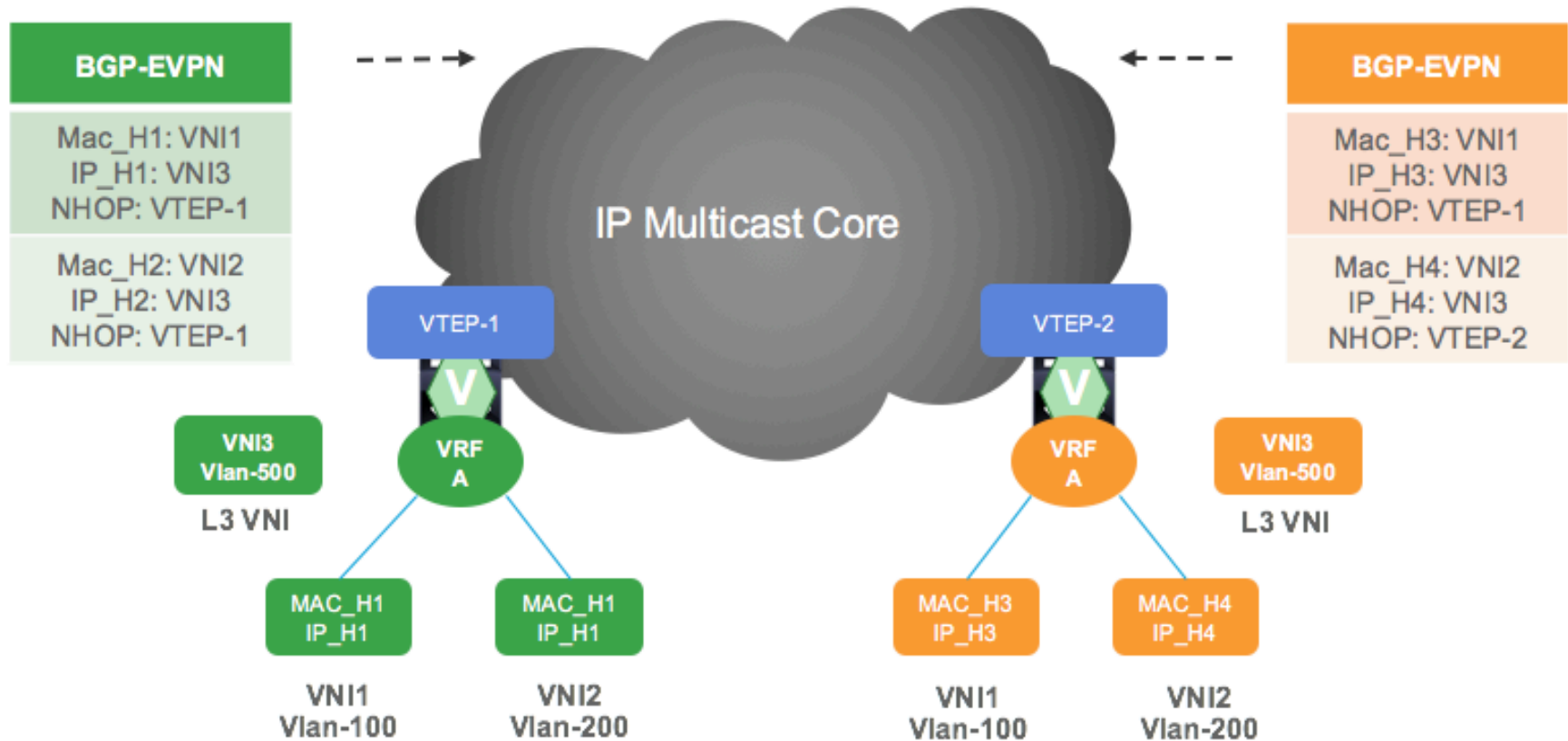
- Control plane learning for end host Layer-2 and Layer-3 reachability information to build more robust and scalable VXLAN overlay networks.
- Leverages the decade-long MP-BGP VPN technology to support scalable multi-tenant VXLAN overlay networks.
- EVPN address family carries both Layer 2 and Layer 3 reachability information. This provides integrated bridging and routing in VXLAN overlay networks.

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## VXLAN EVPN VNI Types



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# BGP for VxLAN

## Advantages

- Minimizes network flooding through protocol-driven host MAC/IP route distribution and ARP suppression on the local VTEPs.
- Provides optimal forwarding for east-west and north-south bound traffic with the distributed any-cast function
- Provides VTEP peer discovery and authentication which mitigates the risk of rouge VTEPs in the VXLAN overlay network.

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## Distributed Anycast Gateway

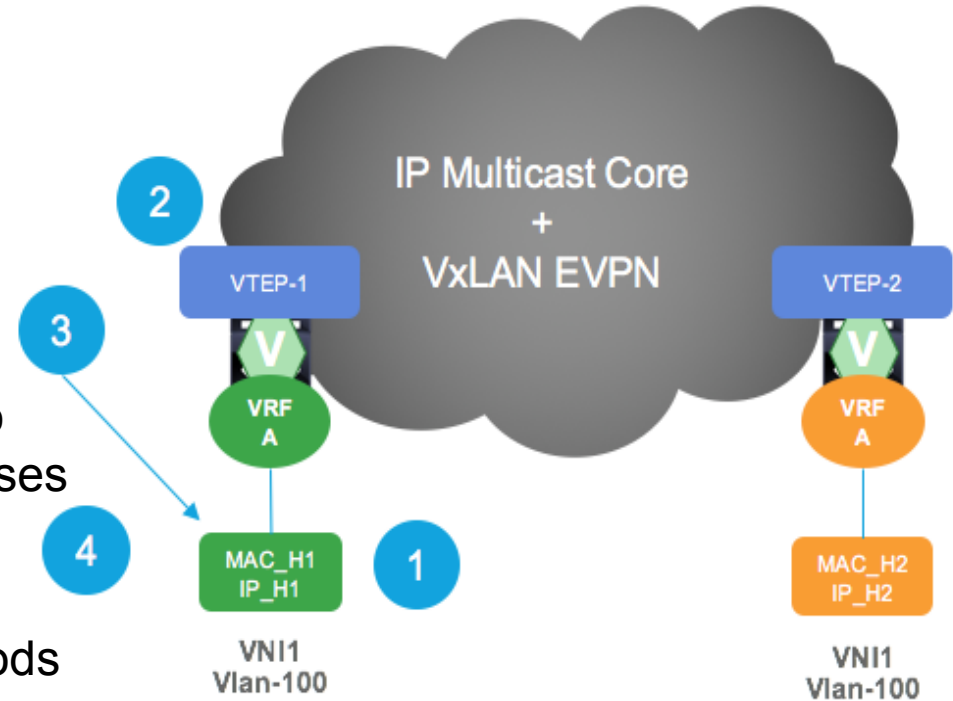
- All VTEPs has same IP address for an L2 VNI
- Anycast Gateway MAC is global to each VTEP for all VNI's for all Tenants

```
fabric forwarding anycast-gateway-mac 0001.0001.0001
!  
interface Vlan100  
no shutdown  
vrf context test-evpn-tenant  
ip address 172.16.1.254/24  
fabric forwarding mode anycast-gateway
```

# VxLAN BGP-EVPN Overview

## ARP Suppression

- Hosts send out G-ARP when they come online
- Local leaf node receives G-ARP, creates local ARP cache and advertises to other leaf by BGP as route type 2
- Remote leaf node puts IP-MAC info into remote ARP cache and suppresses incoming ARP request for this IP
- If IP info not found in ARP suppression cache table, VTEP floods the ARP request to other VTEPs



# VxLAN BGP-EVPN Overview

## Different Integrated Route/Bridge (IRB) Modes

### Asymmetric IRB

- Uses different path from source to destination and back
- Required to configure the source VTEP with both the source and destination VNIs for both layer 2 and layer 3 forwarding

### Symmetric IRB

- Uses same path from source to destination and back
- the ingress VTEP routes packets from source VNI to L3 VNI where the destination MAC address in the inner header is rewritten to egress VTEP's router MAC address

# EVPN Route Types

- BGP EVPN Route Types

- Type 1 - Ethernet Auto-Discovery (A-D) route
- **Type 2 - MAC advertisement route → L2 VNI MAC/MAC-IP**
- Type 3 - Inclusive Multicast Route → **EVPN IR, Peer Discovery**
- Type 4 - Ethernet Segment Route
- **Type 5 - IP Prefix Route → L3 VNI Route**

Route TYPE - 8

Length - 10

Route Type Specific

- Route type 2 or MAC Advertisement route is for MAC and ARP resolution advertisement, MAC or MAC-IP

- Route type 5 or IP Prefix route will be used for the advertisement of prefixes, IP only

# BGP EVPN Route Fields

```
Leaf1#show bgp l2vpn evpn 8c60.4f93.5ffc
BGP routing table information for VRF default, address family L2VPN
EVPN
Route Distinguisher: 10000:1 (L2VNI 10000)
BGP routing table entry for [2]:[0]:[0]:[48]:[8c60.4f93.5ffc]:[0]:
[0.0.0.0]/216, version 8
Paths: (1 available, best #1)
Flags: (0x00010a) on xmit-list, is not in l2rib/evpn

Advertised path-id 1
Path type: local, path is valid, is best path, no labeled nexthop
AS-Path: NONE, path locally originated
  192.168.1.1 (metric 0) from 0.0.0.0 (192.168.1.1)
    Origin IGP, MED not set, localpref 100, weight 32768
    Received label 10000
    Extcommunity: RT:10000:1
```

Route Distinguisher – 8 byte

Ethernet Segment ID – 10 byte

Ethernet Tag ID – 4 byte

MAC Address Length – 1 byte

MAC Address – 6 byte

IP Address Length – 1 byte

IP Address – 0, 4, 16 byte

MPLS Label 1 – 3 byte, L2VNI

MPLS Label 2- 3 byte L3VNI

# BGP EVPN Route Fields

```
Leaf2#show bgp l2vpn evpn 100.1.1.1
BGP routing table information for VRF default, address family L2VPN
EVPN
Route Distinguisher: 20000:1 (L3VNI 20000)
BGP routing table entry for [2]:[0]:[0]:[48]:[8c60.4f1b.e43c]:[32]:
[100.1.1.1]/272, version 6
Paths: (1 available, best #1)
Flags: (0x00021a) on xmit-list, is in l2rib/evpn, is not in HW,
  Advertised path-id 1
  Path type: internal, path is valid, is best path, no labeled
  nexthop
      Imported from 10000:1:[2]:[0]:[0]:[48]:
[8c60.4f1b.e43c]:[32]:[100.1.1.1]/144 (VNI 10000)
  AS-Path: NONE, path sourced internal to AS
    192.168.1.1 (metric 5) from 192.168.10.10 (192.168.10.10)
      Origin IGP, MED not set, localpref 100, weight 0
      Received label 10000 20000
      Extcommunity: RT:10000:1 RT:20000:1 ENCAP:8 Router MAC:f40f.
1b6f.926f
      Originator: 192.168.1.1 Cluster list: 192.168.10.10
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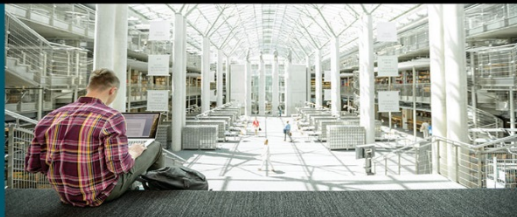
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# Troubleshooting BGP

A Practical Guide To Understanding  
and Troubleshooting BGP

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