### **HOMEWORK 2**

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[1]

What is the CPU/Memory requirement for 500 Mbps, 1000 Mbps, and 5000 Mbps throughput for CSR routers.

Based on the needed features the requirements are mentioned with AX meaning for all features to be present.

Throughput	IP Base	Security	АррХ	AX(All Features)
500 Mbps	1 vCPU/4 GB	1 vCPU/4 GB	1 vCPU/4 GB	1 vCPU/4 GB
1000 Mbps	1 vCPU/4 GB	1 vCPU/4 GB	1 vCPU/4 GB	2 vCPU/4 GB
5000 Mbps	1 vCPU/4 GB	2 vCPU/4 GB	8 vCPU/4 GB	8 vCPU/4 GB

# List three features of CSR for each of the following:

### a) Networking:

- Routing: BGP, OSPF, EIGRP, Policy Based Routing, IPv6, Multicast, LISP, GRE and Connectionless Network Services
- □ NFV: vBNG, vISG, and vRR
- Application visibility, performance monitoring, and control: QoS and AVC
- □ Addressing: DHCP, Domain Name System (DNS), NAT, 802.1Q VLAN, Ethernet Virtual Connection (EVC), and VXLAN

### b) Security:

- □ VPN: IPsec VPN, DMVPN, Easy VPN, FlexVPN, and GetVPN
   □ Firewall: ZBFW
   □ Access control: ACL, AAA, RADIUS, and TACACS+
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### c) Management interface:

- ☐ Virtual-machine creation and deployment: VMware vCenter and VMware vCloud Director
- ☐ Provisioning and management: Cisco IOS XE CLI, Secure Shell (SSH) Protocol, Telnet, Cisco Prime Infrastructure, Cisco Prime Network Services Controller, and OpenStack Configdrive
- ☐ Monitoring and troubleshooting: Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), Syslog, NetFlow, IP SLA, and Embedded Event Manager (EEM)

# What would be per year cost to use two 1000 Mbps CSR in Amazon cloud?

For 1000 Mbps CSR in Amazon Cloud it is recommended to use c4.xlarge instances which costs \$4550 for each one so as we need 2 of them.

Total per year cost would be: \$9100

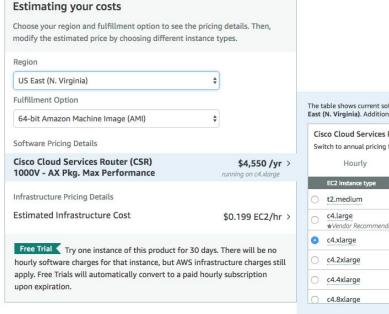
Below Screenshots show the estimation given by AWS.

# **Product Overview**

The AX Technology Package for Maximum Performance version of Cisco's Cloud Services Router (CSR1000V) delivers the maximum performance available in AWS cloud for virtual networking services. Deliver high-speed secure VPN services with High Availability, strong Firewall protection, Application Visibility & Control, and more... This AMI runs Cisco IOS XE technology features (ASR1000 and ISR4000 series) and uses AWS instances with direct I/O path for higher & more consistent performance, as well as 2x performance with IMIX packets. The CSR with full Cisco IOS-XE support enables customers to deploy the same enterprise-class networking services that they are so used to in their on-prem networks inside AWS. This AMI enables enterprise-class Routing, VPN, High-Availability, Firewall, IP SLA, VPC Interconnection, Application Visibility & Control, Performance Monitoring, Optimization. It includes the following functionality: (1) CSR Base Tech Package: BGP, OSPF, EIGRP, RIP, ISIS, IPv6, GRE, VRF-LITE, NTP, QoS, 802.1Q VLAN, EVC, NAT, DHCP, DNS, ACL, AAA, RADIUS, TACACS+, IOS-XE CLI, SSH, Flexible NetFlow, SNMP, EEM, and NETCONF. (2) CSR Security Tech Packag: Zone Based Firewall, IPSec, DMVPN, GETVPN, EZVPN, FLEXVPN, SSL VPN, and VTI-VPN. (3) CSR AppX Tech Package: BFD, MPLS, VXLAN, WCCPv2, AppXNAV, NBAR2, AVC, IP SLA, PTA, LNS, ISG, and LISP. The familiar IOS XE CLI and RESTful API ensures easy deployment, monitoring, troubleshooting, and service orchestration.

#### Highlights

- Enterprise-class VPN in AWS that's faster, cheaper, and more scalable than other VPN solutions. Manage both sides of your VPN for greater security. Familiar IOS-XE based VPN supports the same commands, tools, and logs as Cisco ISR and ASR platforms.
- More secure, reliable, and cost effective than native VPN. Feature-rich: IPSec, DMVPN, FlexVPN, GETVPN, EZVPN. SSL VPN. Zone-Based Firewall. and more...
- IPSec performance Guide: t2.medium for up to 250 Mbps. c4.large for up to 500 Mbps. c4.xlarge for 1 Gbps. c3.2xlarge for up to 1Gbps, c4.2xlarge for up to 2.5 Gbps and c4.4xlarge for up to 4.5Gbps



The table shows current software and infrastructure pricing for services hosted in US East (N. Virginia). Additional taxes or fees may appl Cisco Cloud Services Router (CSR) 1000V - AX Pkg. Max Performance Switch to annual pricing for savings up to 59% Annual \$2,233 \$0.046 59% 59% \$3.723 \$0.1 \$4,550 \$0.199 59% \$6,363 \$0.398 59% \$8.952 \$0.796 59% \$8,952 \$1.591

# [2] Creating VMs:

We have created the VM with the command: sudo virt-install -n mreddy2\_VM1 -r 2048 --vcpu=4 --cpu host --disk path=/var/lib/libvirt/images/mreddy2\_VM1.img,size=10 --network network=default -c /home/ece792/CentOS-7-x86\_64-Minimal-1708.iso.1 -v

And then configured the VM with the user and password and the IP addresses are assigned with dhclient.

### [2.1]

The IP Address and MAC at VM's NIC is as below:

VM IP Address: 192.168.122.106 VM Mac Address: 52:54:00:87:3f:9b

```
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$ virsh domifaddr mreddy2_VM1
Name MAC address Protocol Address

vnet0 52:54:00:87:3f:9b ipv4 192.168.122.106/24
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$
```

The IP Address and MAC at the Hypervisor's NIC is as below:

IP Address: 192.168.124.5

MAC Address: 52:54:00:06:55:66

```
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: ens3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
link/ether 52:54:00:06:55:66 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:
inet 192.168.124.5/24 brd 192.168.124.255 scope global dynamic ens3
   valid_lft 2828sec preferred_lft 2828sec
inet6 fe80::faaa:649d:f116:3492/64 scope link
   valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
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### [2.2]

Pinging Google.com from the VM and capturing packets at the output interface of the VM as well as at the output interface of the hypervisor.

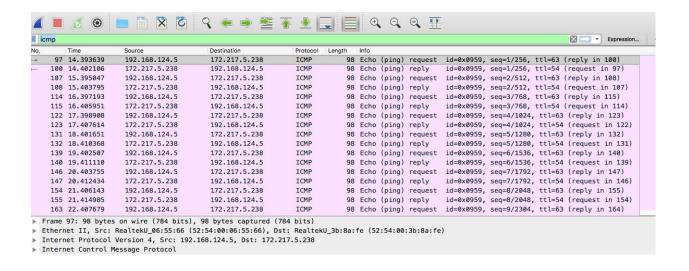
At the output Interface of VM:

srcIP: 192.168.122.106 DestIP: 172.217.5.238 srcMAC: 52:54:00:87:3f:9b DestMAC: fe:54:00:87:3f:9b

0.		Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info						
	85	7.843675955	192,168,122,106	172,217,5,238	ICMP	98	Echo	(pina)	request	id=0x0959.	seg=1/256.	ttl=64	(reply in 88)
	88	7.852406163	172.217.5.238	192.168.122.106	ICMP			(ping)					(request in 85)
	98	8.845104289	192.168.122.106	172.217.5.238	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	request	id=0x0959,	seq=2/512,	ttl=64	(reply in 99)
	99	8.854239813	172.217.5.238	192.168.122.106	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	reply	id=0x0959,	seq=2/512,	ttl=53	(request in 98)
	104	9.847126606	192.168.122.106	172.217.5.238	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	request	id=0x0959,	seq=3/768,	ttl=64	(reply in 105)
	105	9.856401911	172.217.5.238	192.168.122.106	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	reply	id=0x0959,	seq=3/768,	ttl=53	(request in 104
	113	10.848945813	192.168.122.106	172.217.5.238	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	request	id=0x0959,	seq=4/1024,	ttl=64	(reply in 114)
	114	10.857951091	172.217.5.238	192.168.122.106	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	reply	id=0x0959,	seq=4/1024,	ttl=53	(request in 11
	121	11.851183950	192.168.122.106	172.217.5.238	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	request	id=0x0959,	seq=5/1280,	ttl=64	(reply in 122)
	122	11.860577015	172.217.5.238	192.168.122.106	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	reply	id=0x0959,	seq=5/1280,	ttl=53	(request in 12
	130	12.852485488	192.168.122.106	172.217.5.238	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	request	id=0x0959,	seq=6/1536,	ttl=64	(reply in 131)
	131	12.861305499	172.217.5.238	192.168.122.106	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	reply	id=0x0959,	seq=6/1536,	ttl=53	(request in 13
	136	13.853564885	192.168.122.106	172.217.5.238	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	request	id=0x0959,	seq=7/1792,	ttl=64	(reply in 137)
	137	13.862727611	172.217.5.238	192.168.122.106	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	reply	id=0x0959,	seq=7/1792,	ttl=53	(request in 13
	145	14.855905760	192.168.122.106	172.217.5.238	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	request	id=0x0959,	seq=8/2048,	ttl=64	(reply in 146)
	146	14.865436064	172.217.5.238	192.168.122.106	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	reply	id=0x0959,	seq=8/2048,	ttl=53	(request in 14
	153	15.857453706	192.168.122.106	172.217.5.238	ICMP	98	Echo	(ping)	request	id=0x0959,	seq=9/2304,	ttl=64	(reply in 154)
F	rame	85: 98 bytes	on wire (784 bits). 9	8 bytes captured (784	bits) on	interfa	ce 0		113				
				54:00:87:3f:9b), Dst:				.54.00	.87.3f.9h	1			

At the output Interface of Hypervisor:

srcIP: 192.168.124.5 DestIP: 172.217.5.238 srcMAC: 52:54:00:06:55:66 DestMAC:52:54:00:3b:8a:fe



We observe that the Destination IP Address stays the same while Source IP changes at VM and Hypervisor since when the packet is leaving the Hypervisor it changes the srcIP since the VM's IP address is not public IP. For the reply packet to reach back to the VM NAT operation is done at the bridge. This is the reason why we see different tuples. While in case of Destination MAC at VM is the MAC address of the Default Virtual Bridge and the Destination MAC at the Hypervisor is the next Hop after leaving the Hypervisor. This is the reason why we see different tuples.

# [3.1] Use libvirt-CLI methods to add a network (name it as < your - unity - id >NETWORK2) in bridge mode.

At the file location etc/libvirt/qemu/networks we perform the following command which creates a new network xml file from the default file.

# sudo virsh net-dumpxml default > mreddy2\_NETWORK2.xml

Then we modify the file as below giving the network name and bridge name:

```
<network>
<name>mreddy2_NETWORK2</name>
<uuid>53a88238-85e9-4864-8175-d9972899b0cc</uuid>
<forward mode='bridge'/>
<bri><bridge name='sw1'/>
</network>
```

Then we define and start the network and also create the bridge:

virsh net-define mreddy2\_NETWORK2.xml virsh net-start mreddy2\_NETWORK2.xml brctl addbr sw1

Name	State	Autostart	Persistent
default	active	yes	yes
mreddy2_NETWORK2	active	no	yes
sparasa_NETWORK2	active	yes	yes
sparasa_NETWORK3	active	yes	yes

# [3.2] Use libvirt-CLI methods to add an interface to your VM to connect to < your-unity-id >NETWORK2

Now we add an interface at our connected to the network we created, so we will basically have a connection between the VM's Interface and the Bridge.

virsh attach-interface --domain mreddy2\_VM1 --type network --source mreddy2\_NETWORK2 --model virtio --mac 52:54:00:4b:73:5f --config --live

	e792-Standard-PC-i440			1
Name	MAC address	Protocol	/etc/libvirt/qemu\$ virsh domifaddr mreddy2_VM1 Address	10
vnet1	52:54:00:87:3f:9b	ipv4	192.168.122.186/24	
3:5fcc	e <b>792-Standard-PC-i440</b> Infiglive attached successfully		/etc/libvirt/qemu\$ virsh attach-interfacedomain mreddy2_VM1type networksource mreddy2_NETWORK2model virtiomac 52:54:00:4b	:7]
ece792@ec	e792-Standard-PC-i440	X-PIIX-1996:	/etc/libvirt/qemu\$	

# [3.3] Use libvirt-CLI methods to clone your VM (name it as < your - unity - id >lab2VM2.

Now we clone the VM which creates the new VM with the name specified in the command. Before cloning the VM is suspended for cloning.

virt-clone --original mreddy2\_VM1 --name sparasa\_lab2VM2 --auto-clone

Id	Name	State	
9	sparasa_lab2VM2	running	
11	sparasa_vm	running	
12	sparasa_vm2	running	
13	Q4-VM1	running	
15	Q4-VM2	running	
16	mreddy2 VM1	running	

# [3.4] List MAC and IP addresses of all interfaces of each VM.

The IP Address and MAC at VM1 is as below:

VM1 IP Address: 192.168.122.106 VM1 Mac Address: 52:54:00:87:3f:9b

The IP Address and MAC at VM2(New VM created by cloning) is as below:

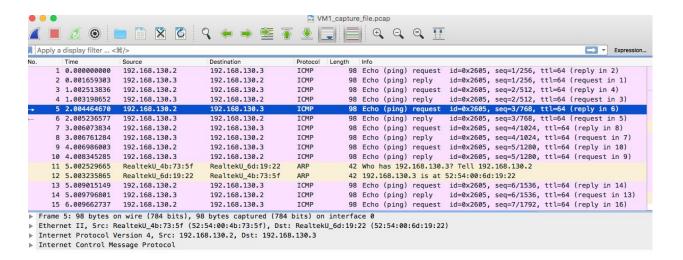
VM2 IP Address: 192.168.122.223 VM2 Mac Address: 52:54:00:f9:ae:55

[3.5] Ping one VM from the other using IP from the < your - unity - id >NETWORK2 subnet. Use wireshark on the VMs and List down 4 tuples (srcIP, Dest IP, srcMAC and dest MAC) of packet going out at first VM and received at second VM. Are the tuple fields same or different for the packet? if different, explain why.

Now we need to assign IP address at both the VM's at the interface which is connected to the network2 we created since we need to ping using IP from the Network2 Subnet and also by default the bridge is down so we should bring the bridge up by **ip link set sw1 up** command. Then we ping the other VM with the Netwrok2 subnet addresses.

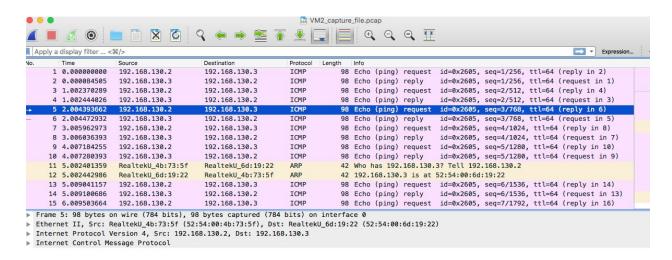
### At the VM1 Interface:

srcIP: 192.168.130.2 DestIP: 192.168.130.3 srcMAC: 52:54:00:4b:73:5f DestMAC: 52:54:00:6d:19:22



#### At the VM2 Interface:

srcIP: 192.168.130.2 DestIP: 192.168.130.3 srcMAC: 52:54:00:4b:73:5f DestMAC: 52:54:00:6d:19:22



As we can see the tuples at both the VM's are same because since it is a pure L2 Bridge it doesn't modify the source and destination MAC addresses. That is the reason why we do not see different tuples at both points.

[3.6] Send UDP traffic between the two VMs using iperf. What is the maximum UDP throughput achieved? Which is the bottleneck resource, CPU, memory or I/O? why? Provide logs of system commands to support your answer.

After installing VM's on both VM's we send UDP traffic from one VM acting as a client and another VM acts as a server receiving the traffic.

Before sending the iptables are flushed to allow UDP traffic at the VM's with lptables -F

Then at Client iperf3 -c 192.168.122.106 -u

At Server iperf3 -s

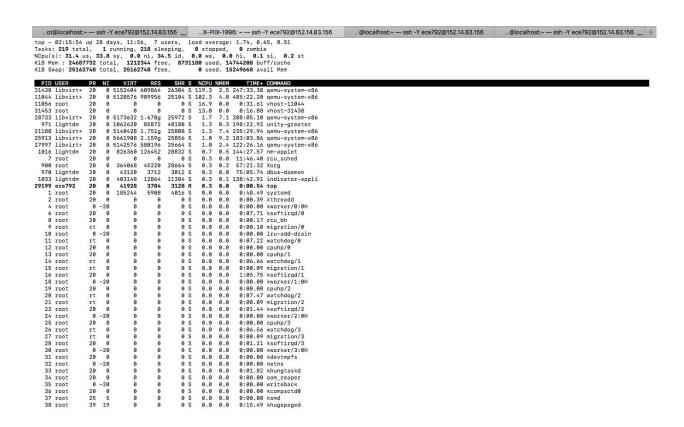
The following outputs are shown as below:

```
[root@localhost ~]#
[root@localhost ~]# iperf3 -c 192.168.122.106 -u
Connecting to host 192.168.122.106, port 5201
[ 4] local 192.168.122.223 port 52866 connected to 192.168.122.106 port 5201
[ ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Total Datagrams
[ 4] 0.00-1.00 sec 116 KBytes 950 Kbits/sec 82
[ 4] 1.00-2.00 sec 129 KBytes 1.05 Mbits/sec 91
[ 4] 2.00-3.00 sec 127 KBytes 1.04 Mbits/sec 90
[ 4] 3.00-4.00 sec 129 KBytes 1.05 Mbits/sec 91
[ 4] 4.00-5.00 sec 127 KBytes 1.04 Mbits/sec 90 [ 4] 5.00-6.00 sec 129 KBytes 1.05 Mbits/sec 91 [ 4] 6.00-7.00 sec 127 KBytes 1.04 Mbits/sec 90 [ 4] 7.00-8.00 sec 129 KBytes 1.05 Mbits/sec 91
[ 4] 8.00-9.00 sec 127 KBytes 1.04 Mbits/sec 90
[ 4] 9.00-10.00 sec 129 KBytes 1.05 Mbits/sec 91
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[ ID] Interval
                                                         Transfer Bandwidth
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[ 4] 0.00-10.00 sec 1.24 MBytes 1.04 Mbits/sec 0.059 ms 0/897 (0%)
[ 4] Sent 897 datagrams
iperf Done.
[root@localhost ~]#
 [root@localhost ~]#
 [root@localhost ~]# iperf3 -s
 Server listening on 5201
 Accepted connection from 192.168.122.223, port 59672
       5] local 192.168.122.106 port 5201 connected to 192.168.122.223 port 52866
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950 Kbits/sec 0.081 ms 0/82 (0%)
 [ ID] Interval
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                                                         Transfer
 [ ID] Interval
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                                                                                                                           Jitter
                                                                                                                                                  Lost/Total Datagrams
 [ 5] 0.00-10.04 sec 0.00 Bytes 0.00 bits/sec 0.059 ms 0/897 (0%)
 Server listening on 5201
```

As we can see the bandwidth to be 1.04Mbits/sec as we did not mention any size the default is taken to be 1Megabit. For further testing purposes we mentioned the size to be 500M, 1G, 4G As the size increases we have seen at a point the bandwidth to converge around Around 250 Mbits/sec as you can see below

```
[[root@localhost ~]# iperf3 -c 192.168.122.106 -u -b 4G
Connecting to host 192.168.122.106, port 5201
[ 4] local 192.168.122.223 port 60201 connected to 192.168.122.106 port 5201
[ ID] Interval
                             Transfer Bandwidth
                                                               Total Datagrams
                      sec 29.6 MBytes 248 Mbits/sec 21438
   4]
        0.00-1.00
   4] 1.00-2.00 sec 27.1 MBytes 227 Mbits/sec 19625
   4] 2.00-3.00 sec 36.1 MBytes 303 Mbits/sec 26166
4] 3.00-4.00 sec 32.5 MBytes 273 Mbits/sec 23529
4] 4.00-5.00 sec 40.1 MBytes 336 Mbits/sec 29030
   4] 5.00-6.00 sec 19.5 MBytes 164 Mbits/sec 14134
4] 6.00-7.00 sec 27.1 MBytes 228 Mbits/sec 19640
   4] 7.00-8.00 sec 38.5 MBytes 323 Mbits/sec 27916
4] 8.00-9.00 sec 33.5 MBytes 281 Mbits/sec 24241
[ 4] 8.00-9.00 sec 33.5 MBytes 281 Mbits/sec 24241 [ 4] 9.00-10.00 sec 24.1 MBytes 202 Mbits/sec 17417
        [ ID] Interval
                             Transfer
                                           Bandwidth
                                                               Jitter
                                                                           Lost/Total Datagrams
       0.00-10.00 sec 308 MBytes 258 Mbits/sec 0.044 ms 22876/223097 (10%)
[ 4] Sent 223097 datagrams
iperf Done.
[root@localhost ~]#
```

While we are sending UDP traffic, at the hypervisor(host) we ran the top command to see the usages and found out that the CPU is the bottleneck resource which exceeds 100% upto 119% which is show in the below screenshot as well. This happens since we are sending UDP traffic more than the capability due to which CPU is causing the bottleneck.



### [6] Distributed and Stand alone vSwitch:

Generally Stand alone vSwitch works within one ESX/ESXi host only while in case of Distributed vSwitches it allows different hosts to use the switch as long as they exist within the same host cluster. From this we understand that instead of making virtual networks more complicated with its additional options, the distributed vSwitch simplifies operations and helps catch configuration errors and increase network visibility which makes it easy to manage the network as well.

Use cases where the Distributed Switch is needed instead of Stand alone vSwitch would be:

In case of Network rollback when a misconfiguration is found and for network health
checking. Distributed Switch is needed which can be saved and restored in such
scenarios.
In use cases where you need to shape inbound traffic, Standalone won't support it
and you would need a Distributed Switch, which can restrict network bandwidth
available to a port and also configure to temporarily allow burst of traffic to flow
through the port at higher speeds.
One other case would be Port Mirroring, in cases where you need to log all the
packets received at the switch to a networking device connected to another switch
port, you would need a Distributed Switch.

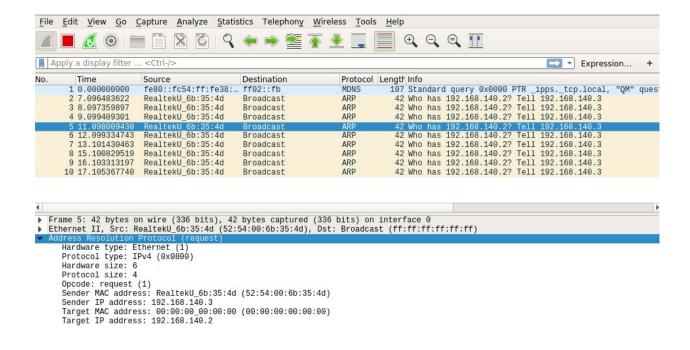
So in the industry say you have a scenario where a customer using Stand alone vSwitch has multiple VM's which means he has multiple switches as well handling these VM's and a case where a misconfiguration is found which was present in all the switches, so in this case he would have to manually configure all the switches again and has to know exactly what changes to make. While in such a scenario had the customer used a Distributed Switch it has the capability of storing the configurations and in the case where misconfigurations are found the customer could simply roll back to the the desired configurations which were in working desired configurations. In such a case Distributed Switch is needed.

# [ 7 ] Set up a lab experiment to support your explanation to answer the following questions. What breaks if:

[7.1(a)] Two VMs connected to same bridge (bridge mode) have: Same MAC Address

```
[root@localhost ~]#
[root@localhost ~]# ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK.UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00
inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
inet6 ::1/128 scope host
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: &BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
link/ether 52:54:00:6b:35:4d brd ff:ff:ff:ff
inet 192.168.140.2/24 scope global eth0
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
[root@localhost ~]#
```

```
[root@localhost ~]#
[root@localhost ~]# ip addr
inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
           valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
       inet6 ::1/128 scope host
           valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000 link/ether 52:54:00:6b:35:4d brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
       inet 192.168.140.3/24 scope global eth0
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever [root@localhost ~]# ping 192.168.140.2
PING 192.168.140.2 (192.168.140.2) 56(84) bytes of data. From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=1 Destination Host Unreachable From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=2 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=3 Destination Host Unreachable From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=4 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=5 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.148.3 icmp_seq=6 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.148.3 icmp_seq=7 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=8 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=9 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=10 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=11 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.3 icmp_seq=12 Destination Host Unreachable
--- 192.168.140.2 ping statistics ---
12 packets transmitted, 0 received, +12 errors, 100% packet loss, time 11004ms
[root@localhost ~]#
```



As we can see above in this scenario with same MAC and VM's connected to same Bridge(Bridge Mode) we have the ping request failing this is because when it sends out an ARP request the bridge receives the reply from VM2 with the MAC address which will be same as VM1 as well since we configured in that way. Therefore, the L2 bridge since it works on MAC addresses, it will again send back the destined arp reply to VM2 since the ARP tables get updated for the same MAC address to the port connected with VM2 and the reply never reaches VM1 due to which ping fails and we continuously see ARP requests at the bridge interface connected to VM1 to be coming from the wireshark screenshot above. Due to this the ping fails.

# [7.1b] Same IP Addresses

```
[root@localhost ~]#
[root@localhost ~]# ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: GBROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 52:54:00:6b:35:4d brd ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.140.2/24 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Now in this scenario where we have 2 VM's with same IP address but different MAC address, since the ping is the same IP as ours the packet would not leave the VM's Interface and go the bridge since our route will have our own interface for a packet to our IP address and therefore we are just pinging ourselves due to which we have the ping successful and while seen on wireshark we have no captures at the Bridge's interfaces.

### [7.2a]

The setup for this scenario is both VM's Connected to different Bridges in bridge mode with Same MAC address.

Bridges in the screenshot are "q7" and "q72" with interfaces vnet17 and vnet18.

```
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$
cce792@cce792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$ virsh domiflist VM71
Interface Type
                    Source
                               Model
                                           MAC
         bridge
                    q7_network virtio
                                            52:54:00:dd:73:5f
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$ virsh domiflist VM72
                     Source
                               Model
         bridge
                                             52:54:00:dd:73:5f
                     q7_network2 virtio
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$ brctl show
bridge name
             bridge id
                                       STP enabled
                                                       interfaces
nat_ansible
                       8000.fe5400b8645f
                                                       vnet16
              8000.fe5400dd735f
                                       no
                                                       vnet17
q72
               8000.fe5400dd735f
                                                       vnet18
sw1
               8000.fe54004b735f
                                      no
                                                       vnet10
                                                       vnet11
                                                       vnet13
                                                       vnet14
                                                       vnet9
sw2
               8000.fe54009f186c
                                       no
                                                       vnet5
               8000.fe5400262ea4
                                       no
                                                       vnet0
                                                       vnet8
               8000.fe5400351f3c
                                       yes
                                                       vnet2
                                                       vnet4
                                                       vnet6
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$
```

```
root@localhost ~]#
rootOlocalhost ~1# ip addr
: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
   inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen : link/ether 52:54:00:dd:73:5f brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
   inet 192.168.140.2/24 scope global eth0
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
root0localhost ~1# ping 192.168.140.3
PING 192.168.140.3 (192.168.140.3) 56(84) bytes of data.
rom 192.168.140.2 icmp_seq=1 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.2 icmp_seq=2 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.2 icmp_seq=3 Destination Host Unreachable
From 192.168.140.2 icmp_seq=4 Destination Host Unreachable
 -- 192.168.140.3 ping statistics ---
 packets transmitted, 0 received, +4 errors, 100% packet loss, time 3000ms
root@localhost ~1# _
```

```
root0localhost ~1#
root0localhost ~1# ip addr
: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00
inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
inet6 ::1/128 scope host
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen
link/ether 52:54:00:dd:73:5f brd ff:ff:ff:ff
inet 192.168.140.3/24 scope global eth0
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
root0localhost ~1#
```

So here there is actually no connectivity between the VM's at all. They are just independent of themselves. Though we just tried pinging the other VM but obviously since there is no connectivity between the bridges and the VM with the others. The packet wouldn't find the destination. This setup probably doesn't do anything and just has a bridge attached to themselves and only ping to themselves would work.

# [7.2b]

In this setup we will be having the same bridges as above instead we will have same IP addresses and not MAC addresses.

```
root@localhost ~1#
root@localhost ~1# ip addr
 : lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
  eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 10
    link/ether 52:54:00:fe:65:3d brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.140.3/24 scope global eth0
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever [root@localhost ~1# ping 192.168.140.3]
PING 192.168.140.3 (192.168.140.3) 56(84) bytes of data.
o4 bytes from 192.168.140.3: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.075 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.140.3: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.067 ms
o4 bytes from 192.168.140.3: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.068 ms
o4 bytes from 192.168.140.3: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.062 ms
 -- 192.168.140.3 ping statistics ---
 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3000ms
 tt min/aug/max/mdev = 0.062/0.068/0.075/0.004 ms
root@localhost ~1#
```

```
Iroot@localhost ~1#
Iroot@localhost ~1# ip addr
I: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen
    link/ether 52:54:00:dd:73:5f brd ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.140.3/24 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
Iroot@localhost ~1# _
```

As you can see now that we have same IP addresses but different MAC's but it still the same case as above there is no connectivity at all so the ping which is successful is not actually reaching the other VM but it's pinging itself similar to the case we have seen in (7.1b) as there is no wireshark capture seen at the bridge interface. This setup basically doesn't help with no connections at all while this setup usually ensures network isolation.

### [7.3a]

In this scenario we have 2 bridges connected to 2 VM's but in routed mode which could be seen below with network type and IP addresses with respect to their networks.

```
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$ virsh domiflist VM71
                                         MAC
Interface Type
                   Source
                             Model
vnet17
         network q7_network virtio 52:54:00:df:2b:ee
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$ virsh domiflist VM72
                   Source
vnet18
                                         52:54:00:ff:78:5e
         network q7_network2 virtio
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$ virsh domifaddr VM71
                             Protocol
Name
          MAC address
                                         Address
          52:54:00:df:2b:ee
                                          192.168.150.93/24
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$ virsh domifaddr VM72
          MAC address
                             Protocol
                                          Address
Name
          52:54:00:ff:78:5e
                                         192.168.160.201/24
ece792@ece792-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~$
```

Now we are configuring same MAC addresses and pinging the other VM as shown below:

```
root@localhost ~1# ip addr
: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
     link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
     inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
         valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
     inet6 ::1/128 scope host
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default q
link/ether 52:54:00:ff:78:5e brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
inet 192.168.160.201/24 brd 192.168.160.255 scope global dynamic eth0
valid_lft 2370sec preferred_lft 2370sec
[root@localhost ~1# ping 192.168.150.93
PING 192.168.150.93 (192.168.150.93) 56(84) bytes of data.
 od bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=1.43 ms
od bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=2 ttl=63 time=0.613 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=3 ttl=63 time=3.60 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=4 ttl=63 time=0.766 ms
 4 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=5 ttl=63 time=13.5 ms
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4006ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.613/3.990/13.536/4.891 ms
[root@localhost ~]# _
 -- 192.168.150.93 ping statistics
rootOlocalhost ~1# ip addr
  lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
     inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
         valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
     inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
 eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 100:
     link/ether 52:54:00:ff:78:5e brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.150.93/24 brd 192.168.150.255 scope global dynamic eth0
        valid_lft 3444sec preferred_lft 3444sec
root@localhost ~1#
```

As we can see the Ping is successful because since the bridge is in routed mode and both of them are in different networks. It forwards packet first to the default gateway of the network which is the L3 interface at the bridge. Since the destination IP is in another network the routing table at the Hypervisor has the following entries(screenshot below) where we have routes defined to VM2 network through q72 which is connected to it. So any packets which wants to go the VM2 will be forwarded to q72 bridge and therefore the ping is successful which could be also supported by the fact that the TTL is seen to 63. In the below screenshot our networks are 192.168.150.0 and 192.168.160.0 with bridges q7 and q72.

```
| ecce/92@ecce/92_Standard_PC_1440FX_PIIX_1996:~$ ip route | default via 192.168.124.1 dev ens3 proto static metric 100 | default via 192.168.123.1 dev ens5 proto static metric 101 | 169.254.0.0/16 dev ens3 scope link metric 1000 | 192.168.122.0/24 dev virbr0 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.122.1 | 192.168.123.0/24 dev ens5 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.123.185 metric 100 | 192.168.124.0/24 dev ens3 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.124.5 metric 100 | 192.168.132.0/24 dev nat_ansible proto kernel scope link src 192.168.132.1 | 192.168.150.0/24 dev q7 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.150.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.150.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.160.1 | 192.168.160.0/24 dev q72 proto kernel scope link src
```

### [7.3b]

Now in this set up same as above with the bridges but we will be configuring same IP addresses.

```
[root@localhost ~]#
[root@localhost ~]# ip addr
l: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LÖWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
  valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen
    link/ether 52:54:00:df:Zb:ee brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.150.93/24 brd 192.168.150.255 scope global dynamic eth0
  valid_lft 2598sec preferred_lft 2598sec
[root@localhost ~]# ping 192.168.150.93
PING 192.168.150.93 (192.168.150.93) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.332 ms
54 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.065 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.075 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.099 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.091 ms
4 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.065 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.150.93: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=0.072 ms
-- 192.168.150.93 ping statistics --- packets transmitted, 7 received, 0% packet loss, time 6000ms
tt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.065/0.114/0.332/0.089 ms
[root@localhost ~]# _
```

```
[root@localhost ~]#
[root@localhost ~]# ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen
        link/ether 52:54:00:ff:78:5e brd ff:ff:ff:ff
        inet 192.168.150.93/24 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
[root@localhost ~]# _
```

As we can see above the VM's have same IP addresses but different MAC addresses but having same IP addresses and trying to ping the same IP is nothing but pinging ourselves. So though ping is successful it is not actually not leaving the VM's Interface which could be also supported by the fact that the TTL is 64 which was seen to be 63 in the previous case where the packed actually goes out of VM's interface. So when we tried capturing packets at the bridge interface we have seen no icmp packets reaching the bridge.

