L2 EVPN-MH-VXLAN with SR Linux

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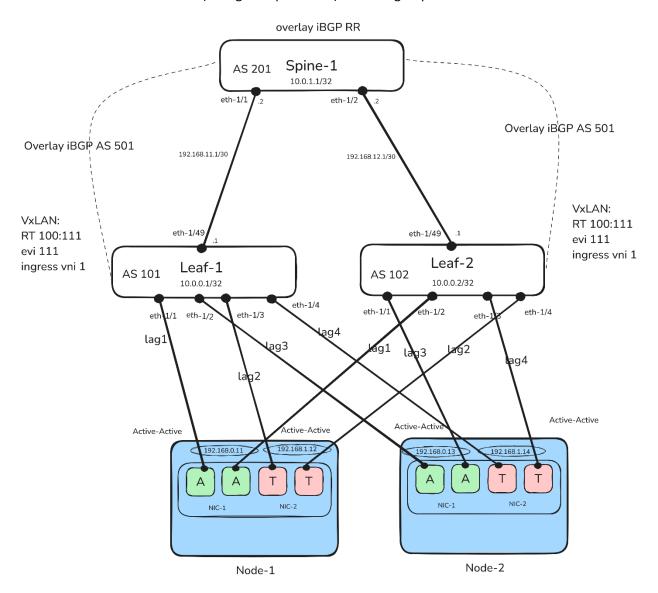
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Ethernet Virtual Private Network (EVPN) is a standard technology in multi-tenant Data Centers (DCs) and provides a control plane framework for many functions.

Objective:

1. Configure a VxLAN based Layer 2 EVPN-MH service

DC fabric: Two leaf switches (acting as Top-Of-Rack) and a single spine



Major parts:

Fabric configuration: Here we will configure the eBGP routing protocol in the underlay of a fabric to advertise the Virtual Tunnel Endpoints (VTEP) of the leaf switches.

- Leaf-Spine interfaces configure
- Assign network-instance default to interfaces for basic IP connectivity
- Configure eBGP peering between the leaf-spine pairs (eBGP-underlay ipv4-unicast)

EVPN-MH configuration:

- iBGP session is established between leafs & spine acting as RR (iBGP-Overlay evpn)
- Server facing interfaces configure (Access, Trunk, Lag, LACP)
- Ethernet segment configure for MH.
- Load-balancing for all-active multihoming segments ecmp
- VXLAN tunnel interface configuration under tunnel interface (ingress VNI)
- Access, trunk and vxlan interfaces with the mac-vrf
- EVPN in MAC-VRF (bgp-vpn, bgp-evpn, EVPN Virtual Identifier (EVI))

Node configuration:

LACP aware 2 bond interfaces (Access, Trunk) configure with 4 physical links with leaf.

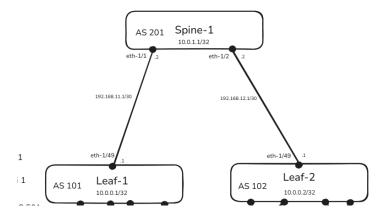
Let's see in detail now...

Fabric configuration

Prior to configuring EVPN based overlay, a routing protocol needs to be deployed in the fabric to advertise the reachability of all the leaf VxLAN Termination End Point (VTEP) addresses throughout the IP fabric. We will use a eBGP based fabric design as described in RFC7938 due to its simplicity, scalability, and ease of multi-vendor interoperability.

Leaf-Spine interfaces configure

On each leaf and spine we will bring up the relevant interface and address its routed subinterface to achieve L3 connectivity.



Assign network-instance default to interfaces for basic IP connectivity Leaf1:

```
A:leaf1# info interface ethernet-1/49
    interface ethernet-1/49 {
        admin-state enable
        subinterface 0 {
             ipv4 {
                admin-state enable
                address 192.168.11.1/30 {
--{ running }--[ ]--
A:leaf1# info interface system0
    interface system0 {
   admin-state enable
        subinterface 0 {
             ipv4 {
                 admin-state enable
                                               A:leaf1# info network-instance default
                address 10.0.0.1/32 {
                                                   network-instance default {
                                                        interface ethernet-1/49.0 {
                                                        interface system0.0 {
  -{ running }--[
```

Spine1:

```
A:spinel# info interface ethernet-1/1
    interface ethernet-1/1 {
        admin-state enable
        subinterface 0 {
            ipv4 {
                admin-state enable
                address 192.168.11.2/30 {
        }
--{ running }--[ ]--
A:spine1# info interface ethernet-1/2
    interface ethernet-1/2 {
        admin-state enable
        subinterface 0 {
            ipv4 {
                admin-state enable
                address 192.168.12.2/30 {
        }
--{ running }--[ ]--
A:spine1# info interface system0
    interface system0 {
        admin-state enable
        subinterface 0 {
            ipv4 {
                admin-state enable
                address 10.0.1.1/32 {
 -{ running }--[ ]--
```

```
A:spinel# info network-instance default network-instance default {
         interface ethernet-1/1.0 {
          interface ethernet-1/2.0 {
          interface system0.0 {
         protocols {
              bgp {
                   autonomous-system 201
router-id 10.0.1.1
afi-safi ipv4-unicast {
                         admin-state enable
                    group eBGP-underlay {
    export-policy all
                         import-policy all
                    group evpn-rr {
                         admin-state enable
                         export-policy all
                        import-policy all
peer-as 501
afi-safi evpn {
                              admin-state enable
                         afi-safi ipv4-unicast {
                              admin-state disable
                         local-as {
                              as-number 501
                         route-reflector {
                              client true
                         timers {
                              minimum-advertisement-interval 1
```

```
neighbor 10.0.0.1 {
                    peer-group evpn-rr
                    transport {
                        local-address 10.0.1.1
                neighbor 10.0.0.2 {
                    peer-group evpn-rr
                    transport {
                        local-address 10.0.1.1
                neighbor 192.168.11.1 {
                    peer-as 101
                    peer-group eBGP-underlay
                neighbor 192.168.12.1 {
                    peer-as 102
                    peer-group eBGP-underlay
--{ candidate shared default }--[ ]--
A:spinel#
```

Leaf2:

```
A:leaf2# info interface ethernet-1/49
    interface ethernet-1/49 {
        admin-state enable
        subinterface 0 {
            ipv4 {
                admin-state enable
                address 192.168.12.1/30 {
--{ running }--[ ]--
A:leaf2# info interface system0
    interface system0 {
        admin-state enable
        subinterface 0 {
            ipv4 {
                admin-state enable
                address 10.0.0.2/32 {
 -{ running }--[ ]--
```

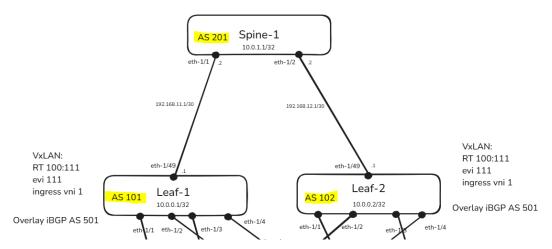
```
A:leaf2# info network-instance default
network-instance default {
    interface ethernet-1/49.0 {
    }
    interface system0.0 {
    }
```

When interfaces are owned by the network-instance default, we can ensure that the basic IP connectivity is working by issuing a ping between the pair of interfaces.

```
A:leaf1# ping 192.168.12.1 network-instance default
Using network instance default
PING 192.168.12.1 (192.168.12.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.12.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=13.3 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.12.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=63 time=8.69 ms
^C
--- 192.168.12.1 ping statistics ---
2 packets transmitted, 2 received, 0% packet loss, time 1001ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 8.689/11.001/13.314/2.314 ms
--{ running }--[ ]--
```

Configure eBGP peering between the leaf-spine pairs (eBGP-underlay ipv4-unicast)

The EBGP will make sure of advertising the VTEP IP addresses (loopbacks) across the fabric.



We will use AS 101 leaf1, AS 102 leaf2 and AS 201 Spine1 for the eBGP peering.

```
A:leaf1# info network-instance default protocols bgp
network-instance default {
    protocols {
        bgp {
            autonomous-system 101
            router-id 10.0.0.1
            afi-safi ipv4-unicast {
                 admin-state enable
        }
        group eBGP-underlay {
            export-policy all
            import-policy all
            peer-as 201
        }
        neighbor 192.168.11.2 {
            peer-group eBGP-underlay
        }
    }
}
```

Now create export/import policies. The export/import policy is required for an eBGP peer to advertise and install routes.

The policy named "all" that we create below will be used both as an import and export policy, effectively allowing all routes to be advertised and received.

```
A:leaf1# info / routing-policy
routing-policy {
    policy all {
        default-action {
            policy-result accept
        }
    }
}
--{ running }--[ ]--
```

Create peer-group config: A peer group should include sessions that have a similar or almost identical configuration. Here, the peer group is named eBGP-underlay since it will be used to enable underlay routing between the leafs and spines.

```
A:leaf1# info network-instance default protocols bgp group eBGP-underlay network-instance default {
    protocols {
        bgp {
            group eBGP-underlay {
                export-policy all
                import-policy all
                peer-as 201
        }
    }
}
--{ running }--[ ]--
```

Configure neighbor:

```
A:leaf1# info network-instance default protocols bgp neighbor 192.168.11.2
network-instance default {
    protocols {
        bgp {
            neighbor 192.168.11.2 {
                 peer-group eBGP-underlay
            }
        }
    }
}
--{ running }--[ ]--
```

Loopbacks:

As we will create a iBGP based EVPN control plane at a later stage, we need to configure loopback addresses for our leaf devices so that they can build an iBGP peering over those interfaces. In the context of the VXLAN data plane, a special kind of a loopback needs to be created - system0 interface.

The system 0.0 interface hosts the loopback address used to originate and typically terminate VXLAN packets. This address is also used by default as the next-hop of all EVPN routes.

Verification:

VXLAN VTEPs need to be advertised throughout the DC fabric. The system0 interfaces we just configured are the VTEPs and they should be advertised via EBGP peering established before.

a) eBGP status

```
A:leaf1# show network-instance default protocols bgp summary
BGP is enabled and up in network-instance "default"
Global AS number : 101
BGP identifier : 10.0.0.1
  Total paths : 13
Received routes : 4294967269
  Received and active routes: 16
  Total UP peers : 2
Configured peers : 2, 0 are disabled
Dynamic peers : None
Default preferences
  BGP Local Preference attribute: 100
  EBGP route-table preference : 170
  IBGP route-table preference : 170
Wait for FIB install to advertise: True
Send rapid withdrawals : disabled
Ipv4-unicast AFI/SAFI
Received routes : 4
Received and active routes : 3
Max number of multipaths : 1, 1
    Multipath can transit multi AS: True
Ipv6-unicast AFI/SAFI
Received routes : 0
Received and active routes : 0
Max number of multipaths : None, None
     Multipath can transit multi AS: None
EVPN-unicast AFI/SAFI
    N-unicast AFI/SAFI
Received routes : 0
Received and active routes : 0
Max number of multipaths : N/A
     Multipath can transit multi AS: N/A
--{ running }--[ ]--
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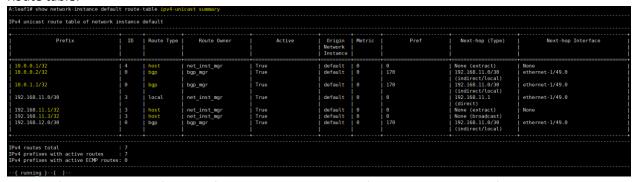
b) BGP neighbor status

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A:leaf1# show network-	instance default protocols bgp nei	ghbor							
	or network-instance "default" amic, L discovered by LLDP, B BFD	enabled, - disabled, * s	low						
Net-Inst	Peer	Group	Flags	Peer-AS	State	Uptime	AFI/SAFI	[Rx/Active/Tx]	
default default	10.0.0.2 192.168.11.2	eBGP-overlay	S S	501 201	established established	0d:14h:45m:16s 1d:3h:39m:53s	evpn ipv4-unicast	[13/13/15] [4/3/2]	
Summary: 2 configured neighbors 0 dynamic peers{ running }[]	, 2 configured sessions are establ	ished,0 disabled peers							

c) Received/Advertised routes



d) Route table:



Both leaf2 and spine1 prefixes are found in the route table of network-instance default and the bgp_mgr is the owner of those prefixes, which means that they have been added to the route-table by the BGP app.

e) Dataplane ping

```
A:leaf1# ping -I 10.0.0.1 network-instance default 10.0.0.2
Using network instance default
PING 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2) from 10.0.0.1 : 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=14.4 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=63 time=13.0 ms
^C
--- 10.0.0.2 ping statistics ---
2 packets transmitted, 2 received, 0% packet loss, time 1002ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 13.030/13.704/14.378/0.674 ms
--{ running }--[ ]--
```

So VTEPs or system ips are reachable and the fabric underlay is properly configured.

EVPN

Background

Ethernet Virtual Private Network (EVPN), along with Virtual eXtensible LAN (VXLAN), is a technology that allows Layer 2 and Layer 3 traffic to be tunneled across an IP network.

The SR Linux EVPN-VXLAN solution enables Layer 2 Broadcast Domains (BDs) in multi-tenant data centers using EVPN for the control plane and VXLAN as the data plane. It includes the following features:

- EVPN for VXLAN tunnels (Layer 2), extending a BD in overlay multi-tenant DCs
- EVPN for VXLAN tunnels (Layer 3), allowing inter-subnet-forwarding for unicast traffic within the same tenant infrastructure

EVPN-VXLAN provides Layer-2 connectivity in multi-tenant DCs. EVPN-VXLAN Broadcast Domains (BD) can span several leaf routers connected to the same IP fabric, allowing hosts attached to the same BD to communicate as though they were connected to the same layer-2 switch.

VXLAN tunnels bridge the layer-2 frames between leaf routers with EVPN providing the control plane to automatically setup tunnels and use them efficiently.

What is Underlay and Overlay Network?

Underlay Network is physical infrastructure above which overlay network is built. It is the underlying network responsible for delivery of packets across networks. Underlay networks can be Layer 2 or Layer 3 networks. Layer 2 underlay networks today are typically based on Ethernet, with segmentation accomplished via VLANs. The Internet is an example of a Layer 3 underlay network.

An Overlay Network is a virtual network that is built on top of underlying network infrastructure (Underlay Network). Actually, "Underlay" provides a "service" to the overlay. Overlay networks implement network virtualization concepts. A virtualized network consists of overlay nodes (e.g., routers), where Layer 2 and Layer 3 tunneling encapsulation (VXLAN, GRE, and IPSec) serves as the transport overlay protocol.

What is VxLAN?

VxLAN — or Virtual Extensible LAN addresses the requirements of the Layer 2 and Layer 3 data center network infrastructure in the presence of VMs in a multi-tenant environment. It runs over the existing networking infrastructure and provides a means to "stretch" a Layer 2 network. In short, VXLAN is a Layer 2 overlay scheme on a Layer 3 network. Each overlay is termed a VXLAN segment. Only VMs within the same VXLAN segment can communicate with each other. Each VXLAN segment is identified through a 24-bit segment ID, termed the "VNI". This allows up to 16 M VXLAN segments to coexist within the same administrative domain.

What is EVI in EVPN?

EVI: Represents a logical EVPN instance, managing control-plane operations for a VPN.

The EVPN Virtual Identifier (EVI) is a numerical identifier that defines a specific EVPN instance. It is used to distinguish different EVPN instances within a single device or network. Each EVI corresponds to a distinct Layer 2 or Layer 3 VPN instance in the EVPN control plane.

What is VNI?

Unlike VLAN, VxLAN does not have ID limitation. It uses a 24-bit header, which gives us about 16 million VNI's to use. A VNI VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI) is the identifier for the LAN segment, similar to a VLAN ID. With an address space this large, an ID can be assigned to a customer, and it can remain unique across the entire network.

In a VXLAN network, the VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI) is embedded within the VXLAN header, which is encapsulated in a UDP packet as part of the overall VXLAN tunnel.

When a frame is sent over a VXLAN tunnel:

- Original Ethernet Frame: The frame to be transported is encapsulated.
- VXLAN Header: A VXLAN header, which includes the VNI, is added to the frame.
- UDP Header: The VXLAN packet is wrapped in a UDP header.
- Outer IP Header: The UDP packet is encapsulated in an outer IP header for transport across the Layer 3 network.

Position of VNI

- The VNI is a **24-bit field** in the **VXLAN header**.
- The VXLAN header is **8 bytes or 64 bits** long and resides between the UDP header and the encapsulated Ethernet frame.

Here's a breakdown of the VXLAN header format:

|R|R|R|R|I|R|R|R| Reserved | VNI | R | = 8+24+24+8 = 64 bit

Key Fields:

- 1. Flags (8 bits):
 - The "I" flag (bit 3) indicates that the VNI field is valid.
- 2. Reserved (24 bits):
 - These bits are reserved for future use and must be set to 0.
- 3. VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI):
 - o A 24-bit field uniquely identifying the VXLAN segment.
- 4. Reserved (8 bits):
 - o Reserved for future use and must be set to 0.

How VNI is Attached in the Tunnel IP Header

The VNI is **not directly part of the outer IP header**. Instead:

1. **Outer IP Header**: Contains the source and destination IP addresses of the VXLAN Tunnel Endpoints (VTEPs).

- o **Source IP**: The IP address of the sending VTEP.
- Destination IP: The IP address of the receiving VTEP.

2. UDP Header:

- Source Port: Typically derived using a hash of the inner packet's headers to allow for load balancing.
- Destination Port: The well-known port for VXLAN (4789).

3. VXLAN Header:

 Encodes the VNI, enabling the receiving VTEP to identify the VXLAN segment to which the encapsulated traffic belongs.

Encapsulation Packet Structure:

| Outer Ethernet Header | Outer IP Header | UDP Header | VXLAN Header | Inner Ethernet Frame |

Outer Ethernet Header: Contains MAC addresses of the transport network.

Outer IP Header: Contains source and destination IP addresses of the VTEPs.

UDP Header:

- Source Port: Random or hashed value for load balancing.
- Destination Port: 4789 (VXLAN standard port).

VXLAN Header:

• Includes the VNI.

Inner Ethernet Frame:

• Original Ethernet frame (with its own MAC addresses).

Role of the VNI in the Tunnel

- At the ingress VTEP, the VNI is assigned to traffic based on the VLAN or Layer 3 VRF configuration.
- At the **egress VTEP**, the receiving device uses the VNI from the VXLAN header to determine the appropriate Layer 2 or Layer 3 segment for decapsulation.

EVI vs. VNI

- EVI operates at the EVPN layer (control plane) and represents the service instance for a Layer 2 or Layer 3 VPN.
- VNI operates at the VXLAN data plane and maps to a specific Layer 2 broadcast domain (or Layer 3 instance in EVPN).

Relationship:

- Each EVPN instance (EVI) can have one or more associated VNIs.
- EVI organizes and controls the services and routes at the control plane, while VNI carries encapsulated traffic over the VXLAN data plane.

What is VTFP?

VxLAN traffic is encapsulated before it is sent over the network. This creates stateless tunnels across the network, from the source switch to the destination switch. The encapsulation and decapsulation are handled by a component called a VTEP (VxLAN Tunnel End Point). A VTEP has an IP address in the underlay network. It also has one or more VNI's associated with it. When frames from one of these VNI's arrives at the Ingress VTEP, the VTEP encapsulates it with UDP and IP headers. The encapsulated packet is sent over the IP network to the Egress VTEP. When it arrives, the VTEP removes the IP and UDP headers, and delivers the frame as normal.

Why Only Ingress VNI is Configured?

The ingress VNI is configured to encapsulate traffic originating on the local device into the correct VXLAN tunnel, based on the VLAN or IP subnet associated with the traffic.

On the egress side, the VNI is automatically determined based on the EVPN control plane (BGP advertisements). Each VTEP (VXLAN Tunnel Endpoint) learns which VNI corresponds to which destination MAC or IP address, eliminating the need for manual configuration of egress VNIs.

How Does Egress VNI Auto-Detection Work?

When EVPN is used with VXLAN, iBGP distributes information about MAC addresses, IP addresses, and VNIs for each EVI.

A remote VTEP learns this mapping and can decapsulate the incoming VXLAN traffic based on the VNI in the packet header.

Since the control plane already shares the necessary mappings, the egress VNI doesn't need to be manually configured.

EVPN-MH configuration

- iBGP session is established between leafs (iBGP-Overlay evpn)
- Server facing interfaces configure (Access, Trunk, Lag, LACP)
- Ethernet segment configure for MH.
- Load-balancing for all-active multihoming segments ecmp
- VXLAN tunnel interface configuration under tunnel interface (ingress VNI)
- · Access, trunk and vxlan interfaces with the mac-vrf
- EVPN in MAC-VRF (bgp-vpn, bgp-evpn, EVPN Virtual Identifier (EVI))

iBGP session is established between leaf-spine (iBGP-Overlay evpn)

Now that the DC fabric has a routed underlay, and the loopbacks of the leaf, spine switches are mutually reachable, we can proceed with the VXLAN based EVPN service configuration. We will use spine as Route Reflector so that new leaf configuration will be easier.

For that iBGP configuration we will create a group called iBGP-overlay which will have the peer-as and local-as set to 501 to form an iBGP neighborship. The group will also host the same permissive all routing policy, enabled evpn and disabled ipv4-unicast address families.

Then for each leaf we add a new BGP neighbor addressed by the remote system0 interface address and local system address as the source.

info network-instance default protocols bgp group iBGP-overlay

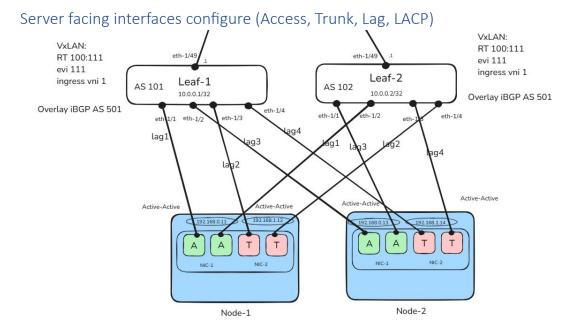
info network-instance default protocols bgp neighbor 10.0.1.1

```
A:leaf1# info network-instance default protocols bgp group iBGP-overlay
   network-instance default {
        protocols {
            bgp {
                group iBGP-overlay {
                    export-policy all
                    import-policy all
                    peer-as 501
                    afi-safi evpn {
                        admin-state enable
                    afi-safi ipv4-unicast {
                        admin-state disable
                    local-as {
                        as-number 501
                    timers {
                        minimum-advertisement-interval 1
 -{ candidate shared default }--[ ]--
A:leaf1# info network-instance default protocols bgp neighbor 10.0.1.1
   network-instance default {
        protocols {
           bgp {
                neighbor 10.0.1.1 {
                    peer-group iBGP-overlay
                    transport {
                        local-address 10.0.0.1
   candidate shared default }--[ ]--
```

Ensure that the iBGP session is established.

Net-Inst	Peer	Group	Fla gs	Peer- AS	State	Uptime 	AFI/SAFI 	[Rx/Active/Tx]
default	10.0.1.1 	===+======= iBGP- overlay	S 	+======= 501 	establish ed	+=====================================	evpn 	[13/13/15]

As we don't have any EVPN service created, there are no EVPN routes that are being sent/received. This snapshot is taked after creating EVPN service, so we are seeing in last column EVPN routes.



In this demo we have two Node/servers with 4 interfaces. We made Ethernet 1,2 as bond0 and Ethernet 3,4 as bond1. One bond interface is access and other is vlan 10 tagged.

On the leaf side, 4 lag interfaces are created for doing multi homing.

```
A:leaf1# info interface ethernet-1/1
    interface ethernet-1/1 {
         admin-state enable
         ethernet {
             aggregate-id lag1
--{ running }--[ ]--
A:leaf1# info interface ethernet-1/2
    interface ethernet-1/2 {
         admin-state enable
         ethernet {
             aggregate-id lag3
 --{ running }--[ ]--
A:leaf1# info interface ethernet-1/3
    interface ethernet-1/3 {
         admin-state enable
         ethernet {
             aggregate-id lag2
--{ running }--[ ]--
A:leaf1# info interface ethernet-1/4
    interface ethernet-1/4 {
         admin-state enable
         ethernet {
             aggregate-id lag4
    running }--[ ]--
```

```
A:leaf1# info interface lag1
    interface lag1 {
        admin-state enable
        vlan-tagging true
        subinterface 0 {
             type bridged
             vĺan {
                 encap {
                     untagged {
       }
lag {
lag-type lacp
mber-speed
             member-speed 10G
             lacp {
                 interval SLOW
                 lacp-mode ACTIVE
                 admin-key 11
system-id-mac 00:00:00:00:00:11
                 system-priority 11
 -{ running }--[ ]--
```

```
A:leaf1# info interface lag2
    interface lag2 {
   admin-state enable
         vlan-tagging true
         subinterface 0 {
             type bridged
             admin-state enable
             vlan {
                 encap {
                     single-tagged-range {
                          low-vlan-id 10 {
high-vlan-id 15
        }
lag {
             lag-type lacp
             member-speed 10G
             lacp {
                 interval SLOW
                 lacp-mode ACTIVE
                 admin-key 12
                  system-id-mac 00:00:00:00:00:12
                 system-priority 12
  -{ running }--[ ]--
```

Tunnel/VXLAN interface:

After creating the access/trunk lag sub-interfaces we are proceeding with creation of the VXLAN/Tunnel interfaces. The VXLAN encapsulation in the dataplane allows MAC-VRFs of the same BD to be connected throughout the IP fabric.

The SR Linux models VXLAN as a tunnel-interface which has a vxlan-interface within. The tunnel-interface for VXLAN is configured with a name vxlan<N> where N = 0..255.

A vxlan-interface is configured under a tunnel-interface. At a minimum, a vxlan-interface must have an index, type, and ingress VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI).

- The index can be a number in the range 0-4294967295.
- The type can be bridged or routed and indicates whether the vxlan-interface can be linked to a mac-vrf (bridged) or ip-vrf (routed).
- The ingress VNI is the **VXLAN Network Identifier** that the system looks for in incoming VXLAN packets to classify them to this vxlan-interface and its network-instance. VNI can be in the range of 1..16777215.

The VNI is used to find the MAC-VRF where the inner MAC lookup is performed. The egress VNI is not configured and is determined by the imported EVPN routes.

SR Linux requires that the egress VNI (discovered) matches the configured ingress VNI so that two leaf routers attached to the same BD can exchange packets.

The source IP used in the vxlan-interfaces is the IPv4 address of subinterface system0.0 in the default network-instance.

To verify the tunnel interface configuration:

show tunnel-interface vxlan-interface brief

The network-instance type mac-vrf functions as a broadcast domain. Each mac-vrf network-instance builds a bridge table composed of MAC addresses that can be learned via the data path on network-instance interfaces, via BGP EVPN or provided with static configuration.

We have added vxlan interface and lag interfaces to our mac vrf.

```
A:leaf1# info network-instance mac
    network-instance mac-vrf-1 {
        type mac-vrf
        admin-state enable
        interface lag1.0 {
        interface lag2.0 {
        interface lag3.0 {
         interface lag4.0 {
         vxlan-interface vxlan1.1 {
        protocols {
            bgp-evpn {
                 bgp-instance 1 {
                     admin-state enable
                     vxlan-interface vxlan1.1
evi 111
                     ecmp 2
             bgp-vpn {
                 bgp-instance 1 {
                     route-target {
                         export-rt target:100:111
import-rt target:100:111
```

show tunnel-interface vxlan1 vxlan-interface 1 brief show tunnel-interface vxlan-interface brief show tunnel vxlan-tunnel all show network-instance default tunnel-table all

show tunnel-interface vxlan1 vxlan-interface 1 bridge-table unicast-destinations destination * show tunnel-interface vxlan1 vxlan-interface 1 bridge-table multicast-destinations destination * show network-instance default protocols bgp routes evpn route-type summary



```
8 Ethernet Auto-Discovery routes 8 used, 8 valid
0 MAC-IP Advertisement routes 0 used, 0 valid
1 Inclusive Multicast Ethernet Tag routes 1 used, 1 valid
4 Ethernet Segment routes 4 used, 4 valid
0 IP Prefix routes 0 used, 0 valid
--{ candidate shared default }--{ ]--
A:leaf1#
```

Ingress and Egress VNI is same. VxLAN tunnel is created. Now we will create ES.

Ethernet Segment

```
A:leaf1# info system network-instance protocols
     system {
          network-instance {
               protocols {
                     evpn {
                          ethernet-segments {
                               bgp-instance 1 {
                                     ethernet-segment ES-1 {
                                          admin-state enable
                                          esi 01:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:01
                                          multi-homing-mode all-active
                                          interface lag1 {
                                     ethernet-segment ES-2 {
    admin-state enable
                                          esi 01:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:02
multi-homing-mode all-active
interface lag2 {
                                     ethernet-segment ES-3 {
                                          admin-state enable esi 01:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:03
                                          multi-homing-mode all-active
interface lag3 {
                                     ethernet-segment ES-4 {
    admin-state enable
    esi 01:11:11:11:11:11:100:00:04
                                          multi-homing-mode all-active interface lag4 {
                     bgp-vpn {
                          bgp-instance 1 {
  { running }--[ ]--
```

The ethernet-segment is created with a name ES-1 under bgp-instance 1 with the all-active mode.

For a multihomed site, each Ethernet segment (ES) is identified by a unique non-zero identifier called an Ethernet Segment Identifier (ESI).

An ESI is encoded as a 10-octet integer in line format with the most significant octet sent first.

The esi and multi-homing-mode must match in all ES peers. At last, we assign the interface lag1 to ES-1, lag2 to ES-2, lag3 to ES3 and lag4 to ES-4 for both leafs.

Besides the ethernet segments, bgp-vpn is also configured with bgp-instance 1 to use the BGP information (RT/RD) for the ES routes exchanged in EVPN to enable multihoming.

To provide the load-balancing for all-active multihoming segments, set ecmp to the expected number of leaves (PE) serving the CE1. Since we have two leaves connected to CE1, we set ecmp 2.

```
A:leafl# info network-instance mac-vrf-1
    network-instance mac-vrf-1 {
        type mac-vrf
        admin-state enable
        interface lag1.0 {
        interface lag2.0 {
        interface lag3.0 {
        interface lag4.0 {
        vxlan-interface vxlan1.1 {
        protocols {
            bgp-evpn {
                bgp-instance 1 {
                     admin-state enable vxlan-interface vxlan1.1
            bgp-vpn {
                bgp-instance 1 {
                     route-target {
                         export-rt target:100:111
                         import-rt target:100:111
 -{ running }--[ ]--
```

EVPN in MAC-VRF

To advertise the locally learned MACs to the remote leafs we have to configure EVPN in our mac-vrf-1 network-instance.

EVPN configuration under the mac-vrf network instance will require two configuration containers:

- bgp-vpn provides the configuration of the bgp-instances where the route-distinguisher and the import/export route-targets used for the EVPN routes exist.
- bgp-evpn hosts all the commands required to enable EVPN in the network-instance. At a
 minimum, a reference to bgp-instance 1 is configured, along with the reference to the vxlaninterface and the EVPN Virtual Identifier (EVI).

```
A:leaf1# info network-instance mac-vrf-1

network-instance mac-vrf-1 {
    type mac-vrf
    admin-state enable
    interface lag1.0 {
    }
    interface lag2.0 {
    }
    interface lag4.0 {
    }
    vxlan-interface vxlan1.1 {
    }
    protocols {
        bgp-evpn {
            bgp-instance 1 {
                admin-state enable
                vxlan-interface vxlan1.1
                evi 111
                 ecmp 2
            }
     }
    bgp-instance 1 {
                route-target {
                 export-rt target:100:111
                      import-rt target:100:111
                      }
     }
     }
}
--{ running }--[ ]--
A:leaf1#
```

Once configured, the bgp-vpn instance can be checked to have the RT/RD values set:

VNI to EVI mapping: SR Linux supports an interoperability mode in which SR Linux leaf nodes can be attached to VLAN-aware bundle broadcast domains along with other third-party routers.

When the BGP-EVPN is configured in the mac-vrf instance, the leafs start to exchange EVPN routes, which we can verify with the following commands:



leaf1 received/sent 1 route out of 13/13/15 is an EVPN Inclusive Multicast Ethernet Tag route (IMET or type 3, RT3). The IMET route is advertised as soon as bgp-evpn is enabled in the MAC-VRF; it has the following purpose:

- Auto-discovery of the remote VTEPs attached to the same EVI
- Creation of a default flooding list in the MAC-VRF so that BUM frames are replicated

The IMET/RT3 routes can be viewed in summary and detailed modes:

```
Albertif show network instance default protocols bgs routes evan route-type 3 summary

Show report for the BGP route table of network-instance 'default'

Show report for the BGP route table of network-instance 'default'

BGP Router ID: 10.0.0.1 AS: 101 Local AS: 101

Type 3 Inclusive Multicast Ethernet Tog Routes

| Variety | 10.0.0.2:111 | 0 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.0.2 | 10.0.
```

When the IMET routes from leaf2 are imported for mac-vrf-1 network-instance, the corresponding multicast VXLAN destinations are added and can be checked with the following command:

show tunnel-interface vxlan1 vxlan-interface 1 bridge-table multicast-destinations destination *

This multicast destination means that BUM frames received on a bridged sub-interface are ingress-replicated to the VTEPs for that EVI as per the table above. For example any ARP traffic will be distributed (ingress-replicated) to the VTEPs from multicast destinations table.

As to the unicast destinations there are none so far, and this is because we haven't yet received any MAC/IP RT2 EVPN routes. But before looking into the RT2 EVPN routes, let's zoom into VXLAN tunnels that got built right after we receive the first IMET RT3 routes.

VXLAN tunnels

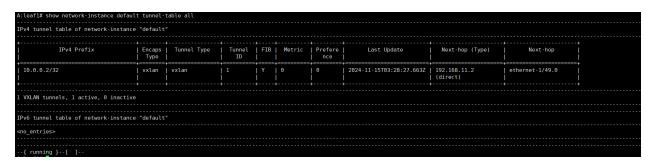
After receiving EVPN routes from the remote leafs with VXLAN encapsulation, SR Linux creates VXLAN tunnels towards remote VTEP, whose address is received in EVPN IMET routes.

show tunnel vxlan-tunnel all

The VXLAN tunnel is built between the vxlan interfaces in the MAC-VRF network instances, which internally use system interfaces of the default network instance as a VTEP:

Once a VTEP is created in the vxlan-tunnel table with a non-zero allocated index, an entry in the tunnel table is also created for the tunnel.

show network-instance default tunnel-table all



EVPN MAC/IP routes:

when the leafs exchanged only EVPN IMET routes they build the BUM flooding tree (aka multicast destinations), but unicast destinations are yet unknown, which is seen in the below output:

show tunnel-interface vxlan1 vxlan-interface 1 bridge-table unicast-destinations destination *

```
A:leaf1# show tunnel-interface vxlan1 vxlan-interface 1 bridge-table unicast-destinations destination *

Show report for vxlan-interface vxlan1.1 unicast destinations

Destinations

Ethernet Segment Destinations

Summary

0 unicast-destinations, 0 non-es, 0 es

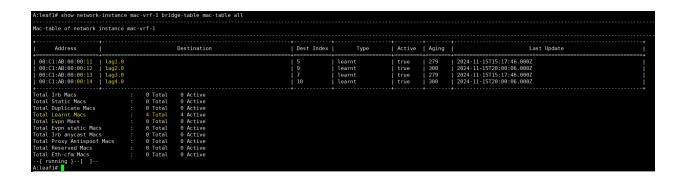
0 MAC addresses, 0 active, 0 non-active

--{ running }--[ ]--

A:leaf1#
```

This is due to the fact that no MAC/IP EVPN routes are being advertised yet. If we take a look at the MAC table of the mac-vrf-1, we will see that no local MAC addresses are there, and this is because the servers haven't yet sent any frames towards the leafs.

show network-instance mac-vrf-1 bridge-table mac-table all



When traffic is exchanged between srv1 and srv2, the MACs are learned on the access bridged sub-interfaces and advertised in EVPN MAC/IP routes (type 2, RT2). The MAC/IP routes are imported, and the MACs programmed in the mac-table.

The below output shows the MAC/IP EVPN route that leaf1 received from its neighbor. The NLRI information contains the MAC of the srv2:

show network-instance default protocols bgp routes evpn route-type 2 summary

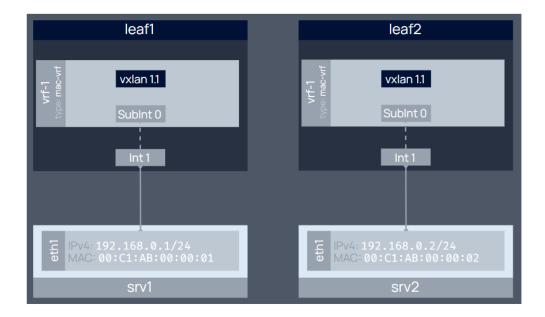
The MAC/IP EVPN routes also triggers the creation of the unicast tunnel destinations which were empty before:

show tunnel-interface vxlan1 vxlan-interface 1 bridge-table unicast-destinations destination *

Node configuration

LACP aware 2 bond interfaces (Access, Trunk) configure with 4 physical links with leaf.

```
ip link set address 00:c1:ab:00:00:11 dev bond0
ip link set address 00:c1:ab:00:00:12 dev bond1
ip addr add 192.168.0.11/24 dev bond0
ip link set eth1 down
ip link set eth2 down
ip link set eth3 down
ip link set eth4 down
ip link set eth1 master bond0
ip link set eth3 master bond1
ip link set eth4 master bond1
ip link set eth1 up
ip link set eth2 up
ip link set eth4 up
ip link set bond0 up
ip link set bond1 up
ip link set dev bond1.10 up
```



This snapshot is a demo for illustration of server to leaf connection. In our case, BondO and Bond1 interfaces has MAC and IP, which is connected to lag interface sub-interface. This sub-interface and vxlan1.1 subinterface are in same BD.

Verification

Let's verify that the configuration we have done so far is working as expected.

LAG

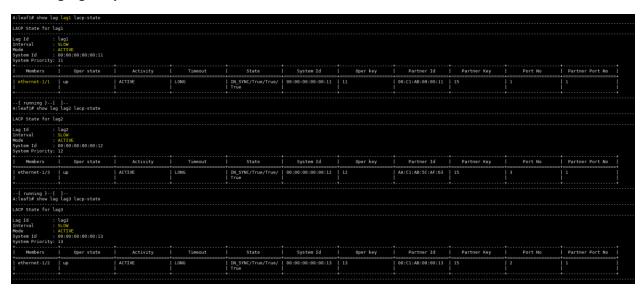
let's check the LAG and LACP status on our leaf switches

show interface lag1



Lacp status:

show lag lag1 lacp-state



The LAG status and network instance it belongs to can be seen in the show interface lag1 output, and show lag lag1 lacp-state command shows the LACP parameters as well as the status information of the member ports.

The output on leaf1 and leaf2 is expected to be the same, except for the partner port no, which is unique per peer.

Ethernet Segment

show system network-instance ethernet-segments ES-1 detail

The configured ES parameters, operational status, as well as the ES peers and the selected Designated Forwarder (DF) are displayed here.

Traffic test

Let's send some CE to CE traffic to see if multihoming works and traffic is utilizing all available links.

ssh admin@clab-evpn-mh-my-ce1

Credentials admin:srllabs@123

Open 3 terminals on node 1. And one terminal on node 2

sudo tcpdump -ni eth3

sudo tcpdump -ni eth4

We are doing packet capture on bond1 interface two physical interfaces eth3 and eth4.

Basic Ping Sweep To see which hosts are up within a network:

nmap -sn 192.168.1.0/24

Start the iperf3 server on the destination (192.168.1.12):

iperf3 -s

Run the iperf3 client on the source (192.168.1.14), specifying the source IP:

iperf3 -c 192.168.1.12 -B 192.168.1.14

iperf3 -c 192.168.1.12 -B 192.168.1.14 -u -b 30G

```
Server listening on 5201
Accepted connection from 192.168.1.14, port 48031
      local 192.168.1.12 port 5201 connected to 192.168.1.14 port 60737
  ID] Interval
                         .
Transfer
                                     Bitrate
                                                      Jitter
                                                                Lost/Total Datagrams
       0.00-1.00
                         2.74 MBytes
1.38 MBytes
                                      23.0 Mbits/sec
                                                      0.072 ms
                                                                 162749/164734 (99%)
                    sec
        1.00-2.00
                                      11.6 Mbits/sec
                                                                 175771/176772 (99%)
                                                      0.066 ms
                    sec
                                      11.6 Mbits/sec
        2.00-3.00
                         1.38 MBytes
                                                      0.041 ms
                                                                 163169/164170 (99%)
                    sec
                                      11.6 Mbits/sec
                                                                 181278/182278 (99%)
                         1.38 MBytes
                                                      0.048 ms
        3.00-4.00
                    sec
        4.00-5.00
                    sec
                         1.38 MBytes
                                      11.6 Mbits/sec
                                                      0.040 ms
                                                                 175381/176382
                                                                               (99\%)
        5.00-6.00
                    sec
                         1.38 MBytes
                                      11.6 Mbits/sec
                                                       0.045 ms
                                                                 181859/182860
                                                                               (99%
                                      11.6 Mbits/sec
                                                                 175884/176885
        6.00-7.00
                         1.38 MBytes
                                                       0.020 ms
                    sec
                         1.38 MBytes
                                      11.6 Mbits/sec
                                                       0.054 ms
                                                                 170501/171502
        8.00-9.00
                                                                 166274/167275
                    sec
                         1.38 MBytes
                                      11.6 Mbits/sec
                                                      0.032 ms
        9.00-10.00
                    sec
                         1.38 MBytes
                                      11.6 Mbits/sec
                                                      0.045 ms
                                                                 174538/175539 (99%)
                         0.00 Bytes 0.00 bits/sec 0.045 ms 0/0 (0%)
       10.00-11.00 sec
       11.00-11.78
                         0.00 Bytes 0.00 bits/sec 0.045 ms 0/0 (0%)
                    sec
                         Transfer
                                      Bitrate
                                                                 Lost/Total Datagrams
  ID] Interval
                                                       Jitter
                        15.2 MBytes 10.8 Mbits/sec 0.045 ms 1727404/1738397 (99%)
        0.00-11.78 sec
                                                                                        receiver
Server listening on 5201
```

```
ce2:~$ iperf3 -c 192.168.1.12 -B 192.168.1.14 -u -b 30G
Connecting to host 192.168.1.12, port 5201
  5] local 192.168.1.14 port 60737 connected to 192.168.1.12 port 5201
                                                      Total Datagrams
  ID] Interval
                         Transfer
                                      Bitrate
                          247 MBytes
        0.00-1.00
                    sec
                                      2.07 Gbits/sec
                                                      178603
                                     2.05 Gbits/sec
   5]
        1.00-2.00
                         245 MBytes
                                                      177069
                   sec
        2.00-3.00
                         226 MBytes
                                     1.90 Gbits/sec
                   sec
                         255 MBytes
   5]
        3.00-4.00
                                     2.14 Gbits/sec
                                                      184390
                   sec
                          242 MBytes
   5]
        4.00-5.00
                    sec
                                     2.03 Gbits/sec
                                                      175243
   5]
        5.00-6.00
                                      2.13 Gbits/sec
                    sec
                          254 MBytes
                                                      183881
   5]
        6.00-7.00
                          243 MBytes
                                     2.04 Gbits/sec
                                                      176096
                    sec
   5]
        7.00-8.00
                    sec
                          237 MBytes
                                     1.99 Gbits/sec
                                                      171834
  5]
5]
        8.00-9.00
                   sec
                          231 MBytes
                                     1.94 Gbits/sec
                                                      167481
        9.00-10.00
                   sec
                          246 MBytes
                                      2.06 Gbits/sec
                                                     177910
  ID] Interval
                         Transfer
                                                                Lost/Total Datagrams
                                      Bitrate
                                                      Jitter
        0.00-10.00 sec 2.37 GBytes 2.03 Gbits/sec 0.000 ms 0/1756455 (0%) sender
  5]
   5]
        0.00-11.78 sec 15.2 MBytes 10.8 Mbits/sec 0.045 ms 1727404/1738397 (99%) receiver
iperf Done.
```

Explanation:

- -u: Enables UDP mode (required for specifying bandwidth).
- -b 30G: Sets the bandwidth to 30 Gbps.
- B 192.168.1.14: Binds the client to the source IP address 192.168.1.14.
- -c 192.168.1.12: Specifies the destination IP address.

On captured packets we can see traffics on both interfaces.

EVPN Routes

When doing the traffic tests, we triggered some EVPN routes exchange in the fabric.

Let's check which EVPN routes leaf1 and spine1, leaf2 and spine1 (ES peers) advertise to each other:

show network-instance default protocols bgp neighbor 10.0.1.1 advertised-routes evpn

eer : 10.0.1.1, remote ype : static escription : None roup : iBGP-overlay	AS: 501, local	AS: 501						
igin codes: i=IGP, e=EGP, ?=i	ncomplete							
pe 1 Ethernet Auto-Discovery								
Route-distinguisher		ESI	Tag-ID		Next-Hop	MED	LocPref	Path
10.8.0.1:11 10.8.0.1:111 10.8.0.1:111 10.8.0.1:111 10.8.0.1:111 10.8.0.1:111 10.8.0.1:111 10.8.0.1:111	01:11: 01:11: 01:11: 01:11: 01:11: 01:11:	11:11:11:11:11:00:00:02 11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:03 11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:03 11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:04	4294967295 0 4294967295 0	10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1			100	
pe 2 MAC-IP Advertisement Rou	ites							
Route-distinguisher	Tag-ID	MAC-address	IP-add	ress	Next-Hop	MED	LocPref	Path
10.0.0.1:111 10.0.0.1:111 10.0.0.1:111 10.0.0.1:111	0 0 0 0	00:C1:AB:00:00:11 0.6 00:C1:AB:00:00:12 0.6 00:C1:AB:00:00:13 0.6 00:C1:AB:00:00:14 0.6	1.0.0		10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1	 · · · ·	100 100 100 100	

Type 3 Inclusive Multicast Etherne								
Route-distinguisher	Tag-ID	Originator-IP	Next-Hop		MED	LocPref	Path	
10.0.0.1:111	θ	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.1	[·		100		Ţ
Type 4 Ethernet Segment Routes								
Route-distinguisher	ESI		Originating-IP	Next-Hop	MED		LocPref Pat	
	01:11:11:11:11:11: 01:11:11:11:11:11:	11:00:00:01 10.0.0 11:00:00:02 10.0.0 11:00:00:03 10.0.0 11:00:00:04 10.0.0		10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1 10.0.0.1	- - -		100 100 100 100	
8 advertised Ethernet Auto-Discove 4 advertised MAC-IP Advertisement 1 advertised Inclusive Multicast E 4 advertised Ethernet Segment rout 8 advertised IP Prefix route { candidate shared default }-[routes Ethernet Tag routes tes							

A:leaf2# show network-instance de	fault protocols bon	neighbor 10 0 1	l advertised re	utos ovos							
Peer : 10.0.1.1, remote AS Type : static Description : None Group : iBGP-overlay		nezymor 10.0.1.	advertised-10	utes evin							
Origin codes: i=IGP, e=EGP, ?=inc	omplete										
Type 1 Ethernet Auto-Discovery Ro											
Route-distinguisher		ESI	Tag-ID	ļ	Next-Hop			ED	LocPref		Path
10.8.0.2:111 10.8.0.2:111 10.8.0.2:111 10.8.0.2:111 10.8.0.2:111 10.8.0.2:111 10.8.0.2:111 10.8.0.2:111	01:11:11:11:1 01:11:11:11:1 01:11:11:11:1 01:11:11:11:1 01:11:11:11:1 01:11:11:11:1 01:11:11:11:1 01:11:11:11:1	1:11:11:00:00:01 1:11:11:00:00:01 1:11:11:00:00:02 1:11:11:00:00:02 1:11:11:00:00:03 1:11:11:00:00:03 1:11:11:00:00:04 1:11:11:00:00:04	0 4294967295 0 4294967295 0 4294967295 0	10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2			: : : : :		100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100		
Type 3 Inclusive Multicast Ethern	et rag Routes	+	····+	Next-Hop		+	MED			Pat	
Route-distinguisher +						 			ocPref =====+=== 00		
Type 4 Ethernet Segment Routes											
Route-distinguisher	ESI		Originat			t-Hop		MED		cPref	Path
10.0.0.2:0 10.0.0.2:0 10.0.0.2:0 10.0.0.2:0	01:11:11:11:11:11: 01:11:11:11:11:11: 01:11:11:11:11:11:11: 01:11:11:11:11:11:11:	11:00:00:01 10 11:00:00:02 10 11:00:00:03 10	9.0.0.2 9.0.0.2		10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2		:		10 10 10 10	8 9 8	
8 advertised Ethernet Auto-Discove	ery routes										

RT1, RT3 and RT4 routes are triggered by configuration (ES and MAC-VRF), while RT2 routes (MAC-IP) only appear when a MAC is learned or statically configured.

Among these, RT4 is known as ES routes imported by ES peers for DF election and local biasing (split-horizon). It is advertised/received here only by leaf1 and leaf2.

RT1 also advertises ESIs, mainly for two reasons (hence two entries per ESI):

- Aliasing for load balancing (0)
- Mass withdrawal for fast convergence (4294967295)

BGP EVPN route table:

show network-instance default protocols bgp routes evpn route-type summary

A:leaf1# show network-instance default protocols bgp rout						
Show report for the BGP route table of network-instance						
Status codes: u=used, *=valid, >=best, x=stale Origin codes: i=IGP, e=EGP, ?=incomplete						
BGP Router ID: 10.0.0.1 AS: 101 Local AS: 101						
Type 1 Ethernet Auto-Discovery Routes						
Status Route-distinguisher +	ESI	Tag-ID	neighbor +	Next-		VNI
u*> 10.0.0.2:111 0	01:11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:01 0 01:11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:01 4 01:11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:02 0	4294967295 9	10.0.0.2	10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2		
u*> 10.0.0.2:111 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	01:11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:02 4 01:11:11:11:11:11:11:100:00:03 0 01:11:11:11:11:11:11:100:00:03 4	9 4294967295	10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2	10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2		
	01:11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:04 0 01:11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:04 4		10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2	10.0.0.2		- 1
Type 3 Inclusive Multicast Ethernet Tag Routes	*			+		
Status Route-distinguisher	Tag-ID	Originator-	-IP neig	ghbor		Next-Hop
u*>		.0.0.2	10.0.0.2		10.0.0.2	
Type 4 Ethernet Segment Routes		+				
Status Route-distinguisher	ESI		originating-router	neighbor		Next-Hop
u*>	01:11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:01			10.0.0.2 10.0.0.2		0.0.0.2 0.0.0.2
u*> 10.0.0.2:0	01:11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:03	10.0.0.2		10.0.0.2		0.0.0.2
u*> 10.0.0.2:0	01:11:11:11:11:11:11:00:00:04	10.0.0.2		10.0.0.2	10	0.0.0.2
B Ethernet Auto-Discovery routes 8 used, 8 valid 6 MAC-IP Advertisement routes 0 used, 0 valid 1 Inclusive Multicast Ethernet Tag routes 1 used, 1 valid 4 Ethernet Segment routes 4 used, 4 valid 6 IP Prefix routes 0 used, 0 valid	d					
{ running }[] A:leaf1# <mark> </mark>						

MAC Table:

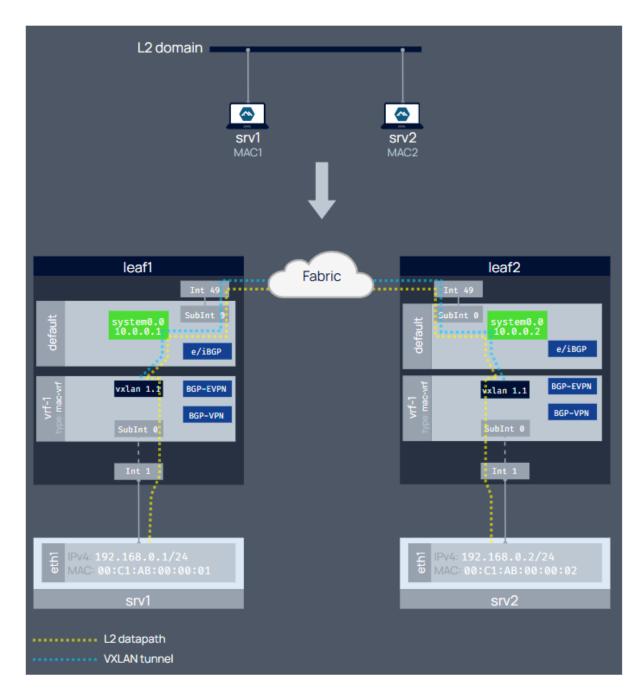
show network-instance mac-vrf-1 bridge-table mac-table all

Mac-table of network instar							
Address		Destination	Dest Index		Active	Aging	Last Update
00:C1:AB:00:00:11 lag 00:C1:AB:00:00:12 lag 00:C1:AB:00:00:13 lag 00:C1:AB:00:00:14 lag	2.0 3.0		5 9 7 10	evpn evpn evpn evpn	true true true true	N/A N/A N/A N/A	2024-11-16T18:50:01.000Z 2024-11-16T17:40:24.000Z 2024-11-16T18:50:01.000Z 2024-11-16T17:40:24.000Z
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ESI-based Load-Balancing:

MAC addresses learned through EVPN typically show the VTEP (PE) router in the destination column, while MAC addresses of multihomed devices are instead assigned the EVPN Segment Identifier (ESI), which can refer to multiple VTEP destinations.

The use of ESIs here ensures the load balancing as it refers to multiple VTEPs if ECMP is enabled. show tunnel-interface vxlan1 vxlan-interface 1 bridge-table unicast-destinations destination show tunnel-interface vxlan1 vxlan-interface 1 bridge-table multicast-destinations destination



The highly detailed configuration & verification steps helped us achieve the goal of creating an overlay Layer 2 broadcast domain for the two servers in our topology. So that the high level service diagram transformed into a detailed map of configuration constructs and instances.

During the verification phases we observed the following packet captures to prove the control/data plane behavior:

Exchange of the IMET/RT3 EVPN routes. IMET/RT3 routes are the starting point in the L2 EVPN-VXLAN services, as they are used to dynamically discover the VXLAN VTEPs participating in the same EVI.

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