

# Software-Defined Networking and OpenFlow

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## Legacy data center networks are at a breaking point


Complex	Constrained	Manual
Over <b>30 years</b>  Of network design principles have kept Virtual Network Infrastructure at bay <sup>1</sup>	More than <b>80%</b> of all traffic  In the data center's LAN to be between servers, and up to 80% of end-user traffic will move to the WAN by 2014 <sup>2</sup>	Human middleware <b>box-by-box</b>  CLI configuration is the typical method used by todays admins to provision networks <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Forrester Research, Inc., The Forrester Wave™: Data Center Networking Hardware, January, 2013

<sup>2</sup> Plan Now For the Hyper converged Enterprise Network Gartner ID:G00232582 May 2012

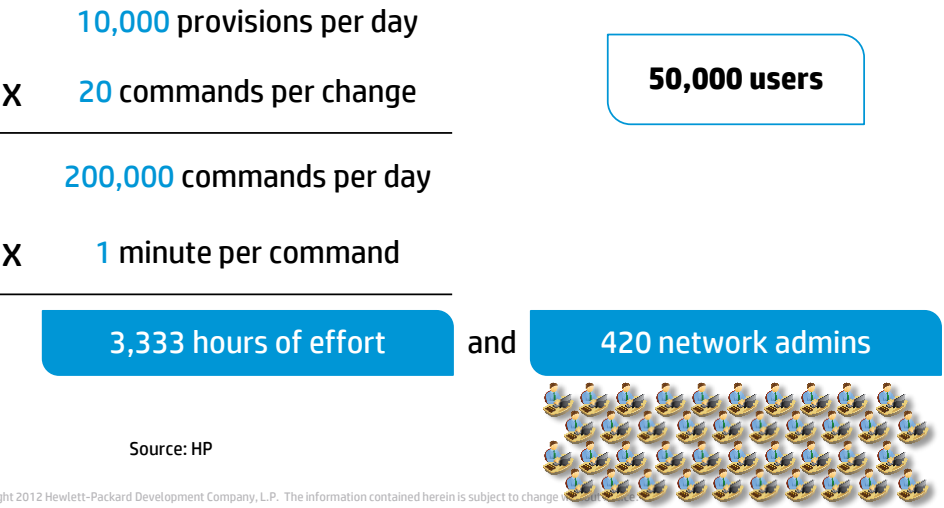
<sup>3</sup> HP (ES/TS - CLI based L2/3 switch, router configuration of legacy network deployments)

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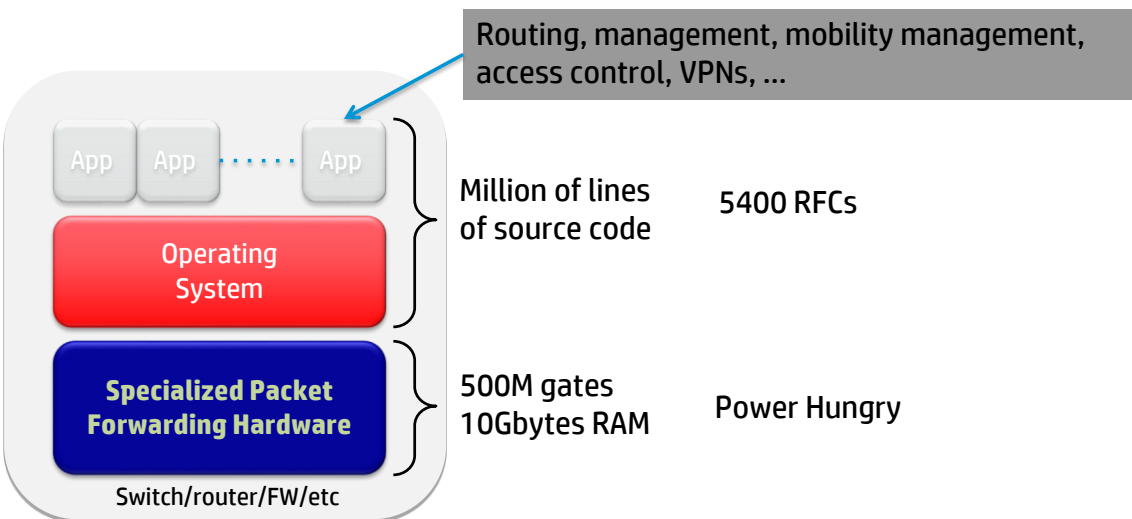


# Legacy network human middleware can't scale for cloud

Time and resource intensive, not suited for cloud scale



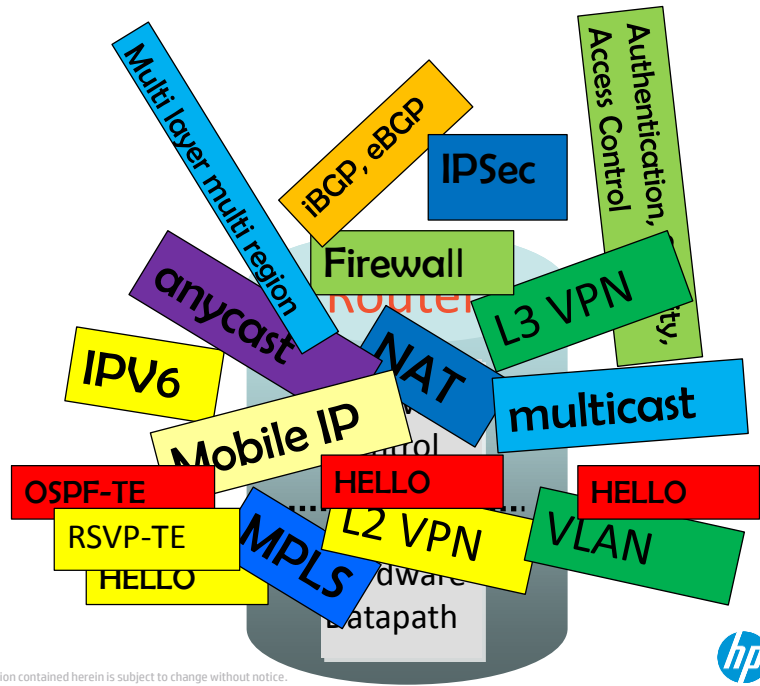
# We have lost our way...



## We are really lost...

### Many complex functions baked into the infrastructure

- OSPF, BGP, multicast, differentiated services, Traffic Engineering, NAT, firewalls, MPLS, redundant layers, ...
- **Independent** devices negotiating hundreds of settings
- Each device configured **individually**



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## What is software-defined networking?

Definition from the Open Network Foundation

... In the SDN architecture, the control and data planes are **decoupled**, network intelligence and state are logically **centralized** and the underlying network infrastructure is abstracted from the applications ...

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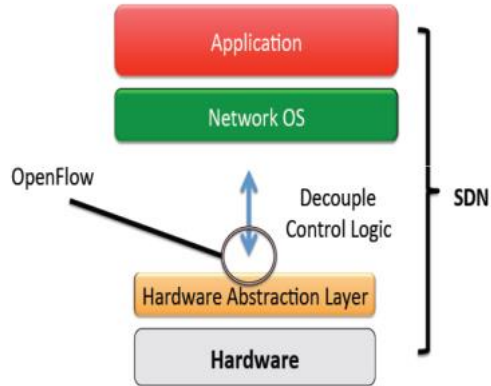
# Definitions

## Software Defined Networking (SDN)

- New network architecture
- Separates the network control plane from the forwarding hardware.
- Allows the data plane to be defined by a logically centralized controller (or set of controllers).

## OpenFlow

- Standard protocol used between the control and data planes.
- Open and multivendor
- Driven by the Open Networking Foundation (ONF)
  - HP, Cisco, Juniper, Extreme, IBM, Google, Microsoft, Brocade, F5, Huawei, ZTE, Oracle, Riverbed, Intel, ...



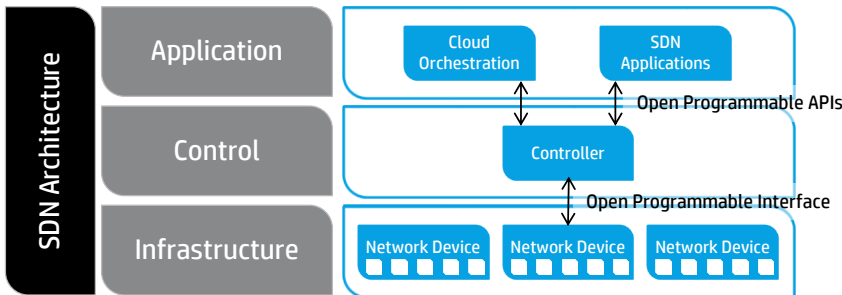
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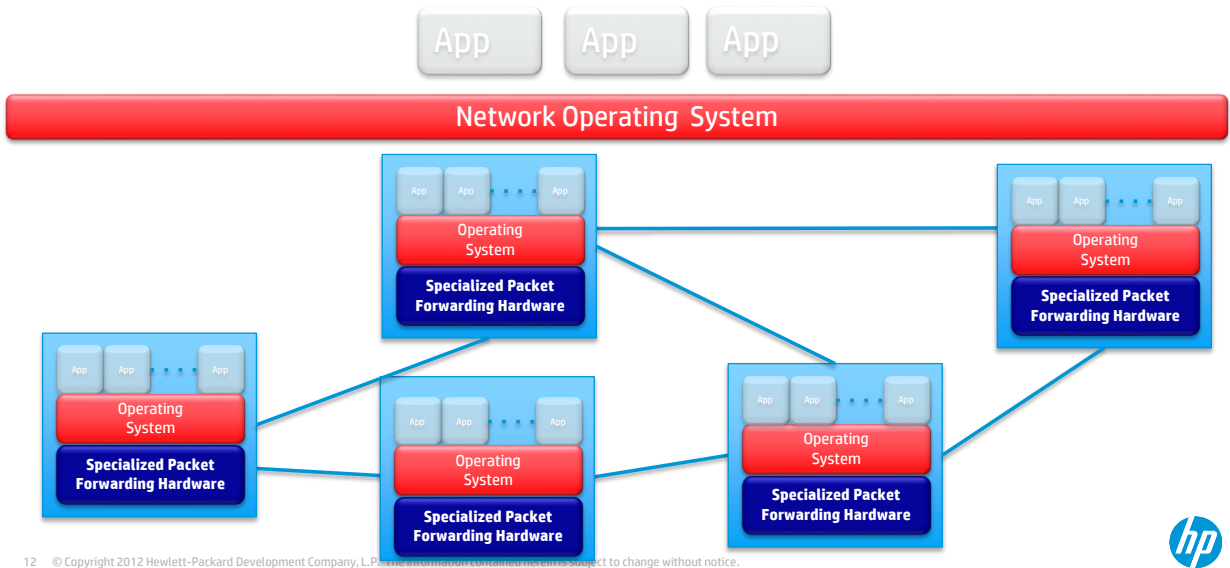
# Software-defined Network components

Delivering the functions of an SDN architecture

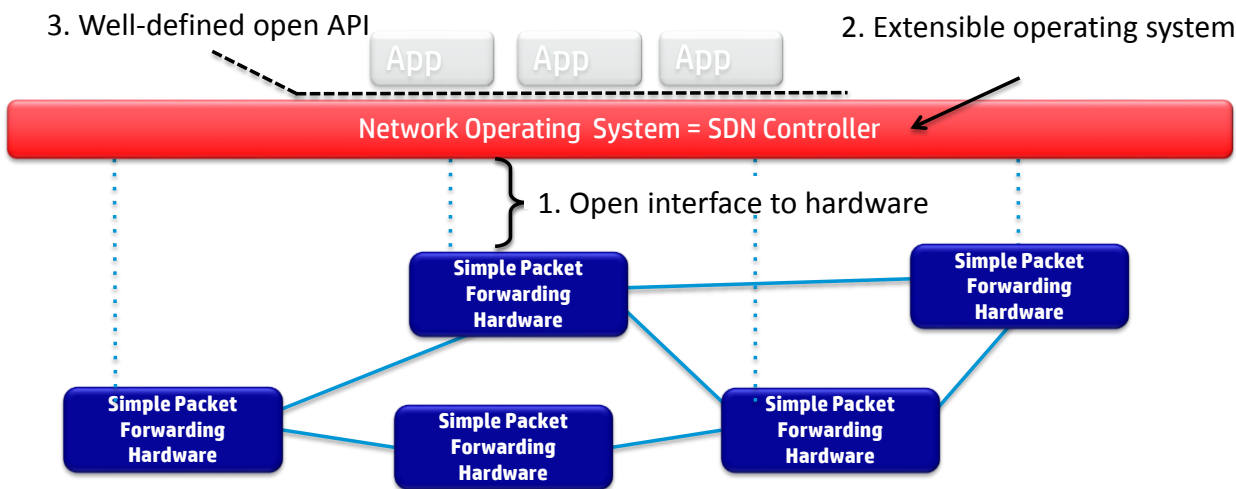


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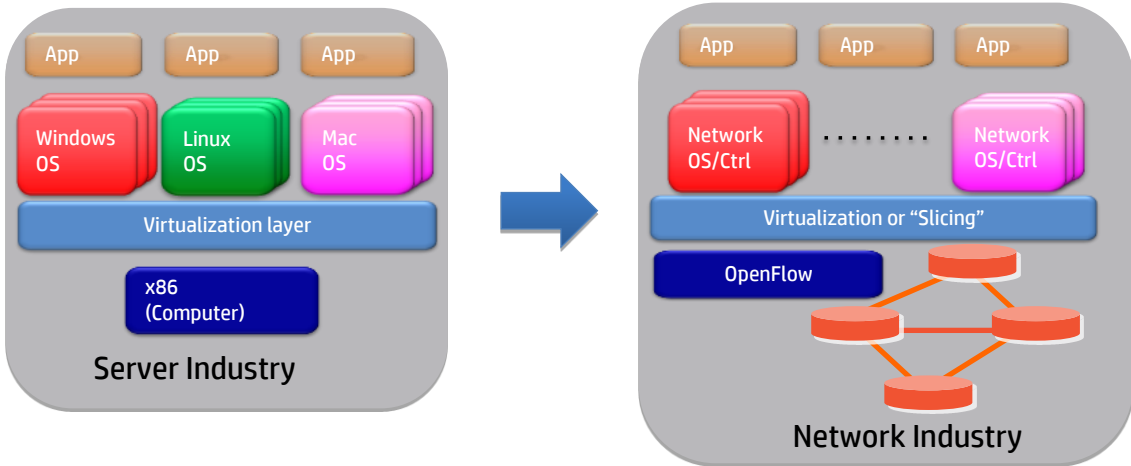
# SDN could still save us



# The Software-Defined Network with OpenFlow



# Trend in the IT industry



**Simple common stable hardware substrate below + programmability + strong isolation model = flexible network fabric with intelligence**

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# Debunking SDN Myths

## A Software-defined Network is Not

**Only Implementing  
Network Functions in  
Software or on  
Virtual Machine**

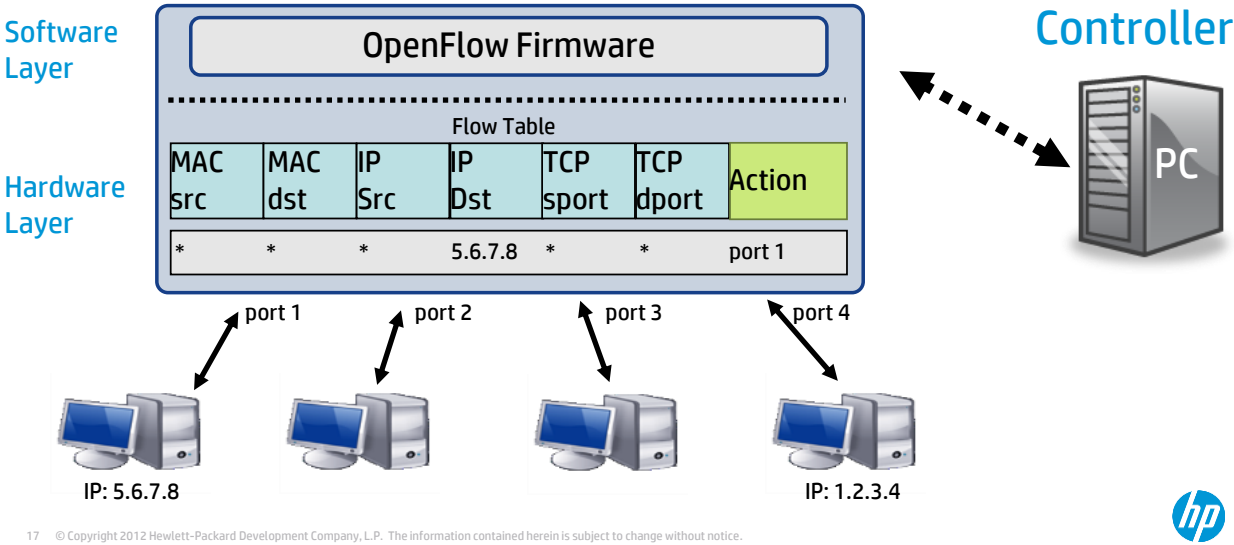
**Only Programmable  
Proprietary APIs for  
Network Device or  
Management System**

**The End of  
Hardware  
Innovation**

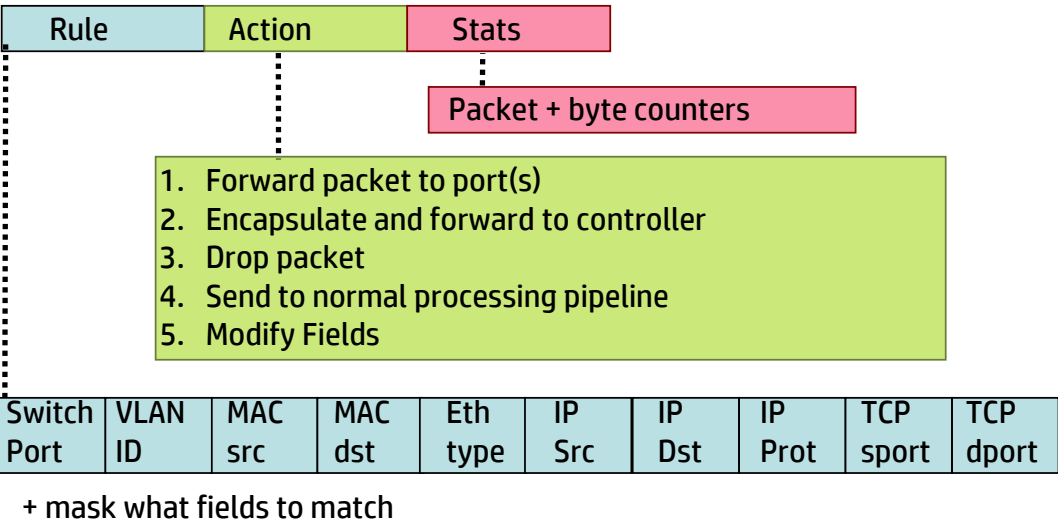
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# OpenFlow Flow Table Abstraction



# OpenFlow table entries



# Table entry examples

Switching	Switch	MAC	MAC	Eth	VLAN	IP	IP	IP	TCP	TCP	Action
	Port	src	dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	dport	
	*	*	00:1f:..	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	port6
Flow Switching	Switch	MAC	MAC	Eth	VLAN	IP	IP	IP	TCP	TCP	Action
	Port	src	dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	dport	
	port3	00:20:..	00:1f:..	0800	vlan1	1.2.3.4	5.6.7.8	4	17264	80	port6
Firewall	Switch	MAC	MAC	Eth	VLAN	IP	IP	IP	TCP	TCP	Forward
	Port	src	dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	dport	
	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	drop



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# Flow Routing vs. Aggregation

Both models are possible with OpenFlow

## Flow-Based

- Every flow is individually set up by controller
- Exact-match flow entries
- Flow table contains one entry per flow
- Good for fine grain control, e.g. campus networks

## Aggregated

- One flow entry covers large groups of flows
- Wildcard flow entries
- Flow table contains one entry per category of flows
- Good for large number of flows, e.g. backbone



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## Reactive vs. Proactive

Both models are possible with OpenFlow

### Reactive

- First packet of flow triggers controller to insert flow entries
- Efficient use of flow table
- Every flow incurs small additional flow setup time
- If control connection lost, switch has limited utility

### Proactive

- Controller pre-populates flow table in switch
- Zero additional flow setup time
- Loss of control connection does not disrupt traffic
- Essentially requires aggregated (wildcard) rules

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## OpenFlow isn't just a hype: Google G-Scale

Internal backbone that carries traffic between Google's data centers worldwide

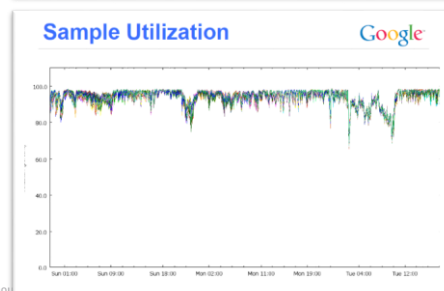
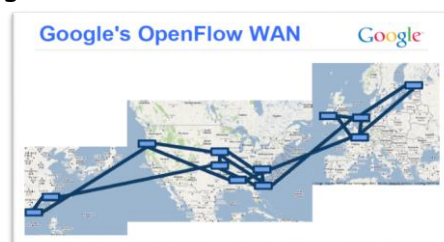
- Google's OpenFlow WAN activity started 2010. Less than two years later, Google is now running the G-Scale network on OpenFlow-controlled switches. 100% of its production data center to data center traffic is now on this new SDN-powered network.
- The old network has been shut down.
- Google built their own OpenFlow switch because none were commercially available. The switch was built from merchant silicon. It has scaled to hundred of nonblocking 10GE ports.
- A key SDN benefit is the unified view of the network fabric -- higher QoS awareness and predictability.

Source:

<http://www.opennetsummit.org/archives/apr12/hoelzle-tue-openflow.pdf>

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# Network Function Virtualization NFV

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## NFV – What is it?

Definition from ETSI NFV Whitepaper

### Network Functions Virtualization (NFV)

By leveraging standard IT virtualization technology to consolidate many network equipment types onto industry standard high volume servers, switches and storage, which could be located in Data-Centers, Network Nodes and in the end user premises, NFV provides a model to meet the challenges around reducing CAPEX, improving manageability, increasing the time-to-market and encourages a wider eco-system.

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## SDN and NFV: What's the difference

- **Software Defined Networking:** Remove management and control planes from network device
  - Separation of control and forwarding functions
  - Centralization of control
  - Ability to program the behavior of the network using well-defined interfaces
  - Campus, data center / cloud, SP core
  - Open Networking Forum (ONF)
- **Network Function Virtualization:** Remove need for special hardware
  - Rapid adaptation to new standards and technologies
  - Use of commodity server hardware
  - Service provider network
  - ETSI NFV Working Group

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## Introducing HP Virtual Services Router (VSR) Series

Industry's first carrier grade Network Function Virtualization (NFV) technology



VSR based on Comware 7

- Deployment flexibility across branch, data center and cloud
- Agile services delivery for faster time to revenue
- Virtualized router for multi-tenant, hosted public clouds
- Extends enterprise routing policies to the cloud

**10x** faster  
time to revenue

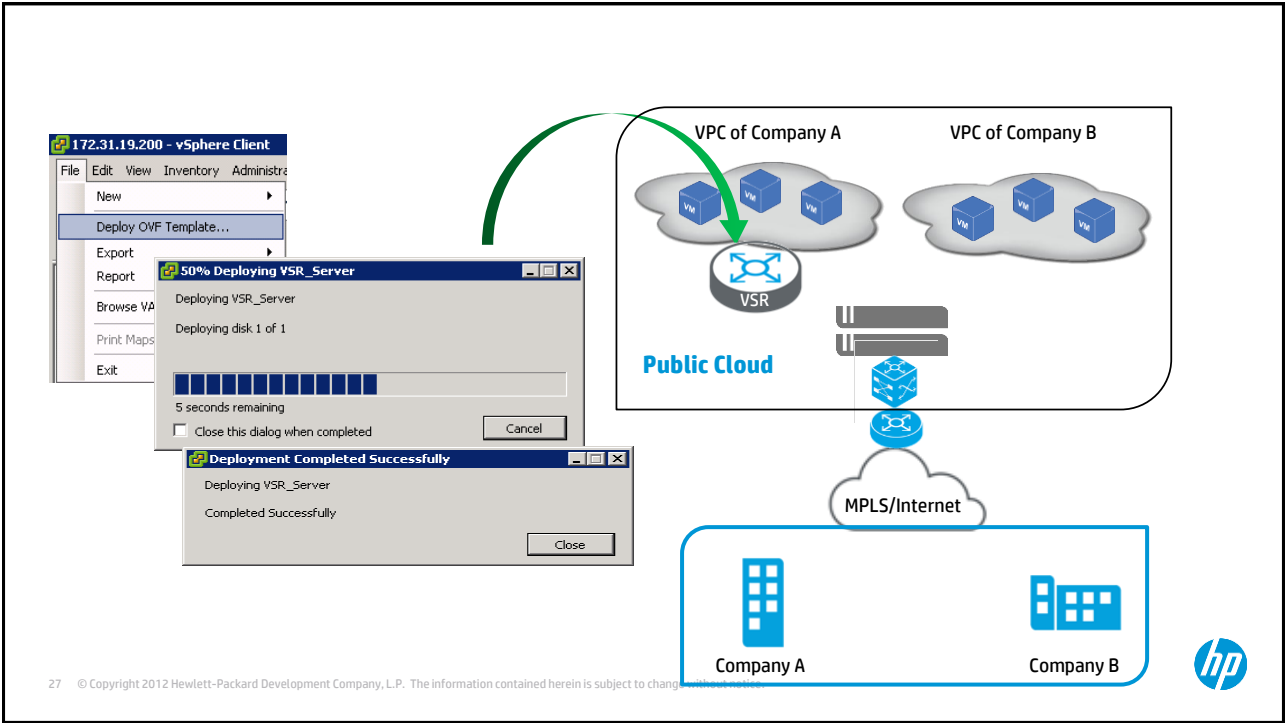
**80%** OPEX  
cost reduction

**ZERO**  
dedicated appliances

<sup>1</sup>Compared with Cisco Nexus 1010 Virtual Services Appliance

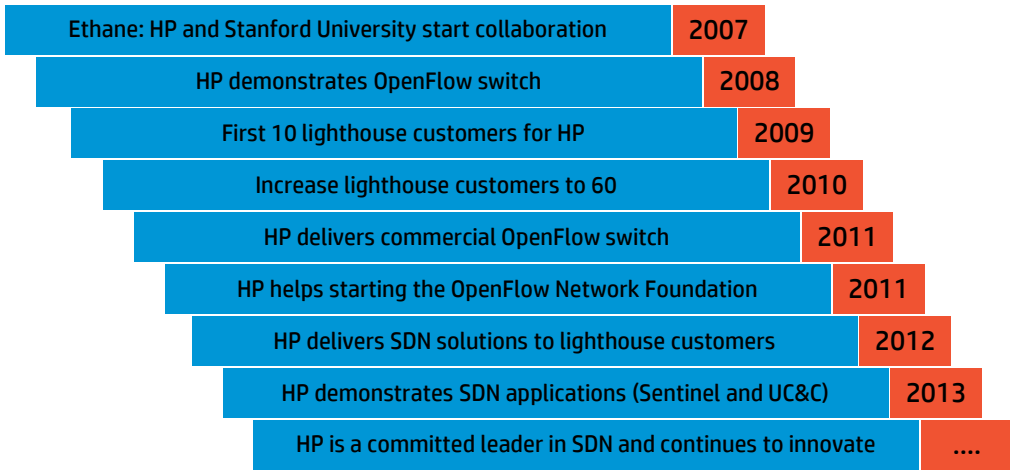
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# HP & SDN

# HP is leading Software-defined Networking



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# Software-defined Networking drivers and impact

## Human Middleware

Private cloud is not just about cost reduction. **Agility** will be a key benefit<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gartner G00238288, Five Things That Private Cloud Is Not, 3 August 2012, Thomas J. Bittman

## Device Proliferation

By 2020, **50 billion devices** will be connected to wireless networks<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Ericsson white paper, "More Than 50 Billion Connected Devices," February 2011

## Market Growth

SDN market will grow to **\$3.7 billion** by 2016 ... driven by the growing need for scalability and network programmability<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> IDC #238044, "IDC Predictions 2013: Competing on the 3rd Platform" November 2012

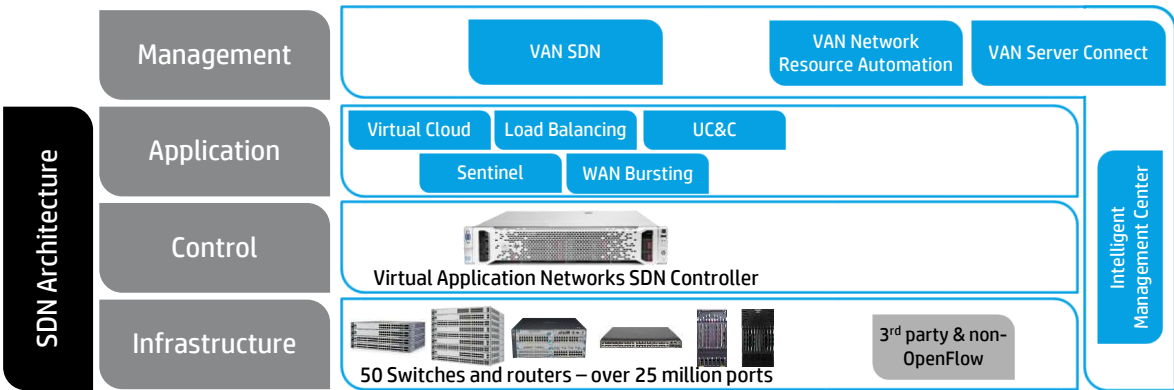


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# Virtual Application Networks deliver automation, agility

Industry's most complete software-defined networking solution



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## HP VAN SDN Controller

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# SDN Controller Platform

## Base Control Platform

- Linux / Java / OSGi software stack
- OpenFlow Controller
- Device Discovery, Adoption, Network Topology & Domain Model services
- Device Driver Framework for out-of-band control & management of devices, VMs, etc.

## Distributed Platform for High-Availability & Scalability

- Controller Teaming for Load-Balancing and Control Domain Partitioning
- Control State Synchronization for smooth & rapid Fail-Over

## Extensible Platform

- Embedded Java Application Deployment
- REST APIs
- GUI



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# HP VAN SDN Controller

## Technical Specifications

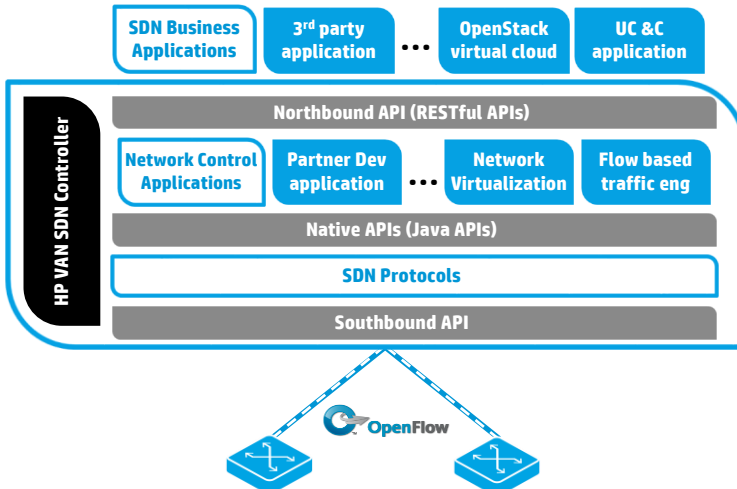
Required platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ubuntu 12.04 LTS 64-bit (3.2 kernel)</li><li>• PostgreSQL 9.1</li><li>• OpenJDK 7 JVM</li><li>• Keystone Identity</li></ul>
Recommended hardware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3.0 GHz Intel® Xeon® or Intel® Core™2 Quad processor or equivalent</li><li>• 8 GB RAM</li><li>• 64 GB disk space</li><li>• 1-10 Gbps NIC</li><li>• KVM, ESXi or physical server</li></ul>
Performance (single controller)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum new flows per second (Cbench): 1.8 million</li><li>• Maximum OpenFlow ports: 80,000</li><li>• Maximum OpenFlow devices: 2,000</li><li>• Typical OpenFlow ports: 1,000-2,000</li><li>• Typical OpenFlow devices: 100-200</li></ul>



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# Southbound API

The interface that the controller uses to interact with the infrastructure



VAN SDN controller supports OpenFlow enabled infrastructure:

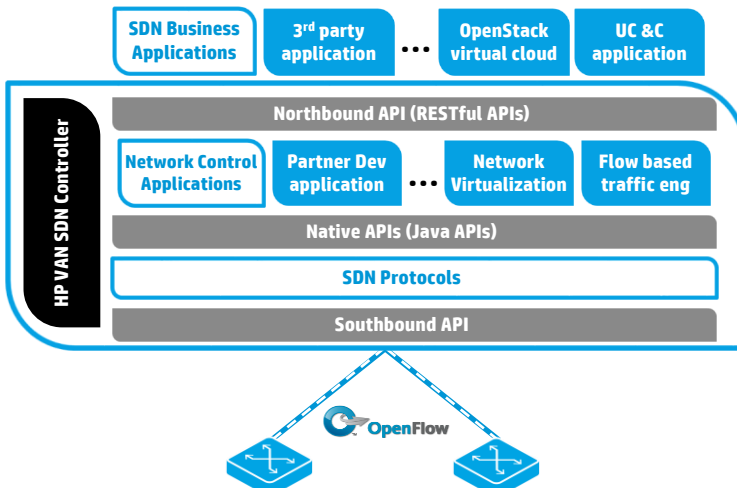
- HP 50 OpenFlow enabled switches
- Compliant with OpenFlow 1.0 & 1.3
- Available to work with any OpenFlow enabled switch from other vendors
- Extensible to support future standards



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# Northbound APIs

The interface that the SDN Business applications use to interact with the network.



Northbound APIs enable the VAN SDN controller to have support for:

- Third party applications
- Open- source applications
- OpenStack virtual cloud applications
- Unified communications and control application
- Full management platform such as IMC

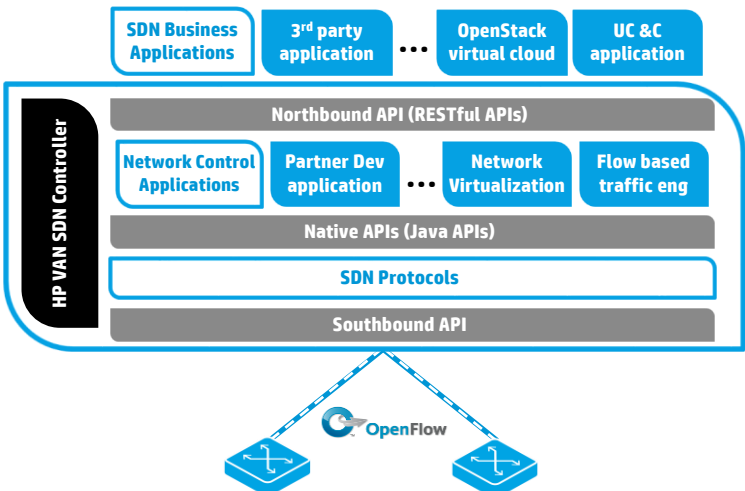


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# Native API

The Java interfaces that the Network Control applications use to control the network



Native APIs enable VAN SDN controller to have support for:

- Partner developed applications
- Security service applications
- Wired/wireless security applications
- Flow based traffic engineering

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# SDN Controller application support

Application programming interfaces (API) enable applications to interact with the network


	SDN Controller Support	Applications
Northbound APIs (RESTful APIs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deployed outside the controller platform</li><li>• Exposes SDN Controller capabilities</li><li>• Standard HTTPS interface model</li><li>• SDK developer support</li></ul>	<b>SDN Business Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ideal for applications operating at the business level</li><li>• Ideal for proactive interactions, such as policy enforcement</li></ul>
Native APIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deployed within the controller platform</li><li>• Extends SDN Controller capabilities</li><li>• Built on Java OSGi model</li><li>• SDK developer support</li></ul>	<b>Network Control Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ideal for applications operating at the network level</li><li>• Ideal for fine-grained, frequent, or low-latency interactions such as handling packet-in events</li></ul>


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# RSDoc – REST API Documentation

https://<controller-ip>:8443/api

 **RSdoc**

 HP VAN SDN Controller API v2.0

X-Auth-Token

Explore

/diag	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
/lldp	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
/logs	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
/forward_path	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
/datapaths	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
/team	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw

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# JSON Schema

https://<controller-ip>:8443/

```
https://10.1.1.225:8443/sdn/v2.0/models
{
  - models: [
    - {
      $schema: "http://json-schema.org/draft-04/schema#",
      title: "/sdn/v2.0",
      description: "HP SDN Core Schema",
      - alert: {
        type: "object",
        - properties: {
          - nid: {
            type: "string"
          },
          - org: {
            type: "string"
          },
          - ts: {
            type: "string",
            format: "date-time"
          },
          - sev: {
            type: "string"
          }
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

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# JavaDocs

hp-sdn-apidoc-2.0.0 – http://<path>/index.html

All Classes

Packages

com.hp.api  
com.hp.api.auth  
com.hp.api.security  
com.hp.dist.bus  
com.hp.dist.groups  
com.hp.dist.keystore  
com.hp.dist.lock  
com.hp.dist.sync  
com.hp.keystone

All Classes

AbstractBaseDao  
AbstractBaseDao  
AbstractBidirectionalDependentDao  
AbstractBitCodec  
AbstractConversationProvider  
AbstractConversationTracker  
AbstractDao  
AbstractDataListener  
AbstractDefn  
AbstractDefReader

OverviewPackageClassUseTreeDeprecatedIndexHelp

PrevNextFramesNo Frames

sdn-apidoc 2.0.0 API

This document is the API specification of Java code comprising the HP Networking SDN Controller.  
See: Description

Common

Package	Description
com.hp.api	Basic building blocks for constructing APIs.
com.hp.api.auth	Token-based authentication service facade.
com.hp.api.security	Security context settings.
com.hp.dist.bus	Specification for distributed publish-subscribe bus.
com.hp.dist.groups	Specifications for distributed group formation and maintenance.
com.hp.dist.keystore	Specifications for distributed key-value store.
com.hp.dist.lock	Distributed locks interface.

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# SDN applications

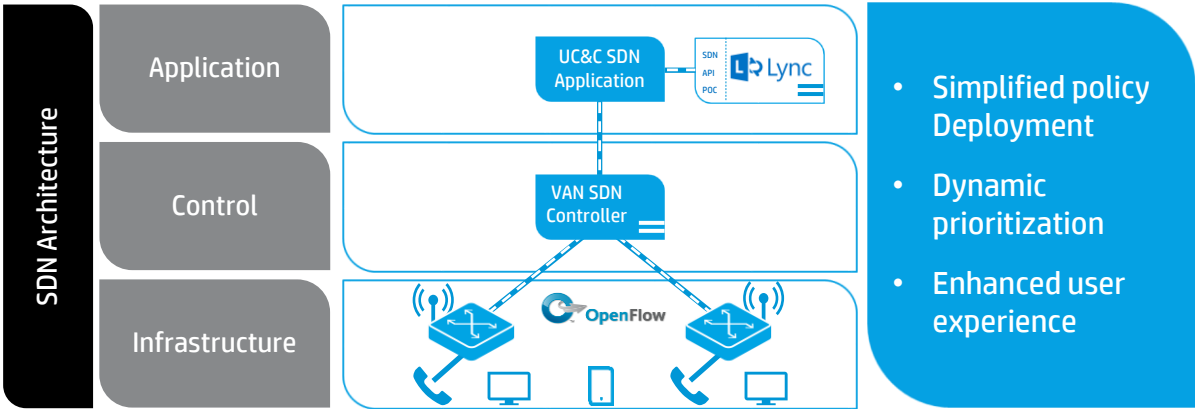
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# UC&C SDN application for Lync



Automating policy for campus enterprise business applications



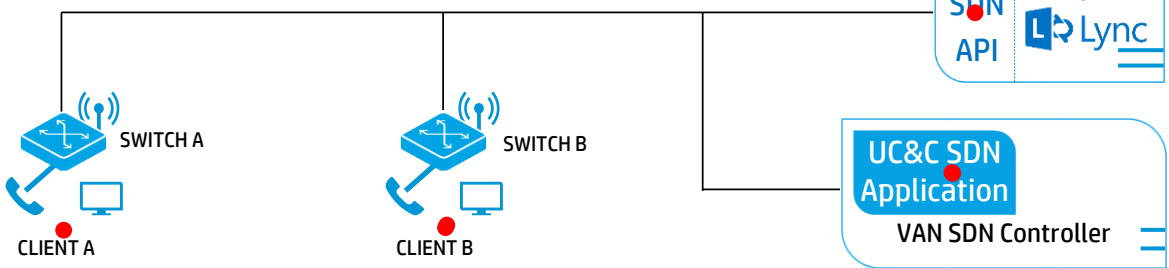
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# UC&C SDN Application for Lync



How does it work?

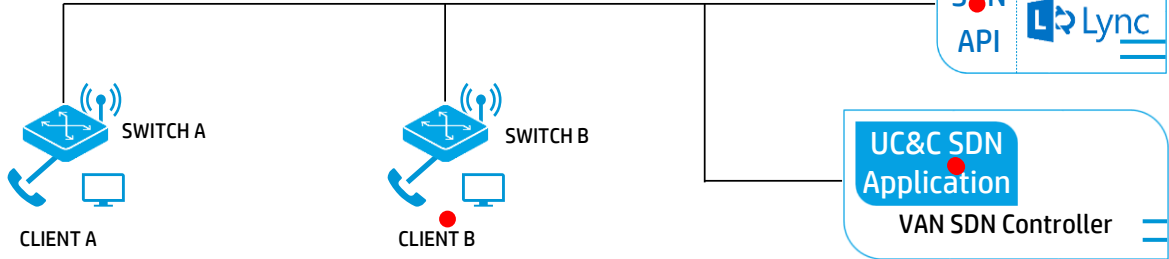


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# UC&C SDN Application for Lync

How does it work?



Communication teardown:

- Client A disconnects from Client B
- Lync Front End server deregisters session
- SDN API sends notification to UC&C application
- UC&C Application removes QoS flows

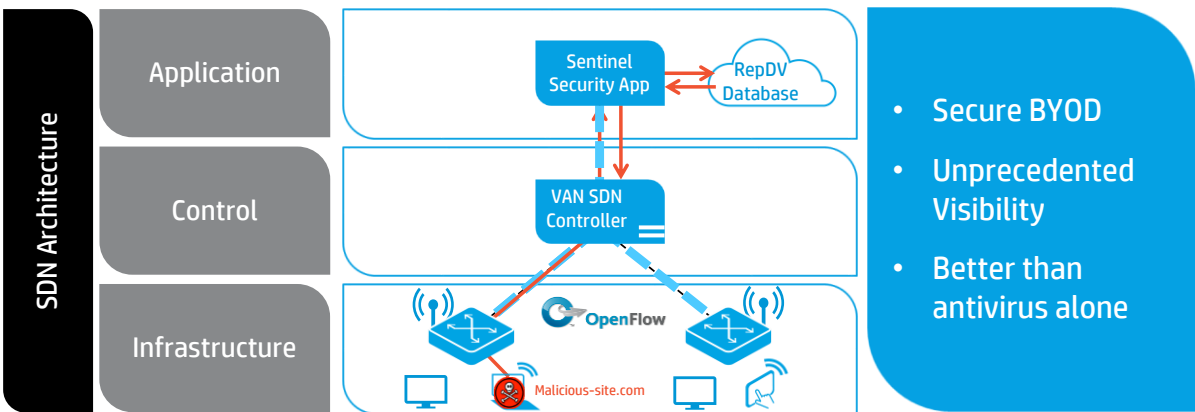
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# Sentinel security application



Enabling real-time threat detection across enterprise campus networks



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# Sentinel security application

How does it work?

CLIENT

WWW

Remediation Server

TippingPoint RepDV Database

Sentinel Application VAN SDN Controller

Process:

- Client A sends a DNS request
- Switch intercepts DNS request and redirects to the VAN SDN Controller
- VAN SDN Controller forwards request to the TippingPoint RepDV Engine
- RepDV Engine verifies whether DNS request is allowed
- RepDV Engine sends response back to VAN SDN Controller
- If DNS request is allowed, VAN SDN Controller sends flow to switch to allow DNS request
- If DNS request is not allowed, VAN SDN Controller sends flow to switch, redirecting DNS request

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# HP-VMware Network Solution

Open, interoperable solution unifying physical and virtual

VMware NSX

SDN apps

ConvergedControl

SDN Manager

VAN SDN Controller

vCenter Plug-in

IMC

Server

Virtual

Physical

SDN & Network Virtualization

vmware hp

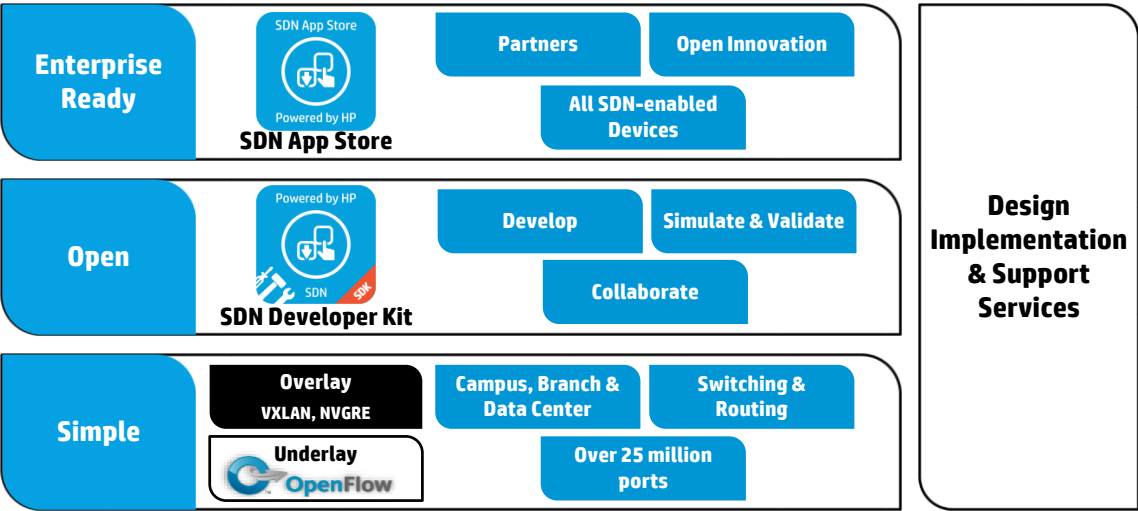
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# HP SDN Ecosystem



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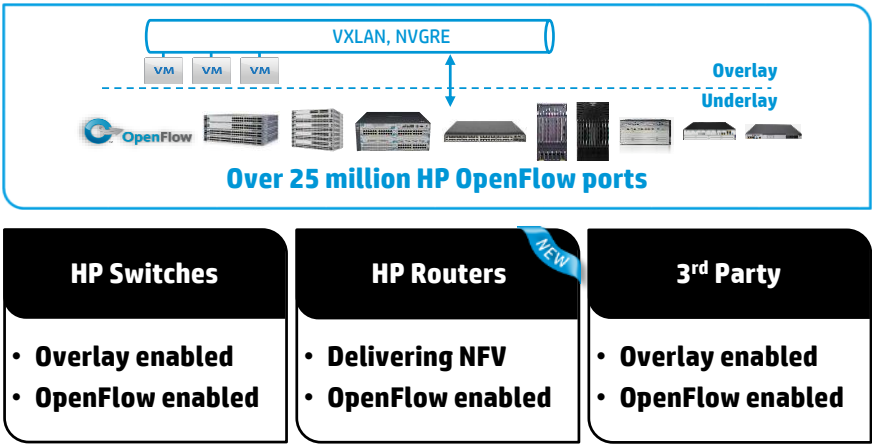
## HP creates an open SDN Ecosystem



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# Simple and programmable – OpenFlow and Overlays

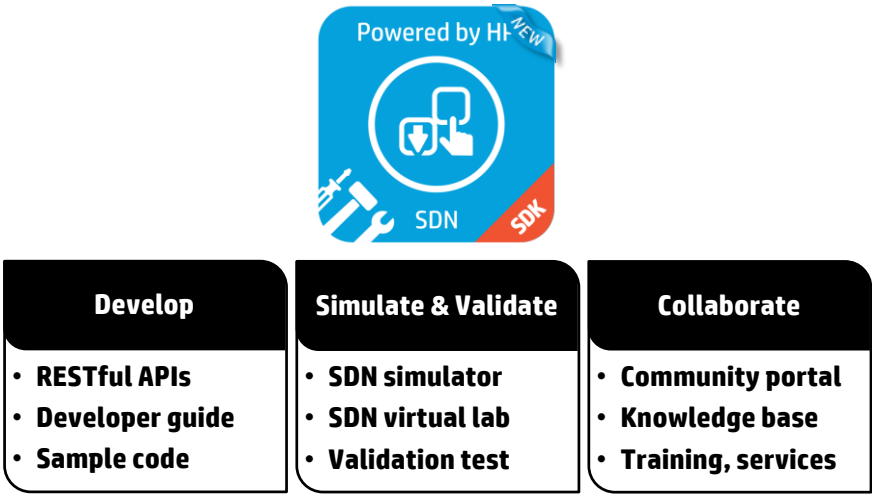
50 switches and 10 new routers



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# HP SDN Software Development Kit (SDK)



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# Enterprise-ready SDN App Store

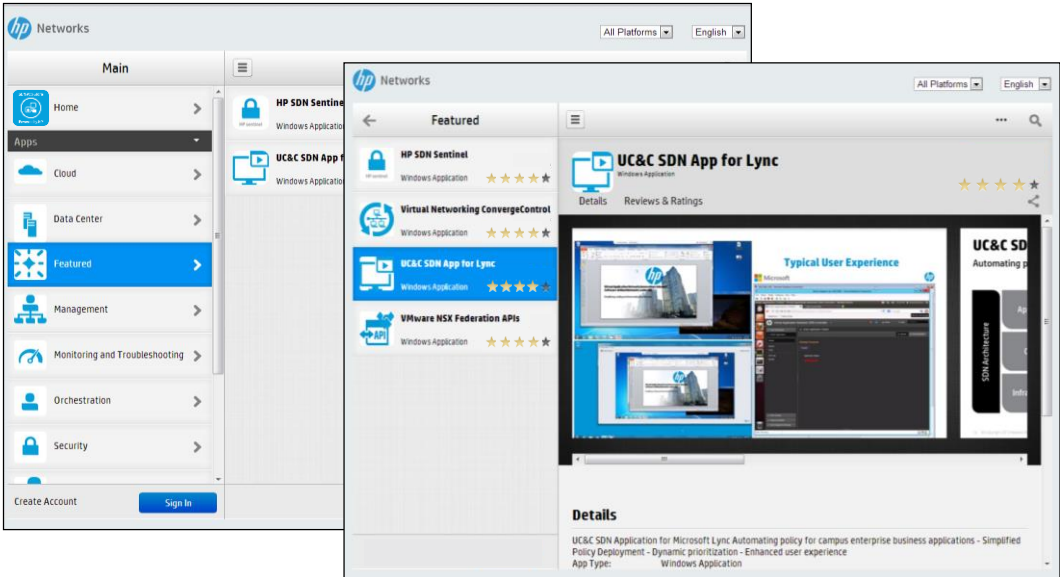


Accessible	Open	Supported
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Browse &amp; search</li><li>• Install directly into the SDN controller</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partner developed</li><li>• Community apps</li><li>• Private portal</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HP developed</li><li>• Joint developed</li><li>• Partner certified</li></ul>



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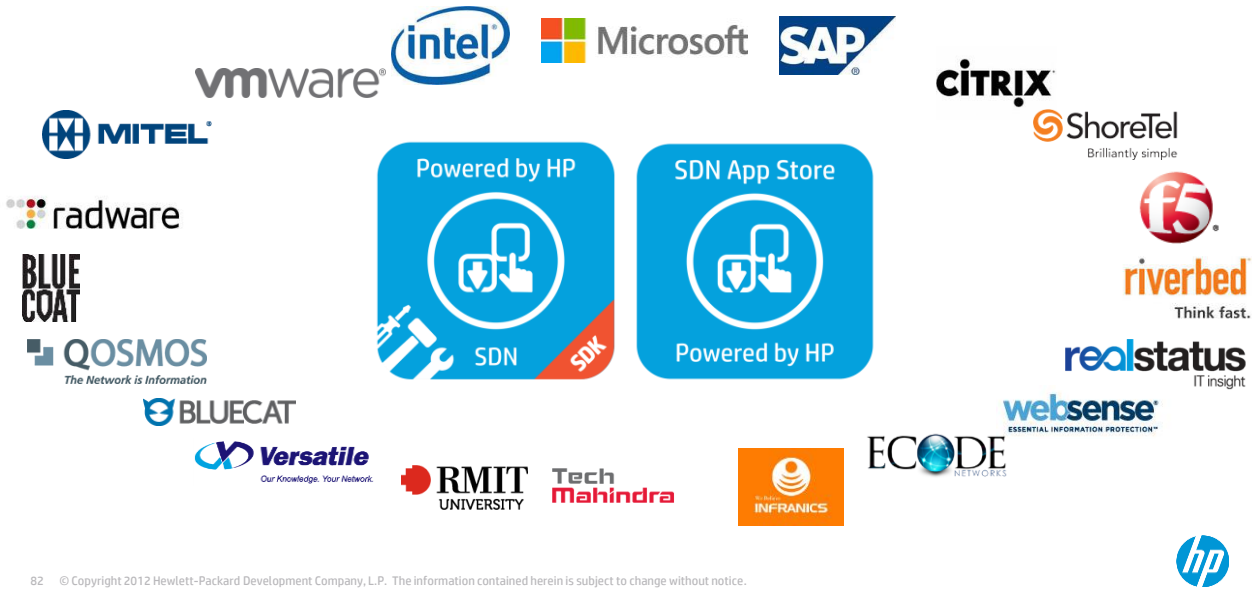
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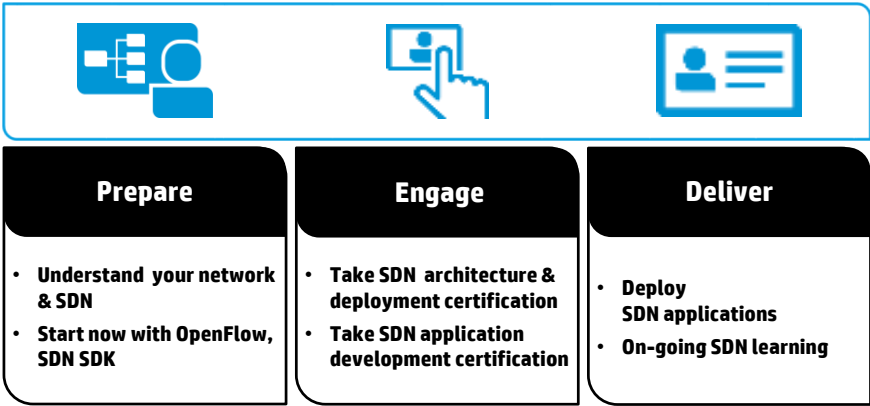
# HP SDK and SDN App Store create an open ecosystem



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# New SDN Learning Journey & Certification

Helping IT professionals & developers understand the best ways to adopt & implement SDN



# Open SDN portfolio, SDK, App Store enable Ecosystem

Programmable network aligned to business application delivers agility



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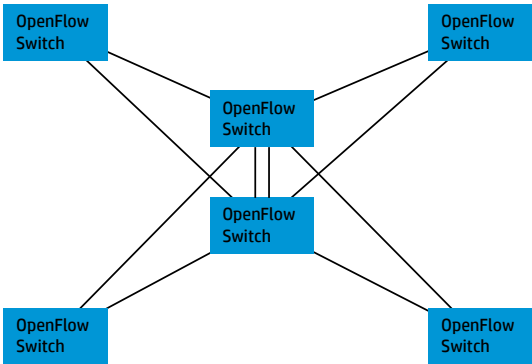


## Demo

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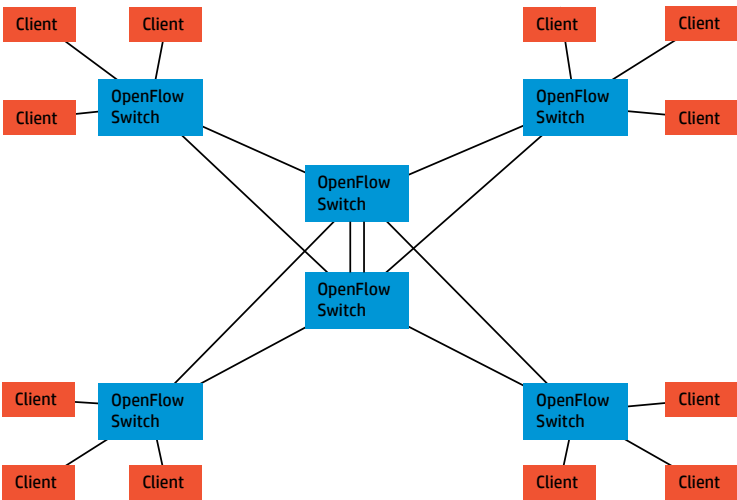


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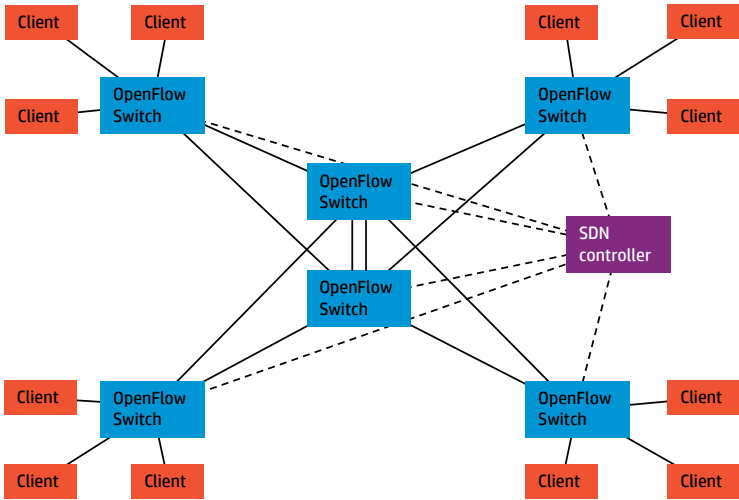
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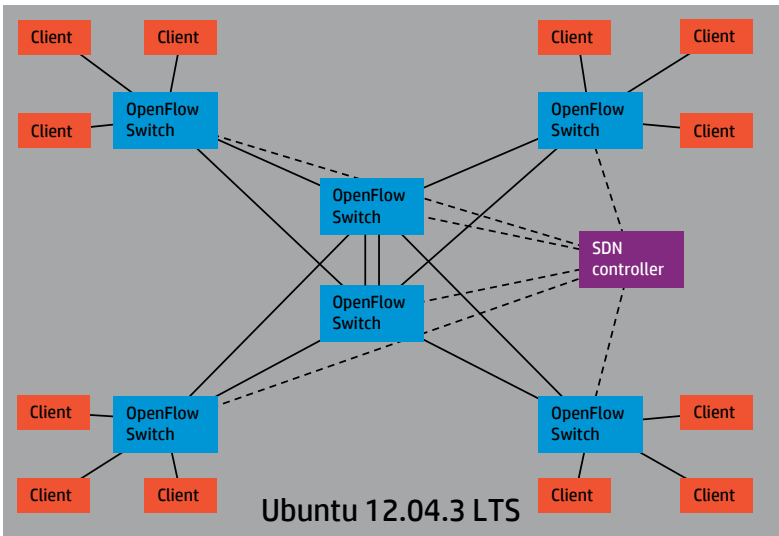
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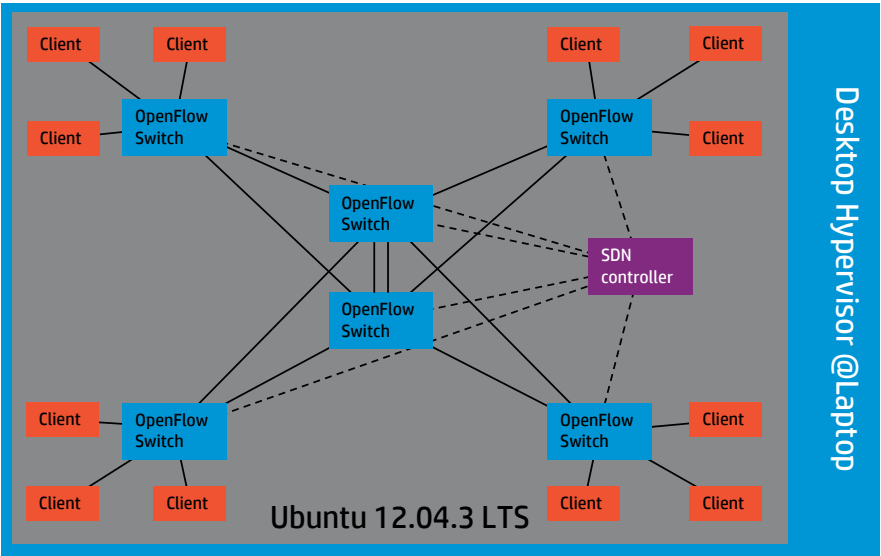
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