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DESIGNING AND MANAGING HIGH AVAILABILITY IP NETWORKS

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Welcome! NMS-2T20

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- Facilities
- Introduction
- Availability Components
- A High Availability Culture: Metrics
- People, Process, and Tools
- HA Technologies (Afternoon)
L1 through L7

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INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS



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Network Improvement Method

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Road to 5 9's

- Establish a standard measurement method
- Define business goals as related to metrics
- Categorize failures, root causes, and improvements
- Take action for root cause resolution and improvement implementation



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What Is “High Availability”?

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- The **ability to define, achieve, and sustain** “target availability objectives” across services and/or technologies supported in the network **that align with the objectives of the business** (i.e. 99.9%, 99.99%, 99.999%)

Availability	Downtime per Year (24x7x365)		
99.000%	3 Days	15 Hours	36 Minutes
99.500%	1 Day	19 Hours	48 Minutes
99.900%		8 Hours	46 Minutes
99.950%		4 Hours	23 Minutes
99.990%			53 Minutes
99.999%			5 Minutes
99.9999%			30 Seconds



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Availability Definitions

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Availability

- **Availability = MTBF/(MTBF + MTTR)**
Useful definition for theoretical and practical
- **MTBF is Mean Time Between Failure**
What, when, why and how does it fail?
- **MTTR is Mean Time To Repair**
How long does it take to fix?

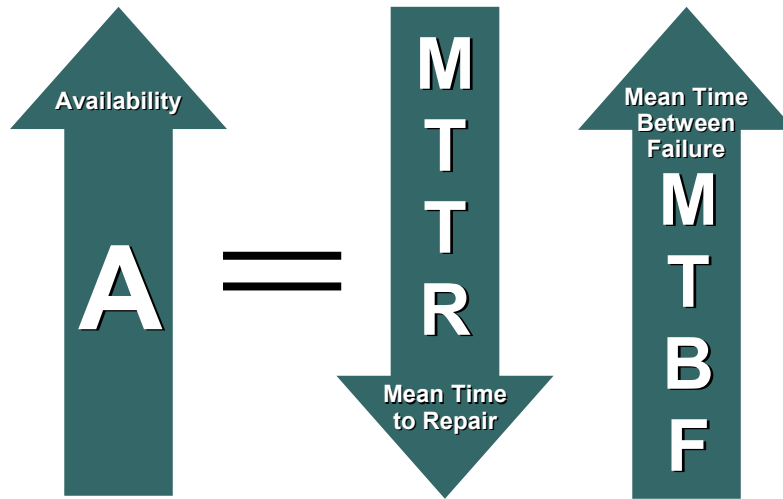
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Increasing Availability

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Why Improve Network Availability?

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Recent Studies by Sage Research Determined That US-Based Service Providers Encountered:

- Percent of downtime that is unscheduled: **44%**
- **18%** of customers experience over 100 hours of unscheduled downtime or an availability of 98.5%
- Average cost of network downtime per year: **\$21.6 million** or **\$2,169** per minute!

Downtime: Costs Too Much!!!

SOURCE: Sage Research, IP Service Provider Downtime Study: Analysis of Downtime Causes, Costs and Containment Strategies, August 17, 2001, Prepared for Cisco SPLOB

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What Availability Level Do I Need?

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- The cost of downtime
- Align availability to business objectives
- Failure insurance



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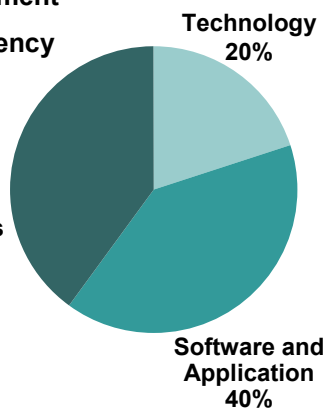
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Unscheduled Network Downtime Top Causes

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- Change management
- Process consistency
- Methodology
- Communication

User Error
and Process
40%



- Hardware
- Links
- Design
- Environmental issues
- Natural disasters
- Software issues
- Performance and load
- Scaling

Source: Gartner

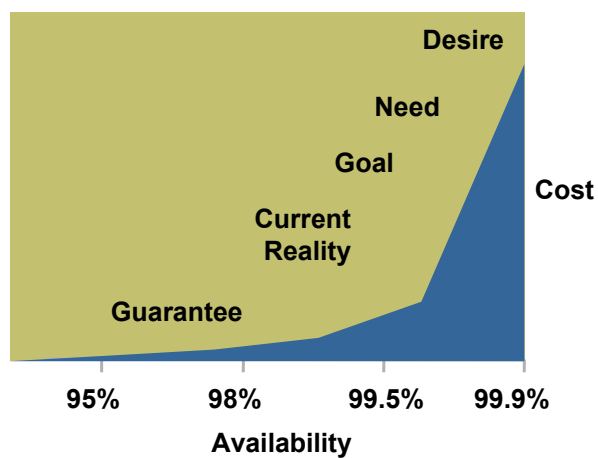
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What Is the Reality?

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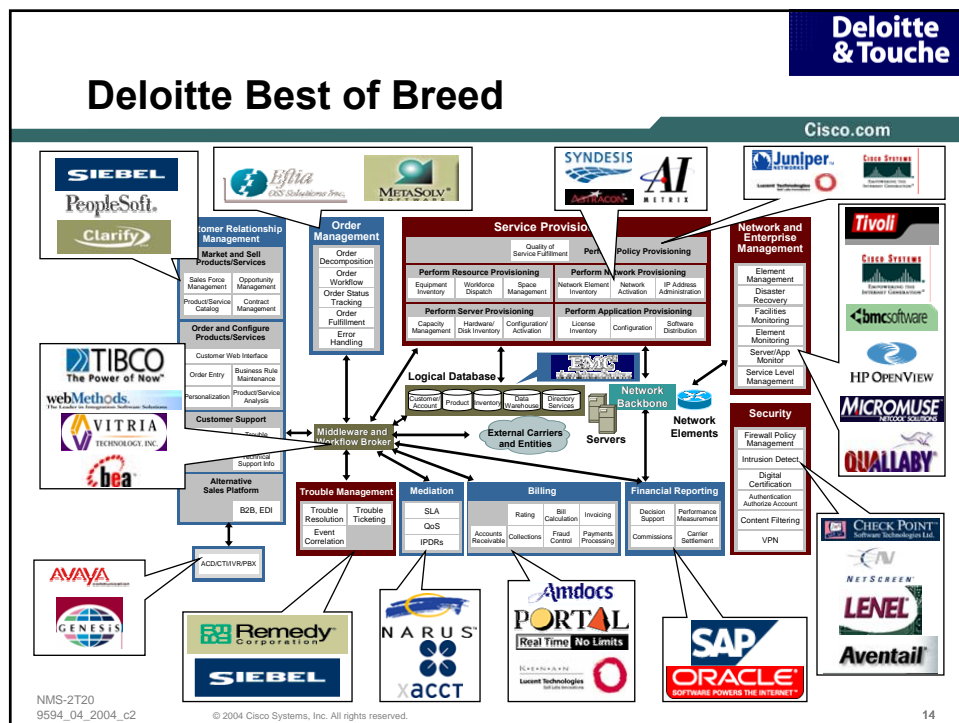
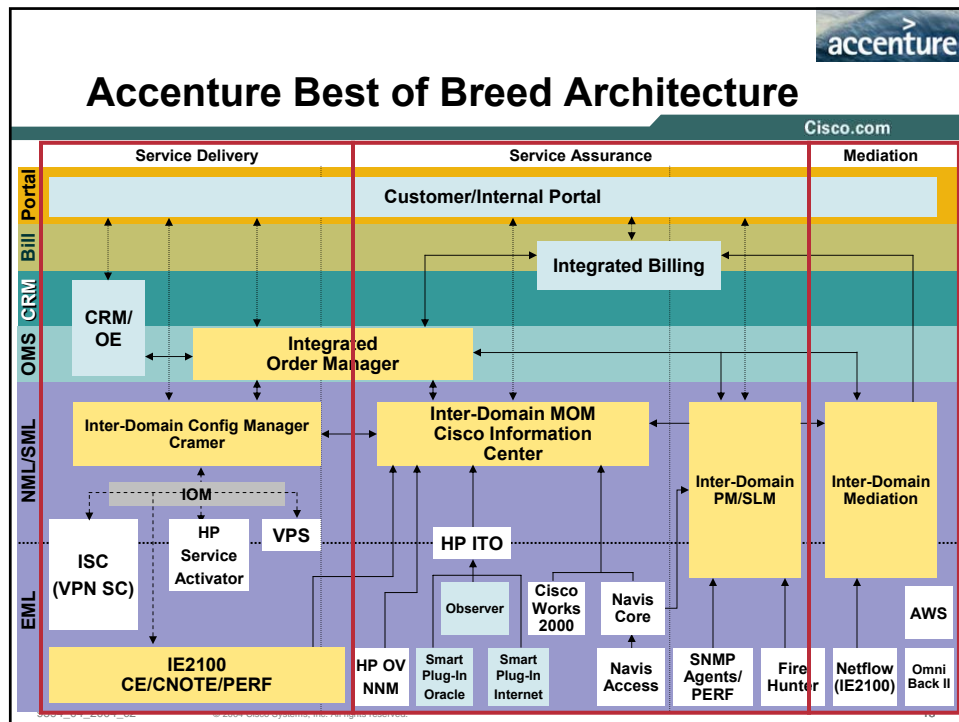
WORKING IN A NETWORK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

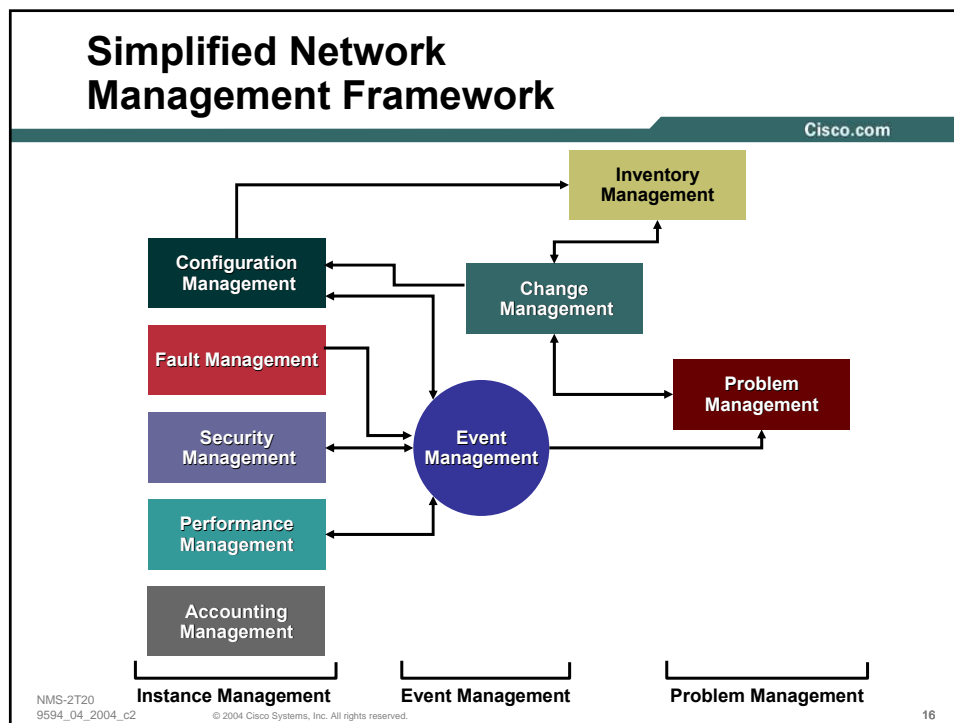
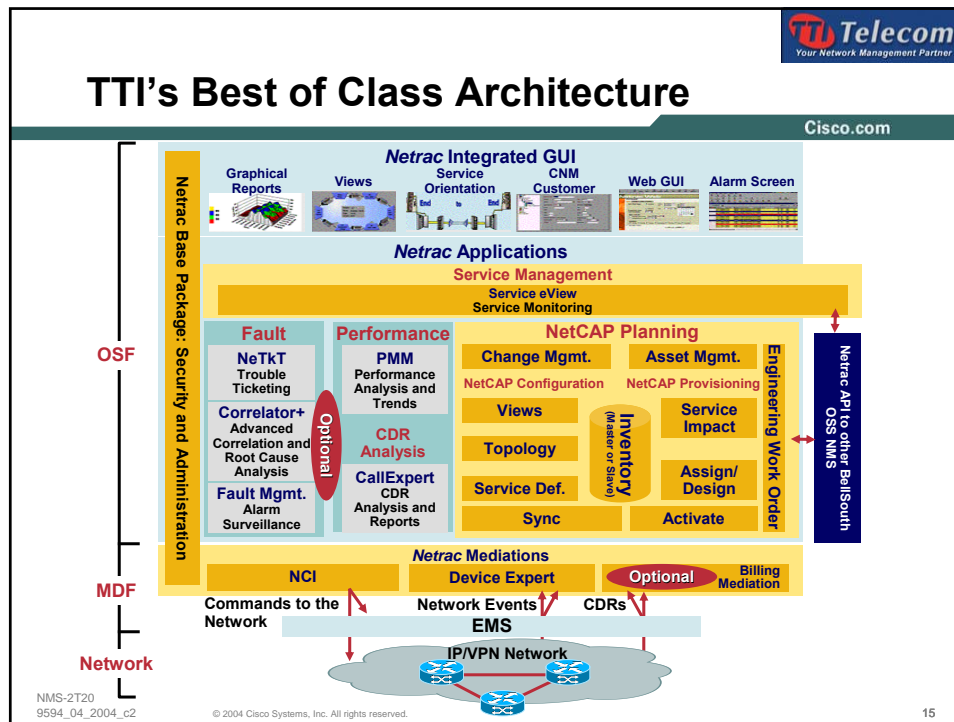


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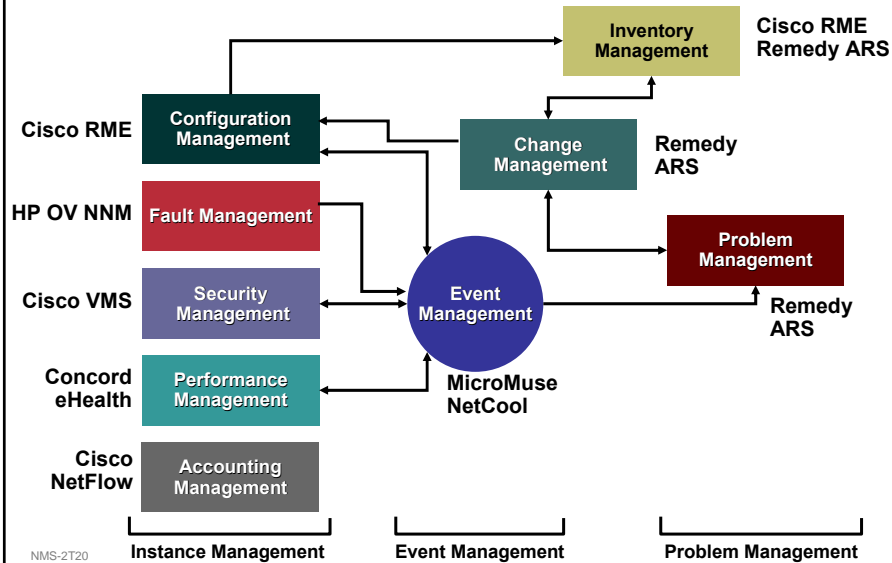
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Practical Application of Framework

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AVAILABILITY COMPONENTS

HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, POWER/
ENVIRONMENT, LINK/CARRIER,
CONFIGURATION/CHANGE, RESOURCE
UTILIZATION, DESIGN



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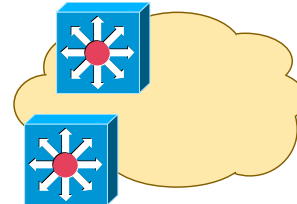
Hardware

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Redundancy Options



Highly Available
Networks Tend
to Have Both



■ Failover redundant
modules only

- Operating system
determines failover

+ Typically cost-effective

+ Often only option for edge
devices (point to point)

+ All modules are
redundant

- Protocols determine
failover

■ Increased cost and
complexity

+ Load balancing

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Improving Hardware Availability

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- Load sharing redundancy
- Active/standby redundancy
(processor, power, fans, line-cards)
- Active/standby fault detection
- Card MTBF (100,000 hrs)
- Separate control and forwarding plane
- Node rebuild time
- “Hitless” upgrades
- Robust hot swap (OIR)



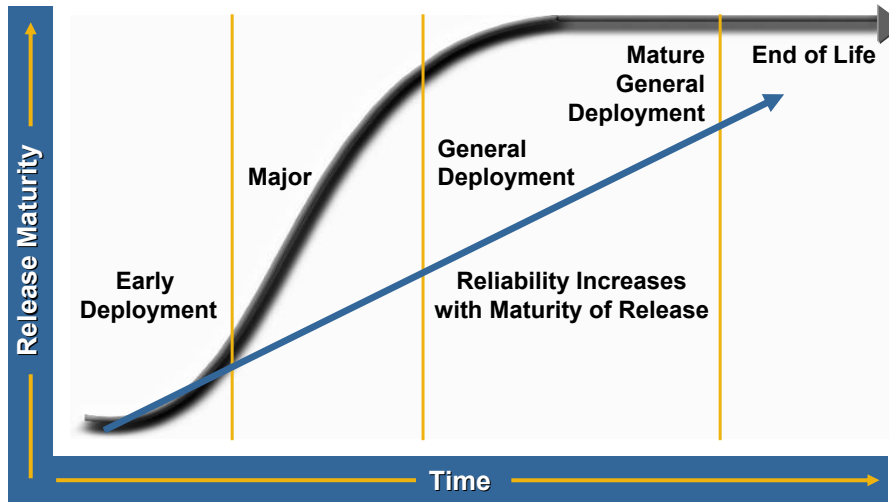
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Software Reliability Factors Age of Cisco IOS Release

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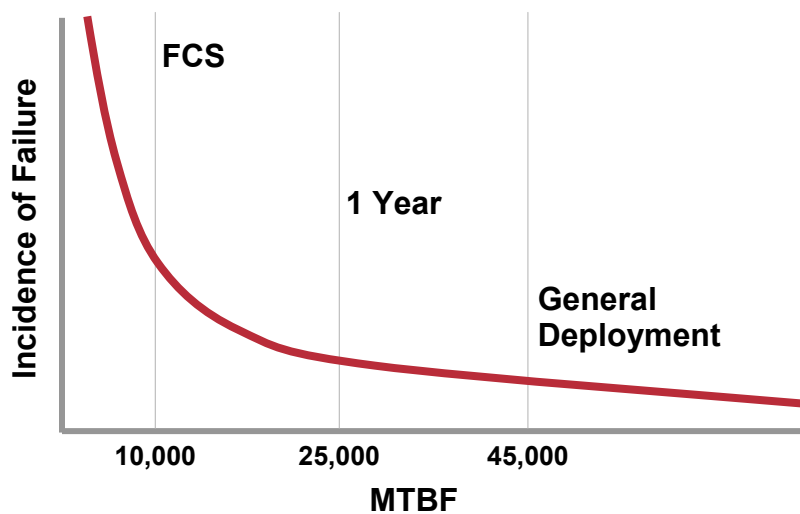
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Software Reliability Observed MTBF

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Improving Software Availability

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- Improved software quality goal (99.999%+)
- “Hitless” upgrade
- Process independence (restart and protected memory)
- Routing processor switchover
- NSF (non-stop forwarding)
- Line card switchover
- Faster reboot
- Uplink fast/backbone fast/HSRP
- Routing convergence enhancements

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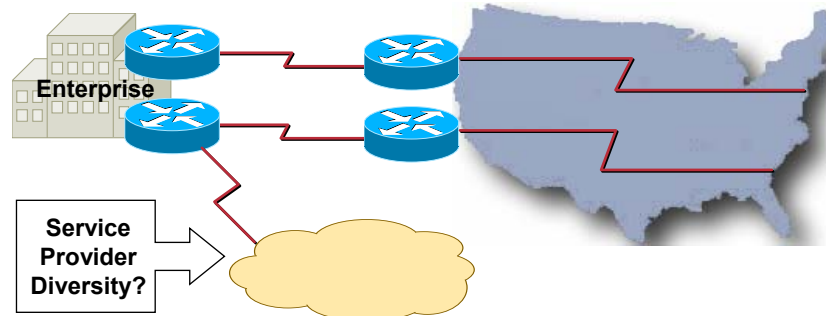
Circuit Diversity

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- Problem: if links follow a common path through service provider network, you are back to single-point-of-failure
- Solution: employ as much circuit diversity as possible

Links Terminate at Different Devices
(Physical Diversity)

Links Use Different Paths in SP Network
(Geographic Diversity)



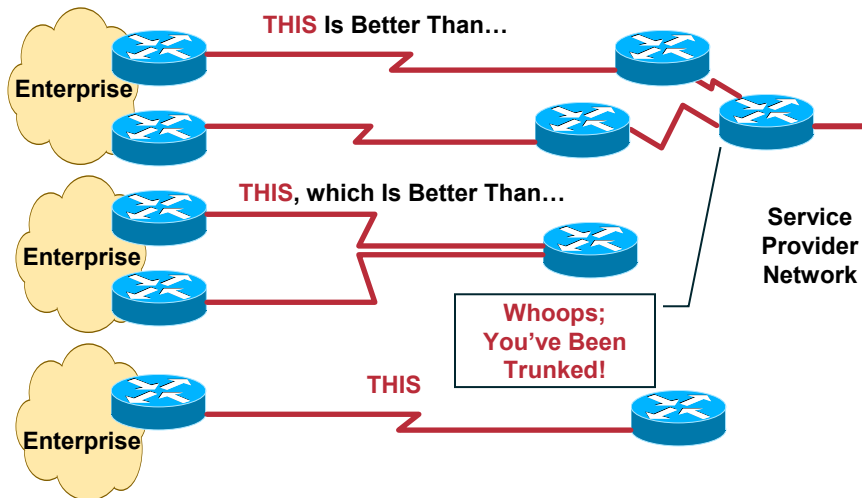
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Link/Circuit Diversity

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Power/Environment

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- Power outages
 - UPS/generator power
 - UPS/generator switchover coverage
 - UPS/generator capacity
 - UPS generator management
- Power circuit capacity
- Air conditioning outages
- Temperature fluctuations
- Natural disaster
 - Earthquake
 - Flood
 - Hurricane
 - Disaster recovery plan



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Power Environment

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Power Diversity

- How redundant is the path the electricity travels?
- Separate:
 - Power supplies
 - Outlets
 - Circuits
 - Building entrances
 - Power grids
 - Generators



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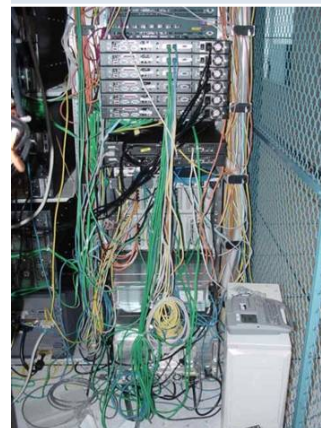
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Power/Environment

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Data Center Hardening

- Cable management
- Power: Diversity/UPS
- HVAC
- Hardware placement
- Physical security
- Labeling
- Environmental control systems



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Configuration/Change

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- FCAPS processes (fault, configuration, accounting, performance, security)
- Emergency changes
- People, process, tools
- User error



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Configuration/Change

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What Are the Time Bombs?

- No technical ownership
- Large failure domains
- Layer (II/III) design
- Loose or non risk-aware change management
- High levels of network inconsistency
- Lack of network standards (SW, HW, config)
- No capacity planning or performance management



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Configuration/Change

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MTTR—Mean Time to Repair

- No identified tiered support mechanism with individuals who know and understand the network (lack of expertise)
- Poor documentation (topology and config)
- Large failure domain difficult to understand and determine root-cause
- Networks with control-plane resource issues require major topology, config and upgrade changes

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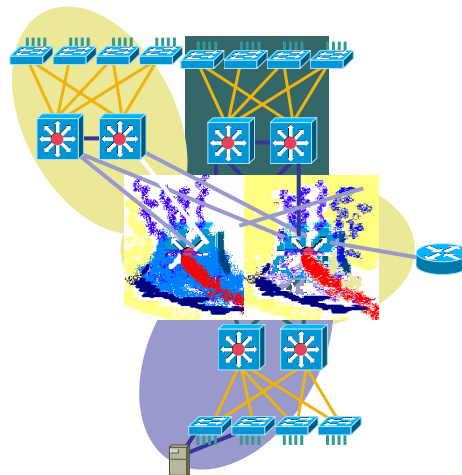
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Resource Utilization

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What Happens when Networks Fail?

- Resource constraints
 - CPU/memory
 - Inability to process messages
 - Inability to process routing updates
 - Routing or bridging loops



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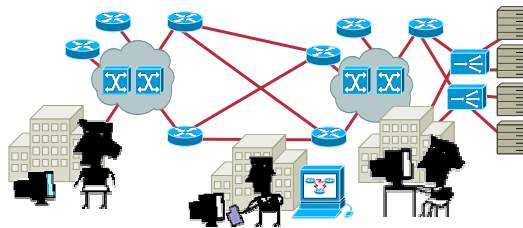
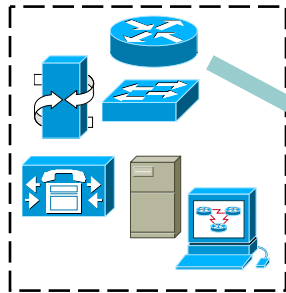
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Network Design

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Network Complexity

Technology Can Increase MTBF



People, Process, and Politics Can Increase Complexity

THIS DECREASES MTBF and Increases MTTR

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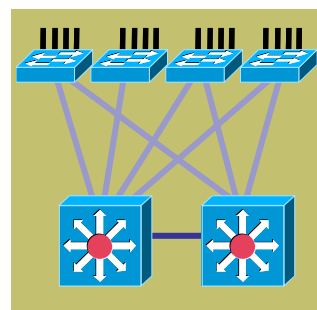
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Design

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Primary Design Considerations

- Hierarchical
- Modular and consistent
- Scalable
- Manageable
- Reduced failure
- Domain (Layer II/III)
- Interoperability
- Performance
- Availability
- Security



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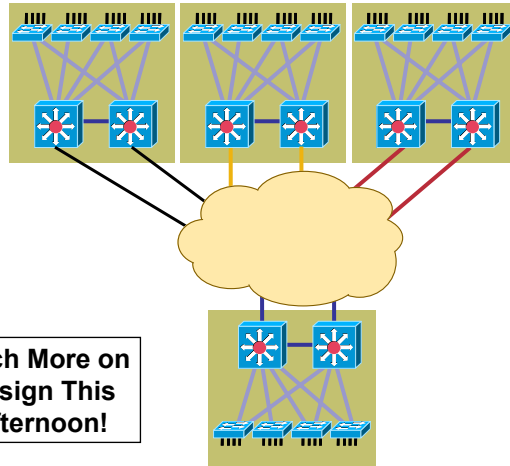
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Design

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Technical Considerations

- All routed links
- No spanning tree
- Intelligent broadcast and multicast control



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THE CULTURE OF AVAILABILITY
CALCULATING, MEASURING,
AND IMPROVING AVAILABILITY



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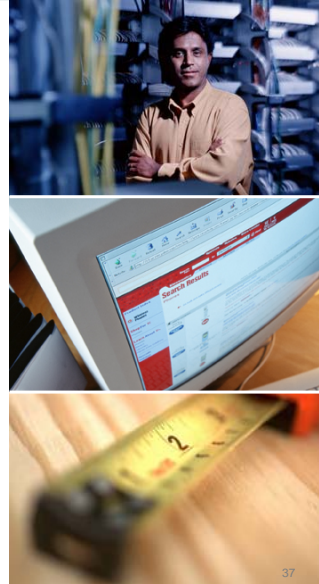
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The Culture of Availability

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- Identify gaps
- Root cause failure analysis
- Availability modeling
- Availability metrics
- Priority and ROI analysis
- Quality improvement



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Root Cause Failure Analysis

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- Priority 1 and 2 business impacting
- Why did the failure occur?
HW, SW, link, power/env, change, design
- How could the failure have been prevented?
People, process, tools, technology



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Types of Reliability Models

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- **Parts-count models**
- **Combinatorial model**
Reliability block diagrams,
fault tree analysis
- **Markov models**
Used in engineering to
identify availability issues
- **Petri Net models**
- **Monte Carlo
simulation models**



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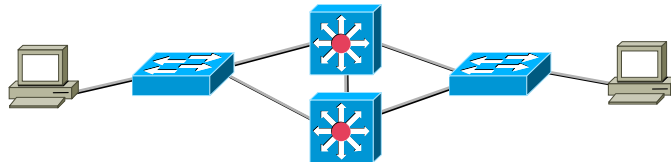
Examples of Hardware Reliability (Reliability Block Diagrams)

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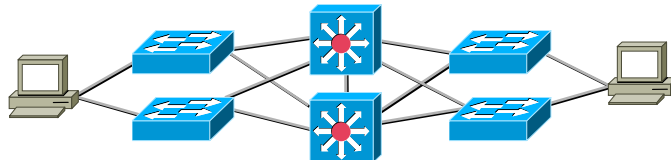
Hardware Reliability = 99.938% with 4 Hour MTTR (325 Minutes/Year)



Hardware Reliability = 99.961% with 4 Hour MTTR (204 Minutes/Year)



Hardware Reliability = 99.9999% with 4 Hour MTTR (30 Seconds/Year)



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Calculated Availability

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- **Calculated availability based on network design, component MTBF and MTTR**
- **MTBF = Mean Time Between Failure**
Calculated by measuring the average time between failures on a device
- **MTTR = Mean Time To Repair**
The time between when the device/network broke and when it was brought back into service

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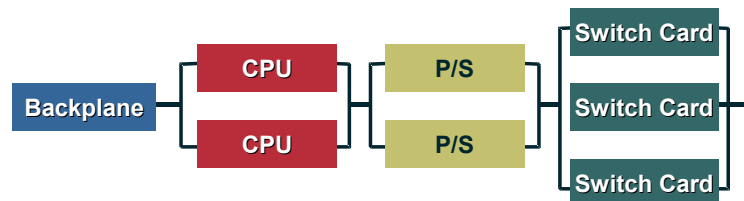
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Device Availability Calculation

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- **Device MTBF = 45,000 hrs, MTTR = 4 hrs**
- **Downtime = 4 hours every 45,000 hours**
- **Downtime = .7788 hours per year**
- **Availability = $\frac{MTBF}{MTBF + MTTR}$**
- **Expected availability = 99.991%**



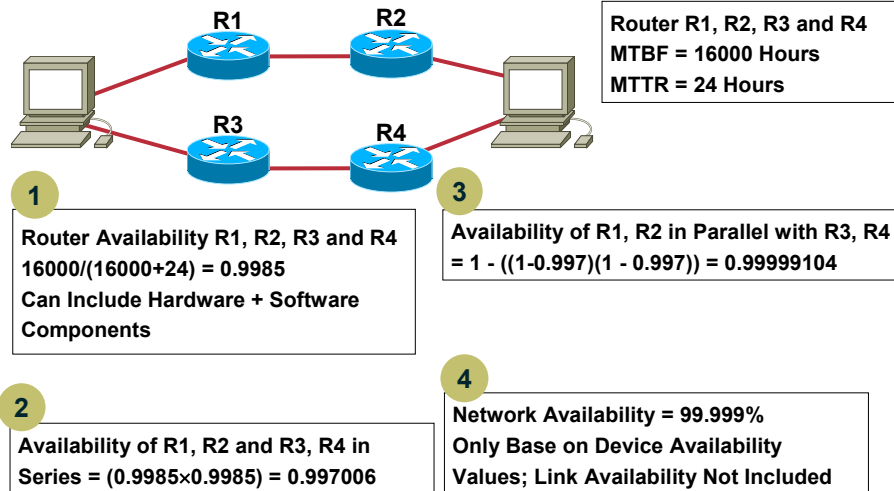
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Network Availability Calculation

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Cisco Internal Tools: Calculated Availability

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Contact Your Sales Team for Quality Data

- **MTBF query tool**
MTBF for components can be requested from Cisco
User enters part number/product family and predicted MTBF is provided
A system is a chassis populated with Field Replaceable Units (FRU) and software
- **NARC: Network Availability and Reliability Calculation**
Excel spread sheet, calculates availability/downtime for a system/network given MTBF and MTTR

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Calculated Availability Key Points

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- Carried out at design time
- Availability can be increased by decreasing MTTR or increasing MTBF or both
- If service availability target is 99.999% calculated availability must be better than 99.999%
Customer experience shows MTBF can be typically 2 x MTBF listed; this may not necessarily be a good thing
- Series components reduce availability, parallel (redundant) components increase availability
- Complex networks require modelling tools to calculate engineered availability
- Core networks are designed for high availability to a single point of failure; i.e., needs to be 99.999% available with any single network component (node/link) fails

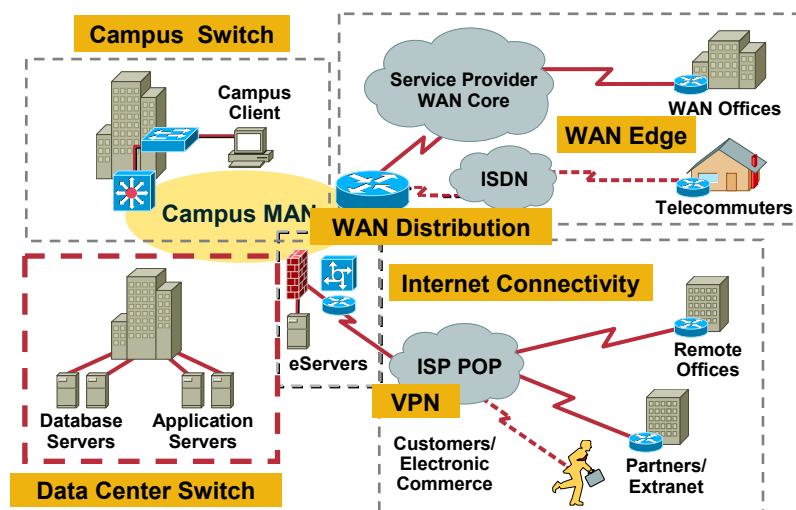
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Availability Metrics: Where? What?

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Availability Measurement Methodologies

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- Ping (network availability, device availability)
- Service assurance agent
- Trouble ticket reporting
 - DPM: Defects Per Million
 - Defect may be one user/customer down for one minute or one hour
 - IUM: Impacted User Minutes
 - Number of users affected × outage in minutes
- RMON probe reporting
- Application request (SAP, SQL, etc.)

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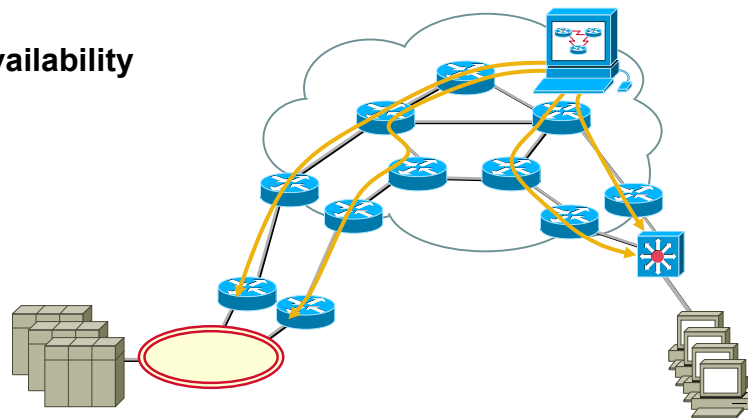
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ICMP Reachability

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- Method definition
- How
- Unavailability



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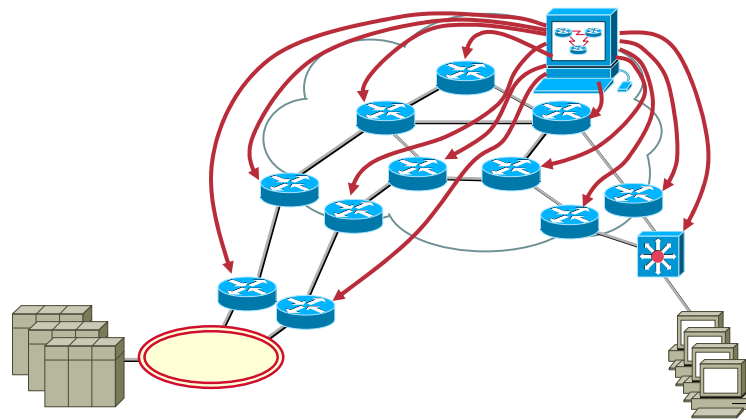
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ICMP Device Reachability

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- Periodic pings to network devices



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Service Assurance Agent

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SNMP



Management Application

SA Agent

1. User configures collectors through mgmt application GUI
2. Mgmt application provisions source routers with collectors
3. Source router measures and stores performance data, e.g.:
Response time
Availability
4. Source router evaluates SLAs, sends SNMP Traps
5. Source router stores latest data point and 2 hours of aggregated points
6. Application retrieves data from source routers once an hour
7. Data is written to a database
8. Reports are generated

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Outage Logs

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Date	Device	Problem	Cause	TTR	Cust Affected	DPM
3/13	Sf-rtr01	Bad RSP	Infant Mortality (Hardware)	271	250	145
3/17	DVR-rtr03	Connection Loss	Duplicate Subnet (User-Error)	342	100	57
3/17	NY-rtr17	Connection Loss	Software Bug (Software)	600	290	353
3/18	SEA-rtr02	Connection Loss	No UPS (Power)	60	37	21

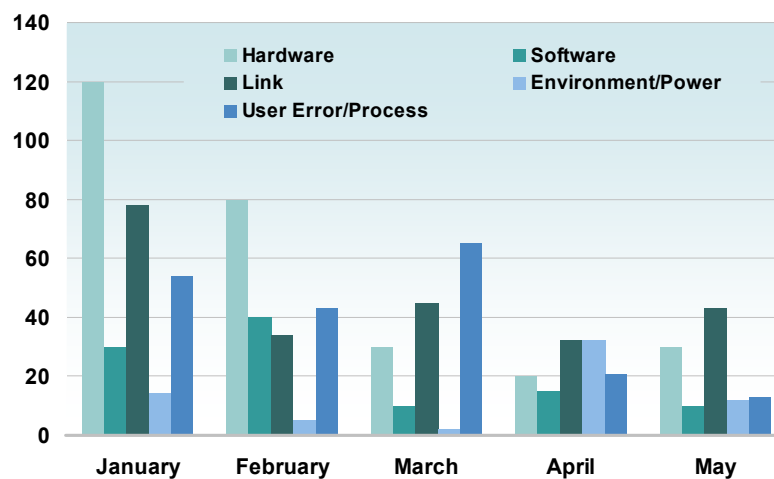
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Defects per Million

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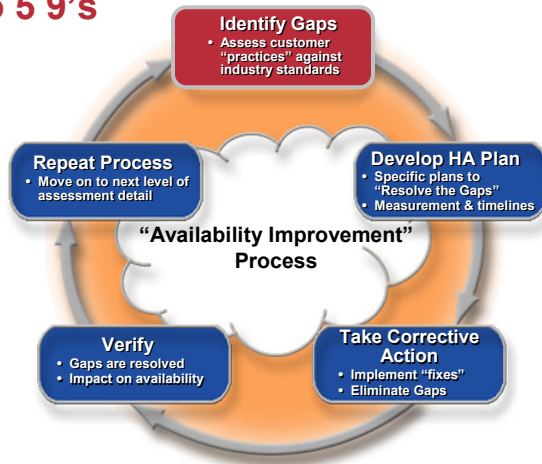
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Continual Process Improvement

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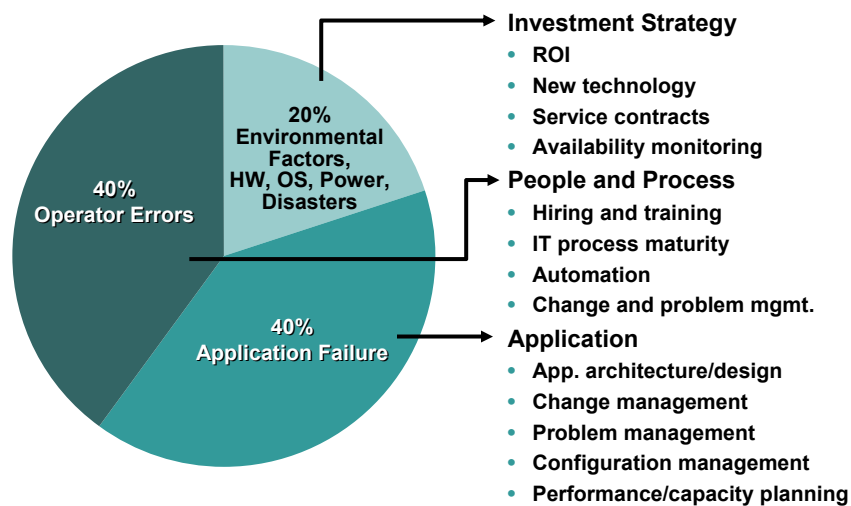
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Investing to Reduce Unplanned Downtime

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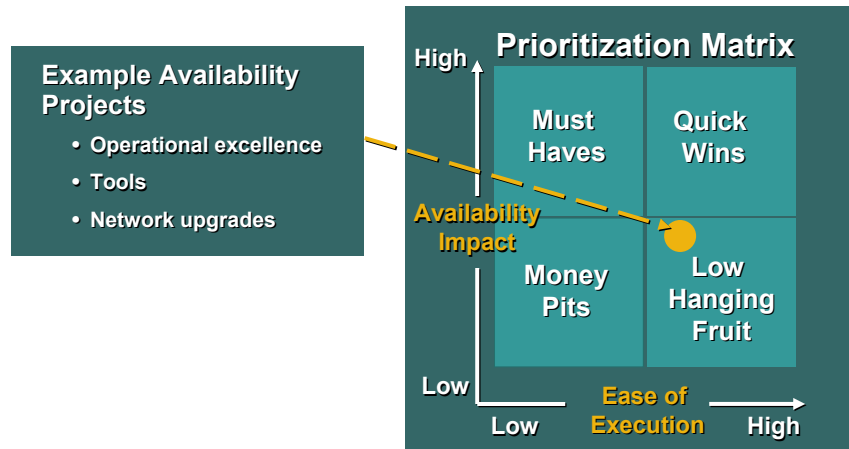
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HA Improvement Prioritization Matrix

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Creating an HA Culture

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People

- Executive messaging: communicate business plans for high availability and the importance of improvement
- Reward positive behavior
- Provide world-class training to staff
- Create a cross-functional technical team and **availability champion**



Process

- Identify and resolve process deficiencies
- Start an availability improvement quality process
- Root-cause analysis
- Collect and report availability metrics



Tools

- Availability measurement
- Processes for consistency (automate where possible)
- Metrics for identifying areas of service improvement

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PEOPLE, PROCESS, AND TOOLS FOR HIGH AVAILABILITY ADDRESSING 40% OF NETWORK OUTAGE TIME



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Best-Practice Development

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Methodology:

- Cross-functional team with experience in network design, operations, and network management
- Experience and visibility with Cisco world class network environments
- Consulting experience in driving culture and technology changes



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Achieving High Availability; Best-Practices

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- Change Management
- New Solution Deployment
- Configuration Management
- Performance/Capacity Management
- Fault Management
- Problem Management
- Security Management
- Disaster Recovery

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CHANGE MANAGEMENT



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Change Management

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- **Change management refers to the consistent process of successfully managing change within an organization**
- **Process includes:**
 - Change controller
 - Change documentation requirements
 - Risk level assignment
 - Validation and approval procedures
 - Change meetings
 - Emergency change procedures
 - Post mortem review and root-cause
 - Document change output requirements
 - Change management system and metrics



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NEW SOLUTION DEPLOYMENT



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New Solution Deployment

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- The biggest challenge is minimizing the impact on the existing networking environment
- Success requires structured processes that include resources from planning, design, network management, and implementation

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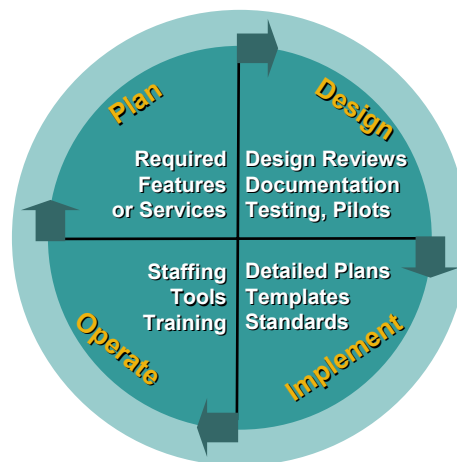
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New Solution Deployment

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- The process to successfully deploy a new solution is based on the (PDIO) methodology:



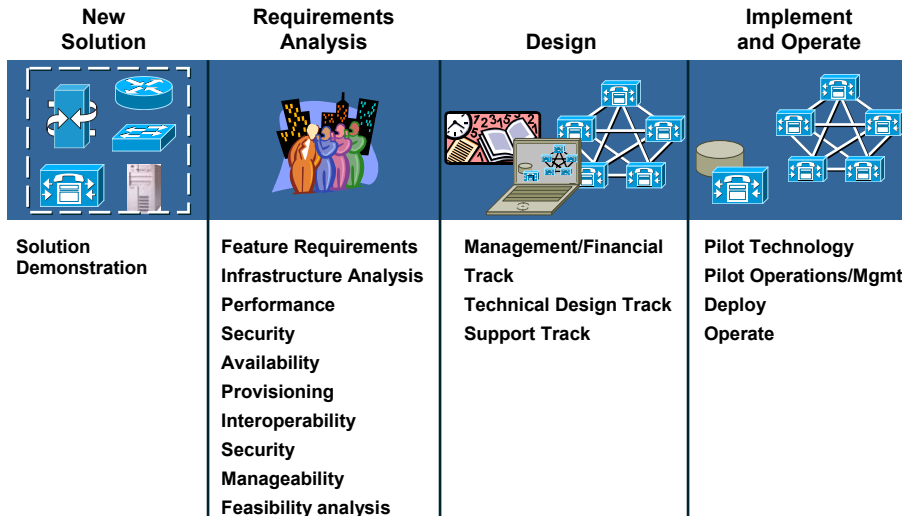
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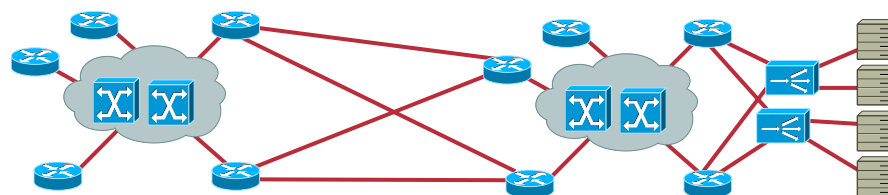
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Testing/Validation (The Lab)

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- Tools**
- Traffic generator
 - Protocol analyzer
 - WAN simulator
 - Session emulator
 - Large network emulator

Collapsed Lab Topology Mimics Production Environment

- Requires tools, production equipment and dedicated use

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CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT



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Configuration Management

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- **Collection of processes and tools to:**
 - Promote network consistency**
 - Provide up to date network documentation**
 - Asset management**
- **Benefits**
 - Lower support costs**
 - Lower network costs due to device, circuit, and user tracking tools and processes that identify unused network components**
 - Improved network availability due to a improved time to resolve problems (MTTR)**

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Create Standards

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- Configuration version control and management
- IP addressing standards and management
- Device naming conventions and DNS/DHCP assignments
- Standard configuration templates
- Configuration upgrade procedures
- Solution templates
- Network documentation (physical/logical)

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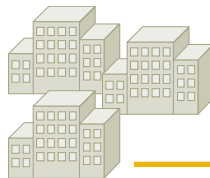
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Configuration Management

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Shared Resources:

- TFTP Servers
- DHCP Servers
- DNS Servers



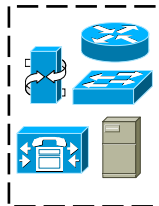
- Device/site/customer/circuit data
- Hardware
- Serial #
- Software versions
- Configuration file archival
- IP addressing plan
- Network documentation

NMS Configuration Management Systems (TFTP)



Site Resources:

- LAN Switches
- Routers
- Internet Gateways
- WAN Circuit Ports



- Device inventory
- Network troubleshooting
- Software version control
- IP address management

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Configuration Management

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- Versions of HW/SW
- Config files
- Config templates
- Backup configs
- IP address
- Feeds to change management
- Inventory
- Devices
- Vendors
- Support contacts
- Carrier
- Customer/device/link relationships

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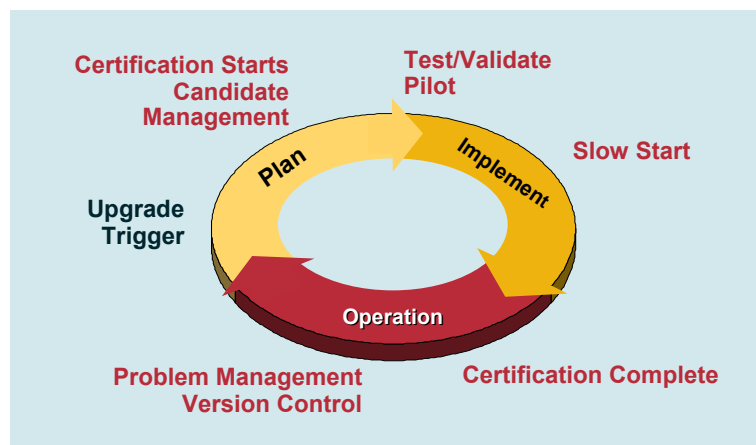
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Software Lifecycle Management

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Software Management



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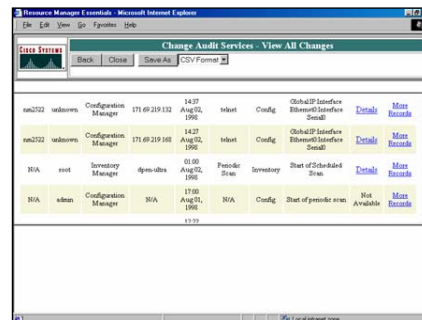
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Software Version Control

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The Process of Software Version Control Is Critical to Software Consistency and Overall Software Reliability!

- Publish and communicate certified device software version standards for identified software tracks
- Quality gates during implementation process
- Scheduled periodic audits to ensure network is in sync with the certified standard
- Utilize tools to identify, track and sort software versions



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Resource Manager Essentials - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The main content area displays a table titled "Change Audit Services - View All Changes". The table has columns for "Device", "Configuration Manager", "IP Address", "Date", "Status", "Configuration", "Audit", "Start of Scheduled Scan", and "End of Scheduled Scan". The table contains several rows of data, including entries for "rtn2022" and "N/A" with various dates and statuses.

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rtn2022	Configuration Manager	171.69.219.112	14/07/2004	Ident	Config	Global@Interface Ethernet0/Interface Serial	Details	More
N/A	Configuration Manager	171.69.219.112	01/08/2004	Periodic Scan	Inventory	Start of Scheduled Scan	Details	More
N/A	Configuration Manager	N/A	17/08/2004	N/A	Config	Start of periodic event	Not Available	More

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Maintain Documentation

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- Current device, link, and end-user inventory
- Configuration version control system
- Software version control
- TACACS configuration log
- Network topology

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Validate and Audit Standards

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- Configuration integrity checks
- Device, protocol, and media audits
- Standards and documentation review



**Configuration Consistency Simplifies a Network,
Resulting in Fewer Problems and Faster Problem Resolution**

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Tools for Configuration Management

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- Often technology or product family-specific (Cisco Element Managers)
- CW2000
- Micromuse Netcool/Precision
- Visionael (change and configuration)
- Aperature (change and configuration)

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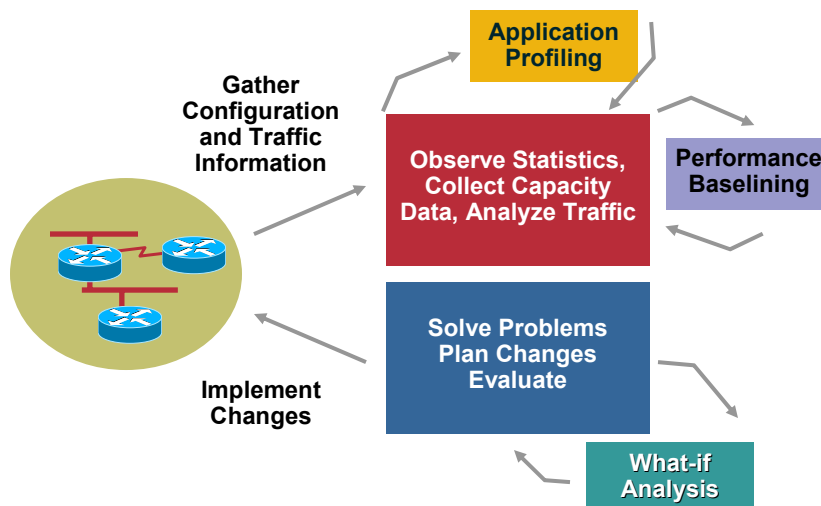
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Capacity and Performance Management Process

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Performance Management

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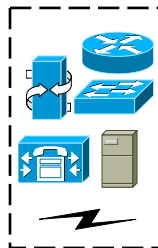
- SNMP polling, RMON
- Data includes utilization, CPU, memory, buffers, link utilization

- NMS performance
- Management systems
- Collection and archival



Site Resources

- LAN Switches
- Routers
- Switch Gateway Modules
- Gateways
- WAN and PSTN Circuit Ports



- Performance reports
- Exception reports
- Capacity planning



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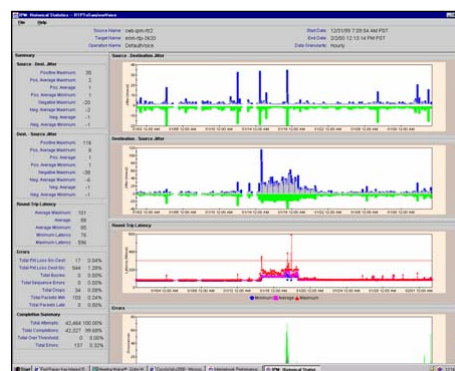
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Baselining

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- How does the network behave normally?
- CPU, memory, backplane, buffers, link utilization
- Collect data (show commands, performance data)
- Determine non-normal thresholds



Develop a Capacity Planning Strategy, Including Common Techniques, Tools, MIB Variables, and Thresholds Used for Capacity Planning

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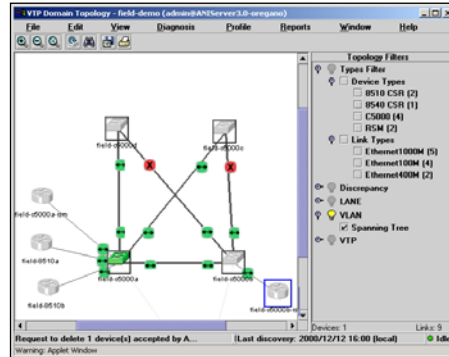
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Baselining and Exception Management

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- Alert mechanisms for performance exceptions
- Create trouble ticket to track proactive issues
- Investigate and make recommendations accordingly



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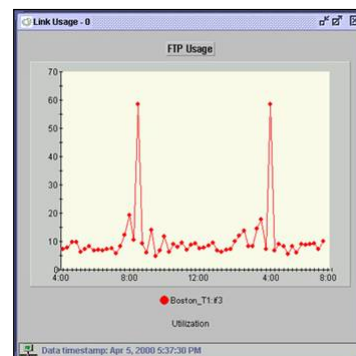
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What-If Analysis

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What-If Analysis Centers around Network Change and How the Change Affects the Environment

- Identify higher risk changes
- Determine potential resource issues (CPU, memory, buffer, backplane, link util, device resources)
- Ask questions
- If possible, take it to the lab
- If possible, slow start implementation and measure key resource areas



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Tools for Performance Management

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- CW 2000 Service Assurance Agent
- NetScout nGenius
- Cisco NetFlow Collector/Analyzer
- SMARTS inCharge for performance
- Lucent VitalNet
- InfoVista
- Concorde Ehealth

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FAULT MANAGEMENT FAULT DETECTION AND REPORTING



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Fault Management

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- **Fault management**

Process of identifying faults through the use of network management toolsets

NMS architecture design and resiliency

Syslog collection, monitoring and Analysis

SNMP trap collection and notification

Exception reporting and analysis

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Fault Management

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- **Detection, notification, of network failures**

SNMP polling

SNMP traps

Syslog

- **Proactive fault analysis**

MIB variables

Threshold violations

Syslog

- **Fault infrastructure**

TFTP, NTP, time-stamps, out-of-band management and vendor access



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Fault Management Architecture

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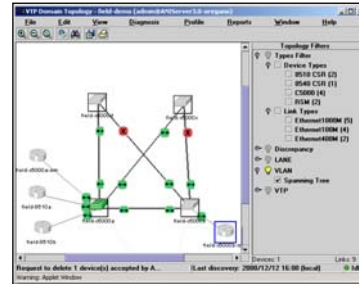
- **NMS stations:**

Centralized vs. distributed architecture

Located close to the network core

Adequate bandwidth and separation from other services

Redundant hardware/network connectivity



- **NMS UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply)**

All NMS systems should be protected against power failures

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SNMP Trap Collection and Notification

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The Collection and Notification of SNMP Traps Is Essential to Rapid Identification and Resolution

- **SNMP trap collection**

SNMP traps include generic traps and platform or technology specific traps

Traps must be properly and consistently configured on all network devices as well as the network management systems

- **SNMP trap notification**

NMS systems should notify and alert when a trap has been received

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Syslog

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- **Collection**

Establish a centralized system to log all device messages

Implement consistent Syslog server and logging configurations on all network devices

- **Monitoring**

A tool or script that parses Syslog files for pre-determined messages and sends real time alerts or notifications to an event management system

- **Analysis**

Periodic review and analysis of Syslog data should be performed daily

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Exception Reporting and Analysis

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- The process of reviewing and correlating both critical and non-critical network event data to determine root cause and long-term resolution
- Reporting typically consolidates reoccurring events into one event with an event quantity and sorts events by device, network area and/or message severity and type

“Identify and Resolve Chronic Network Problems”

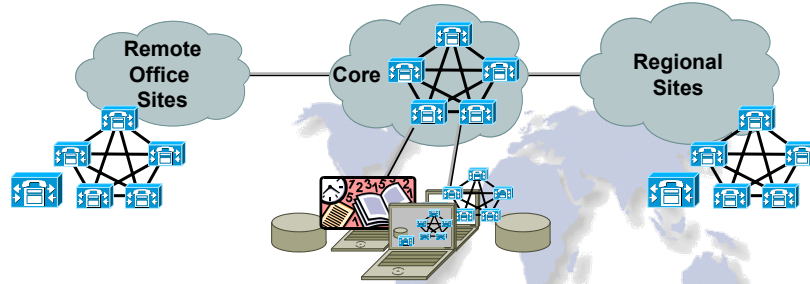
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Fault Management

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Data Collection



- SNMP traps
- SNMP polling
- Syslog
- Performance
- RMON

Monitoring



- Links errors
- Devices memory CPU
- Applications
- Thresholds

Alerting Notification



- Visual (graphics)
- Text
- Page
- Audible

Reporting and Analysis



- Report availability
- SNMP exceptions
- Syslog review
- Fault metrics

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Fault Management Tools

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- CiscoWorks Device Fault Manager
- HP OpenView Network Node Manager
- Aprisma Spectrum
- SMARTS InCharge for Fault
- IBM Tivoli
- MicroMuse NetCool

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FAULT MANAGEMENT PROBLEM TRACKING



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Problem Management

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- **Problem tracking systems**
Allows the organization to document, track and report on infrastructure technology problems
Reactive/proactive issues
- **Priority and escalation procedures**
Help to ensure that business-impacting issues are assigned a priority and quickly escalated to support groups that can resolve the issue
- **Tiered operations structure**
The network support structure should allow ample resources for problem resolution, proactive analysis, specialty areas, and escalation



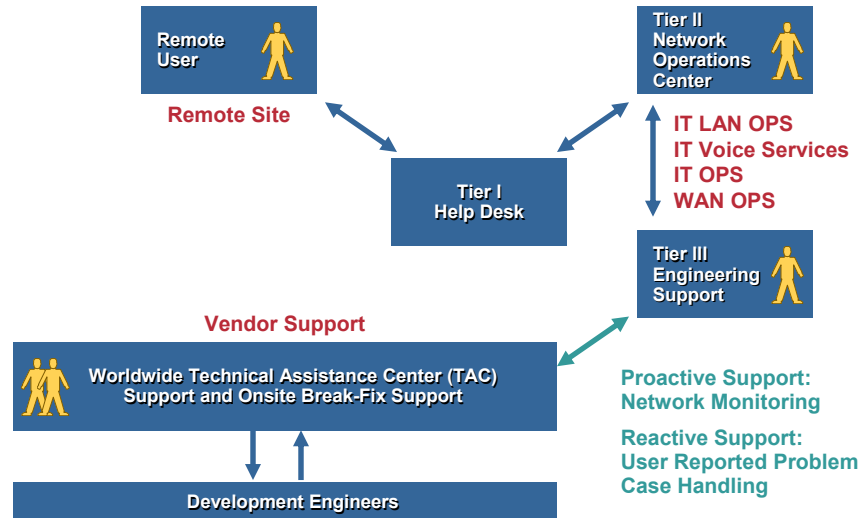
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Problem Management Trouble Flow

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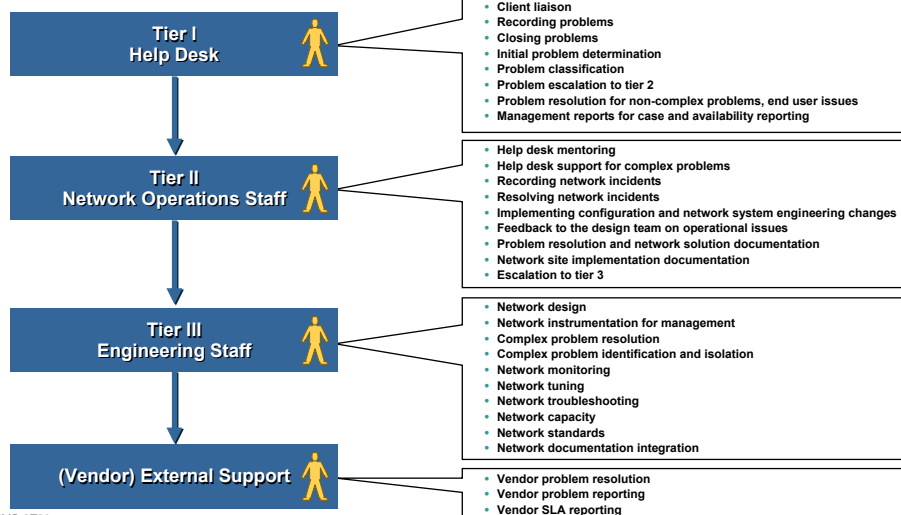
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Problem Management Tiered Operations Structure

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Tier Support Levels

Roles and Responsibilities



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Problem Management

Problem Priority Definitions

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Problem Types



Site Service Outages



Site Service Impairments



Client Service Problems



Client Admin and Change Requests

Problem Priority Categories

Urgent: P1

- Severe business impact
- Loss of service or outage at a location

High: P2

- High business impact
- Degradation, possible workaround exists
- Service impairment

Medium: P3

- Minimal business impact
- Some specific network functionality is lost
- Loss of redundancy

Low: P4

- No business impact
- A functional query

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MTTR Objectives/SLAs

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Support Objectives

Problem Types



Site Service Outages



Site Service Impairments



Client Service Problems



Client Admin and
Change Requests

Problem Category Type	Response Time during Prime Time	Response Time During Off-Peak	Mean Time to Repair Objective
Urgent	15 Minutes	15 Minutes	2 Hours
High	1 Hour	2 Hours	4 Hours
Medium	1 Business Day	1 Business Day	2 Business Days
Low	1 Business Day	1 Business Day	5 Business Days

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NETWORK SECURITY



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Network Security

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Security Impacts Availability

- **Denial of Service and other attacks**
 - Incident response process
 - Access security guidelines (modems, dialup, support, etc.)
 - Proactive security review (PSIRT, audit)
 - Intrusion detection tools/processes
 - Password management
- **Computer viruses**
 - Virus scanning tools and processes
 - Incident response process



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Preparation, Prevention and Response

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Security Basics for High Availability Networks



- **Preparation**
 - Create usage policy statements
 - Conduct a risk analysis
 - Establish a security team structure
- **Prevention**
 - Approving security changes
 - Monitoring security of your network
- **Response**
 - Security violations
 - Restoration
 - Review

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Security Policies

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- **Security policy and procedures**
 - General security procedures
 - Internet access
 - Dial-in access
 - Partner access
- **Security operations**
 - Internet/partner monitoring
 - CERT/vendor advisory review
 - Security configuration practices
 - Termination practices

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Device Security

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- **Device access control**

Secure access to devices via remote login, console access and SNMP

AAA (TACACS+, RADIUS)

SNMP access lists

SNMP views

- **Passwords**

“Enable Secret”

“Service password-encryption”

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DISASTER RECOVERY



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Disaster Recovery

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- **A disaster recovery plan covers**
 - The hardware and software required to run critical business applications**
 - The associated processes to transition smoothly in the event of a disaster**
- **Assess your mission-critical business processes and associated applications before creating the full disaster recovery plan**
- **Critical steps for best-practice disaster recovery:**
 - Disaster recovery planning**
 - Resiliency and backup services**
 - Vendor support services**



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Disaster Recover Planning Process

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- **Establish a planning group**
- **Perform risk assessments and audits**
- **Establish priorities for your network and applications**
- **Develop resiliency design and recovery strategy**
- **Prepare up-to-date inventory and documentation of the plan**
- **Develop verification criteria and procedures**
- **Implementation**

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Resiliency and Backup Services

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- Resiliency and backup services are a key part of disaster recovery
- Cisco defines network resiliency as the ability to recover from any network failure or issue whether it is related to a disaster, link, hardware, design, or network services
- A HA network design is often the foundation for disaster recovery and might handle some minor or local disasters
- Key tasks for resiliency planning and backup services include the following:
 - Assess the resiliency of your network, identify gaps and risks
 - Review your current backup services
 - Implement network resiliency and backup services

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Vendor Support Services

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- Having support services from your major vendors in place adds a strong value to disaster recovery planning
- For example, specific managed hot standby sites or on-site services with rapid response times can significantly ease disaster recovery
- Key questions regarding vendor support include:
 - Are support contracts in place?
 - Has the disaster recovery plan been reviewed by the vendors, and are the vendors included in the escalation processes?
 - Does the vendor have sufficient resources to support the disaster recovery?
- Most vendors have experience handling disaster situations and can offer additional support

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Cisco Services

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**FTS: Focused
Technical Support**
Fix It Faster!

**NOS: Network
Optimization Services**
**Make Proactive Improvements
(Design, Software Selection,
Optimization)**



**NAIS: Network Availability
Improvement Support**
Identify Gaps with Gap Closure Assistance

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NETWORKERS 2004

**DESIGNING AND MANAGING HIGH
AVAILABILITY IP NETWORKS**
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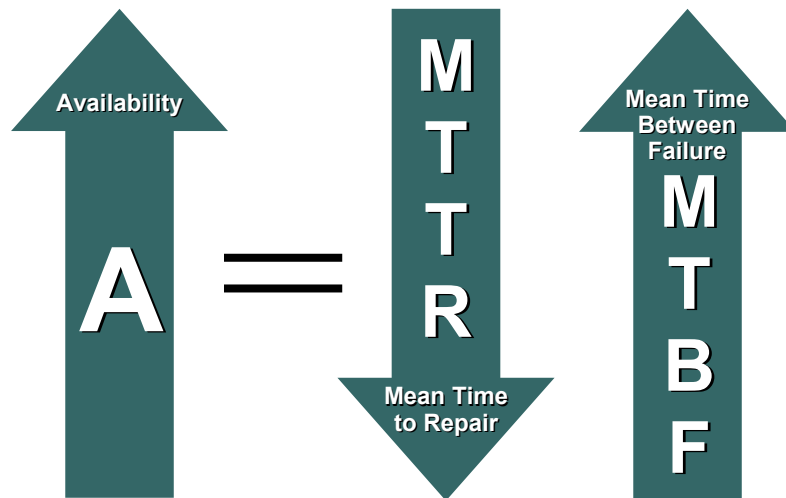
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Increasing Availability

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Technology Perspective to Improve High Availability

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- **Provide intelligent redundant elements**
Dual homing, multi-link options, box redundancy
- **Leverage load balancing in redundant elements when possible**
MLPPP, EtherChannel®
- **Detect failures faster**
Fine tuning failure detection intervals
- **Recover from failures faster**
Fine tune routing protocol convergence, L2 recovery mechanisms (APS)
- **Security and Quality of Service**

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High Availability Tool Kit

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Application Level Resiliency	Global Server Load Balancing, Stateful NAT, Stateful IPSec, DNS, DHCP, Cisco Server Load Balancing, IP QoS
Protocol Level Resiliency	HSRP, VRRP, GLBP, MPLS-TE, IP Event Dampening , Graceful Restart (GR) in BGP, OSPF NSF, ISIS NSF, IP QoS
Transport/Link Level Resiliency	SONET APS, RPR, DWDM, EtherChannel, Spanning Tree Protocol, LFI, L2 QoS
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Security at Every Level where Applicable

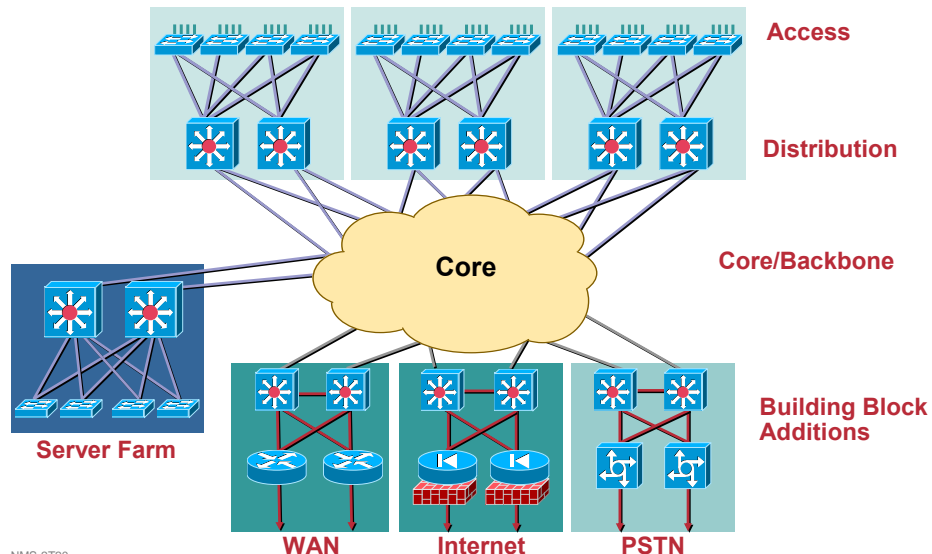
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Enterprise Multilayer Network

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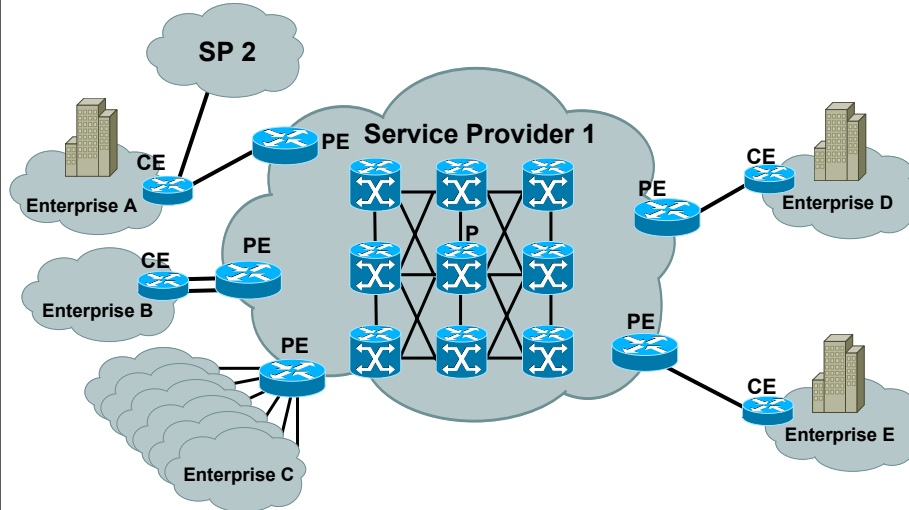
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Service Provider Network

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Agenda

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- **High Availability in Layer 2 Networks**
 - Access
 - Distribution
 - Core
- **High Availability in Layer 3 Networks**
 - Access
 - Distribution
 - Core
- **High Availability Components Layer 4 and Above**

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LAYER 2 HIGH AVAILABILITY



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Networking Transport Evolution Enterprise Scenario

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- **Traffic originating in Enterprise network are transported using**
 - Ethernet/Fast Ethernet/Gigabit Ethernet for a majority of local area networks**
 - ATM and Frame Relay for WAN connectivity**
 - Metro Ethernet/Metro Optical**
 - DPT/RPR, ATM over SONET, Packet over SONET, etc.**
 - MPLS/IPSec**

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Networking Transport Evolution Service Provider Scenario

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- **Traffic originating on service provider network backbone include**
 - Circuit-based like TDM voice and fax**
 - Packet-based like IP**
 - Cell-based like ATM or Frame Relay**
- **Majority of traffic is transported over SONET/SDH**
- **Explosive growth of data compared to voice: POS**
- **Scalable technologies like DPT/RPR use SONET/SDH framing and infrastructure: Metro and access networks**
- **DWDM provides scalable solutions to prevent fiber exhaustion: Metro and long haul networks**

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L1/L2 High Availability

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- We will focus on the following L1/ L2 technologies from an HA perspective

Ethernet

RPR

SONET

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Transport Technology Comparison

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	GigE	SONET	DPT/RPR
Topology	Good for PtoP, Mesh	Ring	Ring
Recovery	Depends	< 50ms	< 50ms
Main Advantage	Simple, Low Cost	Ring-Based, Fast Fault Detection	Efficient, Simple, Ring-Based, Fast Fault Detection

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LAYER 2 HIGH AVAILABILITY ETHERNET



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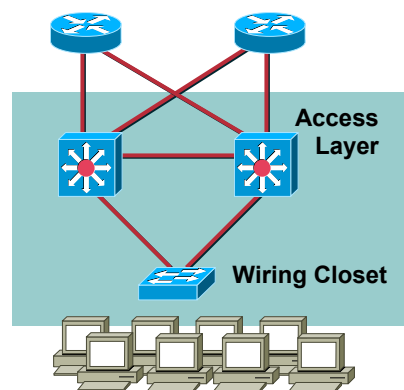
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Access Layer Detail

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- **Access switch availability**
directly effect end user experience
- **Wiring closet up-links**
 - Up-link fail-over redundancy
 - Fast convergence across multiple up-links
- **Bandwidth scalability**
 - All uplinks actively forwarding traffic



Related Sessions: RST-2505 Campus Design Fundamentals
RST-2514 High Availability in Campus Networks

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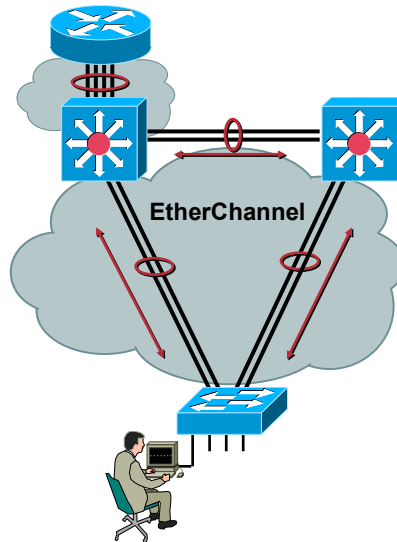
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EtherChannel Protocol

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- A logical aggregation of **similar** links (up to 8):
10/100/1000/10GE ports
- Operates between switches, routers, and certain vendors' NICs
- Channel always point-to-point
- Two flavors
 - Cisco's PAgP
 - IEEE 802.3ad
- Sub second recovery



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Configuring EtherChannel

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On a Catalyst® 6000:

```
Console> (enable) set port channel 2/2-8 mode desirable
Ports 2/2-8 left admin_group 1.
Ports 2/2-8 joined admin_group 2.
Console> (enable)
```

On a Cisco 7500:

```
Router(config)# interface port-channel 1
Router(config)# ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.0
Router(config)# ip route-cache distributed
Router(config)# interface fasteth 0/0
Router(config)# no ip address
Router(config)# channel-group 1
Router(config)# interface fasteth 0/1
Router(config)# no ip address
Router(config)# channel-group 1
FastEthernet 0/1 added as member-2 to fechannel1
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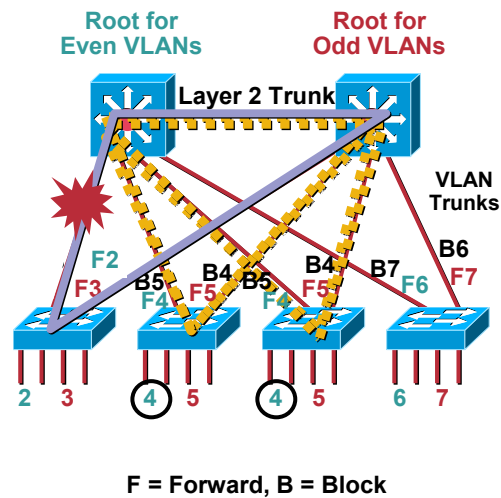
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Access Layer, Layer-2 Mode Load Sharing

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- Dependent on spanning tree protocol
- Multiple VLANs
- Per-VLAN STP allows for load sharing
- STP permits forwarding around failures



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Spanning Tree Processing

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Spanning Tree State Machine

Blocking

Time to Detect that Root Bridge Not Available: 20 Secs



Listening

Discarding Frames while Calculating New Root: 15 Secs



Learning

Discarding Frames while Learning Addresses: 15 Secs



Forwarding

Finally Forwarding Frames; to Reach this State: 50 Secs

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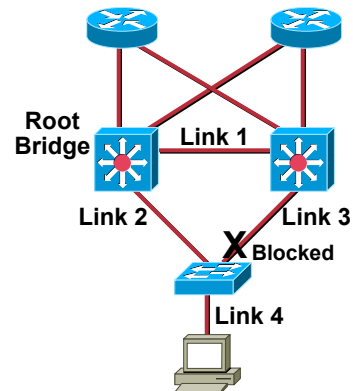
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Spanning Tree Extensions

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- **Extensions decrease STP convergence time**
- **PortFast** for access ports (Link4) bypasses listening-learning phases
- **UplinkFast** for direct root link failure (Link2): about 3 to 5 seconds convergence
- **BackboneFast** for indirect link failure (Link1): cuts convergence time by Max_Age seconds
- Standardized with IEEE **802.1w**



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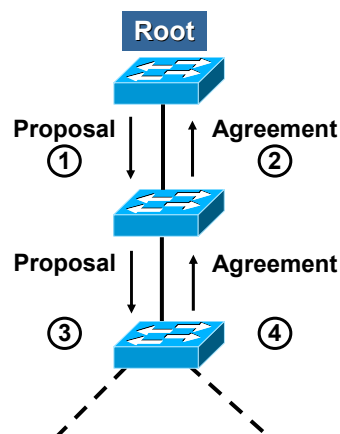
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IEEE 802.1w: Rapid Spanning Tree

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- Takes advantage of today's topologies (full-duplex point-to-point links)
- Remarkably similar to Uplinkfast/Backbonefast ☺
- No more network-wide timers when all switches run 802.1w
- Handshake mechanism between bridges
- Proposal-Agreement messaging ("I want to become designated: do you agree?")
- **Can achieve 1+ second of convergence**



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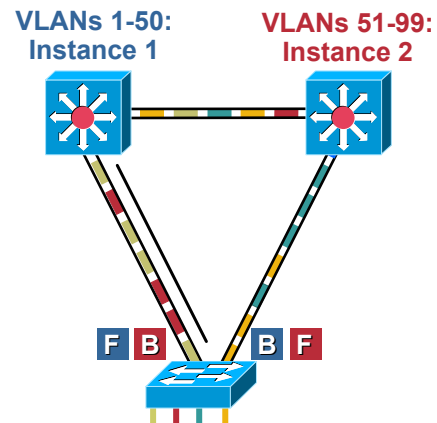
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IEEE 802.1s: Multiple Instance Spanning Tree

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- IEEE802.1q only requires one Spanning Tree
- Scales Per-VLAN-Spanning-Tree (PVST)
- Two active topologies
- All VLANs mapped to one of two topologies
- Lower BPDU counts
- Simpler implementation
- Much less CPU utilization
- Very high scalability



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LAYER 2 HIGH AVAILABILITY

RESILIENT PACKET RING (RPR)



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Resilient Packet Ring (RPR) Standard

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- **RPR is a layer 2 transport architecture**
 - Based on dual counter-rotating ring architecture
 - Uses the best of Ethernet and SONET/SDH
 - Uses SRP-fairness algorithm
- **Standards-based on IEEE 802.17 RPR Protocol Draft**
- **IEEE 802.17 is based on Cisco's SRP (RFC 2892)**
- **Supported on high-end devices**
- **DPT/RPR name used interchangeably**
- **Cisco is committed to SRP and IEEE standards**

**Related Session: OPT 2043 802.17 and
Spatial Reuse Protocol (SRP) Protocols**

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Application Areas of RPR Networks

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- **PoP**
 - Intra-PoP LANs, Inter-PoP MANs and WANs**
 - 10–500+ meters over fiber**
- **Access Metro areas**
 - Single and multi-provider customer access MANs**
 - 25–100+ km over dark fibre**
- **Regional Metro area**
 - 100–250+ km over dark fibre, DWDM**
 - Metro Core, Campus LAN, Enterprise MANs and WANs**
- **Long Distance Core area**
 - Long haul**
 - 500–2500+ km over DWDM**

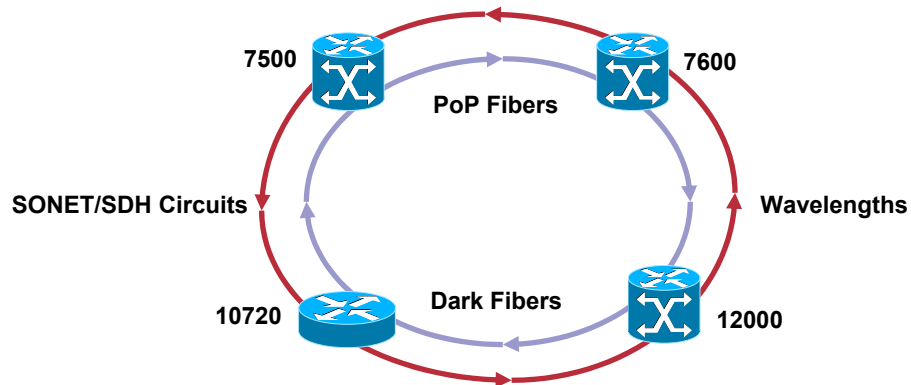
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RPR Ring Build

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- A pair of dark fiber strands
- A pair of DWDM derived wavelengths
- A SDH add-drop STM-n circuit
- Any combination of the above segments

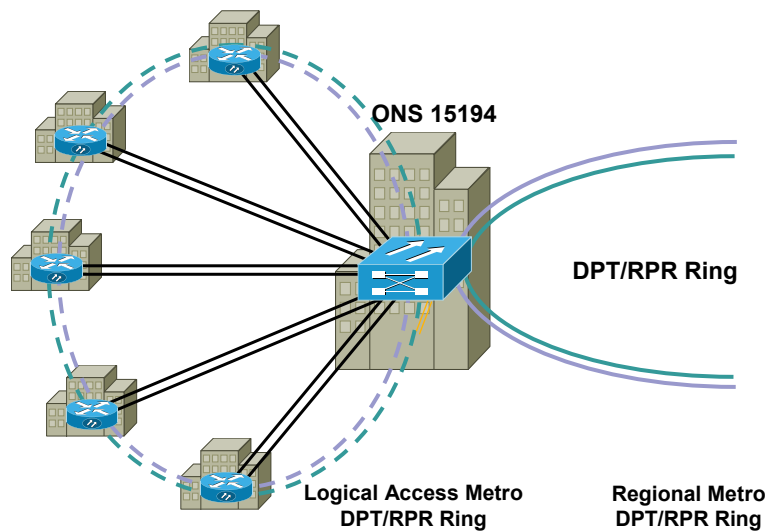
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Logical RPR Ring

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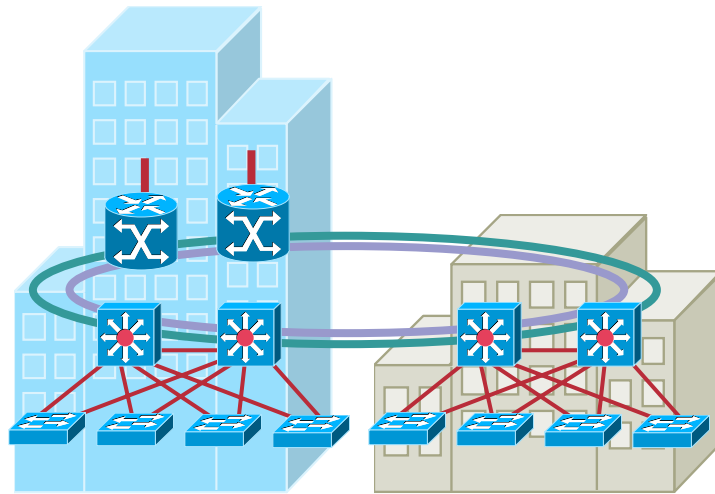
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Campus/Metro Deployment

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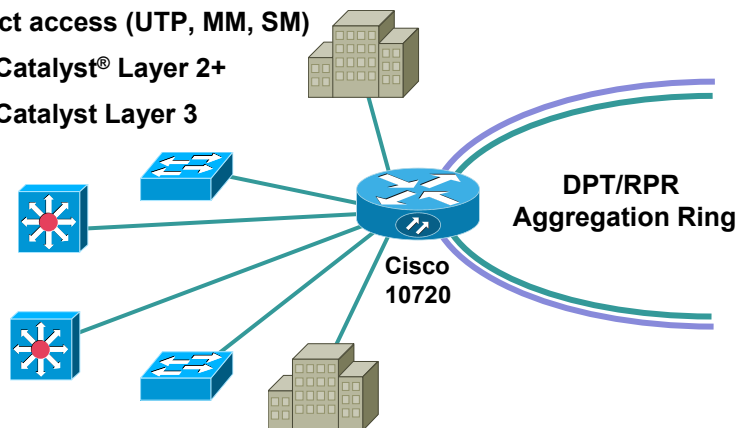
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SP Edge Deployment

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- 10/100/1000 Mbps access
- Direct access (UTP, MM, SM)
- Via Catalyst® Layer 2+
- Via Catalyst Layer 3



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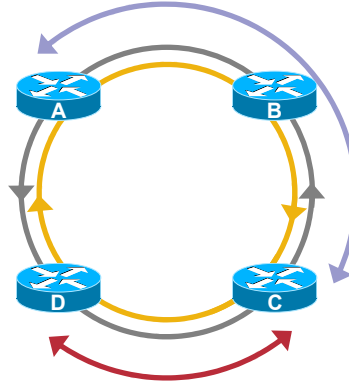
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RPR Features: Spatial Reuse

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- **Spatial reuse: Increases overall ring aggregate bandwidth**
 - Unicast packets are “destination” stripped
 - Multicast is source stripped
- **Multiple nodes can transmit simultaneously**
- **Both rings used for carrying traffic: No reserved protection bandwidth**



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RPR Protection Switching: Intelligent Protection Switching (IPS)

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- **Less than 50msec restoration if there is fiber/ node failure or signal degrade**
- **Two protection methods: Wrapping OR Steering around failure**
- **No reserved protection bandwidth unlike SONET APS**
- **Protection mechanism works with SONET/ SDH, Dark Fiber**
- **Does not depend on layer 3 routing protocol for convergence**

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802.17 Protocol: Protection

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Protection Failure Detection

- **Automatic**
 - SF: Signal Fail** based on PHY-sensed link failure or keepalive failure
 - SD: Signal Degrade** based on PHY-sensed link degradation condition
- **Manual**
 - FS: Forced Switch** initiated by the user
 - MS: Manual Switch** initiated by the user
- **Detection delay**
 - L1 Holdoff:** Used to delay the protection response to a PHY-sensed failure (0 to 200 ms)
 - Keepalive Timer:** Used to determine the duration of keepalive loss before a protection condition is raised (2 to 200 ms); keepalive frames are also fairness updates and are transmitted approx. every 100 ms

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802.17 Protocol: Protection

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Protection Failure Recovery

- **Recovery from node or link failure**
- **Wait to Restore (WTR)** is used to reduce protection flapping due to transient SD/SF failures
- The WTR range is 0 to 1440 sec or never, default is 10 sec
- When the WTR is set to never the protection state is non-revertive

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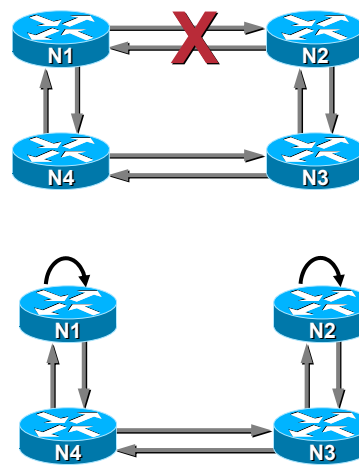
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RPR Protection Switching: Protection Wrapping

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- Neighbor nodes direct packets away from failure
- Requires only two nodes adjacent to the failure to take action
- Other nodes send traffic as normal

Fiber Cut/Signal Fail, etc.



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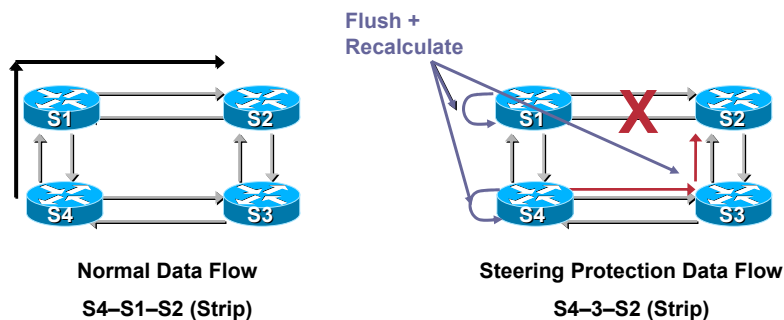
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802.17 Protocol: Protection

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Protection Steering

- This protection mechanism requires all stations to exchange protection details, flush the existing queues (for strict traffic) and recalculate the new traffic path prior to completing the protection event



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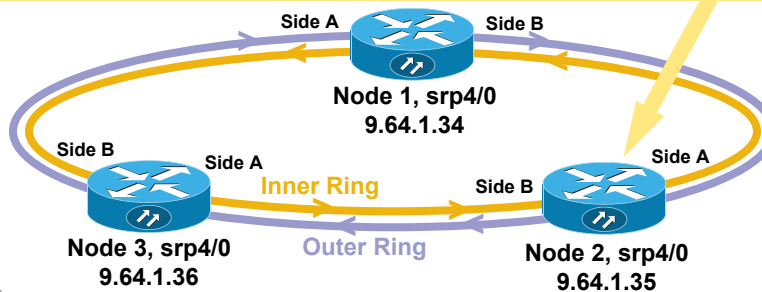
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RPR Topology Display

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```
Node2 #show srp topology
Topology Map for Interface SRP4/0
Topology pkt. sent every 5 sec. (next pkt. after 1 sec.)
Last received topology pkt. 00:00:03
Last topology change was 05:59:02 ago.
Nodes on the ring: 3
Hops (outer ring)    MAC          IP Address    Wrapped SRR    Name
0                    0000.4142.8799 9.64.1.35     No             - Node2
1                    0007.0dec.a300 9.64.1.36     No             - Node3
2                    0010.f60d.7a00 9.64.1.34     No             - Node1
```



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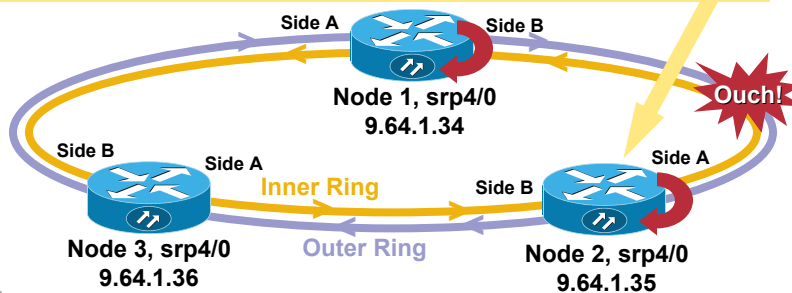
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RPR Topology Display

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Node2#show srp topology
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Last received topology pkt. 00:00:04
Last topology change was 00:00:09 ago.
Nodes on the ring: 3
Hops (outer ring)    MAC          IP Address    Wrapped SRR    Name
0                    0000.4142.8799 9.64.1.35     Yes            - Node2
1                    0007.0dec.a300 9.64.1.36     No             - Node3
2                    0010.f60d.7a00 9.64.1.34     Yes            - Node1
```



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LAYER 2 HIGH AVAILABILITY

SONET/SDH



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SONET/SDH

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- **Provides protection scheme for physical-layer restoration**
- **Restoration of failure within 50ms**
- **Physical state is communicated to L3**
- **Available on SONET/SDH line cards on routers**
- **K1/K2 link-layer control information of line overhead (LOH) frame**
- **Two types of APS**
 - Single router APS**
 - Multi-router APS**

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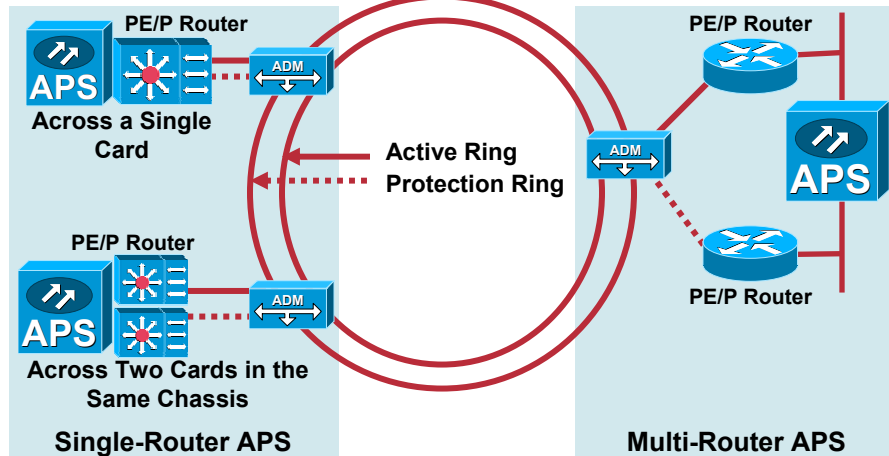
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APS: Automatic Protection Switching

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Provides Automatic Failover Protection for SONET/SDH Lines



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Single-Router APS

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- Protects against fiber failures and linecard failures, but not whole router failures
- Switchovers are hidden from applications at upper levels
- On routers, it allows switchovers without causing a slow layer 3 reconvergence
- Conforms to Telcordia GR-253 for SONET and ITU G.841 for SDH
- The standards call for switchovers within 50msec after detecting the failure

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Multi-Router APS

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- The major benefit of multi-router APS is protection against fiber faults, linecard faults and even complete router failures
- Usually the working port is configured on one router and the protect port is configured on a different router
- Supported on Cisco high-end routing platforms
- Multi-Router APS is a hybrid which depends partially on APS switching and partially on layer 3 routing to direct the flow of packets
- The two routers communicate control information using protect group protocol

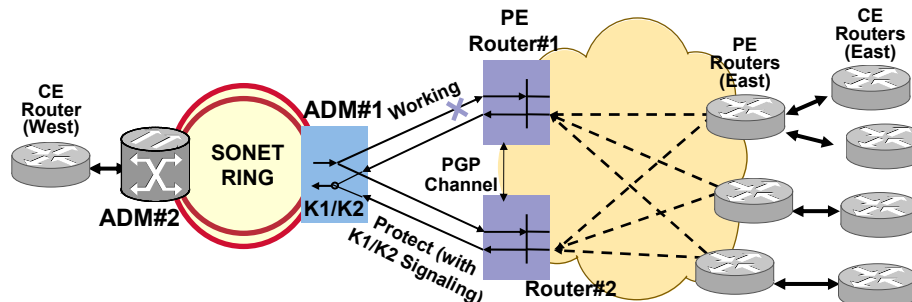
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Anatomy of an MR-APS Switchover Due to LOS Detected by the Working Router

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1. Initially packets are routed over the working lines which are active
2. PE Router#1 detects LOS on received Working line and starts to bring the interface down
3. Working router sends a PGP "State Change" message to the protect router
4. Protect router signals Switch-to-protect request to ADM using K1/K2 bytes
5. ADM selects the protect line and sends K1/K2 response back to protect router
6. Router selects protect line and sends PGP "Working Disable" message to working router
7. Working router deselects the working line
8. After the routers reconverge, packets get routed over the newly active protect lines

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Protect Group Protocol

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- **Protect Group Protocol: Proprietary protocol sent as UDP packets (Port 172) between routers with MR-APS**
- **Messages are retransmitted if no reply or Ack**
- **PGP Hellos are sent at regular intervals**
- **Authenticated by a configurable authentication string sent with messages**
- **Supports protocol versioning**
- **Switching may occur due to**
 - LC/router crash, signal degradation, LOS (SF), manual switch

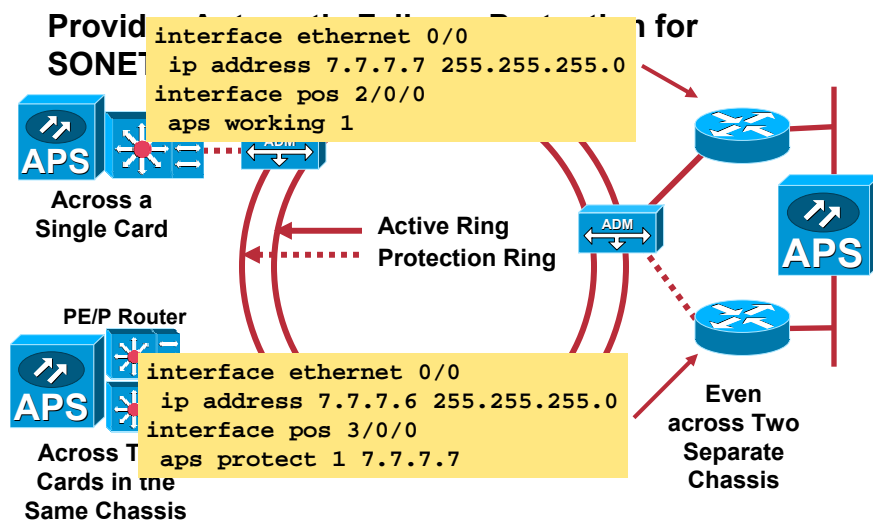
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APS: Automatic Protection Switching

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LAYER 3 HIGH AVAILABILITY: ACCESS



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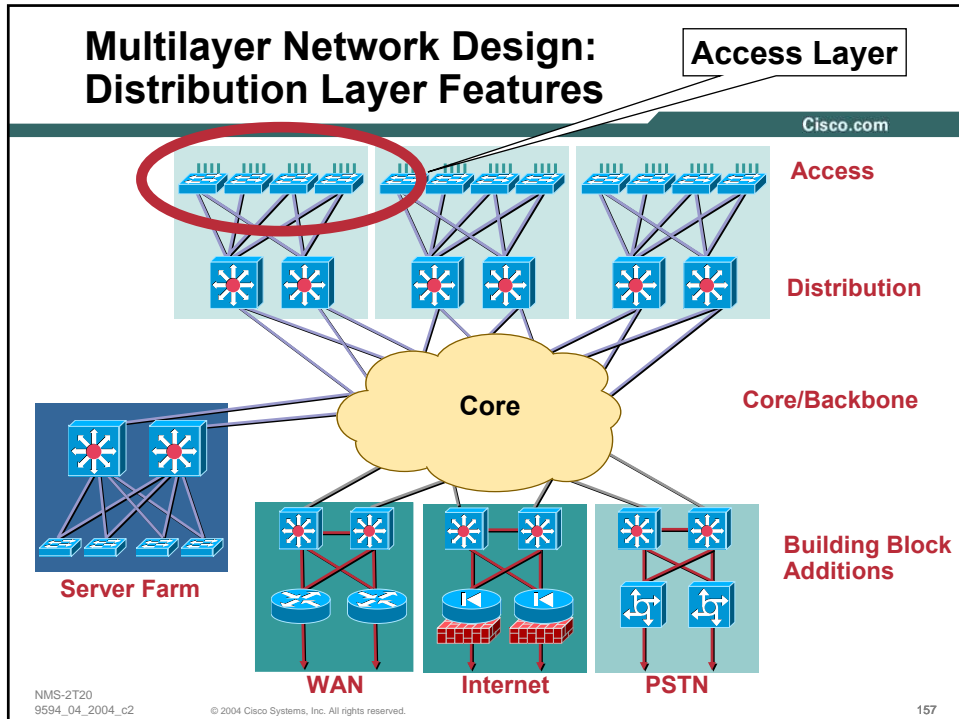
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Protocol Level Resiliency	➔	HSRP, VRRP, GLBP, MPLS-TE, IP Event Dampening, Graceful Restart (GR) in BGP, OSPF NSF, ISIS NSF, IP QoS
Transport/Link Level Resiliency	➔	SONET APS, RPR, DWDM, EtherChannel, Spanning Tree Protocol, LFI, L2 QoS
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Multilayer Network Design: Distribution Layer Features



First Hop Redundancy Protocols

- **Hot Standby Router Protocol (HSRP)**
Cisco informational RFC 2281 (March 1998)
- **Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP)**
IETF Standard RFC 2338 (April 1998)
- **Gateway Load Balancing Protocol (GLBP)**
Cisco designed, load sharing, patent pending

HSRP

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- A group of routers function as one virtual router by sharing **ONE** virtual IP address and **ONE** virtual MAC address
- One (Active) router performs packet forwarding for local hosts
- The rest of the routers provide “hot standby” in case the active router fails
- Standby routers stay idle as far as packet forwarding from the client side is concerned

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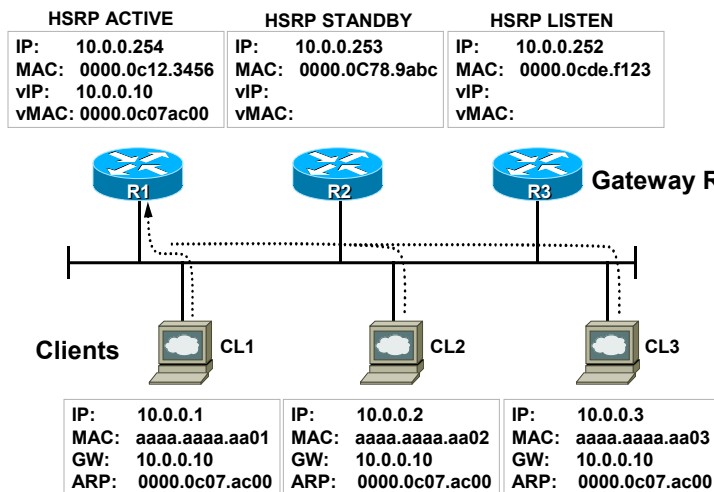
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First Hop Redundancy with HSRP

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R1: Active, Forwarding Traffic; R2, R3: Hot Standby, Idle



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VRRP

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- Very similar to HSRP
- A group of routers function as one virtual router by sharing **ONE** virtual IP address and **ONE** virtual MAC address
- One (master) router performs packet forwarding for local hosts
- The rest of the routers act as “back up” in case the master router fails
- Backup routers stay idle as far as packet forwarding from the client side is concerned

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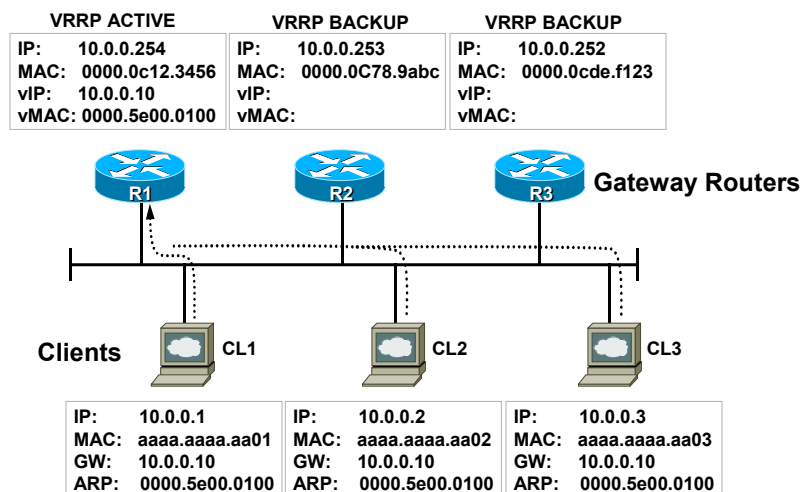
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First Hop Redundancy with VRRP

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R1: Master, Forwarding Traffic; R2, R3: Backup



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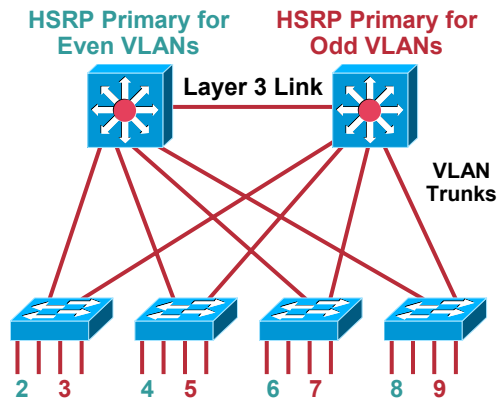
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Access Layer: Layer 3 Mode Load Sharing

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- **NOT** dependent on Spanning Tree Protocol
- **May** use multiple VLANs for load sharing with Multi-group HSRP
- No need for Layer 2 trunk between switches
- Layer 3 link instead if summarizing routes



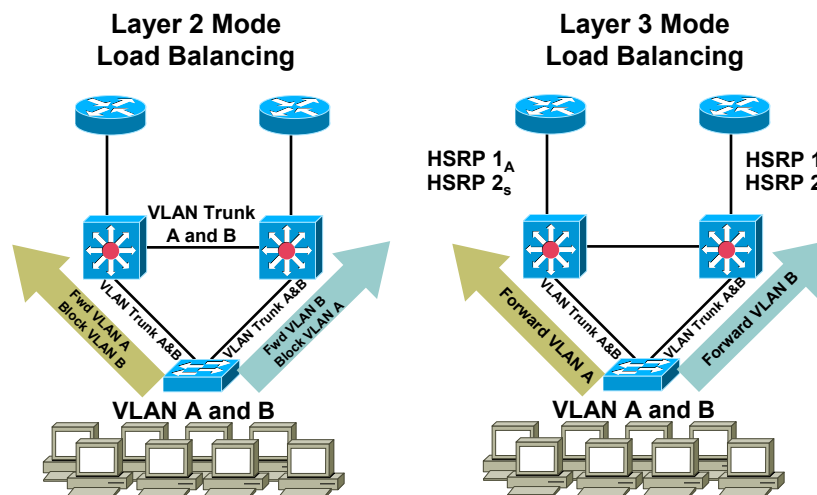
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Multi-VLAN Load Balancing Methods

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LAYER 3 HA: ACCESS

GATEWAY LOAD BALANCING PROTOCOL



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GLBP Problem Statement

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- Allow **dynamic** selection of multiple available gateways to destination within a subnet
- Provide **automatic** detection and re-routing to any gateway in the event of a failure

**Fully Utilize Resources (Available Bandwidth)
without Administrative Burden**

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GLBP Entities (Definitions)

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- **GLBP Group**

A GLBP group consists of one or more GLBP gateways configured with the same GLBP group number

- **GLBP Gateway**

A gateway or router running the Gateway Load Balancing Protocol; it may participate in one or more GLBP groups

- **Virtual IP Address (vIP)**

An IPv4 address or IPv6 prefix; this is the IP address used as the hosts' default gateway

- **Virtual MAC Address**

A MAC address that a host may receive when it issues an address resolution request for the virtual IP address; **there MAY be multiple virtual MAC address for each GLBP group**

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GLBP Entities (Definitions) (Cont.)

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- **Active Virtual Gateway (AVG)**

One Virtual Gateway in a GLBP group is elected Active Virtual Gateway (AVG), and **is responsible for operation of the protocol, i.e. allocating MAC addresses**

- **Active Virtual Forwarder (AVF)**

One Virtual Forwarder in a GLBP group elected the Active Virtual Forwarder (AVF), and **is responsible for forwarding packets sent to a particular virtual MAC address**; there may be multiple Active Virtual Forwarders in a GLBP group

- **Secondary Virtual Forwarder (SVF)**

A Virtual Forwarder that has learned the virtual MAC address from a Hello message

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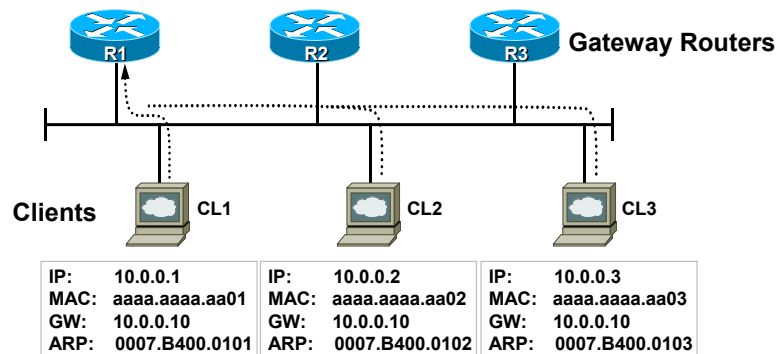
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First Hop Redundancy with GLBP

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R1: AVG; R1, R2, R3 All Forward Traffic

GLBP AVG/AVF,SVF	GLBP AVF,SVF	GLBP AVF,SVF
IP: 10.0.0.254	IP: 10.0.0.253	IP: 10.0.0.252
MAC: 0000.0c12.3456	MAC: 0000.0c78.9abc	MAC: 0000.0cde.f123
viP: 10.0.0.10	viP: 10.0.0.10	viP: 10.0.0.10
vMAC: 0007.b400.0101	vMAC: 0007.b400.0102	vMAC: 0007.b400.0103



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GLBP

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- GLBP routers function as one virtual router sharing one virtual IP address but using multiple virtual MAC addresses to forward traffic

GLBP uses multicast to communicate between GLBP members with following detail: 224.0.0.102, UDP port 3222

Virtual MAC addresses will be of the form: 0007.b4yy.yyyy

where yy.yyyy equals the lower 24 bits;

these bits consist of 6 zero bits,

10 bits that correspond to the GLBP group number,

and 8 bits that correspond to the virtual forwarder number

0007.b400.0102 : last 24 bits = 0000 0000 0000 0001 0000 0010
= GLBP group 1, forwarder 2

- Allows traffic from a single common subnet to go through multiple redundant gateways using a single virtual IP address

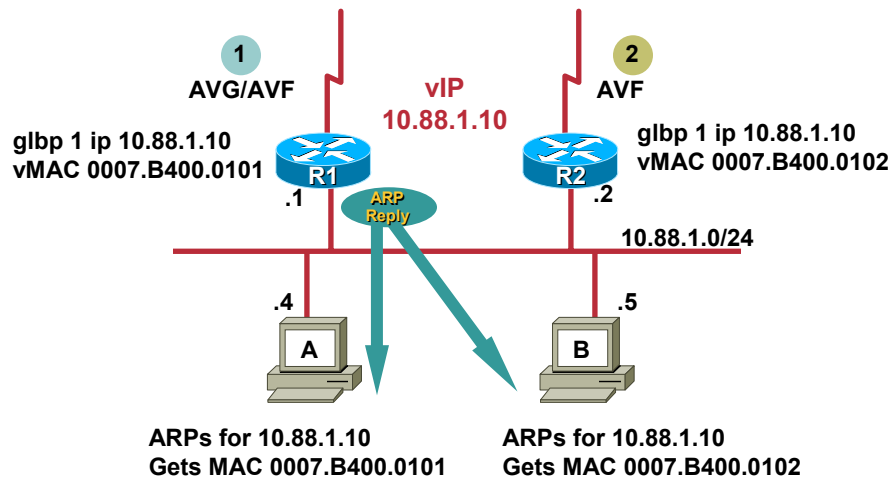
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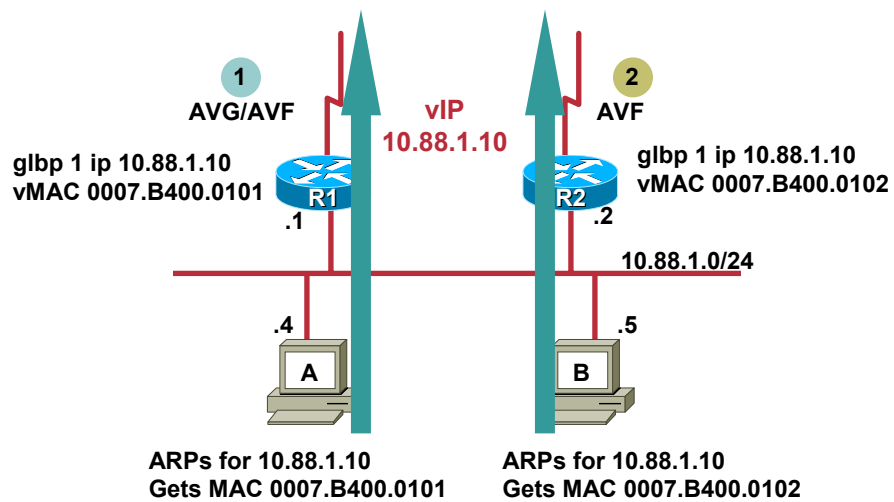
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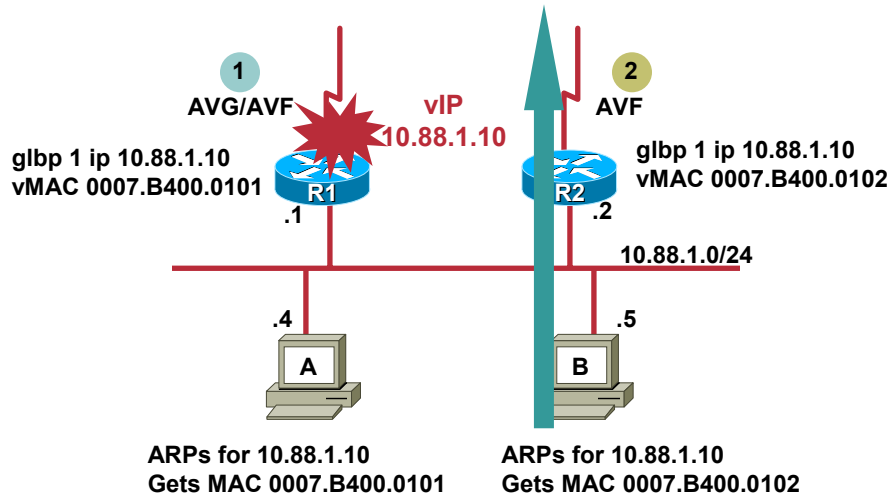
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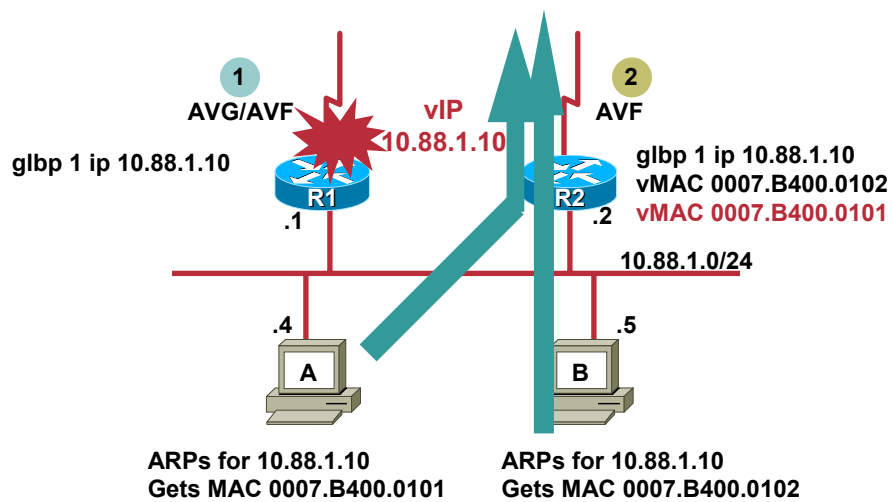
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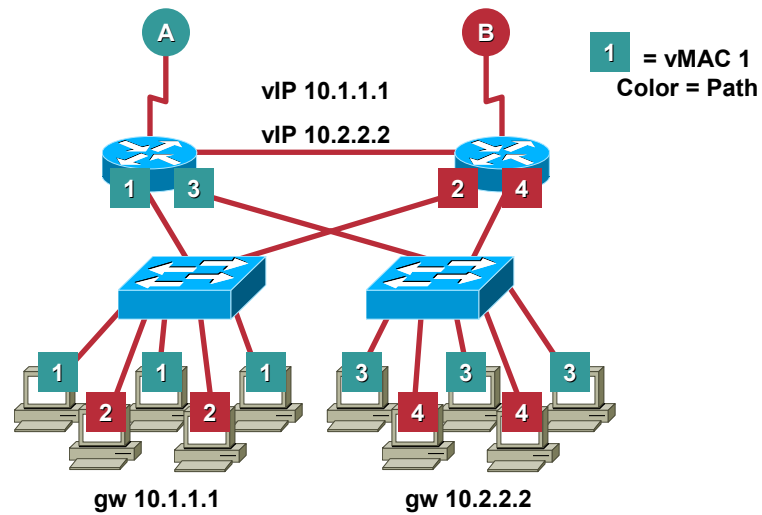
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GLBP Configuration Example

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```
!  
interface FastEthernet2/0  
  ip address 10.88.49.1 255.255.255.0  
  duplex full  
  glbp 1 ip 10.88.49.10  
  glbp 1 priority 105  
  glbp 1 authentication text magicword  
  glbp 1 weighting 100 lower 95  
  glbp 1 weighting track 10 decrement 10
```

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GLBP Configuration Rules

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- **Load balancing operates on a per-host basis**
All outbound traffic for a given host will use the same gateway
- **Maximum of 4 MAC addresses per GLBP Group**
- **Load balancing algorithm, 3 types:**
 - Round-robin**
Each virtual forwarder MAC takes turns
 - Weighted**
Directed load determined by advertised weighting factor
 - Host-dependent**
Ensures that each host is always given the same vMAC
- **Default algorithm is round-robin**

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GLBP Implementation Issues

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- **Four entries per GLBP group will be used in the MAC address filter of Ethernet interfaces configured with GLBP groups**
This may limit the number of groups configurable on an interface that supports only a hardware MAC address filter
- **Security includes MD5 authentication**
- **Only use GLBP for layer 2 switched environments**
So duplicate IP addresses will not be noticed
- **Be careful with other IP services**
NAT, IPSec, Mobile IP, HA

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ENHANCED OBJECT TRACKING



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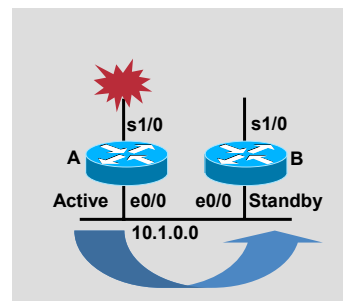
Enhanced Object Tracking

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- HSRP allowed tracking of interface line protocol state

If the link failed, the HSRP Priority was reduced

Another HSRP router with a higher priority could then takeover



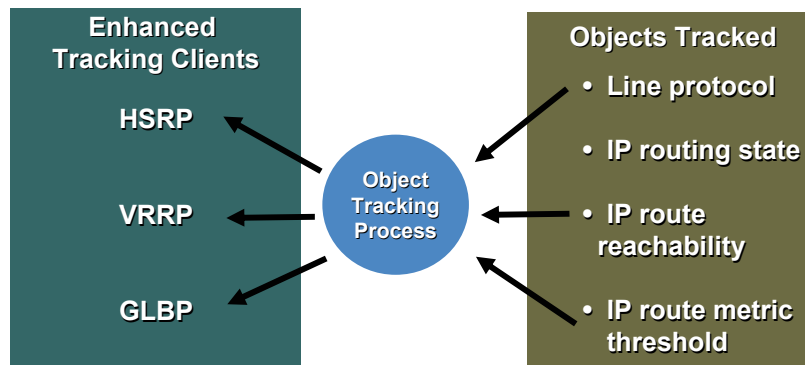
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Enhanced Object Tracking

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- Enhanced Object Tracking is a stand-alone process that tracks objects
- HSRP, GLBP and VRRP act as clients seeking services of Enhanced Object Tracking

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Benefits of Enhanced Object Tracking

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- More options to ensure high availability
- Can help verify end-to-end path good
- Provides scalable solution
- Support for GLBP, HSRP, and VRRP

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What Can I Track?

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- **Interface “line-protocol” state**
Tracking process tracks the line-protocol state of the interface
- **Interface “routing” state**
A tracked IP routing object is up when IP routing is enabled, the interface line-protocol is up and IP routing active on the interface
- **State of an IP route (reachability)**
A tracked IP route object is considered up and reachable when a routing table entry exists for the route and the route is reachable
- **IP route metric threshold**
Tracks the scaled metric value of an IP route to determine if it is above or below a threshold

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New CLI Commands and Options

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- track interface
 - track ip route
 - ip vrf (tracking)
 - threshold metric
 - delay (tracking)
 - track timer
 - standby track
 - show track
 - debug track
-
- The diagram uses blue curly braces to group the commands into four categories, each with a corresponding callout box:
- Object Specification Commands:** Includes 'track interface', 'track ip route', and 'ip vrf (tracking)'.
 - EoT Customization Commands:** Includes 'threshold metric' and 'delay (tracking)'.
 - Object Assignment Command for HSRP Client:** Includes 'track timer' and 'standby track'.
 - Display, Debug, and Troubleshooting Commands:** Includes 'show track' and 'debug track'.

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Enhanced Tracking Example Line Protocol Tracking

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```
track object-number interface type number
{line-protocol | ip-routing}
[up delay seconds][down delay seconds]
```

```
track 30 interface Serial3/0 line-protocol up delay 30
!
interface FastEthernet1/0
ip address 10.44.1.1 255.255.255.0
duplex full
glbp 1 ip 10.44.1.10
glbp 1 weighting 100 lower 95
glbp 1 weighting track 30
```

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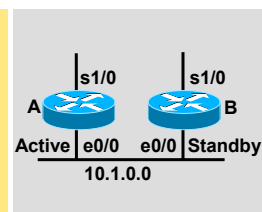
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Enhanced Tracking Example Interface IP Routing Tracking

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```
Router A Configuration
track 100 interface serial1/0 ip routing
interface Ethernet0/0
ip address 10.1.0.21 255.255.0.0
standby 1 ip 10.1.0.1
standby 1 priority 105
standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
```



- Interface IP routing will go down if:
 - IP routing is disabled globally
 - Interface IP address is unknown (or IP is disabled or failed to negotiate)
 - Interface line-protocol is down
- Useful for interfaces where IP address is negotiated
 - For example, on a serial interface that uses PPP then the line-protocol could be up (LCP negotiated successfully), but IP could be down (IPCP negotiation failed)

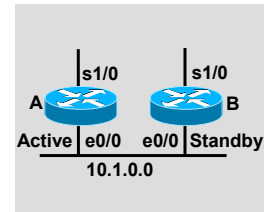
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Enhanced Tracking Example IP Route Reachability Tracking

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Router A Configuration:

```
track 100 interface serial1/0 ip routing
!
track 101 ip route 10.22.0.0/16 reachability
!
interface Ethernet0/0
 ip address 10.1.0.21 255.255.0.0
 standby 1 ip 10.1.0.1
 standby 1 priority 105
 standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
 standby 1 track 101 decrement 10
```

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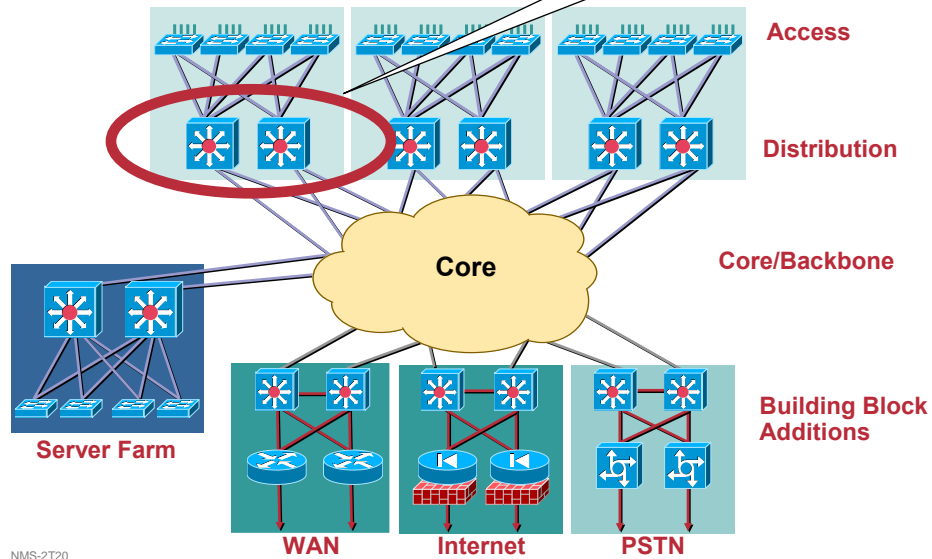
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Multilayer Network Design: Distribution Layer Features

Distribution Layer

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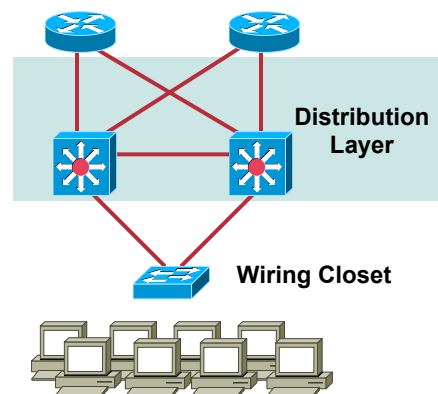
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Distribution Layer Detail

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- Scalable layer 3 switching performance
 - Multiprotocol support at layer 3
 - Redundancy and load balancing
- Distribution switch redundancy
HSRP/GLBP can be tuned to achieve 1+ second recovery!



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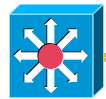
Dual Equal-Cost Path with IP routing

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- **Load balance: don't waste bandwidth**
Unlike L1 and L2 redundancy
- **Fast recovery to remaining path**
Detect L1 down and purge: 1 to 2 seconds
- **Works with any routed fat pipes**
Gigabit Ethernet or EtherChannel
DWDM or SONET or PVC infrastructure

Equal Cost Routes to X

Path A
Path B



Path A

Path B

Destination
Network X

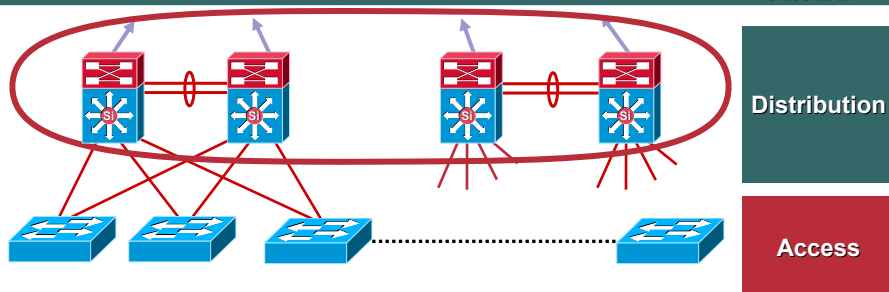
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Defining the Distribution Layer

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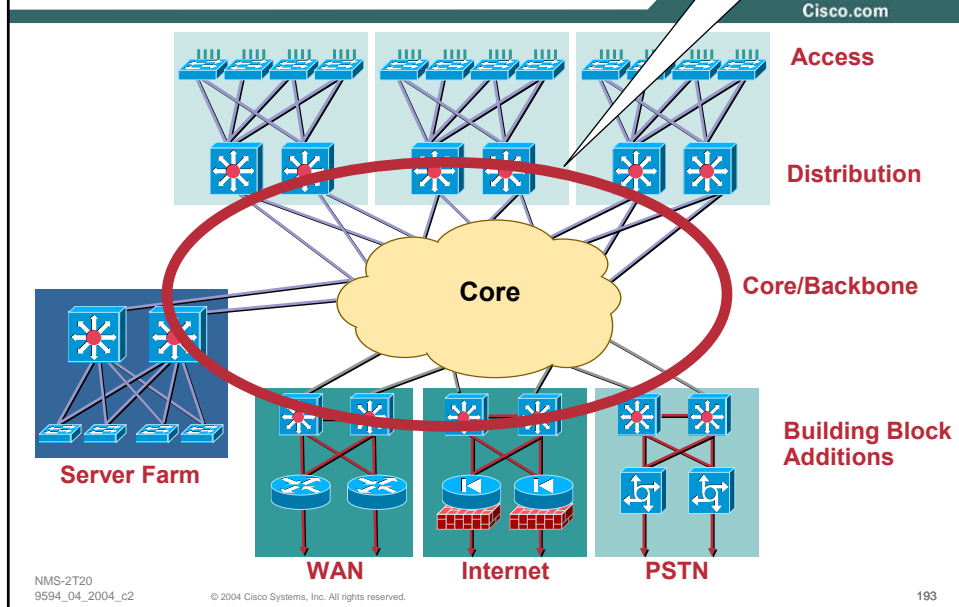
- Availability, load balancing, QoS and provisioning are the important considerations at this layer
- Aggregates wiring closets (access layer) and uplinks to core
- Use layer 3 switching in the distribution layer
- Protects core from high density peering and problems in access layer
- Spanning tree features:
Only if you need them:
Setting STP Root, Root Guard
Rapid PVST+: Per VLAN 802.1w
- Route summarization, fast convergence, equal cost load balancing
- HSRP or GLBP to provide first hop redundancy

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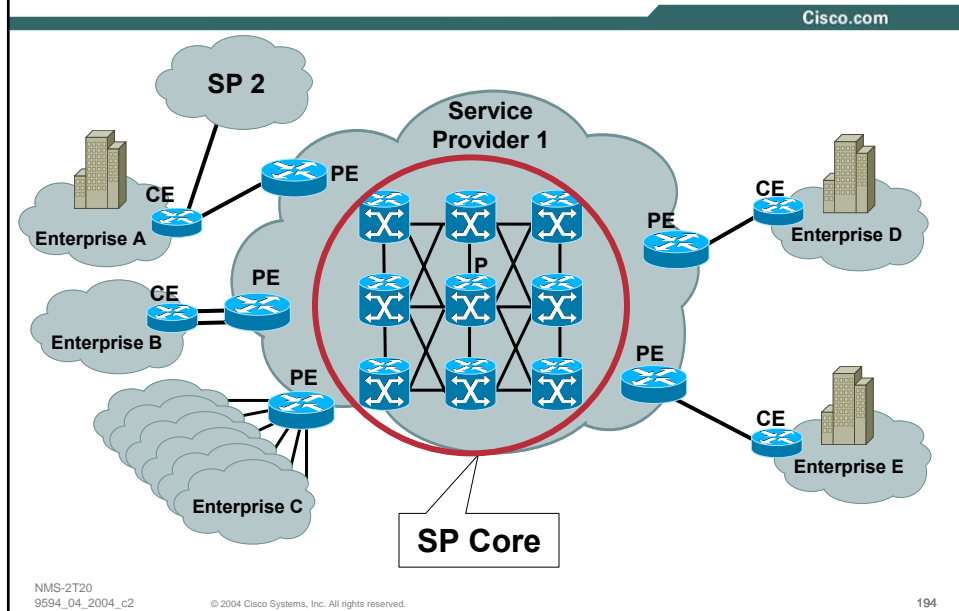
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Multilayer Network Design: Core Layer Features



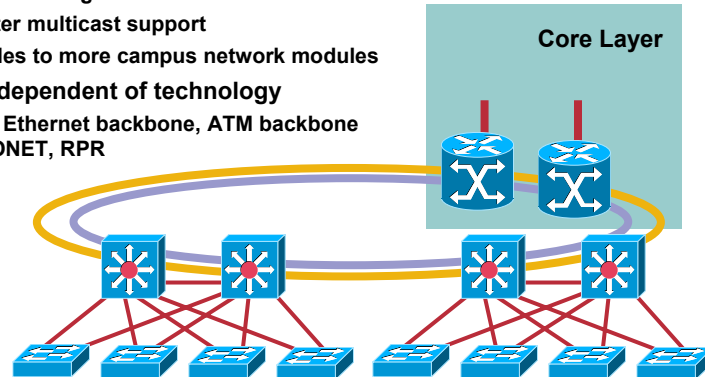
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Core Layer Detail

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- Redundant, fast-converging core
- Choice to be made for Layer 2 or Layer 3:
 - Layer 3 favored:
 - Less RP neighbors
 - Better multicast support
 - Scales to more campus network modules
- Design independent of technology
 - Gigabit Ethernet backbone, ATM backbone (L2), SONET, RPR



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Improving Convergence Time

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- Failure Detection Tuning
- IP Event Dampening
- BGP Multi-path
- MPLS Fast Re-Route (FRR)

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FAILURE DETECTION AND FAILURE RECOVERY TUNING



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Failure Detection Tuning

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- **Cisco IOS® exposes some timers which can be tuned to speed failure detection/convergence**
- **Tweaking will not help a network that already has significant problems**
- **Only tweak if:**
 - You have a stable, predictable network**
 - You have a lab which can provide an accurate simulation**
 - You have a backout plan**

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Layer 3 Failure Detection Tweaking

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HSRP: *Must* Be the Same for All Routers in the Group!

```
Router(config)#int eth0
Router(config)#standby 10 timers 1 3
```

**HSRP Also Supports Subsecond Timers with the *msec* Keyword:
Standby 10 Timers msec 30 msec 90**

OSPF: *Must* Be the Same for All Routers on the Subnet!

```
Router(config)#int eth0
Router(config)#ip ospf hello-interval 1
Router(config)#ip ospf dead-interval 3
```

EIGRP: *Must* Be the Same for All Routers on the Subnet!

```
Router(config)#int eth0
Router(config)#ip hello-interval eigrp <AS#> 1
Router(config)#ip hold-time eigrp <AS#> 3
```

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Routing Protocol Optimization

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- **LSP throttling:** provides the ability to generate LSP quickly after failure with exponential back-off to handle subsequent multiple failures on the router
- **SPF throttling:** ability to respond to changes very quickly followed by exponential back-off to handle instabilities in the network
- **Incremental SPF (ISPF):** leaf nodes impacted by failure will not cause full SPF calculation
- **Partial route computation**
- **Available in Cisco IOS: 12.0(24)S, 12.2(18)S, 12.3(2)T**

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Events Triggered by Link Failure

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- **Link fails**
Traffic is interrupted
- **Local node**
LSP (LSA) generated by router local to failure (Time T1)
SPF computation at local node and re-convergence (Time T2)
- **Remote node**
Remote nodes receive LSP (LSA)
Remote nodes re-compute SPF and re-converge (Time T3)
- **Traffic flow resumes**
- **Can we reduce MTTR by tuning T1, T2 and T3?**

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Backoff Timer Algorithm

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```
spf-interval <Max> [<Init> <Inc>]
```

- **Maximum interval:** Maximum amount of time the router will wait between consecutive executions
- **Initial delay:** Time the router will wait before starting execution
- **Incremental interval:** Time the router will wait between consecutive execution; this timer is variable and will increase until it reaches maximum-interval

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spf-interval 10 100 1000

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>>> then 8000ms

>>> then maxed at 10sec

>>> 20s without Trigger is required
before resetting the SPF timer to 100ms

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Default Values

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- **Maximum-interval:**

SPF: 10 seconds

PRC: 5 seconds

LSP-Generation:
5 seconds

- **Initial-wait:**

SPF: 5.5 seconds

PRC: 2 seconds

LSP-Generation:
50 milliseconds

- **Incremental-interval:**

SPF: 5.5 seconds

PRC: 5 seconds

LSP-Generation:
5 seconds

```
router isis
spf-interval 1 1 50
prc-interval 1 1 50
```

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Timers for Fast Convergence

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- The timers are designed to optimize the propagation of the information to other nodes

Init-Wait = 1ms, 49ms
faster than default

Exp-Inc = 50ms

```
router isis
lsp-gen-interval 5 1 50
```

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Incremental-SPF

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- When the topology has changed, instead of building the whole SPT from scratch just fix the part of the SPT that is affected
- Only the leaves of the nodes re-analyzed during that process are updated in the RIB

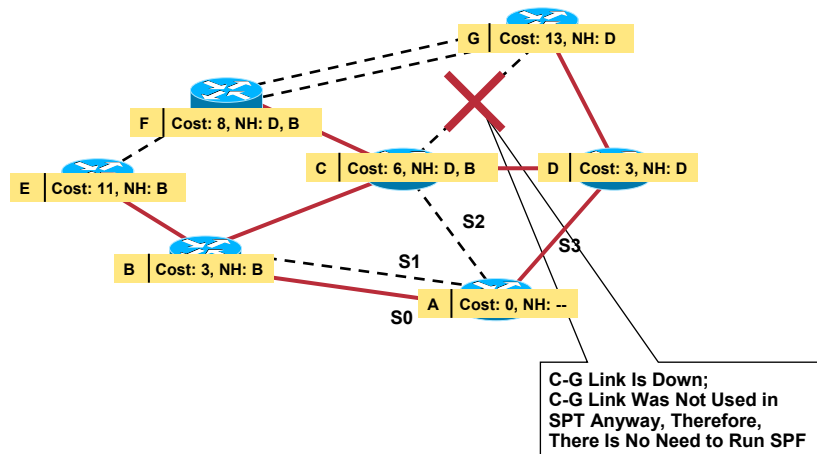
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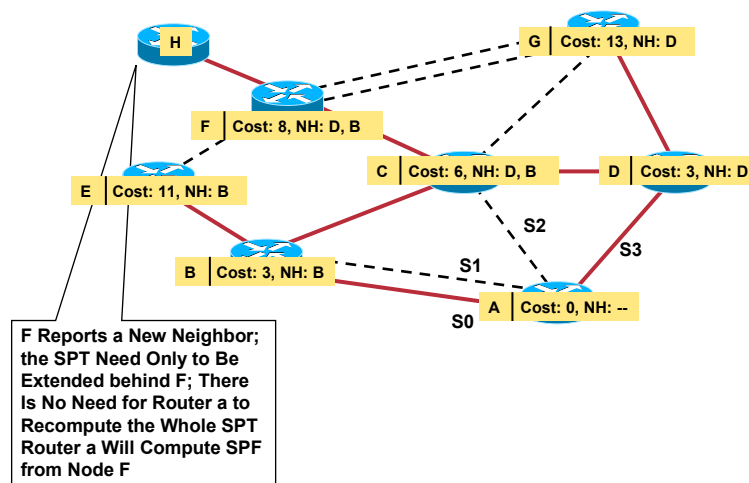
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IP EVENT DAMPENING



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IP Event Dampening

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- **Prevents routing protocol churn caused by constant interface state changes**
- **Supports all IP routing protocols**
 - Static routing, RIP, EIGRP, OSPF, IS-IS, BGP
 - In addition, it supports HSRP and CLNS routing
 - Applies on physical interfaces and can't be applied on subinterfaces individually
- **Available in 12.0(22)S, 12.2(13)T**

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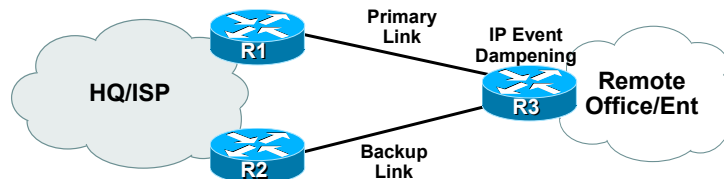
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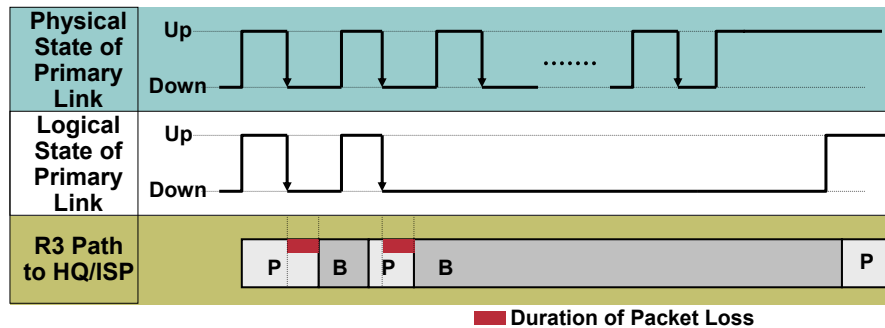


IP Event Dampening: Deployment

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IP Event Dampening Absorbs Link Flapping Effects on Routing Protocols



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IP Event Dampening: Algorithm

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```

interface Serial 0
dampening [half-life] [reuse suppress max-suppress] [restart
<penalty>]
    
```

- **Penalty:** A value applied to the interface each time it flaps
- **Half-life:** Amount of time that must elapse without a flap to reduce penalty by half
- **Suppress:** If penalty exceeds this value, interface is suppressed from routing protocols' perspective
- **Reuse:** If penalty goes below this numeric limit, interface is reintroduced to routing protocols
- **Max-Suppress:** Maximum amount of time an interface can be suppressed
- **Restart <penalty>:** Determines initial penalty (if any) to be applied to interface when system boots

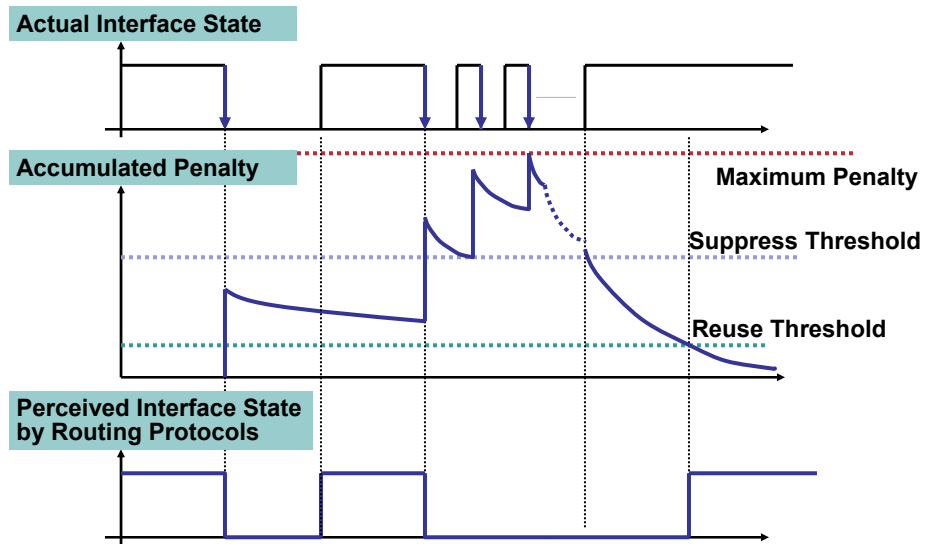
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IP Event Dampening: Algorithm Illustration

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BGP MULTI-PATH



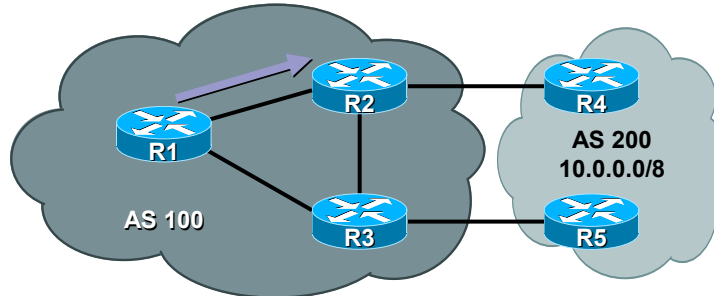
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iBGP Multi-path: BGP Behavior before iBGP Multi-path

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- R1 has two paths for 10.0.0.0/8
- Both paths have identical < weight, AS-PATH, origin, localpref, MED >; ONLY next HOPS are different
- R1 selects one path as best and send all traffic for 10.0.0.0/8 towards one of the exit points
- BGP installs only the best path unlike other routing protocols!!

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BGP Multi-path Review

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- Allows a router to install multi-path in the RIB
- Traffic will be sent to destinations on multiple paths for load balancing and efficient link utilization
- Conditions for iBGP multipath selection
 - All attributes (weight, local preference, AS-path entire attribute not just length), origin, MED, and IGP distance are same
 - The next-hops of the paths are different

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iBGP Multi-path

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- Flag multiple iBGP paths as 'multi-path'
Each path must have a unique NEXT_HOP
- Number of multi-paths can be controlled
`maximum-paths ibgp <1-6>`
- The best path as determined by the decision algorithm will be advertised to our peers
- Each BGP next-hop is resolved and mapped to available IGP paths
- Support iBGP multi-path 12.0(16.6)ST, 12.2(14)S

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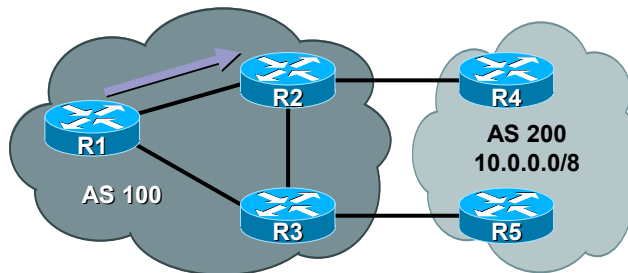
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iBGP Multi-path

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- R1 has two paths for 10.0.0.0/8
- Both paths are flagged as "multipath"



```
R1#sh ip bgp 10.0.0.0
200
  20.20.20.3 from 20.20.20.3 (3.3.3.3)
    Origin IGP, metric 0, localpref 100, valid, internal, multipath
200
  20.20.20.2 from 20.20.20.2 (2.2.2.2)
    Origin IGP, metric 0, localpref 100, valid, internal, multipath, best
```

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```
R1#sh ip route 10.0.0.0
Routing entry for 10.0.0.0/8
  * 20.20.20.3, from 20.20.20.3, 00:00:09 ago
    Route metric is 0, traffic share count is 1
    AS Hops 1
  20.20.20.2, from 20.20.20.2, 00:00:09 ago
    Route metric is 0, traffic share count is 1
    AS Hops 1

R1#show ip cef 10.0.0.0
10.0.0.0/8, version 237, per-destination sharing
0 packets, 0 bytes
  via 20.20.20.3, 0 dependencies, recursive
    traffic share 1
    next hop 20.20.20.3, FastEthernet0/0 via 20.20.20.3/32
    valid adjacency
  via 20.20.20.2, 0 dependencies, recursive
    traffic share 1
    next hop 20.20.20.2, FastEthernet0/0 via 20.20.20.2/32
    valid adjacency
```

- These two paths are installed in the RIB/FIB
- Traffic is load-balanced across the two paths/exit points

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eiBGP Multi-path for MPLS VPN Networks

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- Enables PE routers to send traffic to the destination via multiple paths for load balancing
 - via iBGP peer [or]
 - via eBGP peer
- Applicable for MPLS VPN environment **ONLY**
- Improves load balancing traffic in MPLS VPN network
- Useful on PE routers that import eBGP and iBGP paths from multi-homed and stub networks
- Supported in 12.0(24)S image

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eiBGP Multi-path: Packet Flow Rules

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- **Labeled traffic:** forwarding information on eBGP paths used
- **IP traffic:** forwarding information on eBGP and iBGP paths used

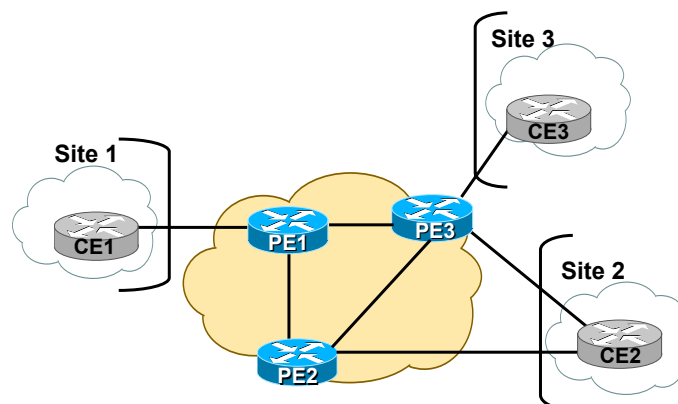
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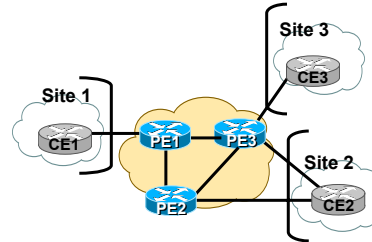
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eiBGP Multi-path: Scenario 1

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- On PE1 [with eiBGP enabled]
 - Traffic coming from Site 1 to Site 2
 - Incoming traffic is IP
 - Hence only FIB Table will be looked [not LFIB]
 - FIB Table will have the labels for iBGP path(s) only**
 - [Since] PE1 doesn't have any eBGP paths [to Site 2]
 - iBGP multi-path portion of the eiBGP multi-path comes into picture here**
 - Hence PE1 only will loadshare on iBGP Paths
 - On the link(s) between
 - PE1 and PE2 [iBGP]
 - PE1 and PE3 [iBGP]



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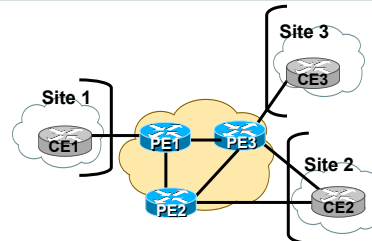
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eiBGP Multi-path: Scenario 1 (cont'd)

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- On PE2 and PE3 [with eiBGP enabled]
 - Traffic coming from Site 1 to Site 2
 - Incoming traffic has at least one label [VPN] [MPLS Traffic]
 - Hence only LFIB Table will be looked [not FIB]
 - LFIB will have only eBGP path(s) installed
 - Hence PE2 and PE3 will send **traffic on eBGP path(s) only**
 - If iBGP paths are also installed in LFIB, we may get into forwarding loops; [e.g.. between PE2 and PE3]
 - [Because we don't want to forward a packet received from the provider network back into it]**



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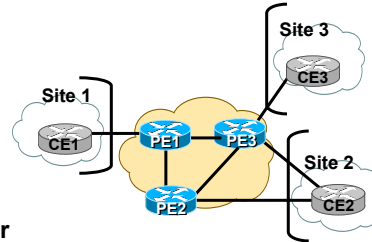
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eiBGP Multi-path: Scenario 2

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- On PE3 [with eiBGP enabled]
 - Traffic coming from Site 3 to Site 2
 - Incoming traffic is IP
 - Hence only FIB Table will be looked [not LFIB]
 - FIB Table will have the label for iBGP path(s) and IP Forwarding Information for eBGP path(s)
 - [Layer 2 Header, Output Interface]
 - Hence PE3 will send **traffic on both eBGP and iBGP path(s)**
 - On the link between
 - PE3 and PE2 [iBGP]
 - PE3 and CE2 [eBGP]



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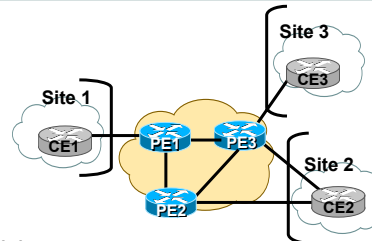
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eiBGP Multi-path: Scenario 2

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- On PE2 [with eiBGP enabled]
 - Traffic coming from Site 3 to Site 2
 - Incoming traffic has at least one label [VPN] [MPLS Traffic]
 - Hence only LFIB Table will be looked [not FIB]
 - LFIB will have only eBGP path(s) installed
 - Hence PE2 will send **traffic on eBGP Path(s) only**
 - If iBGP paths are also installed in LFIB, we may get into routing loops [e.g., between PE2 and PE3]
 - [Because we don't want to forward a packet received from the Provider Network back into it]



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LAYER 3 HA: DISTRIBUTION AND CORE

MPLS TRAFFICE ENGINEERING



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MPLS Traffic Engineering Fast Re-Route

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- **MPLS traffic engineering allows network administrators to define explicit paths for traffic with some constraint**
Path from A to B with 50 Mbps bandwidth
- **FRR is a method of protecting MPLS traffic engineering label switched paths**
- **The idea is to locally repair the LSP at the point of failure**
By re-routing traffic over a **pre-defined** back-up tunnel
Prevents packet loss while IGP converges
- **Protection against link and node failures**

Related Session: RST-2603 Deploying MPLS Traffic Engineering

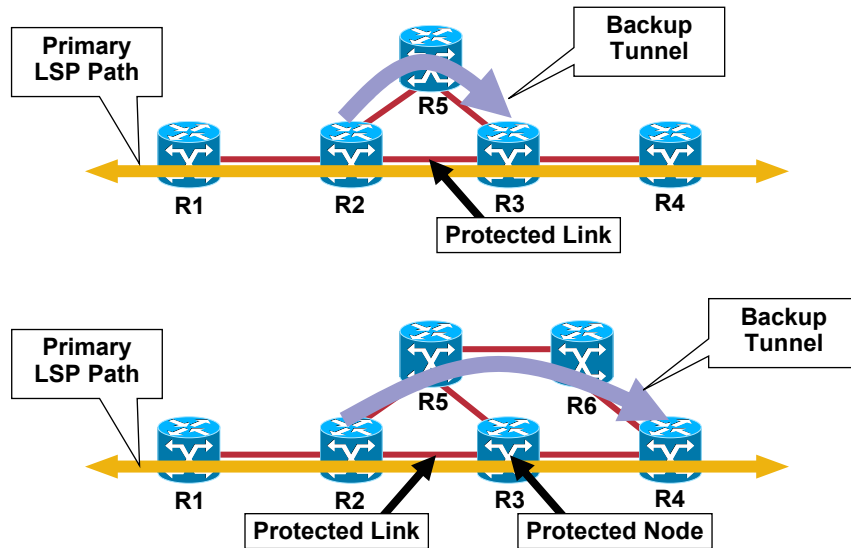
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Link vs. Node Protection

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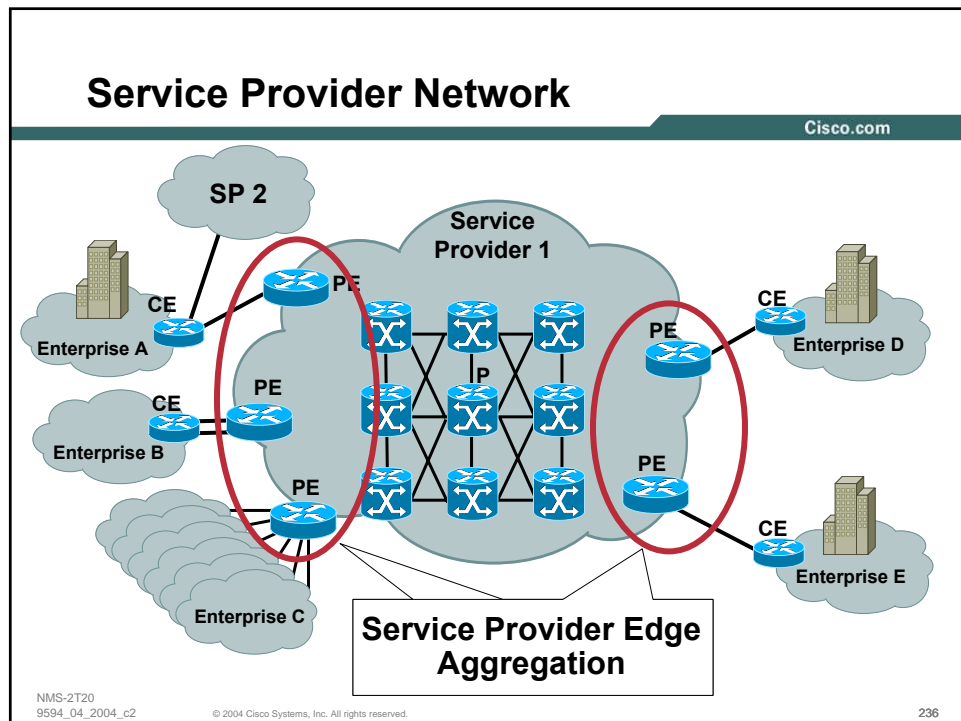
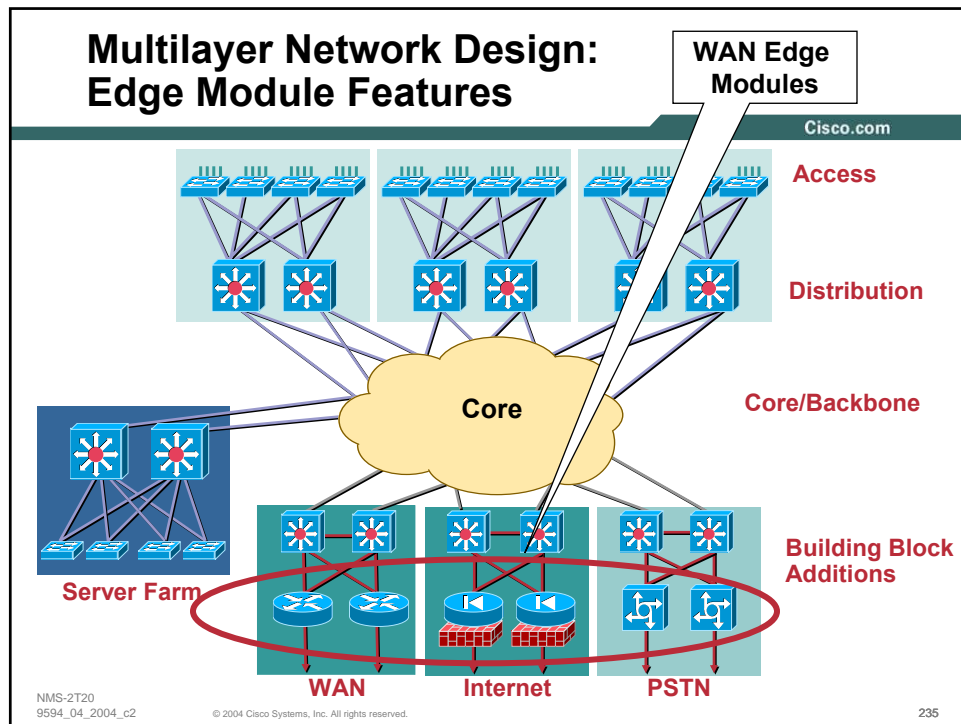
LAYER 3 HIGH AVAILABILITY: NETWORK EDGE



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High Availability Tool Kit

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Application Level Resiliency	Global Server Load Balancing, Stateful NAT, Stateful IPSec, DNS, DHCP, Cisco Server Load Balancing, IP QoS
Protocol Level Resiliency	HSRP, VRRP, GLBP, MPLS-TE, IP Event Dampening , Graceful Restart (GR) in BGP, OSPF NSF, ISIS NSF, IP QoS
Transport/Link Level Resiliency	SONET APS, RPR, DWDM, Ether Channel, Spanning Tree Protocol, LFI, L2 QoS
Device Level Resiliency	Redundant Processors (RP), Switch Fabric, Line Cards, Ports, Power, NSF/SSO

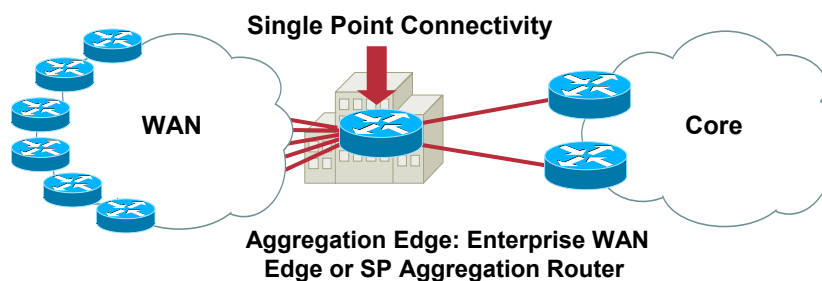
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Aggregation Edge Is Vulnerable

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- Single point of failure for 100's to 1000's of circuit terminations
- Redundant components used: fans, power, fabric, route processors

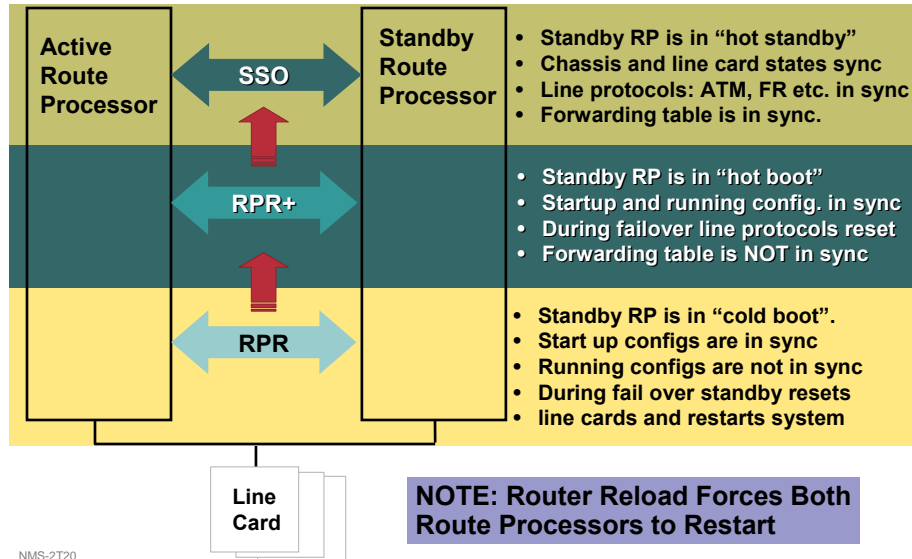
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Route Processor Redundancy

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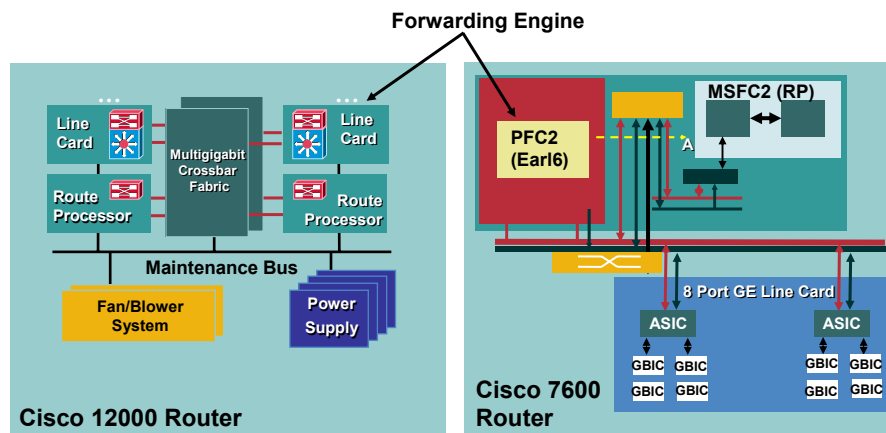
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Router Internals Overview...

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More Details: **RST 2311 Packet Forwarding Operation on Mid to High-End Routers and Switches**
RST 2312 Control Plane Operation on Mid to High-End Routers and Switches

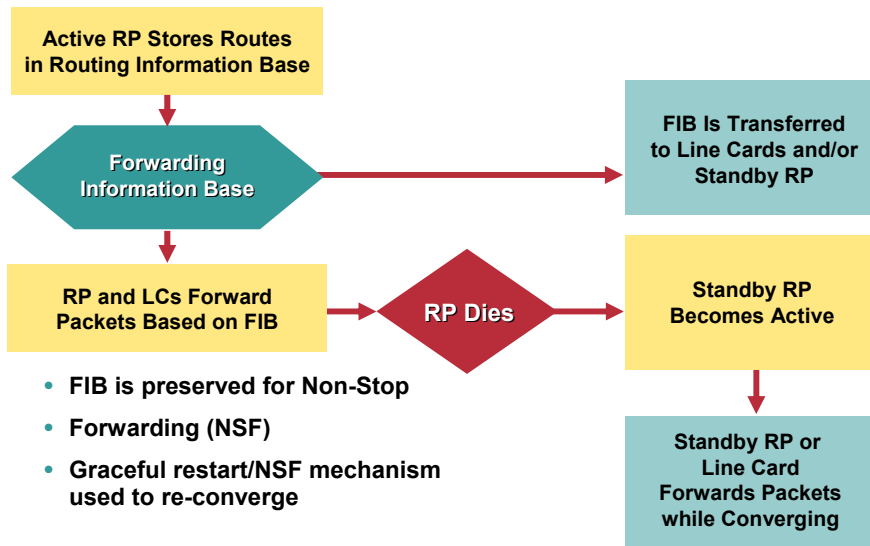
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Non-Stop Forwarding

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How Does the Redundant RP Handle Routing Protocols?

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- Using the Graceful restart (or NSF) mechanisms

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What Is Graceful Restart?

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- **Under certain failure conditions when a routing process restarts it seeks the help of peer routers to re-learn routes and resume neighbor relationship while:**

The data traffic continues to be routed between the restarting router and peers

The peer does not pre-maturely declare the restarting router dead

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Cisco Implementation of Graceful Restart

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- **The failure conditions are applicable in platforms with dual Route Processors (RP) and the conditions force a switch over from active to standby RP**
- **The two RP's should be in Stateful Switchover (SSO) mode**

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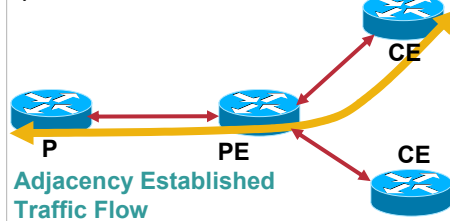
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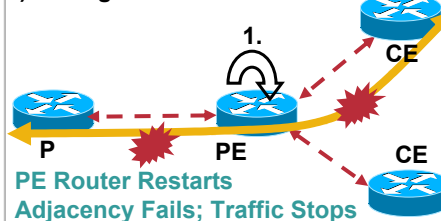
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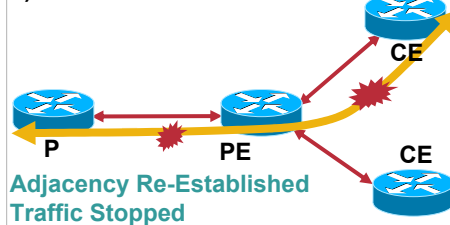
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2) During PE Failover



3) After PE Failover



4) After PE Failover



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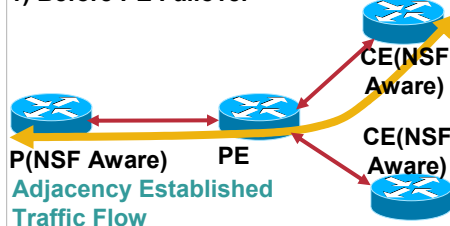
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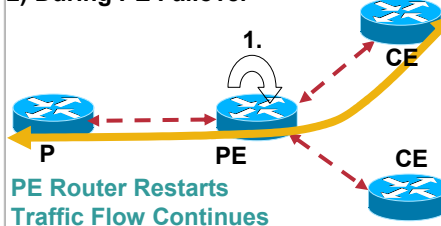
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1) Before PE Failover



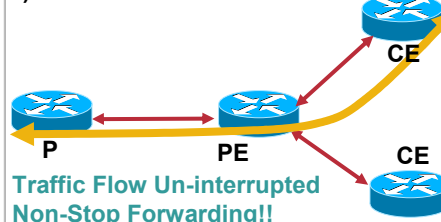
2) During PE Failover



3) After PE Failover



4) After PE Failover



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Relationship Building Exercise: 1

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GR (NSF/SSO)
Capable Router

GR (NSF) Aware Peer

Will Preserve
Forwarding Table
during RP
Switchover

Agreement

During Switchover

- Will preserve my forwarding table
- Will not declare you dead
- Will not inform my neighbors

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Relationship Building Exercise: 2

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GR (NSF/SSO)
Capable Router

GR (NSF) Aware Peer

RP Switchover

Restart Notification
and Acknowledgement

ACK

Will Build
Database with
Neighbor's
Information

Knowledge Transfer

Will share Database
Information with
Neighbor

Updates

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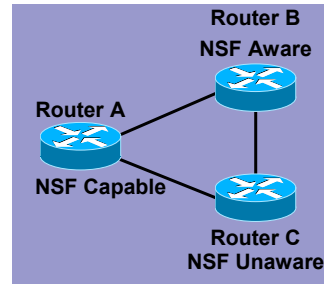
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NSF/SSO Terminology

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- **NSF capable router (restarting router)**
A router that preserves its forwarding table and rebuilds its routing topology after an RP switch over; currently a dual RP router
ex: Cisco 7500, 10000, 12000, 7304
- **NSF aware router (peer)**
A router that assists an NSF capable during restart and can preserve routes reachable via the restarting router
ex: Cisco 7200, 3600, 2600, 1700
- **NSF unaware router**
A router that is not capable of assisting an NSF Capable router during an RP switchover
- **NSF capable router is NSF aware too!!!!**



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LAYER 3 HA: NETWORK EDGE

GRACEFUL RESTART IN ROUTING PROTOCOLS



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OSPF NSF

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- Competing drafts proposed in IETF
- Cisco calls it's implementation OSPF NSF, others call their implementation OSPF hitless restart
- Cisco implementation is Cisco IOS:12.0(22)S, 12.2T, 12.2S (release and device dependent)

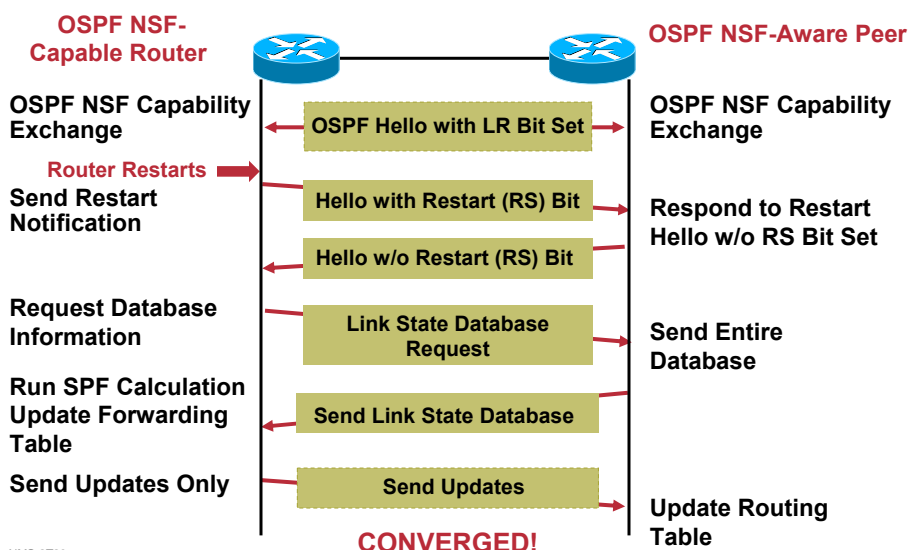
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OSPF NSF Operation Summary

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Relevant Show Commands

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Active RP: show ip ospf

```
esr2#show ip ospf
```

```
Routing Process "ospf 1" with ID 2.2.2.1 and Domain ID  
0.0.0.1  
Supports only single TOS(TOS0) routes  
<snip>  
Number of areas in this router is 1. 1 normal 0 stub 0  
nssa  
External flood list length 0  
→ Nonstop Forwarding enabled, last NSF restart 00:02:51 ago  
(took 37 secs)  
Area BACKBONE(0)  
Number of interfaces in this area is 1 (0 loopback)
```

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Relevant Show Commands (Cont.)

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Active RP: show ip ospf neighbor detail

```
esr2#show ip ospf neighbor det  
Neighbor 3.3.3.1, interface address 192.10.0.3  
In the area 0 via interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0  
Neighbor priority is 1, State is FULL, 7 state  
changes  
DR is 192.10.0.3 BDR is 192.10.0.2  
Options is 0x52  
→ LLS Options is 0x1 (LR), last OOB-Resync 00:03:08  
ago  
Dead timer due in 00:00:37  
Neighbor is up for 00:03:32
```

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BGP Graceful Restart

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- IETF draft: draft-ietf-idr-restart-06.txt
- Provides a graceful recovery mechanism for a restarting BGP process
- Cisco implementation is Cisco IOS: 12.0(22)S, 12.2T, 12.2S (release and device dependent)
- Requires a graceful restart aware neighbor

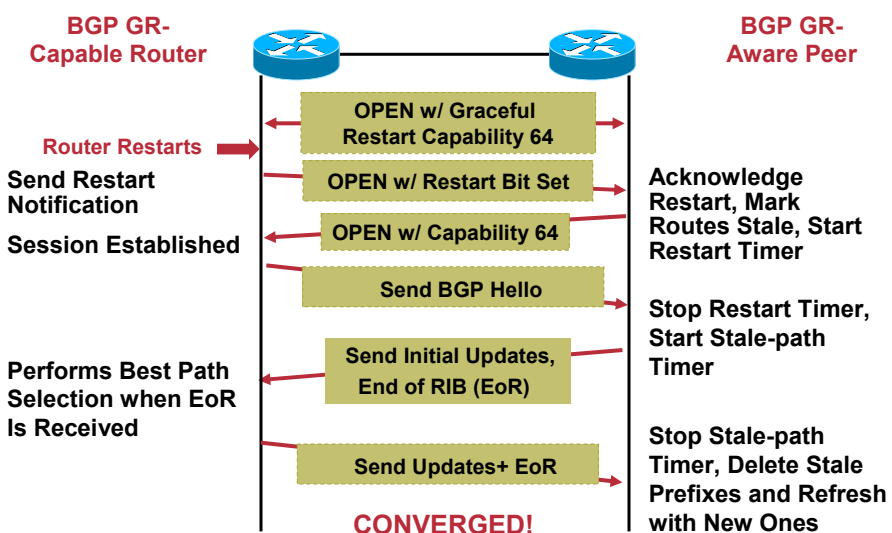
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Graceful Restart BGP Operation Summary

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BGP Graceful Restart Timers

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- Restart timers are used by peers to set the amount of time it waits for a restarting router to establish a BGP session after it has indicated a restart
- Stalepath timers are used by peers to set the amount of time it waits to receive an End of RIB marker (end of RIB indicates the neighbor has converged) from the restarting router

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BGP Graceful Restart Timers

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- Important to keep restart timer below hold time
- Default values
 - BGP hold time 180 seconds (3 x 60 sec keepalive)
 - Restart timer default 120 seconds
 - Stale path timer default 180 seconds
- Restart timer is advertised to the peer
- Stale path timer is used internally by the router

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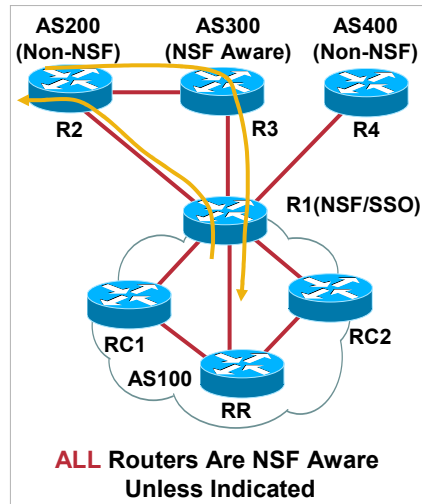
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BGP GR: Deployment Consideration: 1

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- Consider routes between R1 and R2 when R1 undergoes graceful restart
 - R1 preserves all routes to AS200 and continues forwarding traffic
 - R2 reaches AS100 via AS300
 - All traffic from R2 to R1 goes via R3
 - All traffic from R1 to R2 goes directly; this can lead to temporary asymmetric routing
 - No packet loss will be experienced from R1 to R2
 - Some packet loss from R2 to R1 during the re-convergence



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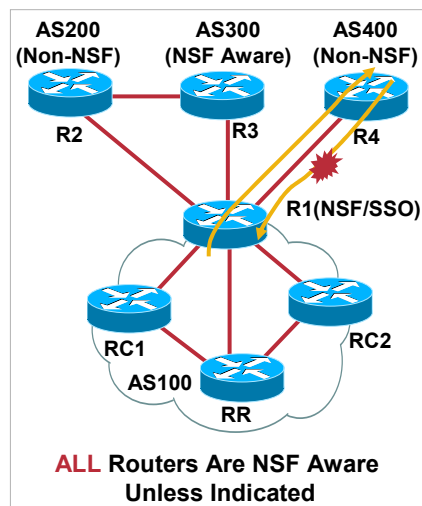
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BGP GR: Deployment Consideration: 2

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- Consider routes between R1 and R4 when R1 undergoes graceful restart
 - R1 preserves all routes to AS400 and continues forwarding traffic
 - R4 removes all routes to A
 - R1 continues to forward traffic to R4
 - R4 does not forward traffic to R1 till R1 re-converges



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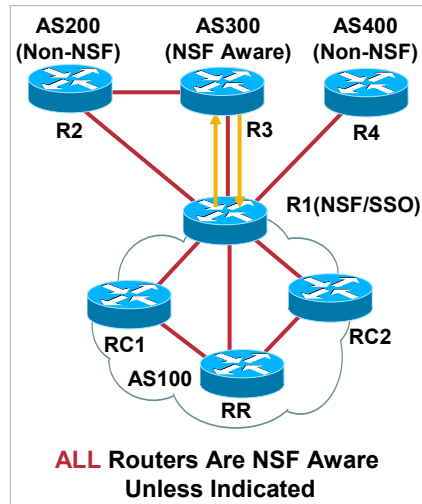
BGP GR: Deployment Consideration: 3

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- Consider routes between R1 and R3 when R1 undergoes graceful restart

R1 preserves all routes to AS300 and continues forwarding traffic

R3 preserves all routes to AS100 and continues forwarding traffic



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BGP Graceful Restart Commands

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```
R18C12KRP(config)#router bgp 100
```

```
R18C12KRP(config-router)# bgp graceful-restart
```

```
R18C12KRP(config-router)# bgp graceful-restart restart-time 120
```

```
R18C12KRP(config-router)# bgp graceful-restart stalepath-time 360
```

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BGP Graceful Restart Commands

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```
R18C12KRP#sh ip bgp nei
BGP neighbor is 10.10.104.1, remote AS 100, internal link
BGP version 4, remote router ID 10.10.104.1
BGP state = Established, up for 00:00:10
Last read 00:00:09, hold time is 180, keepalive interval is 60 seconds
Neighbor capabilities:
Route refresh: advertised and received(new)
Address family IPv4 Unicast: advertised and received
Graceful Restart Capability: advertised and received
Remote Restart timer is 140 seconds
Address families preserved by peer:
IPv4 Unicast
```

Indicates
Neighbor
Is NSF Aware

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Show Command on Peer Router

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On Peer of Restarting Router

```
ip9-75b# show ip bgp
BGP table version is 209, local router ID is 11.11.11.11
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i - internal
s Stale
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete
   Network        Next Hop        Metric      LocPrf     Weight    Path
*>  11.0.0.0       0.0.0.0         0           32768      i
*>  s 170.10.10.0/24 180.10.10.3     0           0          200    101e
*>  s 180.10.10.0/24 180.10.10.3     0           0          200    101e
*>  s 190.10.10.0/24 180.10.10.3     5           0          200    101e
```

Marked Stale

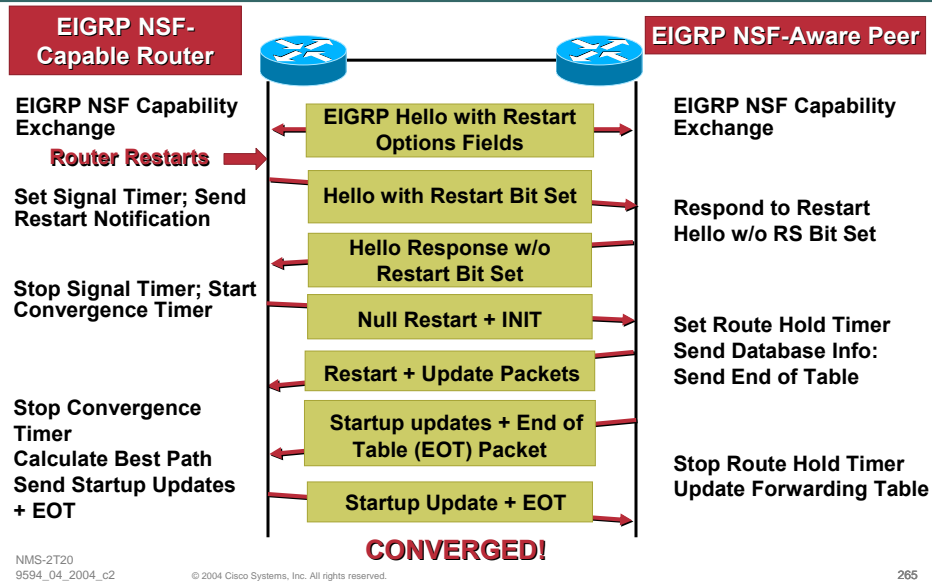
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EIGRP NSF Operation Summary

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EIGRP NSF Timers

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- **On restart router**
 - Signal timer:** Used to send Hello with Restart bit set; when this timer expires Hellos' are sent without Restart bit set
 - Convergence timer:** Used to set the amount of time the restarting router waits to receive EOT marker from peers
- **On the peer**
 - Route hold timer:** Used by peer to indicate the amount of time the peer waits to receive routing updates and EOT marker from restarting router

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EIGRP NSF: Configuration Commands

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- **On restarting router**
router eigrp 100
nsf
timers nsf signal
timers nsf converge
- **On peer**
router eigrp 100
nsf
timers nsf route-hold

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ISIS NSF

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- **Cisco's ISIS NSF implementation comes in two flavors**
IETF version: draft-ietf-isis-restart-0X
Cisco version
- **The difference between them**
IETF version depends on neighbors to rebuild the routing table
Cisco version does not depend on neighbors to rebuild routing table; peer can be non-NSF aware

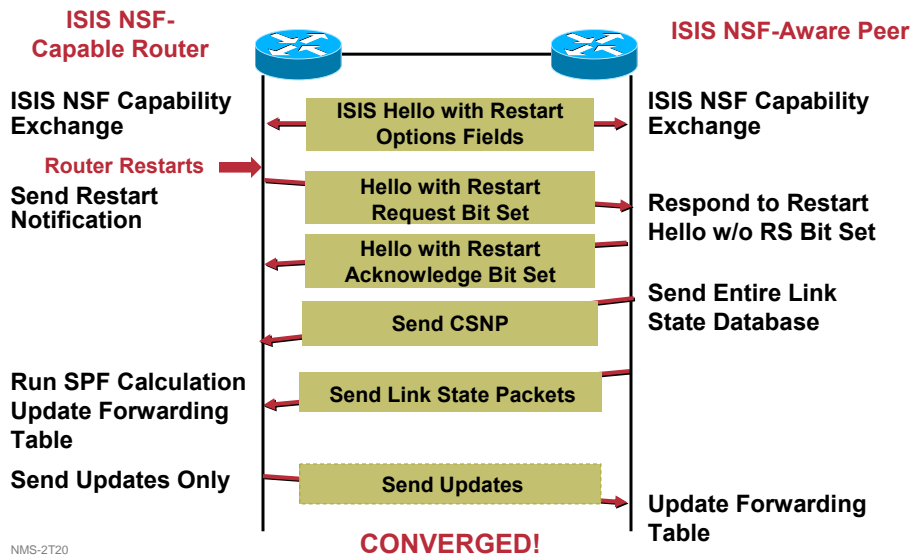
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ISIS NSF Operation Summary (IETF Version)

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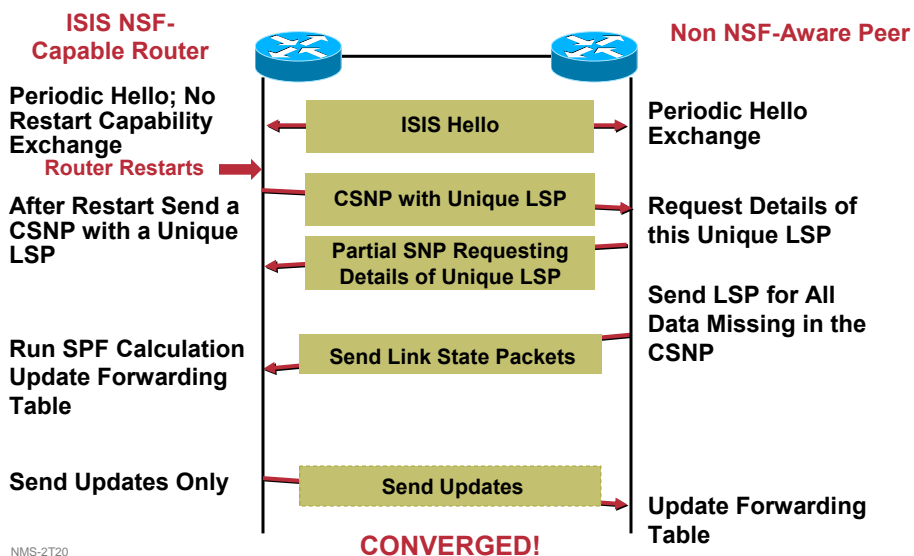
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ISIS NSF Operation Summary (Cisco Version): Point-to-Point Link

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ISIS NSF: Configuration Command

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```
router(config)# router isis
router(config-router)# nsf [cisco/ietf]
```

IETF Draft-Based

Cisco Internal Implementation

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Show and Debug Commands: IETF Version

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show clns neighbor detail

```
Router#show clns nei detail
```

```
System Id Interface SNPA State Holdtime Type Protocol
```

```
esr2 PO1/0/0 *HDLC* Up 24 L2 IS-IS
```

```
Area Address(es): 49.0002
```

```
IP Address(es): 180.10.10.1*
```

```
Uptime: 00:02:27
```

```
NSF capable
```

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Show and Debug Commands: IETF Version

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```
show isis nsf
```

```
Router#show isis nsf
```

NSF is ENABLED, mode 'ietf'

NSF pdb state:

NSF L1 active interfaces: 0

NSF L1 active LSPs: 0

8.2.2.1.1.1 NSF interfaces awaiting L1 CSNP: 0

Awaiting L1 LSPs:

NSF L2 active interfaces: 0

NSF L2 active LSPs: 0

NSF interfaces awaiting L2 CSNP: 0

Awaiting L2 LSPs:

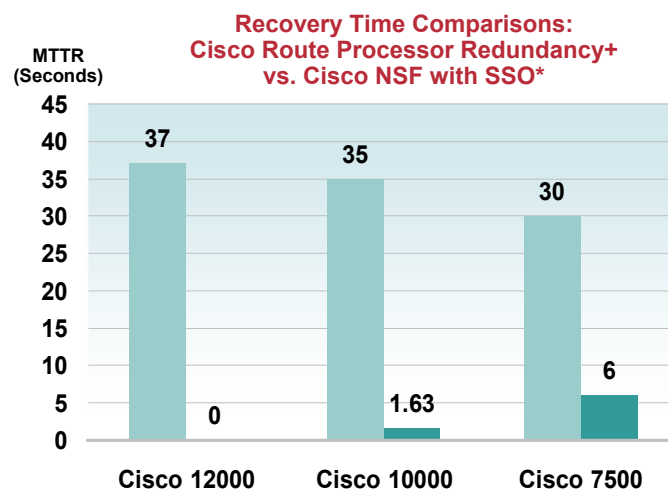
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Effect of NSF/SSO on MTTR

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High Availability Tool Kit

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Application Level Resiliency	➡	Global Server Load Balancing, Stateful NAT, Stateful IPSec, DNS, DHCP, Cisco Server Load Balancing, IP QoS
Protocol Level Resiliency	➡	HSRP, VRRP, GLBP, MPLS-TE, IP Event Dampening , Graceful Restart (GR) in BGP, OSPF NSF, ISIS NSF, IP QoS
Transport/Link Level Resiliency	➡	SONET APS, RPR, DWDM, EtherChannel, Spanning Tree Protocol, LFI, L2 QoS
Device Level Resiliency	➡	Redundant Processors (RP), Switch Fabric, Line Cards, Ports, Power, NSF/SSO

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Network Address Translation (NAT)

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- Originally defined in RFC 1631
 - NAT has been a factor in:
 - Reducing address depletion
 - Allowing interconnection of private networks using addresses as defined in RFC 1918
 - Hiding networks from outside the administrative domain
 - Typically at domain edges
 - To connect B2B
 - To connect to Internet
 - For VPN connections
 - Between “test” and “production” networks
 - **These domain interconnect points become critical points of failure**
- More about NAT: 2102 Deploying and Troubleshooting NAT**

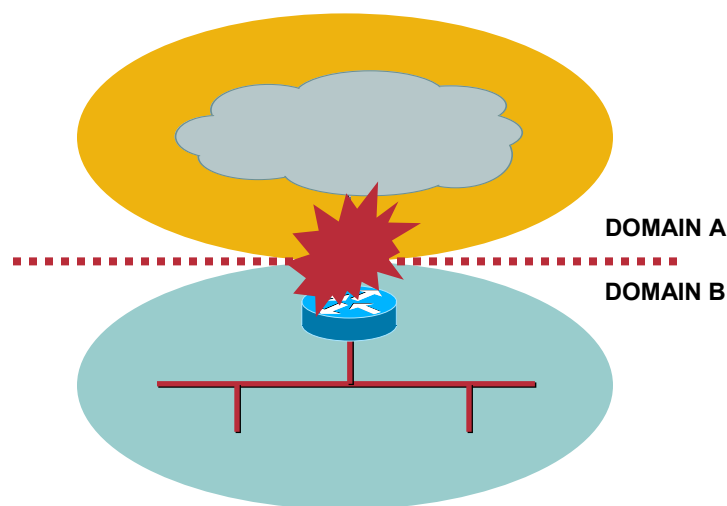
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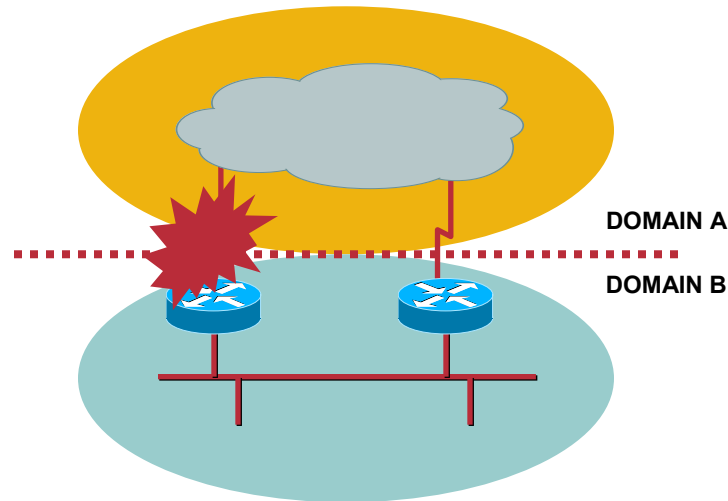
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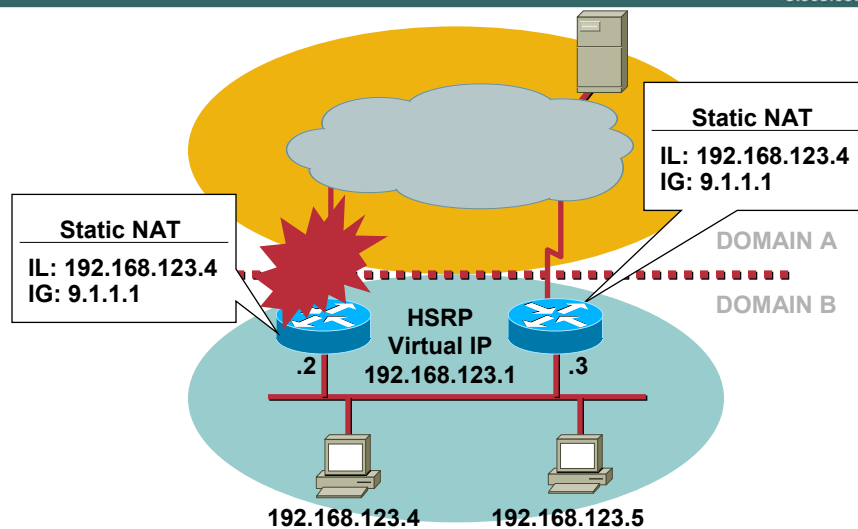
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NAT Redundancy with HSRP

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Stateful NAT Adds Redundancy for Dynamic NAT Entries

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- Supports dynamic pools and port address translation (PAT/NAPT)
- Entries created on primary NAT router are distributed to backup NAT router
- Messages exchanged between SNAT peers over TCP
- SNAT router that created the entries is responsible for timing the entries
- **Result is session resiliency in the event of critical failure when using NAT**

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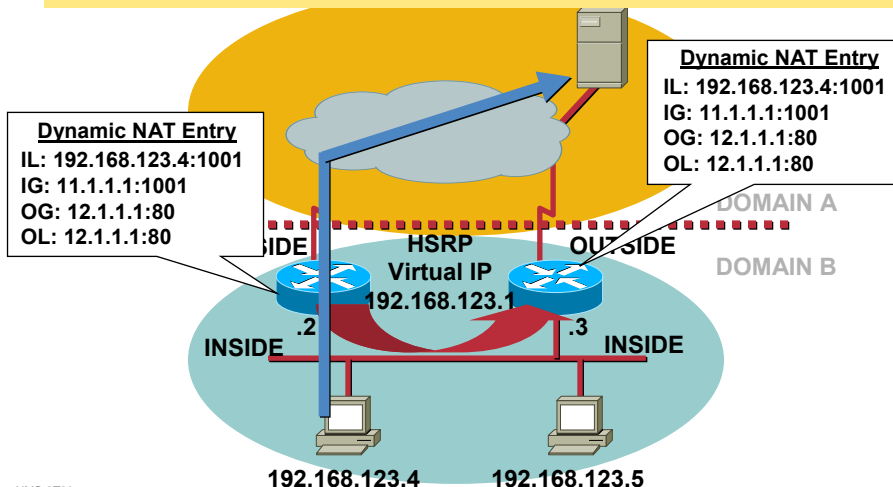
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Stateful NAT

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```
ip nat pool SNATPOOL1 11.1.1.1 11.1.1.9 prefix-length 24
ip nat inside source route-map rm-101 pool SNATPOOL1 mapping-id 10 overload
```



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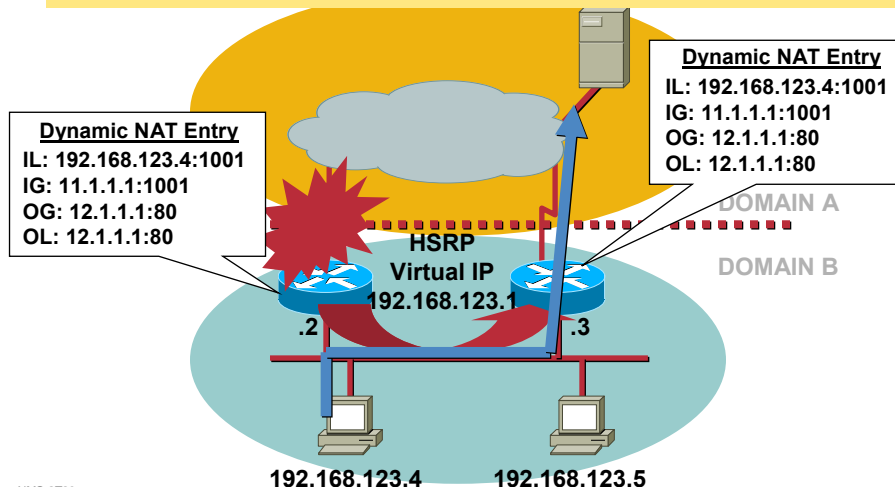
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ip nat inside source route-map rm-101 pool SNATPOOL1 mapping-id 10 overload
```



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Phased Implementation

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- Stateful NAT is being delivered with Cisco IOS in phases
- Phase I:
 - Provides support for protocols that do not embed IP address and port information within the payload of the IP packet
 - Includes HTTP, ICMP, PING, rcp, rlogin, rsh, TCP, Telnet
 - Requires symmetric routing of return traffic
 - Supports only "inside" NAT pools
- Phase II:
 - The following protocols and applications are targeted for support in Phase II:
 - FTP, H225, H245, PPTP/GRE, NetMeeting Directory (ILS), RAS, SIP (both TCP and UDP based), Skinny, TFTP
 - Asymmetric routing support
 - Support for outside NAT pools, using the configuration command `ip nat outside source pool`
 - Dynamic entries, which are extended out of static definitions
 - Support for `ip nat inside destination`

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Configuration: Primary/Backup

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```
ip nat Stateful id 1
primary 10.88.194.17
peer 10.88.194.18
mapping-id 10
```



```
ip nat Stateful id 2
backup 10.88.194.18
peer 10.88.194.17
mapping-id 10
```

- Enable “stateful”
Assign unique sNAT router ids
- Explicitly define peers

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Configuration: HSRP Mode

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```
ip nat Stateful id 1
redundancy SNATHSRP
mapping-id 10
```



```
ip nat Stateful id 2
redundancy SNATHSRP
mapping-id 10
```

- Enable “stateful”
Assign unique sNAT router ids
- “Point” sNAT to a HSRP group
Matches standby name SNATHSRP

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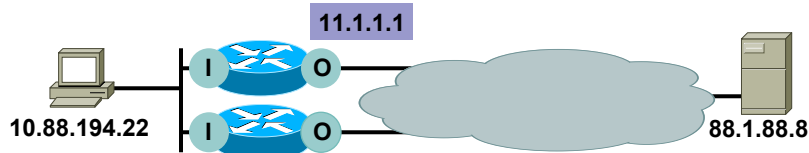
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Configuration (Cont.)

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```
ip nat pool SNATPOOL1 11.1.1.1 11.1.1.9 prefix-length 24
ip nat inside source route-map rm-101 pool SNATPOOL1
  mapping-id 10 overload
!
ip route 11.1.1.0 255.255.255.0 Null0 250
!
access-list 101 permit ip 10.88.194.16 0.0.0.15 11.0.0.0
  0.255.255.255
access-list 101 permit ip 10.88.194.16 0.0.0.15 88.1.88.0
  0.0.0.255
!
route-map rm-101 permit 10
  match ip address 101
!
```



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Mapping-ID?

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```
ip nat inside source route-map rm-101 pool SNATPOOL1
  mapping-id 10 overload
```

- Used to specify whether or not the local SNAT router will distribute a particular set of locally created entries to a peer SNAT router
- Each dynamically created entry inherits a mapping-id number
 - Comes from the mapping defined on the NAT rule
 - At the point of creation
- Mapping list
 - Specifies which of the entries will be forwarded to peers
 - Provides a way to specify that entries from particular NAT rules should be forwarded

```
ip nat Stateful id 1
  redundancy SNATHSRP
  mapping-id 10
  mapping-id 11
```

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LAYER 4 HIGH AVAILABILITY: Stateful IPSec



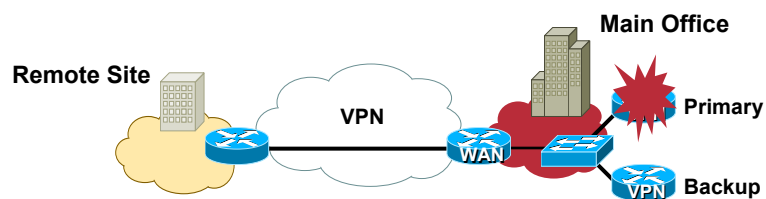
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IPSec Connection Failures

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- IPSec connection flows need to be maintained through the correct router in the case of multiple head-end devices
- HSRP is used for failover, but can an HSRP vIP be used as the VPN tunnel endpoint?

**More IPSec VPN Session
SEC- 2011 Deploying Site to Site IPSec VPN**

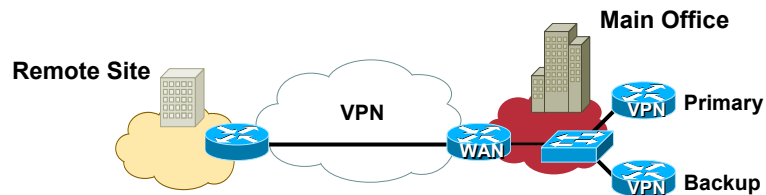
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IPSec Stateful Failover

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Features

- Ensures transport network is always available: business resiliency
- Delivers sub-second central site failover
- Scalable to 1000s of remote peers
- Transparent to remote sites

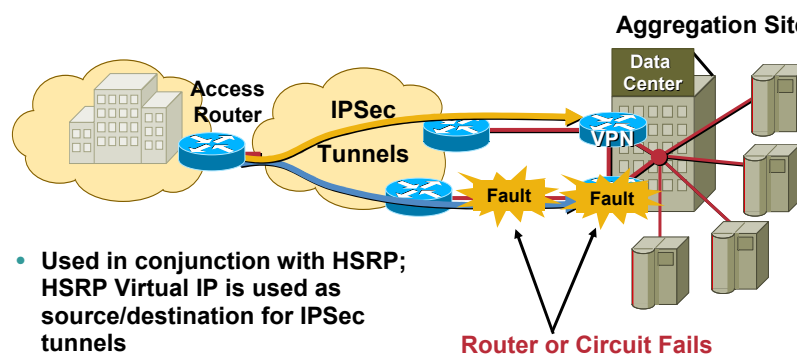
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Stateful IPSec Tunneling

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- Used in conjunction with HSRP; HSRP Virtual IP is used as source/destination for IPSec tunnels
- State Synchronization Protocol (SSP) is used to transfer state
- TCP connection formed from Active to each Standby router

Router or Circuit Fails

Stateful IPSec Maintains
Connectivity to Users and
Applications

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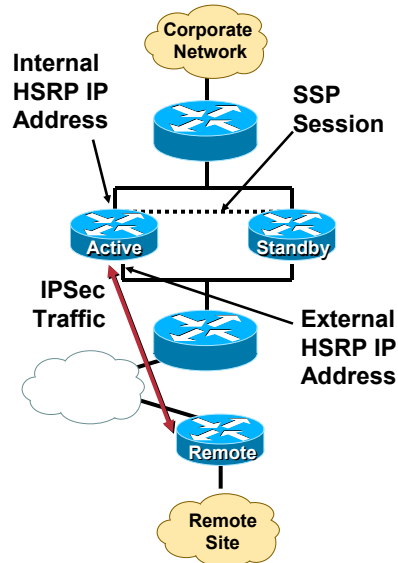
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Stateful Failover

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- One HSRP IP address for inside interfaces
- One HSRP IP address for outside interfaces
- Active IKE and IPsec SAs mirrored on standby via SSP
- When active fails, standby takes over IPsec traffic without remote's knowledge



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Stateful IPsec SSP Implementation

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- Messages include ADD, DELETE, UPDATE, BULK-SYNC and Sync-check
- What is exchanged?
 - Sequence number counters and window states
 - IKE session keys
 - Security association attributes, such as cipher, authentication and compression algorithms
 - Standby Integrity (Sync check)
- Recommended to secure SSP sessions with IPsec

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Stateful IPsec Configuration

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```
ssp group 101
  local 10.1.1.1
  remote 10.1.1.2
  redundancy IPSEC-HA
!
crypto isakmp ssp 101
!
Interface Ethernet0/1
  ip address 10.1.1.1
  standby 1 ip 10.1.1.254
  standby 1 priority 150
  standby 1 preempt
  standby name IPSEC-HA
```

Ssp group-id Is Bound to
Crypto isakmp

Standby Name Is Bound
to ssp group

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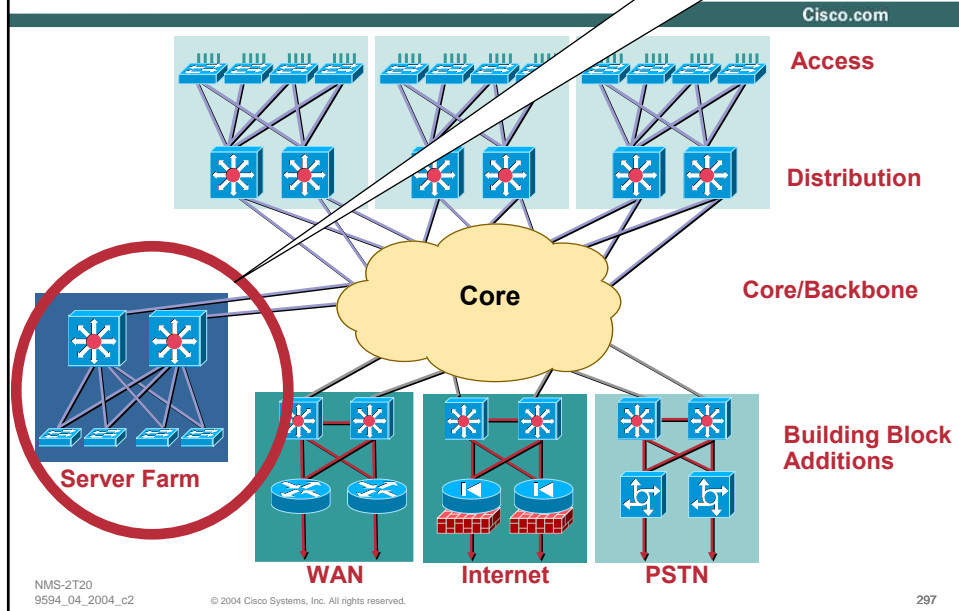


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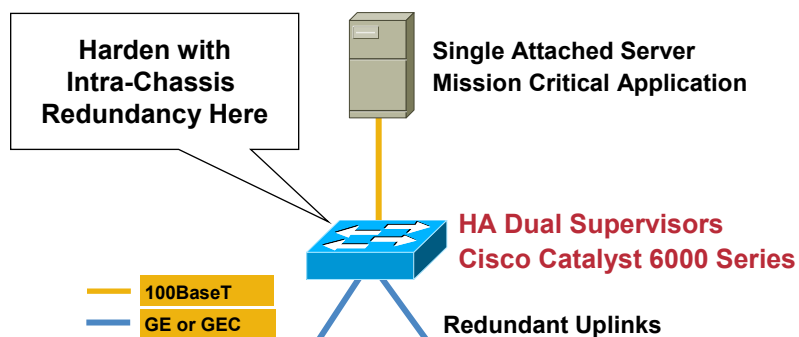
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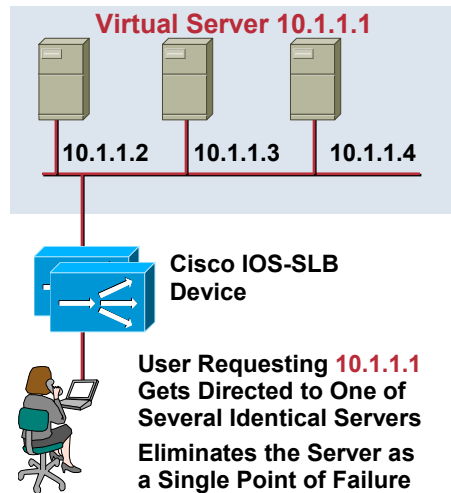
HA for Single Attached Servers

- Single point of failure
- Dual supervisors-fast stateful recovery
- No increase in complexity



Redundant Servers with Server Load Balancing

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```
ip slb serverfarm WEB-FARM
real 10.1.1.2
inservice
real 10.1.1.3
inservice
real 10.1.1.4
inservice
!
ip slb vserver WEBSVR
virtual 10.1.1.1
serverfarm WEB-FARM
inservice
```

Cisco IOS Server Load Balancing Image for the Cisco Catalyst 6000 or the Cisco 7200 or Content Switching Module (CSM)

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Data Center Disaster Recovery

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- This is a topic unto itself
- Nevertheless, very important
- Let's consider one aspect where the network can help ensure continuous access to applications at multiple data centers

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High Availability and Performance for Web-Based Business Applications

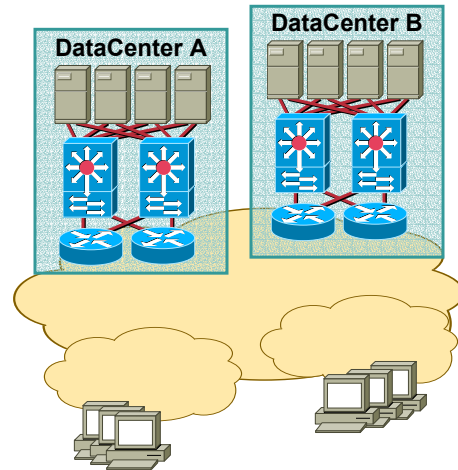
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Problem:

- Want to intelligently and efficiently load balance client requests across multiple data centers
- Backup one data center to the other

Solution:

- Use Cisco Global Site Selector (GSS) to add intelligent load balancing at the DNS resolution point in the Internet



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Cisco Global Site Selector (GSS)

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- GSS becomes authoritative name server for selected applications (ie, sub-domains)
 - Works with existing DNS infrastructure to connect client to SLB supporting the requested website
 - Monitors load and availability of SLB's to select the best SLB (site) to support the request
- Benefit:
 - Better control over request resolution process
 - High availability for disaster recovery and GSLB applications
 - Policy-determined, load-balanced resource utilization across sites
 - Improved performance and fast recovery yield positive user experience

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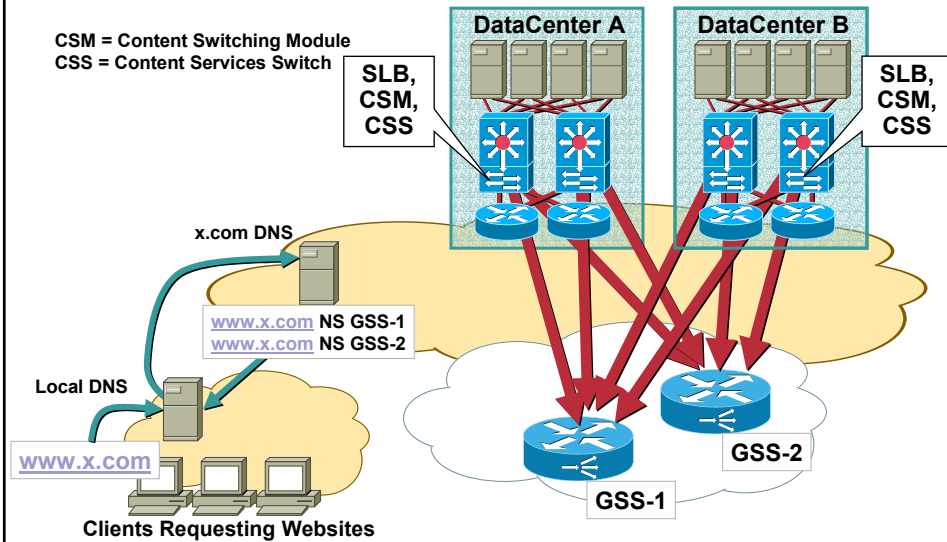
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Cisco Global Server Load Balancing

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CSM = Content Switching Module
CSS = Content Services Switch



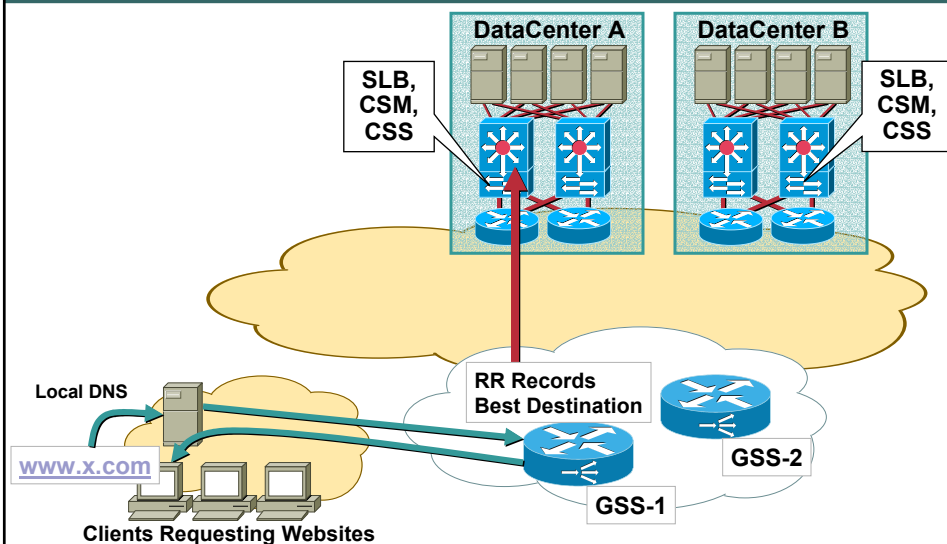
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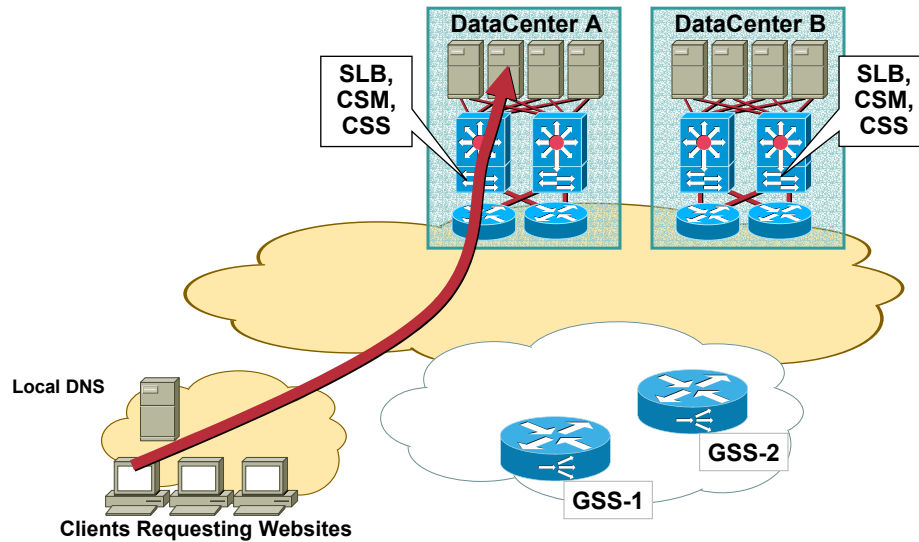
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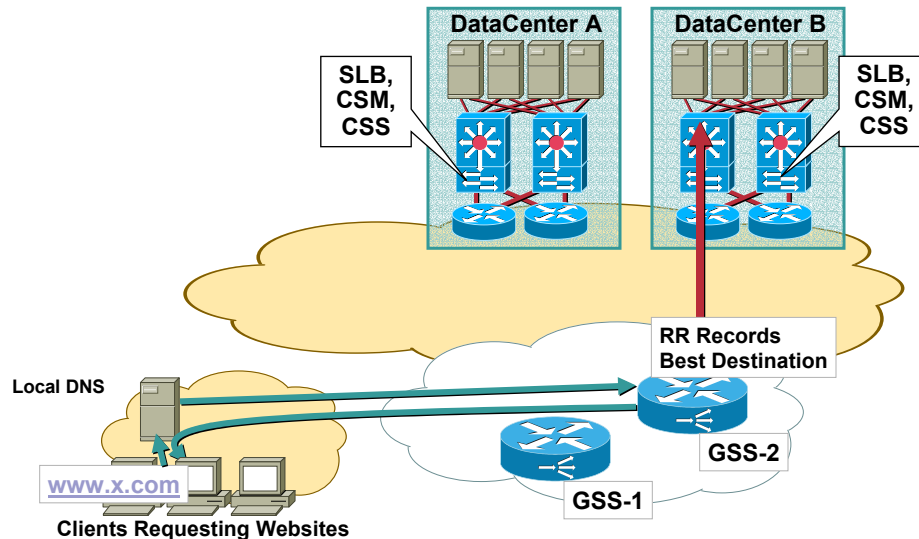
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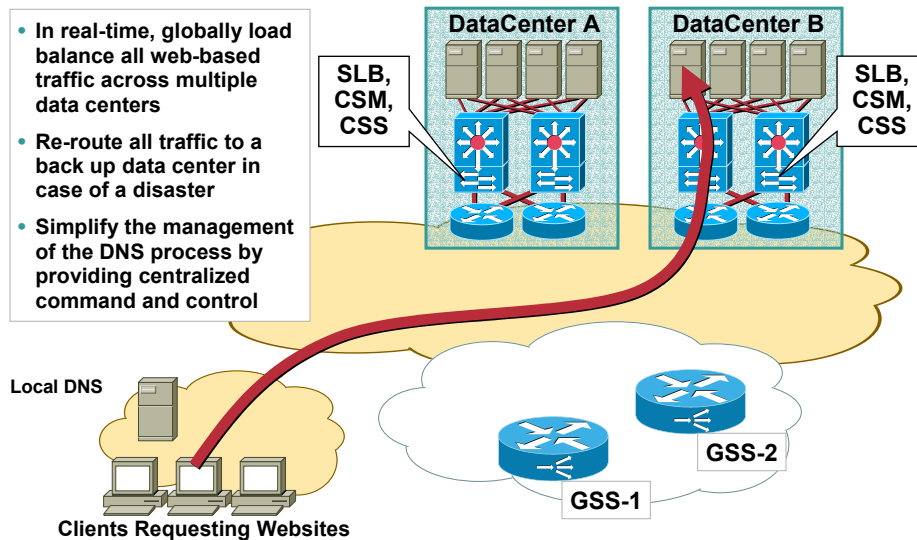
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Cisco Global Server Load Balancing

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- In real-time, globally load balance all web-based traffic across multiple data centers
- Re-route all traffic to a back up data center in case of a disaster
- Simplify the management of the DNS process by providing centralized command and control



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In Summary...

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- For HA networking focus on network management, HA technologies and design optimization (we have covered two; break out sessions cover design optimization in detail)
- Understand and choose appropriate redundancy protocols available for each network layer
- Outfit critical edge systems with redundant intra-chassis components
 - Processor, power, fans, line cards, switch matrix
- Incorporate load sharing when possible
- Measure and evaluate improvements
- Keep user perspective

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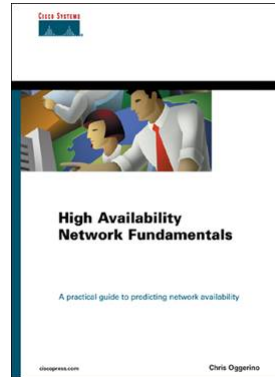
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Appendix A: Acronyms 1

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- | | |
|--|---|
| • AVG: Active Virtual Gateway (in GLBP) | • GR: Graceful Restart |
| • AVF: Active Virtual Forwarder (in GLBP) | • GSS: Global Site Selector |
| • ADM: Add/ Drop Multiplexer | • HA: High Availability |
| • APS: Automatic Protection Switching | • HDLC: High Level Data Link Control |
| • ATM: Asynchronous Transfer Mode | • HSRP: Hot Standby Routing Protocol |
| • CSM: Content Switching Module | • IKE: Internet Key Exchange |
| • CSS: Content Services Switch | • LC: Line Card |
| • DPT: Dynamic Packet Transport | • LSP: Link State Path |
| • DWDM: Dense Wave Division Multiplexing | • MAC: Media Access Control |
| • FIB: Forwarding Information Base (Forwarding Table) | • MARP: Multi-Access Reachability Protocol |
| • FRR: Fast Re-Route | • MIB: Management Information Base |
| • GE: Gigabit Ethernet | • MLPPP: Multi-Link PPP |
| • GLBP: Gateway Load Balancing Protocol | • MPLS: Multi-Protocol Label Switching |
| | • MTBF: Mean Time Between Failure |

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Appendix A: Acronyms 2

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- **MTTR:** Mean Time to Repair
- **NAT:** Network Address Translation
- **NIC:** Network Interface Card
- **NSF:** Non Stop Forwarding
- **PAT:** Port Address Translation
- **PAGP:** Port Aggregation Protocol
- **PPP:** Point to Point Protocol
- **PVF:** Primary Virtual Forwarder (in GLBP)
- **RIB:** Routing Information Base (Routing Table)
- **RFC:** Request For Comments
- **RPR:** Resilient Packet Ring (L1/L2 Resiliency Technology)
- **RPR, RPR+:** Cisco's Route Processor Redundancy (Device Resiliency)
- **RP:** Route Processor
- **RRI:** Reverse Route Injection
- **RU:** Rack Unit
- **SLB:** Server Load Balancing
- **sNAT:** Stateful Network Address Translation
- **SNMP:** Simple Network Management Protocol
- **SPF:** Single Point of Failure: Shortest Path First (in routing protocols)
- **SSO:** Stateful Switch Over
- **SSP:** State Synchronization Protocol
- **SVF:** Secondary Virtual Forwarder (in GLBP)
- **TCP:** Transmission Control Protocol
- **UDLD:** Unidirectional Link Detection Protocol

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Appendix A: Acronyms 3

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- **VF:** Virtual Forwarder (in GLBP)
- **vIP:** Virtual IP Address
- **VPN:** Virtual Private Network
- **VRRP:** Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol

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Complete Your Online Session Evaluation!

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- WHAT:** Complete an online session evaluation and your name will be entered into a daily drawing
- WHY:** Win fabulous prizes! Give us your feedback!
- WHERE:** Go to the Internet stations located throughout the Convention Center
- HOW:** Winners will be posted on the onsite Networkers Website; four winners per day

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