

Cisco ACI - OpenStack Benefits

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Cisco Nexus Portfolio - Momentum

17,100+

36+% Growth of N9K & N3K Global Customers

2,700+
ACI Customers

Tetration

Analytics Launch Strong Interest & Uptake 9,500+

ACI Ready Customers

65

Ecosystem Partners

CloudCenter

Strong Bookings Since April Acquisition

Sample List of Public ACI Production Customers













































































































































Cisco architectural approach to SDN with Automation and Programmability



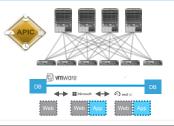
Choice in Automation and Programmability

Application Centric

Turnkey integrated solution with security, centralized management, compliance and scale

Automated application centric-policy model with embedded security

Broad and deep ecosystem



Programmable Fabric

BGP EVPN standard-based

3rd party controller support

Nexus Fabric Manager / DCNM 10 for automation and management across N2K-N9K



Programmable Network

Application Optimized Networks w/Segment Routing

Modern NX-OS with NX-API REST/YANG/OpenConfig

DevOps toolset used for Network Mgmt (Puppet, Chef, Ansible etc.)



Automation, API's, Controllers and Tool-chains

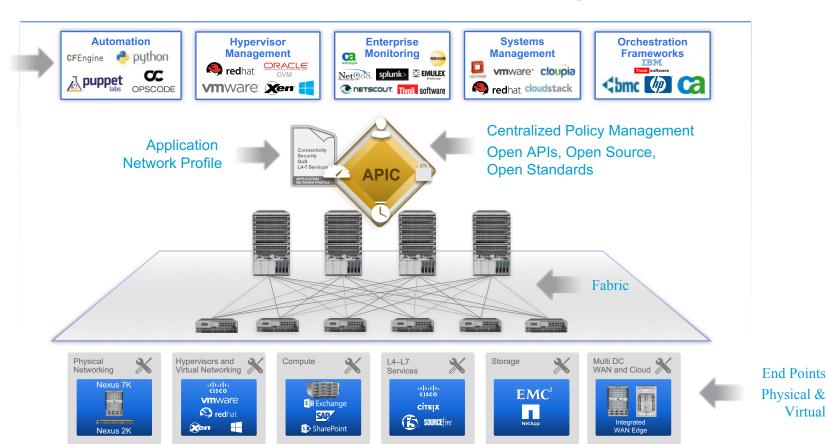
What is ACI?



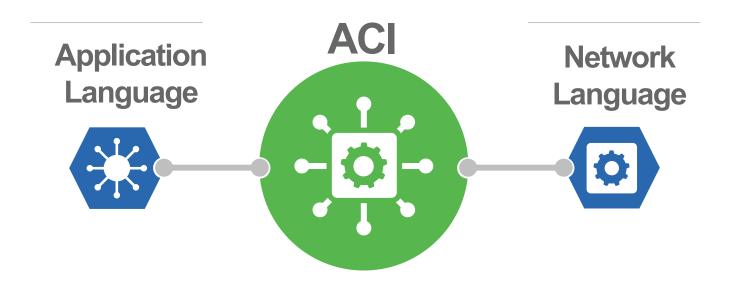
At a high level, ACI is network virtualization via policies that are defined around the requirements of an application.

Application Centric Infrastructure Components

ACI Ecosystem Partners

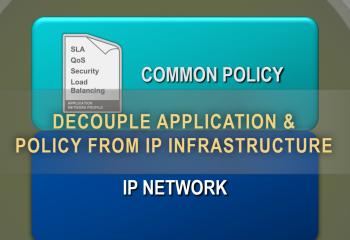


Virtual

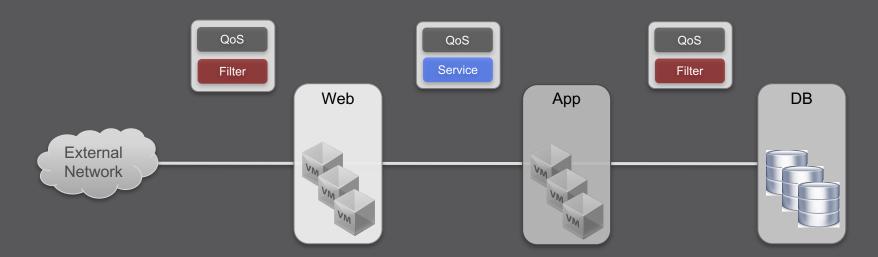


Push configurations automatically to the entire network

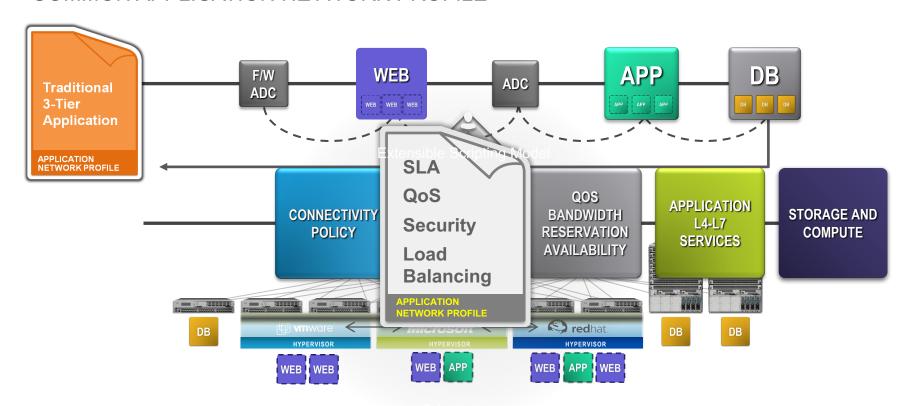
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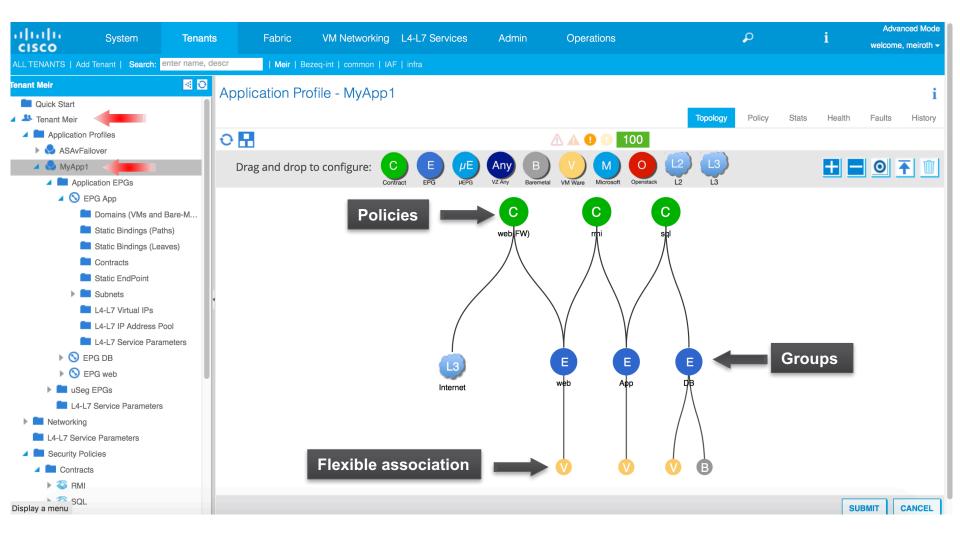


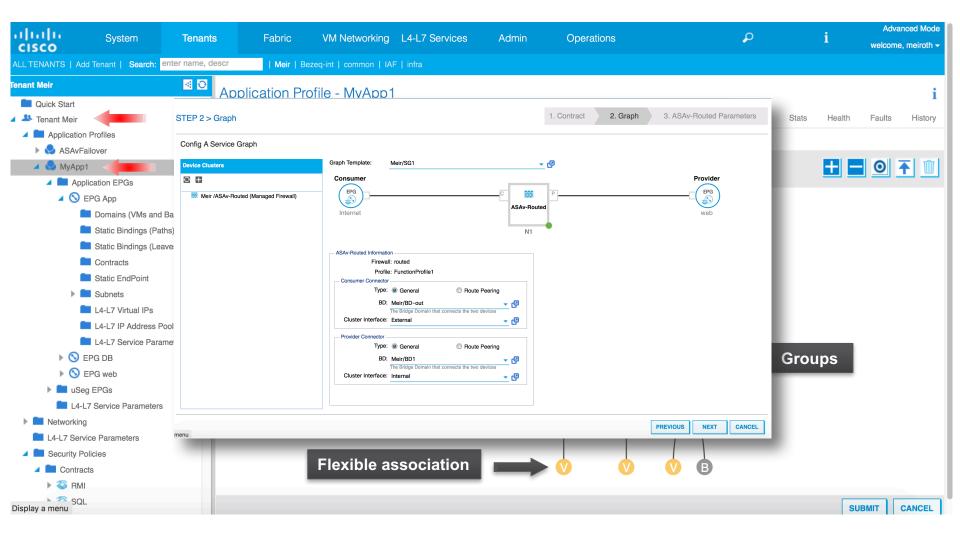
ACI uses a policy based approach that focuses on the application.



AGILITY: ANY APPLICATION, ANYWHERE—PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL COMMON APPLICATION NETWORK PROFILE

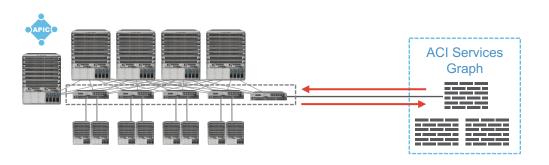






ACI Security

Automated Security With Built In Multi-Tenancy



Distributed Stateless Firewall

Line Rate Security Enforcement

Open: Integrate Any Security Device

PCI, FIPS, CC, UC-APL, USG-v6















Embedded Security

- White-list Firewall Policy Model
- · RBAC rules
- Hardened CentOS 7.2
- Authenticated Northbound API (X.509)
- Encrypted Intra-VLAN (TLS 1.2)
- Secure Key-store for Image Verification

Micro-Segmentation

- Hypervisor Agnostic (ESX, Hyper-V, KVM*)
- · Physical, Virtual Machine, Container
- Attribute Based Isolation/Quarantine
- · Point and Click Micro-segmentation
- TrustSec-ACI Integration

Security Automation

- Dynamic Service Insertion and Chaining
- Closed Loop Feedback for Remediation
- Centralized Security Provisioning & Visibility
- · Security Policy Follows Workloads

Encryption

- Link MACSEC
- INS-SEC Overlay Encryption
- · MKA, SAP
- GCM-AES-256/128-XPN
- GCM-AES-256/128

Why Cisco ACI and OpenStack?



Distributed, Scalable Virtual Networking

- Fully distributed Layer 2, anycast gateway, DHCP, and metadata
- Distributed NAT and floating IP address
- · Choice of group policy or Neutron API



Hardware-Accelerated Performance

- Automatic VXLAN tunnels at top of rack (ToR)
- No wasted CPU cycles for tunneling



Operations and Telemetry

- Troubleshooting across physical and virtual environments
- Health scores, atomic counters, and capacity planning per tenant network



Integrated Overlay and Underlay

- Fully managed underlay network through Cisco® APIC
- Capability to connect physical servers and multiple hypervisors to overlay networks



Service Chaining

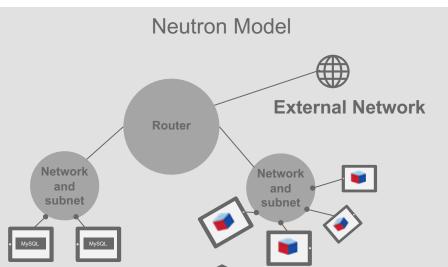
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- Device package ecosystem for thirdparty devices or group-based policy (GBP) service chaining



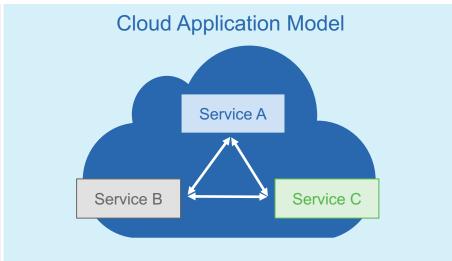
Secure Multitenancy

 Virtual network isolation maintained even when a hypervisor is compromised

What's Wrong with OpenStack Networking Today?

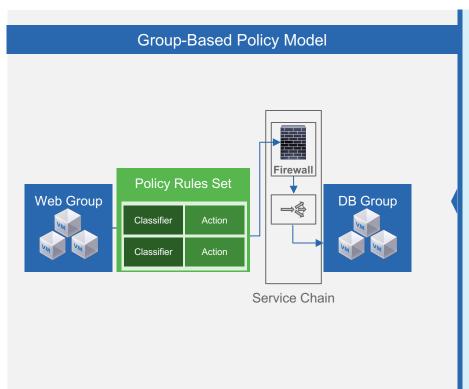


- Layer 2 and broadcast is the base API
- Network, routers, and subnets
- Based on existing networking models
- No concept of dependency mapping or intent



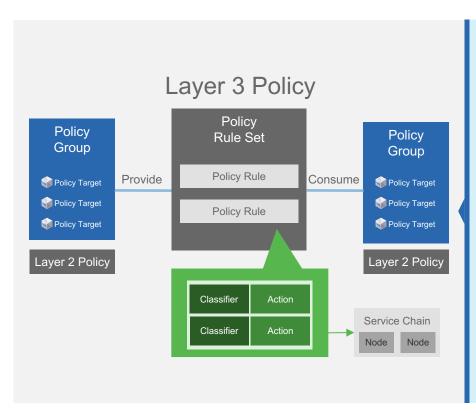
- · No broadcast or multicast
- · Resilient and fault tolerant
- Scalable tiers
- Built around loosely coupled services
- Does not care about IP addresses

Group-Based Policy for OpenStack



- 100% open source and Apache licensed
- Interface for capturing application intent, including network service requirements
- Model inspired by Cisco® APIC but available for any hardware or software platform
- Networking today, with plans to cover computing and storage
- Growing number of contributors and ecosystem partners

Group-Based Policy Model



Policy group: Set of endpoints with the same properties; often a tier of an application

Policy rule set: Set of classifiers and actions describing how policy groups communicate

Policy classifier: Traffic filter including protocol, port, and direction

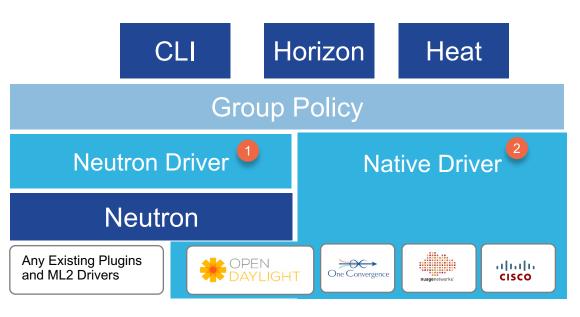
Policy action: Behavior to take as a result of a match; supported actions include **allow** and **redirect**

Service chains: Set of ordered network services between groups

Layer 2 policy: Specification of the boundaries of a switching domain; **broadcast** is an optional parameter

Layer 3 policy: An isolated address space containing Layer 2 policies and subnets

OpenStack GBP Overview

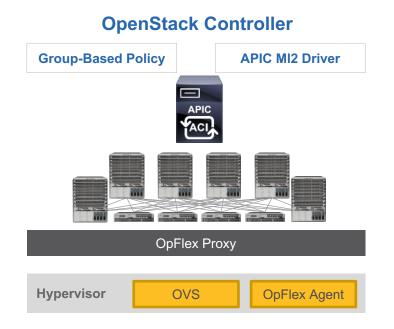


Open model that is compatible with ANY physical or virtual networking backends

Neutron Driver maps GBP to existing Neutron API and offers compatibility with any existing Neutron Plugin

2 Native Drivers exist for OpenDaylight as well as multiple vendors (Cisco, Nuage Networks, and One Convergence)

OpFlex Extends Cisco ACI to the Hypervisor



OpFlex for OVS

- Open Source OpFlex agent extends Cisco ACI™ to Linux hypervisor
- OpFlex proxy exposes new open API in Cisco ACI fabric

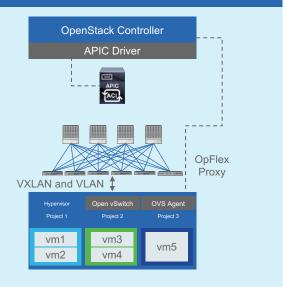
OpenStack Feature Highlights

- Fully distributed Neutron network functions, including Network Address Translation (NAT)
- Integrated, centrally managed overlay and underlay fabric
- Operational visibility integrating OpenStack, Linux, and Cisco® APIC
- Choice of virtual network or group-based policy networking

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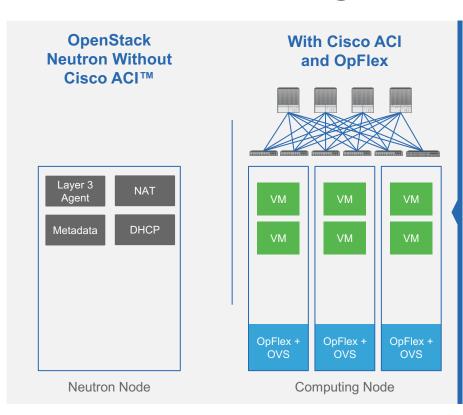
OpFlex and OVS

- VLAN or VXLAN per network and policy group to ToR
- OpFlex proxy runs in leaf, and OpFlex agent manages OVS
- Hypervisor-local traffic has policy and switching, routing handled locally
- VMM domain and GUI integration with APIC
- Distributed support for NAT, metadata server proxies, and DHCP



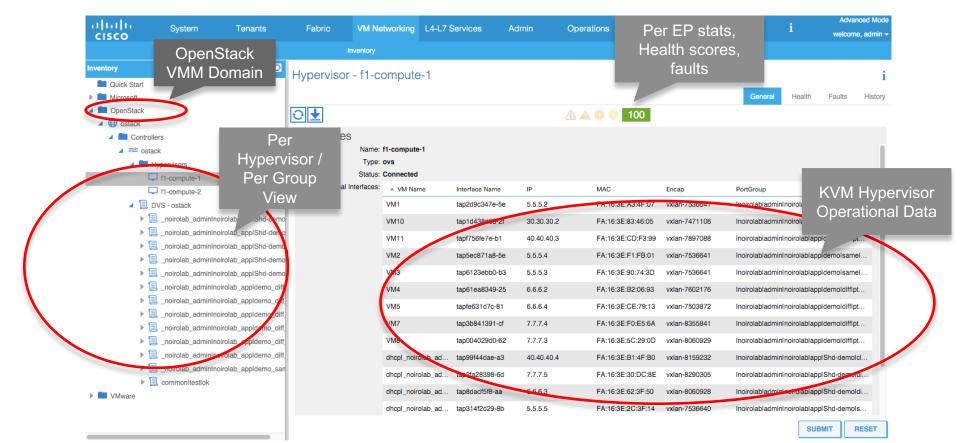
OpFlex agent directly manages OVS and integrates with APIC

Neutron Node High Availability



- Neutron services can be moved from the Neutron node to local computing nodes in a fully distributed manner.
- Critical functions including Layer 3,
 NAT, metadata proxy, and DHCP
 can be set up this way (or supported
 through the network node for
 traditional support).

APIC VMM Integration



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