

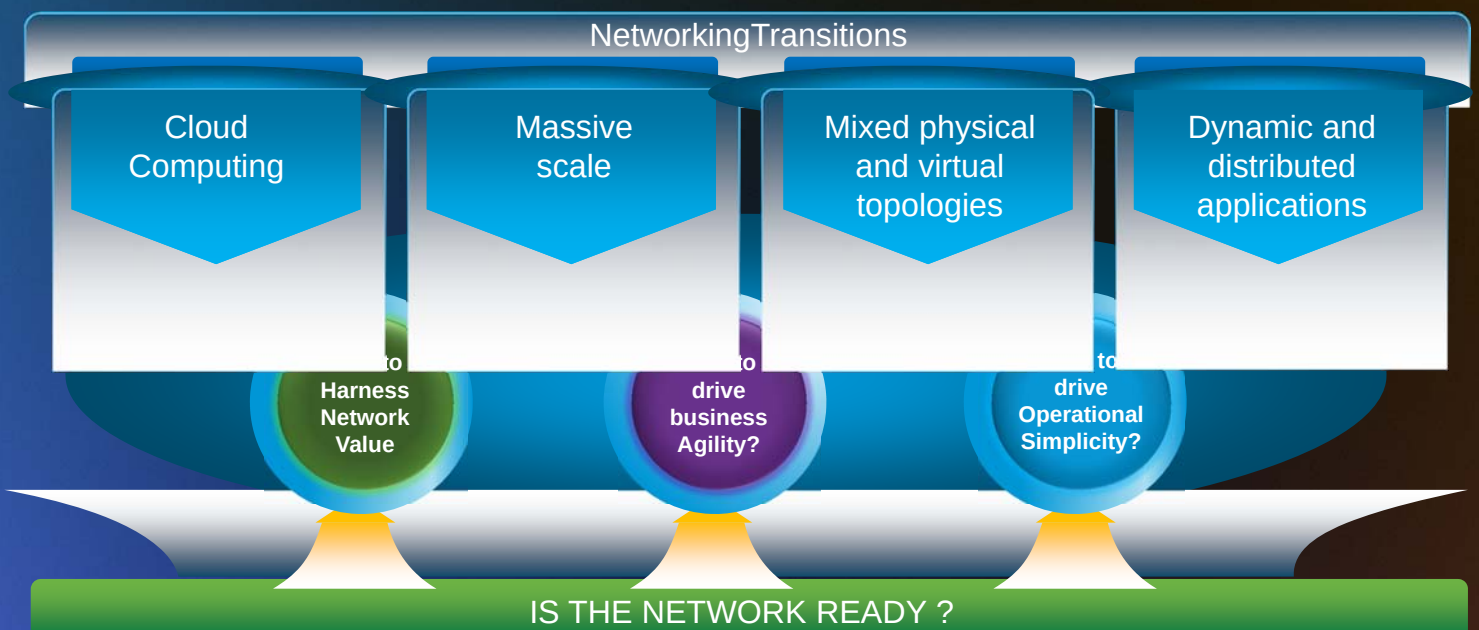
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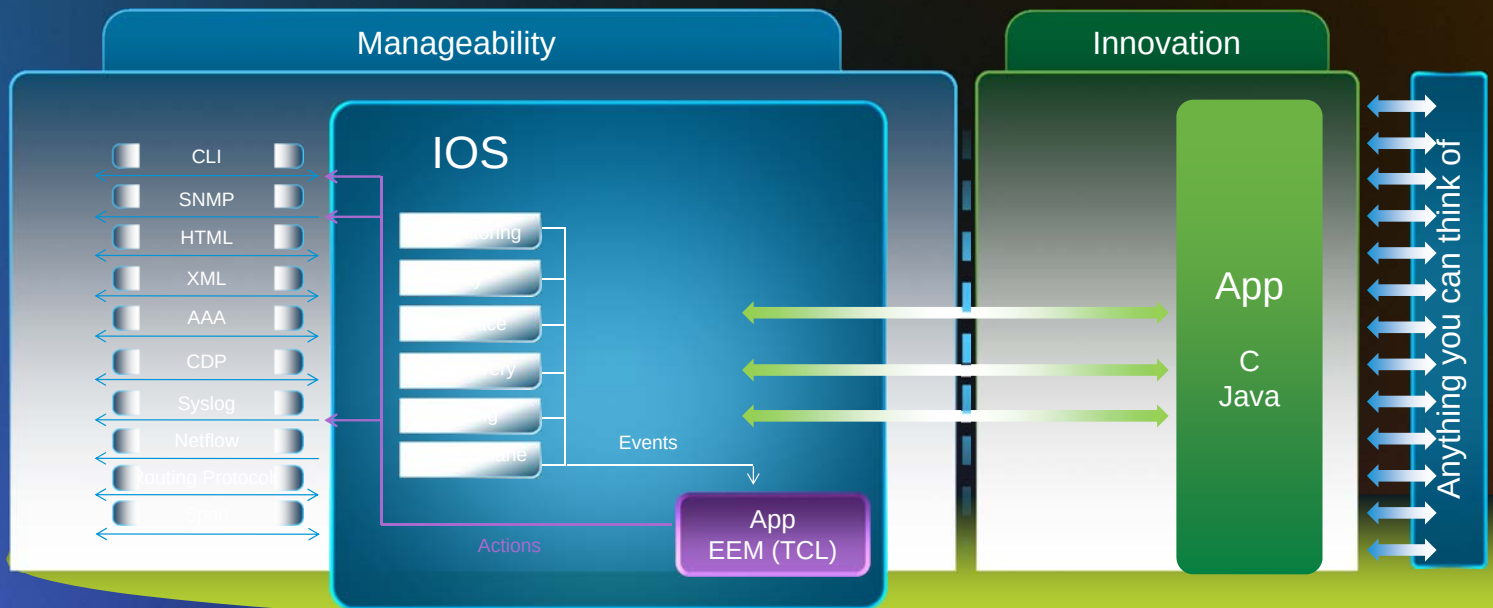
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Network Transitions Driving Greater Demands



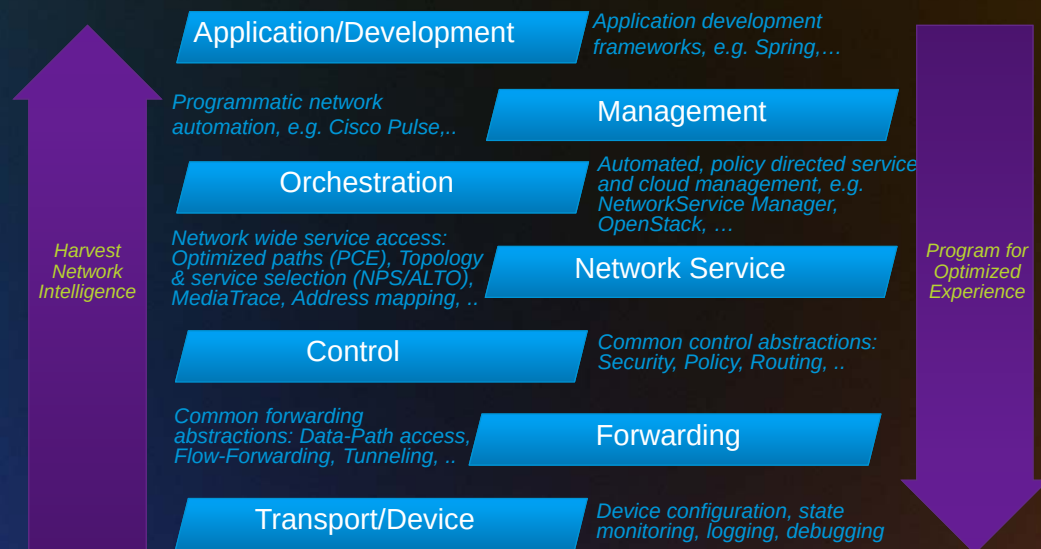
Evolving How We Interact With The Network Operating System



Programmatic Network Access – Multiple Layers

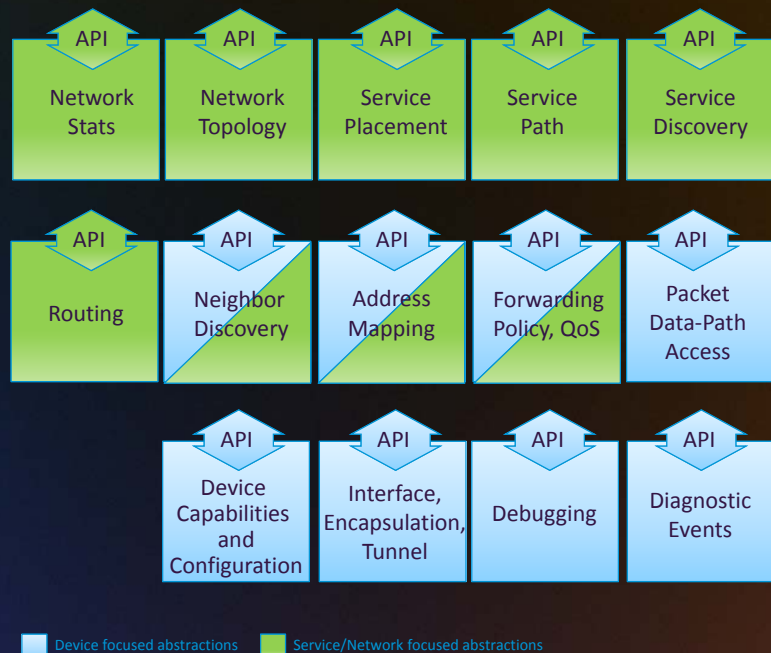
Full-Duplex access to the network at multiple layers and networking planes

- Enable API platform kit across all platforms, to integrate with development environments
- Accelerate development of network applications: Completely integrated stack from device to network
- Multiple deployment modes (local and remote APIs)
- Multiple Language Support (C, Java, ...)
- Integrate with customer development environment to deliver enhanced functionality
- Reduced time to market by leveraging common platform for building services



Approaching abstractions for Networking

- Data-plane Abstractions – ISO Layering
Data plane abstractions key to Internet's success
- Abstractions for the other planes (control, services, management, orchestration,..)
... are missing
- Define network abstractions and associated APIs
Enable a holistic Network Programming model
Leverage and extend infrastructure at pace of the business
Deploy common applications across all devices
Extend/upgrade/add features without upgrading the network operating system



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APIs make Abstractions available to Programmers

Not all Networking APIs are created the same: API classes and their scope

- Classify Networking APIs based on their *scope*
API Scopes:
Location independent; Area; Particular place; Specific device
Alternate approaches like device/network/service APIs difficult to associate with use cases
Location where an API is hosted can differ from the scope of the API
- Different network planes could implement different flavors of APIs, based on associated abstractions

Utility

Example: Get Auth, Publish Log, ...
Scope: Location independent

Area/Set

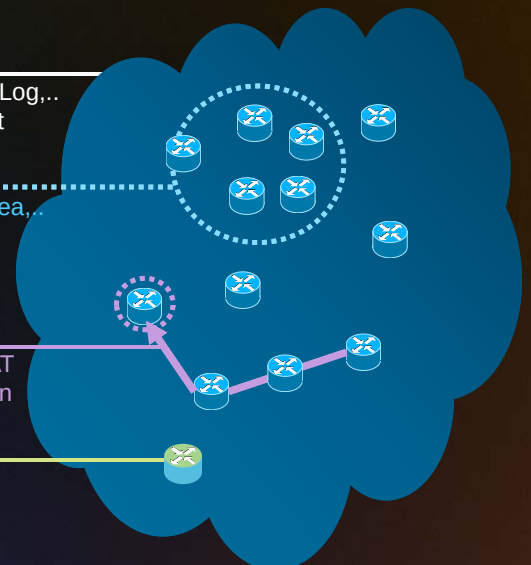
Example: Domain, OSPF-area, ...
Scope: Group/Set/Area

Place in the Network

Example: Edge Session, NAT
Scope: Specific place/location

Element

Example: interface statistics
Scope: Specific element



Scope of an API and the location where the API is hosted are orthogonal

APIs make Abstractions available to Programmers

Example: Cisco's onePK (one Programming Kit)

Developer Environment

- Language of Choice
- Programmatic Interfaces
- Comprehensive Data Delivery via APIs

Comprehensive Service Sets

Better Apps; New Services
Monetization Opportunity

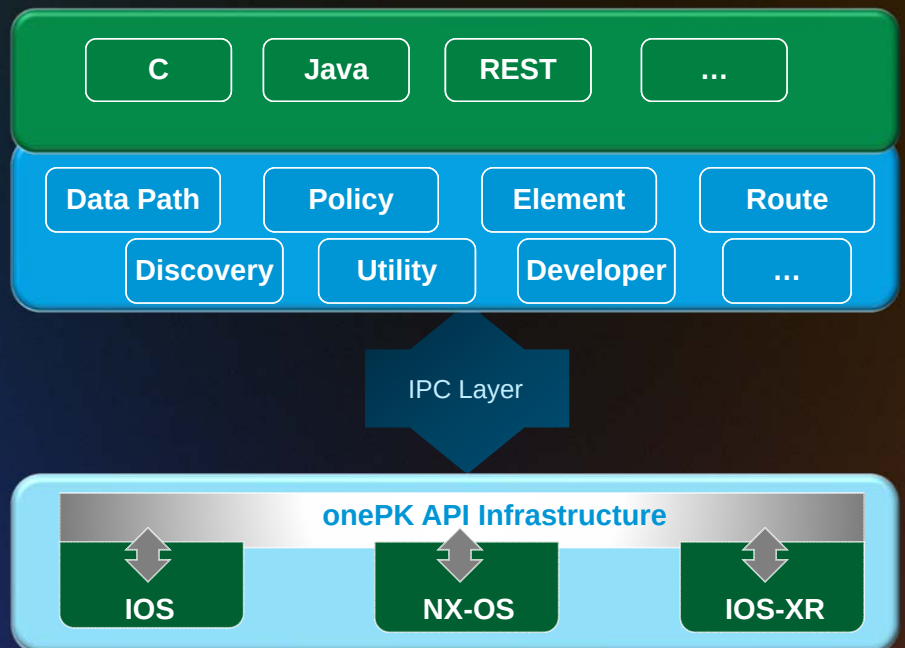


Deploy:

- On a Service Blade
- On an External Server
- Directly on the Device

Network Data

Control, Extend, Scale

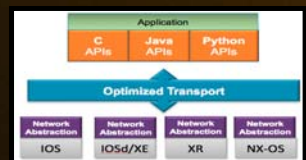


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The Layer Developers "See"



Presentation Layer

- Provides multiple language bindings so you can choose the language that suits your requirements
- Flexible and extensible
- Provided as a set of libraries in the Kit



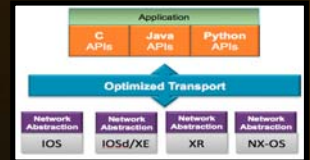
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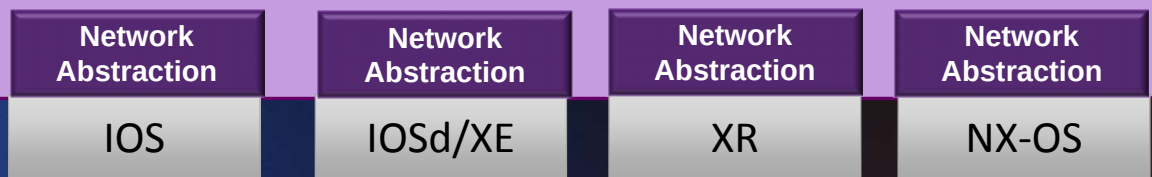
Network Abstractions Enable Cross-OS Consistency



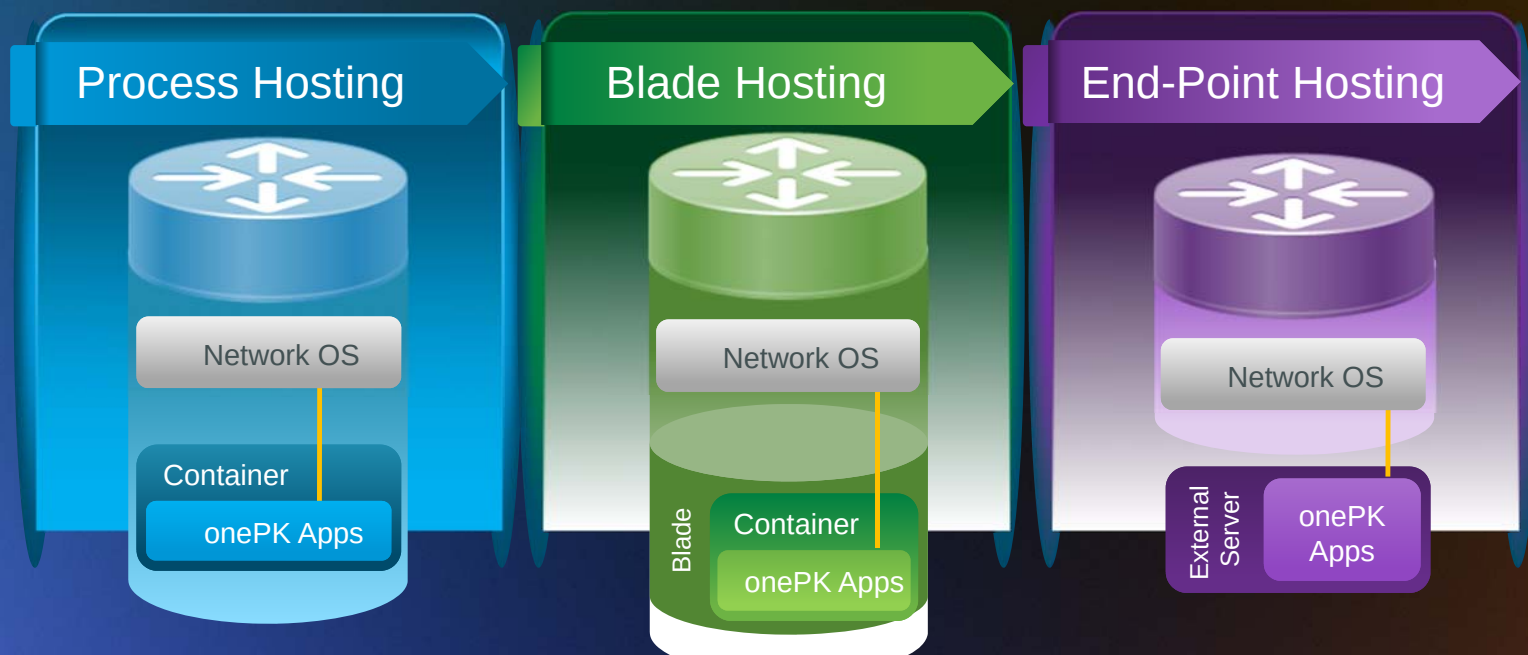
Invisible But Important

Network Abstraction Layer

Provides consistent interface to internal functions
Abstracts away underlying differences between OS's



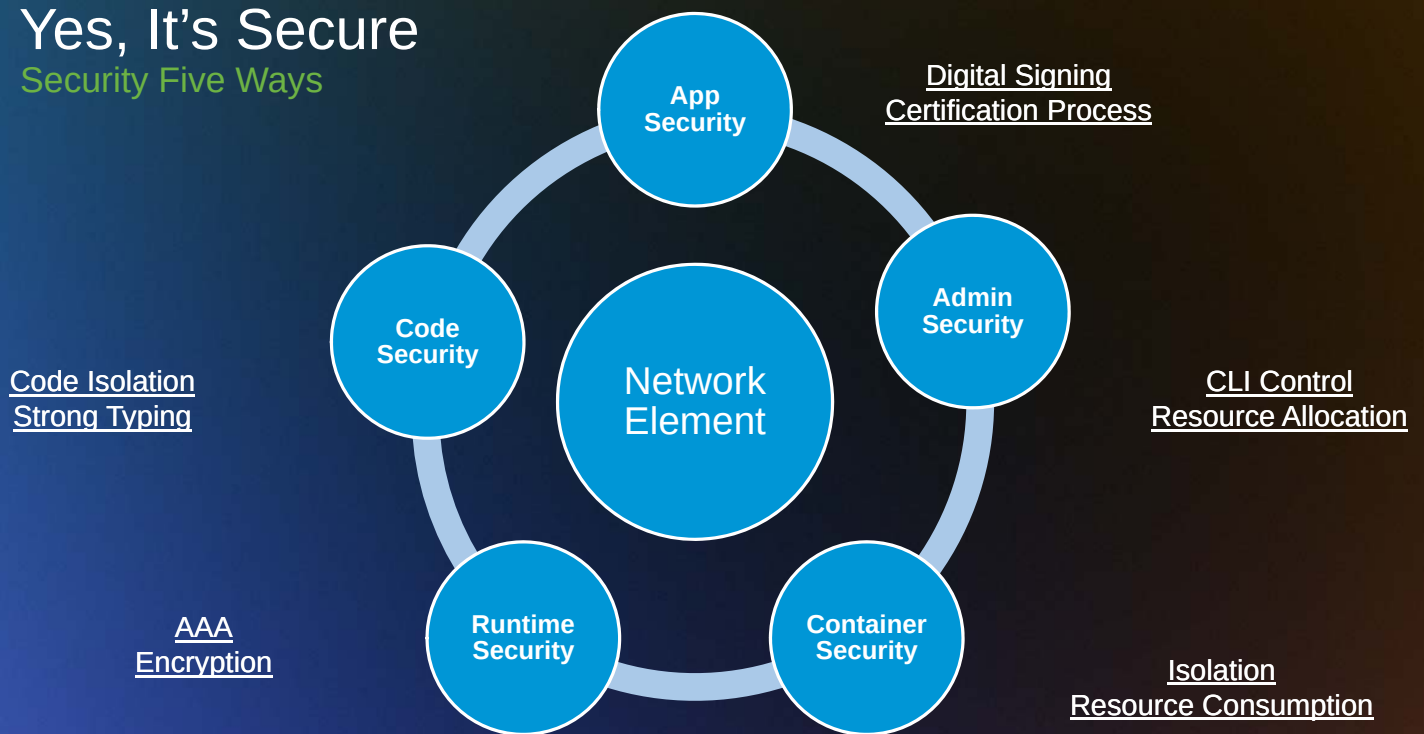
APIs – Application Hosting Options



Write once, run anywhere

Yes, It's Secure

Security Five Ways



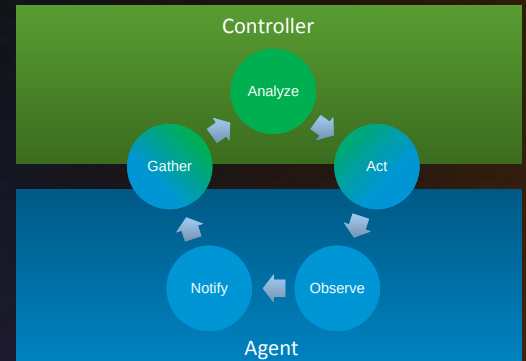
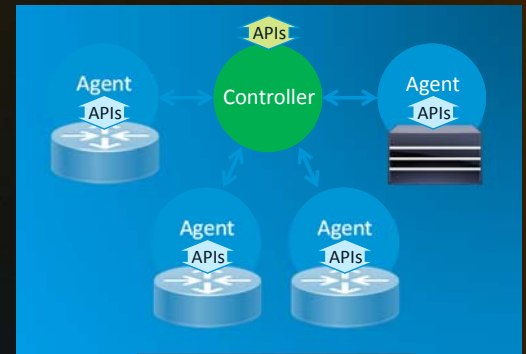
Base Service Sets Described

Service Set	Description
Data Path	Provides packet delivery service to application: Copy, Punt, Inject
Policy	Provides filtering (NBAR, ACL), classification (Class-maps, Policy-maps), actions (Marking, Policing, Queuing, Copy, Punt) and applying policies to interfaces on network elements
Routing	Read RIB routes, add/remove routes, receive RIB notifications
Element	Get element properties, CPU/memory statistics, network interfaces, element and interface events
Discovery	L3 topology and local service discovery
Utility	Syslog events notification, Path tracing capabilities (ingress/egress and interface stats, next-hop info, etc.)
Developer	Debug capability, CLI extension which allows application to extend/integrate application's

Agents and Controllers

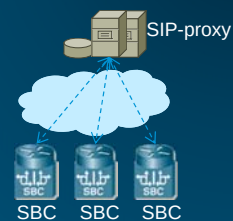
Consolidate State Across Multiple Network Elements

- Some network delivered functionality benefits from logically centralized coordination across multiple network devices
 - Functionality typically domain, task, or customer specific
 - Typically multiple Controller-Agent pairs are combined for a network solution
- Controller
 - Process on a device, interacting with a set of devices using a set of APIs or protocols
 - Offer a control interface/API
- Agent
 - Process or library on a device, leverages device APIs to deliver a task/domain specific function
- Controller-Agent Pairs offer APIs which integrate into the overall Network API suite

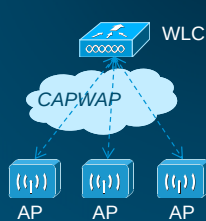


Agents and Controllers – Task Specific Sets

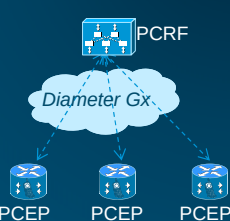
Session Border Control



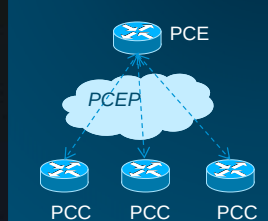
Wireless LAN Control



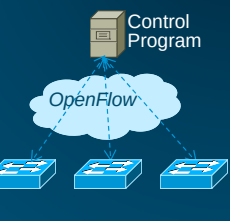
Policy Control



Path Computation



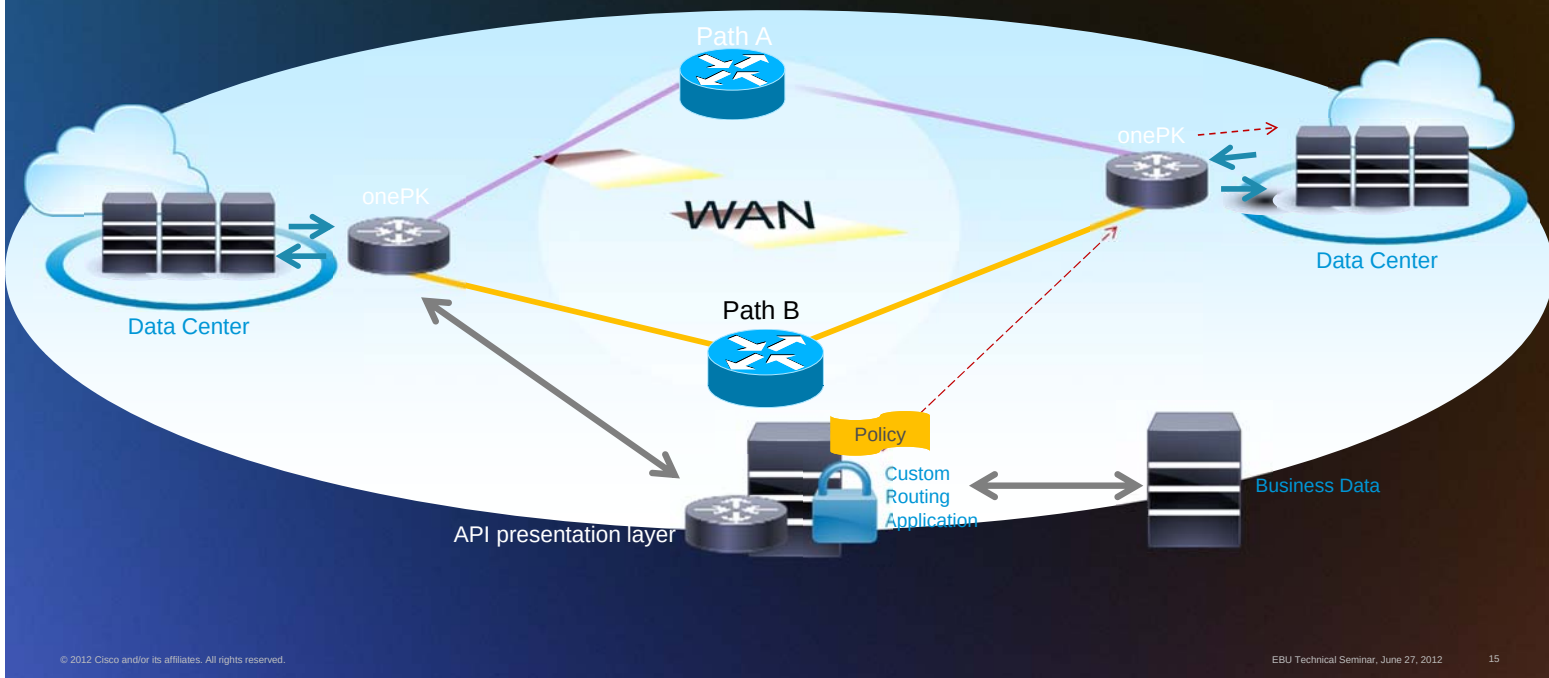
Flow Control with SDN



- Networking already leverages a great breath of Agents and Controllers
 - Current Agent-Controller pairs always serve a specific task (or set of tasks) in a specific domain
- System Design: Trade-off between Agent-Controller and Fully Distributed Control
 - Control loop requirements differ per function/service and deployment domain
 - “As loose as possible, as tight as needed”
 - Latency, Scalability, Robustness, Consistency, Availability

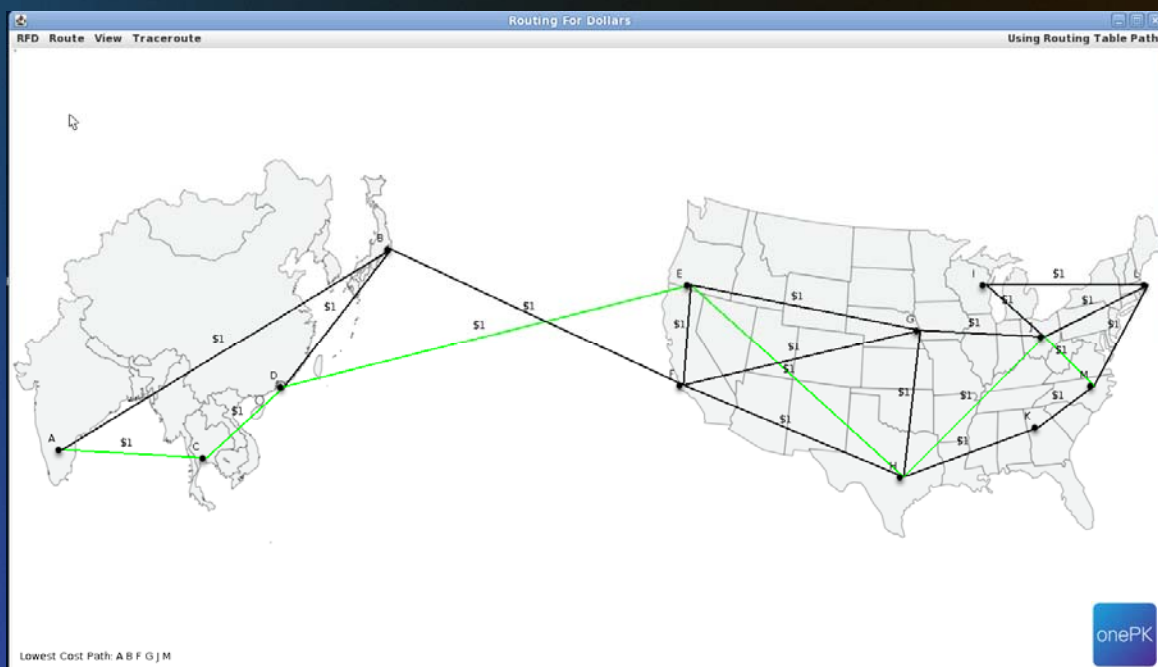
Example: Custom Routing

Traffic Forwarding Based on a Custom Algorithm collaborating with ntetrok



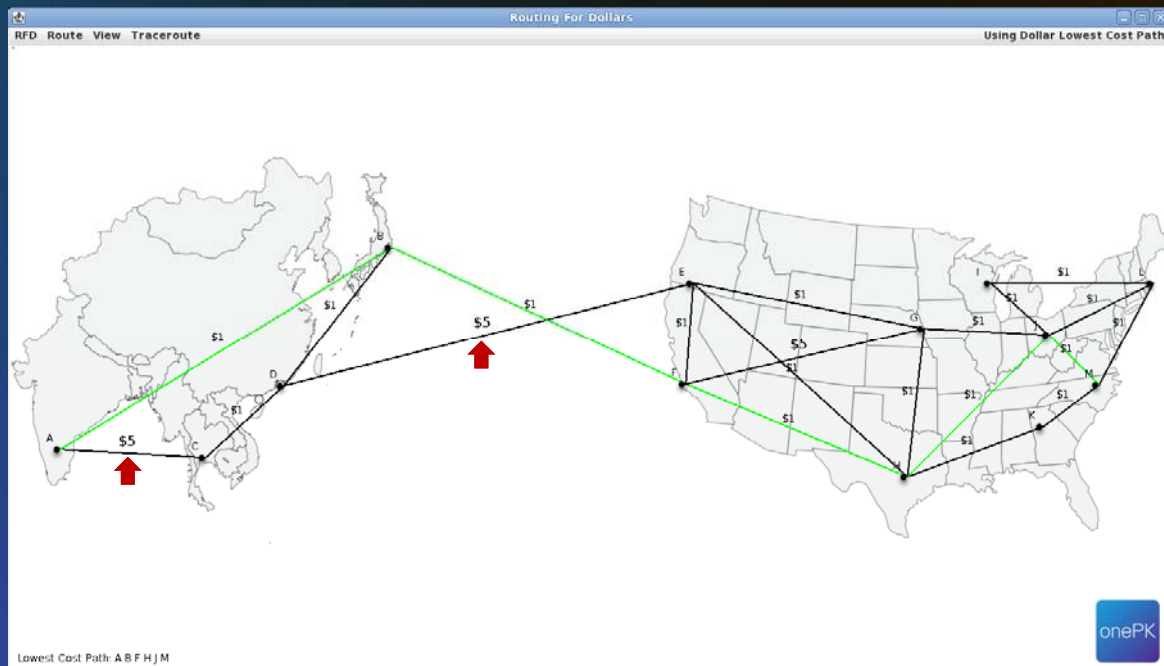
Custom Routing

Initial Setup: Default routing using EIGRP



Custom Routing

Routing for Dollars: Application driven routes installed in network



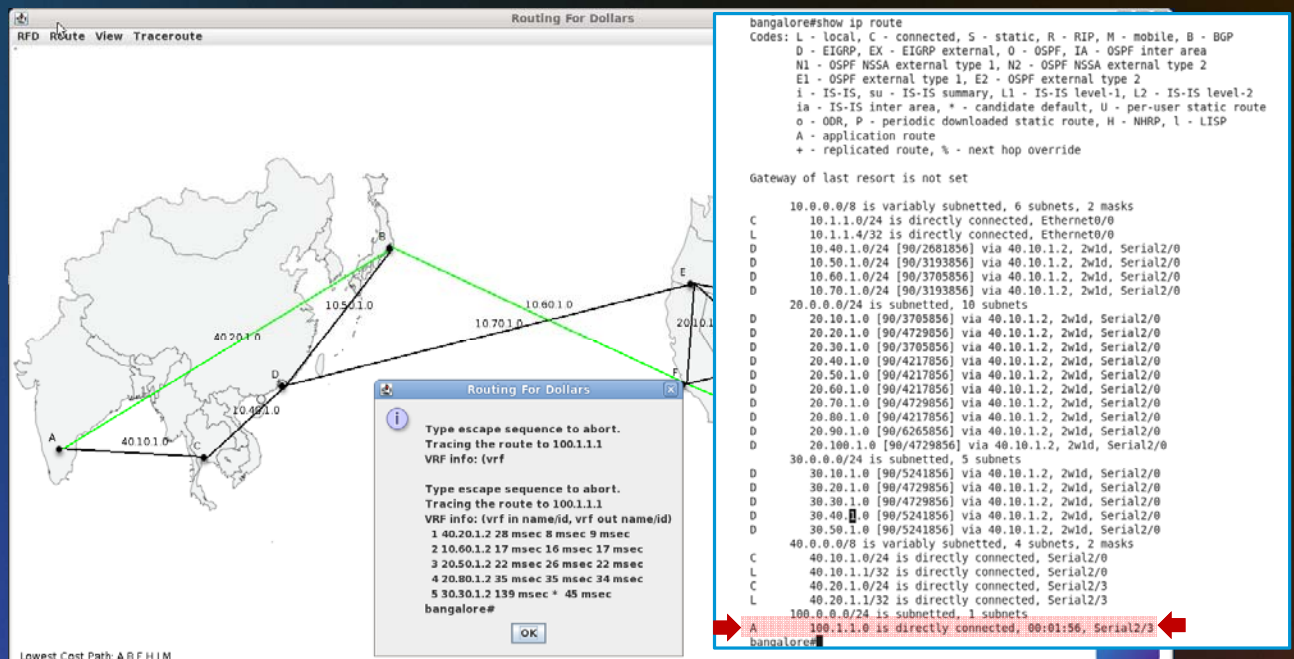
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Custom Routing

Tracing the application installed route – using the developer and element services



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Open Network Environment

Towards a Broad Approach to Programmatic Access to the Network

- Evolutionary step for networking:
Complement/evolve the Network Control Plane where needed
- Centered around delivering open, programmable environment for real-world use cases
No one-size-fits-all
APIs, Network Virtualization, Agents/Controllers
Joint evolution with industry and academia
- Technology-agnostic
Not predicated on a particular technology or standard
Draw from existing technologies and industry standards
- Delivered as incremental functionality
Many customers will use hybrid implementations
Build upon existing infrastructure with investment protection

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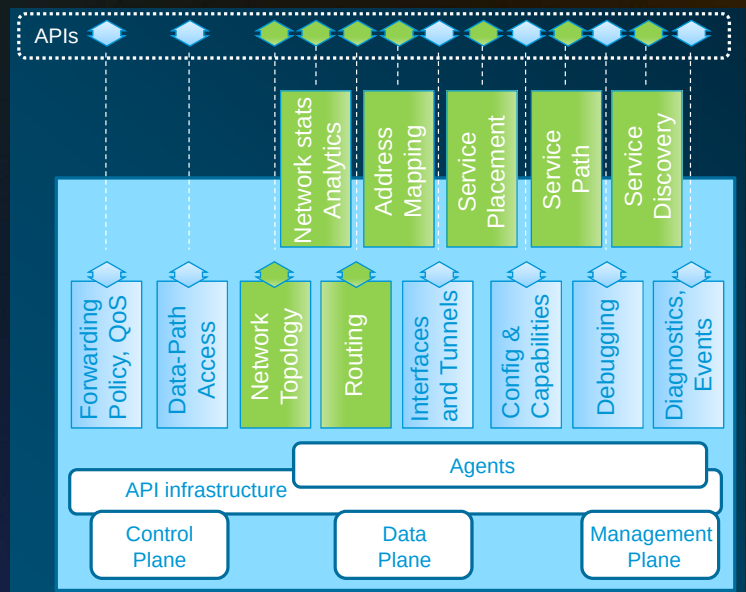
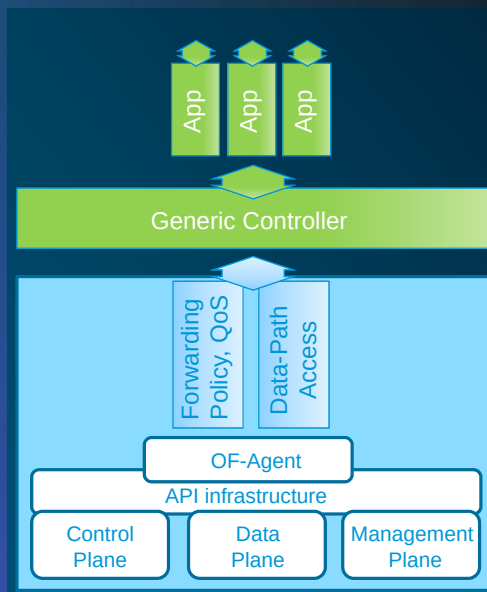
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Evolve the early SDN Model... ... acknowledge the need for diverse abstractions



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