

Automation in service delivery & policy implementation to enable SDN for carrier WAN's - Girish Saraph, Vegayan Systems

Strong growth drivers for SDN



- Strong growth drivers: Related factors driving market dynamics
 - Cloud computing Data-hosting
 - Software as a service (SaaS) Application-hosting
 - → Remote delivery, virtualization & flexibility (pay-as-you-scale)
- Global SaaS market expected to reach \$106B by 2016 w 30% growth ... Study by *Goldman Sachs (2015)*
 - Driving strong growth in <u>Datacenter</u> market
 - New business models: Infra as a Service (IaaS) or Platform as a Service (PaaS)
- Datacenters embracing SDN for flexibility & virtualization
- → Telecom carriers and ISP's are exploring new revenue generation avenues through new platforms

SDN Market Opportunity



- SDN-enabled equipment market to exceed \$35B by 2018
 - Report from SDN Central, Plexxi & Lightspeed Ventures (Apr, 2013)
 - Market led by data-center hardware; 46% HW to be SDN-enabled
- SDN products market expected to reach \$2.45B by 2018
 - Report by Doyle Research & GigaOM (Feb, 2013)
 - Enterprise-WAN would be significant part of SDN market by 2018
- "Moving SDN out of the data-center and into the WAN is a big challenge for enterprises" - Light Reading (Apr, 2014)
- → Leveraging existing network infrastructure of carriers or ISP's is key to delivering SDN-WAN services to enterprise customers

SDN Beginnings



- SDN definition (GigaOM Pro report, 2012) :
 - Packet forwarding or Data plane is separated from Control plane
 - Centralized intelligence and control of switching (network devices)
 - <u>Central programmability</u> to (i) change traffic flows
 (ii) switch network partitions (iii) control application-level quality
 (iv) provide network flexibility (iv) dynamically change priorities
- Data-center (DC) SDN: Initial driver of SDN market
 - On-demand application/data hosting (SaaS model) for Cloud services
 - On-demand, dynamic network connectivity between virtual servers, compute & storage resources
- Extension of SDN overlay to multiple DC sites for redundant access, geographic reach & mobility through data synchronization



SDN-WAN

- Enterprise customers require application performance delivery at remote delivery sites through private or hybrid WAN
 - \rightarrow SDN-DC is only one part, the other is WAN delivery
 - \rightarrow SDN-WAN allows on-demand, flexible service delivery
- WAN involves existing networks with <u>diverse devices, technologies</u>
 <u>& services</u> → Need effective SDN overlay for carrier NW's
- "Achieving SDN in MAN/WAN is no trivial task. While DCs are simple, homogeneous and with essentially limitless bandwidth, carrier networks are complex, multi-vendor and subject to many technology and bandwidth constraints."
 - Alcatel-Lucent report on Cloud-optimized MAN & WAN SDN, 2013

Evolution of OSS for SDN-WAN



- "In a telecom network, the maturing and <u>evolution of its OSS/BSS system</u> would be a pre-requisite to an end-to-end SDN implementation."
 - Light Reading article by Deepak Kumar "SDN: Can Telco's do" (Dec, 2013)
- "At the heart of Service Provider SDN is software & a major transformation of the OSS layer creating a good <u>abstraction of the entire network</u> in terms of resources available in order to start <u>software-controlling</u> the network."

- Ulf Ewaldsson, Ericsson CTO in Light Reading by Michelle Donegan (Oct, 2013)

 "The promise of SDN for telecom industry includes automated traffic management, improved bandwidth engineering, and <u>ability to tailor the</u> <u>network "on demand"</u> to customer needs/applications."

- Doyle Research article in NetworkWorld (Dec, 2012)

SDN-WAN Solution Blocks



Building policy intelligence & programmability above OSS layer

SDN Control Openflow

End-to-End Services- Control & Management

Policy Logic & Automation

Network Operations Control & Management



E2E WAN circuits





Automating service provisioning



- Multi-vendor confligiets for provisioning different types of services;
 VLAN, L2/L3-VPN, VPLS, VPWS, etc.
- Pre-defined templates for each vendor & type of service
- Parametric view of configurable parameters
- Build logic for selecting parameters automatically
- Create configlets for provisioning new services w selected parameters
- Templates for configuring new routing/switching elements
- Provide variety of policy templates security/access/QoS
- → Automated step-wise E-E circuit provisioning

Vegayan Simplifying NextGen Networks

Cisco VRF Config



Vegayan Simplifying NextGen Networks

Juniper VRF Config



Automating provisioning logic



Initiate auto-service provisioning from control layer or user-order

- Select service type, bandwidth & quality from controller/order info
- Select available interface, sub-interface or virtual interface
- Select WAN-IP address from available pool & register N/W info
- Select circuit-ID or interface description & aliases w policy logic
- Select vendor-specific provisioning template w given parameters
- Select network-specific parameters e.g. VRF, RD/RT, VLAN ...
- Ensure compliance to various policies e.g. security, access, QoS, ...
- Push / execute final provisioning configlet to routers/switches
- Verify execution success or log errors

Automated Service Provisioning





Patch/upgrade Management



- Patch for security vulnerability or OS upgrade
- New access/QoS policy implementation
- Transition to new network design policy (e.g. from SNMP-v2 to v3)
- Configuration upgrade to 1000's of devices as per policy or for patch
- Devices listing selected based on vendor, model & OS number etc.
- Policy compliance audit of entire N/W List of noncompliant devices
- Selective bulk push to dev-list Auto-execute patch/upgrade in parallel
- Intelligent summary of results Success log & failure report
- → Simplifies task from multiple hours / days to few minutes

SNMP Configuration





Security Policy Implementation



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Web Reports powered by $\operatorname{SiMPLuS}$

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Bulk Push





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Automation in provisioning & policy implementation to enable SDN



- Network set-up is abstracted by a vendor-neutral layer
- Network provisioning & policies are simplified in parametric form
- Decision-making & parameter value selection is automated by logic building block with preselected rules
- Logical rule selections capture N/W design criteria, human decision making steps & external information (through set interfaces)
- Allows fast execution with ability to scale to 1000's of devices
- Allows network-wide changes in policy or patch roll-out
- → Automation provides dynamic & flexible WAN network control Hides complexity in config syntax & N/W design policy criteria



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