SnapRoute Update

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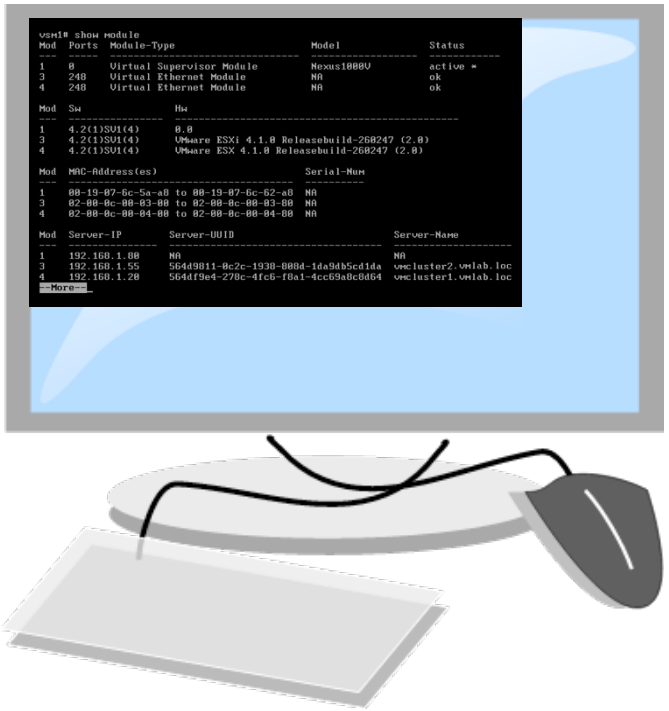
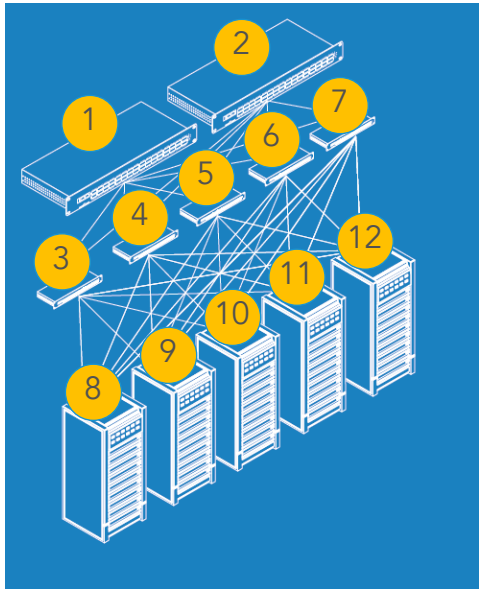
Running the network is too difficult

Old-School
Command Line Tools



Error-prone, manual configuration
and change control

Managing device-by-device



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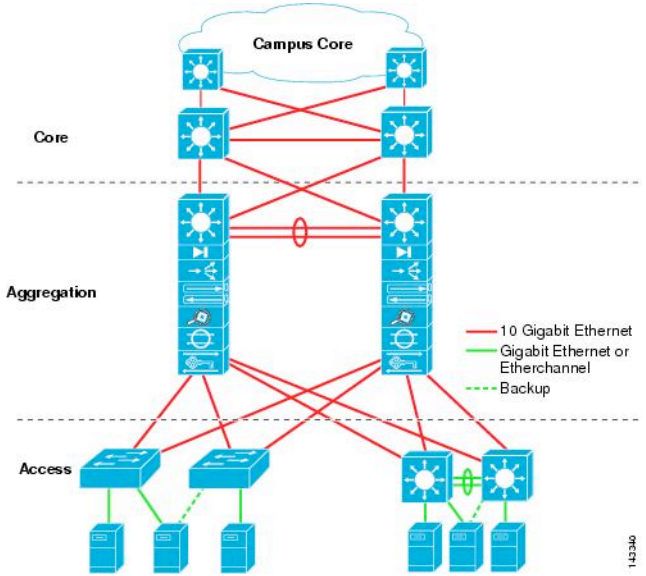
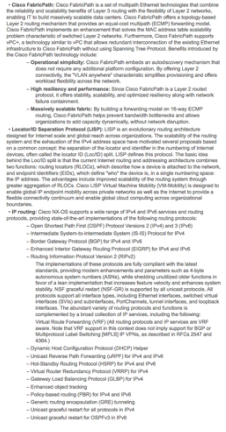
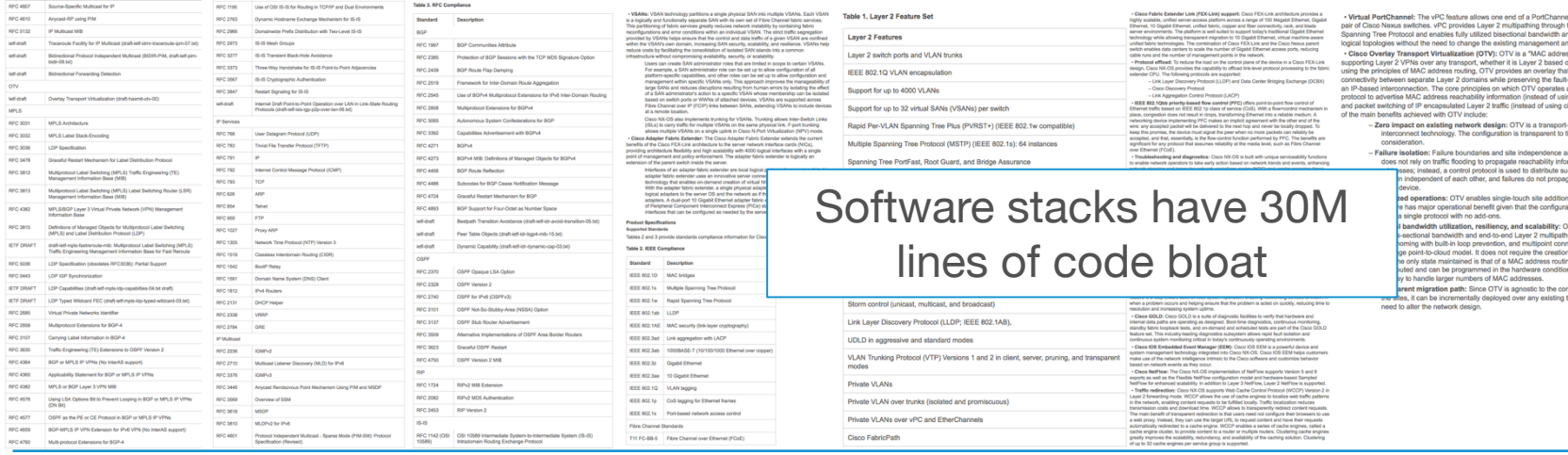
Devices and designs are brittle



Architectures are outdated and mandate too many protocols

"High Availability" that isn't





Software stacks have 30M lines of code bloat

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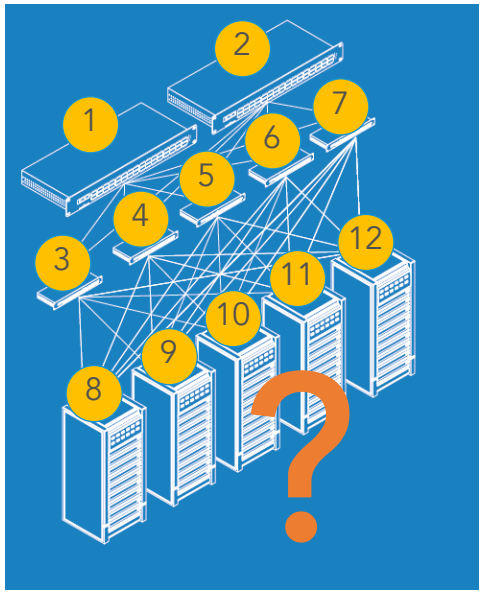
Troubleshooting is too time consuming



What and where is the problem?

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RouterA# show ip bgp
BGP table version is 14, local router ID is 172.31.11.1
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i -
internal, r RIB-failure, S Stale
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete
   Network          Next Hop            Metric LocPrf Weight Path
*> 10.1.0.0/24      0.0.0.0                  0         32768 i
* i                 10.1.0.2                 0    100      0 i
*> 10.1.1.0/24      0.0.0.0                  0         32768 i
*>i10.1.2.0/24      10.1.0.2                 0    100      0 i
*> 10.97.97.0/24    172.31.1.3                             0 64998 64997 i
*                   172.31.11.4                            0 64999 64997 i
* i                 172.31.11.4              0    100      0 64999 64997 i
*> 10.254.0.0/24    172.31.1.3               0             0 64998 i
*                   172.31.11.4                            0 64999 64998 i
* i                 172.31.1.3               0    100      0 64998 i
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r                   172.31.11.4                            0 64999 64998 i
r i                 172.31.1.3               0    100      0 64998 i
*> 172.31.2.0/24    172.31.1.3               0             0 64998 i
<output omitted>
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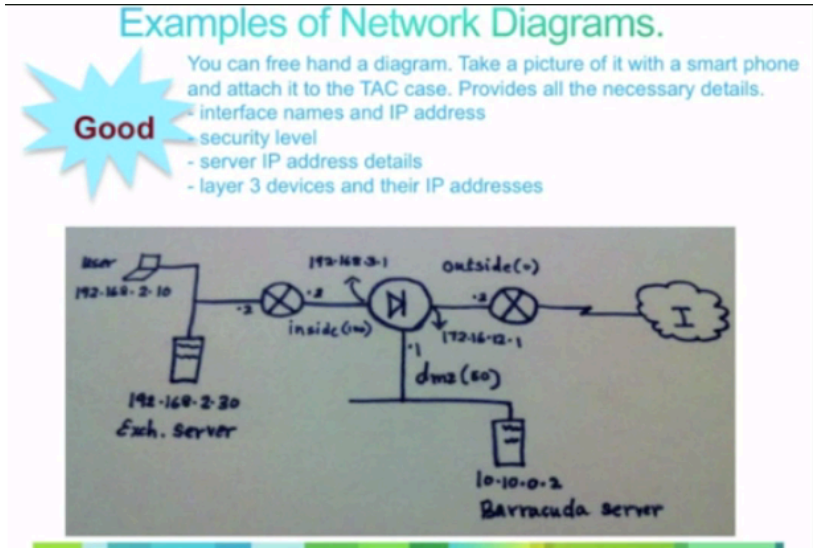
Cannot reliably parse dozens of CLIs in a complex and changing network. Cannot see what matters.

Expert to Expert: Dos and Don'ts when sending data to your TAC engineer.



Explaining to support.
Going through escalations.
Waiting on bug fixes.

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…and it's all too proprietary

Software

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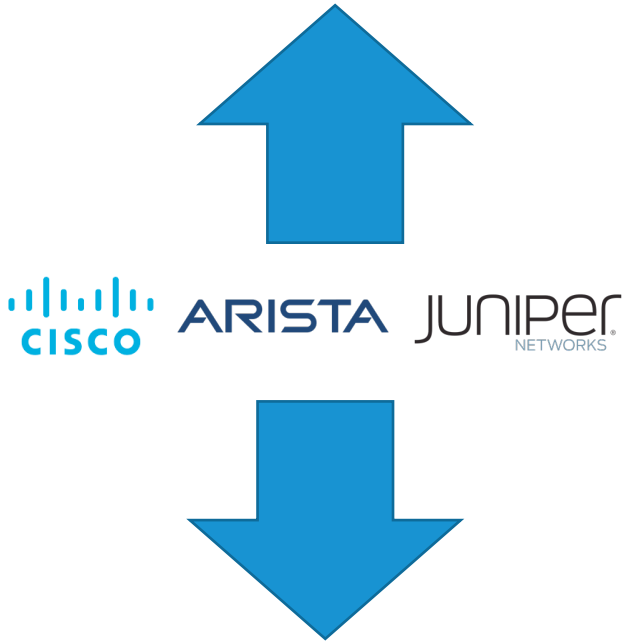
OS

Windows Server solaris vmware ESXi

Hardware

DELL EMC Hewlett Packard Enterprise SUPERMICRO lenovo

Compute has an open and vibrant ecosystem



Networking is ruled by a few large and powerful players with closed systems

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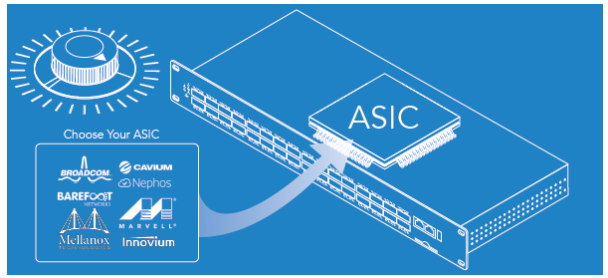
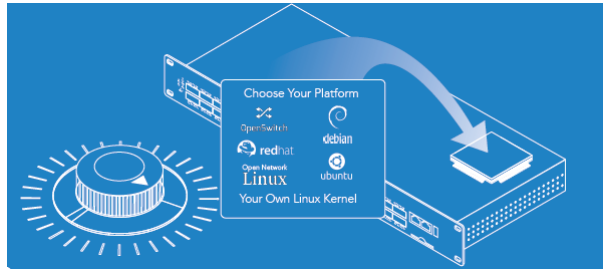
How hyperscalers solved these problems



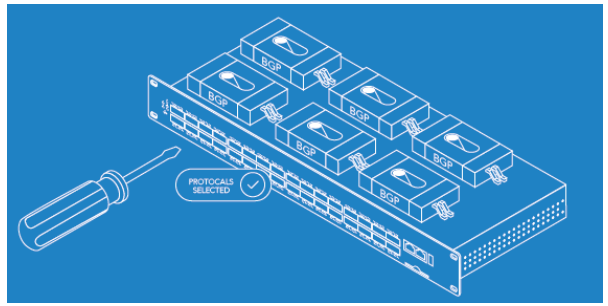
Created a broad ecosystem of merchant silicon & white-box hardware

Choice & Flexibility



Used standard Operating Systems

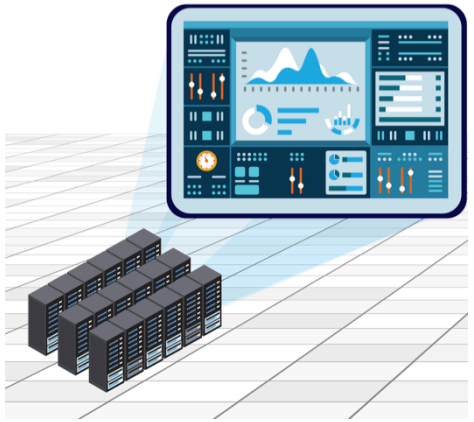
Proven, Open & Secure



Ran simplified protocol stacks tailor-fit to specific purposes

Reliable & Fast to Fix

All highly **automated** and **instrumented**



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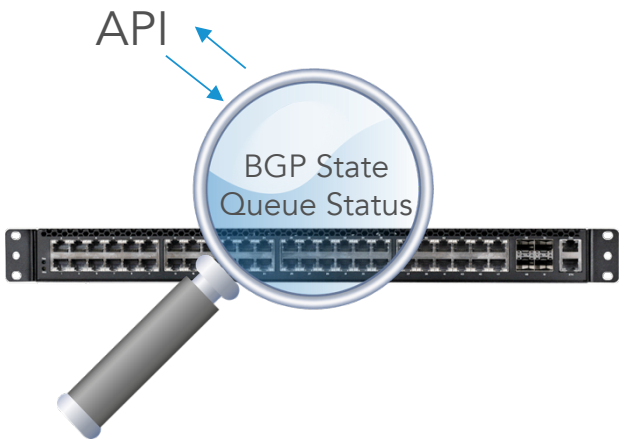
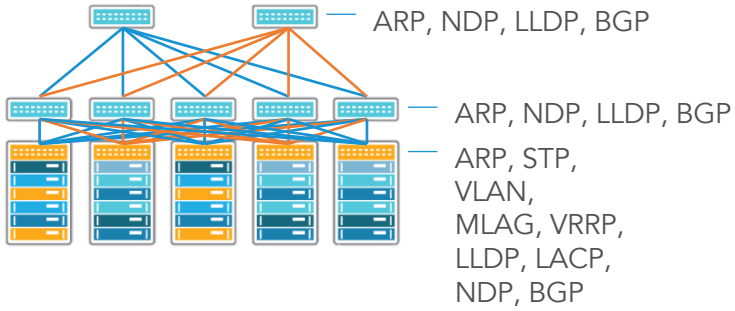
A BETTER APPROACH TO NETWORKING

FlexSwitch

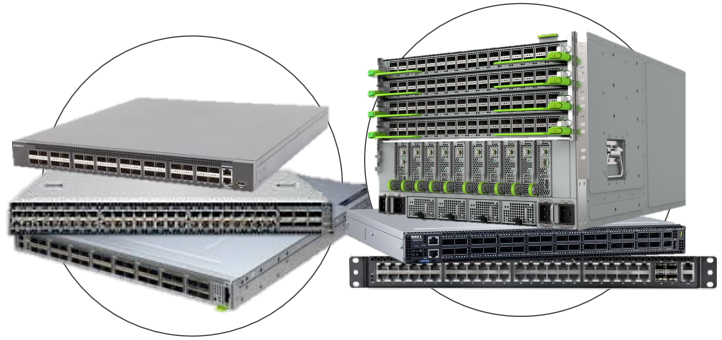
Guiding **SnapRoute** Principles



Deep, Programmatic Access
Automate & see everything
Simplify troubleshooting



Simplified Architectures
Install Only What's Needed
Simple, Stable, Reliable



Complete Choice & Control
Leverage White Box Agility & Economics

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Software was the missing link – so we built it

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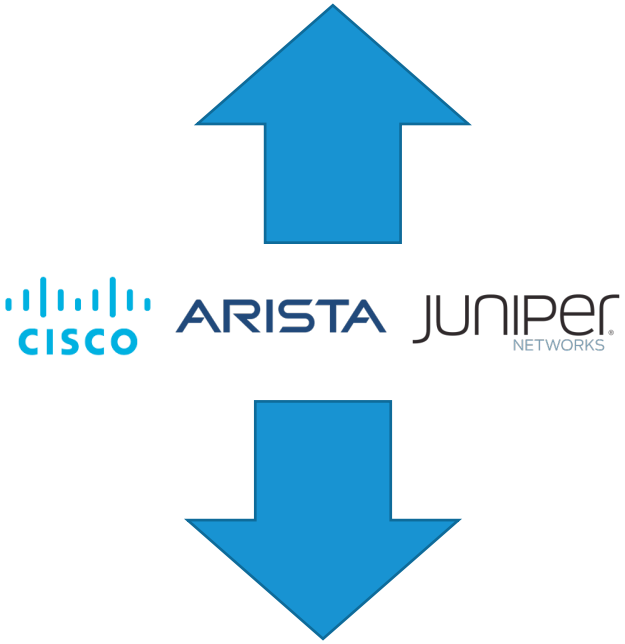

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redhat LINUX ubuntu debian OPEN NETWORK LINUX

Open Switch

Edge-corE NETWORKS Celestica

DELL EMC Agema

Disaggregation, enabled by white-box hardware, just needs the right software

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Modern, modular, microservices architecture

- Reliability & Ease of Troubleshooting: Less code running on the switch. Fewer opportunities for bugs. Easier to diagnose and repair.
- Fault Tolerance: User space daemons do not crash the entire switch
- Rapid Development: API-defined interactions between microservices reduce dependencies and allow for independent module development paths.

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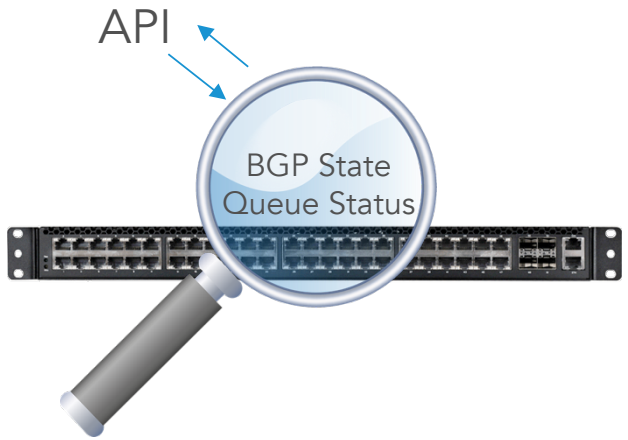
The SnapRoute Network

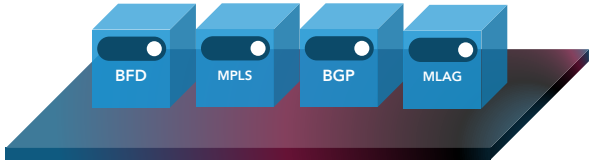
FlexSwitch APIs

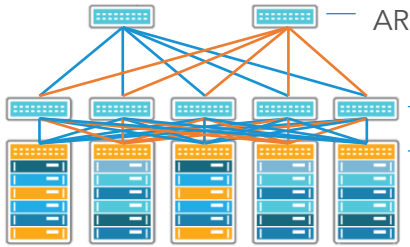


Deep, Programmatic Access
Automate everything
Simplify troubleshooting

Configure, Monitor, and Troubleshoot through automation. Manage a network, not multiple individual devices.

FlexSwitch NOS

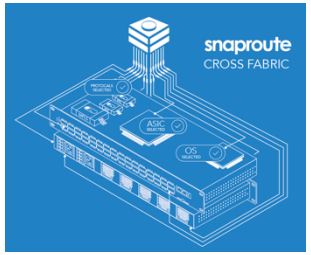


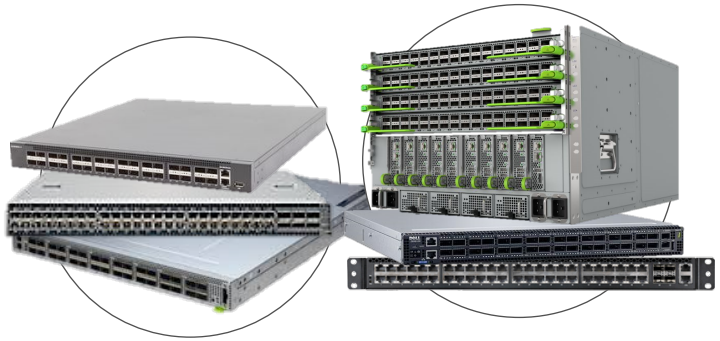


Install Only What's Needed
Simple, Stable, Reliable

We run exactly what is needed for each specific point in the network. Nothing more. Increases reliability and simplifies troubleshooting.

CrossFabric





Any ASIC, Any Switch, Any OS

Complete Choice & Control
Leverage White Box Economics

Incumbent switch hardware cannot or does not provide access, control, and visibility mechanisms we need. So we built on top of white-box.

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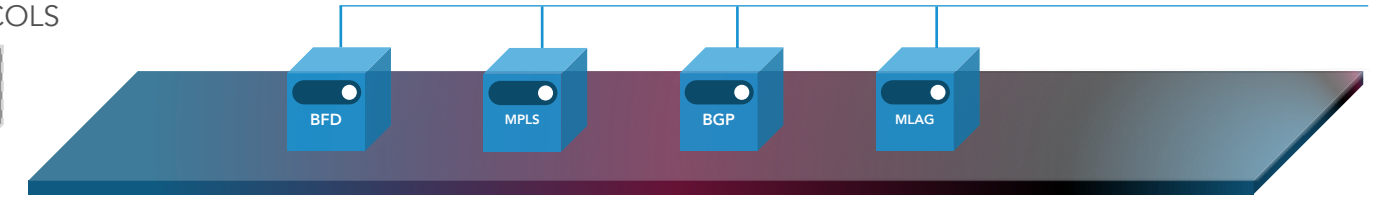
The FlexSwitch Stack

ONBOARD NETWORK APPLICATIONS
Open platform to drive specific business needs

BUILT FOR AUTOMATION
CLI, API, JSON, DEVOPS

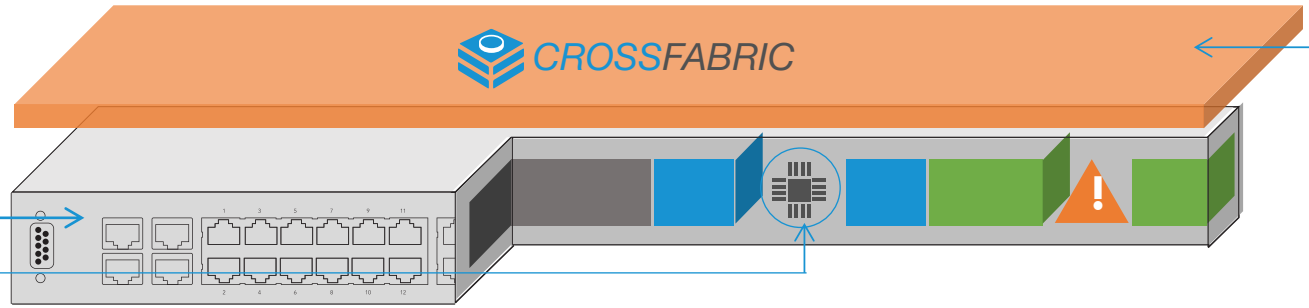
COMPLETE ACCESS & VISIBILITY
Down to the Silicon

AVAILABLE, BUT UNINSTALLED PROTOCOLS



MODULAR PROTOCOLS
Independent microservices: install and run only what's needed at each node

OS CHOICE
Distribution Independent



COMPLETE ABSTRACTION
Platform, ASIC, Optics

HARDWARE CHOICE
Any white box / switch ASIC

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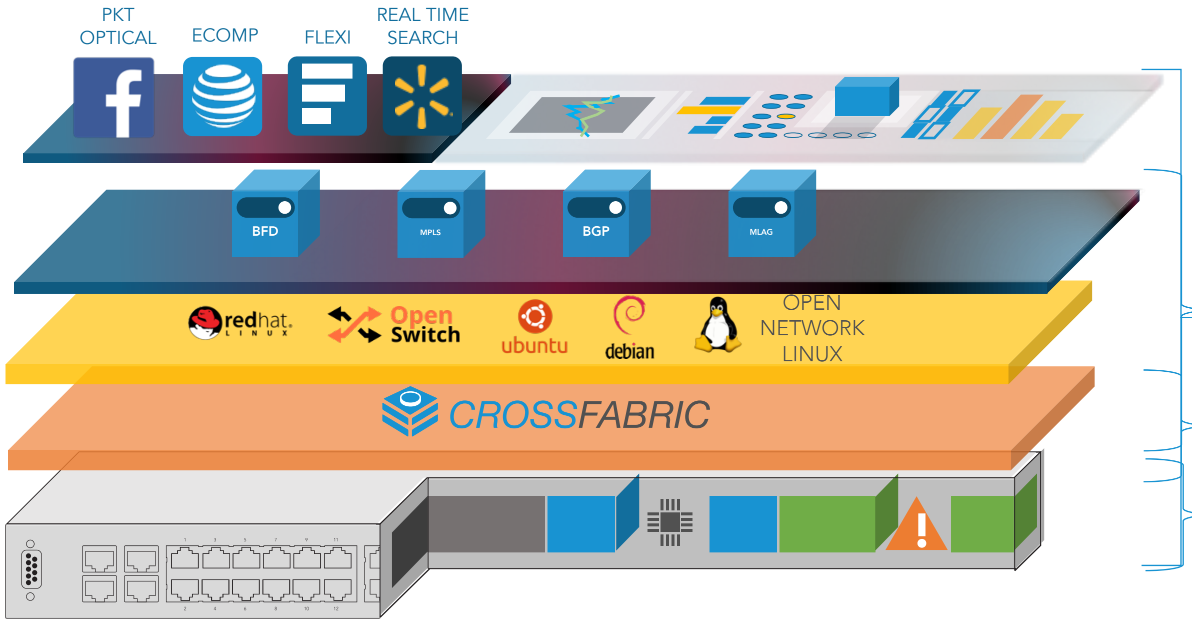
FlexSwitch Foundation



golang Apache Thrift redis nanomsg

Leverages Proven Technologies

FlexSwitch core and protocol stacks written in Go. Built for high concurrency (Google webservers). Requires fewer lines of code.

Communication between FlexSwitch modules is via nanomsg: fast and scalable.

NoSQL database simplifies development. Switch configuration, state, and RIB leverage Redis.

Modern switches have powerful, multi-core CPUs. Go & Thrift take full advantage without custom RPC code.

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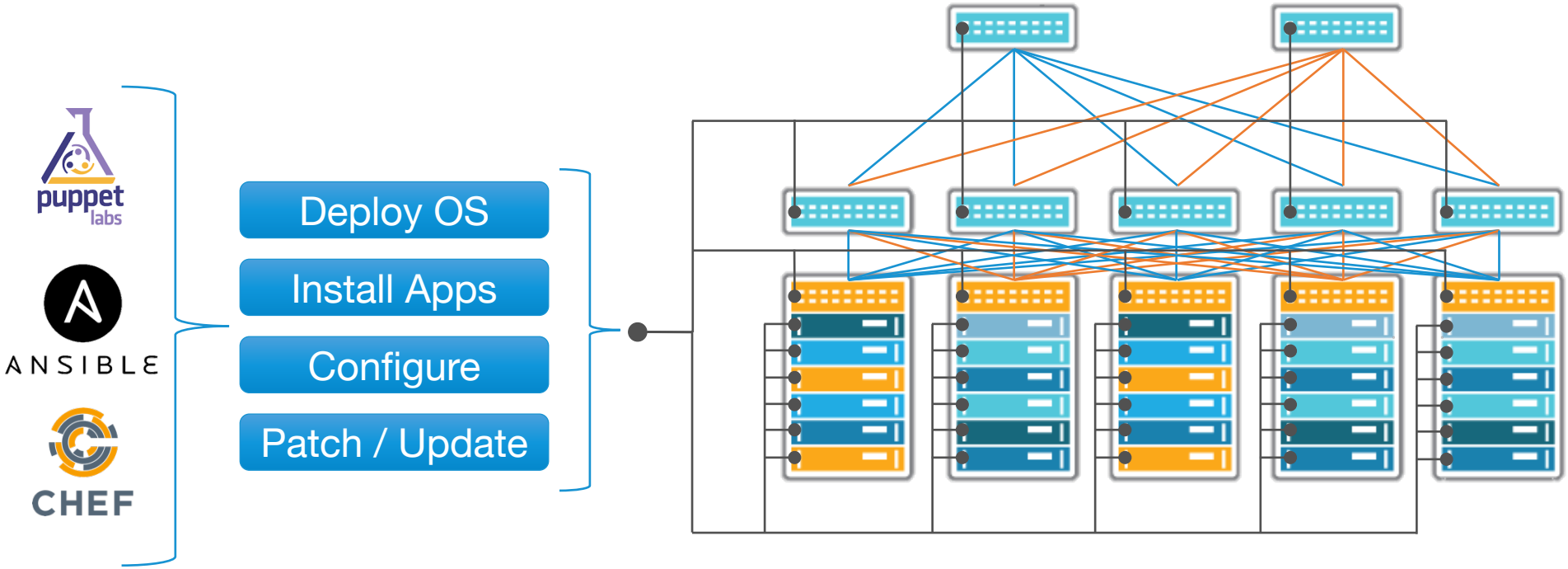
Leverage modern data center automation

Configure, manage, and monitor at scale, just like servers



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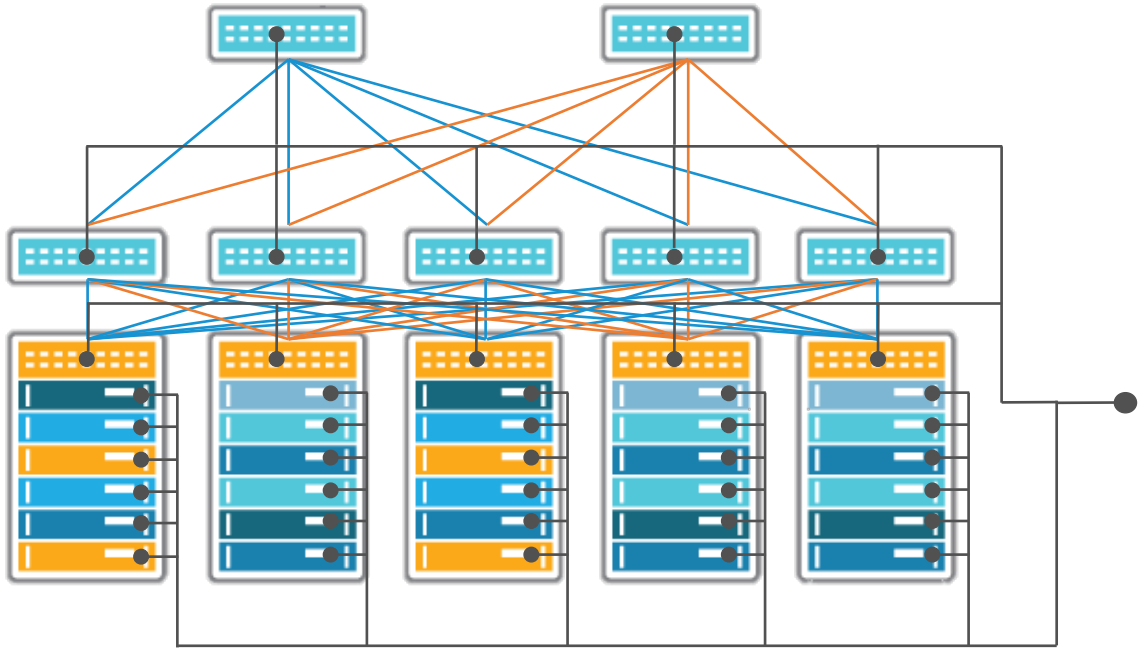


Publish

Analyze

Correlate

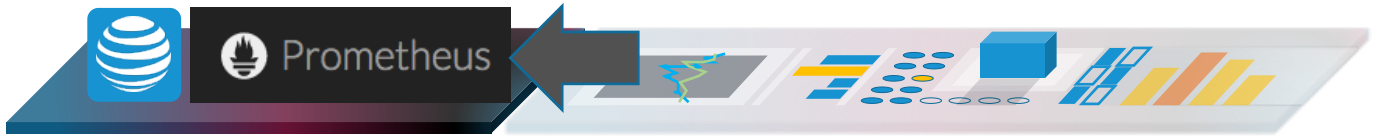
Visualize

Grafana

influxdata

Prometheus

ECOMP



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