

Cisco Open SDN Controller

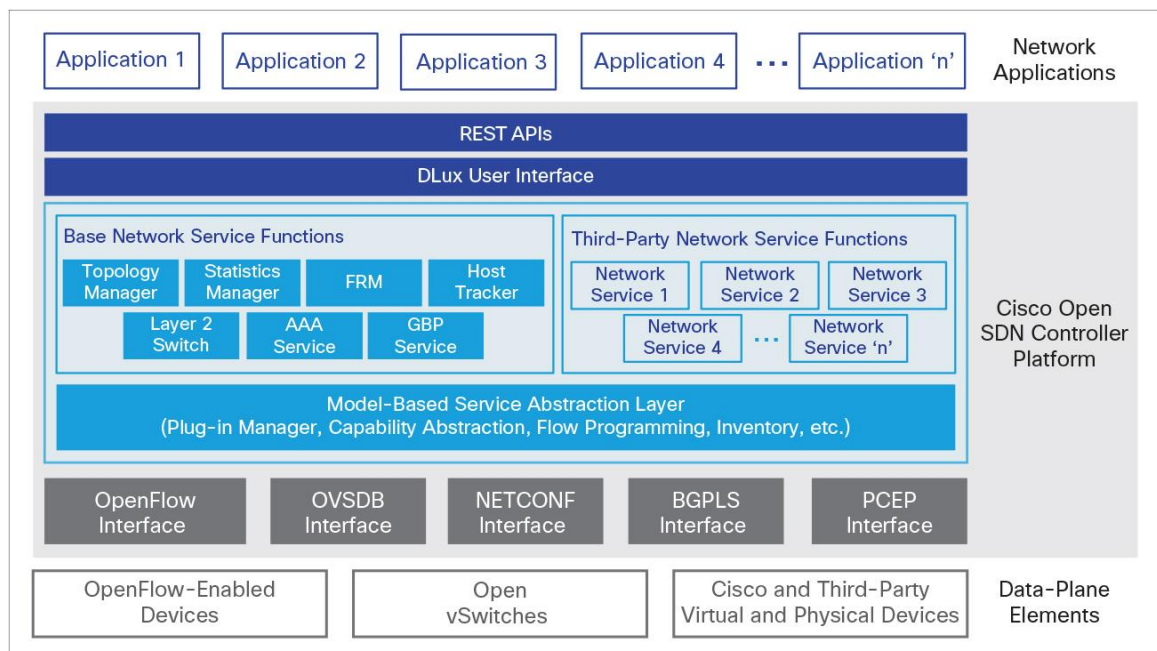
The Cisco® Open SDN Controller is Cisco’s commercial distribution of the open source OpenDaylight software-defined networking (SDN) controller.

Product Overview

The Cisco Open SDN Controller is a commercial distribution of [OpenDaylight](#) that delivers business agility through automation of standards-based network infrastructure.

Built as a highly scalable software-defined networking (SDN) platform, the Open SDN Controller abstracts away the complexity of managing heterogeneous networks to improve service delivery and reduce operating costs (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Cisco Open SDN Controller Platform



As an open source based software, the Open SDN Controller continuously advances through on-going Cisco innovation and the support of the OpenDaylight community.

Application demand is pushing IT to meet service and scale levels beyond what is possible with traditional networks. To accelerate IT, processes to provision, configure, operate and monitor networks must be automated and instrumented through abstraction based intelligence and control. Robust controller-based applications creation, integration, and verification support is provided through comprehensive development environment from [Cisco DevNet](#).

The Open SDN Controller is optimized for open source innovators who value “supported” open source SDN technologies, application developers building upon OpenDaylight, and environments like higher education that use technologies like OpenFlow to support heterogeneous network elements.

Features and Benefits

Table 1 lists the main features and benefits of the Cisco Open SDN Controller.

Table 1. Features and Benefits

Feature	Benefit
Commercial distribution	Provides hardened, validated, and supported OpenDaylight software distribution
Clustering	Increases availability and scale
Serviceability	Provides monitoring, metrics collection, and log management
OVA file packaging	Simplifies installation and increases deployment flexibility
Northbound Representational State Transfer (REST) APIs	Allows easy integration of applications
Network service Java APIs	Enables the creation and support of new embedded network service functions to deliver custom controller capabilities
Southbound device plug-ins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connects compatible Cisco and third-party virtual and physical network elements• Supports heterogeneous network environments

Robust Application Development Environment

Cisco DevNet provides a robust application development environment for the Cisco Open SDN Controller. DevNet is a community for software developers who use Cisco technologies in their work. The Cisco DevNet portal is DevNet's online presence through which software developers have access to APIs, software development kits (SDKs), sandboxes, support, community forums, and more to help them build applications based on Cisco products.

DevNet provides resources and support to bring your solutions online faster and with the highest possible quality. Whether you are a network engineer just starting to write code or an experienced software developer, DevNet helps you build applications to enhance and manage Cisco networks, or create new, network-enabled software applications for your customers. At the Cisco DevNet portal, you'll find systems integration know-how, network management best practices, integrated server strategies, ready-to-use code samples, and software development sandboxes.

Joining the Cisco DevNet Community is free and easy. Developers who are DevNet members can take advantage of its many benefits and services, including:

- **APIs:** Get everything you need to build innovative Cisco technologies into your applications quickly and efficiently.
- **Developer sandbox:** This cloud lab service, available 24 hours a day every day, helps you get your applications to market fast and efficiently with zero deployment impact.
- **Community forums and exchanges:** Get access to Cisco technical experts as well as fellow developers who may have traveled the same path as you.
- **Interoperability verification testing:** Use Cisco's approved testing methodology to test and certify platform integration.

Note: Cisco Solution Partners can use the Cisco Compatible logo after successful completion of interoperability verification testing.

For more information about the Cisco Open SDN Controller application development environment, visit developer.cisco.com/site/opensdn.

Platform Support

Table 2 lists the platforms that the Cisco Open SDN Controller supports.

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Product Family	Platforms Supported	Cisco Software Images (Feature Sets) Supported
Cisco ASR 9000 Series Aggregation Services Routers	Cisco ASR 9001, 9904, 9006, 9010, 9912, and 9922	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco IOS® XR Software 5.2.0, with OpenFlow 1.0 and 1.3 and Border Gateway Protocol Link State (BGPLS) • Cisco IOS XR Software 5.3.0L, with Path Computation Element Communication Protocol (PCEP)
Cisco Nexus® 3000 Series Switches	Cisco Nexus 3016Q, 3048, 3064X, 3064-32T, 3064T, 3132Q, 3172PQ, and 3172TQ	Cisco NXOS® Software 6.0(2)U4(1), ofa1.1.5, with OpenFlow 1.3

Product Specifications

Table 3 presents the specifications for the Cisco Open SDN Controller.

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Item	Specification
Southbound plug-ins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OpenFlow • OVSDB • NETCONF • BGPLS • PCEP
OpenFlow support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OpenFlow 1.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) topology ◦ Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2 ◦ Basic Layer 2 and 3 flows ◦ Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) header support: match on source and destination IP address and source and destination MAC address ◦ Normal action • OpenFlow 1.3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) ◦ QinQ ◦ Group table: All, Fast Failover, and IP Hop ◦ Logical interface ◦ IPv6 header: source IP address, destination IP address, and flow label extension header ◦ Provider Backbone Bridging (PBB) 1.3 ◦ Metering tables ◦ Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) Version 6 Neighbor Discovery support: target IP address, source link layer, and destination link layer • Cisco Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) extensions (set Virtual Routing and Forwarding [VRF], set next hop, and set Forward Class [FCID])
Open vSwitch Database Management Protocol (OVSDB) support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create (bridge, port, and interface) • Modify (bridge, port, and interface) • Delete (bridge, port, and interface)

Item	Specification
NETCONF support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFC 6241 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Read configuration (get and get-config) ◦ Edit configuration ◦ Copy configuration ◦ Delete configuration ◦ Notifications
YANG support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFC 6020 • OpenDaylight YANG models at https://wiki.opendaylight.org/view/YANG_Tools:Available_Models
BGPLS support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFC 1997 • RFC 4271 • RFC 4360 • RFC 4760 • RFC 6793 • draft-ietf-idr-ls-distribution-04
PCEP support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFC 5440 • RFC 5541 • RFC 5455 • RFC 5521 • RFC 5557 • draft-ietf-pce-stateful-pce-07 • draft-ietf-pce-pce-initiated-lsp-00 • draft-sivabalan-pce-segment-routing-02 • draft-sivabalan-pce-lsp-setup-type-01
Embedded applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco OpenFlow Manager • Cisco PCEP Manager
Base services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model-Based Service Abstraction Layer (MD-SAL) • Topology Manager • Statistics Manager • Switch Manager • Forwarding Rules Manager • Host Tracker • ARP Manager
Services container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karaf: http://karaf.apache.org/(3.0.1)
Clustering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northbound REST APIs (load balancing) • Network services • OpenFlow, NETCONF, BGP, and PCEP southbound plug-ins • Consolidated logs, monitoring, and metrics • Data store
Serviceability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log management • Monitoring and metrics collection (CPU, memory, disk, and network interface utilization)
Web UI support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chrome • FireFox

System Requirements

The Cisco Open SDN Controller is distributed as an Open Virtualization Archive (OVA) file. Table 4 lists the system requirements for the Cisco Open SDN Controller OVA.

Table 4. System Requirements

Disk space	Minimum 64 GB required
Hardware	Intel 4-core processor
Memory	Minimum 16 GB of RAM required
Hypervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VMware ESXi 5.1 or later• Oracle Virtual Box 4.3 or later

Warranty Information

For more information about the Cisco Open SDN Controller warranty, visit <http://www.cisco.com/go/warranty>.

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