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Data Center Disaster Recovery

Customer Case Study

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Disaster Recovery Overview

What is Disaster Recovery ?

Disaster Recovery (DR) is the process, policies and procedures that are related to preparing for recovery of technology infrastructure which are vital to an organization's business continuation after a natural or human-induced disaster.

Disaster Recovery focuses on the IT or Technology Systems that support business functions, and involves planning for keeping all aspects of a business functions in the midst of disruptive events.

Disaster Recovery vs. High Availability

Disaster Recovery

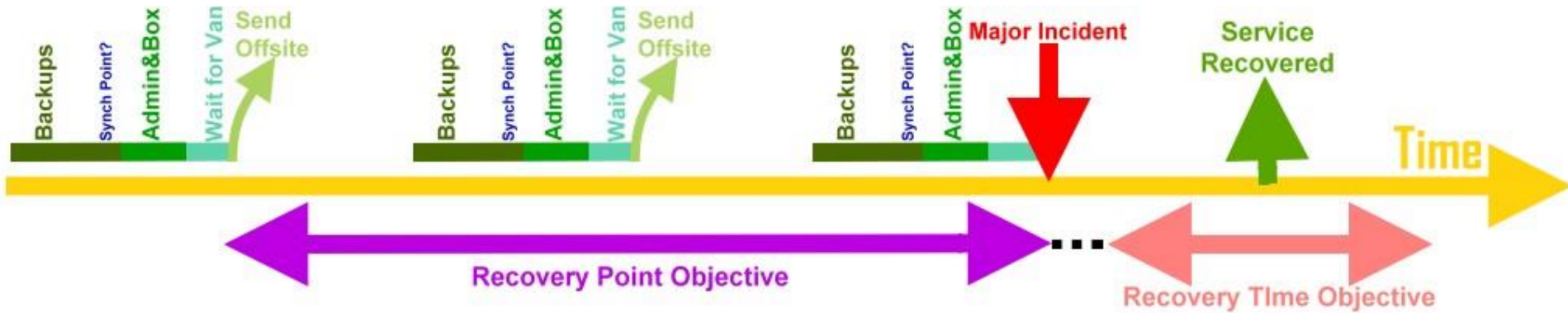
- Addresses service continuity, so that in case of disaster, service is maintained through a standby geographically isolated site.
- Two independent environments, typically in separate and distinct facilities, each contain their own data (in the file system and database) and executable.
- Data and configuration information are replicated between the production and standby sites.

High Availability

- Addresses service availability, providing redundancy so that if one infrastructure component (network, servers, processes) becomes unavailable, overall service remains available locally within the site.
- A single system contains its own data (in the file system and database) and executable.
- Data replication is unnecessary (although data should be backed up).

Why Disaster Recovery ?

- The primary objective of a disaster recovery is to minimize downtime and data loss in the event of the failure of an active site.
- Minimizing downtime and data loss is measured in terms of two concepts: the Recovery Time Objective (RTO) and the Recovery Point Objective (RPO).



Recovery Time Objective / Recovery Point Objective

- Recovery time objective (RTO) is the maximum desired length of time allowed between an unexpected failure or disaster and the resumption of normal operations and service levels.
- A recovery point objective (RPO) is the maximum acceptable amount of data loss during the outage time. It is the delta of the data in storage & backup required to synchronize normal operation of systems.

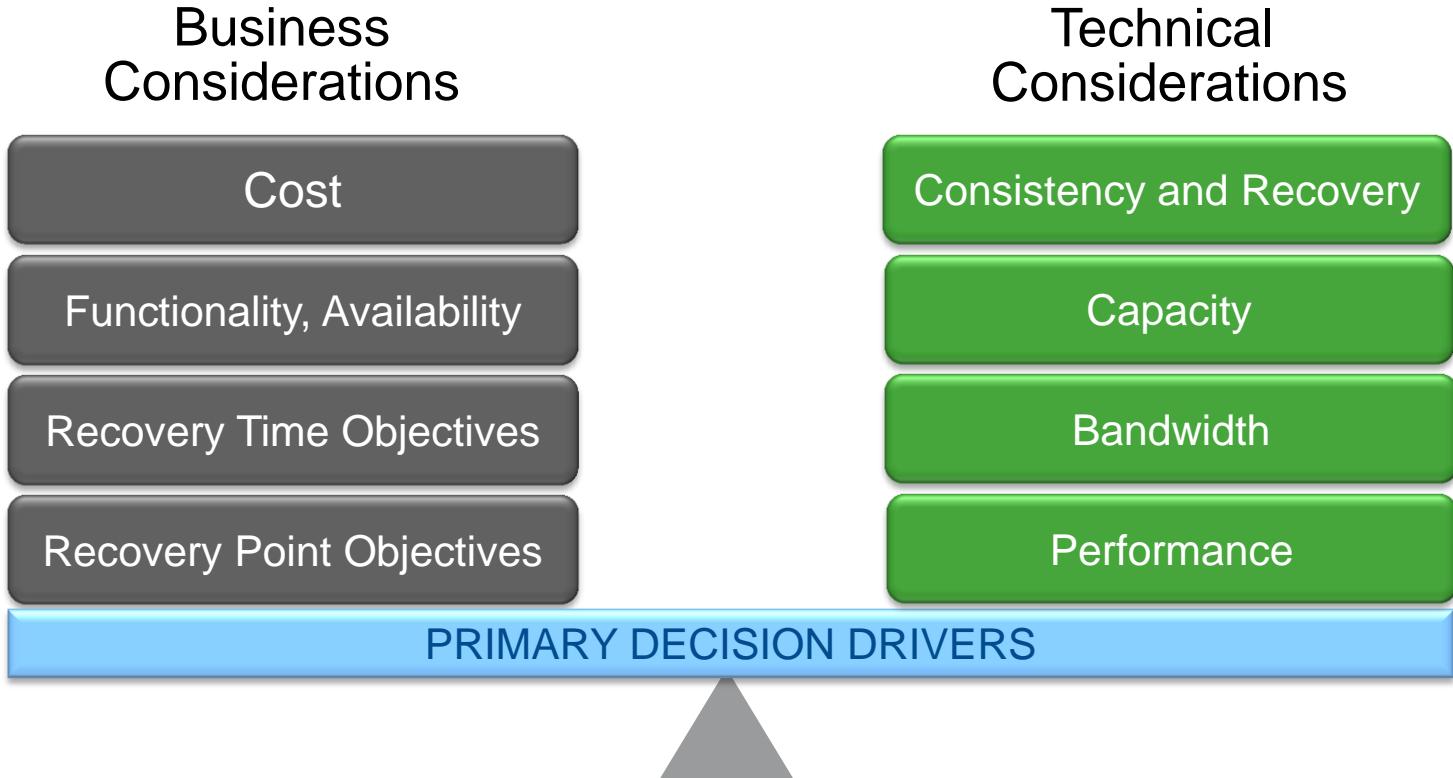


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Disaster Recovery Business Drivers

Disaster Recovery Decision Drivers



Disaster Recovery Importance for Main Stream Verticals



Business Type

- Large Enterprises
- Corporation
- SMB



Verticals

- Healthcare
- Utilities
- K-12
- Financials
- Airline
- Retails
- Manufacturing



Business Revenue Sensitivity

- Financials/Banking
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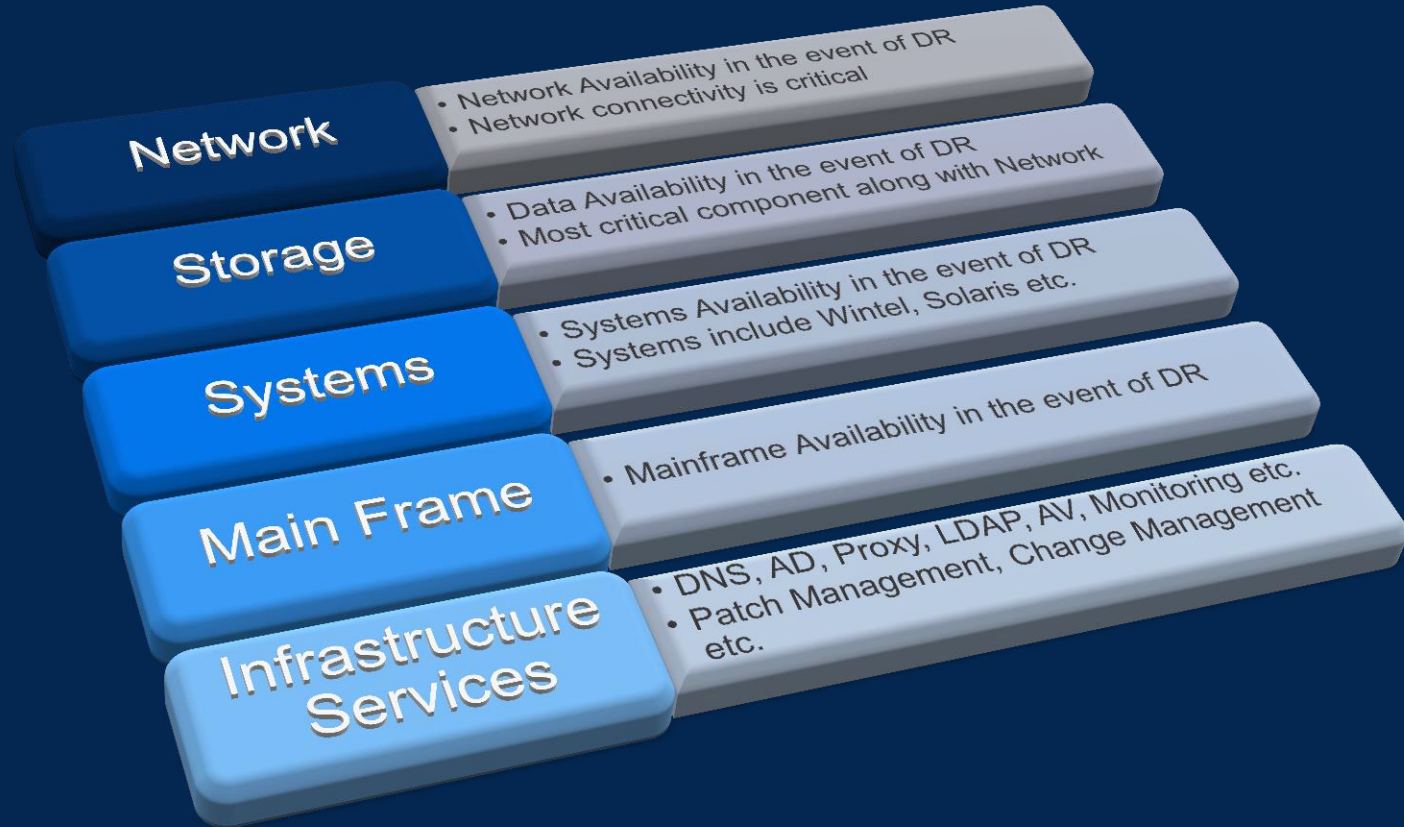
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Disaster Recovery: Technology Snapshot



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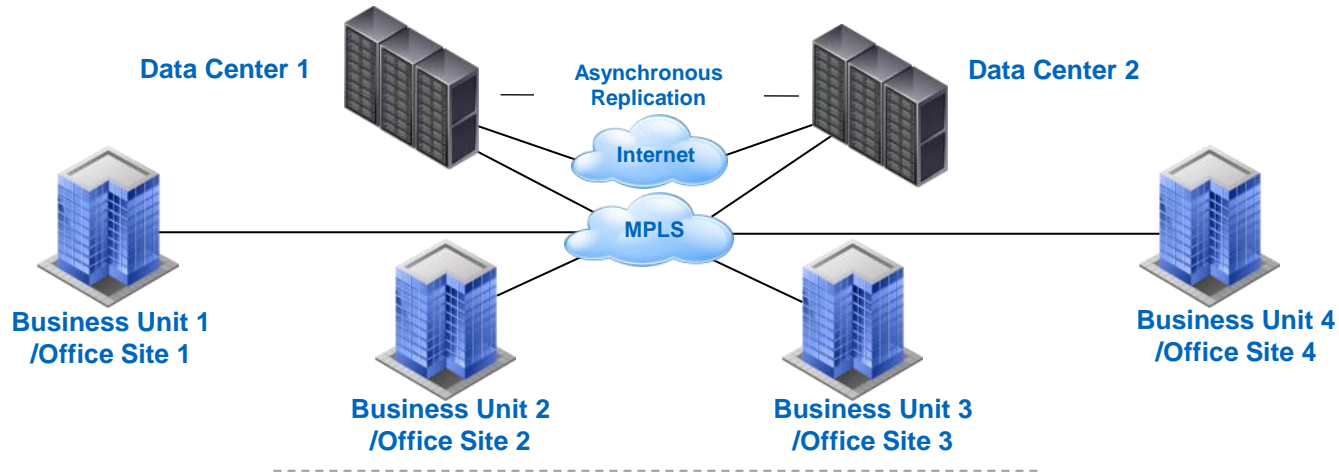
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Disaster Recovery Facility Models

DR Facility Model: Two Data Center Sites

Base IT Facility Model

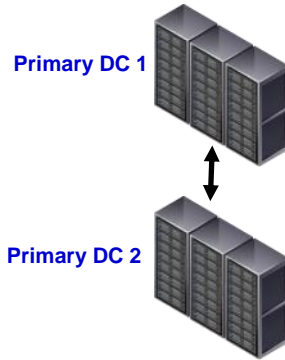
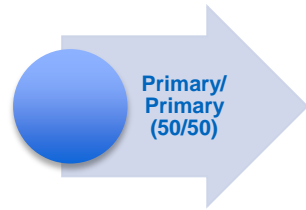


DR Facility Models

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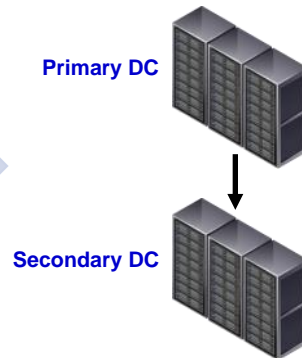
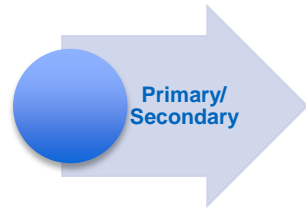
Two internal facilities with production balanced between both sites

✧ PROS: -

- ✧ Full control of IT assets
- ✧ Reduced site loss impact (e.g. outage to only 50% of production)
- ✧ Support of site load-balancing for higher availability

✧ CONS: -

- ✧ Highest change management risk during DR testing
- ✧ Greater complexity for network infrastructure and application designs



Two internal facilities with production in the primary and DR in the secondary

✧ PROS: -

- ✧ Full control of IT assets
- ✧ Flexible DR test scheduling
- ✧ Less complex fail-over to DR
- ✧ Low risk of production impact during DR testing

✧ CONS: -

- ✧ Highest cost (e.g. requires more bandwidth and storage for replication)
- ✧ Highest outage impact with all production in a single site

Note: Development and testing environments can be run from secondary site

DR Facility Models

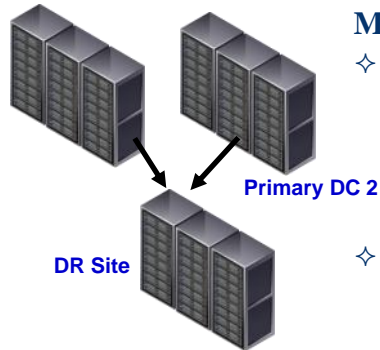
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Description

Multiple Sites/
Single DR

Primary DC 1



Multiple internal production sites with a single DR site for largest production site

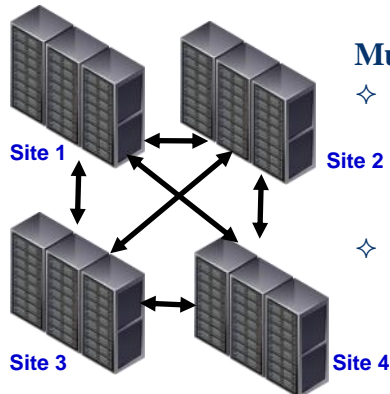
✧ PROS: -

- ✧ Full control of IT assets with all internal sites
- ✧ Maximize DR install and test flexibility by leveraging single DR site
- ✧ Simplified DR network and storage infrastructure with a single DR site
- ✧ Low risk of production impact during DR testing

✧ CONS: -

- ✧ Minimal use of DR site for normal operation.
- ✧ Only used in annual DR exercise.
- ✧ High cost (e.g. bandwidth and storage for one-way replication)

Multiple sites/
Integrated DR



Multiple internal production sites with a DR services integrated between site

✧ PROS: -

- ✧ Full control of IT assets with all internal sites
- ✧ Reduced site loss impact (e.g. outage to only 25% of production)
- ✧ Support of multi-site load-balancing for highest availability

✧ CONS: -

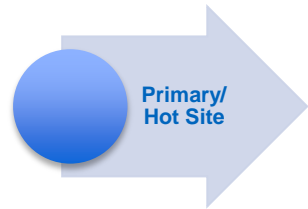
- ✧ Highest change management risk during DR testing
- ✧ Most complex model for infrastructure design and support

DR Facility Models

Model

Illustration

Description



Primary Site



Vendor Hot Site



Primary DC



Secondary DC



Vendor Hot Site



One internal site for production and a vendor hot site for data recovery

✧ PROS: -

- ✧ Lowest initial and ongoing data center facility costs
- ✧ IT staff augmentation available with hot site resources
- ✧ Data Center facilities support and equipment maintenance included
- ✧ Least impact to existing IT infrastructure and resources

✧ CONS: -

- ✧ Limited DR testing flexibility
- ✧ Limited post disaster occupancy period (e.g. can not be a permanent site)
- ✧ Possible 1st come, 1st server guarantee issues for preferred vendor location

Production site and two DR sites; internal for replication, hot site for lower priority

✧ PROS: -

- ✧ Less cost than larger second internal sites for DR
- ✧ Flexibility to install and test DR for critical applications
- ✧ DR for Lower priority applications provided at lower price point

✧ CONS: -

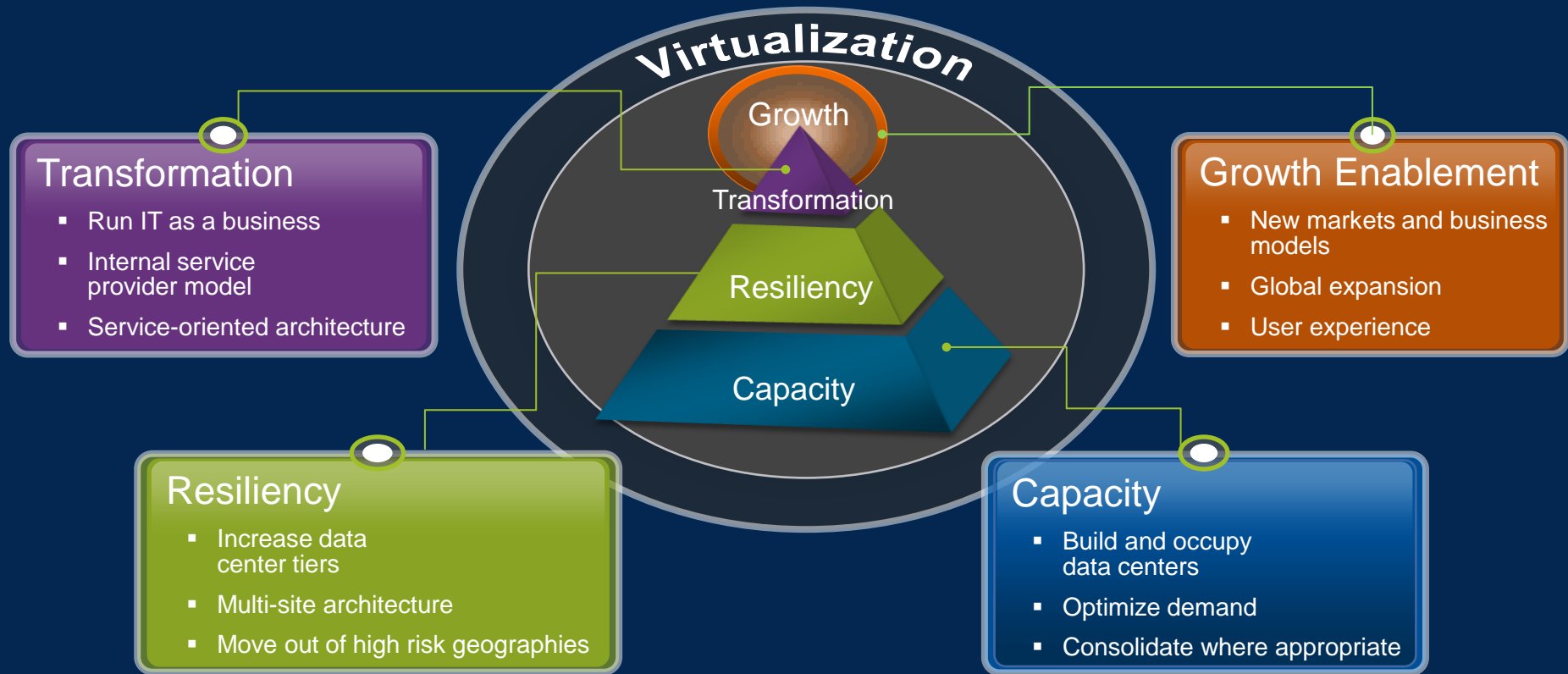
- ✧ Greater technical support effort with two DR sites
- ✧ Increased IT Management and administration effort with two DR sites

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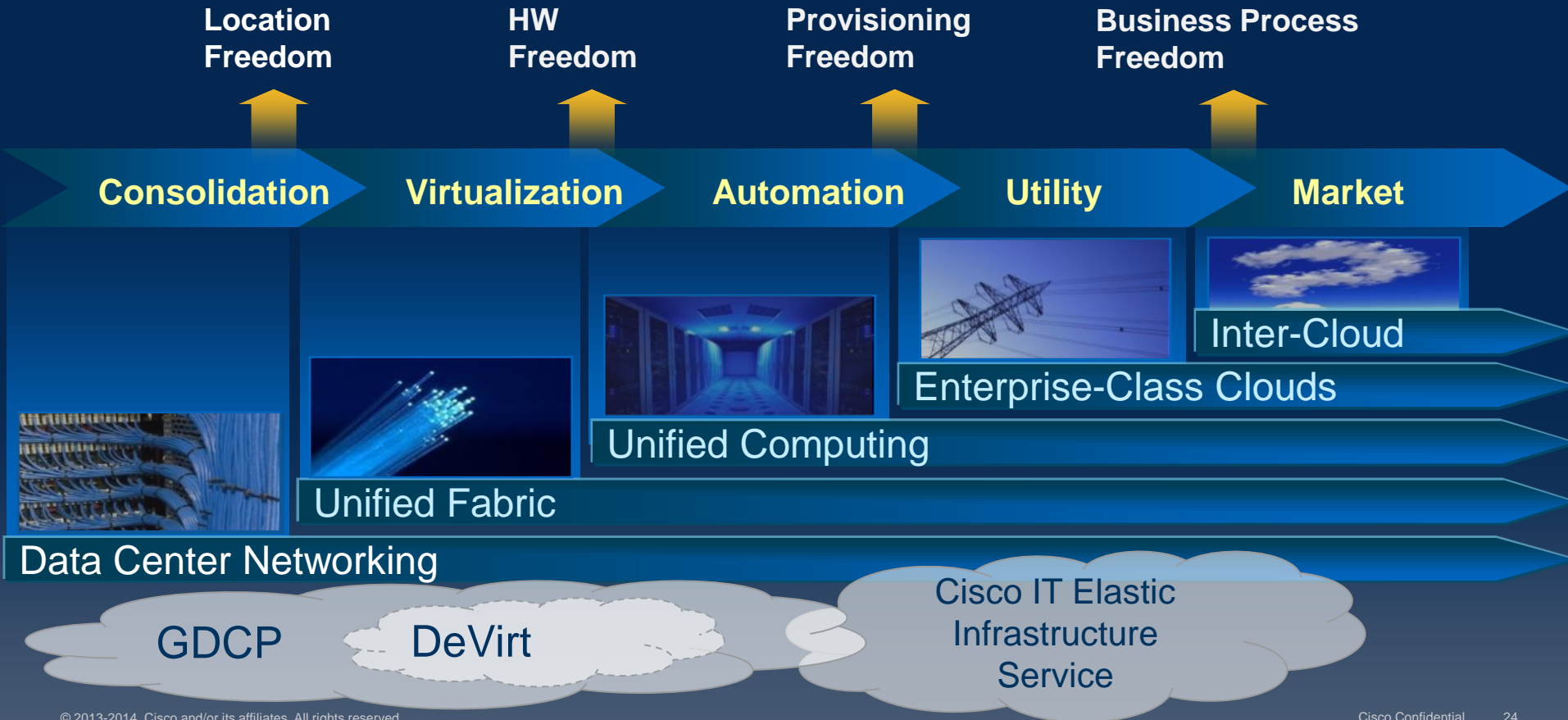


Cisco IT: Disaster Recovery Strategy

Global Data Center Strategy

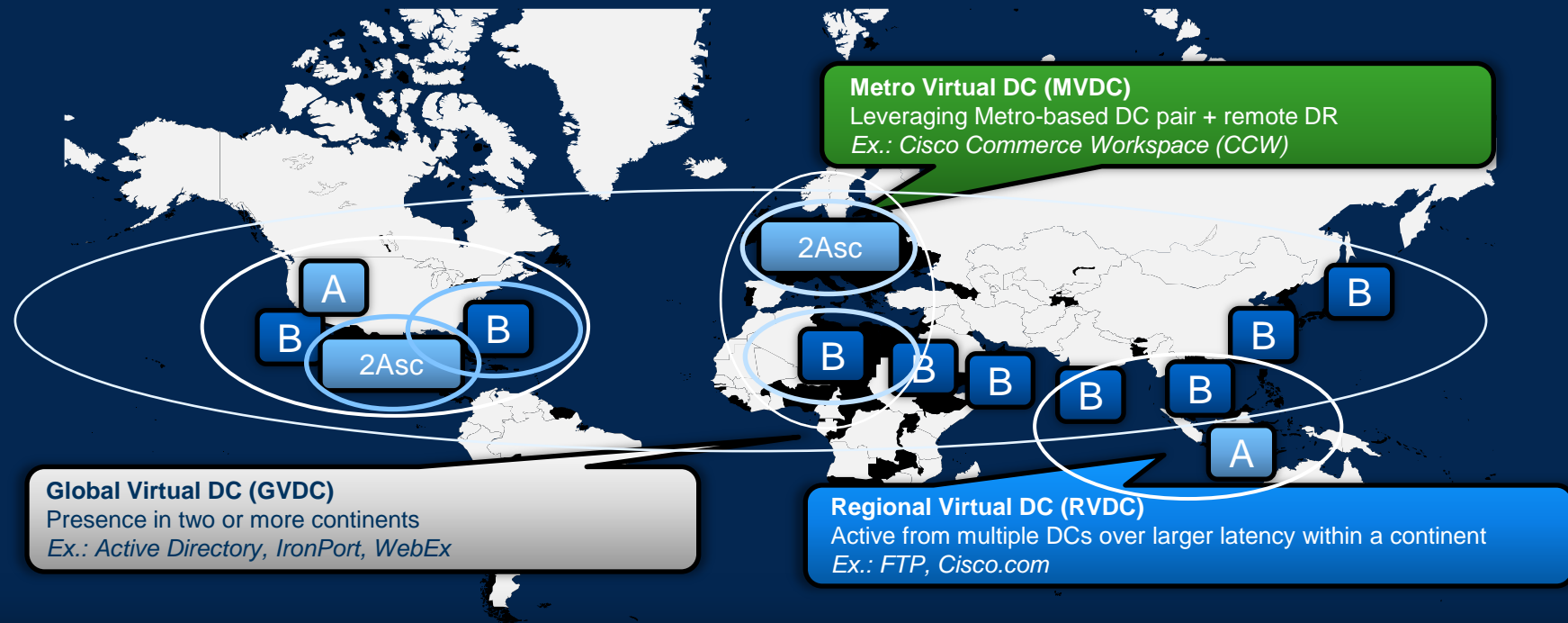


DC 3.0 – A Transformational Journey



Global Data Center Presence—Target State

Shared Resilient Infrastructure Enables Diversified Business Growth

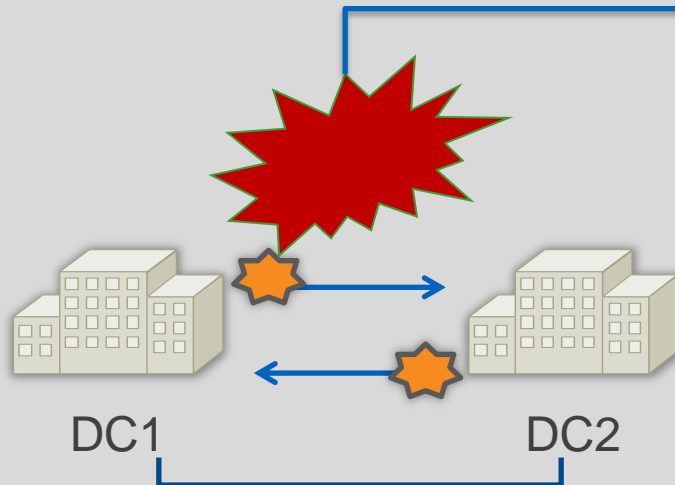


Distributed Virtual Data Center (DVDC) Architecture

Three Variations Reflecting Varying Latency Constraints and Performance Requirements

Resiliency Strategy

Business Continuity



Metro Area Redundancy (MVDC)

Disaster Recovery



Remote Protection (DR)

DR Strategy Key Tenets



Make DR prioritization less prohibitive

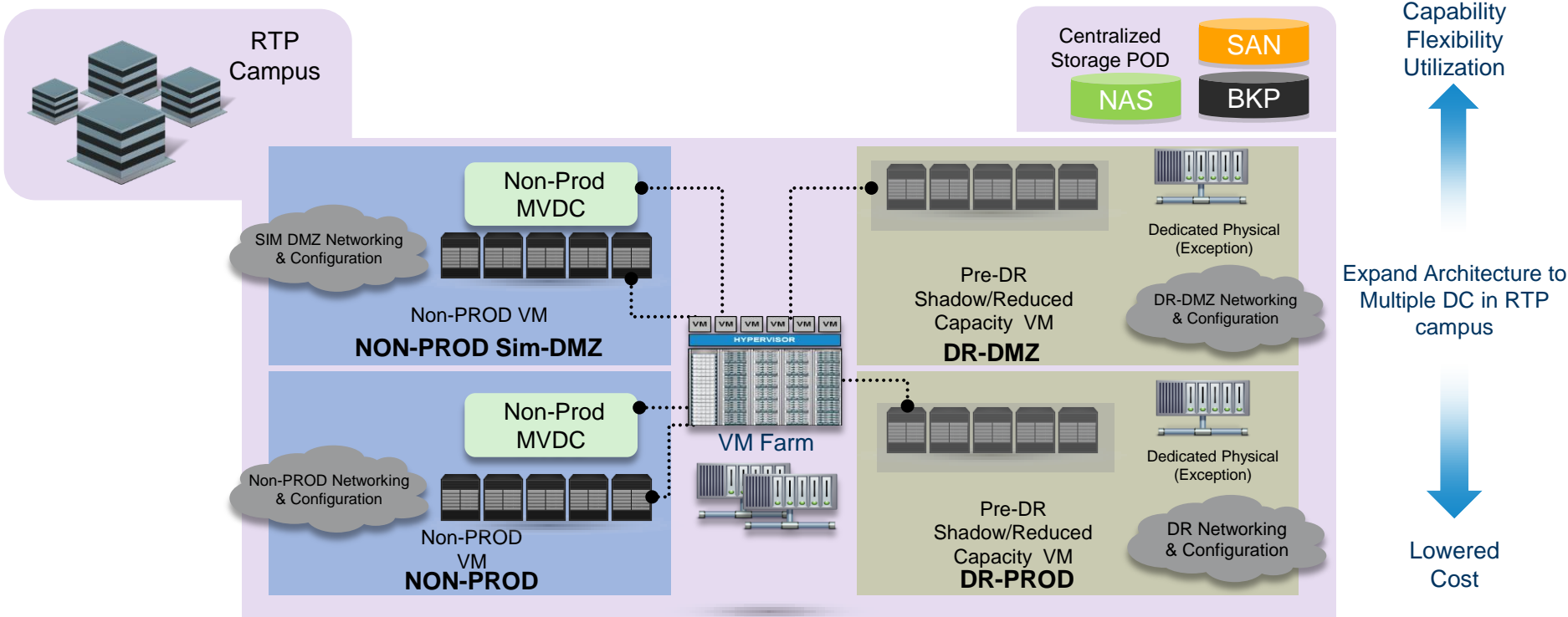
Drive cost efficiencies through reuse of infrastructure and processes

Integrate DR into day to day operations

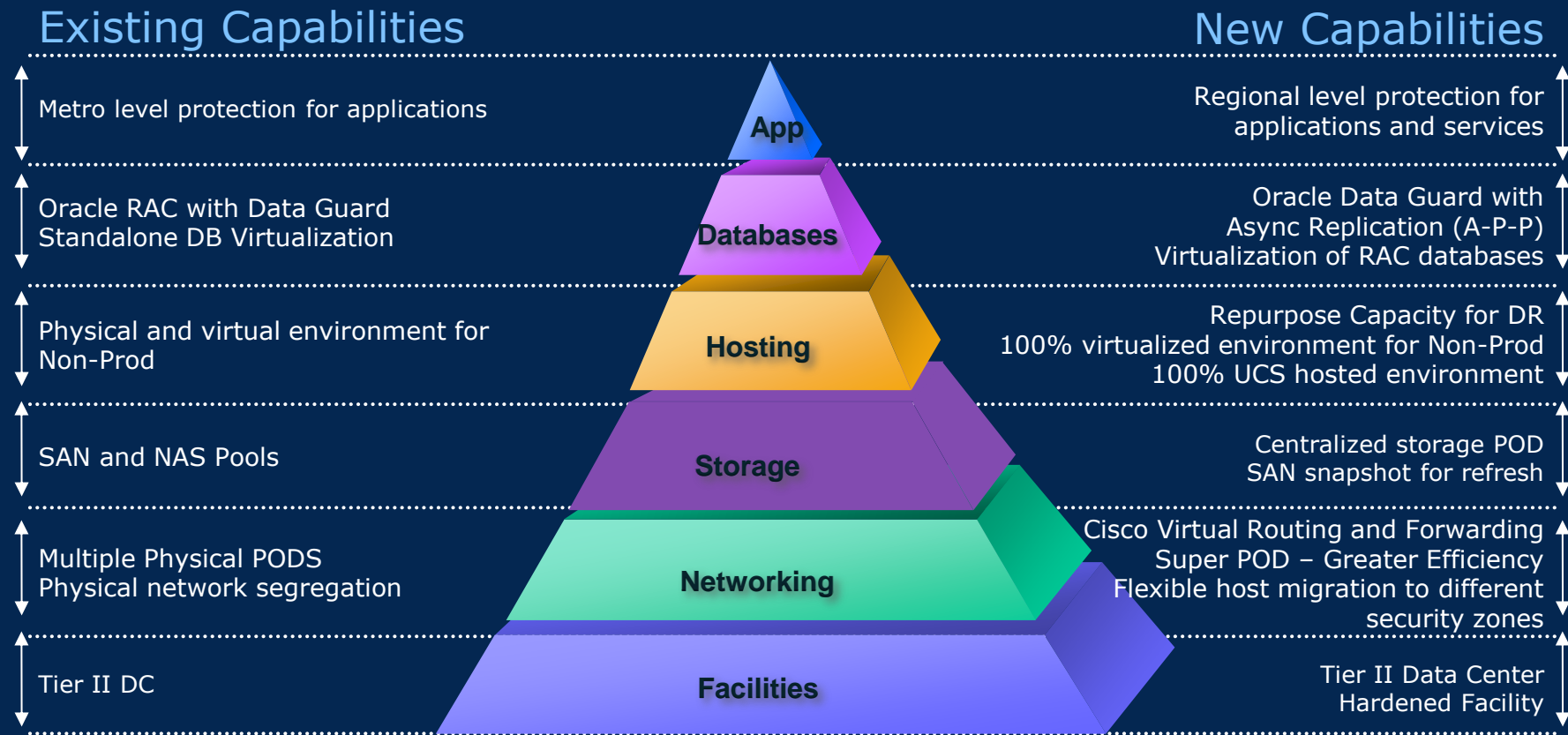
Make capacity growth sustainable through repurposed infrastructure and shared resources leveraging virtualization

Disaster Recovery Architecture

Virtual Routing and Forwarding and Virtualization for Re-Purpose Based DR



Disaster Recovery Drives Transformation



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ABC Corporation: Case Study

ABC Corporation: Overview

ABC Corporation Size: 2000 Employees, 10 Office Location, 2 DCs

ABC Corporation Vertical: Transportation

ABC Corporation Revenue: 3 Billion

ABC Corporation IT Budget: 60 Million/Year (2%)

ABC Corporation Revenue Sensitivity: HIGH

ABC Corporation: Network DR Design

1. Overview

Objectives, Assumptions, Current State

2. DR-Network Design Requirements

Guiding Principles, NAD, WAN Link Analysis, Network DR requirements List

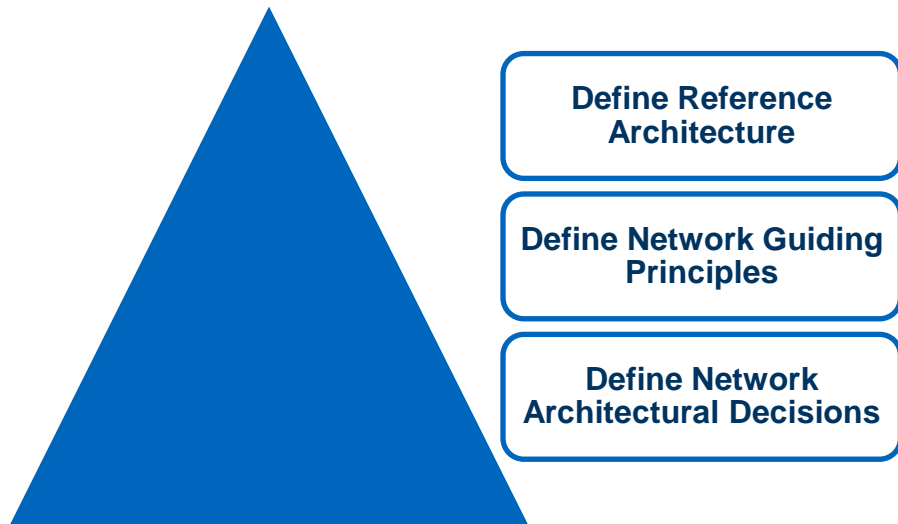
3. DR-Network Design

Proposed LAN/ WAN/ DCI Design & Recommendation

1. ABC Corporation Overview: Objectives

Full DC-1 failure: All production to be recovered in DC-2:

- ❖ Design DR Network Solutions for the recovery of ABC Corporation's Production systems running in Site-1 to Site-2 in the event of a full Site-1 data center failure.



1. ABC Corporation Overview: Assumptions

See Reference Architecture Diagram for Reference:

- ❖ Used average peak utilization for GigaMAN, MIS, EVPN and DCI for DR WAN sizing requirements
- ❖ Future State 2x1GE (Premium 1GE circuit with 500M CDR) connection to AWS in DC-1 will be backed up by VPN tunnel in DR Site. 20% of 500M CDR has been assumed for DR design MIS sizing
- ❖ This DR design provides Connectivity/Access to external vendor clouds (AWS) for DR Event support.
- ❖ Dual Data Center Application Model Assumptions. Current model in use is Primary/Secondary with Active/Active components in Secondary site.
- ❖ All Extranet/B2B connections are via internet using VPN tunnels
- ❖ No Assumption for Routers, switches, firewalls, IPS, LBs (Virtualization Compliant)
- ❖ DR Testing will be performed using controlled network access to the DR site i.e. DR-Lab and pre-defined WAN test cases

1. ABC Corporation Overview: Current State

i – Current State (Findings) for LAN:

- ❖ Recover existing production DC-1-IP Addresses for DR in DC-2
- ❖ Active-Active for some applications i.e. DC-1/DC-2: Email, AD

ii - Current State (Findings) for WAN

- ❖ Current State: WAN Components
 - ✧ DC-1 Data Center has 4-Paths to the rest of the ABC Network
- ❖ AWS Cloud Connectivity are VPN tunnels: from DC-1 for production and from DC-2 for development on existing MIS-DS3 circuits

iii. Current State (Findings) for DCI *DCI= Data Center Interconnect

- ❖ 2 x OC-12s between DC-1 – DC-2

1. ABC Corp. Overview: Alternate Routing Scenarios

- ❖ Alternate Routing Scenarios can be configured as follows (Refer to figure 2):
 - ✧ Internet (MIS) Failure → DNS redirect. All traffic comes to DC-2 and over EVPN to DC-1
 - ✧ DC-1-EVPN Failure → DCI as alternative. All Traffic traverses GigaMAN to DC-1
 - ✧ GigaMAN failure → All traffic comes to DC-1 via EVPN as backup, controlled by BGP
 - ✧ DCI failure → All traffic traverses via EVPN to DC-2
 - ✧ Some additional configuration required for alternate routing

2. ABC Corporation: DR-Network Design Requirements

a. Network Guiding Principles (NGPs)

- ❖ LAN Guiding Principles (Core, Distribution, Access, Firewalls, IPS, LB)
- ❖ WAN Guiding Principles (internet, Intranet, DCI)

b. Network Architectural Decisions (NADs)

- ❖ LAN Architectural Decisions (Core, Distribution, Access, Firewalls, IPS, LB)
- ❖ WAN Architectural Decisions (MIS, EVPN)
- ❖ DCI Architectural Decisions

c. WAN Link Analysis

- ❖ MIS (internet) Link Analysis
 - ✧ Utilization, Sizing, Costing, Recommendation
- ❖ EVPN (Intranet) Link Analysis
 - ✧ Utilization, Sizing, Costing, Recommendation
- ❖ DCI (Data Center Interconnect) Link Analysis
 - ✧ Utilization, Sizing, Costing, Recommendation

2. ABC Corporation: Network Guiding Principles (NGPs)

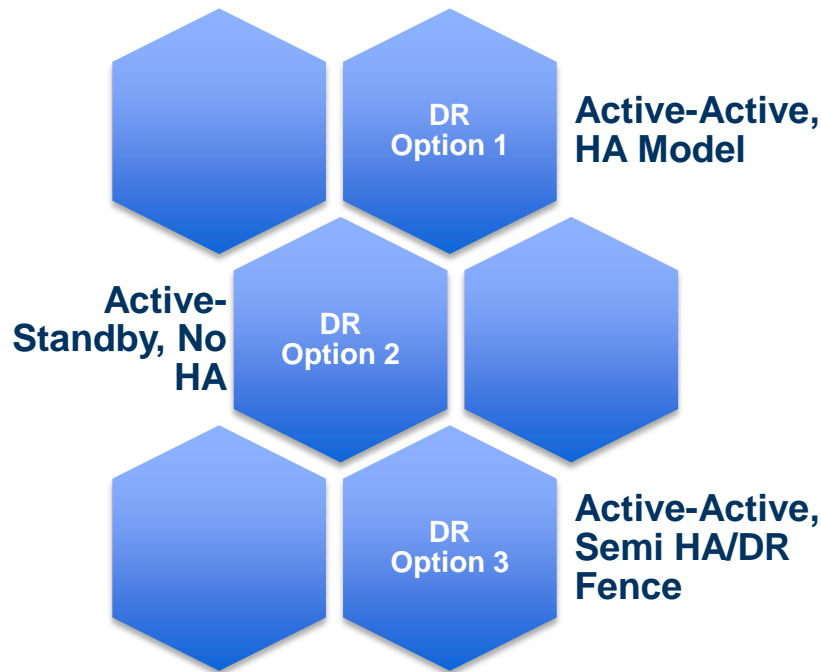
- NGP#1** Applications have hard-coded IP Addresses.
- NGP#2** Leverage the existing Network architecture and equipment at DC-2 to reduce component costs.
- NGP#3** Network Resilience for the DR environment should be equivalent to the production systems i.e. Dual network devices, Dual Server NICs, dual HBAs per Server, Redundant IP connections etc.
- NGP#4** DR Solutions should be scalable to accommodate new applications, technology and growth
- NGP#5** The DR Site must have facility capacity to support build out of 100% and beyond
- NGP#6** Cross data center active/active or active/passive solutions are considered for production systems and can be used in a DR event but should not be disrupted for DR testing because it could potentially corrupt data
- NGP#7** The external perimeter (internet) and internal perimeter (intranet) firewall devices **MUST** be from different security vendors, i.e. Use Cisco ASA 5520 for internet and Checkpoint FCS-20s for intranet

2. ABC Corporation: Network Architectural Decisions (NADs)

- NAD # 1** DR-Fence will be required at DC-2. It will provide isolation from production during DR testing and support Recovery of application of hard-coded IP addresses.
- NAD # 2** Isolated DR network (a.k.a. DR Fence) will utilize virtualization for all components i.e. Routers, Switches, Firewall, IPS, LB.
- NAD # 3** ISP-1 Retail to procure and implement DR Fence Convergence firewalls ASA-5520 for the DR Normal State Fence Solution.
ISP-1 wholesale to implement a 4 GE ether-channel (8-ports) connectivity for the DR Event Convergence solution.
- NAD # 4** ISP-1 Retail to replace the DC-2 MIS/EVPN links from 2-DS3 to 2-OC3 to support combined ISP bandwidth from DC-1 & DC-2 in a DR Event
- NAD # 5** ISP-1 Retail to replace the HQ & HQ EVPN links from 1-DS3 to 1-OC3 to provide production system support by developers in a DR event
- NAD # 6** ISP-1 Wholesale to replace the DC-2 DCI links from 2-OC12 to 3-OC12s using existing DCI design to support additional replication bandwidth requirements

DR Options Presented

- ❖ Based on the Reference Architecture, Business Requirements, and Budget Analysis following three DR options were presented to the customer.



DR Option 1 – Details

Two sites, internally (owned) facilities with production balanced between both sites.

Normal State

Site-1 = ACTIVE (DC 1 – IP)

Site-2 = ACTIVE (DC 2 – IP)

External traffic shared to both sites

Intranet traffic shared to both sites

DR Event State

Site-1 = DOWN

Site-2 = ACTIVE (DC 2 – IP)

All external traffic goes through Site-2

All internal traffic goes through Site-2

DR Option 2 – Details

Two sites, internal facilities with production in the primary and DR in the secondary

Normal State

Site-1 = ACTIVE (DC 1 – IP)

Site-2 = STANDBY-DR (DC 2 – IP)

All external traffic goes through Site-1

All intranet traffic goes through Site-1

DR Event State

Site-1 = DOWN

Site-2 = ACTIVE (DC 2 – IP)

All external traffic goes through Site-2

All internal traffic goes through Site-2

DR Option 3 – Details

Two sites, internal facilities with production in the primary and DR in the secondary

Normal State

Site-1 = ACTIVE (DC 1 – IP)

Site-2 = DR (DC 1 - IP, DOWN) +
ACTIVE (DC 2 – IP)

All external traffic goes through Site-1

All intranet traffic goes through Site-1

DR Event State

Site-1 = DOWN

Site-2 = DR (DC 1 - IP, ACTIVE)
+ ACTIVE (DC 2 – IP)

All traffic goes through Site-2 in
the DR event

Only critical applications

ABC Corp. Overview: DR Network Recommendations

- ❖ For the Isolated DR Network, LAN Virtualization Option-1
 - ✧ Option-1: Most Expensive: A duplicate DR environment with a separate address space in DC-2.
 - ✧ Option-2: Middle price: Dedicated Core and access switches at DR in DC-2.
 - ✧ Option-3: Cheapest: Virtualize all Access, Core, Distribution.

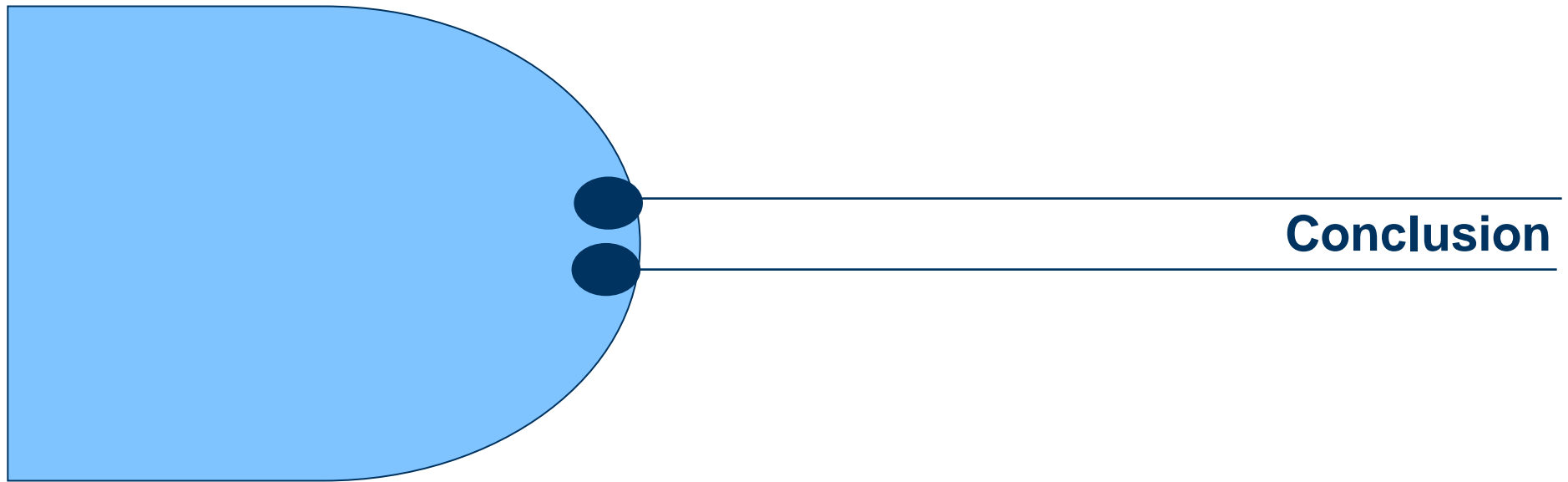
- ❖ Increase Link Bandwidths for MIS, EVPN, DCI at DC-2
 - ✧ Increase the DCI bandwidth with an added OC-12 to provision for additional data replication requirements.
 - ✓ Implement PBR and QoS to prioritize replication traffic
 - ✧ Increase EVPN (Intranet) bandwidth at DC-2, HQ1 and HQ2 by replacing DS3s with OC3s to provision for DR-Event intranet traffic
 - ✧ Increase the MIS (internet) bandwidth by replacing the 2-DS3s with 2-OC3s with CDR to provision for DR-Event internet traffic
 - ✓ Use VPN Tunnel from DC-2 to the production Cloud at AWS as a backup to the 500 Mbps (2x1GE planned connection) at DC-1

Proposed DR Network Design

a. Proposed LAN Design

- ❖ Isolated DR network: The “DR Fence”
 - ✧ Virtualize Layer-2/3 components i.e. Firewalls (internet, intranet, restricted zones), IPS, LB (Fig-1)
 - ✧ Create DR-DC-1 VRF in Core, Distribution, ID and SD switches
 - ✧ For access L2 switches, create DR-DC-1 VLANs and trunk to dist. Switch
 - ✧ Virtualize existing DC-2 Firewalls and add DR-DC-1 context firewalls
 - ✧ Virtualize existing IPS
 - ✧ Virtualize existing Load balancers
- ❖ DR Convergence Point: Normal State Solution (Fig-3,4)
 - ✧ Add new Firewall pair in DR-Fence to isolate DR-network from production DC-2 network
- ❖ DR Convergence Point: Event State Solution (Fig-4)
 - ✧ In DC-2 Core switch, use dedicated layer-3 ports with DC-1-address space for DR VRF to be used for manual convergence in the case of DR event
 - ✧ Use static routing to switch DR event traffic to DR-DC-1-VRF for convergence

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