VxLAN Routing and Control Plane on Nexus 9000 Series Switches

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Data Center "Fabric" Journey



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Trend: Flexible Data Center Fabrics



Workload Mobility Workload Placement Segmentation Scale Automation & Programmability L2 + L3 Connectivity Physical + Virtual Open

Why Do We Need Overlays? Location and Identity Separation



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10.1.0.1

It Has the Same Identity

Only the Location Changes

Address Represents

Identity Only.

Network Virtualization with VXLAN



Underlay Network:

- IP routing proven, stable, scalable
- ECMP utilize all available network paths

Overlay Network:

- Standards-based overlay
- Layer-2 extensibility and mobility
- Expanded Layer-2 name space
- Scalable network domain
- Multi-Tenancy

Multicast-Based VxLAN

- No VXLAN control plane
- Data driven flood-&-learn
- Multicast transport for VXLAN BUM (Broadcast, Unknown Unicast and Multicast) traffic.



Sound Familiar?

FabricPath

Shortest path any to any



- Single address lookup at the ingress edge identifies the exit port across the fabric
- Traffic is then switched using the shortest path available
- Reliable L2 and L3 connectivity any to any (L2 as if it was within the same switch, no STP inside)

The Secret Sauce is the Control Plane, not the Encapsulation

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MP-BGP with MPLS VPN Route Distribution

Exchange of VPN Policies Among PE Routers

- Full mesh of BGP sessions among all PE routers
 - BGP Route Reflector
- Multi-Protocol BGP extensions (MP-iBGP) to carry VPN policies
- PE-CE routing options
 - Static routes
 - eBGP
 - OSPF
 - IS-IS



Label Switched Traffic

VPN Control Plane Processing

VRF Parameters

Make customer routes unique:

Route Distinguisher (RD):

8-byte field, VRF parameters; unique value to make VPN IP routes unique

• VPNv4 address: RD + VPN IP prefix

Selective distribute VPN routes:

- Route Target (RT): 8-byte field, VRF parameter, unique value to define the import/export rules for VPNv4 routes
- MP-iBGP: advertises VPNv4 prefixes + labels

VPN Control Plane Processing

Interactions Between VRF and BGP VPN Signaling

- 1. CE1 redistribute IPv4 route to PE1 via eBGP
- 2. PE1 allocates VPN label for prefix learnt from CE1 to create unique VPNv4 route
- 3. PE1 redistributes VPNv4 route into CE1 MP-iBGP, it sets itself as a next hop and relays VPN site routes to PE2
- 4. PE2 receives VPNv4 route and, via processing in local VRF (green), it redistributes original IPv4 route to CE2



EVPN – Ethernet VPN

VXLAN Evolution



- EVPN over NVO Tunnels (VXLAN, NVGRE, MPLSoE) for Data Center Fabric encapsulations
- Provides Layer-2 and Layer-3 Overlays over simple IP Networks

Ethernet VPN

Highlights

- Next generation solution for Ethernet multipoint connectivity services
 - Leverage similarities with L3VPN
- PEs run Multi-Protocol BGP to advertise & learn MAC addresses over Core
- Learning on PE Access Circuits via dataplane transparent learning
- No pseudowire full-mesh required
 - Unicast: use MP2P tunnels
 - Multicast: use ingress replication over MP2P tunnels or use LSM
- Under standardization at IETF draft-ietfl2vpn-evpn



EVPN

- Multi-Protocol BGP (MP-BGP) based Control-Plane using EVPN NLRI (Network Layer Reachability Information)
- Make Forwarding decisions at VTEPs for Layer-2 (MAC) and Layer-3 (IP)
- Discovery: BGP, using MPLS VPN mechanisms (RT)
- Signaling: BGP
- Learning: **Control** plane (BGP)

BGP advertisement: L2VPN/EVPN Addr = CE1.MAC BGP Next-Hop = PE1 Route Target = 100:1 Label=42



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Host and Subnet Route Distribution

- Host Route Distribution decoupled from the Underlay protocol
- Use MultiProtocol-BGP (MP-BGP) on the Leaf nodes to distribute internal Host/Subnet Routes and external reachability information
- Route-Reflectors deployed for scaling purposes



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Decoding an Overlay Technology



Control Plane

- Peer discovery mechanism
- Route learning and distribution mechanism
 - Local learning
 - Remote learning

Data Plane

- Overlay L2/L3 Unicast traffic
- Overlay Broadcast, Unknown (Layer-2) traffic, Multicast traffic (BUM traffic) forwarding

VxLAN Tunnel Encapsulation(MAC-in-UDP)



VXLAN Underlay Network

• IP routed Network



- Flexible topologies
- Recommend a network with redundant paths using ECMP for load sharing
- Support any routing protocols --- OSFP, EIGRP, IS-IS, BGP, etc.
- Multicast is needed if using multicast for overlay BUM replication and transport

VXLAN Underlay Network – Typical DC Topologies



VXLAN VTEP

VXLAN terminates its tunnels on VTEPs (Virtual Tunnel End Point). Each VTEP has two interfaces, one is to provide bridging function for local hosts, the other has an IP identification in the core network for VXLAN encapsulation/decapsulation.



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VXLAN: Flood-&-Learn vs EVPN Control Plane

	Flood-&-Learn	EVPN Control Plane
Overlay Services	L2+L3	L2+L3
Underlay Network	IP network with ECMP	IP network with ECMP
Encapsulation	MAC in UDP	MAC in UDP
Peer Discovery	Data-driven flood-&-learn	MP-BGP
Peer Authentication	Not available	MP-BGP
Host Route Learning	Local hosts: Data-driven flood-&-learn Remote hosts: Data-driven flood-&-learn	Local Host: Data-driven Remote host: MP-BGP
Host Route Distribution	No route distribution.	MP-BGP
L2/L3 Unicast Forwarding	Unicast encap	Unicast encap
BUM Traffic forwarding	Multicast replication Unicast/Ingress replication	Multicast replication Unicast/Ingress replication

EVPN

MP-BGP for EVPN

- MP-BGP is the routing protocol for EVPN
- Multi-tenancy construct using VRF (Rout Distinguisher, Route Targets)
- New address-family "l2vpn evpn" for distributing EVPN routes
- EVPN routes = [MAC] + [IP]
- iBGP or eBGP support

vrf context evpn-tenant-1
vni 39000
rd auto
address-family ipv4 unicast
route-target both auto
route-target both auto evpn

evpn vni 20000 12 rd auto route-target import auto route-target export auto



VXLAN EVPN Control Plane Functions in Bronte Release

- Host MAC/IP advertisements through MP-BGP
- VTEP Peer Auto-discovery and Authentication via MP-BGP
- Anycast IP gateway
- ARP Suppression
- Ingress Replication with Head-end Auto-discovery (planned for Bronte+)

EVPN Control Plane – Reachability Distribution

EVPN Control Plane -- Host and Subnet Route Distribution



- Use MP-BGP with EVPN Address Family on VTEPs to distribute internal host MAC/IP addresses, subnet routes and external reachability information
- MP-BGP enhancements to carry up to 100s of thousands of routes with reduced convergence time

Host Advertisement



EVPN Control Plane --- Host Movement



- 1. VTEP-1 detects Host1 and advertise an EVPN route for Host1 with seq# 0
- 2. Host1 Moves behind VTEP-3
- 3. VTEP-3 detects Host1 and advertises an EVPN route for Host1 with seq #1
- 4. VTEP-1 sees more recent route and withdraws its advertisement

Anycast-Gateway



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ARP Suppression in MP-BGP EVPN

ARP suppression reduces network flooding due to host learning



* If VTEP-1 doesn't have a match for IP-2 in its ARP suppression cache table, it will flood the ARP request to all other VTEPs in this VNI
ARP Suppression in MP-BGP EVPN (Cont'ed)

 ARP Suppression can be enabled on a per-VNI basis under the interface nve1 configuration.



interface nve1
 no shutdown
 source-interface loopback0
 host-reachability protocol bgp
 member vni 20000

suppress-arp

mcast-group 239.1.1.1
member vni 21000

suppress-arp

mcast-group 239.1.1.2
member vni 39000 associate-vrf
member vni 39010 associate-vrf

n9396-vtep-1.sakommu-lab.com# sh ip arp suppression topo-info

ARP L2RIB Topology information Topo-id ARP-suppression mode 100 L2 ARP Suppression 200 L2/L3 ARP Suppression

201 L2/L3 ARP Suppression

Head-end Replication

Head-end Replication (aka. Ingress replication):

Eliminate the need for underlay multicast to transport overlay BUM traffic



Different integrated Route/Bridge (IRB) Modes

VXLAN Routing

- Overlay Networks do follow two slightly different integrated Route/Bridge (IRB) semantics
- Asymmetric
 - Uses different "path" from Source to Destination and back
- Symmetric
 - Uses same "path" from Source to Destination and back
- <u>Cisco follows Symmetric IRB</u>



Asymmetric IRB (Cont'ed)

Asymmetric

- Routing and Bridging on the ingress VTEP
- Bridging on the egress VTEP
- Both source and destination VNIs need to reside on the ingress VTEP



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VTEP VNI Membership Asymmetric IRB



- 1. All VTEPs in a VNI can be the virtual IP gateway for the local hosts
- 2. Optimized south-north bound forwarding for routed traffic without hair-pinning

Symmetric IRB

- Routing on both ingress and egress VTEPs
- Layer-3 VNI
 - Tenant VPN indicator
 - One per tenant VRF
- VTEP Router MAC
- Ingress VTEP routes packets onto the Layer-3 VNI
- Egress VTEP routes packets to the destination Layer-2 VNI

EVPN Multi-Tenancy and VNI Types (Cont'ed)

vlan 200

vlan 201

vlan 3900

vn-segment 20000

vn-segment 20100

vn-segment 39000

no shutdown

vni 39000

interface Vlan200 no shutdown

interface Vlan201 no shutdown

rd auto

name 13-vni-vlan-for-tenant-1

vrf member evpn-tenant-1 ip address 39.0.0.1/16

address-family ipv4 unicast

vrf member evpn-tenant-1
ip address 20.0.0.1/24

vrf member evpn-tenant-1
ip address 20.1.0.1/24

vrf context evpn-tenant-1

description 13-vni-for-tenant-1-routing

fabric forwarding mode anycast-gateway

route-target import 39000:39000 route-target export 39000:39000 route-target both auto evpn

fabric forwarding mode anycast-gateway

fabric forwarding mode anycast-gateway



Symmetric IRB (Cont'ed)



VTEP VNI Membership Symmetric IRB



Every VTEP only needs to be in VNIs that it has local hosts for. VTEPs don't need to maintain MAC

tables for VNIs that they don't have local hosts for.

- 1. Optimal utilization of ARP and MAC tables
- 2. A VTEP only needs to be in the VNIs which it has local hosts for.

Multi-tenant Packet Forwarding in Symmetric IRB



Symmetric IRB vs Asymmetric IRB

- Symmetric IRB has optimal utilization of ARP and MAC tables on a VTEP
- Symmetric IRB scales better for end hosts
- Symmetric IRB scales better in terms of the total number of VNIs a VXLAN overlay network can support

Multi-vendor interoperability:

- Some vendors implemented Asymmetric IRB
- It's been agreed upon among multiple vendors that Symmetric IRB is the ultimate solution
- Cisco implemented Symmetric IRB
- Cisco will introduce backward compatability with asymmetric IRB by adding the support for it.

Optimal VXLAN Routing with Symmetric IRB and Anycast Gateway

Host-based fabric routing and bridging with optimal and flexible VXLAN VNI placement



Local Scoping of VLANs –ToR Local



Local Scoping of VLANs – Port Local*



vPC VTEP for VXLAN Bridging and Routing

- When vPC is enabled an 'anycast' VTEP address is programmed on both vPC peers
- Symmetrical forwarding behavior on both peers provides
- Multicast topology prevents BUM traffic being sent to the same IP address across the L3 network (prevents duplication of flooded packets)
- vPC peer-gateway feature must be enabled on both peers
- VXLAN header is 'not' carried on the vPC Peer link (MCT link)



vPC VTEPs in MP-BGP EVPN



EVPN Control Plane Advantages

A multi-tenant fabric solution with host-based forwarding

- Industry standard protocol for multi-vendor interoperability
- Build-in multi-tenancy support
 - Leverage MP-BGP to deliver VXLAN with L3VPN characteristics
- Truly scalable with protocol-driven learning
 - Host MAC/IP address advertisement through EVPN MP-BGP
- Fast convergence upon host movements or network failures
 - MP-BGP protocol driven re-learning and convergence
 - Upon host movement, the new VTEP will send out a BGP update to advertise the new location of the host

EVPN Control Plane Advantages (Cont'ed)

A multi-tenant fabric solution with host-based forwarding

- Optimal traffic forwarding supporting host mobility
 - Anycast IP gateway for optimal forwarding for host generated traffic
 - No need for hair-pinning to to reach the IP gateway
- ARP suppression
 - Minimize ARP flooding in overlay
- Head-end Replication with dynamically learned remote-VTEP list
 - Head-end replication enables multicast-free underlay network
 - Dynamically learned remote-VTEP list minimizes the operational overhead of head-end replication
- VTEP peer authentication via MP-BGP authentication
 - Added security to prevent rogue VTEPs or VTEP spoofing

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VXLAN in 3-Tier Network



VXLAN Fabric Design with MP-iBGP EVPN



- VTEP Functions are on leaf layer
- Spine nodes are iBGP route reflector
- Spine nodes don't need to be VTEP

VXLAN EVPN Fabric with MP-iBGP Design (Cont'ed)



VXLAN EVPN Fabric with MP-iBGP Design (Cont'ed)



VXLAN Fabric Design with MP-eBGP EVPN



VXLAN Fabric Design with MP-eBGP EVPN (Cont'ed)

[BGP configuration on a spine switch as in Figure 16 design] route-map permit-all permit 10 set ip next-hop unchanged router bgp 65000 router-id 10.1.1.1 address-family ipv4 unicast redistribute direct route-map permitall address-family 12vpn evpn nexthop route-map permit-all retain route-target all neighbor 192.167.11.2 remote-as 65001 address-family ipv4 unicast address-family 12vpn evpn send-community extended route-map permit-all out neighbor 192.168.12.2 remote-as 65002 address-family ipv4 unicast address-family 12vpn evpn send-community extended route-map permit-all out © 2014 Cisco and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. Cisco Public

Set next-hop policy to not change the next-hop attributes.

Retain routes with all route targets when advertising the EVPN BGP routes to eBGP peers.

Set outbound policy to advertise all routes to this eBGP neighbor.

VXLAN Fabric Design with MP-eBGP EVPN (Cont'ed)



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EVPN VXLAN Fabric External Routing



EVPN VXLAN Fabric External Routing (Cont'ed)



External Router

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EVPN VXLAN External Routing with BGP Sample Configuration

VXLAN Overlay

EVPN VRF Instance Space



interface Ethernet2/9.10
mtu 9216
encapsulation dot1q 10
vrf member evpn-tenant-1
ip address 30.10.1.1/30

Border Leaf

IP Routing In the Default

VRF Instance

interface Ethernet1/50.10
mtu 9216
encapsulation dot1q 10
ip address 30.10.1.2/30

router bgp 200 address-family ipv4 unicast network 100.0.0/24 network 100.0.1.0/24 neighbor 30.10.1.1 remote-as 100 address-family ipv4 unicast

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EVPN VXLAN External Routing with BGP Sample Configuration – On the Border Leaf

On the VXLAN Border Leaf

router bgp 100 router-id 10.1.1.16 log-neighbor-changes address-family ipv4 unicast address-family 12vpn evpn neighbor 10.1.1.1 remote-as 100 update-source loopback0 address-family ipv4 unicast address-family 12vpn evpn send-community extended neighbor 10.1.1.2 remote-as 100 update-source loopback0 address-family ipv4 unicast address-family 12vpn evpn send-community extended vrf evpn-tenant-1 address-family ipv4 unicast network 20.0.0.0/24 neighbor 30.10.1.2 remote-as 200 address-family ipv4 unicast prefix-list outbound-no-hosts out

ip prefix-list outbound-no-hosts seq 5 deny 0.0.0.0/0 eq 32 ip prefix-list outbound-no-hosts seq 10 permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32 The eBGP neighbor is on the outside. It's in address-family ipv4 unicast of the tenant VRF routing instance.

For better scalability, apply prefix-list to filter out /32 IP host routes. Advertise prefix routes only to the external eBGP neighbor.

EVPN VXLAN External Routing with BGP



EVPN VXLAN External Routing with OSPF Sample Configuration



EVPN VXLAN External Routing with OSPF Sample Configuration - The relevant configuration on the border leaf

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ip prefix-list bgp-ospf-no-hosts seq 5 permit 0.0.0.0/0 eq 32 route-map permit-bgp-ospf deny 5 match ip address prefix-list bgp-ospf-no-hosts route-map permit-bgp-ospf permit 10 route-map permit-ospf-bgp permit 10

router ospf 1
router-id 10.1.1.16
vrf evpn-tenant-1
redistribute bgp 100 route-map permit-bgp-ospf

router bgp 100 router-id 10.1.1.16 log-neighbor-changes address-family ipv4 unicast address-family l2vpn evpn retain route-target all neighbor 10.1.1.1 remote-as 100 update-source loopback0 address-family ipv4 unicast address-family l2vpn evpn send-community extended neighbor 10.1.1.2 remote-as 100 update-source loopback0 address-family ipv4 unicast address-family ipv4 unicast address-family ipv4 unicast Redistribute BGP routes to OSPF. Filter out /32 IP host routes.

A BGP router will modify route targets in l2vpn evpn routes when it is an autonomous system boundary router. The original route target must be retained.

Redistribute OSPF to BGP. Advertise the redistributed routes to L2VPN EVPN.

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EVPN VXLAN External Routing with OSPF The internal VTEPs learn the external routes through MP-BGP EVPN



Alternative Design for EVPN VXLAN External Routing



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Logical Construct of Multi-Tenant VXLAN EVPN



- One VLAN maps to one Layer-2 VNI Layer-2 VNI per Layer-2 segment
- A Tenant can have multiple VLANs, therefore multiple Layer-2 VNIs
- Traffic within one Layer-2 VNI is bridged
- Traffic between Layer-2 VINs is routed

- 1 Layer-3 VNI per Tenant (VRF) for routing
- VNI X' is used for routed packets

Initial configuration – Per Switch

Enable VXLAN and MP-BGP EVPN Control Plane



EVPN Tenant VRF



Create a VXLAN Tenant VRF

Specify the Layer-3 VNI for VXLAN routing within the tenant VRF

Define VRF RD (route distinguisher)

Define VRF Route Target and import/export policies in address-family ipv4 unicast

Example to create a 2nd tenant VRF following the above steps

Layer-3 VNI Per Tenant for EVPN Routing

Configure Layer-3 VNI per EVPN Tenant VRF Routing Instant



EVPN Layer-3 VNI Per Tenant for Routing Instance

Configure Layer-3 VNI per EVPN Tenant VRF Routing Instant

```
vlan 3901
  name 13-vni-vlan-for-tenant-2
  vn-segment 39010
interface Vlan3901
  description 13-vni-for-tenant-2-routing
  no shutdown
  vrf member evpn-tenant-2
vrf context evpn-tenant-2
  vni 39010
  rd auto
  address-family ipv4 unicast
    route-target import 39010:39010
    route-target export 39010:39010
    route-target both auto evpn
```

Define Layer-3 VNI for a 2nd tenant following the same steps in the previous slide

EVPN Layer-2 Network VXLAN VNI

Map VLANs to VXLAN VNIs and Configure their MP-BGP EVPN Parameters



EVPN Layer-2 Network VXLAN VLAN SVI Interface

Create SVI interface for Layer-2 VNIs for VXLAN routing





VXLAN Tunnel Interface Configuration

Configure VXLAN tunnel interface nve1

```
interface nvel
  no shutdown
  source-interface loopback0
  host-reachability protocol bgp
  member vni 20000
    suppress-arp
    mcast-group 239.1.1.1
  member vni 21000
    suppress-arp
    mcast-group 239.1.1.2
  member vni 39000 associate-vrf
  member vni 39010 associate-vrf
interface loopback 0
  1 p addrises sns/or it Afiliates. Altright reserved?
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```

Specify loopback0 as the source interface

Define BGP as the mechanism for host reachability advertisement

Associate tenant VNIs to the tunnel interface nve1

Define the mcast group on a per-VNI basis Enable arp suppression on a per-VNI basis

Add Layer-3 VNIs, one per tenant VRF

MP-BGP Configuration on VTEP

router bgp 100 router-id 10.1.1.11 log-neighbor-changes address-family ipv4 unicast address-family 12vpn evpn neighbor 10.1.1.1 remote-as 100 update-source loopback0 address-family ipv4 unicast address-family 12vpn evpn send-community extended neighbor 10.1.1.2 remote-as 100 update-source loopback0 address-family ipv4 unicast address-family 12vpn evpn send-community extended

```
vrf evpn-tenant-1
   address-family ipv4 unicast
   advertise l2vpn evpn
vrf evpn-tenant-2
   address-family ipv4 unicast
   advertise l2vpn evpn
```

Address-family ipv4 unicast for prefix-based routing

Address-family l2vpn evpn for evpn host routes

Define MP-BGP neighbors. Under each neighbor define address-family ipv4 unicast and l2vpn evpn

Send extended community in l2vpn evpn address-family to distribute EVPN route attributes

Under address-family ipv4 unicast of each tenant VRF instance, enable advertising EVPN routes

MP-BGP Configuration on iBGP Route Reflectore

router bgp 100 router-id 10.1.1.1 log-neighbor-changes address-family ipv4 unicast address-family 12vpn evpn retain route-target all template peer vtep-peer remote-as 100 update-source loopback0 address-family ipv4 unicast send-community both route-reflector-client address-family 12vpn evpn send-community both route-reflector-client neighbor 10.1.1.11 inherit peer vtep-peer neighbor 10.1.1.12 inherit peer vtep-peer neighbor 10.1.1.13 inherit peer vtep-peer neighbor 10.1.1.14 inbarieto Der is affinte Ririgherererved. Cisco Public

Address-family ipv4 unicast for prefix-based routing

Address-family l2vpn evpn for EVPN vxlan host routes Retain route-targets attributes

iBGP RR client peer template

Send both standard and extended community in address-family ipv4 unicast

Send both standard and extended community in address-family I2vpn evpn

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Nexus 9000 Series VXLAN Support

VXLAN is supported across the Nexus 9000 series platforms. The VXLAN Gateway functionality is supported across all form factors and line cards. Integrated routing functionality is supported on Nexus 9300 switches and ACI-enabled Modules for Nexus 9500 switches.



Nexus 9300 Series



Nexus 9500 Series

VXLAN Forwarding on Nexus 9000 NX-OS Mode VXLAN Bridging and Gateway

- VXLAN Encapsulation and De-encapsulation occur on T2
- Bridging and Gateway are independent of the port type (1/10/40G ports)
- Encapsulation happens on the egress port
- Decapsulation happens on the ingress port



VXLAN Forwarding on Nexus 9000 NX-OS Mode VXLAN Routing

- VXLAN Routing is not supported currently on Broadcom
- Additional recirculation required for VXLAN routing through NS



VXLAN Scales on Nexus 9000 Series Switches

Scale Parameter	Bronte Target
VxLAN enabled VLANs	1000
VxLAN enabled VRFs	900
VxLAN SVIs	1000
Total VNIs (L2/L3)	1900 (1000/900)
ECMP paths	64
Local VTEPs	1
Remote VTEPs	255

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