Arista - Physical Network Infrastructure for OpenStack and Container

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OpenStack Overview



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OpenStack Overview



OpenStack is a **cloud operating system** that controls large pools of compute, storage, and networking resources throughout a datacenter, all managed through a dashboard that gives administrators control while empowering their users to provision resources through a web interface.



OpenStack Core Services



 Network ("Neutron") is a pluggable, scalable and API-driven system for managing networks and IP addresses.

Compute ("Nova") provides virtual servers upon demand.



 Block Storage ("Cinder") provides persistent block storage to guest VMs



OpenStack Core Services



 Dashboard ("Horizon") provides a modular web-based user interface for all the OpenStack services



- Object Store ("Swift") provides object storage. It allows you to store or retrieve files
- Image ("Glance") provides a catalog and repository for virtual disk images



 Identity ("Keystone") provides authentication and authorization for all the OpenStack services



Neutron Overview

- OpenStack Networking Service
 - Introduced in the Folsom release
- Manages
 - Tenant Networks
 - Logical Routers
 - L4-7 Services NAT, LBAAS, FWAAS, …





Neutron - Modular Layer 2

- Plugin/API architecture for networking
- ML2 Plugin
 - Allows multiple layer 2 implementations
 - Type Driver (vlan, vxlan, etc..)
 - Mechanism Driver (ovs, arista, etc..)
- Receives calls from other services such as Horizon and Nova





Arista CVX Integration with OpenStack



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- Arista Focus Provide end-to-end tenant network visibility and provisioning across virtual and physical infrastructure for the highest performance VLAN and VXLAN fabrics
- Key Solution Features
 - Provide full visibility to the network team of the OpenStack state
 - Automatically provision the physical network in response to tenant configuration within OpenStack



- Arista CVX
 - Collection of global network topology from switches
 - Provisioning of the switches via eAPI
- Arista ML2 mechanism driver
 - Notify created OpenStack state to the CVX
 - Communication via the Arista eAPI





Network orchestration with OpenStack Neutron ML2 Plugin



- CVX builds a full topology of the physical infrastructure
 - Leaf switch builds their local topology table using standard LLDP
 - Contains directly attached OpenStack compute nodes, which will host the virtual machines
 - CVX mounts the local LLDP tables, providing a network wide view
 - CVX knows the physical location (switch and interface) each OS compute node is attached



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- Step1: OpenStack, Horizon portal create a tenant network
 - ML2 plugin with the Arista driver installed
 - Plugin converts the network create call to an eAPI to CVX
 - CVX is now aware of all networks created with OpenStack
 - Network only deployed on the physical infrastructure if a VM is attached to the network





- Step 2: OpenStack, Horizon portal create VM and apply to network
 - Virtual Machine created within Horizon and attached to the tenant's network
 - Nova-scheduler deploys the VM on the compute node based on available resources
 - CVX has visibility of the compute node the VM is deployed on via the plug
 - From the global LLDP table maps the Compute node to a switch port, and dynamically deploys the tenant network on the switch





Arista OpenStack Integration – VLAN Based

- Network Type created by the CVX can be a simple Layer 2 VLAN
 - Tenants VMs deployed within dedicated tenant VLANs
 - CVX dynamically deploys the tenant VLAN on the appropriate Leaf edge port and Uplink
 - Deployed on a standard MLAG (Layer 2) topology





Arista OpenStack Integration – VXLAN Based

OpenStack integration with VXLAN

- Scalable IP fabric with a Layer 3 ECMP design
- Hardware VXLAN VTEP configured on every leaf switch
- Layer 2 connectivity between rack via VXLAN across the L3 fabric





Scaling OpenStack

- Multiple OpenStack clusters supported per CVX instance
- Can be combined with other network virtualization
 - NSX
 - Etc
- VXLAN breaks out of the 4K VLAN limit
 - 16M VNIs mapped to locally significant VLANs



Multi-Tenant OpenStack Deployment





Routing with OpenStack

- L2 up until now, how do you route?
- Can be performed by a Network Node
- Allows connectivity between tenants and external networks
 - NAT Support
 - VRF Support
- Limited by software
- Alterative is perform this at the switch...with limitations!



OpenStack Integration – L3 Plugin

- Arista L3 plugin provisions SVIs over eAPI in response to tenant's creating logical routers
- Routing happens at dedicated network nodes
 - Pair of MLAGed physical devices
 - Active-Active HA via MLAG
 - Performs routing for the OpenStack cluster
 - \gg Can be scaled out horizontally by tenant as needed
- TORs can also be used as the routing nodes





OpenStack Orchestration models







OpenStack Integration - Demo



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Demo Topology





Arista - Docker

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Server : Application 1:1



















Containers are more lightweight than Virtual Machines





Containers consume less CPU, RAM and disk resource than Virtual Machines



Run Docker on EOS



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Arista and Docker Solutions

- 1) Deploy Containers on EOS with Docker
- 2) Monitor Containers inside the Data Center





Docker Containers on EOS

- Simplify development and deployment of applications on switches
- Deploy any of the thousands apps from Docker Hub
- Deploy enterprise apps with Docker Trusted Registry
- Powerful abstraction for DevOps tools
- Made possible by running a true, unmodified Linux kernel



Natural extension of Arista's EOS+ Platform



What would you run on a switch?

- sflowtool
- DHCP Server
- iperf
- fping
- etc..



Example: sflowtool

http://www.inmon.com/technology/sflowTools.php

"The sFlow toolkit provides command line utilities and scripts for analyzing sFlow data"

"sflowtool is available as source code. A pre-compiled version of sflowtool is available for Windows."

This means you would need to compile it yourself.

Alternative: grab a container from Docker Hub



Container Tracer



Visibility via Network Telemetry





Container Tracer

- Displays container workloads
- Provides current Docker node and exposed port information
- Reduces MTTR and improves visibility



AristaToR#show	containertracer	swarm		
NODE	CONTAINER NAME	PORTS	BRIDGE	PORTS
lnx150	/sad_euclid	80/tcp	docker0	Ethernet13
		443/tcp		
lnx150	/serene_wright	172.28.168.150:5201->5201/tcp	docker0	Ethernet13
lnx150	/aristademo1	443/tcp	docker0	Ethernet13
		80/tcp		
AristaToR#				

Visibility for Containers, as VMTracer is for VMs



Container Tracer

bleaf5#show dockertracer containers								
NODE	CONTAINER NAME	PORTS	BRIDGE	PORTS				
lnx150	/some-nginx	443/tcp	docker0	Ethernet13				
		80/tcp						
lnx150	/serene_mestorf	172.28.168.150:8082->80/tcp	docker0	Ethernet13				
lnx150	/romantic_curie		docker0	Ethernet13				
lnx150	/elated_lalande		docker0	Ethernet13				
lnx150	/evil_torvalds		docker0	Ethernet13				
lnx151	/serene_blackwell	172.28.168.151:8081->80/tcp	docker0	Ethernet15				
lnx151	<pre>/naughty_shockley</pre>		docker0	Ethernet15				
lnx151	/prickly_bartik		docker0	Ethernet15				
lnx151	/jovial_poincare		docker0	Ethernet15				
lnx151	/stupefied_poitras		docker0	Ethernet15				
lnx151	/furious_poitras		docker0	Ethernet15				
lnx151	/desperate_newton		docker0	Ethernet15				
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Docker - Demo

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