

# HPE Distributed Cloud Networking

## The HPE approach: Network choreography

- HPE Networks DCN allows enterprise administrators to outline their networking requirements in application terms, without being burdened by network implementation details.
- Administrators can express security (firewall and ACL policies), load balancing and user access-right policies with domain and zone abstractions, instead of having to use tedious and error-prone IP address assignments. Such policies are subsequently used to dynamically govern network behavior on an as-needed basis, triggered by compute instance creation, migration or deletion.
- By using an event-driven model with a policy pull approach, DCN reserves network resources as they are required, avoiding the need to maintain network topology details. This ensures that the demands of cloud-based applications and services can be met across thousands of users in an efficient and timely manner. DCN also provides service insight by collecting and storing statistics on a per-tenant and per-VM/Container virtual port basis.

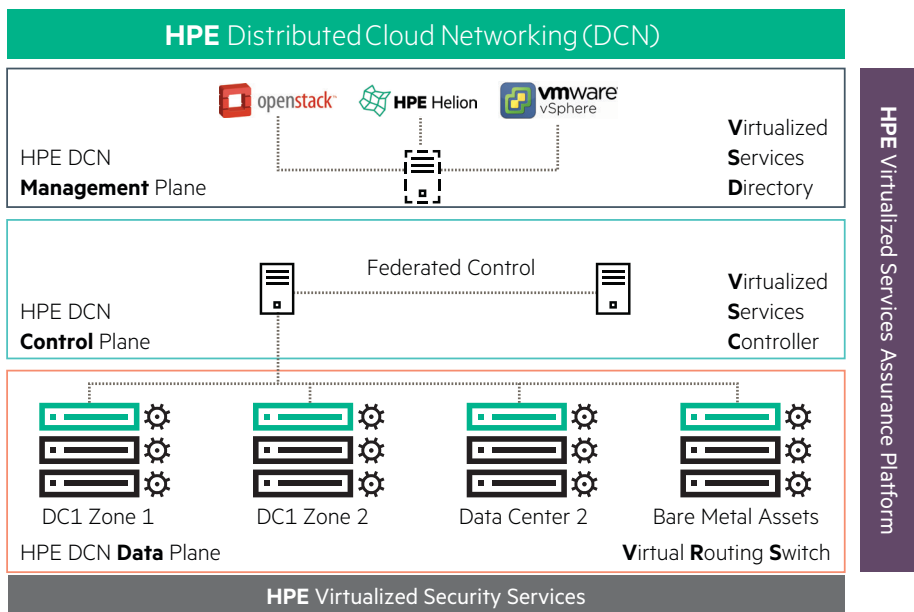


Figure 1. HPE Distributed Cloud Networking

## Product overview

HPE Distributed Cloud Networking (DCN) is a comprehensive solution that makes the network as readily consumable as compute resources across the datacenter, enterprise WAN and public cloud providers. It does this by providing the missing link to ensure rapid and efficient delivery of highly customizable application services, in and across multi-tenant datacenters. HPE Distributed Cloud Networking (DCN) is the SDN platform for private cloud network automation in the enterprise datacenter. It enables the deployment of massively scalable cloud-based services with the agility and performance demanded by dynamic application environments.

## What is HPE DCN?

HPE DCN is a Software-Defined Networking (SDN) solution that virtualizes any DC network infrastructure and automatically establishes connectivity between compute resources upon their creation. Leveraging programmable business logic and a powerful policy engine, DCN provides an open and highly responsive solution that scales to meet the stringent needs of massive multi-tenant DCs. DCN is a software solution that can be deployed over existing datacenter network fabrics and to public cloud providers.

Cloud deployment of complex applications requires more than simple L2 connectivity. To meet these needs, DCN deploys the full range of L2-L4 networking services on a per-tenant or per-application basis using overlay technologies. This ensures each application gets the services required, and is not forced into a basic L2 VLAN connectivity.

Unlike other solutions that are restricted to the administrative domain of a single datacenter, DCN enables seamless interoperability across administrative domains and with existing VPN services. It does this by leveraging the power of mature MP-BGP technologies.

HPE significantly improves server utilization by allowing virtual machines (VMs), Docker containers and bare metal workloads to be freely placed wherever compute resources are available, within or across datacenters.

**The HPE solution in 7 points**

The HPE DCN solution:

- Provides support for all major cloud management systems, hypervisors, and network gear. DCN leverages VMs on any x86-based hardware.
- Provides SDN-enabled virtualization with support of L2-L4 services
- Optimizes and scales datacenter connectivity and is deployable on heterogeneous networks
- Uses programmable business logic and policies to fully automate network service creation
- Offers unrestricted placement of VM, container or bare metal workloads to maximize efficiency of server resources
- Integrates public, private and hybrid cloud applications into managed VPNs
- Includes extensive data analytics and performance monitoring capabilities

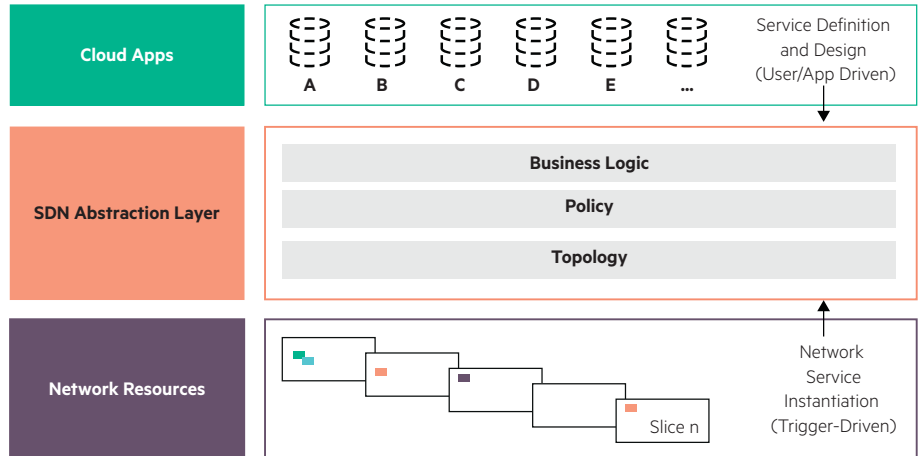


Figure 2. The HPE DCN approach

**Product components**

**Virtualized Services Directory**—The Virtualized Services Directory (VSD) is a programmable policy and analytics engine. It provides a flexible and hierarchical network policy framework that enables IT administrators to define and enforce resource policies in a user-friendly manner.

VSD contains a multi-tenanted service directory that supports role-based administration of users, compute and network resources. It also manages network resource assignments such as IP and MAC addresses.

For service assurance, VSD allows the definition of sophisticated statistics rules such as collection frequencies, rolling averages and samples, as well as Threshold Crossing Alerts (TCAs). When a TCA occurs, it will trigger an event that can be exported to external systems through a generic messaging bus. Statistics are aggregated over hours, days and months and stored to facilitate data mining and performance reporting.

VSD can be deployed as a stand-alone or clustered solution depending on scaling needs.

**Virtualized Services Controller**—The Virtualized Services Controller (VSC) is the industry’s most powerful and scalable SDN controller. It functions as the robust network

control plane for datacenters, maintaining a full view of per-tenant network and service topologies. Through VSC, virtual routing and switching constructs are established to program the network forwarding plane using the OpenFlow protocol. Multiple VSC instances can be federated within and across datacenters by leveraging MP-BGP—a proven and highly scalable network technology.

**Virtual Routing and Switching**—The Virtual Routing and Switching (VRS) component is an enhanced Open vSwitch (OVS) implementation that constitutes the network forwarding plane. It encapsulates and de-encapsulates user traffic, enforcing L2-L4 traffic policies as defined by VSD. VRS tracks VM creation, migration and deletion events to dynamically adjust network connectivity. VRS supports multiple hypervisors and container-ready platforms in virtualized server environments. It also operates as a gateway for bare metal servers or service appliances. DCN also includes a physical network appliance, the HPE 7850 Virtual Services Gateway (VSG) that serve as overlay network tunnel endpoints where needed, such as for integration with physical servers, as well as working with leading networking vendors’ top-of-rack switches for VXLAN termination. To support bare metal applications, a software VRS-B (bare metal) may also be deployed directly on the physical server, avoiding the need for VXLAN-compliant top-of-rack switch.



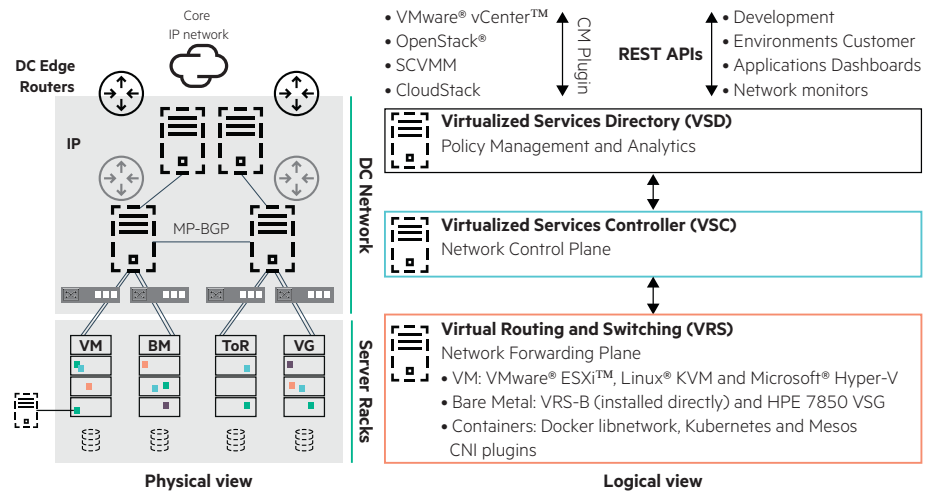


Figure 3. HPE Distributed Cloud Networking architecture

## Technical specifications

<b>Cloud Platforms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apache CloudStack 4.3 and later</li> <li>• VMware vCenter 5.5 and later                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– VCIN security enhancements</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Microsoft System Center Virtual Machine Manager (SCVMM)</li> <li>• OpenStack                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Supports all major vendor distributions Full ML2 support</li> <li>– Ocata support</li> <li>– Newton Monolithic plugin support</li> <li>– Neutron project: Plug-in supported for open source OpenStack and all vendor distributions</li> <li>– VLAN-aware Virtual Machines</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Hypervisors and Container Platforms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KVM, VMware ESXi, Microsoft Hyper-V, Docker, OpenShift, Kubernetes and Mesos</li> <li>• Kubernetes High-Availability support</li> <li>• Container Networking Interface (CNI) support on Kubernetes</li> </ul>
<b>Routing/Switching Hardware and Software</b>	Any IP-capable device for datacenter networking (e.g., Arista, Cisco, HPE, and others)
<b>Firewalls, Load Balancers, and DNS/DHCP Servers</b>	Open ecosystem support through a CMS-programmable framework (e.g., OpenStack, CloudStack, FWaaS, LBaaS)
<b>Linux</b>	Compatible and tested with distributions from Red Hat®, Ubuntu, and CentOS
<b>OSS/BSS app integration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northbound API access through RESTful APIs and HTML5-based web portal for user self-service</li> </ul>
<b>Support for Non-Virtualized (Bare Metal) Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry-first Layer 3 bare metal gateway support with the HPE 7850 VSG. Enables non-virtualized components to be managed along with virtualized components.</li> <li>• VRS-B virtual switch may also be deployed directly on the bare metal server.</li> </ul>
<b>Security</b>	<p>In addition to standard network security, subset of additional functionality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure Microsegmentation</li> <li>• Access Control List (ACL) configuration</li> <li>• Access security includes a distributed policy-based L2-L4 firewall</li> <li>• Port Mirroring</li> <li>• OpenStack and CloudStack XaaS integration</li> <li>• VLAN Trunking</li> </ul>
<b>VPN integration</b>	Seamless integration based on MP-BGP with use of standard BGP functionality
<b>Network virtualization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NVO3 framework for DC Network Virtualization with L2/3 NVE support</li> <li>• IPv6 overlays</li> </ul>
<b>Architecture scalability</b>	Federated SDN control architecture based on MP-BGP
<b>Analytics engine</b>	Fully programmable and extensible engine based on Hadoop clusters with real-time analytics support



## HPE Distributed Cloud Networking

HPE DCN Virtual Services Directory Software and E-LTU (JL025AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Services Directory High Availability Cluster Add on Redundancy Software and E-LTU (JL174AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Services Controller Software and E-LTU (JL026AAE)
HPE DCN VMware® Plug-in for vCenter and E-LTU (JL027AAE)
HPE SCVMM Plug-in for Virtual Services Directory Software and E-LTU (JL449AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Services Gateway/Federated/Policy and Analytics 10GbE Software and E-LTU (JL175AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 10GbE ESXi Software and E-LTU (JL176AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 10GbE KVM Software and E-LTU (JL177AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 10GbE Hyper-V Software and E-LTU (JL450AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 10GbE KVM Container Software E-LTU (JL452AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 10GbE Bare Metal Software E-LTU (JL454AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Services Gateway/Federated/Policy and Analytics 40GbE Software and E-LTU (JL179AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 40GbE ESXi Software and E-LTU (JL180AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 40GbE KVM Software and E-LTU (JL181AAE)
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HPE DCN Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 40GbE KVM Container Software E-LTU (JL453AAE)
HPE DCN Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 40GbE Bare Metal Software E-LTU (JL455AAE)
HPE DCN Hardware VTEP Orchestration Software and E-LTU (JL331AAE)
HPE DCN Accelerated Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 100GbE ESXi Software E-LTU (JL574AAE)
HPE DCN Accelerated Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 100GbE Gateway SW E-LTU (JL578AAE)
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HPE DCN Accelerated Virtual Routing Switch/Federated/Policy and Analytics 40GbE KVM Software E-LTU (JL569AAE)


**Recommended software**

**Services**

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