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Deploying Metro Ethernet Solutions

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Agenda

- Metro Services Evolution
- Designing with Fiber
- Designing with 10 Gigabit Ethernet
- Ethernet TLS
- Design Principles
- Metro Ethernet Design Recommendations
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Metro Services Evolution



Fiber Build-Out Changes Metro

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Fiber reaching 20% of enterprises and growing **Fiber Enterprise looking for** Site Internet Interconnect interface consolidation of services Storage **Remote Access** Speed/cost/provisioning advantages **ETTB** ETTS Large scale network Internet VoD architecture Content **Business model required** Voice Services **Opportunity for value-**added services (content, voice, etc..)

Metro Bandwidth and Service Issues



Enterprise

Large Price Mismatch Between T1s and T3 Service

10x Bandwidth Mismatch Between LAN and MAN

Converged Network for Cost Savings

Service Provider

Transporting Data Over a Voice Network

Long Service Provisioning Times

Challenges In Managing Data Networks

Cannot ProvisionAcross the Data and Transport Network

FR/ATM Services today



FR/ATM Services today



FR/ATM Services today



Metro Ethernet Service Provider Value

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Meet End Customer's Growing Bandwidth Requirement Without Network Infrastructure Change

> Reduce CapEx & OpEx

Why Ethernet in the MAN/WAN?

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- Ethernet is the ubiquitous transport in LAN and MAN
- IP friendly, cost effective interface
- Relatively inexpensive and flexible bandwidth offerings
- Scalable 10/100/1000/10000 bandwidth
- Geographical independence
- Enables new and innovative services

IP telephony, storage over IP, managed services (firewall, IDS), etc..

Application Requirements Drive Metro Networking Solution



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What Problems Are Enterprises Trying to Solve?

The Requirement Is for Enterprise Applications To Be Available and Perform Well

Networks that Deliver on This Requirement:

- Have consistently high performance packet forwarding
- Are reliable and available
- Are service enabling
- Are cost efficient

How You Deliver This Is Largely Irrelevant Metro Ethernet Is Simply a Tool in the Tool Box

Enterprise Deployment Options for MAN/WAN



Which Technologies Do I Use?

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Application Requirements

- LAN interconnect
- Service aggregation
- Data center
 interconnect
- Backup and disaster recovery
- Bulk data replication
- Storage consolidation
- Connection to hosting services

What Exists Today

- Dark Fiber
- Existing edge equipment
 - Ethernet
 - SONET
 - Frame Relay
 - ΑΤΜ
 - DWDM
- Bandwidth requirements



Metro Ethernet: Revolution or Evolution?

 Question: How does metro Ethernet change the way we design and deploy networks?

- Answer: Nothing changes; the same principles of structure and hierarchy still hold true
- Be aware that the service will dictate design considerations

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Dark Fiber

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 Access to dark fiber enables many technology choices to be made, but depends upon physical characteristics of fiber plant

How long is the fiber?

What is the fiber quality and type?

What is the optical power budget?

What is the attenuation/loss of the system?

Will amplification be required?

What are the dispersion characteristics?

Do I need to consider non-linear effects?

 All these questions must be considered and understood

Dark Fiber: The Choices

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 Once the physical characteristics are understood, then a technology and topology choice can be made

Point-to-point vs. ring

CWDM vs. DWDM

Dark Fiber: Point-to-Point

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 Use Etherchannel (IEEE 802.3ad) to add additional bandwidth

Up to 8 physical ports per channel

Across any module in a chassis

Single L2/L3 adjacency

Sub-second convergence

Load balance on layer 2, layer 3 or layer 4 information

Catalyst 6500 and 4000 Supervisor III

Distance limitation

GE~100km using ZX and CWDM GBICs

10GE~40km using 1550nm optics



Dark Fiber: Ring Topologies

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GE rings are cost effective solution if...

Traffic patterns and convergence characteristics are known and understood

• However, be aware of...

Multi-hop routing or switching

Blocking using 802.1d/w/s

Traffic aggregation will occur

Need to understand traffic patterns

• Solutions:

Make ring appear as point-to-point connection using CWDM or DWDM

Dark Fibre: Wavelength Division Multiplexing



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Coarse wavelength division multiplexing

Similar to DWDM but at coarser wavelengths

1470nm, 1490nm, 1510nm, 1530nm, 1550nm, 1570nm, 1590nm, 1610nm

GBIC form factor

Single technology (gigabit Ethernet)

DWDM recommended for FibreChannel, ESCON, etc.

Very cost effective

Long drive distance

~30dB budget = ~100Km

Cannot be optically amplified, only Ethernet

CWDM - Value Proposition

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- Easy deployment and flexible implementation "Plug and play," no configuration of CWDM components Enable point-to-point, hub-and-spoke, ring, and meshed architectures on top of SMF ring
- High availability
 - Use multipath protection of ring architecture
 - Use redundancy mechanism at circuit endpoints for fast reconvergence (~250 ms) after fiber cuts
- Scalability

Provide scalable Ethernet bandwidth between 1 and 8 Gbps over SMF

Investment protection

Use existing standard GBIC ports on Cisco switches and routers Increase bandwidth on existing SMF infrastructure

Cisco CWDM GBIC Solution Building Blocks

CWDM GBICs:

- 8 different "colored" GBICs
- Plug into GBIC slot on Cisco Catalyst[®] switch; connect to CWDM optical add-drop module (OADM) via SMF

CWDM OADM:

- 3 versions for 1, 4, and 8 wavelengths (color)
- Mounted in 1-RU chassis
- OADMs connected via optical ring



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Dark Fibre: CWDM Deployment - Point-to-Point

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Single Lambda - 1 Channel Unprotected Pt to Pt

All that is required is one of CWDM-GBIC-XXXX at each end



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CWDM: Logical Core Topology

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Bldg #1



CWDM: Physical Core Design



CWDM: Logical Hub and Spoke

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CWDM: Logical Hub and Spoke

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DWDM and CWDM

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- DWDM if you have multiple transport technologies is bit rate and transport transparent
 - **Best choice**

Fiber channel, ESCON, SONET/SDH and LAN

Supports ring, BUS and star topologies

Supports wavelength protection switching

BLSR, UPSR, etc..

Can be amplified

CWDM GBICs are a single transport technology

Good choice if gigabit Ethernet only is required

Evolution to 1550nm DWDM friendly optics

Good drive distance

- ~100km point-to-point
- ~30km ring (8 node ring)

CWDM Summary

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- Flexible design options using optical add/drop multiplexors
- Relatively inexpensive introduction to DWDM
- Viable alternative to 10GE using GEC
- Cost effective method of increasing fiber capacity
- Cost effective method of simplifying network topologies

Install coloured GBICs and implement optical add/drop muxes later

 Supported on Cisco 7600 and Catalyst 6500, 4000, 3550 and 2950 products

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Dark Fiber: 10GE Attributes

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• IEEE 802.3ae 10gigabit Ethernet

Preserves 802.3 Ethernet frame format

Preserves 802.3 min/max frame size

Full duplex operation only

Fiber cabling only

10.0 Gbps at MAC-PHY interface

LAN PHY data rate of 10 gbps

WAN PHY data rate of ~9.29 gbps

10GE Optical Transceivers Physical Layer Dependant (PMD)

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PMD	Fiber Supported	Diameter (Microns)	Bandwidth (MHz*km)	Distance (Meters)
850 nm Serial	Multimode	50*	400	66
1310 nm CWDM	Multimode Single Mode	62.5 9.0**	160 NA	300 10 k
1310 nm Serial	Single Mode	9.0	NA	10 k
1550 nm Serial	Single Mode	9.0	NA	40 k

NOTES:

Distances Current with IEEE 802.3 Draft 3.3

*Draft 3.0 of the 802.3ae Specification References the Higher Bandwidth (2000 MHz*km) 50 Micron MM Fiber**The 9.0 Micron Value is the Core Diameter; ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-A Specifies That the Nominal "Mode Field Diameter "Shall be 8.7 to 10.0 Microns with a Tolerance of +/- 0.5 Micron at 1310 nm

Metro Ethernet: 10GE Summary

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- 10GE runs on single mode fiber today
- Standard is complete 802.3ae
- Pull single mode for new installations
- Issues involving multimode fiber support are complex
- Cost effective MAN technology
- Cisco is shipping 10GE on Catalyst 6500/7600 and 12000 today

Raising the bandwidth for L2–L7 services
GEC, 10GE and CWDM Deployment Scenarios



10GE and CWDM Decision Criteria

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• If you have multimode fiber

Probably within campus so use GEC

• If you have single mode fiber

And have GBIC interfaces and spare fibres<10Km,

Use gigabit EtherChannel, or

Use gigabit Etherchannel and CWDM, or

10GBASE-LR interface

>10km<50km

Use 1550nm 10GBASE-EX4 interface

>50km

Consider CWDM and gigabit EtherChannel (assuming single fiber); or

GE ZX GBICs (assuming spare fibers)

10GE and CWDM and DWDM

- 10GE, CWDM and DWDM are complimentary solutions
- Cisco CWDM provides flexible, cost effective Ethernet solutions today
- Wide Cisco support for CWDM across products
 Cisco 7600 and Catalyst 6500, 4000, 3550 and 2950 products
- 10GE is an economical, future proof solution today Supported on Cisco 7600 and Catalyst 6500
- Cisco DWDM provides flexible, multi-transport optical solutions today

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Acronym Soup—What Does It All Mean?



Ethernet L2VPN Overview



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VPLS



Metro Ethernet Service Model



- **Performance levels**
- Implementation details in the cloud are invisible to the CE

Service Definitions: A Summary

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Similar to a Frame Relay service where the DLCI becomes a VLAN and where a CIR + Burst is provided on a per VLAN basis.

Similar to a Private Line service. Provided on a Shared Packet Network versus a TDM/Optical Network (EPL). The CElocated equipment can be a router or a switch.



Any-to-Any transport service that can be an alternative to unmanaged MPLS-VPN (or CsC). By using CE-routers there is NO issue with MAC table size in the PE's. Layer 2 access is Ethernet only.

Ethernet Relay Service (ERS)

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The Frame Relay Analog

Required Feature: Service Multiplexing (SM)

Service Multiplexing enables multiple instances of service to be multiplexed onto a single UNI, allowing that UNI to be in multiple ERS. Such a UNI is referred to as a Multiplexed UNI. When a UNI is in a single EVC, it is referred to as a Non-Multiplexed UNI.



Using SM, service to B and C can be implemented at A without requiring two physical ports on the Customer Equipment at A

Note: ERS requires a 1:1 mapping association between CE-VLANs and ERS

Ethernet Wire Service (EWS)

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The Private Line Analog

Required Features: VLAN Transparency (VT), All-to-One Bundling (B*), and Layer 2 Control Protocol Tunneling

VLAN Transparency

In a VLAN Transparent EVC, the CE-VLAN tag (including untagged) of an egress frame is always identical to the CE-VLAN tag on the corresponding ingress frame.

All-to-One Bundling

Bundling enables multiple CE-VLANs to be mapped to an EVC at the UNIs belonging to the EVC

All-to-One Bundling (B*) is a case of Bundling where at each UNI in a given EVC, *all* CE-VLANs are mapped to that EVC. All UNIs in such an EVC therefore are Non-Multiplexed.

Layer 2 Control Protocol Tunneling

Per-EVC Layer 2 Control Protocol Tunneling enables the Service User's control packets to pass through the Metro Ethernet Network in a manner consistent with other data packets. A B

Physical Port to Physical Port Good Fit for Switches and Routers

EWS - Private Line Analog

Ethernet Multipoint Service (EMS)

Applicable Service Features

VLAN Transparency

All-to-One Bundling

Layer 2 Control Protocol Tunneling

Done in Multicast fashion, with BPDUs being transmitted to all UNIs

Service suitable for both routers and switches

Ethernet Multipoint Service (VPLS): A Customers Perspective



Ethernet Multipoint Service (VPLS):

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• The issues:

Although the enterprise "sees" a virtual Ethernet, the actual service may be a full mesh of VCs

If a single VC breaks what is the effect on traffic, the network, the applications?

How do you troubleshoot?



Ethernet Multipoint Service (VPLS):

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"Emulated" LAN model

Each device is now a peer in it's own right and consideration must be taken of...

Routing protocol interaction

Traffic patterns

QoS policies

Security policies

Troubleshooting

Routing Protocol Interaction

Routing protocol interaction

All routers seen as direct peers

"Plug and play"

Optimal routing between sites



IP Multicast: OSPF and EIGRP

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Transparent LAN Service

Ethernet Multipoint Service (VPLS): QoS Issues

- Unpredictable traffic flows cause issues for QoS in that flows may aggregate in undesirable patterns
- Careful consideration needs to be taken for Interactive services such as video and IP telephony
- Best to model your applications first to understand the behaviour



Ethernet Multipoint Service (VPLS): QoS Issues

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 To manage this, device must have a QoS policy configured to meet the business requirements for the applications

Needs careful consideration of bandwidth requirements for peer-to-peer (IP telephony) as well as core applications

QoS policy management becomes problematic

Metro Ethernet: Security

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- Layer two switches present unique security concerns.
- DoS attacks
 - MAC address flooding/storms
 - Spanning tree attacks
 - -CDP
- However, several mechanisms exist within Cisco IOS to increase security and protection of switched networks
- Need to protect yourself from the provider and vice versa

They will be protecting themselves too

Metro Ethernet: Security Recommendations

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Disable VTP on edge switches

Could be used as a denial of service attack

Disable CDP on all devices

Advertises device, IP and software versions

Could be used as a DOS attack

• Disable DTP on edge switches

Define only the VLANs that you require for connectivity

Configure spanning tree ROOT guard

If switches are used to connect to provider network

Metro Ethernet: Security Recommendations

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 Make sure to secure the console and telnet ports of the device

Use SSH not Telnet

Use TACACS+

Use imaginative passwords for login and enable passwords

Use upper case, lower case and numeric characters (example: 3bmChtr)

Change SNMP community strings

Use IP filters to block SNMP access

Metro Ethernet: The Impact of IP Multicast

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This is What We Expect...



Metro Ethernet: IP Multicast

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And This is What We Get...



Metro Ethernet: IP Multicast

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 The issue is that the routers are using PIM to join the multicast tree, and the switches use IGMP join messages to constrain forwarding



Metro Ethernet Constrained Multicast Flooding

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- L2 switches will flood broadcasts, multicasts and unknown unicasts
- L2 switches will use static multicast mac-address entries to constraint the flooding of multicast packets through:

CGMP: Control Plane Protocol between mcast router (Server) and CGMP-capable switch (Client), triggered by IGMP messages received by the CGMP Server

IGMP Snooping : L2 switch itself will snoop IGMP v2 join/leave message and install appropriate static cam entry

RGMP: to constraint flooding of mcast router to mcast router packets

Manual configuration

Metro Ethernet: Controlling Failure Domains

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This L2 Metro Ethernet Defines a Failure Domain



IEEE 802.1w Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol

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• IEEE 802.1w provides for a significant improvement to IEEE 802.1d

Explicit handshake before port can forward

- Convergence can be in milli-seconds but depends on direct interface failure
- Indirect failures cannot be detected except for max-age or 3*hello timeout
- Most VPLS drafts assuming full mesh of VCs in core to prevent running spanning tree within the core

Split horizon forwarding



This Does Not Solve All Issues with Layer 2—Bridged Domains

Metro Ethernet: Spanning Tree

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 Ethernet has no explicit end-to-end signaling

Max-age or 3*BPDU hellos may have to expire to detect failure.

Slow convergence even using 802.1w

Relies upon 3*keepalive loss

Dependant upon providers core for convergence characteristics

Ethernet LMI currently being defined

Failure Domains: Broadcast and Multicast Radiation



Metro Ethernet Service

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How Do We Solve These Issues? Use Routing

Network Modeled as Point-to-Point Links Controlled Routing Protocol Adjacencies, Easily Defined QoS Parameters, Simplified Troubleshooting

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Design Principles

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• When designing a network several factors

Performance

- Scalability
- **Reliability and availability**
- **Cost efficiency**
- Security
- ...Need to be considered irrespective of technology to support critical business objectives, i.e. the applications

Design Principles: Hierarchy

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• To design a network with the correct attributes hierarchy is used to define functional blocks...

Access

Distribution

Core

 ...Which provide the "right" fault isolation, scaling, security, QoS and scaling characteristics

Each Layer Provides Unique Functionality

Attributes of Modularity

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- Designing and building networks in modules that are then plugged together to build a large hierarchical network provides several benefits:
 - Ease of growth
 - **Allows component scaling**
 - **Streamlined training**
 - **Distributed management**
 - Fault isolation—troubleshooting

The "Building Block" Approach

Structure and Hierarchy: Summary

Routed hierarchies enable...

Scalable network architectures

Improved application performance

Managed change

Improve service

Simplified management and troubleshooting

Reduced cost of ownership

Structure and Hierarchy: Scalable Routing

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Hierarchy enables us to...

Control the impact of failures

Manage change

Enable effective, deterministic routing behavior

Define fault, QoS, security, domains

Reduces the routing protocol processing overhead

Hierarchical (modular) topologies must be used with protocols such as OSPF, IS-IS or EIGRP

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Metro Ethernet Distribution Hub and Spoke vs. EMS

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Hub and spoke

Predictable traffic patterns

Simple QoS and security policy definition

Simple IGP peering

Simple IP multicast behaviour

Simple troubleshooting

Emulated LAN

Unpredictable traffic patterns Complex QoS and security policy definition Complex IGP peering Complex IP multicast behaviour Complex troubleshooting





Metro Ethernet: EMS Decision Criteria

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• An Ethernet Multipoint service may be considered, if...

A small number of sites are considered

Limited number of devices/hosts

Multicast is not a big requirement

Use ERS service if these criteria cannot be met

Design for the future

Easier to implement as point-to-point than migrate later

• Layer 3 service

The MAN and WAN Edge: Switches or Routers?

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Pros

Very cost effective Easy to implement

Cons

Little filtering or intelligence Not true for newer switches Policing, typically no shaping Broadcast flooding Spanning tree dangers if not utilized correctly "Fuzzy" demarcation between enterprise and SP

• Pros



Traffic segmentation

Address structuring and management

Fault isolation and control

Policing and shaping

Layer 2 broadcast and multicast segmentation

No spanning tree; greater control w/ routing protocols

• Cons

More costly to implement

Metro Ethernet: Switched Edge Recommendations

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Suitable for data only services

IP telephony/interactive applications need careful consideration

Suitable for very small, simple applications

~2–10 sites, ~10–20 hosts per site

Use broadcast suppression

Set to low% of committed rate

 Use intelligent switches and police using VACLs to define QoS policies

Note: traffic shaping is not typically supported

Metro Ethernet: Switched Edge Recommendations

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From a security perspective...

Configure port security internally

Consider IEEE 802.1x

There should only be one MAC address per port

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Metro Ethernet: Why Routers?

- Sophisticated traffic management LLQ, CBQ, CAR, etc.
- Sophisticated security management ACLs, firewall features, etc.
- Structured address management IP addresses
- Simplified policy management QoS, security, etc.
- Simple fault determination and convergence Explicit one-to-one relationships Robust routing protocol support

Metro Ethernet: Distribution Hub and Spoke

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Deploy metro Ethernet as virtual leased lines

Deploy routers as the edge device of choice

Enables key features such as IP multicast routing, content services, security, etc.

Model links as frame relay or ATM PVCs

Use VLANs as sub interfaces

Use VLAN tags like DLCI or PVCs

Apply same QoS and security policies as existing Frame Relay networks

Metro Ethernet Deployment

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Interface fastethernet0/0 No ip address

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Interface fastethernet0/0.1 ip address 192.168.255.2 255.255.255.252 Encapsulation dot1q 101

- Implement as Point-to-point interfaces
- Use sub-interfaces as these allow flexibility later if additional connections are required.

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- Shaping is required to allow flexibility in the way bandwidth is managed
- Policing is a "hard" limit, congestion unaware mechanism

Within contract yes/no decision

• Metro Ethernet will be a sub-rate service

I.e. 10Mbps within a 100Mbps connection Provider will police your traffic

 Shaper ensures that congestion is notified on interface even if there is no actual congestion "Virtual" queue

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• An example

Assume that we have a 100Mbps connection and a 20Mbps access rate

4Mbps allocated for IP voice

6Mbps allocated for video traffic

6Mbps allocated for business critical traffic

4Mbps allocated for everything else

- But, in the absence of higher or lower priority traffic, I want to be a able to burst into those classes
- Solution: Combine police and shaping

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policy-map customer_classes

class VOICE

police 4000000 conform-action set-prec-transmit 5 exceed-action drop priority 4000

class MISSION-CRITICAL

bandwidth 20000

service-policy customer classes bandwidth 6000

police 6000000 conform-action set-prec-transmit 3 exceed-action setprec-transmit 0

class VIDEO

bandwidth 6000

police 6000000 conform-action set-prec-transmit 2 exceed-action setprec-transmit 0

class BEST-EFFORT

bandwidth 4000

police 4000000 conform-action set-prec-transmit 0 exceed-action setprec-transmit 0

policy-map shape_output

class ALL-CUSTOMER-CLASSES

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- Classification and policing of in-and out of profile traffic at ingress
- Shaper at egress allows "elastic" bandwidth sharing



Metro Ethernet: ERS Recommendation

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- Point-to-point ERS service modelled as existing Frame Relay or ATM deployments today
 - **Optimum scaling characteristics**
 - **Optimum QoS policy**
 - **Optimum security policy**
 - **Optimum troubleshooting and management**

Leverages existing expertise

Well understood and widely deployed model in Frame Relay and ATM networks today

Metro Ethernet ERS: Network Design Practice

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Improved performance

Support for deterministic traffic engineering designs for routing protocols

Deterministic convergence

Traffic load share on equal cost paths

Minimize downtime: By providing redundancy and alternative path routing where appropriate

Metro Ethernet ERS: Good Network Design Practice

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Improved management

Ease change: Building block approach, plus well-defined boundaries

Minimize downtime: By provided redundancy and alternative path routing

Maximize services: QoS, rate limiting, voice, etc...implemented at appropriate levels of the network

Distribute the security policy and processing load by creating well-defined functional layers

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Cisco Metro Fusion

- Comprehensive service portfolio meeting diverse application requirements
- Deliver efficient and flexible design options and architectures
- Proven industry leadership delivering unparalleled network scale and service availability
- Driving industry innovation: architectures, technologies, standards





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