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Trusted and Scalable Systems and Services: Challenges
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SSD based technology for High Performance Storage Area Networks
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Application Demands that Dictate scale for
Cloud and Edge computing
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Security & Trust Challenges in Large Scale Networks

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Security should be built as part of Network DNA

Security is more than encryption. It should prevent
- Malicious users
- Malicious traffic flows
- Route hijacks
Security Paradigm Today

- Virtualization has removed the need for only Perimeter Security
- Zero Trust Security Concept in deployment today at low to medium scale
  - Security enforced at all layers of machine, app, virtualization across systems within a domain
- Lockheed-Martin Cyber Kill Cycle deployed with Zero Trust in most Cloud networks
  - This included Micro-segmentation as preached by Vmware.
  - Concept is great but implementation is slow for large scale systems.
- Key Management is still an Enterprise responsibility
  - Need Cloud scale management from a cloud systems (AWS starting to provide it now).
Security Challenges for 2020

- Large (very) scale systems
  - Grid, Medical, IoT are creating really large databases
  - Developing High Availability and Security systems needed
  - Most systems depend on some form of COTS but HA is missing in most OpenSource systems. Hence HA becomes proprietary.
  - Zero Trust Concept difficult to implement in large (east-west) traffic systems. Hence new models of Zero (or nearly Zero) Trust need development

- Traffic Visibility
  - 80% Traffic is going to be encrypted
  - Balance between privacy v/s information for most companies and countries
  - New Traffic Visibility (Heuristic) Apps for determining traffic mix
Security Challenges for 2020

- **Large Scale Security Policy enforcement**
  - Firewall policies too complex
  - Virtualization demands detailed app/user policy at every lateral boundary
  - Balance between software implementation and hardware acceleration
  - Microsegmentation in Virtual Switches (NSX, OVS, FDD) not scaling to large scale of apps and users
  - **Policy definition using ID – should scale better than IP addresses/sockets**
  - **Policy enforcement using ID in Virtual Switch with some hardware acceleration should be the way forward.**

- **Cloud scale Key Management system**
  - IoT is part of this scale challenge
  - Key rotation adds to the issue
Security Challenges for 2020

- **Cloud scale Key Management system**
  - Key Creation + Key Distribution + Key Storage at cloud scale is a massive problem today
  - Some companies trying different solution (AWS, Covata, Centri etc)

- **Data Center Security Architecture**
  - New paradigms needed for east-west security architecture
  - New paradigm needed for public-private (hybrid) operation for Enterprise
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Scalability problems in Software Defined Networking and Network Function Virtualization technologies

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SDN, NFV – scalability challenges

- **SDN – novel approach for networking control**
  - strong support from industry
  - SDN – applicable in Clouds, WANs, IoT, vehicular, 5G

- **SDN concepts and advantages:**
  - Control Plane (CPl) and Data Plane (DPl) separation
  - *centralized logical control and view* of the network
    - underlying network infrastructure is abstracted to applications
    - common APIs (northbound I/F)
  - Open I/Fs Southbound I/F CPl (controllers - DPI elements)
    - E.g. OpenFlow
  - **Network programmability:** by external applications including network management and control
  - **Independency of operators** w.r.t. network equipment vendors
  - Increased network reliability and security

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SDN, NFV scalability challenges

**SDN Basic Architecture**

- **Network OS:**
  - Distributed system that creates a consistent, updated network view
  - Executed on servers (controllers) in the network
  - Eg.: NOX, PoX, ONIX, HyperFlow, Floodlight, Trema, Kandoo, Beacon, Maestro,..

- **SDN controller uses forwarding abstraction in order to:**
  - Collect state information from forwarding nodes
  - Generate commands to forwarding nodes

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Network Function Virtualization: concepts and advantages

- Main actor ETSI, ....
- Using COTS computing HW to provide **Virtualized Network Functions (VNFs)** through **SW virtualization**
  - Sharing of HW and reducing the number of different HW arch.

- High flexibility in assigning VNFs to HW
  - better scalability (hope)
  - decouples functionality from location
  - enables time of day reuse
  - **Virtualization** - flexibility and resource sharing

- Rapid service innovation through SW-based service deployment

- Common automation and operating procedures ⇒ higher **operational efficiencies**

- **Reduced power consumption**
  - (migrating workloads and powering down unused HW)

- **Standardized and open I/Fs**: between VNFs infrastructure and mgmt. entities

SDN,NFV- scalability challenges

- NFV vision (source: ETSI)

Classical Network Appliance Approach

- Message Router
- CDN
- Session Border Controller
- WAN Acceleration
- DPI
- Firewall
- Carrier Grade NAT
- SGSN/GGSN
- PE Router
- BRAS
- Radio Access Network Nodes

- Fragmented non-commodity hardware.
- Physical install per appliance per site.
- Hardware development large barrier to entry for new vendors, constraining innovation & competition.

Independent Software Vendors

- Orchestration, automatic & remote install.
- Standard High Volume Servers
- Standard High Volume Storage
- Standard High Volume Ethernet Switches

Network Virtualisation Approach

NFV, SDN – are complementary
- NFV + SDN - architectural example

Source: “SDN and OpenFlow World Congress”, Frankfurt, October 15-17, 2013
SDN, NFV - scalability challenges

- Why SDN scalability-related concerns “”?
  - Vertical scalability - apparently – no major issue
  - Horizontal scalability - it still a problem

- Centralized control plane (at least logical)
  - Signaling overhead (forwarders <-> controllers)
  - Central controller limitations: not scale for large networks (no. of switches, flows, bandwidth, etc.)

- Initial SDN concepts: no control communication between forwarders → the power of a distributed system is partially lost
  - Single controller - > single point of failure

- CPI/DPI decoupling issues
  - Need standard API between Cpl/DPI - to allow their independent evolutions - not so simple
  - Switch manufacturers should adopt the same APIs (compatibility reasons)

- Current status? - no unanimous opinions w.r.t. SDN scalability solutions
  - Optimistic, Pessimistic, …

Potential solutions proposed to solve the SDN scalability:
- (however, no unique solution can be universally adopted)
- **Direct solutions**
  - Increase controller processing power
  - Increase switch processing power
- **Aggregation of rules**
- **Proactive installation of rules**
  - Problems: no host mobility support, not enough memory in switches
- Delegate (come back…) **more responsibilities to the data plane**
  - [e.g. Diffane, DevoFlow, …]
- **Distributed controllers** (need inter-controller communication)
  - Placement of controllers – open research issue
  - Flat structure - multiple controllers [e.g. ONIX, …]
  - Recursive controller design [e.g. Xbar, ..]
  - Hierarchical structure - multiple controllers [e.g. Kandoo, ..]
NFV scalability issues (partial)

- NFV needs to be acceptably scalable to high number (millions) of subscribers
  - Dynamic life-cycles of many NFV/VMs could be necessary
- NFV will only scale if all of the functions can be automated
  - Automation of processes is important in NFV
- Dynamic environments require that VNFs can be deployed and removed on demand and scaled to match changing traffic

Open research issues
- How to map VNFs onto VMs?
  - Fixed/variable, 1 to 1, or ..
  - VNFs Migration policies ..

- NFV need more study than just transferring carrier class NFs to the cloud
  - Need to adapt cloud environments so as to obtain carrier-class behaviour
Conclusions

- Scalability solutions for SDN, NFV- still in research focus
- Progress has been made in last years (both in concepts and also implementations)

Thank you!
SDN, NFV - scalability challenges

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