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Software Defined Networking

In this course, you will learn about software defined networking and how it is changing the way communications networks are managed, maintained, and secured.



This Module: Network Virtualization

- Three Lessons
 - What is network virtualization and how is it implemented?
 - Examples of network virtualization and applications
 - Virtual networking in Mininet
- Quiz
- Hands-on in Mininet

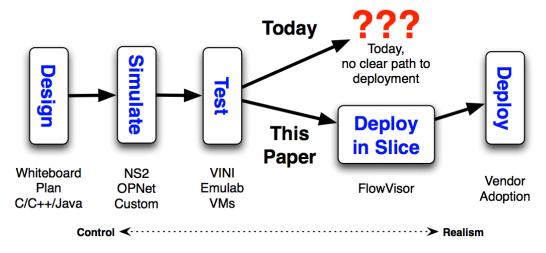


Applications of Virtual Networking

- Experimentation on production networks
 - Can run (virtual) experimental infrastructure in parallel with production
- Rapid deployment and development
 - Can deploy services independently from underlying vendor hardware
- Dynamic scaling of resources
 - Can allocate from "pool" of resources



Experimentation on Production Networks

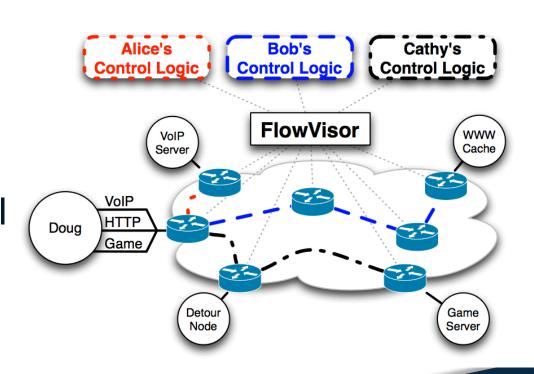


- How to test and deploy a "paper design"?
- Goal: Realism
- Ideally: Deploy in parallel in production



FlowVisor: Virtualizing Network Control

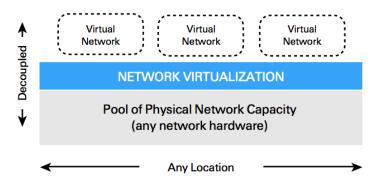
- User ("Doug") can let different flows be controlled by different groups of researchers
- Virtualization of control based on "flow space" (IP address, port, etc.)



Sherwood, Rob, et al. "Can the production network be the testbed." Proceedings of the 9th USENIX conference on Operating systems design and implementation. USENIX Association, 2010.



Rapid Deployment of Services: Nicira Network Virtualization Platform



- Abstraction layer between hosts & underlying network
- Open vSwitch in host hypervisors: abstraction layer
- Managed by distributed controller



Nicira NVP: Applications

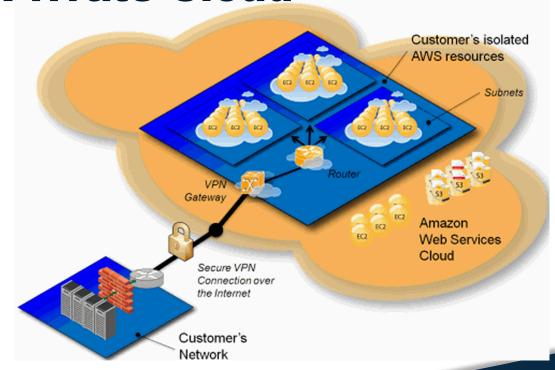
- Dynamic workload placement
 - Multi-tenant data centers
 - Creation of isolated virtual networks for each tenant

- Dynamic security
 - Central management of security policies
 - Enforcement per virtual network
 - Independence from VLAN limits



Dynamic Scaling of Resources: Amazon Virtual Private Cloud

- Connect logically isolated VM instances to existing network
- Connection to existing infrastructure via VPN





Amazon Virtual Private Cloud

- Allows customers to define their own network, address space, etc.
- Extend existing enterprise data center
 - VPN between Amazon VPC and data center
- Applications/Benefits
 - Dynamic scaling
 - Disaster recovery
 - Manageability



Many Other Examples of Virtualization

- Wide-Area Virtual Networks
 - Experimental infrastructure: VINI, GENI
 - Value-added services: CABO
 - Multiple control infrastructures: Tempest
- Virtual "Network in a Box"
 - Open vSwitch, Citrix, Vyatta, OpenSolaris, Microsoft Virtual Server
- Network functions virtualization



Summary: Applications of Virtual Networking

- Experimental deployments
- Isolation on shared infrastructure
- Reuse of resource pool
- Dynamic scaling
- Easier management of "logical" resources