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SwitchApp

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- Specialty low-latency is great for some...
 - But sometimes it's too weird.
 - There is a need for a familiar, low-latency, L2/3 switch
- So Arista built a switching pipeline in FPGA...
 - FPGAs are merchant silicon.
 - EOS uses the FPGA as a just-another-switch-chip
 - Arista forwarding logic, not Arista silicon.
 - Different configuration profiles give new logic



SwitchApp - Now the fastest* Layer 3 switch too



- Full-featured 1/10G Layer 2/3 switch -- implemented in FPGA
 - Ultra-low latency packet forwarding averaging 89 ns (L2) or 130 ns (L3)*
 - Full cut-through architecture
 - 48x 1/10G ports
 - 10k Uni- or multicast MAC addresses
 - 30k unicast, 22k multicast routes
- Fully integrated with EOS, running on 7130LB devices
 - Standard EOS CLI and protocols: STP, LLDP, IGMP, LAG
 - Standard EOS L3 stack: BGP, PIM, OSPF
 - Standard Management, telemetry, protocols, forwarding plane, CloudVision
- Layer 3 features are now generally available from EOS 4.28.0F
 - Download at: https://mako.arista.com/dyn/softwareportal/releases/#switchapp

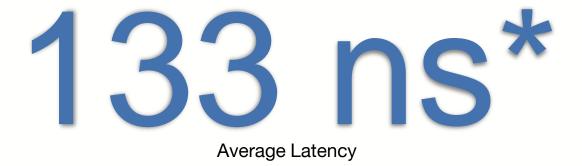
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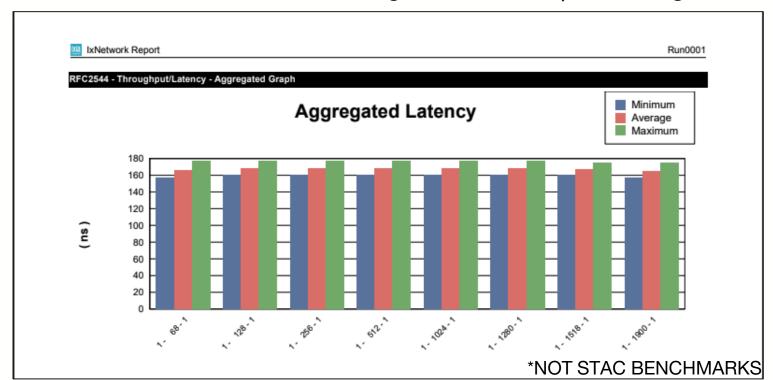
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Full cut-through

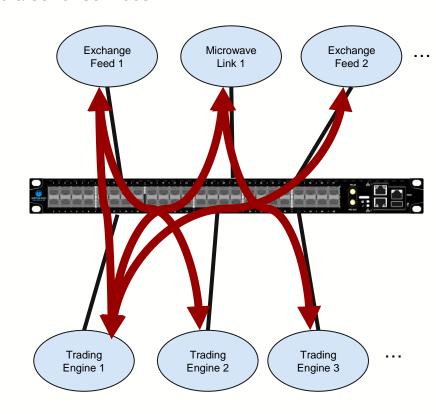
RFC2544 tests show full cut-through for all tested packet lengths



Key use case: Exchange Facing Switch

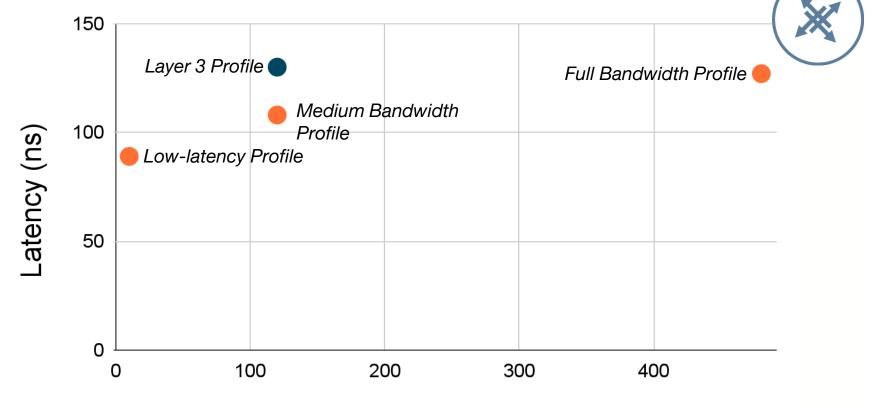
A set of clients need to talk to a set of services

- Exchange facing switches have:
- modest east-west traffic
 - Trading engines don't communicate with each other (much).
- asymmetry
 - Order traffic is low bandwidth
 - Market data comes from services
- a well defined feature set
 - Features required to peer with exchanges: BGP, PIM
 - orders are unicast, market data is multicast.
 - Converged PTP for sync.
 - Specific ACL and NAT features
- low latency focus
 - Nanoseconds matter





Arista SwitchApp Profiles



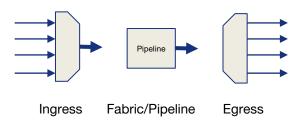
Bisection Bandwidth (Gbps)

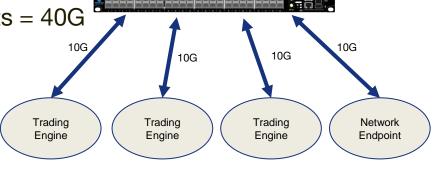
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What is bisection bandwidth?

The traffic that can pass through the pipeline

E.g. for unicast traffic, 4x 10G endpoints = 40G





4x 10G endpoints = 40G possible bisection bandwidth

So I can only have 12 nodes at L3 on SwitchApp!?!?

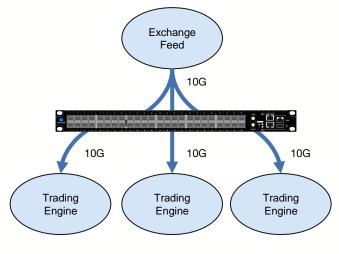
- Unicast traffic is usually limited bandwidth in finance
- Multicast traffic is replicated at egress

Important Note: Multicast replication on egress

- Multicast replication is on egress
 - Replicated multicast does not consume extra bisection bandwidth

e.g. multicast market data from an exchange feed is max 10G of our

bisection bandwidth.



10G Bisection Bandwidth

SwitchApp GA Features

Features released in EOS 4.28.0

- Layer 2
 - RSTP
 - PVST
 - SVIs
 - Lane bonding
 - 1G
- LLDP
- Port counters
- Configurable profiles
 - L2: Low latency, mid-bandwidth, full-bandwidth
 - L3: mid-bandwidth

- Layer 3
 - BGP
 - o PIM
 - Static and dynamic multicast routing
 - OSPF

Tested using Arista's standard, high quality, infrastructure.

SwitchApp Roadmap Features

Coming soon:

- PTP Boundary Clock
- LANZ
- MLAG
- NAT
- ACLs
 - RACL
 - ACL resources shared with L3 Unicast resources
- VRF Support
- Multicast boundary join control, ACLs.
- BFD

Released as software updates

It's time to try SwitchApp

Compatible with any DCS-7130-48LB device

Come and talk to us!