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# IOS-XE Troubleshooting Hands-on Lab

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### Agenda

- Introduction to IOS-XE Platform Software/Hardware
  Architecture
  - Resource Consumption Monitoring
- Day in the Life of a Packet
  - Data Plane Packet Tracing
- Troubleshooting strategy and Tools
  - Embedded Packet Capture
  - Understanding and Extracting Platform Logs
- Hands-on Lab exercise
- Wrapping up...

### **Session Objectives**

- To understand IOS-XE (ASR1k, ISR4k, CSR1Kv) Platform Architecture
  - Software
  - Hardware
  - Feature implementations
- Understand how features process packets through IOS-XE
- To demonstrate a systematic Troubleshooting Strategy
- To showcase various troubleshooting Tools and Capabilities
- To provide a Hands-on experience on how to effectively troubleshoot the platform using these tools

### **Related Sessions**

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Advanced troubleshooting of the ASR1K and ISR (IOS-XE) made easy

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# ASR Series Hardware Architecture



### **ASR1000 Building Blocks**





Houses SPA's Queues packets in & out (FIFO)

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### System Architecture Forwarding Plane



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# ISR4000 Series Hardware Architecture



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ISR 4451-X (ISR4451)
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### ISR 4300 & 4200



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### BQS - Where the Performance Shaper lives



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### Performance License bit counter view

What it sees:

• Packets coming in from PPEs

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- Packets addressed for external interfaces
- No difference between LAN or WAN interface



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# Looking for indications of exceeding license

### Oversubscribed ISR4k lab router

### #show plat hard qfp active datapath utilization



### #show plat hard qfp active statistics drop

Global Drop Stats	Packets	Octets
TailDrop	4395	6634970

### Looking for indications of exceeding license Oversubscribed ISR4k lab router - showing oversubscribed interfaces





### Acronyms

For Your Reference

- RP Route Processor
- FP Forwarding Processor = ESP (Embedded Service Processor)
- CPP Cisco Packet Processor Complex= QFP (Quantum Flow Processor)
- PPE Packet Processing Engine
- IOCP I/O Control Processor
- FECP Forwarding Engine Control Processor
- SPA Shared Port Adapter
- SIP SPA Interface Processor
- IOSd IOS image that runs as a process on the RP
- FMAN Forwarding manager (FMAN-RP, FMAN-FP)
- EOBC = Ethernet Out of Band Channels Packet Interface for Card to Card Control Traffic
- IOS-XE (BinOS) = Linux Based Software Infrastructure for IOS-XE

# ASR1000 Software Architecture





### ASR1K Software Architecture



# Forwarding Manager (FMAN)



- FMAN on RP communicates with FMAN process on ESP
  - Distributed function
- Propagates control plane ops. to ESP
  - CEF tables, ACL's, NAT, SA's,...
- FMAN-FP communicates information back to FMAN-RP
  - e.g. statistics
  - FMAN-RP pushes info back to IOS
- FMAN on active RP maintains state for both active & standby ESP's
  - Facilitates NSF after re-start with bulk download of state information

# **PPE Microcode**



- Written in C
  - Proper features, no hack
- Runs on each thread of the PPE
- Processes packets
  - Run to completion
  - Assisted by various memories
  - TCAM, DRAM, ... various speeds
- Features applied via FIA
  - Feature Invocation Array
- FIA per interface
  - Input FIA, output FIA
  - Drop FIA (Null interface)

### ASR1000 vs ISR4000







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# Resource Monitoring





### The Vital Signs...



### Example: IOS Memory vs RP Memory Utilization



### **QFP** Memory Utilization It gets worse...

			InUse: 8728 Free: 12548	576 9152	
asr-1k#show platform hardware qu	fp active infrastructure exme	m statistics user	Lowest free Type: Name: SI	water mark: 1254893 RAM, QFP: 0	152
 10 279092 28467: 40 36441494 364584	2 CEF 196 NAT		Total: 3276 InUse: 1508 Free: 17680 Lowest free	3 3 water mark: 17680	
asr-1k#show platform hardware go Load for five secs: 0%/0%; one r Time source is NTP, 09:43:55.07	<b>fp active tcam resource-manag</b> minute: 1%; five minutes: 1% 5 EDT Fri Apr 25 2014	er usage	ESP	FECP	Ch
QFP TCAM Usage Information <snip></snip>				Drivers	
Total TCAM Cell Usage Informatio	nc				
Name Total number of regions Total tcam used cell entries Total tcam free cell entries	: TCAM #0 on CPP #0 : 3 : 28 : 524260				QFP BQ
Infeshold Status	: Derow Critical limit			TCAM	DRAN

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asr-1k#show platform hardware qfp active infrastructure exmem statistics

OFP exmem statistics

Type: Name: DRAM, QFP: 0 Total: 1073741824 InUse: 219466752 Free: 854275072

Type: Name: IRAM, QFP: 0 Total: 134217728

Lowest free water mark: 854005760

### **Resources - A Simplified View**

### asr-1k# show platform resources Warning Critical Resource Usage Max State RP0(ok, active) Η Control Processor 5.80% 100% 90% 95% Η 1814MB 3783MB 90% 95% DRAM Н ESP0(ok, active) Н Control Processor 19.89% 100% 90% 95% Н DRAM 683MB 1962MB 90% 95% Η QFP Н 76244KB 524288KB 80% 90% DRAM Η TRAM 8817KB 131072KB 80% 90% Η SRAM 32KB 80% 90% Н 14KB 28cells 131072cells 80% 90% Η TCAM CPU Utilization 7.00% 100% 90% 95% Η ESP1(ok, standby) Η Control Processor 19.89% 100% 90% 95% Н DRAM 68.3MB 1962MB 90% 95% Η OFP Н 76244KB 524288KB 80% 90% DRAM Η 8817KB 131072KB 80% 90% IRAM Η SRAM 14KB 32KB 80% 90% Η TCAM 28cells 131072cells 80% 90% Η CPU Utilization 0.00% 100% 90% 95% Н STP0 Η Control Processor 4.10% 100% 90% 95% Н DRAM 307MB 460MB 90% 95% Н SIP1 Η Control Processor 1.10% 100% 90% 95% Η 160MB 460MB 90% 95% DRAM Η \*\*State Acronym: H - Healthy, W - Warning, C - Critical

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### Introduced in IOS-XE 3.14

### Other Show Commands Improvements Improves interaction with TAC



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### Lab Access

- 1. Use AnyConnect and log in to the dCloud environment.
- 2. Open the Cisco CLI Analyzer Telnet/SSH Client and log in

Master Password: cisco!123

- 3. Create a new session for each of the devices in your POD
  - Click on "Devices"
  - Enter the search term "LTRARC-3500" and press Enter
  - Click on the device name to connect, use the below credentials:
    Username: cisco

Password: cisco

• Click on "Devices" and connect to the remaining devices



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# Day in the Life of a Normal Packet





### Ingress Packet Through SIP





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# Packet Dispatched to PPE Thread

ESP

FECP

QFP

PPE BQS intercon.

# FIA's Applied on Packet by PPE Thread





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# FIA's Applied on Packet by PPE Thread







# Packet Proceeding to BQS then SIP





## Egress Packet Through SIP

SIP intercon.

# Punt Path: From QFP to Internal Destination



# Punt Path: From QFP to Internal Destination



# Inject Path: From RP via QFP to the network



# Inject Path: Recycling packet via QFP to network



# Packet-tracer and FIA Debugger





# The Packet Tracer and FIA Debugger

X-Connect MPLS IPv6 Packet #16 Condition determines packets to be traced Input ACL Output FIA Input FIA Optionally match Pak Match ? MQC Classify on the egress FIA NAT **Output ACL** Input ACL **PBR** NAT MQC Classify **Output ACL** Encaps NAT IP Unicast NAT Statistics and final action will be PBR collected (matched packets dropped, punted to RP, forwarded to Encaps output interface ...) Thread 3 Crypto Optionally, FIA actions can logged per packet System can capture several packets flows **RPs RPs RPs** FSP Packet flows can be reviewed in show commands

Introduced in IOS-XE 3.10

# Packet-Trace: Accounting

- Accounting keeps a count of all packet-trace interesting packets that enter and leave the "packet processor".
- Three basic count groups.
  - Summary Counts
    - Packets Matched –packets that matched conditions
    - · Packets Traced packets that were traced
  - Arrival Counts
    - Ingress packets entering via external interfaces
    - Inject\* number of packets seen as injected from control plane
  - Departure Counts
    - Forward number of packets scheduled/queued for delivery
    - Punt\* number of packets punted to control plane
    - Drop\* number of packets specifically dropped by packet processing
    - Consume number of packets consumed during packet process (e.g. ping request)

# Packet-Trace: Summary Data

- Summary data is collected for a specified number of packets and includes:
  - Packet number (packet-trace specific packet number)
  - Input interface
  - Output interface
  - Final packet state and any punt/drop/inject codes
- Collecting summary data uses little performance over the normal packet processing
- Example usage:
  - To isolate which interfaces are dropping traffic so more detailed inspection can be used after applying interface specific conditions.

## Packet-Trace: Path Data

- Path data may be collected per packet and is made up of different types of data:
  - Common path data (e.g. IP tuple)
  - Feature specific data (e.g. NAT)
  - Feature Invocation Array (FIA) trace optionally enabled
  - Copy of all or part of the incoming and/or outgoing packet optionally enabled
- Capturing path data with FIA trace and packet copy has the greatest impact on packet processing
  - FIA tracing creates many path data entries costing instructions and DRAM writes
  - Packet copy creates many DRAM read/writes
- Packet-trace will only affect the performance of packets traced (i.e. those matched by the user provided conditions)

# Debugging Strategies

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## **Everyday Situations**



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# **Debugging Strategies to Date**



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# New Debugging Strategy



#### IOSd Control Plans

- show interface, show ip route, show bgp ...
- Feature debugging





## Platform Control Plane

- Unified show commands
- Platform show commands
- Future: control plane conditional debugging

#### Data Plane

- Packet Tracer
- Forwarding plane conditional debugging
- Embedded Packet Capture

# Troubleshooting Tools and Capabilities



# Embedded Packet Capture





#### The Embedded Packet Capture One way of capturing packets...

- Shows whether packets have been received or sent
- Shows what packets look like
- Excellent tool but insufficient
- Requires export to decoder
- Config and decode made easy with

Device#	monitor	capture	mycap	start
Device#	monitor	capture	mycap	access-list v4acl
Device#	monitor	capture	mycap	limit duration 1000
Device#	monitor	capture	mycap	interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1 both
Device#	monitor	capture	mycap	buffer circular size 10
Device#	monitor	capture	mycap	start
Device#	monitor	capture	mycap	export tftp://10.1.88.9/mycap.pcap
Device#	monitor	capture	mycap	stop

Device# show monitor capture mycap buffer dump

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0000:	01005E00	00020000	0C07AC1D	080045C0	^E.
0010:	00300000	00000111	CFDC091D	0002E000	.0
0020:	000207C1	07C1001C	802A0000	10030AFA	*
0030:	1D006369	73636F00	0000091D	0001	example

 0000:
 01005E00
 0002001B
 2BF69280
 080046C0

 0010:
 00200000
 00000102
 44170000
 0000E000

Introduced in IOS-XE 3.7

## https://cway.cisco.com/tools/CaptureGenAndAnalyse/

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0020: 000207C1 07C1001C 88B50000 08030A6E .....n 0030: 1D006369 73636F00 0000091D 0001 ..example.....

# **Embedded Packet Capture**

- EPC added to FIA
  - Beginning of ingress FIA
  - End of egress FIA
- Matched packets are copied
- Copied packets get punted to RP
- Original packets processed as usual
- Capture buffer on RP can be exported to .pcap file



#### Use EPC to Troubleshoot Packet Corruptions An Use Case Study of Data Collection Automation

• IPSec integrity check makes it sensitive to packet corruption in the network

**%CRYPTO-4-RECVD PKT MAC ERR:** decrypt: mac verify failed for connection id=695 local=192.168.14.2 remote=192.168.13.2 spi=7C4E759F seqno=00000001

- Problem Challenges:
  - Highly intermittent
  - · Requires Packet Capture on both ends to prove network corruption
- Solution
  - Run continuous EPC with a circular buffer on both tunnel end points
  - Use EEM with SNMP to synchronize and stop capture on both sides
  - · Notify the network administration by email
  - Upload and examine both captures for evidence of corruption





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# EPC in real life: configs

left-peer#show run   se event snmp-server enable traps event-manager	IPS	
snmp-server host 10.10.10.1 public event-manager event manager applet detect_bad_packet event syslog pattern " IPSEC-3-HMAC_ERROR " action 1.0 cli command "enable" action 2.0 cli command "monitor capture stop test" action 3.0 syslog msg "Packet corruption detected and capture stopped!" action 4.0 snmp-trap intdata1 123456 strdata ""	∋ 1142	right-peer#show run   se event event manager applet detect_bad_packet event snmp-notification oid 1.3.6.1.4.1.9.10.91.1.2.3.1.9. oid-val "123456" op eq src-ip-address 10.10.10.2 action 1.0 cli command "enable" action 2.0 cli command "monitor capture stop test" action 3.0 syslog msg "Packet corruption detected and capture stopped!"
*Jan 14 21:34:51.639: %IPSEC-3-HMAC_ERROR: IPSec SA receives HMAC error, DP Handle 1142, src_addr 10.10.10.1, dest_addr 10.10.10.2 X, SPI 0xABCDEF *Jan 14 21:34:51.858: %BUFCAP-6-DISABLE: Capture Point test disabled. left-peer# *Jan 14 21:34:51.860: %HA_EM-6-LOG: detect_bad_packet: Packet corruption detected and capture stopped!	P tr	right-peer# *Jan 14 21:34:52.337: %HA_EM-6-LOG: detect_bad_packet: Packet corruption detected and capture stopped! right-peer#

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# Understanding and Extracting Platform Tracelogs

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# Platform Tracing and Logging



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# Important Logs



# What log files are important?

- Important log files to get for security issues:
  - fman\_rp\_R[0|1].log (under /tmp/rp/trace directory on RP)
  - fman-fp\_F[0|1]-0.log (under /tmp/fp/trace directory on ESP
  - cpp\_cp\_F[0|1]-0.log (under /tmp/fp/trace directory on ESP)
- All these logs get rotated and are copied to /harddisk/tracelogs directory on active RP.
- Look for the relevant log files depending on the time of the failure
- By default, all ERR messages are logged → should be the first things to look for

# Important Logs



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### New Logging Framework: Show logging process

#### Show logging process <process name> internal

#csr1000v-1# show logging process fman internal excuting cmd on chassis local ... Collecting files on current[local] chassis. Total # of files collected = 4 Decoding files: /harddisk/tracelogs/tmp\_trace/fman\_fp\_F0-0.21047\_0.20180109071524.bin: DECODE(592:0:592:10) /harddisk/tracelogs/tmp\_trace/fman\_rp\_R0-0.14852\_0.20180109071523.bin: DECODE(21:0:21:11) /harddisk/tracelogs/tmp\_trace/fman\_rp\_pmanlog\_R0-0.14682\_0.20180109071455.bin: DECODE(25:0:25:1) /harddisk/tracelogs/tmp\_trace/fman\_fp\_image\_pmanlog\_F0-0.20738\_0.20180109071508.bin: DECODE(28:0:28:1) <.....decoded files>



### New Logging Framework: Show logging profile

Show logging profile <profile name> internal csr1000v-1# *show logging profile iwan internal* executing cmd on chassis local ... Collecting files on current[local] chassis. Total # of files collected = 16 Decoding files: 2018/01/09 07:14:55.770 {fman\_rp\_pmanlog\_R0-0}{1}: [fman\_rp\_pmanlog] [14682]: (note): gdb port 9905 allocated 2018/01/09 07:14:55.812 {fman\_rp\_pmanlog\_R0-0}{1}: [fman\_rp\_pmanlog] [14682]: (note): swift\_repl port 8005 allocated 2018/01/09 07:14:55.882 {fman rp\_pmanlog\_R0-0}{1}: [fman rp\_pmanlog] [14682]: (info): (std): /tmp/sw/rp/0/0/rp\_security/mount/usr/binos/conf/pman.sh: line 424: sigusr1\_func: readonly function 2018/01/09 07:14:55.902 {fman\_rp\_pmanlog\_R0-0}{1}: [fman\_rp\_pmanlog] [14682]: (note): process scoreboard /tmp/rp/process/fman\_rp%rp\_0\_0%0 fman\_rp%rp\_0\_0%0.pid is 1458 22018/01/09 07:14:55.902 {fman\_rp\_pmanlog\_R0-0}{1}: [fman\_rp\_pmanlog] [14682]: (note): fman\_rp%rp\_0\_0%0.gdbport is 9905 2018/01/09 07:14:55.902 {fman\_rp\_pmanlog\_R0-0}{1}: [fman\_rp\_pmanlog] [14682]: (note): fman\_rp%rp\_0\_0%0.swift\_replport is 8005



## Wrapping up...

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#### Key Session Takeaways

- IOS-XE Platforms are complex but troubleshooting doesn't have to be
  - Use Resource Monitoring for consolidated view of system health
  - Use the **platform CPU/memory command variant** for in-depth resource check
- Detailed Discussion on Packet Forwarding
  - Data plane Packet Tracing is your friend!
  - Use the right tool for the job!
- Discussed Troubleshooting Strategy and Tools
  - Control vs. Data Plane
  - Embedded Packet Capture
  - Leverage Platform Logs for in-depth troubleshooting
  - End-to-end platform **debugging workflow** and strategies

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