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# Application Centric Infrastructure

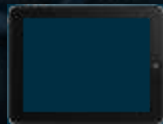
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*TOMORROW starts here.*

# THE NETWORK IS THE INFORMATION BROKER FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

## Applications Are Changing

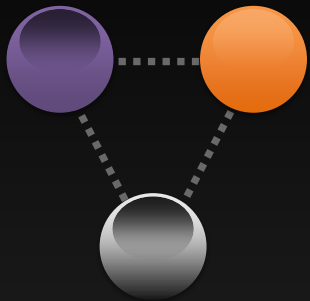
- ▶ Type
  - ▶ Consumption
  - ▶ Delivery
- ▶ Big Data, Distributed, Mobile
  - ▶ Cloud – Public, Private, Hybrid
  - ▶ Any where, Any Time, Any Device



**78%** Network is even more critical to delivering applications than a year ago\*

# A NEW OPEN OPERATING MODEL IS REQUIRED

## TRADITIONAL NETWORK MODEL



### **Network of Boxes**

Focus on Large,  
Stable, IP Networks

Network Centric



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## TODAY'S SDN DATACENTRE MODEL



### Software-Based Network Virtualisation

Concepts: Centralised  
Controller and Overlay

Remains Network  
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# NETWORK VS. APPLICATIONS

## APPLICATIONS



- Rapid Deployment
- Grow, Shrink, Move as Needed
- Compute, Storage, and Network

Any  
Application  
Any Time  
Anywhere

## NETWORKS



- Scalability
- Stability
- Reliability
- Performance

Requires an Application Centric Infrastructure

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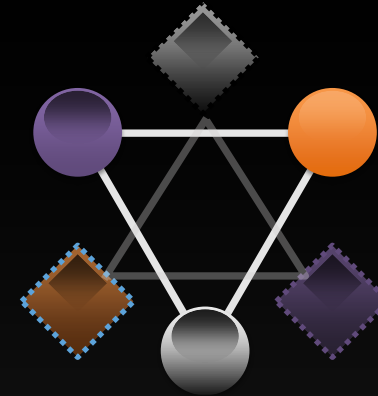
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## FUTURE OPEN MODEL



### Application Centric Infrastructure

FOCUS ON APPLICATIONS!

Application Centric Abstraction

Application Agility Across Entire Infrastructure  
(Compute, Storage, Network)

# CONTINUED HISTORY OF INNOVATION

**Cat 5K/6K  
(Crescendo)**



**MDS-SAN  
(Andiamo)**



**Unified Fabric + FEX +  
UCS  
(Nuova)**



**Nexus 9000 + ACI  
(Insieme)  
50+ Customers  
>800 Pipeline**



Leading the industry in data  
centre innovation

# APPLICATION CENTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRESS AND MOMENTUM

## New Nexus 9000 Platforms

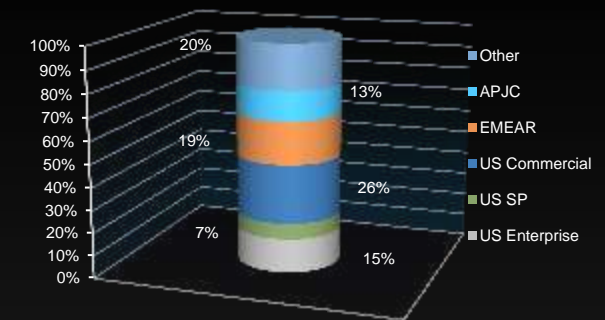


## ACI Ecosystem Update



## Nexus 9000 Momentum

### PIPELINE >800 CUSTOMERS



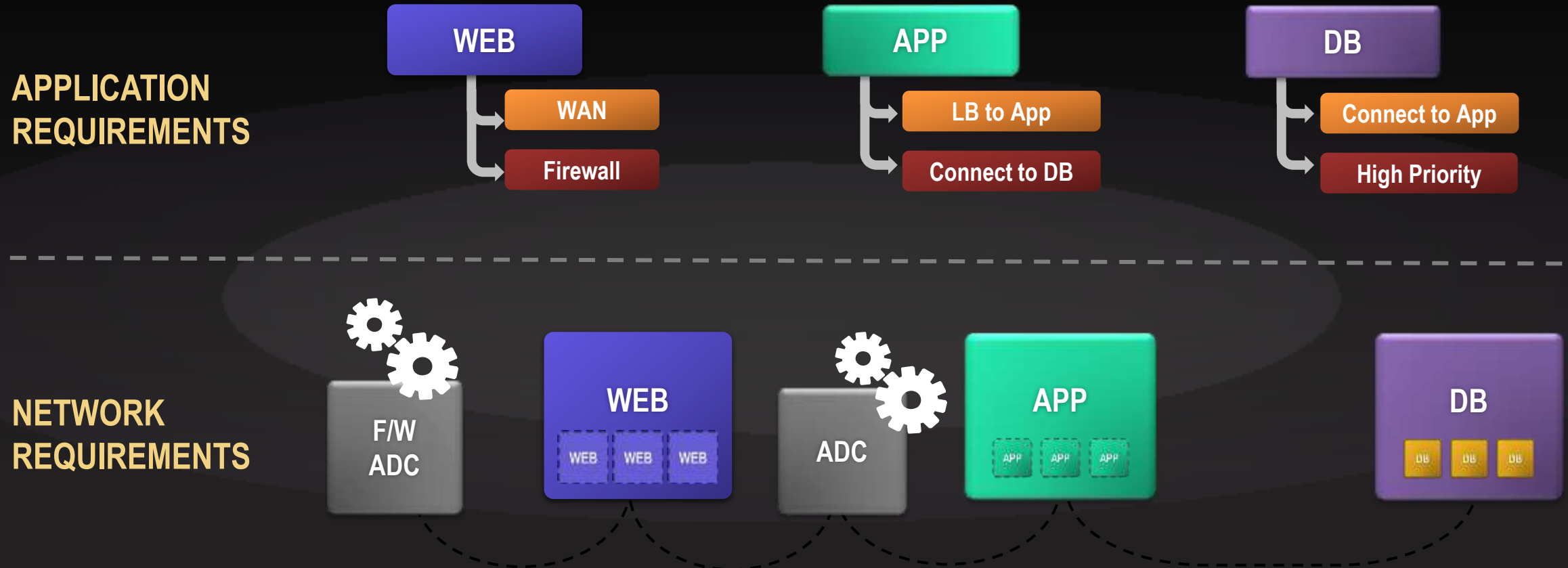
CUSTOMERS ACROSS DIFFERENT  
SEGMENTS

RAPID CHANNEL PARTNER SCALE

Early Design Wins in all Major Geographies and Segments:  
Enterprise, Cloud, Service Providers, Public Sectors, Commercial



# ACI UNDERSTANDS AND SPEAKS APPLICATION NEEDS



**DIRECTLY MAP TO ACI NETWORK PROFILES**

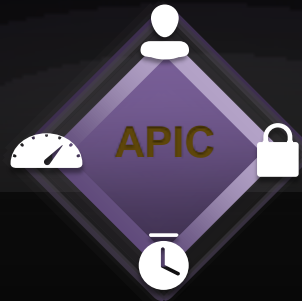
# ACI BUILDING BLOCKS

FUTURE PROOF—SOFTWARE UPGRADABLE TO ACI

OPEN RESTFUL APIS

CENTRALIZED POLICY MODEL

OPEN SOURCE



CONTROLLER



NEXUS 9508 & 9300  
SHIPPING NOW

NEXUS 9500 and 9300

INNOVATIONS IN SOFTWARE HARDWARE AND SYSTEM DESIGN

PRICE

PERFORMANCE

PORT DENSITY

PROGRAMMABILITY

POWER EFFICIENCY

OPTIMIZED NX-OS



RESILIENCY:  
IN SERVICE PATCHING,  
UPGRADE, FAST RESTART



50% SIMPLER  
CODE BASE



FUTURE PROOF  
UPGRADABLE  
TO ACI



NETWORK  
VIRTUALISATION  
SUPPORT



PROGRAMMABILITY  
AND AUTOMATION

# INDUSTRY'S FASTEST 10/40G ROUTER

## ASIC APPROACH

Innovation in Cisco ASICs



### POWER EFFICIENCY

**15% GREATER**  
power and  
cooling efficiency

### 40G LINE RATE

**288 x 40G ports**  
100% throughput

### COMPONENTS

**30% OF TRADITIONAL  
MERCHANT DESIGN**

**INCREASED  
RELIABILITY**

**2.8X BETTER**  
Mean Time  
Between  
Failures

**SAME HARDWARE – UPDATED SOFTWARE FOR ACI CAPABILITY**

# WITH THE BROADEST ECOSYSTEM OF PARTNERS

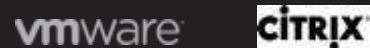
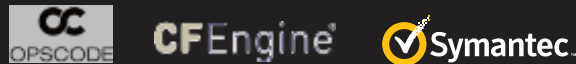
NEW PARTNERS:



cloudera



MAPR  
TECHNOLOGIES



Open and  
Standard APIs

Published  
Data Model



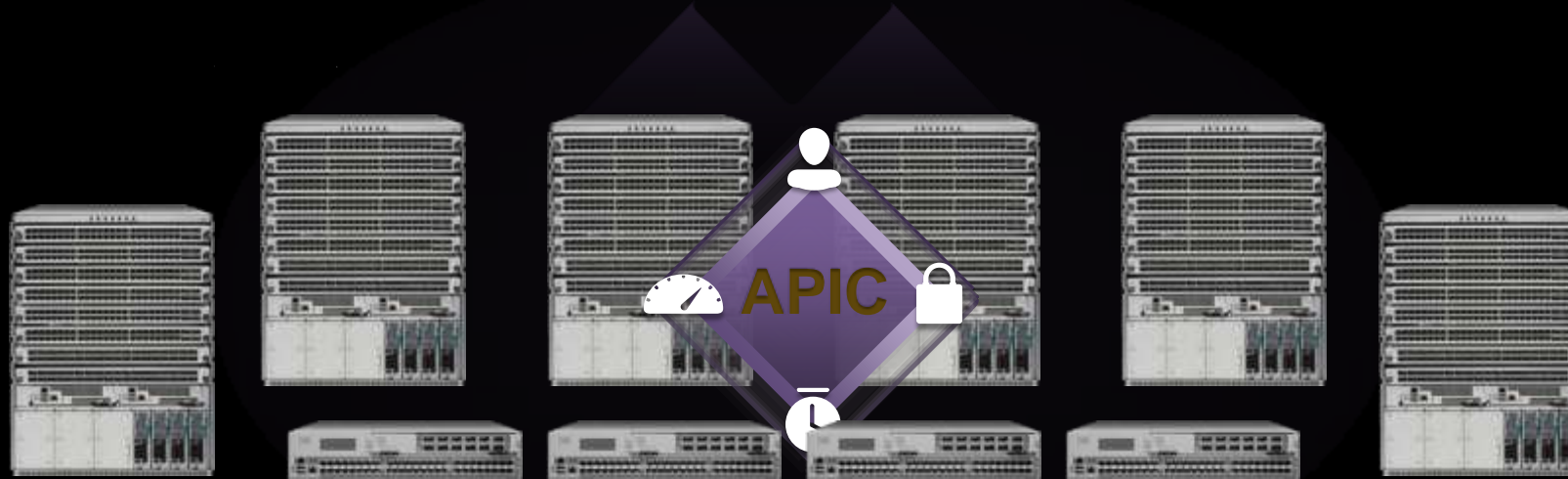
Open Source

Open Standards



L4..7 Services, System Management, Virtualisation,  
Orchestration and Application Vendors

# APPLICATION CENTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE



## Physical Networking



## Hypervisors and Virtual Networking



## Compute



## L4-L7 Services



## Storage



## Multi DC WAN and Cloud





# Deakin University Data Centre Transformation

- A changing Higher Education Landscape has driven a multi year Data Centre Transformation
  - Increase in e-learning – MOOCS
  - Requirement to support remote campus
  - Researchers requiring new types of services
- One of the first Universities to provide a centralized “shared services” model
  - Increased demand on Data Centre services – need for 24x7 on-demand services to service students, staff & researchers
  - Legacy infrastructure did not satisfy these requirements
- Early adopter of Cisco Unified Computing System & Nexus (2010)



# Prior to Cisco UCS and Nexus

- A highly virtualised environment, looking for additional gains from reducing operational cost and increasing agility
- Took 8 weeks to deploy new physical servers
- High operational costs to manage physical servers
- Unpredictable costs to deliver new services





# After Cisco UCS & Nexus

- Transitioned to policy-based compute infrastructure
- Policy-based compute infrastructure moved and prioritised resources onto IT projects with **strong teaching and learning outcomes**
  - IT has been able to support a move from 700 VMs → 1200 VMs, which translates to increased IT demand, all while student growth has been increasing 5% year-over-year
- While it used to take 8 weeks, it **now takes less than 20 minutes to deploy new systems and applications.**
- Reduction in cabling, rack space & power and cooling
- Reduction in servers from 350 to 88
- Near-linear costs to add additional capacity



# What's Next...

- Research is increasing in importance to University
- Changing macro economic landscape in rural areas putting pressure on the University to innovate
- Transition Data Centre network to policy based framework
- Looking to gain benefits of increased security, lower operational costs and rapid application deployment
- Replicate success with server infrastructure to the network team within the Data Centre today and extend the campus in the future



# Q&A

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Thank you.