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# Core and Distribution

Catalyst 9000 Series Switching Family

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# Agenda

- Digital trends
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# Digital trends shaping the future of business



### and the network is the core engine of hybrid work

### New Access requirements for Future Campus

Distribution/Core/Edge

Higher Speeds, Scale, Buffer, etc.



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### Catalyst 9000X – Expanding industry leadership Adding the "X factor" to the industry's leading switching family



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# Cisco ASICs Cisco UADPs and Silicon One

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# Catalyst 9000 Series – Common Building Blocks



Application Hosting Secure Containers Model-Driven APIs Modular Patching Programmable Pipeline Flexible Tables

Same binary image for both UADP and Silicon One C9K platforms\*

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\* C9200 uses IOS XE Lite

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# UADP 2.0XL and 3.0 ASIC comparison

Capabilities (per ASIC)	UADP 2.0XL	UADP 3.0
Switching and forwarding capacity	240 Gbps/360 Mpps	1.6 Tbps/1 Bpps
Stack bandwidth	2x 360 Gbps	2x 400 Gbps
Buffer capability	2x 16 MB	36 MB shared buffer
Switch Database Management (SDM) template	Fixed templates	Customizable templates
NetFlow capabilities	Dedicated NetFlow table	Shared NetFlow table
v4 FIB scale	Total 228,000*	Total 412,000*
v4 and v6 scale	v6 reduced by half	v4 and v6 same scale

\* Maximum ASIC capability.

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# Cisco Silicon One<sup>m</sup>

### Switching Silicon

#### High Throughput

extremely fast hardware-based L2-L4 forwarding and services (measured in Terabits per second)

#### Optimized Scale

optimized for Campus LAN environments with moderate IP & MAC scale (10s-100s of thousands)

#### Low Latency

extremely low hardware-based system latency (measured in Nanoseconds & Microseconds)

#### Streamlined Buffering

shallow buffering systems to reduce latency, with very high throughput



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### Routing Silicon

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• Flexible Features complex, stateful L3-L7 forwarding and services (measured in Gigabits per second)

#### Massive Scale

optimized for WAN/SP environments with very high IP scale (100s of thousands - millions)

Mixed Interfaces
 support for Ethernet, Serial, Cellular and other

types and speeds in a single system

#### Deeper Buffering

deep buffers to accommodate different speeds, bursts and different flow patterns

### Cisco Silicon One Bringing Switching and Routing convergence

# Cisco Silicon One<sup>™</sup> Q200

Industry leading Switching and Routing Silicon







8.1 Bpps

12.8T BW



2M IPv4

or 1M IPv6

route scale

8G HBM for deep buffers



Fully P4 Programmable Pipeline



50G PAM4

Cisco Silicon ONE O200

Industry Leading 12.8T System on Chip





First 7nm ASIC providing lowest watts/GE power consumption



Fully P4 programmable enabling feature velocity



Multi slice architecture for flexibility and scale

### **Routing Capabilities with Switching Power and Performance**

# Extending Cisco Catalyst 9500 & 9600 Series Powered by Cisco Silicon One<sup>™</sup> Q200 ASIC

C9500 & C9600-SUP1 (w/ UADP 3.0)

### **Optimized for Features**

✓ Speed

- 1/10 & 25G SFP
- 40 & 100G QSFP

#### ✓ Scale

- Upto 128K MACs
- Upto 256K Routes
- 108MB Buffers (3x 36MB)

#### ✓ Services

- L2/L3 Routing, MPLS
- LAN MACsec, Netflow, NAT
- Custom ASIC Templates
- Campus Fabric (SDA & EVPN)





- ✓ Speed
- 10/25G & 50G\* SFP
- 40/100G & 200\*/400G QSFP

#### ✓ Scale

- Upto 256K MACs
- Upto 2M Routes
- 80MB + 8GB Buffers

#### Services $\checkmark$

- L2/L3 Routing, MPLS/TE
- LAN & WAN-MACSec, Netflow, NAT\*
- Custom ASIC Templates
- Campus Fabric (SDA & EVPN\*)

Maximum Investment Protection

### 400G Leadership in Campus

### **Unmatched Flexibility**

\* Hardware capable

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# Catalyst 9500X/9500

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### Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Purpose-built fixed core/aggregation switches



\*Supported on 9500 and 9500H. Roadmap for 9500X

# Catalyst 9500 Series

Extending the Catalyst 9500 High-Performance Fixed Core



IOS-XE 17.7.1

# C9500X-28C8D

Gen2 Fixed 1RU QSFP Switch - 36x 100G / 28x 100G + 8x 400G

- 1x Cisco SiliconOne Q200 ASIC
  - 6.0 Tbps System Throughput
  - 28x QSFP28 ports 40/100GE
  - 8x QSFPDD ports 100/200\*/400GE
- 1x 8C 2.4GHz x86 CPU with 2x 16GB (32GB) DDR4 DRAM
- 16GB Flash; Optional SSD (Up to 960G)
- 12x CDR5M PHYs
  - MACSec, WAN-MACSec, ClearTag v3.4
  - IEEE 1588 & PTPv2\*
- Various SFP Breakout & QSA support\*



6.0 Tbps



\*Hardware capable

# C9500X-28C8D Block Diagram







### C9500X-28C8D SFP breakout and QSA\* support



\* Hardware capable. System can support up to 120x 10/25G.

# C9500X - Reversible Airflow



#### Back to Front Port-side Exhaust



- Color of Fan Unit handle/latch
   represents direction of airflow
- Different Fan PIDs for different airflow directions
  - Royal Blue Back to Front
  - Burgundy Front to Back
- All Fans must be the same color (direction) to work correctly



Single 1500W AC/DC PSU with Cisco Grey latch for both airflow directions



Front to Back Port-side Intake





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# Catalyst 9600X/9600

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### Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Chassis



# Catalyst 9600 Series

Extending Modular Core with a Performance-Optimized Supervisor 2



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### Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Supervisor 1



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### Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Supervisor 2



# Architecture

### Centralized architecture



- Centralized architecture => Uninterrupted supervisor switchover
- Centralized architecture (Forwarding, queuing, and security are done on the supervisor) => Unlock new capability with a supervisor upgrade
- Transparent line cards => Compatible with new sup
- Passive backplane => High MTBF
- x86 CPU + storage => App hosting

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# Supervisor engine 1 – Block diagram



# C9600X-SUP-2 Block Diagram



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### Catalyst 9600/X: Introducing the first 400G line cards in campus



#### Shift Registers Shift Registers 2Gbit OBFL Flash 16MB Flash Gaia Clock SupA PM-I20 Fanout PMFPGA SupB PM-I20 Clock POLs Generator Clock

Temp

Sensors

ACT2L

### \* Hardware capable

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# C9600-LC-40YL4CD

Gen2 Combo Line-Card - 40xSFP56 + 2xQSFP56 + 2xQSFPDD

- 3.2 Tbps With Gen2 Sup
  - 40x SFP56 ports 10/25/50\*GE
  - 2x QSFP56 ports 40/100/200\*GE
  - 2x QSFPDD ports 40/100/200\*/400GE
- **1.2 Tbps** With Gen1 Sup
  - 40x SFP28 ports 1/10/25GE
  - 2x QSFP28 ports 40/100GE
- 8x CDR5M PHYs •
  - MACSec, WAN-MACSec, ClearTag v3.4
  - IFFE 1588 & PTPv2\*
  - Hitless MUX (HMUX)
- Various Breakout & QSA support (QSFP ports)\*



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# C9600-LC-40YL4CD Ports and Speeds Support





#### **40**x 1/10/25GE + **2**x 40/100GE





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IOS-XE 17.8.1

# C9600X-LC-32CD

Gen2 Module - 30 x QSFP28 + 2 x QSFP-DD

### • 3.2Tbps with Supervisor 2 Only

- 30 x QSFP28 ports, 40/100GE
- 2 x QSFP-DD ports, 40/100/200\*/400GE
- NOT supported with Supervisor 1
- 8 x CDR5M + 2 x CDR5L PHYs
  - MACSec, WAN-MACSec, ClearTag v3.4
  - IEEE 1588 & PTPv2 (Precision Time Protocol)
  - Hitless MUX (HMUX)





Supervisor 1



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### C9600X-LC-32CD 100G / 400G Port Modes

### All 100G (QSFP28) Mode (Default):

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### Two 400G (QSFP-DD) Mode:

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24x100G + 2x400G

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# Gen1 Line-Cards Support with SUP2

### **Centralized Architecture**

- Gen1 Line-Cards supported\*
- Only PHYs on the Line-Cards
- All forwarding on the Supervisor (ASIC)

### Additional Bandwidth ©

- C9606 backplane traces support up to 56G PAM4
- Gen1 Line Cards now support up to 2.4T per Slot
  - 24 x 100G QSFP on LC-24C
  - 48 x 50G\*\* SFP on LC-48YL

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### No MACsec support 🛞

- Q200 does not have onboard Crypto engine
  - Gen2 LCs use newer CDR5M PHY for MACsec
- UADP has onboard MACsec engine
  - Gen1 LCs use older CDR4 PHY (not MACsec capable)



\* C9600-LC-48S is not supported with Sup2

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\*\* Hardware capable

# Catalyst 9600 Line Card Support Matrix



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# Features and Scales

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## Features and Scales

	Silicon O	ne Q200	UAD	P 3.0
	Default	Maximum (Custom)	Default	Maximum (Custom)
MAC Addresses	128K	256K	80K	128K
IP Host Routes	128K	256K	80K	128K
Multicast L2 groups	16K	64K*	16K	48K
Multicast L3 routes	32K	64K*	32K	48K
IP LPM Routes	2M	2M	212K	256K
MPLS Labels	256K	512K	32K	64K
SGT/OG Labels	32K	64K	32K	64K
NAT* Sessions	16K*	128K*	ЗК	16K
Sec ACL Entries	8К	10K*	12K	27К
QoS ACL Entries	8K	10K*	8K	21K
PBR* ACL Entries	8K*	10K*	ЗК	16K

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\* Hardware capable on Q200



# Catalyst 9500X & 9600X – Things to know Next Generation Core + Edge Switching with Silicon One™ Q200

### C9600X-SUP-2 + LC-40YL4CD



### C9500X-28C8D



	Technology	Brief Description	Diffs from UADP 3.0
V	Large LPM Table	<ul> <li>Up to 2M IPv4 or 1M IPv6 (hash efficiency is about 80%)</li> <li>Dedicated Memory for LPM</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Up to 256K IPv4/IPv6 with Custom SDM template</li> <li>LPM and other features share 416K ASIC memory</li> </ul>
	Large MAC Table	<ul> <li>Up to 256K MAC entries Custom SDM template.</li> <li>Shared with other features</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Up to 128K MAC entries with Custom SDM template</li> <li>MAC shared with LPM, etc. in same 416K ASIC memory</li> </ul>
	VoQ QoS + HBM	<ul> <li>Q200 has 80MB local (low-latency) + 8GB HBM (High Bandwidth Memory) buffer memory.</li> <li>Q200 uses a Virtual Output Queue (VoQ) architecture. All queuing and policing policies applied on Ingress.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Max 36MB unified buffer memory per ASIC</li> <li>Supports both Ingress/Egress queuing &amp; policing</li> </ul>
V	OGACL & SGACL	<ul> <li>8K IPv4, 4K IPv6 ACL TCAM entries.</li> <li>Object-Group &amp; Security-Group ACLs use CEM to map IP-to-Group label, TCAM only uses L4 ACEs. (OG/SG ACL design is optimal for layer 3 environment).</li> </ul>	<ul><li> 64K ACL TCAM entries per ASIC</li><li> Object-group expand into the TCAM space</li></ul>
¢	LAN & WAN-MACsec	<ul> <li>Q200 does not have built-in crypto engine.</li> <li>C9500X &amp; C9600X-LC uses new CDR5M PHY (400Gbps Full-Duplex). CDR5M provides line-rate (8x 400G = 3.2T) 802.1ae (LAN) MACsec and WAN-MACsec.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>UADP3 has built-in MACsec crypto (speed of ASIC)</li> <li>UADP3 only supports LAN MACsec (no WAN-MACsec)</li> </ul>
	Flexible NetFlow*	<ul> <li>Q200 does not have built-in Flow Cache memory (no hardware-based Netflow).</li> <li>C9500X &amp; C9600X uses new Software-based FNF (≤ 2M entries), with a dedicated CPU core (~2Mpps). FNF sampler rate 1:1000, ~10Tbps of 512-Byte packets = ~2Mpps.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>UADP3 has built-in (HW) FNF, max 64K entries per ASIC</li> <li>FNF shared with LPM, etc. in same 416K ASIC memory</li> </ul>

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\* Roadmap

# Why OGACL/SGACL in Campus Core?

### **Object-Group ACLs for IP**



### Object-Groups map IP/mask to Labels in CEM

- User defines IP/masks to simple OG name
- OGID labels are stored in Exact Match table

### OGACL ACEs take minimal space in ACL TCAM

- Only the Permit/Deny ACEs in TCAM
- OGACLs with same ACEs can reuse entries

### Scalable-Groups for SDA

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### Scalable-Groups map IP/mask to Labels in CEM

- ISE/DNAC defines IP/masks to simple SG name
- SGT labels are stored in Exact Match table

### SGACL ACEs take minimal space in ACL TCAM

- Only the Permit/Deny ACEs in TCAM
- SGACLs with same ACEs can reuse entries



# Traditional ACL vs Group-Based ACL

#### Traditional ACL: One TCAM entry per ACL entry



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# Catalyst 9500/X & 9600/X Series Core Positioning

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Next Generation Core + Edge Switching with Silicon One™ Q200

# Feature Optimized C9500 & C9600-SUP-1

### Performance Optimized C9500X & C9600X-SUP-2



### C9600-SUP-1

**C9500** 

- ✓ Best-in-class Enterprise Core feature set
- ✓ Low speeds (1G 40G) and port density
- ✓ Comprehensive MPLS, EVPN and SDA
- ✓ Ideal for Campus Core, Collapsed Core + Agg

Ideal for C6K non-XL deployment migration

C9600X-SUP-2

### C9500X

- ✓ Unmatched forwarding scale and performance
- ✓ High speeds (10G 400G) and port density
- ✓ Scaled MPLS and SDA, WAN-MACsec
- ✓ Ideal for Campus Core + Edge, or Centralized WLC

### Ideal for C6K XL deployment migration



### WAN MACsec overview and use cases Enabled in hardware on Catalyst 9000 Switches



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\* Requires Release 17.8.1 and HSEC key (\$1 PID).

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# App Hosting on C9K Switches



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# App Hosting



	Resource type	Catalyst 9500 High Perf	Catalyst 9500-X	Catalyst 9600	Catalyst 9600-X
Networking	AppGig Port	Mgmt Port*	2x10G	Mgmt Port*	Mgmt Port* (2x10G CPU ports)
	Memory	8GB	8GB	8GB	8GB
Resources	CPU	1 core	1 core	1 core	1 core
	Storage	Up to 960GB (SATA)	Up to 960GB (SATA)	Up to 960GB (SATA)	Up to 960GB (SATA)

\* Using loopback with any external ports





# StackWise Virtual





- Supported on all the UADP base platform today
- Roadmap for the Silicon One ASIC platforms

Simplify Operations by Eliminating STP, FHRP and **Multiple Touch-Points** 

- Double Bandwidth & Reduce Latency with Active-Active Multi-chassis EtherChannel (MEC)
- Minimizes Convergence with Sub-second Stateful and Graceful Recovery (SSO/NSF)

# Summary

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### The Catalyst 9000 Core and Dist Switches Powering the cloud scale world

Cat 9500 / 9500X Powered by UADP 3.0 / S1 Q200



100G/400G SKU's

Catalyst 9500 Powered by UADP 3.0



25G/100G SKU's



Simplicity with Open IOS-XF

#### Catalyst 9600 / 9600X Supervisor-1 Supervisor-2 Powered by UADP 3.0 Powered by S1 Q200



2.4Tbps Per Slot

Combo line cards



6.4Tbps per Slot

#### Fiber line cards

400G/100G/200G/50G/25G/10G/1G

- 40 x 50G/25G/10G/1G + 2 x 200G/100G + 2 x 400G
- 32x 100G: or 28x 100G + 400G: or 24x 100G + 2x 400G
- 24 x 100G / 40G
- 48 x 50G/25G/10G/1G
- 48 x 1G

#### Copper line card

48 x Mgig (Non-PoE)



#### **Extending Core Leadership** with Catalyst X Series

2.6x Bandwidth

WAN MacSec Support

400G Uplinks

2M Route Scale

**Deep Buffers** 

#### **Cisco Catalyst** 9000 Core Series leadership

SD-Access

MACsec-256 link encryption

High Availability (SSO/ISSU)

Application Hosting

Model-driven programmability

Patching and GIR

Streaming telemetry

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