



SD-Access and ACI Integration

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Cisco SD-Access and Cisco ACI Integration



Note Cisco Nexus Dashboard and Cisco DNAC integration allows for automation of a subset of network connectivity and macro segmentation scenarios across Nexus and campus SD-Access fabric deployments. This integration is under limited availability. Please contact your Cisco representative for additional information.

Cisco Software-Defined Access (SD-Access or SDA) is a solution within the Cisco Digital Network Architecture (DNA), which defines a campus-and-branch architecture that implements Cisco's Intent-Based Networking (IBN) framework. Cisco SD-Access defines a uniform policy-based wired and wireless network fabric that meets business needs with security, automation, and assurance. The Cisco Digital Network Architecture Controller (DNAC), in combination with Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE), is the unified point of automation and management for the Cisco SD-Access fabric.

Release 3.7(1) of Cisco Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator (NDO) adds support for Cisco SD-Access and Cisco ACI integration. The purpose of SD-Access and ACI integration is to securely connect the campus-and-branch network to the data center network. With Release 3.7(1), NDO can perform the following functions:

- gather network and resource information from both domains
- automatically configure the VRF-Lite inter-domain connection at the ACI side
- provide the configuration of the next-hop device connected to the SD-Access border nodes
- provide cross-domain visibility

Macro Segmentation

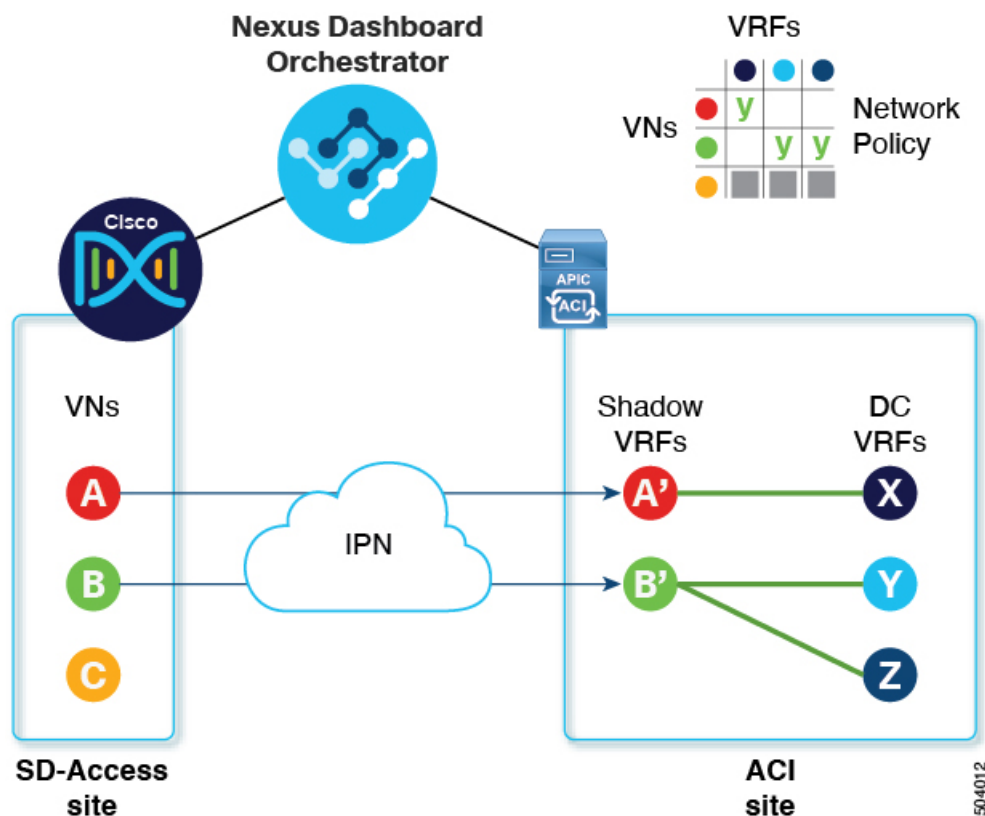
The Cisco SD-Access and Cisco ACI integration feature of Cisco Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator (NDO) allows macro segmentation of network elements between the ACI domain and the SD-Access domain.

In the ACI domain, entities such as EPGs, subnets, and VLANs are grouped as part of Virtual Routing and Forwarding instances (VRFs). When a VRF requires external communication, the VRF is associated with an IP interface (L3Out) on an ACI Border Leaf (BL). In the SD-Access domain, entities such as users, subnets, and IP pools can be grouped as Virtual Networks (VNs). When a VN requires external communication, the VN is associated with an SD-Access Border Node (BN) interface for IP handoff. The border interfaces of the two domains, ACI and SD-Access, can be physically connected through an IP network (IPN), but this basic connection does not provide connectivity between VRFs and VNs. With Cisco Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator Cisco SD-Access and Cisco ACI integration, an administrator can create policies to map (or "stitch") VRFs to VNs.

Macro Segmentation Workflow

A typical Cisco SD-Access and Cisco ACI integration workflow consists of the following steps, which refer to the figure below.

Figure 1: Macro Segmentation using NDO for SD-Access-to-ACI integration



- In an existing SD-Access site, a Cisco Digital Network Architecture Controller (DNAC) administrator has configured a campus fabric in which some entities require external access, such as access to the data center. The DNAC administrator has performed the following tasks:

- created virtual networks (VNs)
- associated IP address pools to those VNs
- configured L3 border nodes and associated interfaces
- created an IP (layer 3) handoff transit network
- configured Layer-3 handoff for those VNs that need external connectivity

Note that these tasks are normal DNAC administrative tasks and no special modification has been made for Cisco SD-Access and Cisco ACI integration.

- An NDO operator logs into and onboards the DNAC, using the DNAC credentials.

In the onboarding process, NDO automatically accesses the DNAC's REST API to query for sites, VNs, and border node devices. Upon discovering these entities, NDO learns which VNs are configured for external connectivity (L3 handoff) and on which Cisco SD-Access border nodes, and it learns their subnets. In the example shown in [Figure 1: Macro Segmentation using NDO for SD-Access-to-ACI integration, on page 2](#), the VNs A and B have been configured for L3 handoff, and these VNs are available to be extended into the ACI site. VN C is not configured for L3 handoff, and will not be available to the ACI site.

NDO continues to periodically query the DNAC for any ongoing configuration changes in the SD-Access fabric.

- The NDO operator configures connectivity between one or more ACI sites to one or more SD-Access sites. This includes specifying ACI site border leaf switches and interfaces, and VLAN and IP pools to be used for VRF-Lite configuration on border leaf interfaces. For directly connected interfaces (no IPN), the VRF-Lite configuration is derived from the configuration provisioned by DNAC for the IP handoff on the SDA border nodes, and VLANs and IP addresses are not taken from these pools.

NDO generates and displays next-hop device configuration for extended SD-Access VNs. This configuration can be applied manually to IPN devices if needed. NDO does not provision the IPN devices.

- The NDO operator extends a VN into the datacenter, making the VN available for connection to VRFs within the ACI domain.

Extending a VN creates an internal representation (a mirrored "shadow VRF") of the VN to represent the VN on the ACI domain. In the example in Figure 1, shadow VRFs A' and B' are automatically created in the ACI site to represent extended SD-Access VNs A and B. These shadow VRFs are stretched across all sites and pods within the ACI domain that require connectivity with the SD-Access domain. NDO automatically creates a schema and template in which these shadow VRFs are configured. The auto-created schema and template appear in NDO, but are read-only. The template is associated to the 'common' tenant and is associated with all 'SDA-Connectivity' enabled sites.

- The NDO operator creates a network policy to map an extended SD-Access VN to a datacenter VRF or VRFs that the VN needs to access. This action is also called "VRF stitching." The datacenter VRFs can be part of different "App tenants", which implies that this integration by design allows you to establish inter-VRF connectivity (a functionality usually referred to as "shared services").

In the example in Figure 1, the network policy shown stitches extended SD-Access VN A (extended as VRF A') to datacenter VRF X, and VN B (extended as VRF B') to datacenter VRFs Y and Z.

As a result of this mapping, a security policy relationship allowing all traffic is automatically established between the external EPG of the L3Out associated to the extended SD-Access VN and the vzAny logical object representing the datacenter VRF. The application of this contract allows free connectivity between

all the subnets of the extended SD-Access VN and all the subnets of the datacenter VRF that have been explicitly configured to be leaked across VRFs.

Cisco SD-Access and Cisco ACI Integration Guidelines

- An ACI site and an SD-Access site can be connected indirectly, through an external IP network (IPN), or directly, with back-to-back connections from ACI border leafs to SD-Access border nodes.
 - If the sites are directly connected, the connectivity between the two domains is configured automatically, including both the control plane and data plane.
 - If the sites are connected using an IPN, the IPN devices must support VRF Lite. NDO and DNAC do not provision the IPN devices, but NDO provides a sample configuration that can be applied to the IPN devices directly connected to the ACI border leafs and to the SD-Access border nodes.
- When multiple sites exist in either domain, note the following guidelines:
 - An SD-Access site can use another SD-Access site (SDA transit) to connect to the ACI sites.
 - When multiple sites exist in the SD-Access (campus) domain, each campus site can connect directly to the datacenter domain (direct peering), or through an intermediate network that could be a generic IP network (IPN), or through another campus site (indirect peering).
 - In a Multi-Site deployment, each ACI fabric that requires direct or indirect connectivity with the SD-Access (campus) domain must deploy a local L3Out connection. If the ACI fabric is a Multi-Pod fabric, the L3Out connection can be deployed only in a pod or a subset of the pods that are part of the same fabric.
- M:N mapping of VNs to VRFs is supported, within the limits described in [Scalability of SD-Access and ACI Integration, on page 5](#).
- M:N mapping of SD-Access sites to ACI sites is supported, within the limits described in [Scalability of SD-Access and ACI Integration, on page 5](#).
- From the DNAC, NDO learns about all SD-Access (campus) VNs and their subnets. When a VN is extended into the ACI site, NDO assumes that all subnets of that extended VN are reachable from ACI border leafs. NDO periodically checks for the presence of these subnets on ACI border leafs. In the **Status** column of the **Integrations > DNAC > Virtual Networks** table for an extended VN, NDO reports the subnets that are not yet reachable.
- By default, when an extended VN is mapped to a DC VRF, the ACI site does not advertise transit routes to the VN. The NDO administrator controls which ACI subnets are leaked into the shadow VRF of the VN as follows:
 - BD subnets that are internal to the ACI VRF are leaked only if the subnets are configured with “Shared between VRFs”.



Note When an SD-Access VN is mapped to multiple ACI VRFs, only non-overlapping prefixes across all mapped ACI VRFs should be configured as “shared between VRFs”.

- External subnets learned from L3Outs configured in the ACI VRF are leaked only if the subnets are configured with “Shared Route Control” and if transit routing is enabled.

For detailed information, see [Configuring Transit Routing, on page 13](#).

- The SD-Access site cannot provide Internet connectivity to the ACI site.
- Automation of IPv6 connectivity is not supported.
- Multicast traffic is not supported between the domains.

Scalability of SD-Access and ACI Integration

- Only a single DNAC can be onboarded to your NDO for SD-Access and ACI integration.
- Multiple SD-Access (campus) sites are supported if managed by a single DNAC.
- Up to 2 ACI sites are supported for peering with SD-Access. Each ACI site can be a single Pod fabric or a Multi-Pod fabric.
- A virtual network (VN) can be mapped to a maximum of 10 ACI VRFs.
- Up to 32 virtual networks (VNs) from the SD-Access domain can be extended into the ACI domain.

Software Compatibility

The minimum software versions that support macro segmentation for SD-Access and ACI integration are listed in the following table.

Product	Supported Product Versions
NDO	3.7 and later releases
ACI	4.2 and later releases
DNAC	2.3.3 and later releases

Onboarding the DNA Center

This section describes how to configure a Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator (NDO) to log in to a DNA Center (DNAC). After logging in, NDO can import the SD-Access site configuration information necessary to create a network connection between the SD-Access domain and an ACI domain.

Procedure

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- Step 1** Log in to your NDO.
- Step 2** From the left navigation pane, select **Integrations > DNAC**.
- Step 3** In the main pane, click **Add DNAC** to onboard a DNA Center.
The **Add DNAC** dialog box opens.
- Step 4** In the **Add DNAC** dialog box, perform the following steps:

- a) Enter a **Name** for the DNA Center.
- b) Enter the URL or IP address of the DNA Center as the **Device IP**.
- c) Enter a **Username** credential for logging in to the DNA Center.
Read-only access is sufficient.
- d) Enter a **Password** credential for logging in to the DNA Center.
- e) Enter the password again in **Confirm Password**.
- f) Click **Add**.

NDO automatically logs in to the DNAC through the REST API and queries for the configuration of virtual networks (VNs) and border node devices in the SD-Access domain controlled by the DNAC.

What to do next

- Configure connectivity from the ACI site to the SD-Access site or IPN.
- Create network policies to allow communication between VNs in the DNAC's SD-Access domain and VRFs in the ACI domain.

Configuring Connectivity Toward the SD-Access Domain

This section describes the infrastructure-level configuration performed on NDO for Cisco SD-Access to ACI integration. For each ACI fabric, you must select the border leaf nodes and their associated interfaces that will provide connectivity toward the Cisco SD-Access domain.

Before you begin

You must have onboarded the DNA Center.

Procedure

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- Step 1** Log in to your Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator.
 - Step 2** From the left navigation pane, select **Integrations > DNAC**.
 - Step 3** In the main pane, click the **Overview** tab.
A dashboard of DNA Center appears.
 - Step 4** On the right side of the **DNAC Details** box, click the link for **Configuring Connectivity**.
The **Fabric Connectivity Infra** page appears.
 - Step 5** From the left navigation pane, under **Sites**, select the ACI site to be connected.
An **Site Connectivity** pane appears on the right.
 - Step 6** From the **Site Connectivity** pane, scroll down to the **SDA Connectivity** control and set it to **Enabled**.
Several fields appear below the **SDA Connectivity** control. Configure the settings in the following substeps.

- a) From the **External Routed Domain** drop-down list, choose the external routed domain (L3 domain) to be connected. This routed domain must be already defined on APIC.
- b) In the **VLAN Pool** field, enter a range of VLAN numbers.

A VLAN number from this pool will be assigned to the sub-interfaces or SVIs when extending a campus VN to the datacenter. The VLAN pool must be the same as, or a subset of, the VLAN pool associated to the external routed domain you selected in the previous step.

If the ACI to SD-Access connection is back-to-back, with no IPN, the VLAN ID is not assigned from this pool. Instead, the VLAN ID is determined by what has been provisioned by DNAC for the IP handoff on the SD-Access border nodes.
- c) Under **VRF Lite IP Pool Ranges**, click the + symbol next to **Add VRF Lite IP Pool Range** and enter an IP subnet in the **IP Address** field.

IP addresses from this subnet will be assigned to the sub-interfaces or SVIs when extending a campus VN to the datacenter.

If the ACI to SD-Access connection is back-to-back, with no IPN, these pools are not used. In this case, the IP addresses for the sub-interfaces are determined by what has been provisioned by DNAC for the IP handoff on the SD-Access border nodes.

Step 7

In the center pane that displays the pods of the ACI site, click **Add Leaf Node** under the pod that will connect to the SD-Access site.

A **Select a Leaf** pane appears on the right. Configure the settings in the following substeps.

- a) From the **Leaf Node** drop-down list in the **Select a Leaf** pane, choose the border leaf switch that will connect to the SD-Access domain.
- b) In the **Router ID** field, enter the border leaf router ID.
- c) Under Interfaces, click the + symbol next to **Add Interface**

The **Add Interface** dialog box appears.
- d) Enter the **Interface ID**.
- e) From the **Interface Type** drop-down list, select either **Sub-Interface** or **SVI**.
- f) Enter the **Remote Autonomous System Number**.

If the ACI to SD-Access connection uses an IPN, this number should match the ASN of the IPN.

If the ACI to SD-Access connection is back-to-back, with no IPN, this number should match the ASN of the SD-Access border nodes.

- g) Click **Save**.

Step 8

In the top bar of the **Fabric Connectivity Infra** page, click **Deploy**.

At this point, the configuration is not yet pushed to APIC. When the first VN is extended, the SD-Access connectivity is configured automatically.

Viewing the Status of the SD-Access to ACI Integration

The **Integrations > DNAC** menu displays details about the integration status and provides an inventory of available virtual networks (VNs).

Overview Tab

The **Overview** tab displays the following information windows:

- **DNAC Details:** Displays the overall status, IP address, and version of the connected DNAC. This window also contains a link to **Configure Connectivity**.
- A summary graphics dashboard for the following resources:
 - **DNAC Enabled Sites:** The number and type of SD-Access sites under management by the DNAC. The supported site types are on-premises, AWS, and NDFC.
 - **Virtual Networks:** The number of available VNs, and how many are extended or not extended.
 - **DC VRFs:** The number of datacenter VRFs available for sharing, and whether they are mapped or unmapped.

Virtual Networks Tab

Click the **Virtual Networks** tab to display details about the VNs.

The top window of the page repeats the summary graphics information from the **Overview** tab.

The **Virtual Networks** window of the page lists the virtual networks (VNs) that have been configured by DNAC for IP handoff on the SD-Access border nodes. A table of VNs displays the following information for each VN:

- **Status:** The current integration status of the VN, along with a color-coded icon indicating the severity of the status. The states are listed in the following table.

Status	Icon color (severity)	Description
Discovered	Green (Normal)	VN is discovered on SDA Border Nodes.
InProgress	Grey (Informational)	Reading the latest status of the VN after a configuration change. This is a temporary state. Tip You can click the Refresh icon in the upper right corner of the page to force an immediate polling of the status.
Success	Green (Normal)	VN is successfully extended.
BGPSessionIssues	Yellow (Warning)	BGP sessions are not established on all interfaces. Check each DC border leaf status for details.
RouteLeakPartial	Yellow (Warning)	VN subnets are partially propagated to the DC border leaf nodes. Check each DC border leaf status for details.

Status	Icon color (severity)	Description
RouteLeakNone	Red (Failure)	VN subnets are not yet propagated to the DC border leaf nodes. Click DC Sites in the VN table to check DC border leaf interfaces for issues.
MapVRFConfigFailure	Red (Failure)	Configuration failed on mapped VRFs. Retry the mapping.
DCSiteConfigFailure	Red (Failure)	VN extension failed on DC sites. Unextend the VN and extend again.

Click the status icon of a VN to display a sidebar containing additional details that can be helpful in troubleshooting warnings and failures.

- **Name:** The name assigned to the VN by the DNAC administrator.
- **Extended:** Indicates whether the VN has been extended.
- **DC Mapped VRFs:** The number of datacenter VRFs to which the VN is mapped. Click this number to open a sidebar displaying the associated schema, template, and tenant of mapped datacenter VRFs.
- **DC Sites:** The number of datacenter sites to which the VN is mapped. Click this number to open a sidebar displaying details of the datacenter sites, including the border leaf interfaces, BGP peering status, and next-hop device information.



Tip For IPN-connected border leaf interfaces, in the sidebar under "Peer Device Configuration", click "Show Details" for a sample configuration of an IPN device connected to this site.

- **Campus Sites:** The number of campus sites associated to this VN. Click this number to open a sidebar displaying details of the campus sites, including the border node interfaces, BGP peering status, and next-hop device information.



Tip For IPN-connected border node interfaces, in the sidebar under "Peer Device Configuration", click "Show Details" for a sample configuration of an IPN device connected to this site.

- **... (actions icon):** Click the icon to access actions for this VN.

The available actions depend on the current status of the VN, but may include the following:

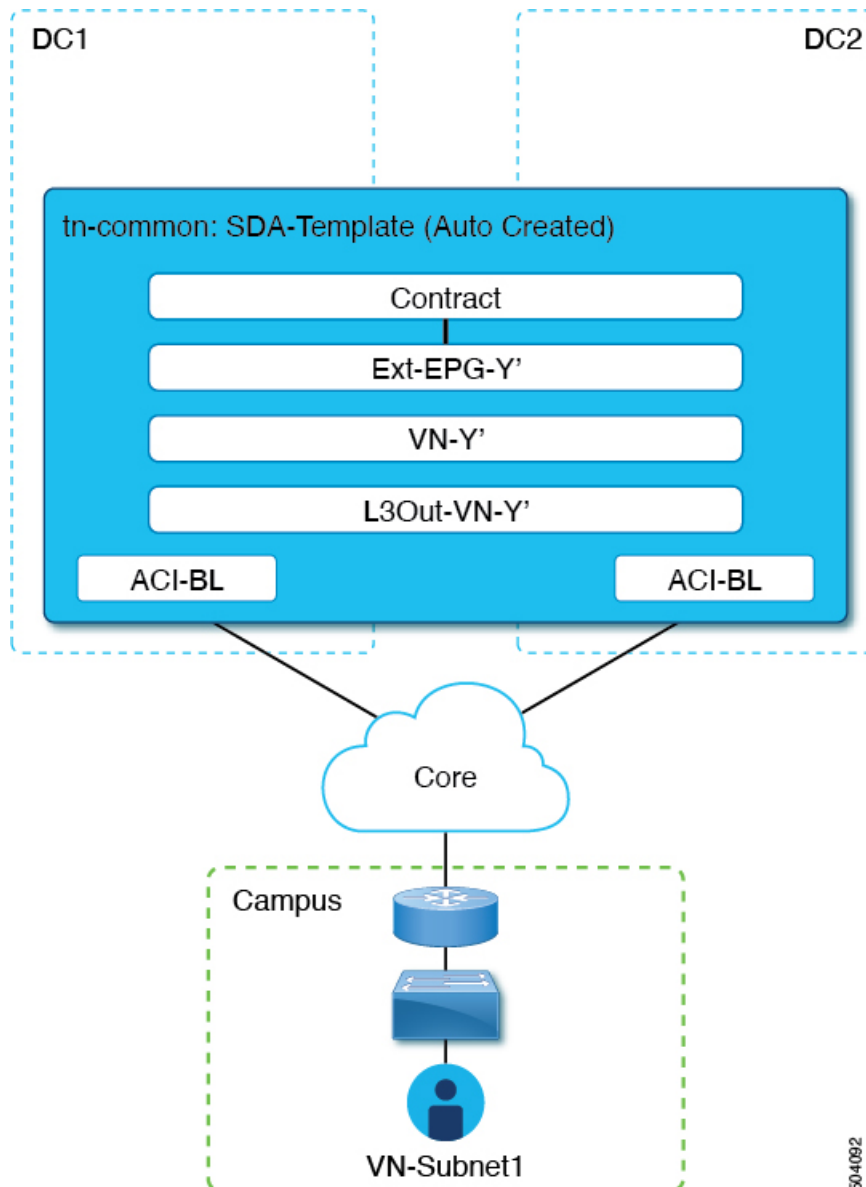
- Extend/Unextend the VN
- Map/Un-Map DC VRFs
- Enable/Disable Transit Route

The **Associated Templates** window of the **Virtual Networks** page appears when you have mapped a campus VN to a datacenter VRF.

Extending a Virtual Network

This section describes how to extend an SD-Access (campus) VN to the ACI (datacenter) fabrics. This action results in the creation of a VRF (and other associated configuration objects shown in [Figure 2: Extending a VN, on page 10](#)) representing the mirrored image of the campus VN on the DC side. The created objects are defined in an auto-generated template that is associated to the 'common' tenant.

Figure 2: Extending a VN



Before you begin

- You must have onboarded the DNA Center (DNAC).

- You must have configured connectivity to the SD-Access domain at the ACI site level.

Procedure

Step 1 Log in to your Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator.

Step 2 From the left navigation pane, select **Integrations > DNAC**.

Step 3 In the main pane, click the **Virtual Networks** tab.

A table of Virtual Networks (VNs) appears, displaying all VNs that have been configured by DNAC for IP handoff on the SD-Access border nodes.

Step 4 In the row of the VN to be extended, click the actions menu (...) and select **Extend**.

A dialog box opens, displaying the ACI sites and interfaces to which the VN will be extended. This information reflects the configuration settings in [Configuring Connectivity Toward the SD-Access Domain, on page 6](#).

If you wish to revoke the extending of the VN later, click the actions menu (...) and select **Unextend**.

Step 5 In the dialog box, click **Extend**.

The VN is extended to all ACI sites where SD-Access connectivity is enabled, but it is not yet mapped to any ACI VRFs.

Step 6

What to do next

Verify the BGP Peering Status of the ACI border leaf interfaces:

- If the SD-Access border nodes and the ACI border leafs are connected directly (back-to-back), verify that, as a result of extending the campus VN, BGP sessions have been established between these devices. In **Integrations > DNAC > Virtual Networks**, click the **DC Sites** number to open a sidebar that displays details of the ACI border leaf interfaces. Check that the BGP Peering Status of the border leaf interfaces indicates "Up".
- If an IPN is deployed between the domains, retrieve the configuration samples to assist in configuring the next-hop devices that are directly connected to the SD-Access border nodes and to the ACI border leafs. In **Integrations > DNAC > Virtual Networks**, click the **DC Sites** number to open a sidebar that displays details of the ACI border leaf interfaces. For IPN-connected border leaf interfaces, click the "Show Details" link next to Peering Device Configuration to display a sample IPN device configuration. After configuring the IPN devices, check that the BGP Peering Status of the border leaf interfaces indicates "Up".

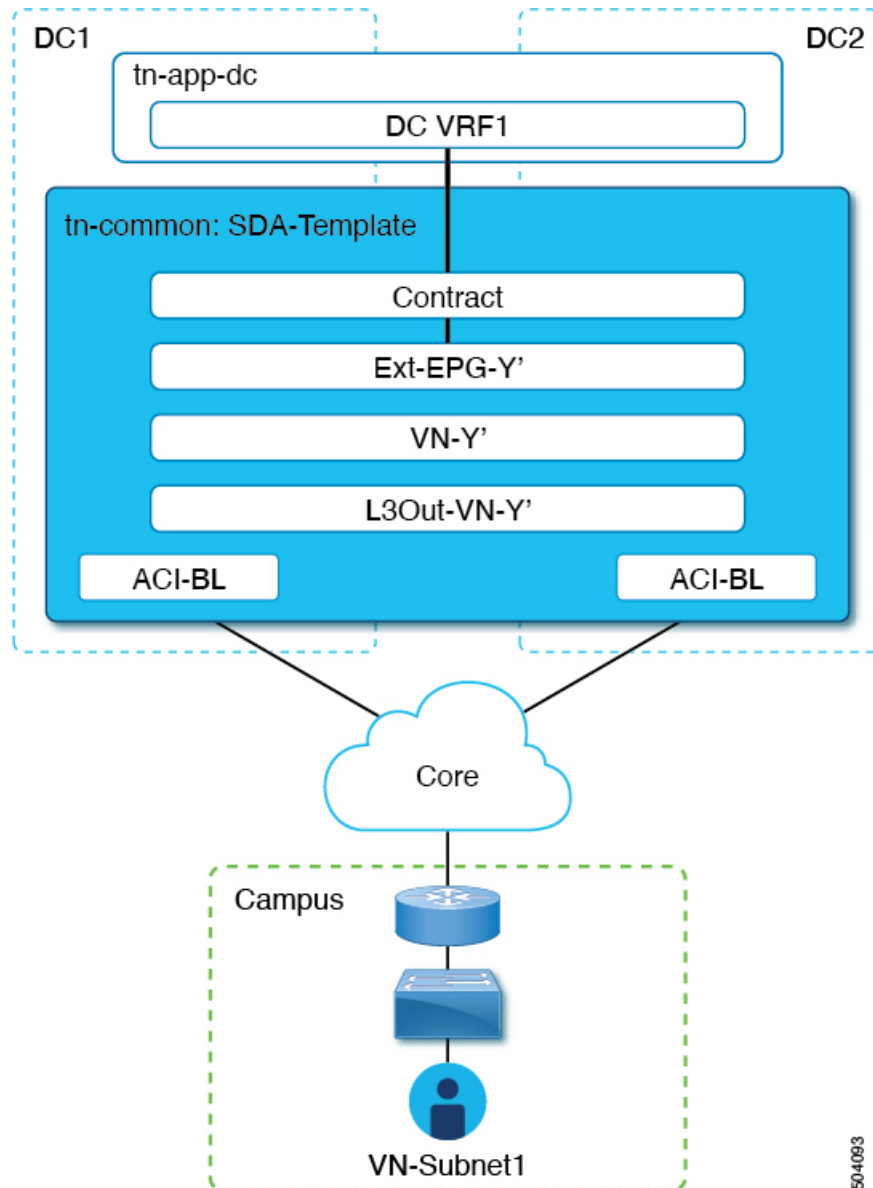
Map the extended VN to one or more ACI VRFs, as described in [Mapping or Unmapping a VN to a VRF, on page 11](#).

Mapping or Unmapping a VN to a VRF

This section describes how to map ("stitch") a virtual network (VN) to one or more datacenter (DC) VRFs in the ACI fabric. The mapping to a VRF results in the establishment of a contract relationship between the DC

VRF (represented by the "vzAny" object) and the external EPG previously provisioned in the 'common' tenant, as shown in [Figure 3: Mapping to a VRF](#), on page 12:

Figure 3: Mapping to a VRF



Before you begin

You must have extended the VN into the ACI site.

Procedure

Step 1 Log in to your Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator.

Step 2 From the left navigation pane, select **Integrations > DNAC**.

Step 3 In the main pane, click the **Virtual Networks** tab.

A table of Virtual Networks (VNs) appears, displaying all VNs that have been configured by DNAC for IP handoff on the SD-Access border nodes.

Step 4 In the row of the VN to be mapped, click the actions menu (...) and select **Map/Un-Map DC VRFs**.

A **Map/Un-Map DC VRFs** dialog box opens.

Step 5 In the **Map/Un-Map DC VRFs** dialog box, click the + icon next to **Add Mapped DC VRF**.

Step 6 From the drop-down list of VRFs, choose a VRF.

The selected VRF is added to a table that also displays the template for the VRF. Note the template name, as it will be needed in a later step.

If you wish to map the VN to additional VRFs, click the + icon again to choose additional VRFs from the drop-down list.

You can also un-map a DC VRF by deleting the existing mapping. To un-map a DC VRF, click the trash icon in the row of the VRF.

Step 7 Click **Save** and wait until the VN Status has changed to 'Success'.

Note At this point, even if the VN Status indicates 'Success', data connectivity is not yet established between the extended VN and the DC VRF. The mapping operation has modified a template associated with the mapped VRF, and you must redeploy the template before connectivity is established. In the **Associated Templates** table under the VN table, the template associated with the mapped VRF appears.

Step 8 In the **Associated Templates** table in the **Integrations > DNAC > Virtual Networks** tab, click the link of the template associated with the mapped VRF.

The schema and template page opens.

Step 9 In the schema and template page, click **Deploy to sites**.

Step 10 If template review and approval (change control) is enabled, follow the change control workflow to redeploy the template. Otherwise, click **Deploy** to redeploy the template.

What to do next



Note If you have unmapped a DC VRF, no template is displayed in the **Associated Templates** table. However, you must still go to **Application Management > Schemas** to re-deploy the associated template to remove the vzAny configuration. Otherwise, data plane communication remains enabled.

Configuring Transit Routing

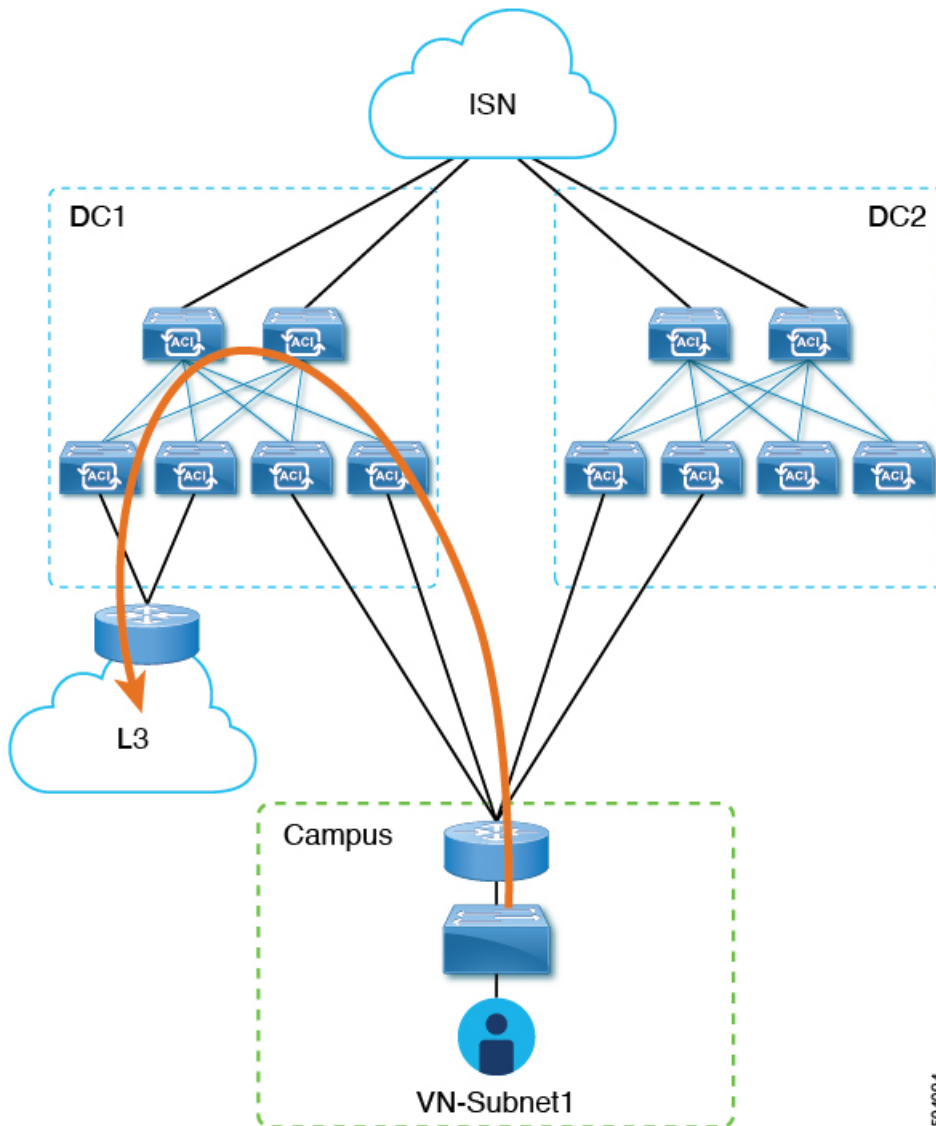
When an extended SD-Access (campus) VN is mapped to an ACI (datacenter) VRF, any BD subnets of the DC VRF that are configured with “Advertised Externally” and “Shared between VRFs” flags are leaked into the ‘common’ tenant VRF and subsequently advertised toward the SD-Access domain. This ensures that campus users can gain access to the applications provisioned in the DC VRF.



Note When an SD-Access VN is mapped to multiple ACI VRFs, only non-overlapping prefixes across all mapped ACI VRFs should be configured as “shared between VRFs”.

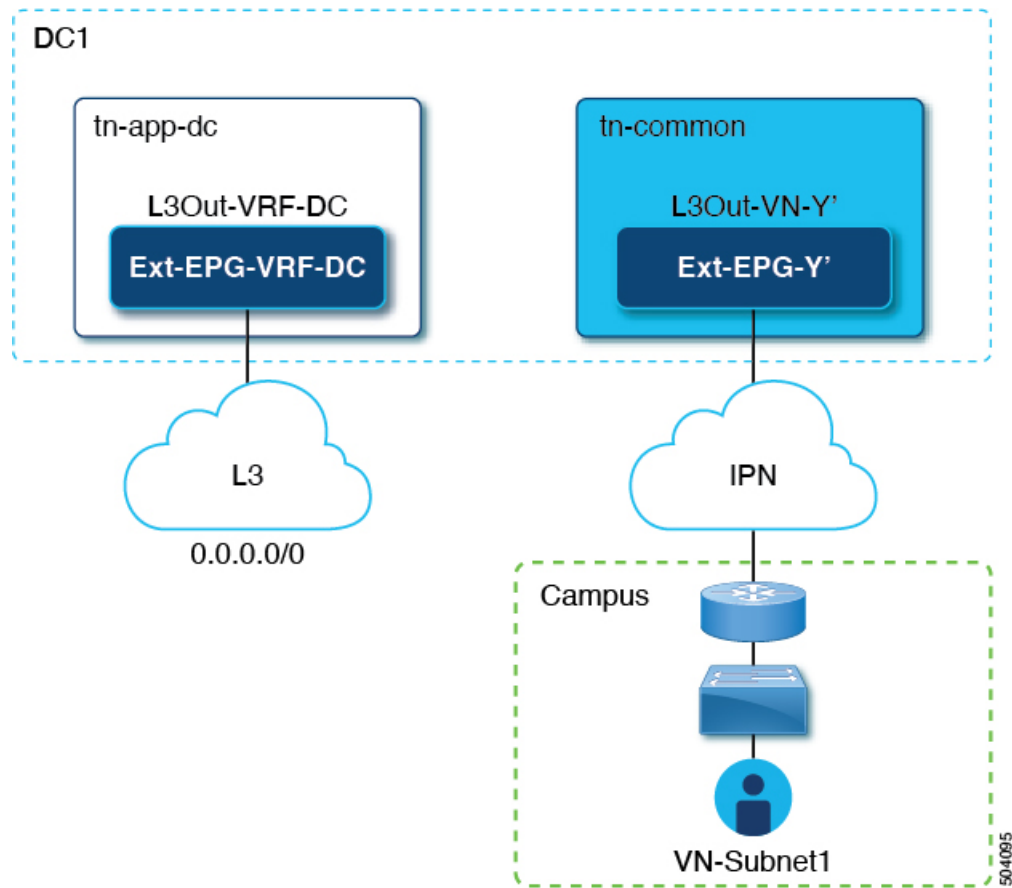
In addition to the advertisement of those BD subnets, there may be a requirement for campus users to access an external L3 network domain using the ACI domain as transit (Figure 4: ACI domain as transit, on page 14).

Figure 4: ACI domain as transit



In this scenario, an L3Out connection associated to the DC VRF (L3Out-DC-VRF) is usually provisioned for allowing connectivity to the external domain and external routes (a simple 0.0.0.0/0 default in the example in Figure 5: L3Out connection, on page 15) are imported in the DC VRF routing table (part of tn-app-dc).

Figure 5: L3Out connection



To ensure that campus users can connect to the external L3 domain through the datacenter, the external routes must be leaked to the tn-common VRF so that they can be advertised toward the campus domain through the L3Out connection (L3Out-VN-Y') auto-generated as a result of the campus VN extension to the DC.

Follow this procedure to enable leaking of the external routes:

Before you begin

You must have mapped an extended campus VN to a datacenter VRF and established connectivity.

Procedure

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- Step 1** Log in to your Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator.
 - Step 2** From the left navigation pane, select **Integrations > DNAC**.
 - Step 3** In the main pane, click the **Virtual Networks** tab.
 - Step 4** In the row of a successfully mapped campus VN, click the actions menu (...) and select **Enable Transit Route**.

This configuration (Figure 6: Export Route Control, on page 16) creates a 0.0.0.0/0 prefix under Ext-EPG-Y', with the following "Route Control" flags set that allow the advertising toward the IPN of all external routes leaked from the tn-app-dc tenant.

Figure 6: Export Route Control

Update Subnet 0.0.0.0/0

Subnet *
0.0.0.0/0

Route Control Aggregate

Export Route Control Aggregate Export

Import Route Control

Shared Route Control

External EPG Classification

External Subnets for External EPG

Shared Security Import

To disable transit routing, click the actions menu (...) and select **Disable Transit Route**.

Note With either setting (enabled or disabled), the campus site has access to shared BD subnets internal to the ACI VRF.

Step 5 From the left navigation pane, choose **Application Management > Schemas** and navigate to the template for configuring the datacenter tenant application.

Step 6 In the datacenter tenant application template, configure the flags under the 0.0.0.0/0 prefix associated to Ext-EPG-VRF-DC of the DC VRF to be able to leak into tn-common the external routes learned from the Internet ([Figure 7: Shared Route Control](#), on page 16).

Figure 7: Shared Route Control

Update Subnet 0.0.0.0/0

Subnet *
0.0.0.0/0

Route Control Aggregate

Export Route Control

Import Route Control

Shared Route Control Aggregate Shared Routes

External EPG Classification

External Subnets for External EPG

Shared Security Import

Note The setting shown ensures that all the external prefixes received on L3Out-VRF-DC are leaked to tn-common and are therefore advertised toward the campus domain. This setting also allows leaking of the 0.0.0.0/0 default route if it is received from the L3 domain. If desired, you can apply a more granular configuration where only a subset of the external prefixes can be leaked to tn-common. This is achieved by creating specific entries matching those subsets of prefixes and applying to those entries the same flag configuration shown here.

Step 7 In the datacenter tenant application template, define a specific prefix under Ext-EPG-VRF-DC matching the campus VN subnet (or set of subnets) to be advertised toward the external L3 domain.

In the example shown in [Figure 8: Update Subnet, on page 17](#), this configuration is applied to a specific 192.168.100.0/24 prefix.

Figure 8: Update Subnet

Update Subnet 192.168.100.0/24

Subnet *
192.168.100.0/24

Route Control

- Export Route Control
- Import Route Control
- Shared Route Control

External EPG Classification

- External Subnets for External EPG

Note Creating a separate prefix for a VN subnet provides the most granular level of control for the advertisement of campus VN subnets toward the external L3 domain. If such granular control is not needed, you can set the “Export Route Control” flags associated to the 0.0.0.0/0 prefix instead, which allows sending toward the external domain all the campus VN subnets that have been leaked into tn-app-dc from tn-common.

