Platform Specific Configurations

ENCS Switch Configuration

Access to the ENCS switch is restricted through Consent Token. Consent Token is a security feature that is used to authenticate the network administrator of an organization to access system shell with mutual consent from the network administrator and Cisco Technical Assistance Centre (Cisco TAC).

Note From the switch console, there is access to debug mode and an advanced debug mode. Credentials of the local user are synchronized to access debug mode. Advanced debug uses unique credentials for each device that allows for additional debugging options for Cisco engineering. To enter either debug mode permission must be granted through Consent Token.

ENCS Switch Commands

See, Cisco Enterprise Network Compute System Switch Command Reference for switch commands.

ENCS Switch APIs

See, API Reference for Cisco Enterprise Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure Software for switch related APIs.

ENCS Switch Portal Configuration

Switch Settings

The **Switch** option from the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS portal allows you to configure STP/RSTP, VLAN on specified ranges, RADIUS based authentication, and port channel load balancing for various switch ports. This section describes how to configure settings on the ENCS switch portal.

You can view the Switch Interface operational data and the statistics parameters in the following table:

Table 1: Switch Settings Interface

Parameter	Description	Values
SwitchPort	Specifies the switch interface name.	
Description	Specifies the description of the interface.	
Status	Specifies the status of the interface.	up or down
MAC Address	Specifies the MAC address of the interface.	
PortType	Specifies the mode of the port interface.	Supported types are: • access • dot1q-tunnel • private-vlan • trunk
VLAN	Specifies the VLAN ID.	Range: 1-2349 and 2450-4093

Speed	Specifies the speed of the interface.	Speed: • 10 MBPS • 100 MBPS • 1000 MBPS
RxBytes	Specifies the received data on interface in bytes.	
PktDrop	Specifies the number of packet drops.	
PORT	Specifies the port number.	
IN-UCAST	Specifies the number of incoming unicast packets at the interface.	
OUT-UCAST	Specifies the number of outgoing unicast packets at the interface.	
IN-MCAST	Specifies the number of incoming multicast packets at the interface.	
OUT-MCAST	Specifies the number of outgoing multicast packets at the interface.	
IN-BCAST	Specifies the number of incoming broadcast packets at the interface.	
OUT-BCAST	Specifies the number of outgoing broadcast packets at the interface.	

Configuring Spanning Tree

Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) is a Layer 2 protocol that runs on bridges and switches. The main purpose of STP is to ensure that you do not create loops when you have redundant paths in your network.

The Spanning Tree option is enabled by default. You can click on **edit** and make the necessary settings or disable Spanning Tree if required.

The configuration of spanning tree has the following parameters when it is enabled:

Table 2: Spanning Tree Parameters

Parameter	Description	Values
Spanning Tree	Specifies the state of the Spanning Tree.	Enable or Disable The default value is Enable.
Mode	Specifies the mode of the Spanning Tree.	stp or rstp
Forward Time	Specifies the Spanning Tree forward time in seconds.	Range: 4-30 seconds
Hello Time	Specifies the Hello time in seconds.	Range: 1 to10 seconds
Max Age	Specifies the spanning-tree bridge maximum age in seconds.	Range: 6 to 40 seconds
Loopback Guard	Specifies the loopback guard status.	Enable or Disable

Path Cost Method	Specifies the speed of the interface.	Method: • long - for 32 bit based values for default port path costs. • short - 16 bit based values for default port path costs. The default method is long.
Priority	Specifies the port priority.	Range: 0 to 61440 in steps of 4096 The default value is 32768.
BPDU Filtering	Specifies that BPDU packets are filtered when the spanning tree is disabled on an interface.	
BPDU Flooding	Specifies that BPDU packets are flooded unconditionally when the spanning tree is disabled on an interface.	

Configuring Dot1x

This chapter describes how to configure dot1x port-based authentication on the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS portal. dot1x prevents unauthorized devices (clients) from gaining access to the network. It is a standard for media-level (Layer 2) access control, offering the capability to permit or deny network connectivity based on the identity of the end user or device. The dot1x is disabled by default. You can click on **edit** to enable dot1x.
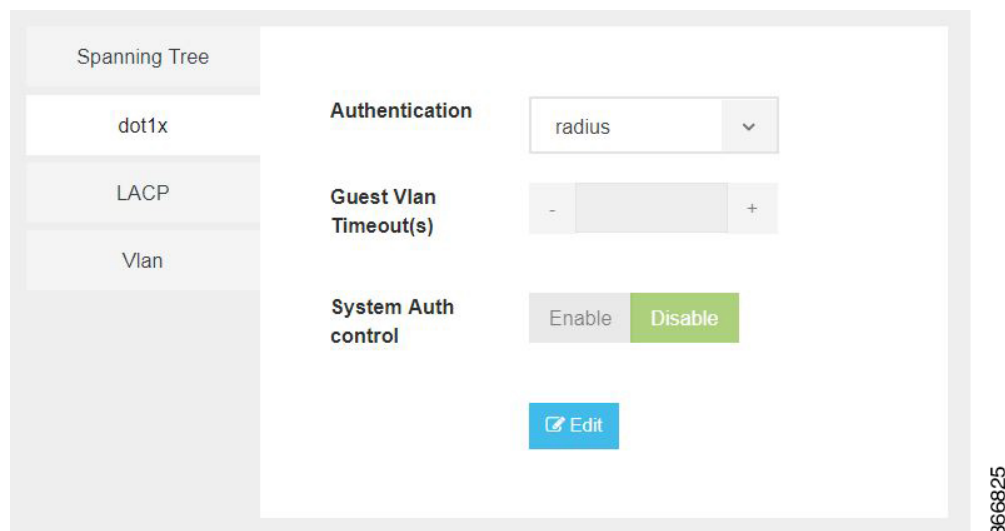
The configuration of dot1x has the following parameters:

Table 3: Dot1x Parameters

Parameter	Description	Values

| Authentication | Specifies the authentication type for the port. | radius or none

The default value is radius. |
| Guest VLAN Timeout(s) | Specifies the time delay in seconds between enabling Dot1X (or port up) and adding the port to the guest VLAN. | Range: 30 to 180 seconds |
| System Auth control | Specifies the authentication control. | Enable or Disable |

Configuring LACP

The Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) enables you to bundle several physical ports together to form a single logical channel. LACP enables you to form a single Layer 2 link automatically from two or more Ethernet links. This protocol ensures that both ends of the Ethernet link are functional and are part of the aggregation group.
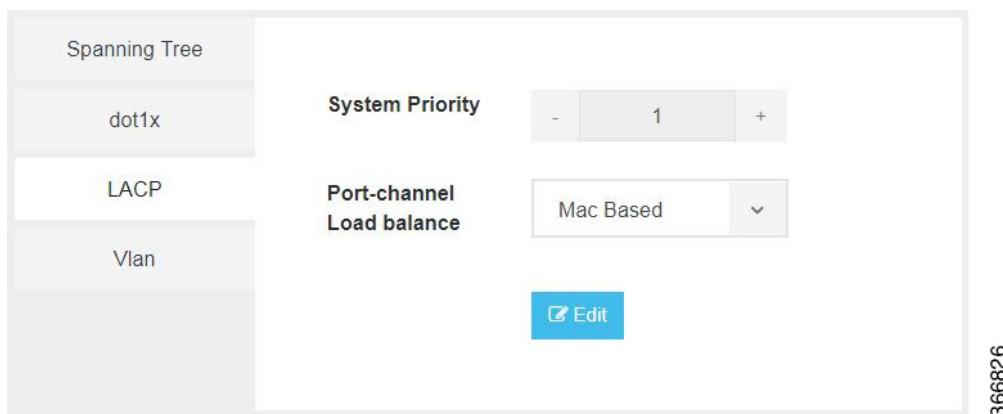
LACP uses the following parameters to control aggregation:

Table 4: LACP Parameters

Parameter	Description	Values
System Priority	Specifies the port priority.	Range: 1 to 65535
Port-channel load balance	Specifies the load balance of the port channel.	Mac Based or IP Based

Configuring VLAN

You can use virtual LANs (VLANs) to divide the network into separate logical areas. VLANs can also be considered as broadcast domains. Any switch port can belong to a VLAN, and unicast, broadcast, and multicast packets are forwarded and flooded only to end stations in that VLAN. Each VLAN is considered a logical network, and packets destined for stations that do not belong to the VLAN must be forwarded through a router.

You can configure VLANs in the range **<1-2349>|<2450-4093>** for a specified switch port.

Configuring General Settings

You can configure general settings using the following parameters for each switch interface:

- Interface—Name of the interface

- Description—Set the description per interface

- Speed—10/100/1000 MBPS

- Dot1x Auth—802.1x, mac or both

- PoE Method—auto, never or four-pair

- PoE Limit—0-60000mW

- Admin Status—enable or disable

Configuring Advanced Settings

You can make the advanced settings using the following parameters for each switch interface:

- Mode—access, dot1q-tunnel, private-vlan, or trunk

- Access Vlan—Specifies the number of VLANs.

- Allowed Vlan—All or VLAN IDs

- Native Vlan—Specifies the VLAN ID. You can enter a value from one of the following ranges:

  - 1 to 2349

  - 2450 to 4093

- Dot1q Tunnel Vlan—Specifies the Layer 2 tunnel port.

- Community—Specifies the community number. Range: 1 to 29

- Protected Port—Yes or No

Note   The VLAN configuration takes effect only if the global VLANs are also configured with the same values in Configuring VLAN, on page 6.

Configuring Spanning Tree per Interface

You can configure spanning tree for each switch interface using the following parameters:

- Spanning Tree—Enable or Disable

- Cost—Specifies the cost. Range: 1 to 200000000

- Priority—Specifies the port priority. Range: 0 to 240, default value is 128

- Link Type—point-to-point or shared

- BPDU Guard—Enable or Disable

- Root Guard—Enable or Disable

- Port Fast—auto or enable

- BPDU Filtering—Specifies that BPDU packets are filtered when the spanning tree is disabled

- BPDU Flooding—Specifies that BPDU packets are flooded when the spanning tree is disabled

Configuring Storm Control

Storm control is used to monitor incoming traffic levels and limit excessive flow of packets on any user facing switch port that could cause a traffic storm. Traffic storms can lead to device instability and unintended behavior.

You can configure storm control from NFVIS Portal, from Storm Control tab.

Storm control can be configured for specific type of traffic - unicast or multicast or broadcast. The suppression range can be in terms of a percentage level (1-100) or Kbps value (1-1000000).

Configuring vBranch High Availability

High availability design provides redundancy for WAN, LAN, ENCS device, vRouter, vFirewall VNF level redundancy.

A branch site can have two routers for redundancy. If vEdge-cloud router is chosen, Each of the vedge-cloud router maintains:

  • A secure control plane connection, via a DTLS connection, with each vSmart controller in its domain

  • A secure data plane connection with the other vEdge routers at the site

Because both vEdge routers receive the same routing information from the vSmart controllers, each one is able to continue to route traffic if one should fail, even if they are connected to different transport providers.

Two firewalls are placed in a group and their configuration is synchronized to prevent a single point of failure on your network. A heartbeat connection between the firewall peers ensures seamless failover in the event that a peer goes down. Setting up two firewalls in an HA pair provides redundancy and allows you to ensure business continuity.

Prerequisites for vBranch HA

The WAN links are active on both Cisco ENCS1 and Cisco ENCS2. Each of the ENCS WAN link is connected to the WAN network (most cases with two SPs), with two ENCSs in an active-active mode.

The LAN facing links of both Cisco ENCS devices are connected to an external switch (as an uplink), and all the devices on the LAN segment are also connected to the external switch. There should be no LAN device connecting directly to the Cisco ENCS internal switch.

Two vRouters and the Two vFirewalls have full mesh L3 connectivity.

VMs and VNFs on both ENCS devices must be configured identical.

SD-Branch HA Design and Topology

In HA design, there are two sets of VLANs. Traffic path is between the VNFs and traffic from or towards LAN.

To protect against cable connection issue and box failure, there is back-to-back cable between ENCS and connection from each ENCS to the external switch.

When using Cisco ENCS and Cisco switches, common expectation is to use PVST+, detect loops and switch specific ports to BLOCKING mode. ENCS switch does not support PVST (Per VLAN spanning tree). By Default, RSTP could end up blocking ENCS port back-to-back connection, this will result in blocking traffic path between the VNFs.

The recommended solution is to use MSTP in ENCS and the external switches. The following topology and configuration provides a step-by-step procedure with reasoning for specific configuration use. There are two instances of MSTP created. One for handling traffic path between VNFs and the second for handling traffic from or towards LAN.

Note   In cases where external switch cannot be configured for MSTP, RSTP is used and the two links back-2-back between ENCS is not in port-channel.

- One of the links carries traffic between VNFs by configuring disable spanning tree. The second back-to-back link between ENCS processes RSTP and forward or block for the traffic from or towards LAN.

- From each of the ENCS, a third physical link connects to the external switch. This also forwards or blocks the traffic from or towards LAN depending on the RSTP decisions.

Physical Device Connections
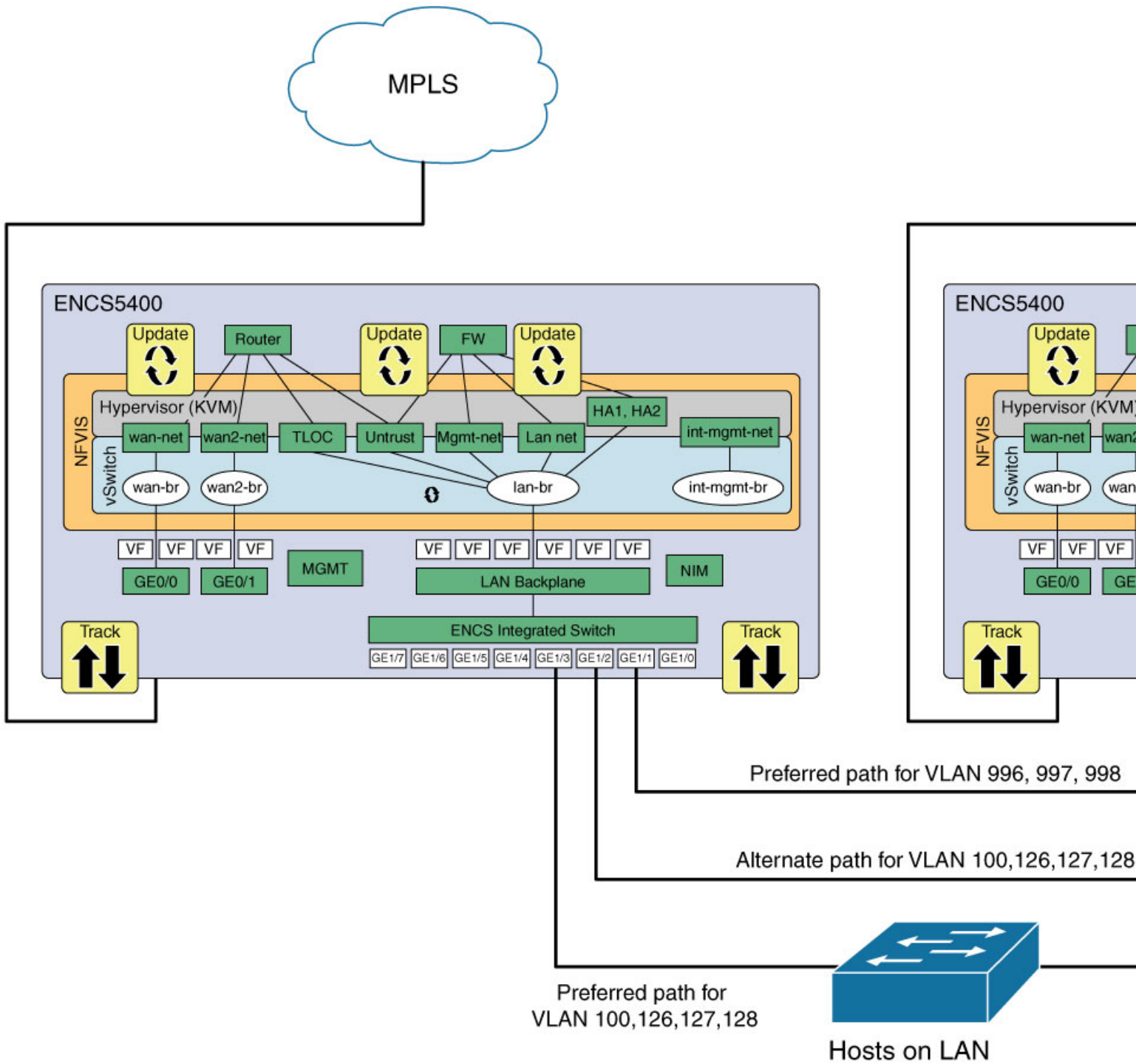
VM and Service Chain Network Connection

Figure 1: ENCS-Left

Figure 2: ENCS-Right

Note In the absence of firewall in the design, the router is directly connected to the LAN side. Pt-to-Pt network extends the TLOC connection across the ENCS devices and VRRP is enabled in the router LAN facing connection.

Isolating LAN and Transit Link Traffic for vBranch HA

Traffic from or towards LAN and traffic between the VNFs are isolated by configuring different VLANs for each traffic since both links are connected to the same ENCS internal switch. If you do not isolate the traffic, both LAN traffic and transit link will flow through the same internal switch on the Cisco ENCS.

Enable Port Tracking and Virtual NIC Update

The configured VNICs tracks the state of the ports based on the PNICs notifications. To verify the state of the port, use **show interface** or **ethtool** commands. You can also use commands specific to the VM, that displays the interface link state.

To configure track state on GE0-0 & GE0-1:

```
configure terminal
pnic GE0-0 track-state ROUTER 1
end
```

```
ENCS-Left# support show ifconfig GE0-0
```

```
GE0-0: flags=4611<UP,BROADCAST,ALLMULTI,MULTICAST>  mtu 9216
        ether 70:db:98:c3:df:28  txqueuelen 1000  (Ethernet)
```

To configure track state on switch port:

```
configure terminal
switch interface gigabitEthernet 1/3 track-state FIREWALL 4
end
```

```
ENCS-Left# show vm_lifecycle deployments FIREWALL


Name: FIREWALL
Deployment Name : FIREWALL
VM Group Name : FIREWALL
State: ALIVE
Internal State: VM_INERT_STATE
Bootup Time: -1
Image: Palo-Alto-8.1.3.tar.gz
Flavor: VM-100


VCPU#  Memory(MB)  Disk(MB)
---------------------------
2      7168        61440


Low Latency: true
VCPU   CPU   CORE   SOCKET
----------------------
0      3     3      0
1      2     2      0


NICID   VNIC    NETWORK   IP   MAC-ADDRESS        MODEL    PORT-FORWARD
-----------------------------------------------------------------------
0       vnic6   mgmt-net  -    52:54:00:2b:72:d2  virtio
1       vnic7   Untrust   -    52:54:00:eb:a3:e7  virtio
2       vnic8   HA1       -    52:54:00:f4:de:e5  virtio
3       vnic9   HA2       -    52:54:00:12:f8:21  virtio
4       vnic10  Trust     -    52:54:00:7a:6b:e9  virtio



ENCS-Left# support show ifconfig vnic10

vnic10: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu 9216
        inet6 fe80::fc54:ff:fe7a:6be9  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x20<link>
        ether fe:54:00:7a:6b:e9  txqueuelen 4000  (Ethernet)
```

Packet Flow for SD-Branch HA

This section explains high-level packet flow in non-failure and failure cases.
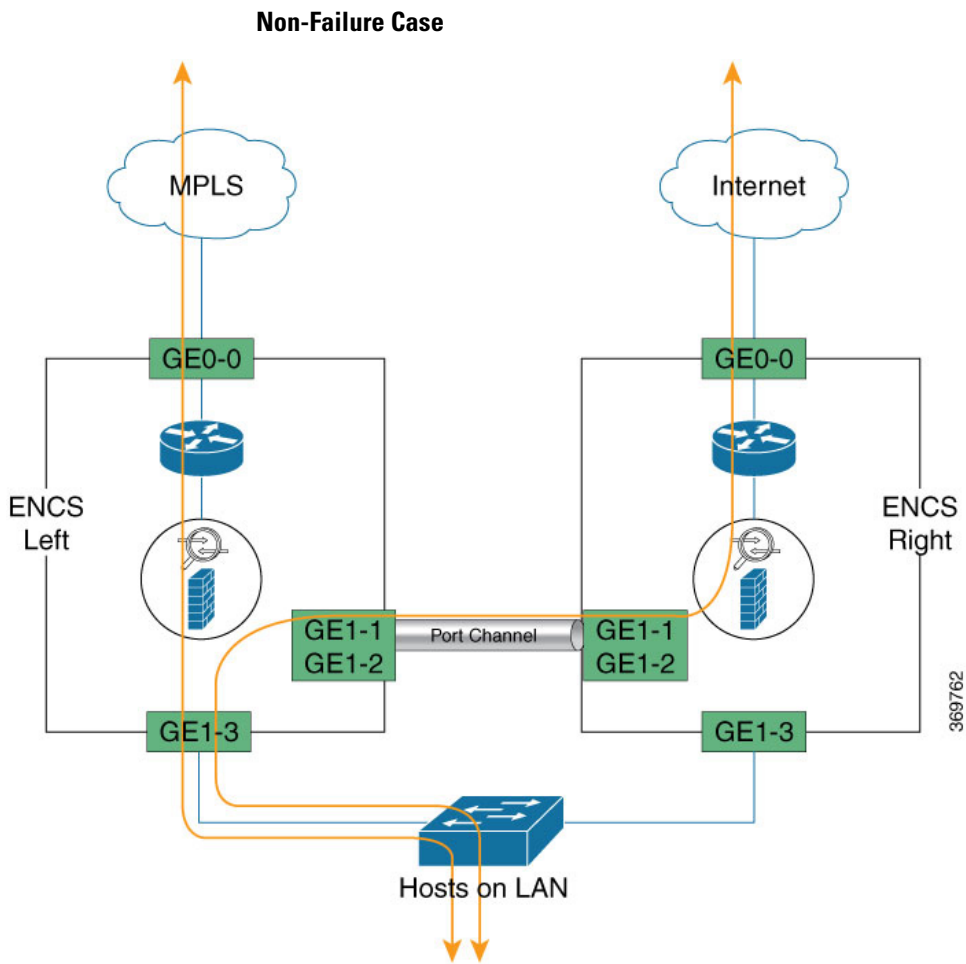
Non-Failure Case

In the non-failure case, both ENCS devices are Active, up and running

• LAN to WAN through the ENCS1 Firewall and ENCS1 Router

• LAN to WAN through the ENCS1 Firewall and ENCS2 Router

• WAN to LAN through ENCS1 Router and ENCS1 Firewall

• WAN to LAN through ENCS2 Router and ENCS1 Firewall

Failure Case
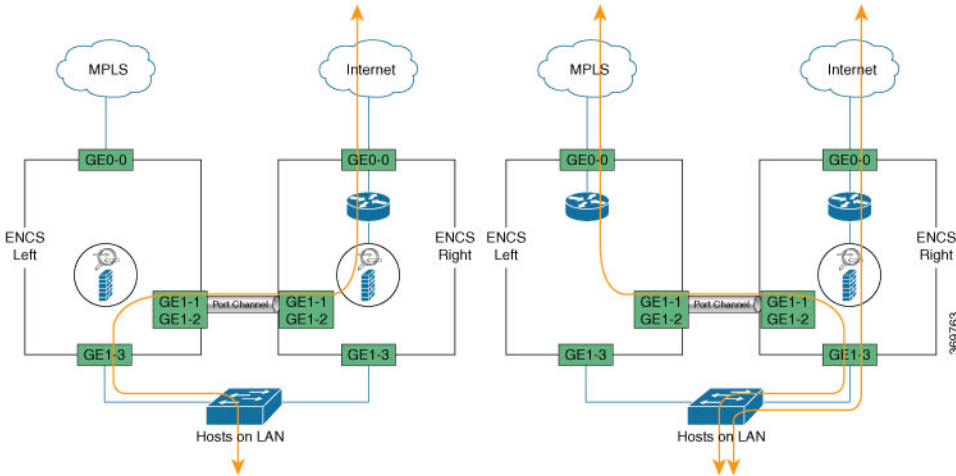
Following are failures that a router must be designed and configured to adapt
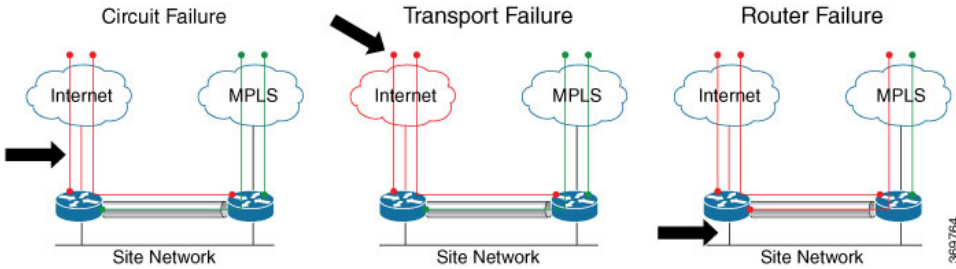
The conditions that trigger a firewall failover are:

    • One or more of the monitored interfaces fail. (Link Monitoring)

    • One or more of the destinations specified on the firewall cannot be reached. (Path Monitoring)

    • The firewall does not respond to heartbeat polls. (Heartbeat Polling and Hello messages)

Configuration Examples and Usage Description

ENCS-Left and ENCS-Right with Same Config	Description or Reasons for configuration
| ```
networks network wan-net
 bridge wan-br
!
networks network HA1
 vlan   [ 126 ]
 trunk  false
 bridge lan-br
!
networks network HA2
 vlan   [ 127 ]
 trunk  false
 bridge lan-br
!
networks network Trust
 vlan   [ 128 ]
 bridge lan-br
!
networks network Untrust
 vlan   [ 998 ]
 bridge lan-br
!
networks network mgmt-net
 vlan   [ 100 ]
 trunk  false
 bridge lan-br
!
networks network pt-2-pt
 vlan   [ 996 997 ]
 bridge lan-br
``` | In a HA design involving a router or Firewall, there are 3 to 6 paths required. ENCS platform has 2 WAN facing ports and 8 LAN facing ports.<br><br>• WAN facing ports are reserved for connection to WAN circuits.<br><br>• LAN facing ports are the only set of available ports for creating the 3 to 6 path required.<br><br>Between VNFs and LAN, OVS or SR-IOV VFs and physical switch ports are the two Layer2 entities to traverse. |
| ```
!
 vlan 1
!
 vlan 100
 !
 vlan 126
 !
 vlan 127
 !
 vlan 128
 !
 vlan 996
 !
 vlan 997
 !
 vlan 998
 !
 spanning-tree enable
 spanning-tree mode mst
 spanning-tree mst 2 priority 61440
 spanning-tree mst configuration
  name mst_LAN
  instance 1 vlan 996-998
  instance 2 vlan 100,126-128
!
``` | VLAN must be explicitly created before they are used in the interfaces.<br><br>Enable MSTP. For MST group 2 carrying "Traffic towards/from LAN", force the External Switch to become the ROOT using the "mst <group> priority <value>" CLI. The Higher the value, lower the chance of becoming spanning-tree ROOT.<br><br>"priority" configuration is NOT required for the MST group 1 carrying "Traffic between VNFs". There is NO loop possibility for MST group 1 VLANs. |

ENCS-Left and ENCS-Right with Same Config	Description or Reasons for configuration
| ```
nfvis# show running-config switch
switch
interface gigabitEthernet1/1
  no shutdown
  channel-group 1 mode auto
 !
 interface gigabitEthernet1/2
  no shutdown
  channel-group 1 mode auto
!
switch
 interface port-channel1
  negotiation auto
  no shutdown
  spanning-tree mst 1 cost 200000000
  spanning-tree mst 2 cost 200000000
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk native vlan 1
  switchport trunk allowed vlan
100,126-128,996-998
 !
``` | For the back-to-back ENCS connection, link redundancy is achieved using port-channel configuration. Interfaces that are belong to a port-channel group use configuration from "interface port-channel x"<br><br>Goal is to prefer the direct links from ENCS to the External Switch for "Traffic towards/from LAN". In ENCS back-to-back connection, Spanning tree cost is HIGH for MST group carrying "Traffic towards/from LAN". This config will block one of the ENCS back-to-back interfaces for breaking the loop for MST group carrying "Traffic towards/from LAN". |

Status of MST instances.

For MST instance 1, "Traffic between the VNFs", back-to-back portchannel link is root and forwading state.

For MST instance 2, "Traffic from/towards the LAN", links connected to External Switch are in forwarding state, path via back-to-back portchannel link is "Blocking state". If one of the Links fail between ENCS and External switch, portchannel path for MST instance 2 will be unblocked.

```
ENCS-Left# show switch vlan detailed          ENCS-Right# show switch vlan detail

VLAN            TAGGED                          VLAN            TAGGED
ID    VLAN NAME PORTS       UNTAGGED PORTS      ID    VLAN NAME PORTS       UNTAGGED PORTS
        CREATED BY                                      CREATED BY
_____    _____
1     1    1    None                            1     1    1    None
gi0,gi4-6,te2,po2-4   DefaultVoiceVLAN          gi0,gi4-6,te2,po2-4   DefaultVoiceVLAN
100   100  100  gi3,te2,po1  gi7                100   100  100  gi3,te2,po1  gi7
          Manual                                          Manual
126   126  126  gi3,te2,po1  None               126   126  126  gi3,te2,po1  None
          Manual                                          Manual
127   127  127  gi3,te2,po1  None               127   127  127  gi3,te2,po1  None
          Manual                                          Manual
128   128  128  gi3,te2,po1  None               128   128  128  gi3,te2,po1  None
          Manual                                          Manual
996   996  996  te2,po1      None               996   996  996  te2,po1      None
          Manual                                          Manual
997   997  997  te2,po1      None               997   997  997  te2,po1      None
          Manual                                          Manual
998   998  998  te2,po1      None               998   998  998  te2,po1      None
          Manual                                          Manual

ENCS-Left# show switch spanning-tree mstp      ENCS-Right# show switch spanning-tree mstp
summary                                         summary

spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info summary    spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info summary
admin-status enabled                           admin-status enabled
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info summary    spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info summary
Operation-mode MSTP                            Operation-mode MSTP
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info summary    spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info summary
Port-Cost-Method long                          Port-Cost-Method long
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info summary    spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info summary
Loopback-guard disabled                        Loopback-guard disabled
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root       spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root
Priority 32768                                 Priority 32768
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root       spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root
Address 70:db:98:c3:df:14                      Address 70:db:98:c3:df:14
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root Cost  spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root Cost
 0                                              0
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root Port  spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root Port
 LAG1                                           0
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root       spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root
Hello-Time 2                                   Hello-Time 2
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root       spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root
Max-Age 20                                     Max-Age 20
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root       spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info root
Forward-Delay 15                               Forward-Delay 15
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge     spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge
Priority 32768                                 Priority 32768
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge     spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge
Address 70:db:98:c3:df:a0                      Address 70:db:98:c3:df:14
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge     spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge
Hello-Time 2                                   Hello-Time 2
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge     spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge
Max-Age 20                                     Max-Age 20
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge     spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info bridge
Forward-Delay 15                               Forward-Delay 15
spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info            spanning-tree mstp summary ist-info
…..                                            ……
…..                                            ……

INSTANCE  PRIORITY  DSG ROOT ADDRESS  BRIDGE   INSTANCE  PRIORITY  DSG ROOT ADDRESS  BRIDGE
```

```
 ADDRESS                                              ADDRESS
-----------------------------------------------      -----------------------------------------------
1        32768     70:db:98:c3:df:14                 1        32768     70:db:98:c3:df:14
70:db:98:c3:df:a0                                    70:db:98:c3:df:14
2        61440     f0:b2:e5:56:e4:80                 2        61440     f0:b2:e5:56:e4:80
70:db:98:c3:df:a0                                    70:db:98:c3:df:14

INST                 PRIO.                           INST                 PRIO.
ID    PORT   STATE   NBR     COST      STS           ID    PORT   STATE   NBR     COST      STS
         ROLE                                                  ROLE
-----------------------------------------------      -----------------------------------------------
1    gi1/0  enabled  128.1  2000000  disabled        1    gi1/0  enabled  128.1  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
1     gi1/3  enabled  128.4  20000                   1     gi1/3  enabled  128.4  20000
forwarding  designated                               forwarding  designated
1    gi1/4  enabled  128.5  2000000  disabled        1    gi1/4  enabled  128.5  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
1    gi1/5  enabled  128.6  2000000  disabled        1    gi1/5  enabled  128.6  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
1    gi1/6  enabled  128.7  2000000  disabled        1    gi1/6  enabled  128.7  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
1    gi1/7  enabled  128.8  2000000  disabled        1    gi1/7  enabled  128.8  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
2    gi1/0  enabled  128.1  2000000  disabled        2    gi1/0  enabled  128.1  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
2     gi1/3  enabled  128.4  20000                   2     gi1/3  enabled  128.4  20000
forwarding  root                                     forwarding  root
2    gi1/4  enabled  128.5  2000000  disabled        2    gi1/4  enabled  128.5  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
2    gi1/5  enabled  128.6  2000000  disabled        2    gi1/5  enabled  128.6  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
2    gi1/6  enabled  128.7  2000000  disabled        2    gi1/6  enabled  128.7  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
2    gi1/7  enabled  128.8  2000000  disabled        2    gi1/7  enabled  128.8  2000000  disabled
     disabled                                             disabled
INST                 PRIO.                           INST                 PRIO.
ID    PORT  STATE    NBR      COST      STS          ID    PORT  STATE    NBR      COST      STS
          ROLE                                                 ROLE
-----------------------------------------------      -----------------------------------------------
1     po1   enabled  128.1000  10000                 1     po1   enabled  128.1000  10000
forwarding  root                                     forwarding  designated
1     po2   enabled  128.1001  2000000               1     po2   enabled  128.1001  2000000
disabled    disabled                                 disabled    disabled
1     po3   enabled  128.1002  2000000               1     po3   enabled  128.1002  2000000
disabled    disabled                                 disabled    disabled
1     po4   enabled  128.1003  2000000               1     po4   enabled  128.1003  2000000
disabled    disabled                                 disabled    disabled
2     po1   enabled  128.1000  200000000             2     po1   enabled  128.1000  200000000
blocking    alternate                                forwarding  designated
2     po2   enabled  128.1001  2000000               2     po2   enabled  128.1001  2000000
disabled    disabled                                 disabled    disabled
2     po3   enabled  128.1002  2000000               2     po3   enabled  128.1002  2000000
disabled    disabled                                 disabled    disabled
2     po4   enabled  128.1003  2000000               2     po4   enabled  128.1003  2000000
disabled    disabled                                 disabled    disabled

ENCS-Left#                                           ENCS-Right#
```

From the above summary output, MST instances indicates ID and associated VLAN, and then displays all interfaces as part of VLAN instances. This behaviour differs from the way MST instances are displayed on other Cisco switching platforms.

External Switch MST Configuration

Note   It is recommended that VLAN 996-998 is not allowed through the interfaces connecting to ENCS-Left and ENCS-Right. As a result, the external switch MSTP does not participate for VLAN 996-998.

Table 5:

``` vlan 100,126-128 ! spanning-tree mode mst spanning-tree extend system-id spanning-tree uplinkfast ! spanning-tree mst configuration name mst_LAN instance 1 vlan 996-998 instance 2 vlan 100, 126-128 ! interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 switchport trunk allowed vlan 100,126-128 switchport mode trunk ! interface GigabitEthernet1/0/2 switchport trunk allowed vlan 100,126-128 switchport mode trunk ```	VLANs carrying "Traffic between the VNFs" are NOT sent to the External Switch. MST instance priority and MST link COST are kept default in the External Switch. MST Priority and COST Configuration in ENCS ensure the External switch is the root and the Interfaces in the External switch connecting to ENCS are in Forwarding state.

Note   VLANs carrying traffic between VNFs are not used in external switch and not configured in any interface.

```
Switch#show spanning-tree mst detail

##### MST0     vlans mapped:   1-99,101-125,129-995,999-4094
Bridge        address f0b2.e556.e480  priority      32768 (32768 sysid 0)
Root          address 70db.98c3.df14  priority      32768 (32768 sysid 0)
              port    Gi1/0/2         path cost     0
Regional Root address 70db.98c3.df14  priority      32768 (32768 sysid 0)
                                      internal cost 20000    rem hops 19
Operational   hello time 2 , forward delay 15, max age 20, txholdcount 6
Configured    hello time 2 , forward delay 15, max age 20, max hops    20

GigabitEthernet1/0/1 of MST0 is alternate blocking
Port info             port id            128.1  priority    128  cost        20000
Designated root       address 70db.98c3.df14  priority 32768  cost           0
Design. regional root address 70db.98c3.df14  priority 32768  cost        10000
Designated bridge     address 70db.98c3.dfa0  priority 32768  port id    128.4
Timers: message expires in 5 sec, forward delay 0, forward transitions 0
Bpdus sent 27905, received 31061

GigabitEthernet1/0/2 of MST0 is root forwarding
Port info             port id            128.2  priority    128  cost        20000
Designated root       address 70db.98c3.df14  priority 32768  cost           0
Design. regional root address 70db.98c3.df14  priority 32768  cost           0
Designated bridge     address 70db.98c3.df14  priority 32768  port id    128.4
Timers: message expires in 5 sec, forward delay 0, forward transitions 1
Bpdus sent 27904, received 31070
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##### MST2     vlans mapped:    100,126-128
Bridge         address f0b2.e556.e480  priority      32770 (32768 sysid 2)
Root           this switch for MST2

GigabitEthernet1/0/1 of MST2 is designated forwarding
Port info          port id          128.1  priority    128  cost       20000
Designated root    address f0b2.e556.e480  priority 32770  cost          0
Designated bridge  address f0b2.e556.e480  priority 32770  port id    128.1
Timers: message expires in 0 sec, forward delay 0, forward transitions 1
Bpdus (MRecords) sent 27905, received 31061

GigabitEthernet1/0/2 of MST2 is designated forwarding
Port info          port id          128.2  priority    128  cost       20000
Designated root    address f0b2.e556.e480  priority 32770  cost          0
Designated bridge  address f0b2.e556.e480  priority 32770  port id    128.2
Timers: message expires in 0 sec, forward delay 0, forward transitions 1
Bpdus (MRecords) sent 27904, received 31070

Switch#
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