



BUILDING TOMORROW'S VIRTUALIZED NETWORKS

SDN-Enabled Virtualized Access Solution (SDvAS)

A shift in the networking landscape

Enterprise and broadband access networks are evolving from application-specific purpose-built equipment, to disaggregated systems built on general purpose, common-of-the-shelf (COTS) or white box platforms. Disaggregation, along with software define networking (SDN) and virtualized network functions (VNFs) enables independent selection of different platforms and sub-functions without being locked into single vendor solutions.

There is a massive software-based shift in the thought process and implementation of broadband access networks by communication service providers (CSPs). Initiatives from the Open Networking Forum (ONF), Broadband Forum (BBF), Open Compute (OCP) Telco Project and the Telecom Infrastructure Project (TIP) have helped define disaggregated architectures, enabled by SDN and virtualization.

The next generation broadband access network is envisioned using a collection of physical network functions (PNFs) and virtualized network functions (VNFs), such as

- Universal CPEs using general purpose CPU based hardware for the software defined WAN (SD-WAN)
- Broadband access nodes using white box optical line terminals (OLTs) and white box aggregation switches
- General purpose compute nodes in the distributed central offices, hosting the virtualized access network and network management functionality, such as the virtual OLT (vOLT), virtual BNG (vBNG), Virtual Element Management System (vEMS) as VNFs

The Capgemini Engineering approach to software Defined, virtualized access

Capgemini Engineering is uniquely positioned to enable OEMs and eco-system partners to address this shift to SDN enabled, virtualized networks. Capgemini Engineering’s networking and wireless software frameworks have powered numerous OEM products in large carrier networks, data centers and enterprise networks.

Capgemini Engineering’s SDN-enabled virtualized Access Solution, SDvAS, is built upon the trusted Capgemini Engineering Intelligent Switch Solution (ISS) and provides a portfolio of software frameworks optimized for software define enterprise access and broadband access.

For software de ned enterprise access:

- Universal CPE (uCPE) - uCPE OS optimized for smaller footprint to orchestrate multiple VNFs
- SD-WAN VNF, providing the control plane with an x86 based data plane

- Virtual router, virtual firewall
- Software-defined broadband (SD-Broadband) applications for web-based service provisioning and SD-WAN orchestration

For software de ned broadband access:

- Virtual OLT (vOLT) control plane and virtual EMS for man aging the OLT
- Virtual OLT hardware adaptation (vOLT-HA), that is hardware optimized
- Virtual BNG (vBNG) control plane and data plane on white box switches or smart NICs,

Along with the MANO Edge Compute, and intent-based NetAnticipate frameworks, the Capgemini Engineering SDvAS portfolio offers a comprehensive, end-to-end solution to realize software defined and vi tualized broadband access networks.

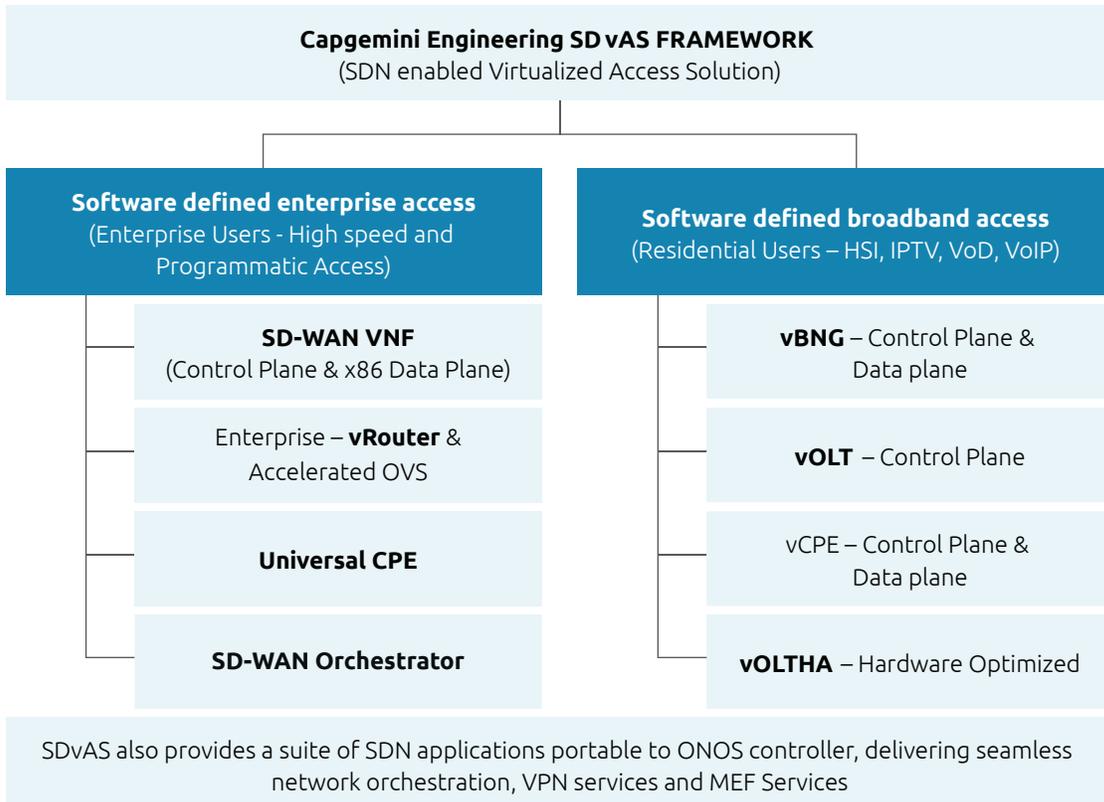
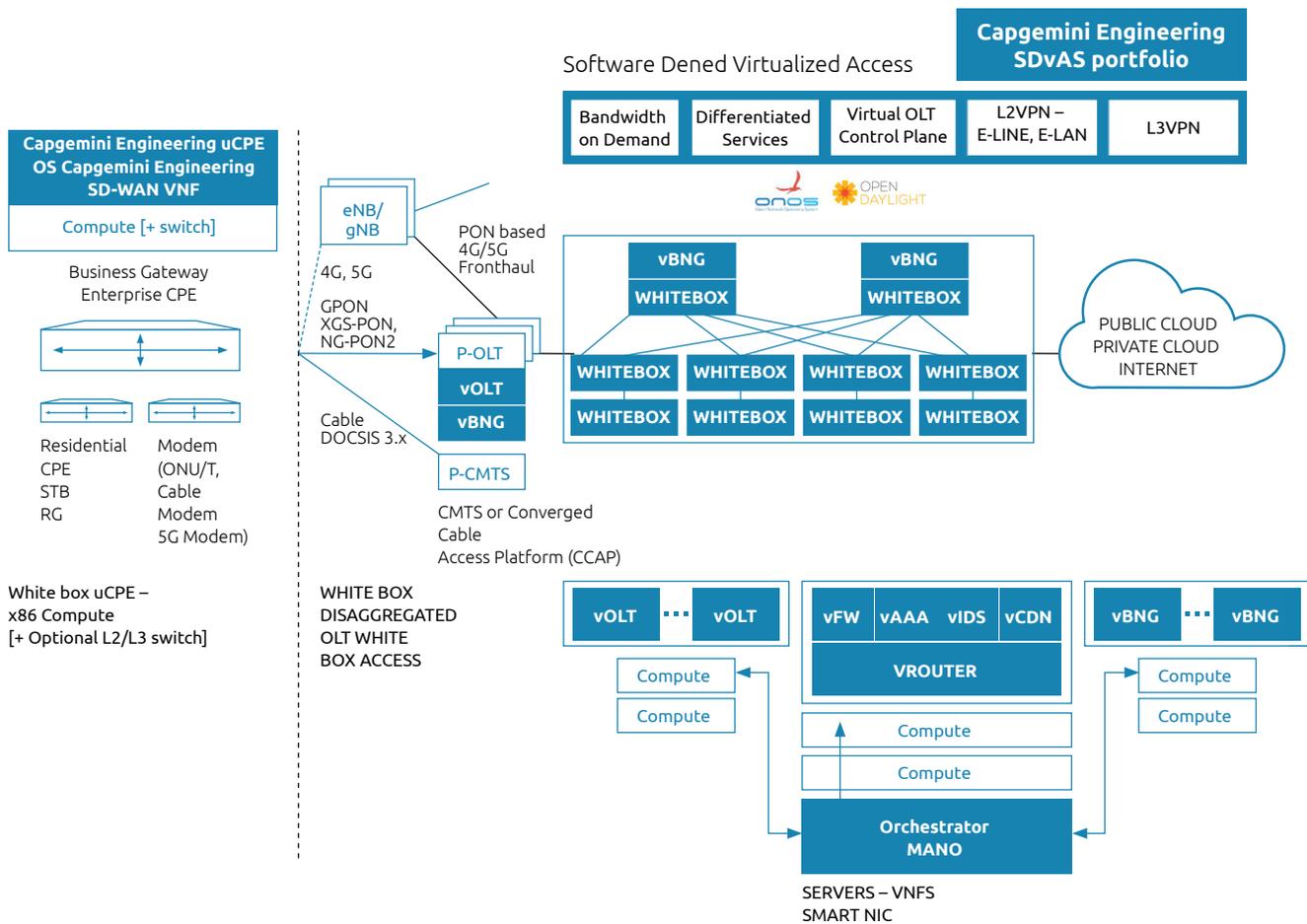


Figure 1: Capgemini Engineering SDvAS Framework

A strong partnership relationship

Capgemini Engineering works with strategic partners, including silicon and FPGA vendors, ODM white box vendors, and smart NIC vendors, in creating pre-integrated frameworks for SD-WAN uCPE, Virtual OLT, Virtual BNG,

that enable OEM vendors with fast time-to-market solutions. Our frameworks speed development times and decrease costs, resulting in faster, smarter solutions that deliver superior outcomes.



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