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What is IBN and Why IBN



The Intent-Based Network is a closed-loop system that builds and operates networks based on user intent, providing full lifecycle management of network infrastructure, including network design, implementation, configuration and operation, which can improve network availability and agility.



IBN can bridge the gap between what your business needs and what your network delivers.

IBN Design Ideas and Key Functions



Translation & Validation

Obtain the business intent, converts it into a network configuration, and verify whether the configuration can satisfy the business policy on the network model.

Automated configuration

Complete network infrastructure configuration through network automation or network orchestration.

Network perception

Get network running status in real time.

Assurance and auto repair

Verify whether the business intent is met in real time and automatically fix or notify the user when the intent is not met.

Intent-Based Network Target Architecture





• Business Layer

provide various interfaces for different input such as text, voice, GUI, etc.

• Intent Layer

Enforce the intent of user to be implement according to user's input and adjusting for negative feedback

Control Layer

Responsible for configuration management, distribution and network status feedback

Network Layer

Consists of some network element devices such as switches, routers, controllers and so on. Responsible for specific implementation of configuration. Collect network topology information, network traffic information and business flow path information.

Software Implementation of IBN Demo System





IBN Demo System has Realized the intent based network automation (including intents translation, intents verification, intents decision making and intents delivered).

IBN Demo System Run Time Workflow





Future Plan of IBN with Open Source Projects







Switch Lanes

Intent-Based Network help end users switch to a more suitable low-latency channel according to their request.



The executions of the IBN: 1.Intent Collection: User feel the network is too slow, need accelerate. 2.Inent Translation: Analyze and process the intent, translation the data into the corresponding configuration including bandwidth, delay, jitter, etc. 3.Intent Execution: Calculate the status information of the network, including bandwidth, delay of each link, Send the path information of the traffic to the controller and network device to select different transmission paths for specific traffic. 4.Post-Assessment: Measure bandwidth delay for users in real time, and feedback the service quality

Demo System ---- User Portal







Demo System ---- Real-time topology monitoring



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Demo System ----- System log







Demo 1 : Switch Lanes











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