The Evolution of CALREN -California's Research and Education Network

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Education in California – Overview

- University of California 9 (10) campuses
- 3 Private Research Universities Caltech, Stanford, University of Southern California
- California State University 23 campuses
- Community Colleges over 100
- Other independent institutions of higher education over 100
- K-12 schools over 9000
- Various government labs and university affiliated research institutes

State of Networking in 1996

- 4-CNET connected the CSU system with extension out to community colleges
- Most institutions had their own commodity internet connections
- UC operated some private leased lines
- No statewide K-12 network
- Some individual county and school district networks







Digital California Project

- DCP Digital California Project extend connectivity to (public) K-12 schools
- Funded from California State in FY 2000/01
- \$32M through University of California Implementation through CENIC
- Program Steering Committee Advisory board of involved constituents from K-20
- Subsequent budget reductions -- \$26M -\$21M \$14M – eliminated as direct funding for 2004-05 – now what?



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Redesigning CalREN

In late 1999, with the approaching end of current SONET contracts (late 2002), CENIC began thinking about the next generation CaIREN

User demand:

- Reliable 'commodity' network
- High bandwidth (IP) network in support of research (Abilene)
- Some demand for dedicated resources
- Significant demand for experimental and research networks at level 3, level 2 and even level 1
- This formed the thinking for an integrated infrastructure built on dark fiber

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT AND EVOLUTION FOR CALIFORNIA RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMUNITY



CALREN-DC Digital California

- IP based network. 2.5-10 GB
- Serves-140 H.E institutions; 8000+ elementary and high schools
- 8.0 million+ student, faculty and staff users
- I2 connectivity and commodity ISP services.

CALREN-HPR High Performance Research Network

- IP network: 10Gb, potentially several wavelengths
- 50+ Research institutions, National Laboratories and San Diego Super-computing Center in California
- California component of Internet2 with 10G and OC-12 connections
- Serves hundreds of researchers, demanding applications

CALREN-XD

Experimental/Development Network

- 10.0 Gb Wavelengths and Dark Fiber
- Potential for Wavelength Switching and Special Network Configurations
- California Component of NLR
- Special applications, e.g. Teragrid
- Serves Network Researchers in California Research Institutions – primarily four UC Institutes; USC's ISI; Stanford; and Caltech

CALREN - today

- 3 backbones one commodity, one production, one research oriented, sharing physical resources where applicable
- Integrated at the physical and operations level, separable at the link and network levels
- Separate local solution from long-haul solution (due to different possibilities, players)
- Combination of dark fiber and wavelengths



CalREN Backbone Network 2003



Digital California Overlay

Northern California



Southern California





Campus or Metro Interconnect

Relation to National and International Nets

- CALREN connects to Abilene at LA and SNY
- CALREN is an integral part of NLR (LA-SNY)
- CALREN connects to Federal Networks (SNY)
- International Connections through PACIFICWAVE – a joint project of CENIC and PNWG (Seattle)

Abilene (Internet2) backbone 2004



National Connections - NLR



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International R&E Networks connecting to US



2005 NSF-IRNC related Pacific Connections (10G)



PacificWave

- Partnership between CENIC and PNWGP (Pacific Northwest Gigapop - Seattle)
- Concept: an extensible, geographically dispersed peering fabric so that you can connect at any one location on the fabric and have the option to peer with any other participant, regardless of where they are connected
- Uses 10G wave to connect the physical exchange points and build VLANS to interconnect peers
- Recently received funding from NSF-IRNC program to extend capabilities and provide support for international connections through PacificWave

PacificWave Seattle



Pacific Wave - Los Angeles



What's next? – development of Calren-XD

- Some waves are in use Teragrid (LA to San Deigo), Optiputer (San Diego to LA to Chicago), CaveWave (San Diego to Chicago)
- More to come. Many (5+?) will be brought up in support of IGRID'05 (San Diego) and SC'05 (Seattle).
- Layer 1 switching for CALREN-XD, NLR, HOPI and GLIF through PacificWave



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