



Když už to nejde „ručně“

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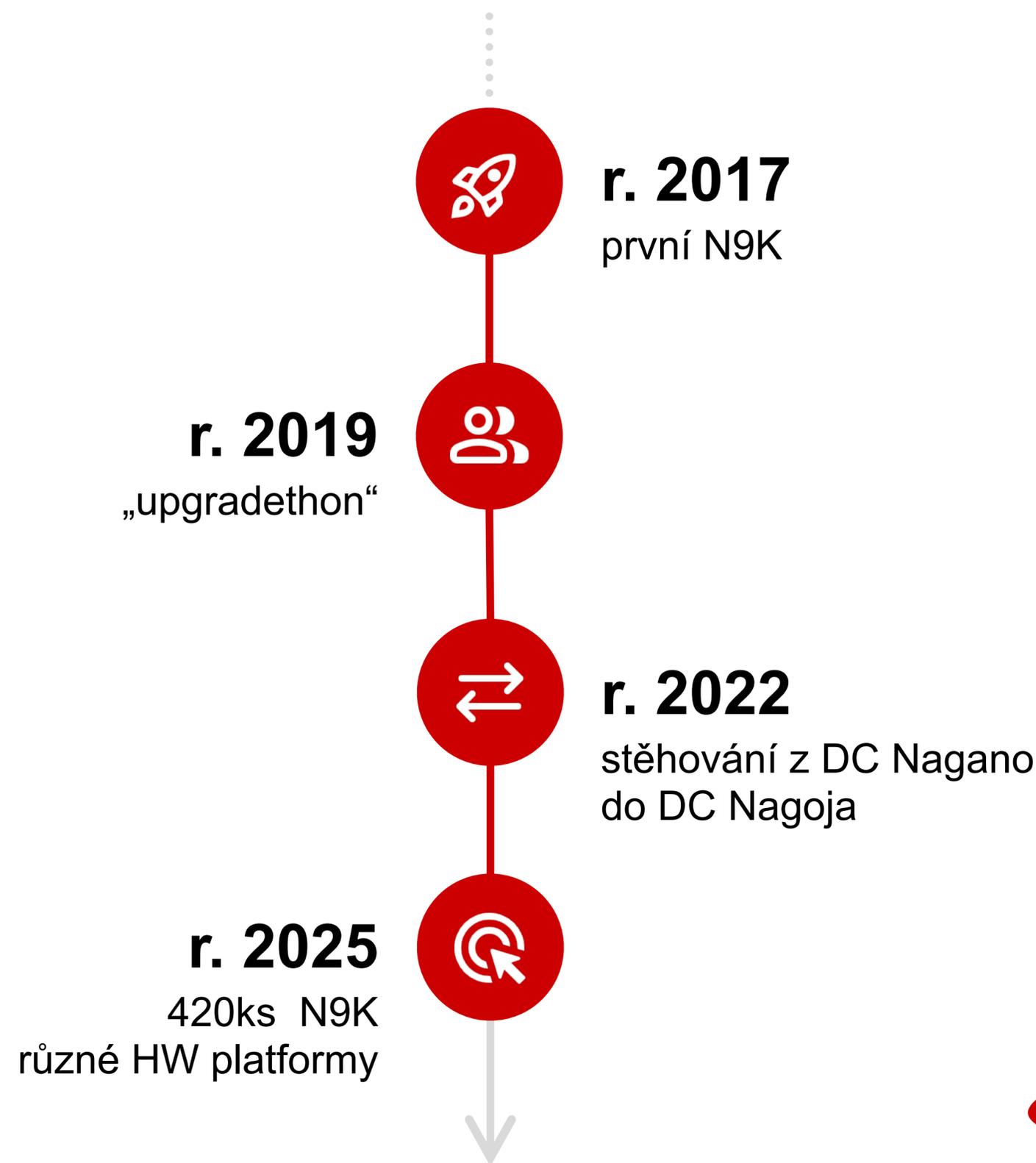
automatizovaný upgrade network OS v DC pomocí Ansible

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Jak šel s upgrady čas

- první upgrady = stará dobrá klasika
- „upgradethon“ - manuální paralelizace ve více lidech
- stěhování mezi DC - první semiautomatizace (po jednom, pouze upgrade task)
- maintenance, obměna HW platforem, nové instalace (postupně - neceloplošně)

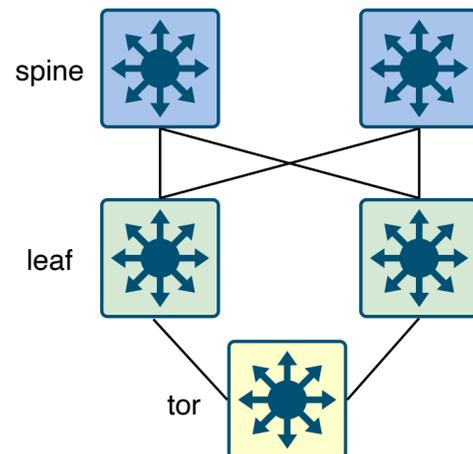


Výchozí stav pro automatizaci



access vrstva (TOR)

- neredundantní, největší (316ks), různé verze NXOS a EPLD, mezi upgrade
- min. downtime, paralelizace, požadavky od compute infrateamu
- = ručně to už prostě nejde!



leaf vrstva

- redundantní, bez „uživatelů“
- značně menší
- umět odstavit/vrátit zařízení z/ do provozu



spine vrstva

- nezajímavý počet pro automatizaci
- novější NXOS proti leaf/TOR



Příprava je potřeba



precheck_upgrade.yml

- dostat seznam pro plánování
- roztrždit podle AZ

devices_info.csv

```
HOST; AZ; NXOS; HW_MODEL; EPLD_CURRENT; EPLD_WILL_UPGRADE; UPGRADE_TIME
tor-c-1-ko.net.iszn.cz; az1; 9.3(7); N9K-C93180YC-EX; 0x4,0x15; False; 40
tor-c-10-ko.net.iszn.cz; az3; 9.3(7); N9K-C93180YC-EX; 0x4,0x15; False; 40
tor-c-11-ko.net.iszn.cz; az3; 9.3(7); N9K-C93180YC-EX; 0x4,0x15; False; 40
tor-d-11-ko.net.iszn.cz; az3; 9.3(7); N9K-C93108TC-EX; 0x2,0x10; True; 60
...
```



prepare_upgrade.yml

- smazat co nepotřebuji
- nahrát image NXOS, EPLD
- zkontrolovat checksum

```
TASK [Delete .bin and .img files, excluding the current boot image]
ok: [10.255.8.99] => (item=n9000-epld.10.3.6.M.img)
ok: [10.255.8.99] => (item=nxos.9.3.7.bin)
ok: [10.255.8.99] => (item=nxos64-cs.10.2.4.M.bin)
skipping: [10.255.8.99] => (item=nxos64-cs.10.3.6.M.bin)
```



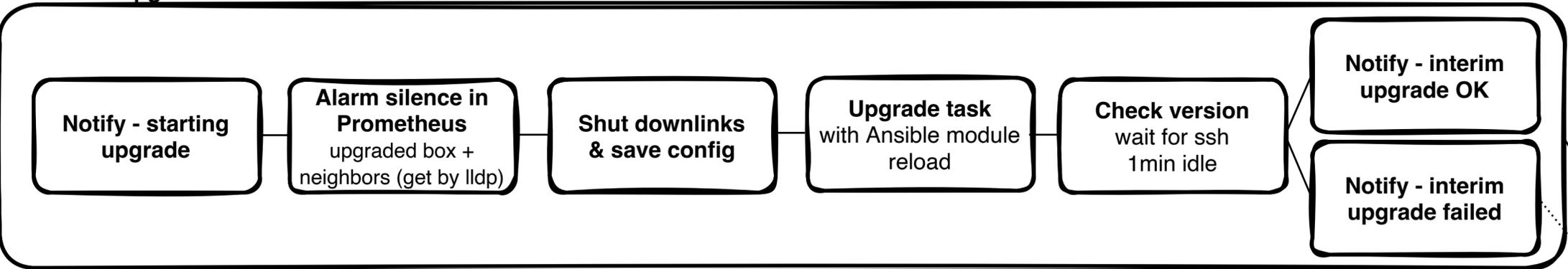
Upgrade access vrstvy



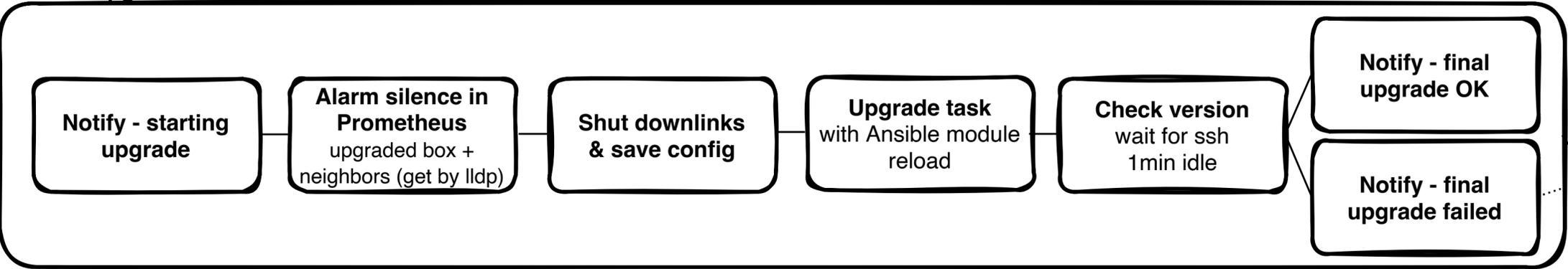
```
> ansible-playbook upgrade-tor.yml -i inventory.inv --fork 15
```



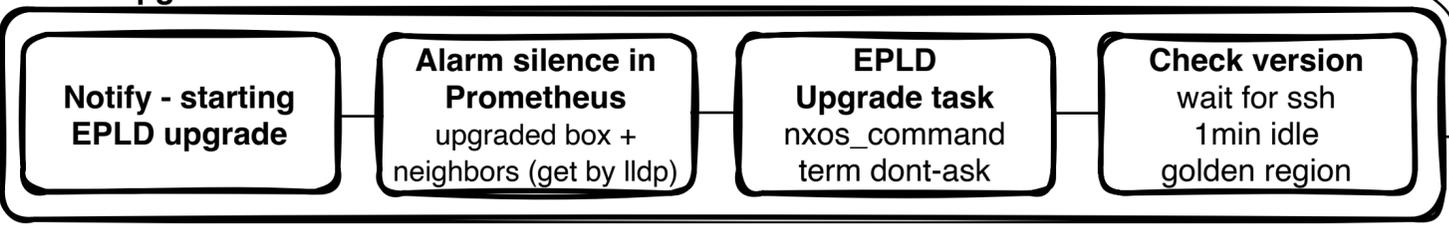
Interim upgrade block



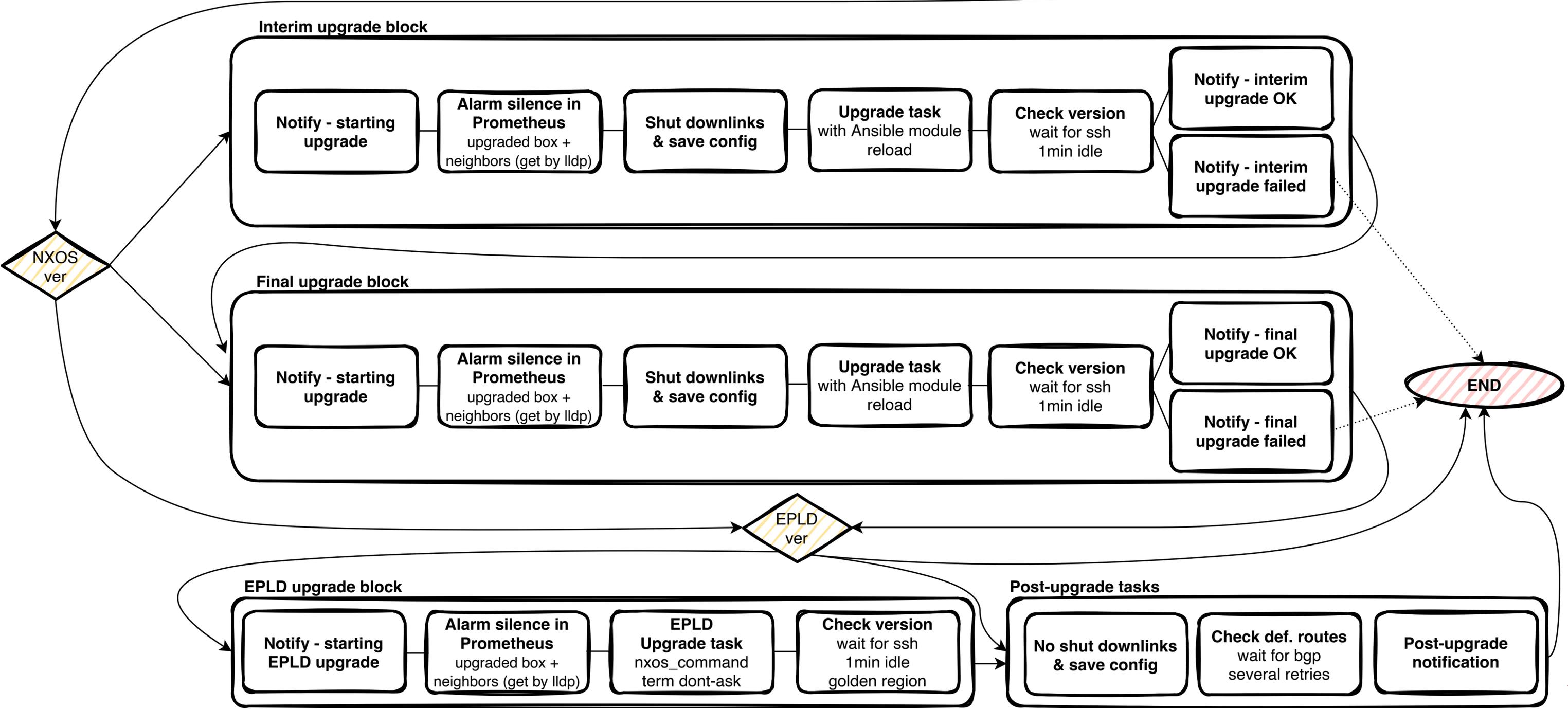
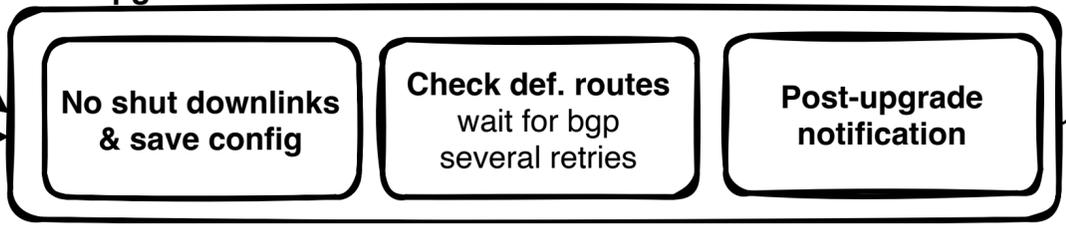
Final upgrade block



EPLD upgrade block



Post-upgrade tasks



Check for bugs

instalation failed
delete snapshots folder &
sdaa_dbg.log

```
- name: Check for bug CSCwn58834 and CSCwj18822
block:
  - name: Enable feature bash-shell
    cisco.nxos.nxos_config:
      lines:
        - feature bash-shell

  - name: Check the owner of .snapshots folder
    cisco.nxos.nxos_command:
      commands:
        - run bash ls -la /bootflash/ | grep '\.snapshots'
      register: _snapshot_ls_out

  - name: Delete .snapshots folder if owner is network-operator
    cisco.nxos.nxos_command:
      commands:
        - run bash rm -rf /bootflash/.snapshots
      when: ("network-operator" in _snapshot_ls_out.stdout[0])

  - name: Get flash usage
    cisco.nxos.nxos_command:
      commands:
        - show system internal flash | json
      register: _flash_usage

  - name: Set /nxos/tmp usage variable # noqa: jinja[spacing]
    ansible.builtin.set_fact:
      tmp_usage: "{{ _flash_usage.stdout[0].TABLE_flash.ROW_flash
                    | selectattr('Mounted-on', 'equalto', '/nxos/tmp')
                    | map(attribute='Use-percent') | first }}"

  - name: Delete log /nxos/tmp/sdaa_dbg.log if /nxos/tmp is full
    cisco.nxos.nxos_command:
      commands:
        - run bash rm /nxos/tmp/sdaa_dbg.log
      when: tmp_usage | default('0') | int == 100

  - name: Disable feature bash-shell
    cisco.nxos.nxos_config:
      lines:
        - no feature bash-shell
      save_when: changed
```

Upgrade task with Ansible module reload

```
- name: Run final upgrade NXOS to {{ image_nxos_target }}
  cisco.nxos.nxos_install_os:
    system_image_file: "{{ image_nxos_target }}"

- name: Wait for device to come back up after final NXOS upgrade
  ansible.builtin.wait_for:
    port: 22
    state: started
    timeout: 500
    delay: 120
    host: '{{ inventory_hostname }}'
```

EPLD Upgrade task nxos_command term dont-ask

```
- name: Run EPLD upgrade for PRIMARY region to {{ image_epld_target }}
  cisco.nxos.nxos_command:
    commands:
      - terminal dont-ask
      - install epld {{ image_epld_target }} module all

- name: Wait for device to come back up after PRIMARY region EPLD upgrade
  ansible.builtin.wait_for:
    port: 22
    state: started
    timeout: 500
    delay: 120
    host: '{{ inventory_hostname }}'
```



Notify - starting upgrade

```
- name: Final upgrade NXOS to {{ image_nxos_target }}
when:
  - expected_current_version not in current_version
  - expected_target_version not in current_version
block:
  - name: Pre-upgrade tasks only when interim NXOS upgrade was not performed
    when: nxos_upgrade_interim is false
    block:
      - name: Send start notification to Mattermost - final
        ansible.builtin.uri:
          url: "https://teams.szn.cz/hooks/{{ mm_token }}"
          method: POST
          body:
            username: "Nexus Switches upgrade BOT"
            attachments:
              - color: "#FF8000"
                title: "⚠️ Nexus Switch Software Upgrade - with final"
                text: "Starting process of SW upgrade on `{{ inventory_hostname }}`
                  🌐 Info about versions used in upgrade:\n\n
                  | NX-OS Type | Version |\n
                  | --- | --- |\n
                  | Current | {{ current_version }} |\n
                  | Target | {{ expected_target_version }} |"
            icon_emoji: "cisco"
          body_format: json
          headers:
            Content-Type: application/json
```



The screenshot shows a Mattermost chat window for the channel 'net-admins.automation'. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like 'INCIDENTS' and 'CHANNELS'. The main chat area displays three messages from a bot named 'Nexus Switches upgrade BOT'. Each message contains a warning icon, a title, a description of the upgrade process, and a table of version information.

Message 1 (10:05 AM): Nexus Switch Software Upgrade - with final. Starting process of SW upgrade on tor-h-10-2-ng.net.iszn.cz, HW model N9K-C93180YC-EX. Info about versions used in upgrade:

NX-OS Type	Version
Current	10.2(4)
Target	10.3(6)

Message 2 (10:05 AM): Nexus Switch Software Upgrade - with final. Starting process of SW upgrade on tor-g-4-ng.net.iszn.cz, HW model N9K-C93180YC-FX. Info about versions used in upgrade:

NX-OS Type	Version
Current	10.2(4)
Target	10.3(6)

Message 3 (10:21 AM): Nexus Switch Software Upgrade - with final. Final SW upgrade on tor-h-4-2-ng.net.iszn.cz was successful. Continuing with EPLD and post upgrade checks. Info about versions:

Original NX-OS	Current NX-OS
10.2(4)	10.3(6)

Message 4 (10:21 AM): Nexus Switch Software Upgrade - with final. Final SW upgrade on tor-h-10-2-ng.net.iszn.cz was successful. Continuing with EPLD and post upgrade checks. Info about versions:

Original NX-OS	Current NX-OS
10.2(4)	10.3(6)

Notify - starting EPLD upgrade

```
- name: EPLD upgrade needed. Starting with PRIMARY region image to {{ image_epld_target }}
when: epld_upgrade_target is true
block:
  - name: Send start notification to Mattermost - EPLD
    ansible.builtin.uri:
      url: "https://teams.szn.cz/hooks/{{ mm_token }}"
      method: POST
      body:
        username: "Nexus Switches upgrade BOT"
        attachments:
          - color: "#FF8000"
            title: "⚠️ Nexus Switch EPLD Upgrade"
            text: "Starting process of EPLD upgrade on `{{ inventory_hostname }}`, HW model
              🌐 Info about versions used in upgrade:\n\n
              | EPLD Type | Version |\n\n
              | --- | --- |\n\n
              | Current | {{ original_epld_version_output }} |\n\n
              | Target | {{ epld_result_expected }} |"
            icon_emoji: "cisco"
        body_format: json
        headers:
          Content-Type: application/json
```



The screenshot shows a Mattermost interface with a channel named "net-admins.automation". The channel contains three messages from the bot "Nexus Switches upgrade BOT":

- 10:21 AM:** A warning message titled "Nexus Switch EPLD Upgrade". The text indicates the start of an EPLD upgrade on "tor-g-4-ng.net.iszn.cz" with hardware model "N9K-C93180YC-FX". It includes a table with the following data:

EPLD Type	Version
Current	['0x10', '0x22']
Target	['0x10', '0x23']
- 10:29 AM:** A success message titled "Nexus Switch Software Upgrade". It reports a successful software upgrade on "tor-g-4-ng.net.iszn.cz" to version "10.3(6)". A button labeled "OK" indicates that default routes are the same as before.
- 10:29 AM:** A success message titled "Nexus Switch Software Upgrade". It reports a successful software upgrade on "tor-h-10-2-ng.net.iszn.cz" to version "10.3(6)". A button labeled "OK" indicates that default routes are the same as before.

The interface also shows a search bar, navigation tabs for "AR" and "Technical", and a bottom toolbar with formatting options (bold, italic, link, etc.) and a send button.

Alarm silence in Prometheus
upgraded box + neighbors (get by lldp)

```
- name: Silence alarms for device
ansible.builtin.uri:
  url: "{{ silencer_url }}"
  method: POST
  body:
    matchers:
      - name: "instance"
        value: "{{ inventory_hostname }}"
        isRegex: false
    startsAt: "{{ alarm_start_time }}"
    endsAt: "{{ alarm_end_time }}"
    createdBy: "Ansible"
    comment: "NX-OS upgrade automation"
    id: null
  body_format: json
  headers:
    Content-Type: application/json
```



Seznam

https://net-prometheus-ko.net.iszn.cz:9093/#/silences

Alertmanager Alerts Silences Status Help

Silence

[Edit](#) [Expire](#)

ID	06bb4b4f-8494-4f11-830d-af48d9f86e1d
Starts at	11:11:58, 2026-01-12 (UTC)
Ends at	12:08:15, 2026-01-12 (UTC)
Updated at	11:11:58, 2026-01-12 (UTC)
Created by	Ansible
Comment	NX-OS upgrade automation
State	active
Matchers	<input type="text" value="instance=tor-h-10-2-ng.net.iszn.cz"/> <input type="text" value="instance=tor-g-4-ng.net.iszn.cz"/> <input type="text" value="instance=tor-h-4-2-ng.net.iszn.cz"/>
No affected alerts	

Upgrade leaf boxů





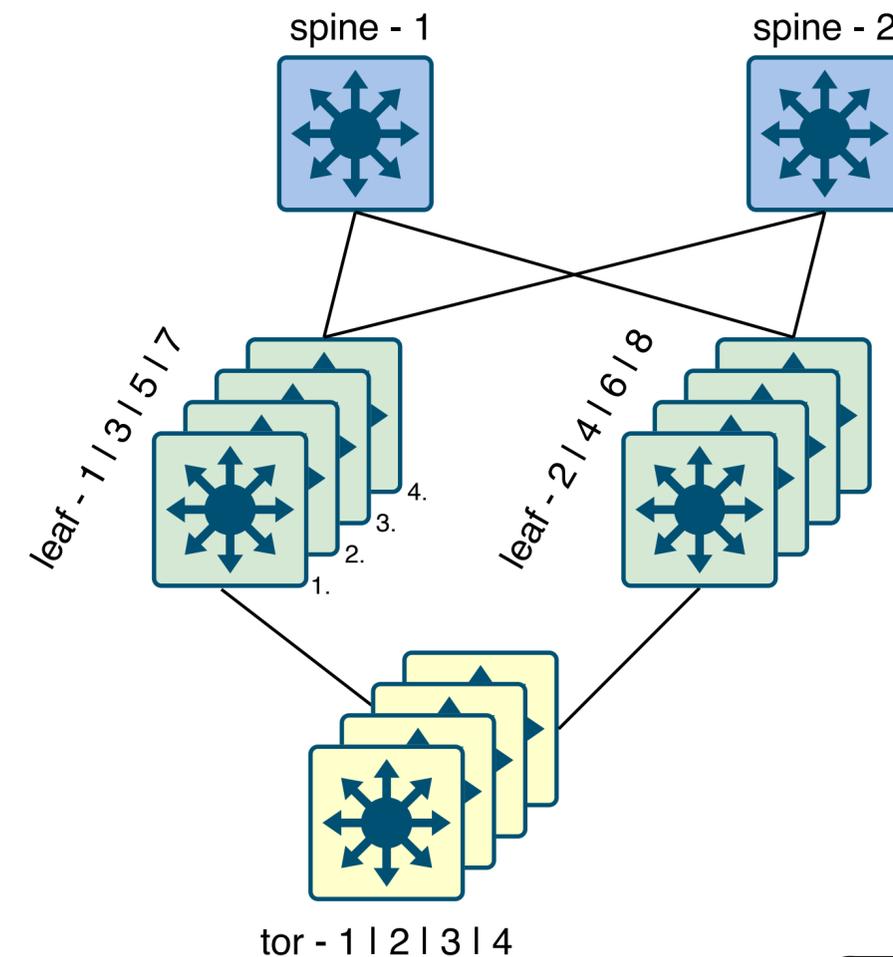
Redundantní vrstva

- 19 párů ve třech datacentrech
- mírně odlišné vlastnosti (např. rychlost nehraje roli)
- pokud se vše řeší „samo“



Odlišné požadavky

- kontrola stavů před a po upgradu
 - interfaces
 - BGP sessions
- odstavení přes maintenance mode
- před dalším upgradem čekej 5min



Maintenance mode tasks

```
- name: Configure custom maintenance profile
cisco.nxos.command:
  commands:
    - no configure maintenance profile maintenance-mode
    - configure maintenance profile maintenance-mode
    - router bgp {{ bgp_as_num }}
    - isolate include-local
    - sleep instance 0 30
    - system interface shutdown

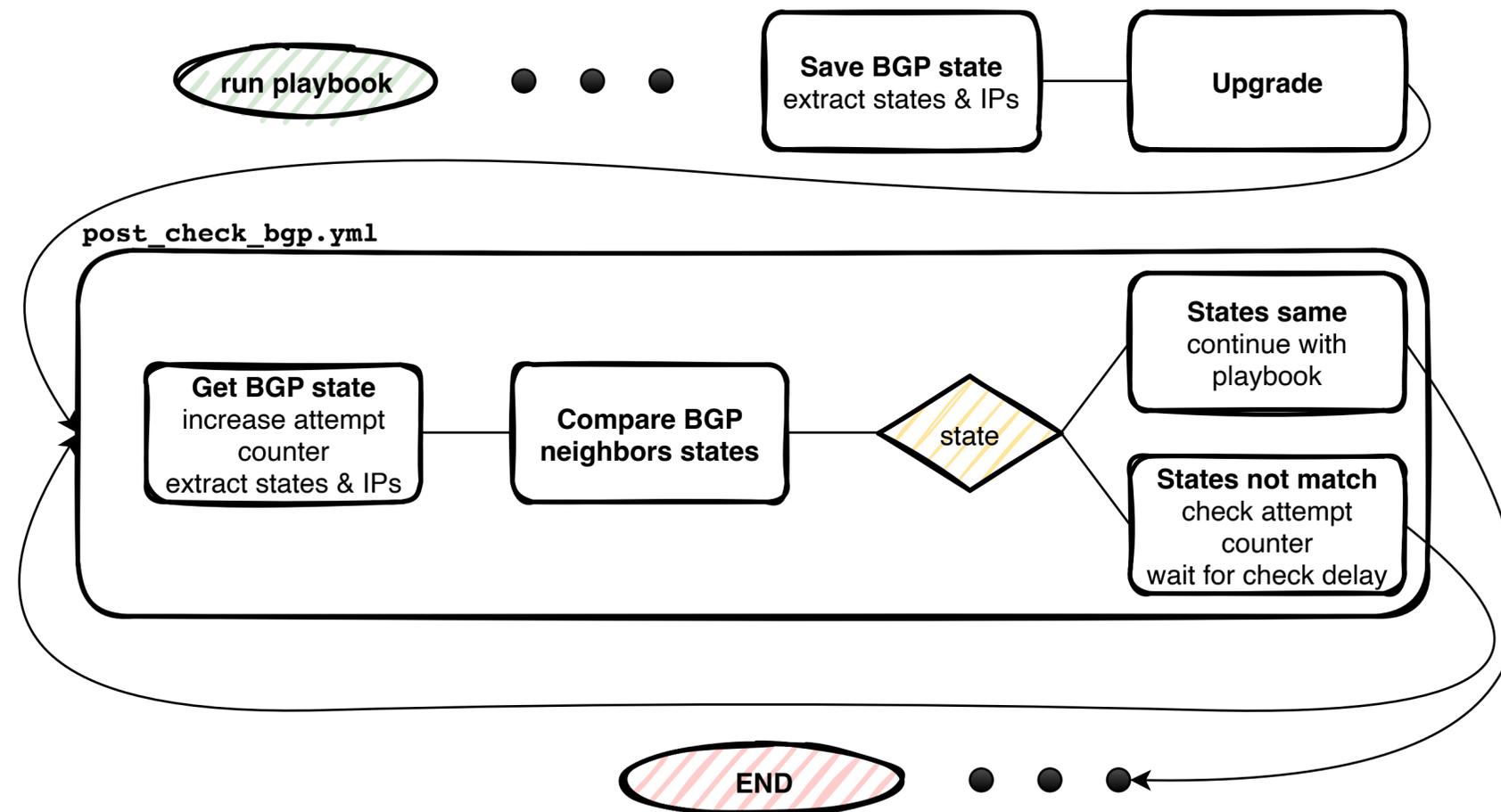
- name: Put switch into maintenance
cisco.nxos.nxos_gir:
  system_mode_maintenance_dont_generate_profile: true
```





Kontrola stavu před a po upgradu

- u TORů (access vrstva) - kontrola default route
 - počet nexthopů a konkrétní nexthop IP
- u leafů navíc kontrola stavu interfaců a BGP sessions



Post upgrade tasks

```
- name: Post-upgrade tasks
when: >
  (epld_upgrade_target is true) or
  (nxos_upgrade_interim is true) or
  (nxos_upgrade_final is true)
block:
  - name: Enable interfaces
    cisco.nxos.nxos_config:
      lines:
        - no system interface shutdown
      save_when: changed

  - name: Wait 1m for interfaces to come up
    ansible.builtin.wait_for:
      timeout: 60

  - name: Wait until interface status will match
    ansible.builtin.include_tasks: post_check_interfaces.yml
    vars:
      check_retries: 11
      check_delay: 30

  - name: Wait until BGP state will match
    ansible.builtin.include_tasks: post_check_bgp.yml
    vars:
      check_retries: 11
      check_delay: 30

  - name: Wait until default routes will match
    ansible.builtin.include_tasks: post_check_default_route.yml
    vars:
      check_retries: 11
      check_delay: 30
```

Get BGP state extract states & IPs

```
- name: Get BGP neighbors status post-upgrade
  cisco.nxos.nxos_command:
    commands:
      - "show bgp all summary | json"
    register: _bgp_post

- name: Extract post-upgrade IPv4 BGP neighbors states
  ansible.builtin.set_fact:
    bgp_states_post: "{{ bgp_states_post | default({}) | combine({item.neighborid: item.state}) }}"
  when:
    - item.state == "Established"
    - item.neighborid != "10.245.3.70"
  with_items: "{{
    (_bgp_post.stdout[0].TABLE_vrf.ROW_vrf.TABLE_af.ROW_af[0].TABLE_saf.ROW_saf.TABLE_neighbor.ROW_neighbor | default([]))
    if (_bgp_post.stdout[0].TABLE_vrf.ROW_vrf.TABLE_af.ROW_af[0].TABLE_saf.ROW_saf.TABLE_neighbor.ROW_neighbor | default([])
      | type_debug == 'list')
    else [_bgp_post.stdout[0].TABLE_vrf.ROW_vrf.TABLE_af.ROW_af[0].TABLE_saf.ROW_saf.TABLE_neighbor.ROW_neighbor] | default([])
  }}"
```



Jak jsme dopadli?



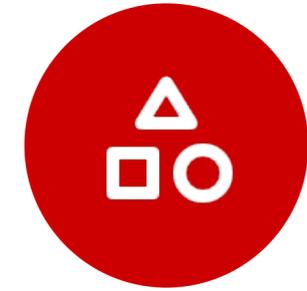
21dní
v cca 1,5 měsíci



4-12 TORů
souběžně



T_{min} 11m
T_{max} 45m



228ks

dopolední a odpolední slot na upgrade | úmrtnost: 2 z 228ks



Co si z toho odnést

- access - musíme ještě zrychlit - celé AZ/DC současně?
- nebo sériový upgrade bez účasti člověka?
- udržovat verze pro přímý upgrade

- vhodné u velkých a jednoduchých topologií
- použitelné pro různé NOS
- není potřeba vendor specific orchestrátorů
- flexibilní



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