How small a contrib can CfN be?

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What may be a distraction

- Cloud RAN
- NFV
- Etc etc
- Although emulating old G radio, in net
  - may actually be a good driver/use case
  - Or it may be a disaster…
In the real world
What changed?

- In net s/w can be verified/secured
- But is a very very tempting target
- For nation scale adversaries…
- We also have tools like
  - unikernels, serverless/lambda
  - New sandbox/hypervisor
  - h/w support for enclaves
- But back to some simpler, friendlier older things…
Anything beyond best effort IP?

1. Multicast, mobility, multipath
2. Service differentiation
3. Application offloading/in net agg(IoT)

- Use cases -
  1. Network evolution
  2. Service evolution
  3. Incast mitigation
All need indirection service

- Branch/merge point discovery
- Load balancers/tie breakers
- Liveness/failure detectors
- Replicated state machines...
- And a certain amount of programmability


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On the other hand, could be bolder

- Edge Cloud (including just inside net)
- Federated ML...more sustainable...
  - Privacy
  - Energy
  - Latency
- Needs work on replicated state machine
  - For wide area availability/recovery
  - Flexible Paxos&TLC (threshold logical clocks)
Who Am I?