

Look Inside Cisco's Newest Production Data Center

New interactive tool provides deployment and design insights from Cisco IT architects.

Cisco on Cisco recently launched the interactive Richardson Data Center Tour, a multimedia environment where users can explore the design and implementation of Cisco's production data center in Richardson, Texas.

Developed to share Cisco's data center approach with customers and partners in a real-life, easy-to-navigate setting, the virtual tour includes 15 discrete areas of the data center. From a main 3D layout, users simply click on one of the locations for an expanded view and additional information. Many locations feature Flash videos with insights from Cisco IT architects and facilities managers on the specific design, function, or implementation. Each location includes a description and photos in an easy-to-view format.

The tour also includes a stop at Cisco's Northern California data center, with videos on Cisco's deployment of the new Unified Computing System and Nexus 7000 and 5000 Series switches.

In addition to insights on implementation and facilities management at the Richardson data center, the tour includes several short videos describing Cisco's design approach to structured cabling, power drops, AC handling, cabinet networking, floor power, and more. Also included are executive-level videos on Cisco's global data center strategy and site selection, and the challenges, solutions, and some lessons learned from the Richardson implementation.

Highlights of the interactive data center tour include:

- 27 embedded Flash videos
- More than 160 photos
- 15 discrete tour "stops:"
 - Data hall
 - Battery room
 - Generators/tanks
 - Facility control center
 - Electrical room
 - Power distribution room
 - UPS

- Temperature control galleries
- Chiller room
- Cooling towers
- Water tower
- Build room
- Central distribution
- Entrance facility room
- Security trap

In the coming weeks, Cisco on Cisco will launch the “Cisco IT Data Center Experience,” an additional interactive tool with more than a dozen new Flash videos featuring Cisco IT subject matter experts and executives discussing key initiatives and technology deployments in the data center, including virtualization, business continuance, services-oriented strategy, security, and the operations command center. The existing Richardson data center tour will also be a component of this larger interactive data center environment.

Take a look inside Cisco’s newest production data center: <http://www.cisco.com/go/virtualdatacenter>



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