

Data Center Innovation Forum: Unified Fabric and Data Center Virtualization



As organizations increasingly rely on IT to help enable and evolve their business, they need their IT infrastructure to be more powerful, agile, and cost effective than ever. Today's enterprises require continual system availability, demand ubiquitous access, and expect rapid and fluid responses to their ever-changing business needs.

To provide these functions, enterprise data centers are challenged to get more use out of existing resources and operate quickly, with increased agility. Specifically, they must address the following data center challenges:

- Improve asset utilization to reduce or defer capital expenses
- Reduce power and cooling consumption to cut costs and align with green business practices
- Make data and resources available in real time to provide flexibility and alignment with current and future business needs

Join Cisco and Industry Data Center experts, as we discuss two critical technologies addressing these challenges:

- Unified Fabric
- Data Center Virtualization.

Learn how a Unified Fabric, based on Data Center Ethernet and Fiber Channel over Ethernet protocols consolidate LAN, SAN and server-cluster traffic over a cohesive infrastructure, simplifying operations and improving power and cooling efficiencies. Discuss the latest technological developments for virtualization (to be announced the week of September 15th,) that will enhance the scalability, agility, and resilience of your virtualized server environment

Collaborate with data center colleagues and experts to learn how you can best leverage these latest data center innovations.

Dates, Locations, and Registration

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

New York, Westin New York Times Square

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Thursday, September 25, 2008

Philadelphia, Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel

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Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Richardson, Westin Park Central Dallas

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Thursday, October 2, 2008

Minneapolis: Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

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Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Seattle, Hilton Bellevue

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Schedule

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Data Center 3.0 Infrastructure Transformation: Key trends in driving the need for Unified Fabric in the Data Center
9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	Unified Fabric Overview: Data Center Ethernet, Fibre Channel over Ethernet, Key Deployment Scenarios
10:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Virtualization in the Data Center
11:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Partner Panel: Key Solution Partners discuss UF and Virtualization
12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Informal Q&A

