Executive Summary

What are CVDs?

A Cisco Validated Design (CVD) is a specific bundle of products—Cisco products as well as products from our partners—designed to address the business needs of customers. The CVDs are created based on Cisco’s observation of market trends and inside knowledge of future directions of Cisco and its partners. As a complete solution, each CVD consists of both hardware and software, and optimizes the capabilities of the Cisco components to maximize speed, performance, stability, and reliability of the CVD bundle.

Most importantly, each CVD has been extensively tested, validated, and documented. The CVDs were designed to facilitate faster, more reliable, and more predictable customer deployments and are guaranteed to work as specified.

The initial sections of this playbook are educational. You can browse through them to get up to speed on the market forces driving Cisco’s United Computing System (UCS) value proposition and competitive differentiators, and to learn about the benefits of using CVD solutions.

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What a CVD does:

- Provides a reference design for a system architecture (A reference design is a general design that applies to 60 to 80 percent of enterprise customers.)
- Documents a deployable system / architecture
- Provides design recommendations that compare different design options and trade-offs
- Includes the most common product scalability and performance recommendations
- Sets the “rules” for deploying a system with confidence

What a CVD does not do:

- Document a specific customer implementation
- Advocate a technology / system that is too early for deployment or one with major gaps
- Define how every Cisco product will perform in the system
- Provide product-specific performance limits (a.k.a. “drag strip” numbers)
- Act as a comprehensive troubleshooting guide
What’s in it for customers?

**Two words: minimized risk.** There is always risk in any large-scale IT initiative, especially one that involves switching out hardware and networking equipment while implementing, migrating, or upgrading mission-critical applications.

There are two types of risk: *integration risk,* risk that products won’t work together, and *performance risk,* risk that they won’t perform as promised.

Using a CVD minimizes both these risks. CVDs are not simply an ad hoc group of products. Each CVD forms an integrated, tested, and documented solution. Like the reference architectures produced by other vendors, CVDs incorporate best-of-breed combinations of equipment and software to optimize the value of a configuration for a customer. But unlike reference architectures, CVDs are validated and supported. In most cases, multiple technical teams, from both Cisco and its partners, have put each CVD configuration through rigorous testing to ensure that all products work together to enable rapid deployment.

By implementing the solution presented in a CVD, you are guaranteed to have a successful deployment for the specific workload covered in the CVD. Of course, each specific workload may vary.
Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure Solutions

- **5-Year ROI:** 483%
- **5-Year Total Business Benefit per Organization:** $13M
- **Break-Even Period:** 7 months

Key Performance Improvements Realized from Customers Who Deployed Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure

- **Lower IT Infrastructure Costs:** 46%
- **Reduction in Unplanned Downtime:** 89%
- **Reduction of Staff Time “Keeping the Lights on”:** 38%

Business Value Benefits – Average Annual Benefits per Organization over Five Years

- **Business Productivity:** $1.44M
- **User Productivity:** $1M
- **IT Staff Productivity:** $1.37M
- **IT Infrastructure Cost Reduction:** $0.15M
Building Momentum: UCS Value Proposition

In today’s data center, a broad range of applications need to coexist: legacy, web, collaboration, and business-critical applications, as well as test / development sandboxes and virtual client computing (VCC). All these applications are being virtualized, saving both operating expenses (OPEX) and capital expenditures (CAPEX). In addition, emerging applications need to be supported: Big Data and business analytics, and mobile, social media, and back-end consumer applications.
Benefits of UCS CVD Solutions

Here are just some of the reasons you should use CVDs:

**Demonstrate best practices for deploying Cisco products**

These tested solutions use all the best practices Cisco has internally identified for its products, as well as the best practices recommended by Cisco partners. By following the instructions in a CVD design, customers can set performance expectations when they deploy their desired solution.

**Provide much greater efficiency in deployment**

Because CVDs provide everything—from designs to configuration instructions to bill of materials (BOMs)—enterprises require a much shorter time to deploy their solutions. Everything is clearly and precisely laid out; there are no surprises during the design phase. And because CVD solutions are guaranteed to work, Cisco provides 24/7 support for any issues that might arise.

**Demonstrate Cisco’s credibility and commitment to solutions**

Cisco UCS CVDs are evidence that Cisco’s recommended solutions are credible. They are proof of Cisco’s commitment to these solutions and provide a viable path for enterprises that depend on the Cisco technology roadmap.

**Offer flexibility through scalability options**

Most Cisco UCS CVDs offer scalability options that allow customers to scale solutions to meet their specific needs. Customers still receive Cisco’s CVD guarantees for performance, even if they choose to adjust the scale of the solution.
Using UCS CVD Solutions to Meet Business Needs

CVDs are innovative, proven solutions to help address the business needs of customers.
For implementations of Cisco solutions as infrastructure, CVDs can help customers realize optimal performance and optimization of Cisco UCS with hardware and software partners.
For implementations of Oracle, SAP, or other enterprise applications, CVDs incorporate Cisco’s expertise in both applications and infrastructure to provide detailed guidance for installing a particular application or suite at both the hardware and software levels.
By providing demonstrated solutions along with success stories from other customers, CVDs give enterprises that are Cisco customers—but haven’t yet shifted their servers to UCS—a level of confidence in the technology.

Benefits provided by CVDs

Cisco UCS CVDs provide customers with the following benefits:

- **Removes risks.** No one likes to be on the bleeding edge. CVDs show that the trail has been blazed. By providing tested solutions, CVDs remove the risk from using Cisco UCS in a broad range of deployment scenarios.

- **Proves Cisco is more than a networking vendor.** Although Cisco is predominantly a network provider, CVDs is proof that Cisco is also a provider of a viable server option, UCS.

- **Demonstrates possibilities.** Cisco has carefully calculated which products are put in each solution bundle based on its understanding of both customers’ existing needs and the direction its technology partners are heading. Customers can use the CVDs as a jumping-off point to design solutions that meet their needs.

- **Bridges multiple partners.** If you have a customer account that has already standardized on a particular software or storage vendor, the CVDs show how well Cisco UCS works with partners like Oracle, Red Hat, NetApp, VMware, and others.
Potential shortcomings

For all the benefits that CVDs provide, customers should be aware of a few potential shortcomings:

- **CVDs may not always be completely up-to-date.** The Cisco CVD teams can only work so fast, and thus, there is always newer code available that has not been validated. It’s important to understand the difference between what is supported and what has been validated.

- **CVDs probably won’t precisely match a customer’s needs.** The chances that a CVD will meet a customer's complete requirements are slim. Instead, CVDs can be used as a jumping-off point to discuss designs that do fully match the customer’s needs.
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Data Center Design Library

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DATA-INTENSIVE STORAGE

A. Big Data

1. Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Analytics with MapR Data Platform - New
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Analytics with Cloudera for Data Science at Scale
   - Cisco UCS Petabyte-Scale Solution for Splunk Enterprise
   - Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with Cloudera Enterprises
   - Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with Hortonworks Data Platform
   - Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with MapR Converged Data Platform
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Analytics with Cloudera for Real-time Analytics
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data with SAP HANA Vora
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for SAP HANA
   - Hadoop as a Service on BareMetal with UCS Director Express (UCSDE) for Big Data on Cisco UCS
     Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Cisco ACI
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data with IBM BigInsights for Apache Hadoop
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with ACI with Cloudera
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with Hortonworks
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with MapR
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with Splunk Enterprise

2. Common Platform Architecture (CPA)
   - Big Data 60 node Hadoop Cluster with EMC Isilon
   - Big Data Cisco ACI with Cloudera
   - Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Cloudera
   - Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Hortonworks
   - HaaS with Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data and OpenStack
   - Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Intel Distribution
   - Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Pivotal HD and HAWQ

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DATA-INTENSIVE STORAGE (CONT.)

A. Big Data (cont.)
   3. Analytics
      Cisco SAS Edge to Enterprise IOT Analytics Platform

B. Data Protection
   Cisco HyperFlex with Cohesity Data Protection - New
   Cisco UCS for ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS S3260 Servers - New
   Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Multisite Deployments
   Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite Deployment Guide for Single Data Center Deployment
   FlashStack VSI with Commvault for Data Protection

C. Scale-Out Storage
   Cisco UCS S3260 M5 Server with Cloudian HyperStore Object Storage - New
   Cisco UCS S3260 M5 Storage Server with Scality RING - New
   VersaStack for IBM Cloud Object Storage on Cisco UCS C240 for Concentrated Dispersal Mode - New
   Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with IBM Cloud Object Storage
   Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with SwiftStack Software Defined Object Storage
   Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with Red Hat Ceph Storage
   Cisco UCS Storage Server with Scality Ring

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**INFRASTRUCTURE**

A. Automation

VersaStack for Hybrid Cloud with Cisco CloudCenter and IBM Spectrum Copy Data Management Solution

Hadoop as a Service on BareMetal with UCS Director Express (UCSDE) for Big Data on Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Cisco ACI

FlexPod Datacenter with VMware vSphere, Cisco UCS Director, Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI)

VersaStack for Data Center with Cisco UCS Director

B. Converged

1. FlexPod

a. VMware

I. Infrastructure

FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco ACI Multi-Pod, NetApp, MetroCluster IP, and VMware vSphere 6.7 - *New*

FlexPod Datacenter with VMware 6.5 Update1 and Cisco ACI 3.1

FlexPod Datacenter with VMware vSphere 6.5, NetApp AFF A-series and Fibre Channel

FlexPod Datacenter with VMware vSphere 6.5, NetApp AFF A-series and IP-Based Storage

FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco ACI and VMware 6.0U1

FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco UCS 6300 Fabric Interconnect and VMware vSphere 6.0 U1

FlexPod Datacenter with VMware vSphere 6.0 and Fiber Channel

FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco UCS Mini and VMware vSphere 6.0 with IP-Based Storage

FlexPod with All Flash FAS, Cisco ACI and vSphere 5.5U2

FlexPod Datacenter with VMware vSphere 6.0

FlexPod Datacenter with vSphere 5.5 Cisco UCS Mini and IP-Based Storage

FlexPod Datacenter with VMware vSphere, Cisco UCS Director, Cisco ACI

FlexPod Datacenter with Nexus 9000 Standalone and vSphere 5.5U1

FlexPod Datacenter with vSphere 5.5U1
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INFRASTRUCTURE (CONT.)

a. VMware (cont.)
   II. Applications
      FlexPod with Microsoft Exchange 2013 on Cisco ACI

III. Other
      FlexPod Datacenter with VMware vSphere, Cisco UCS Director, Cisco ACI

b. Microsoft
   FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft Windows Hyper-V Server 2016 and Cisco ACI 3.0
   FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft SQL Server 2016 and VMware vsphere 6.5
   FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft Private Cloud Fast Track 4.0

c. Virtual Client Computing
   FlexPod Datacenter with VMware Horizon View 7.3 and VMware vSphere 6.5 U1 for 5000 Seats
   FlexPod Datacenter with Citrix XenDesktop/XenApp 7.15 and VMware vSphere 6.5 Update 1 for 6000 Seats
   FlexPod Datacenter with UCS, NetApp All Flash FAS, and Citrix XenApp/XenDesktop 7.7

d. Applications
   FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Cisco UCS and NetApp AFF A-Series - New
   FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with Cisco UCS Manager 3.2 and Cisco ACI
   FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with IP-Based Storage using NetApp AFF A-Series
   FlexPod with Microsoft Exchange 2013 on Cisco ACI

e. Other
   FlexPod Datacenter for Hybrid Cloud with Cisco CloudCenter and NetApp Private Storage
   FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux
   FlexPod Datacenter with Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform 6.0
2. VersaStack
   - VersaStack for IBM Cloud Object Storage on Cisco UCS C240 for Concentrated Dispersal Mode - *New*
   - VersaStack for IBM Cloud Private with Cisco UCS and IBM Storage
   - VersaStack with Cisco UCS M5 Servers, IBM SVC, and vSphere 6.5 U1
   - Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with IBM Cloud Object Storage
   - VersaStack for Hybrid Cloud with Cisco CloudCenter and IBM Spectrum Copy Data Management Solution
   - VersaStack with Cisco UCS and IBM FlashSystem A9000 Storage for 5000 VMware Horizon Users
   - VersaStack Data Center with Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure
   - VersaStack with Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure and IBM SAN Volume Controller
   - VersaStack with Cisco UCS Mini and VMware vSphere 6.0 U2 with Direct Attached SAN Storage
   - VersaStack with IBM Storwize v5000 and Cisco UCS Mini
   - VersaStack for Data Center with All Flash Storage
   - VersaStack for Data Center Scale-out
   - VersaStack for Data Center with Cisco UCS Director
   - VersaStack for Data Center with Direct Attached Storage

3. OpenStack
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with Red Hat OpenStack Platform 8 and Red Hat Ceph Storage
   - Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform and Red Hat Ceph Storage 7.0
   - FlexPod Datacenter with Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform 6.0

4. FlashStack
   - FlashStack Datacenter with VMware Horizon 7.4 and VMware vSphere 6.5 U1 Cisco UCS Manager 3.2 for 6000 Seats - *New*
   - FlashStack for SAP HANA TDI - *New*
   - FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database on Pure Storage FlashBlade
   - FlashStack Data Center with VMware Horizon 7.4 for 6000 Seats

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**B. Converged (cont.)**

4. FlashStack (cont.)

- FlashStack Virtual Server Infrastructure with Cisco ACI Multi-pod and Pure Storage ActiveCluster
- 1250 Users on FlashStack a Cisco UCS Mini and Pure //m10, with Citrix XenDesktop and XenApp 7.15
- FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database
- FlashStack for Oracle 12c RAC on Oracle Linux
- FlashStack VSI with Commvault for Data Protection
- 5000 Seat FlashStack with Pure Storage FlashArray//m on VMware Horizon View 6.2
- 5000 Seat Mixed Workload FlashStack Solution with XenDesktop 7.9 on ESXi 6.0U2
- FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux
- FlashStack Virtual Server Infrastructure

5. Hitachi

- Cisco and Hitachi Adaptive Solutions for Converged Infrastructure - New
- Cisco and Hitachi Adaptive Solutions for SAP HANA TDI - New

**C. Hyperconverged Infrastructure**

- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with MS Hyper-V - New
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with VMware - New
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash System with Horizon 7.6 upto 4400 users - New
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems with up to 2000 Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktop Users - New
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.0 for Virtual Server Infrastructure with Microsoft Hyper-V - New
- Cisco HyperFlex Virtual Server Infrastructure 3.0 with Cisco ACI 3.2 and VMware vSphere 6.5 - New
- Cisco HyperFlex with Cohesity Data Protection - New
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C. Hyperconverged Infrastructure (cont.)
- Cisco HyperFlex with Hyper-V 3.0 for Virtual Server Infrastructure - **New**
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.0 for Virtual Server Infrastructure with VMware ESXi
- Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 2000 VMware Horizon 7 users
- Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 Citrix XenDesktop Users
- Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with Hyper-V 2016 and Citrix XenDesktop
- Cisco HyperFlex 2.6 for Virtual Server Infrastructure
- Cisco HyperFlex 2.5 for Virtual Server Infrastructure
- Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 4000 Citrix XenDesktop 7.x Users
- Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 4000 VMware Horizon 7 Users
- Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 VMware Horizon 7 Users
- Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Multisite Deployments
- SQL Server on HyperFlex All Flash
- Cisco HyperFlex for Virtual Server Infrastructure 2.0.1a with All-Flash Storage
- Cisco HyperFlex Hyperconverged System with up to 2400 VMware Horizon 7 Users
- Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Single Data Center Deployment
- Cisco HyperFlex Virtual Server Infrastructure
- Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite

D. Security
- Secure Enclave Architecture

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APPLICATIONS

A. Oracle
   1. Virtual
      FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux
   2. Physical Server
      FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Cisco UCS and NetApp AFF A-Series - New
      FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database on Pure Storage FlashBlade
      FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database
      FlashStack for Oracle 12c RAC on Oracle Linux
      FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux

B. Microsoft
   1. VMware
      FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft SQL Server 2016 and VMware vSphere 6.5
      FlexPod with Microsoft Exchange 2013 on Cisco ACI
   2. Microsoft
      Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with MS Hyper-V - New
      Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with VMware - New

C. SAP
   Cisco and Hitachi Adaptive Solutions for SAP HANA TDI - New
   FlashStack for SAP HANA TDI - New
   FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco ACI for SAP HANA - New
   FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with IP-Based Storage using NetApp AFF A-Series
   Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for SAP HANA

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D. Virtual Client Computing

1. Citrix
   a. VMware
      FlexPod Datacenter with Citrix XenDesktop/XenApp 7.15 and VMware vSphere 6.5 Update 1 for 6000 Seats
      Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 4000 Citrix XenDesktop 7.x Users
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      4000 Seat XenDesktop 5.6/XenApp 6.5 Solution on vSphere 5.1
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      1250 Users on FlashStack a Cisco UCS Mini and Pure //m10, with Citrix XenDesktop and XenApp 7.15
      5000 Seat Mixed Workload FlashStack Solution with XenDesktop 7.9 on ESXi 6.0U2

2. VMW View
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2. VMW View (cont.)
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   5000 Seat FlashStack with Pure Storage FlashArray//m on VMware Horizon View 6.2

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

   Cisco UCS Infrastructure with Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on VMware vSphere - New
   Cisco UCS Infrastructure for Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform
   VersaStack for IBM Cloud Private with Cisco UCS and IBM Storage
   Cisco UCS Infrastructure with Contiv and Docker Enterprise Edition for Container Management
   Cisco UCS Infrastructure with Docker Datacenter for Container Management
   FlexPod Datacenter with Docker Datacenter for Container Management

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2. 4000 Seat XenDesktop 5.6/XenApp 6.5 Solution on vSphere 5.1

3. 5000 Seat FlashStack with Pure Storage FlashArray//m on VMware Horizon View 6.2
   (Infrastructure, Applications)

4. 5000 Seat Mixed Workload FlashStack Solution with XenDesktop 7.9 on ESXi 6.0U2
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5. Big Data 60 node Hadoop Cluster with EMC Isilon

6. Big Data Cisco ACI with Cloudera

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8. Cisco and Hitachi Adaptive Solutions for SAP HANA TDI (Infrastructure, Applications) - New

9. Cisco HyperFlex 2.5 for Virtual Server Infrastructure

10. Cisco HyperFlex 2.6 for Virtual Server Infrastructure

11. Cisco HyperFlex 3.0 for Virtual Server Infrastructure with Microsoft Hyper-V - New

12. Cisco HyperFlex 3.0 for Virtual Server Infrastructure with VMware ESXi

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16. Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems with up to 2000 Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktop Users - New

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- FlexPod Datacenter with vSphere, Cisco UCS Director, Cisco ACI (Infrastructure - Automation, Infrastructure - Converged)
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Data-Intensive Storage | BIG DATA

Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure

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Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Cloudera

Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Hortonworks

Hadoop-as-a-Service (HaaS) with Cisco UCS CPA v2 for Big Data and OpenStack

Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Intel Distribution

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Cisco HyperFlex with Cohesity Data Protection
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Cisco UCS S3260 M5 Server with Cloudian HyperStore Object Storage

Cisco UCS S3260 M5 Storage Server with Scality RING

VersaStack for IBM Cloud Object Storage on Cisco UCS C240 for Concentrated Dispersal Mode

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- FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with Cisco UCS Manager 3.2 and Cisco ACI
- FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with IP-Based Storage using NetApp AFF A-Series
- FlexPod with Microsoft Exchange 2013 on Cisco ACI

## Other
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- FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux
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VersaStack with Cisco UCS and IBM FlashSystem A9000 Storage for 5000 VMware Horizon Users

VersaStack Data Center with Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure

VersaStack with Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure and IBM SAN Volume Controller

VersaStack with Cisco UCS Mini and VMware vSphere 6.0 U2 with Direct Attached SAN Storage

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FlashStack Datacenter with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database on Pure Storage FlashBlade

FlashStack for SAP HANA TDI

FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database on Pure Storage FlashBlade

FlashStack Data Center with VMware Horizon 7.4 for 6000 Seats

FlashStack Virtual Server Infrastructure with Cisco ACI Multi-pod and Pure Storage ActiveCluster

FlashStack Datacenter with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database

FlashStack Virtual Server Infrastructure with Commvault for Data Protection

5000 Seat FlashStack with Pure Storage FlashArray//m on VMware Horizon View 6.2

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Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 VMware Horizon 7 Users

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Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with Hyper-V 2016 and Citrix XenDesktop

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Cisco HyperFlex Virtual Server Infrastructure 3.0 with Cisco ACI 3.2 and VMware vSphere 6.5

Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash System with Horizon 7.6 upto 4400 users

Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Single Data Center Deployment

Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems with up to 2000 Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktop Users

Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Single Data Center Deployment

Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with VMware

Cisco HyperFlex for Virtual Server Infrastructure 2.0.1a with All-Flash Storage

Cisco HyperFlex 2.6 for Virtual Server Infrastructure

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Cisco HyperFlex 2.5 for Virtual Server Infrastructure

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4000 Seat XenDesktop 5.6/XenApp 6.5 Solution on vSphere 5.1

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Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 Citrix XenDesktop Users - New

Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with Hyper-V 2016 and Citrix XenDesktop

1250 Users on FlashStack a Cisco UCS Mini and Pure // m10, with Citrix XenDesktop and XenApp 7.15

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Emerging Technologies

- Cisco UCS Infrastructure with Red Hat Openshift Container Platform on VMware vSphere
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The Big Data market continues to explode. Industry analysts project that it will exceed $210 billion by 2020, with a whopping compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 11.9 percent. These estimates include hardware, software, and services revenue. Source: IDC
Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Analytics with MapR Data Platform

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- Cisco UCS C240 M5 2U-Rack Mount Servers.
- Cisco UCSM 4.0(1d)
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP3
- MapR 6.1.0 Data Platform
- Installation and fine tuning MapR on a 28 Node cluster via MapR WebUI Installer and high availability

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- Scalability and expansion of Big Data Infrastructure
- Cost effective solution for the full lifecycle of data, processing it as application needed.
- Data storage and quality

**SUMMARY**
- Simplified management through Cisco UCSM and MapR Control System (MCS)
- Ubiquitous high availability with no-NameNode architecture, YARN high availability, and NFS high availability
- Ease of deployment
- Scalability for Big Data workloads

**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Analytics with Cloudera for Data Science at Scale

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cisco UCS Rack Mount Servers C240 M5 with C480 M5 with GPUs
- CUDA enable containers
- Kubernetes managed Containers
- Deep Learning Frameworks such as Tensorflow

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Enabling Deep Learning jobs to use the massive amounts of data stored in a Big Data lake
- Enable Deep Learning jobs to make use of GPU for their processing
- Manage scheduling of multiple jobs on both CPU and GPUs

**SUMMARY**

- Deep Learning with data in Hadoop
- GPU accelerated Deep Learning
- Resource scheduling of GPU and CPU across multiple workloads

**ARCHITECTURE**

![Architecture Diagram]

Cloudera Data Science Workbench

- 2 x Cisco UCS 6332 Fabric Interconnect
- 16 x C240 M5
- GPU acceleration for DL workloads
- 8 x C240 M5
- 4 x Cisco UCS C480 M5 with 6 x GPU each

**CVD:** https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/Cisco_UCS_Integrated_Infrastructure_for_Big_Data_with_Cloudera_28node.html
Cisco UCS Petabyte-Scale Solution for Splunk Enterprise

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- Peta-byte scale Splunk solution (ITOA, ES and ITSI) on S-series
- Tiered storage comes standard: SSDs for HOT+WARM data and HDDs for COLD & Frozen
- Scales up to 8.9PB in single UCS domain

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- Scale horizontally while continuously delivering exceptional performance
- Highly scalable infrastructure ensuring rapid and predictable delivery of insights
- Optimize application and infrastructure performance

**ARCHITECTURE**

**Network Fabric:**
- Two Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnects 6332
- 32 40 Gigabit-Ethernet ports

**Admin Servers:**
- Two Cisco UCS C220 M4 Servers with:
  - Splunk cluster master, deployer
  - DMC, License Master, Deployment server

**Search Head Servers:**
- Three Cisco UCS C220 M4 Servers with:
  - 28 cores, 256 GB RAM
- Total Storage:
  - Hot/Warm Tier: 88-TB
  - Cold Tier: 800-TB

**Indexers:**
- Four Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Servers with:
  - Two processing node (per server) with
    - 28 cores (total 56 cores)
  - 16 SSDs for HOT/WARM, 40HDDs for COLD tiers
  - 4 40 Gigabit Ethernet ports
- Total Storage:
  - Hot/Warm Tier: 88-TB
  - Cold Tier: 800-TB

**Indexing Capacity:**
- Up to 2.4 terabytes (TB) per day
- HOT/WARM: 30 days (1 month)
- COLD: 300 days (10 months)

**Overview**

- Version 5.0

**Library View**

- Alphabetical
- Outline View
- Sitemap View

Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with Cloudera Enterprise

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

**Configuration Details**

- 2 Cisco UCS 6332 Fabric Interconnects

**8 Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Servers, each with 2 nodes with:**

- 2 Intel Xeon processor
- E5-2680 v4 CPUs (14 cores on each CPU)
- 256 GB of memory
- Cisco 12-Gbps SAS Modular RAID Controller with 4-GB FBWC
- 24 x 4-TB 7200-rpm LFF SAS drives (1.54 petabytes [PB] total)
- 2 x 480-GB 6-Gbps 2.5-inch enterprise value SATA SSD drives for boot
- Cisco UCS VIC 1387 (with 2 x 40 Gigabit Ethernet QSFP ports)
- 3 Cisco UCS C240 M4, as master nodes

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Bringing flexibility and scalability to dense storage for Big Data
- Flexible modular architecture to handle both high performance and high capacity workloads

**SUMMARY**

- Flexible Big Data platform powering the enterprise data hub with Cloudera Enterprise

**ARCHITECTURE**

- 2 Cisco UCS 6332 Fabric Interconnects
- 3 Cisco UCS C240 Servers
- 8 Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Chassis
Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with Hortonworks Data Platform

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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**SUMMARY**
- Enterprise data lake using Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with Hortonworks Data Platform

**ARCHITECTURE**

- 2 Cisco UCS 6332 Fabric Interconnects
- 3 Cisco UCS C240 Servers
- 8 Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Chassis
Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with MapR Converged Data Platform

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

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BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Bringing flexibility and scalability to dense storage for Big Data
- Flexible modular architecture to handle both high performance and high capacity workloads

SUMMARY

- Comprehensive integrated infrastructure for Big Data with MapR Converged Data Platform

ARCHITECTURE

2 Cisco UCS 6332 Fabric Interconnects

3 Cisco UCS C240 Servers

8 Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Chassis

Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Analytics with Cloudera for Real-time Analytics

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Base configuration of 64 nodes with SFF (1.8TB) drives. This also offers HA with 3 management nodes. This solution can be scaled further by adding data nodes, ideally in sets of 16 Cisco UCS C240 M4 servers.
- Up to 80 servers (5 racks) can be supported with no additional switching in a single Cisco UCS domain with no network oversubscription.
- Offers scalable/sizable reference architectures for Spark batch processing, and Spark Streaming with Kafka, etc.

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Apache Spark brings batch and real-time data processing together to offer deeper and interactive insights to customers.
- Spark Ecosystem offers a data-execution engine for all workloads with Spark Streaming, SparkSQL, and Spark Mlib.
- Cloudera offers the fastest and easiest secure-data platform for Hadoop, along with Spark, and helps solves a magnitude of business challenges.

**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco UCS with Cloudera and Apache Spark

- 2 Cisco UCS 6296UP Fabric Interconnects
- Kafka Nodes
- 8 Cisco UCS C240 M4
- 16 x 10 Gigabit Links
- Handoop Clusters (NameNodes/Resource Manager/Data Nodes/Spark Executors)

**SUMMARY**

- Cisco and Cloudera provide companies with enterprise data management on a unified platform, with high performance, low cost, and help in utilizing data to drive better business insights.
- This solution helps organizations exploit the valuable hidden potential of the data, regardless of whether it’s structured, semi-structured or unstructured. Cloudera 5.7—is the leading version of enterprise-grade Hadoop infrastructure software and services along with a strong analytics stack.

Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data with SAP HANA Vora

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure as the backbone of the solution
- FlexPod datacenter solution for SAP HANA
- Cisco UCS integrated infrastructure for big data - Up to 80 servers per Cisco UCS domain without network over-subscription
- SAP HANA Vora

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Data from various sources are received and processed in their own silos
- Need correlation between various data sources: enterprise data, unstructured/semi-structured big data (customer, partner, geo-location, mobile devices, social media), and newer sources like IoT sensors and smart devices
- Big data lives in Hadoop, enterprise data lives in enterprise DB, need to bridge the gap
- Need an infrastructure that can scale-up and scale-out to break down this digital divide

SUMMARY

- Detailed procedure and documentation for building the solution with:
  - Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI)
  - Cisco UCS Infrastructure
  - SAP HANA Vora on Hortonworks Data Platform
- Works with any SAP HANA datacenter solution implementation that connects to ACI infrastructure

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for SAP HANA

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Seamless scalability of performance and capacity meeting required KPIs for SAP HANA TDI deployments; also ensuring high availability without performance compromise through in-place software and hardware upgrades
- Details the reference architecture for SAP HANA TDI implementation leveraging existing Cisco UCS infrastructure and Pure Storage
- Sample SAP HANA scale-up and 3+1 scale-out system deployment best practices

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- SAP HANA TDI deployments are complicated and generally mission critical with high availability requirements. Customers face challenges maintaining these landscapes both in terms of time, available resources and operational cost
- Availability of pre-tested, scalable and best-in-class converged solution stack for optimizing enterprise workloads running SAP HANA database-based applications

ARCHITECTURE

- A single platform built from unified compute, fabric and storage technologies, allowing you to scale to large-scale implementations without architectural changes
- Leverage a secure, integrated, and optimized converged stack that is pre-sized, configurable and deployable in a flexible manner for SAP HANA implementations.

Hadoop as a Service on BareMetal with UCS Director Express (UCSDE) for Big Data on Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Cisco ACI

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The base configuration consists of 1 UCSDE management node and 80 Hadoop nodes with SFF/LFF drives. This solution could be scaled further just by adding nodes ideally in sets of 16 Cisco UCS C240 M4 servers.
- Up to 80 servers (5 racks) can be supported with no additional switching in a single Cisco UCS domain with no network over-subscription.

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Data center’s biggest challenge is the provisioning and managing of the large number of Hadoop nodes.
- Consolidating multiple-Hadoop clusters in a single, centrally managed physical cluster to improve infrastructure utilization, and provide access controls and security isolation between tenants.

**SUMMARY**

- Cisco UCSDE provides centralized visibility into the complete infrastructure and big data application to identify potential failures and latent threats before they affect application and business performance.
- ACI provides centralized visibility to the entire network with deep telemetry and real-time network health status for each tenant.
- Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data with ACI, offers a linearly scalable architecture and simplification of essential operations for single-rack and multiple-rack deployments spanning thousands of servers.

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Multi Tenancy
- Resource Fragmentation
- Single point of management for Network
- Scale-Out Penalty-Free Overlay Network
- Single point of Management for Hadoop

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Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data with IBM BigInsights for Apache Hadoop

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• The base configuration consists of 3 management nodes and 16 Data nodes with LFF (6TB) drives. This solution could be scaled further just by adding data nodes ideally in sets of 16 Cisco UCS C240 M4 servers
• Up to 80 servers (5 racks) can be supported with no additional switching in a single Cisco UCS domain with no network over-subscription

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

• Biggest challenge for data scientists and analysts to reuse their experience and tools in Big Data landscape
• IBM BigInsights offers BigSQL a feature rich SQL engine on Hadoop that can deliver analytic capabilities on Hadoop
• IBM BigInsights introduces enterprise capabilities for Hadoop, including machine learning with Big R to help data scientists, analysts and administrators accelerate

SUMMARY

• Cisco and IBM provide enterprises with transparent, simplified data as well as management integration with an enterprise application ecosystem
• This solution helps organizations to exploit the valuable business insights in all their data, regardless of whether it’s structured, semi structured or unstructured. Big Insights 3.1 is the leading version of enterprise-grade Hadoop infrastructure software and services along with a strong analytics stack and machine learning capabilities

ARCHITECTURE

2 X Cisco UCS 6296 Fabric Interconnect
3 X Cisco UCS C220 M4 Server
64 X Cisco UCS C240 M4 Servers

Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure and Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) and Cloudera

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Scalability, performance and support for multi-tenancy that enforces proper isolation and SLA's for workloads of different tenants
- Centralized network visibility with real time application health monitoring
- Simplified automation through application driven policy model
- Best practices for installing Cloudera Hadoop 5.0

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 160 UCS C240 M4 (SFF/LFF) servers with scale-out option up to 5760 servers in a single switching domain
- Two Cisco N9K-C9508
- 23 Cisco N9K-C9396PX
- Three APIC-L1
- Cloudera Hadoop 5.0

- Scaling to thousands of servers with no over-subscription within a UCS domain, and 5.7.1 over-subscription between domains
- Radically simplifies, optimizes, and accelerates the entire application deployment lifecycle
- The Cisco ACI policy model is designed top down using a promise theory model to control a scalable architecture of defined network and service objects
- Centralized management for servers and network independently
- Best practices for Hadoop 2.0 services tuning

**ARCHITECTURE**

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Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with Hortonworks

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 64 UCS C240 M4 (SFF/LFF) with four C3160 servers with scale-out option up to five racks in a single switching domain
- Cisco UCS® Director Express for Big Data offers one-click provisioning, installation, and configuration
- HDP 2.2 includes HDFS tiered-storage support (with related storage policies) to manage tiers of hot, warm, and cold data. Solution focuses on moving cold/archival data to Cisco UCS C3160 through while maintaining hot and warm data in faster Cisco UCS C240 M4 series servers

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Data lifecycle management for Hadoop where usage and utility of data can be categorized into hot (recent data), warm (not-so-recent) and cold (archival data)
- Cost-effective solution for the full lifecycle of data, processing it as applications demand
- Enterprise SQL on Hadoop with cost optimizations and interactive queries

**ARCHITECTURE**

- 2 X Cisco UCS 6296 Fabric Interconnect
- 16 X Cisco UCS C240 M4 Server
- Cisco UCS C3160 Server

**SUMMARY**

- Committed to 100% open source distribution
- Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Hortonworks Data Platform offer comprehensive set of capabilities for data management, data access, data governance and integration and operations
- Next version of Hadoop HDP 2.2 with enterprise SQL and tiered-storage support

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Multi-tenancy is the capability of a single instance of software to serve multiple tenants. A tenant is a group of users that have the same view of the system.
- Hadoop is an enterprise data hub, and it demands multi-tenancy. Big Data platforms are increasingly expected to support multi-tenancy by default.
- Multi-tenancy requires isolation of the distinct tenants: both the data in the data platform and the computing aspect.

ARCHITECTURE

2 X Cisco UCS 6296 Fabric Interconnect
16 X Cisco UCS C240 M4 Server

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Detailed instructions for installation and fine tuning MapR on a 64 node UCS C240 M4 (SFF/LFF) cluster.
- Detailed configuration of multi-tenancy with:
  - Data and compute isolation
  - Enforced quotas
  - High availability
  - Associating tenants with volumes
  - Ability to manage SLAs with data placement and job placement control

SUMMARY

- Multi-tenancy with MapR supports data and job placement control to isolate sensitive data and applications.
- Ubiquitous high availability with no-NameNode architecture, YARN high availability, and NFS high availability.
- Simplified management through Cisco UCSM and MapR Control System (MCS).
- Ease of deployment.
- Scalability for Big Data workloads.

Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with Splunk Enterprise

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 8 Cisco UCS C240 M4 rack servers
- 5 Cisco UCS C220 M4 rack servers
- 1 Cisco UCS C3160 rack server
- 2 Cisco UCS 6296UP fabric interconnects
- Splunk Enterprise 6.2.2 and greater
- Cisco UCS C220 M4 rack servers serve as search heads to form the Splunk search head cluster, providing a highly available analytics interface for the end user
- Cisco UCS C3160 rack server as NFS server to archive frozen data
- Cisco UCS C240 M4 rack servers serve as indexers to form the Splunk indexer cluster, providing industry-leading scalability and reliability mission critical data storage

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Modern day datacenters generate machine data in the order of terabytes (TBs) to hundreds of TBs every day. The organization needs to collect, process, manage, derive business insights from this large amount of data
- Organizations need an integrated infrastructure for processing machine data that's efficient, reliable and secure
- Need to retain collected for longer term analysis, or need to put in an integrated storage medium for retrieval at a later point in time

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Built on the Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data for Splunk Enterprise distributed search with High Capacity reference architecture
- Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure offers horizontal scalability for Splunk Enterprise clusters
- Pre-validated configuration radically simplifies, and accelerates the entire Splunk distributed search deployment process
- Cisco UCS C3160 rack server offers unmatched high density storage capacity in small form factor to store frozen data that is readily accessible to Splunk Enterprise clusters
- Best practices for highly available distributed search deployment using Splunk Enterprise

**SUMMARY**

- Over 64 indexers - 1.8 petabytes of index storage
- 8TB/day indexing capacity (replication-factor:2)
- Over 10 search heads supporting hundreds of simultaneous searches
- No network oversubscription
- 3 months retention
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Big Data 60 node Hadoop Cluster with EMC Isilon

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco UCS 5108 blade chassis with 2208XP fabric extender modules
- Cisco UCS B200 M3 blade servers
- Cisco UCS 6296UP fabric interconnects
- EMC Isilon S200 with OneFS 7.2.0.0
- VMware vSphere 5.5, vCenter Server 5.5 with Big Data extensions 2.1
- Cloudera Manager 5.2 with CDH 5.1.3

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Need to address scalability and deployment challenges in enterprise Hadoop deployments to rapidly increase or decrease the compute, storage and memory allocated to the Hadoop nodes
- Best practices for creating a virtualized enterprise grade Hadoop solution using Cisco UCS, EMC Isilon and Cloudera Distribution Apache Hadoop to meet the changing needs of enterprises, while minimizing downtime
- Ability to scale compute nodes and HDFS storage nodes independent of each other

END-TO-END INSTALLATION VIRTUALIZED HADOOP SOLUTION WITH PREDICTABLE SCALABILITY IMPLEMENTING BUSINESS DATA LAKE ARCHITECTURE

- Unified compute for MapReduce and Isilon multi protocol scale-out NAS platform for distributed NameNode and DataNode services
- Detailed instructions for installation and fine tuning for Big Data workloads

ARCHITECTURE

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Big Data Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) with Cloudera

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 42 UCS C240 M3 (SFF/LFF) servers with scale-out option up to 964 servers in a single switching domain
- Two Cisco NK-C9508
- 23 Cisco N9K-C9396PX
- 12 Cisco N9K-C93128TX
- Three APIC-L1
- Cloudera Hadoop 5.0

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Scalable performance and multi-tenancy in hardware
- Centralized network visibility with real time application health monitoring
- Simplified automation through application driven policy model
- Best practices for installing Cloudera Distribution for Apache Hadoop 5.0 tuned for performance and scalability

**SUMMARY**

- Scaling to thousands of servers with no network over-subscription
- Application centric management
- Best practices for Hadoop 2.0 services tuning

**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Cloudera

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 64 UCS C240 M3 (SFF/LFF) servers with scale out option up to 10 racks in a single switching domain
- Detailed instructions for installation and fine tuning for Big Data workloads
- Detailed Raid configuration and operating system tuning for Big Data application performance

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet a variety of scale-out application (Big Data) demands with seamless data integration and management
- Support for multiple distributed computational frameworks on same Hadoop cluster
- Best practices for installing Cloudera Distribution for Apache Hadoop 5.0 tuned for performance and scalability

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Next version of Hadoop Map/Reduce (Yarn)
- End-to-end installation for Cloudera Distribution of Apache Hadoop for performance and scalability
- Best practices for Hadoop 2.0 services tuning
Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Hortonworks

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• 64 UCS C240 M3 (SFF/LFF) servers with scale-out option up to 10 racks in a single switching domain
• Detailed instructions for installation and fine tuning for Big Data workloads
• Detailed Raid configuration and operating system tuning for Big Data application performance

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

• Highly scalable architecture designed to meet a variety of scale-out application (Big Data) demands with seamless data integration and management
• Support for multiple distributed computational frameworks on same Hadoop cluster
• 100 percent open source distribution with enterprise support

ARCHITECTURE

SUMMARY

• Committed to 100% open source distribution
• End-to-end installation for Hortonworks HDP 2.0
• Next version of Hadoop Map/Reduce (Yarn)

Hadoop-as-a-Service (HaaS) with Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data and OpenStack

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• 64 UCS C240 M3 (SFF/LFF) servers with scale-out option up to 10 racks in a single switching domain
• Detailed instructions for installation and fine tuning for Big Data workloads
• Detailed Raid configuration and operating system tuning for Big Data application performance

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

• Highly scalable architecture offering Hadoop-as-a-Service
• Running Hadoop on OpenStack
• Enterprise-grade, hardened Apache Hadoop distribution with excellent support
• 100 percent open source distribution with enterprise support

SUMMARY

• Self service provisioning of Hadoop
• Tuning OpenStack for Hadoop
• End-to-end installation for Hortonworks HDP 2.0 on VM’s managed by OpenStack

ARCHITECTURE

2x Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect 6296UP
2x Cisco UCS Fabric Extender 2232PP
16X Cisco UCS C240M3 Server

8 x 10 Gigabit Links

Cisco UCS CPAv2 for Big Data with Intel Distribution

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 64 UCS C240 M3 (SFF/LFF) servers with scale-out option for up to 10 racks in a single switching domain
- Detailed role-based access control and other security setting
- Detailed RAID configuration and operating system tuning for Big Data application performance

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet a variety of scale-out application (Big Data) demands with seamless data integration and management
- Enterprise-grade, hardened Apache Hadoop distribution with excellent support
- Hardware-assisted encryption using AES-NI technology beneficial for HIPPA and payment card industry (PCI) data security

**ARCHITECTURE**

2x Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect 6296UP
2x Cisco UCS Fabric Extender 2232PP
16X Cisco UCS C240M3 Server

**SUMMARY**

- Focused on hardware-assisted encryption, security, fine-grained access control (ACL), role-based access control, and Kerberos
- End-to-end installation for Intel distribution 2.5

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Require highly scalable architecture capable of meeting scale-out application (Big Data) demands with seamless data integration and management
- Need an enterprise-grade, hardened Apache Hadoop distribution with support
- Hadoop 2.0 with Yarn and HAWQ, a 100 percent compliant SQL query engine on Hadoop

**ARCHITECTURE**

- 64 UCS C240 M3 LFF servers with scale-out option of up to 10 racks in a single switching domain
- Apache Hadoop 2.0 distribution with YARN
- Detailed RAID configuration and operating system tuning for Big Data application performance

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- HAWQ with its parallel SQL processing is fully SQL compliant on Hadoop
- End-to-end installation for Pivotal HD 1.1 and HAWQ 1.1

**SUMMARY**

- 2x Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect 6296UP
- 2x Cisco UCS Fabric Extender 2232PP
- 16X Cisco UCS C240M3 Server
- 8 x 10 Gigabit Links

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BIG DATA

Analytics

- Cisco SAS Edge to Enterprise IoT Analytics Platform

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Cisco SAS Edge-to-Enterprise IOT Analytics Platform

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Multi-phase analytics at edge on Cisco routers/switches and at data center on UCS infrastructure enabled by SAS software
- Complete orchestration of device and application using Cisco Fog-Director. Automation of infrastructure and data platform with UCS Manager and UCS Director Express
- Highly scalable architecture with resiliency using a high-performance gateway for sensor data ingest

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Edge-to-Enterprise - analyze local and remote data in real time
- Insights - discover, understand, and act in real time
- Scale - from POC to production

SUMMARY

- Industries first comprehensive solution encompassing Cisco routers and switches at edge and UCS infrastructure at data center with SAS software enabling multi-phase analytics.
- Provides end-to-end orchestration platform comprising off device, application and infrastructure
- CVD eliminates risk and leverages Cisco routers/switches, Cisco UCS infrastructure and SAS software efficiencies for an optimal platform.

ARCHITECTURE

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Data-Intensive Storage

DATA PROTECTION

- Cisco HyperFlex with Cohesity Data Protection - New
- Cisco UCS for ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS S3260 Servers - New
- Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Multisite Deployments
- Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite Deployment Guide for Single Data Center Deployment
- FlashStack VSI with Commvault for Data Protection
**Cisco HyperFlex with Cohesity Data Protection**

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cohesity cluster of 3 or more Cisco C240 M5L servers using a specific Cohesity BoM
- Servers are UCS Managed, not standalone
- Solution based on 4th generation FI 6454 and VIC 1457
- Cisco UCSM 4.0(1c)
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5(2a) or later required
- Cohesity version 6.1.1a or later required

**SUMMARY**

- Cohesity integration with Cisco HyperFlex via the HX API for snapshot controls
- Cohesity cluster provides policy based VM protection for HyperFlex clusters or other external systems
- Rapid mass restores and return to service
- On-prem cluster to cluster backup replication and archiving, and to cloud
- Test/Dev temporary VM cloning

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Secondary storage systems (backup/replication/test) are often highly fragmented, using multiple platforms
- Traditional secondary storage systems do not scale well, leading to significant sprawl and complexity
- Outdated architectures do not work well with hyperconverged virtual systems and cloud

**ARCHITECTURE**

[Cohesity cluster of 3 or more Cisco C240 M5L servers using a specific Cohesity BoM](https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/ucsc240_cohesity_dp.html)
Cisco UCS for ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS S3260 Servers

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Modular, scalable, and highly resilient data management solution that is simple to install and manage.
- Turnkey Hyperconverged data management solution.
- Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with M5 Server Nodes.
- Cisco Nexus 9k Series Switches.
- Commvault Complete™ Backup and Recovery v11 and Commvault HyperScale Software.

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Challenge in protecting workloads with traditional Scale-up architectures.
- Missing service level agreements (SLAs) due to difficulty in scaling backup infrastructure for operational needs.
- Multiple data silos preventing the integration of applications, data, and infrastructure
- Complex data management and operations.

SUMMARY

- Scale - Cut costs and reduce your hardware footprint by breaking down data silos.
- Manage - Remove operational complexity and gain more value from your data with native automation and orchestration capabilities.
- Optimize - Use operational metrics to tailor your service level agreements to your business demands and take advantage of hybrid cloud integration capabilities with no added hardware or appliances.

ARCHITECTURE

- Cisco Nexus 9000 series switches
- Cisco UCS 6300 series Fabric Interconnects
- Cisco UCS S3260 M5 Storage Servers
- Commvault Complete™ Backup and Recovery v11 and Commvault HyperScale Software

Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Multisite Deployments

### TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS
- Integrated UCS Management for HyperFlex and S3260 storage server and single Veeam console to manage backup and replication of VM across several HyperFlex clusters across geography
- Storage integration of Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam providing HX native snapshots and higher backup throughput through HX storage network
- All-in-one, scalable and easy-to-deploy validated design and deployment guide for multisite HyperFlex, Veeam and Cisco UCS S3260 storage server

### BUSINESS CHALLENGES
- High RPO/RTO with multiple hours of restore & backup time for 24/7 business critical applications on Cisco HyperFlex
- High OPEX in managing data protection endpoints for HyperFlex clusters in multiple sites across geography
- Replication of application VM deployed across data centers on HyperFlex clusters

### SUMMARY
- Enable RPO/RTO’s < 15 minutes with instant VM Recovery™, Veeam Explorer™ for Microsoft Exchange, Active Directory, SharePoint, and SQL server, Veeam Explorer for Oracle
- Scalable Veeam Repository on UCS Managed S3260 storage servers and C240 M4 LFF rack servers
- Best practices to deploy multisite HyperFlex cluster with Veeam and Cisco UCS S3260 storage server

### ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite Deployment Guide for Single Data Center Deployment

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Integrated UCS Management for HyperFlex and S3260 storage server
- Single Veeam console to manage backup and replication of application VM across several HyperFlex clusters
- All-in-one, scalable and easy-to-deploy validated design and deployment guide for Veeam, HyperFlex and Cisco UCS S3260 storage server

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- High RPO/RTO with multiple hours of restore time or data loss for 24/7 business critical applications
- High OPEX in managing data protection endpoints for multiple HX clusters in remote offices deployed across geography
- Single solution to deploy, configure and optimize HX backup and replication with Veeam 9.5 and Cisco S3260 Storage Server

SUMMARY

- Enable RPO/RTO’s < 15 minutes with Instant VM Recovery™, Veeam Explorer™ for Microsoft Exchange, Active Directory, SharePoint, and SQL Server, Veeam Explorer for Oracle
- Scalable Veeam repository on UCS Managed S3260 storage servers
- Best practices to deploy HyperFlex cluster with Veeam and Cisco UCS S3260 storage server

ARCHITECTURE

FlashStack VSI with Commvault for Data Protection

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- High speed archive repositories using the Cisco S3260 servers
- VM data protection working with the native FlashArray//m snapshots
- Local, remote site, and cloud archiving options
- Live VM recovery and remote live synch

**SUMMARY**

- Modern data protection delivered within the FlashStack Virtual Server Infrastructure
- Full deployment walkthrough along with feature validation
- Total solution that brings together performance, efficiency, automation, availability, and recoverability

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Cisco Nexus 9000 Switches
- Cisco UCS servers
- Cisco S3260 MediaAgent
- Cisco MDS 9000 Switches
- Pure Storage Flash Array/m

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Business continuity
- Multi-site data protection
- Fast and reliable RPTO

Data-Intensive Storage

SCALE-OUT STORAGE

- Cisco UCS S3260 M5 Server with Cloudian HyperStore Object Storage - New
- Cisco UCS S3260 M5 Storage Server with Scality RING - New
- VersaStack for IBM Cloud Object Storage on Cisco UCS C240 for Concentrated Dispersal Mode - New
- Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with IBM Cloud Object Storage
- Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with SwiftStack Software Defined Object Storage
- Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with Red Hat Ceph Storage
- Cisco UCS Storage Server with Scality Ring

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Cisco UCS S3260 M5 Server with Cloudian HyperStore Object Storage

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- End to end scale-out file and object storage offering with Cloudian HyperStore 7.1.2 on UCS S3260 M5 storage Server
- Unified scale-out framework--optimized to deliver compute, capacity and throughput intensive workloads
- True scale-out storage with self-healing capabilities combined with object and file services support

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- IOT and digital transformation is driving data growth and it is putting tremendous pressure on IT
- IDC shows that 80% of new data that is being generated is unstructured and it cannot be addressed by traditional storage.
- Capacity management with seamless scaling to PBs in a cost efficient manner

**ARCHITECTURE**

**SUMMARY**

- Massively scalable, software-defined storage system that gives you unified storage to run your business
- Cisco and Cloudian are collaborating to offer customers a scalable object storage solution for unstructured data that is integrated with Cloudian HyperStore Storage
- Pre-validated scale-out storage solution backed by CVD to provide cloud-like agility and flexibility to your data center.

CVD: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/ucs_cloudianhyperstore_s3260m5_design.html
Cisco UCS S3260 M5 Storage Server with Scality RING

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- End to end scale-out file and object storage offering with Scality RING 7.4 on UCS S3260 M5 storage Server
- Unified scale-out framework--optimized to deliver compute, capacity and throughput intensive workloads
- True scale-out storage with self-healing capabilities combined with object and file services support

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- IOT and digital transformation is driving data growth and it is putting tremendous pressure on IT
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**SUMMARY**

- Massively scalable, software-defined storage system that gives you unified storage to run your business
- Cisco and Scality are collaborating to offer customers a scalable object storage solution for unstructured data that is integrated with Scality RING Storage
- Pre-validated scale-out storage solution backed by CVD to provide cloud-like agility and flexibility to your data center.

**ARCHITECTURE**

![Architecture Diagram]

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**Design:** https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/ucs_s3260m5_scality_design.html
VersaStack for IBM Cloud Object Storage on Cisco UCS C240 for Concentrated Dispersal Mode

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- End to end 40G capable UCS Architecture delivers scalable infrastructure starting with just three C240 M5 nodes.
- Unified scale-out framework - optimized to deliver compute, capacity and throughput intensive workloads.
- True scale-out storage with self-healing capabilities combined with object services support.

**SUMMARY**
- IBM COS provides the industry leading solution to manage unstructured data in a scalable, reliable, secure, and cost-effective environment.
- Cisco and IBM are collaborating to offer customers a scalable object storage solution for unstructured data that is integrates with IBM Cloud Object Storage.
- Pre-validated scale-out storage solution backed by CVD to provide cloud-like agility and flexibility to your data center.

**ARCHITECTURE**

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- Enterprises today struggle to use scale-out storage solutions to start small and grow as needed.
- 70% of IT decision maker believe that their current storage systems will not be able to handle the growth of unstructured data.
- Inadequate storage infrastructure is considered to be a significant pain point.

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- 2 x Nexus 9332
- 2 x 6332 Fabric Interconnects
- Full Deployment UCS Managed
- 40 GbE end-to-end
- Starting low with 72 TB usable - 6RU

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**CVD:** https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/versastack_ibmcos_ucs240m5.html
Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with IBM Cloud Object Storage

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- End-to-end 40G capable UCS Architecture delivers high-throughput performance with programmable QoS critical for scale-out storage solutions
- Unified scale-out framework – optimized to deliver compute, capacity and throughput intensive workloads
- True scale-out storage with self-healing capabilities combined with object services support

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- Enterprises today struggle to manage the explosive growth of data while remaining agile and cost competitive
- 70% of IT decision makers believe that their current storage systems will not be able to handle next generation workloads
- Inadequate storage infrastructure is considered to be a significant pain point

**ARCHITECTURE**
- 2 x 6332 Fabric Interconnects
- Full Deployment UCS Managed
- 40 GbE end-to-end
- Up to 3.3 PB Raw Capacity in 6 S3260 – 24RU

**SUMMARY**
- IBM COS provides the industry leading solution to manage unstructured data in a scalable, reliable, secure, and cost-effective environment
- Cisco and IBM are collaborating to offer customers a scalable object storage solution for unstructured data that integrates with IBM Cloud Object Storage
- Pre-validated scale-out storage solution backed by CVD to provide cloud-like agility and flexibility to your data center

**IBM COS**
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**Pre-validated scale-out storage solution backed by CVD to provide cloud-like agility and flexibility to your data center**
Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with SwiftStack Software Defined Object Storage

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Massive and highly configurable scale-out storage solution designed for petabyte scalability
- Up to 600TB of RAW storage and 160Gb of network within 4RU rack space and end-to-end 40G capable UCS Architecture delivers high-throughput critical for scale-out storage solutions
- Delivers around 8,000 PUT and 25,000 GET HTTP requests and 35 GB/s of external facing client network bandwidth

**SUMMARY**

- Best-of-Breed scale-out storage solution by SwiftStack and Cisco UCS
- Pre-validated scale-out storage solution backed by CVD to provide cloud-like agility and flexibility to your data center
- Hybrid cloud storage solution for current and next generation applications

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Unstructured data is growing at an exponential rate and it is putting tremendous pressure on IT
- Enterprises require cloud-scale infrastructure that can scale seamlessly without any limitation
- Legacy storage cannot address unstructured data challenges which requires cloud-like economies of scale

**ARCHITECTURE**

SwiftStack Object Storage on Cisco UCS S3260

Object Storage Use Cases

- Data Repository
- Data Protection
- Data Analysis

SwiftStack System Architecture

The SwiftStack Controller manages and monitors all of the storage resources but it is not in the data path.

The SwiftStack Cluster can have nodes in multiple geographic regions to protect and location-optimize your data.

Unstructured data consumes lots of storage capacity

Unstructured data grows very rapidly

Unstructured data rarely if ever changes

Unstructured data must be retained for the long-term

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Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with Red Hat Ceph Storage

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• 5 Cisco UCS S3260 servers with an operational guide to increase the environment with further servers
• Design and deployment guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage on Cisco UCS S3260
• Detailed instructions for installation and fine tuning for Cisco UCS S3260 and Red Hat Ceph Storage

SUMMARY

• Software-defined storage solution for various workloads and large scale environments
• Unified, embedded management with UCS Manager for an easy-to-scale infrastructure
• Operational guide to extend the solution with the help of UCS Manager

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

• Enterprises today struggle to manage the explosive growth of data while remaining agile and cost competitive
• 70% of IT decision makers believe that their current storage systems will not be able to handle next generation workloads
• Inadequate storage infrastructure is considered to be a main pain point

ARCHITECTURE

2 Cisco Nexus 9332PQ
2 Cisco UCS 6332
7 Cisco UCS C220 M4 as Ceph MON/RGW/ADM
6 Cisco UCS S3260 as Ceph OSD

Red Hat Ceph Storage 2.1
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.3
Cisco UCS Manager 3.1

Cisco UCS Storage Server with Scality Ring

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- End-to-end 40G capable UCS architecture delivers high-throughput performance with programmable QoS critical for scale-out storage solutions
- Unified scale-out framework--optimized to deliver compute, capacity and throughput intensive workloads
- True scale-out storage with self-healing capabilities combined with object and file services support

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- IoT and digital transformation is driving data growth, and it is putting tremendous pressure on IT
- IDC shows that 80% of new data that is being generated is unstructured and it cannot be addressed by traditional storage
- Capacity management with seamless scaling to PBs in a cost efficient manner

SUMMARY

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**VersaStack for Hybrid Cloud with Cisco CloudCenter and IBM Spectrum Copy Data Management Solution**

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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- Cisco ONE Enterprise Cloud Suite, which includes CloudCenter to automate self-service application deployment to users’ choice of on-premises or public cloud environments
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**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- **Operational complexity:** Ability to deploy and run applications on-premises or off-premises without modification
- **Inconsistency:** The different formats and opaque private and public cloud environments can induce inconsistencies, and lack of consistent policies which can further erode transparency
- **Visibility and management:** Having same degree of visibility and management as the workloads migrate from one environment to another

**ARCHITECTURE**

- "Converged cloud" IT infrastructure that allows easy movement of applications across on-premises and cloud environments
- End-to-end copy data management to lower storage capacity requirements and accelerate application development and testing
- IT as a service to balance user self-service on-demand deployment and management in environments with central governance and control
- Capacity utilization optimization with automated standup and teardown of applications

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Hadoop as a Service on BareMetal with UCS Director Express (UCSDE) for Big Data on Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data and Cisco ACI

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The base configuration consists of 1 UCSDE management node and 80 Hadoop nodes with SFF/LFF drives. This solution could be scaled further just by adding nodes ideally in sets of 16 Cisco UCS C240 M4 servers.
- Up to 80 servers (5 racks) can be supported with no additional switching in a single Cisco UCS domain with no network over-subscription.

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Data center’s biggest challenge is the provisioning and managing of the large number of Hadoop nodes.
- Consolidating multiple-Hadoop clusters in a single, centrally managed physical cluster to improve infrastructure utilization, and provide access controls and security isolation between tenants.

**SUMMARY**

- Cisco UCSDE provides centralized visibility into the complete infrastructure and big data application to identify potential failures and latent threats before they affect application and business performance.
- ACI provides centralized visibility to the entire network with deep telemetry and real-time network health status for each tenant.
- Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for Big Data with ACI, offers a linearly scalable architecture and simplification of essential operations for single-rack and multiple-rack deployments spanning thousands of servers.

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Multi Tenancy
- Resource Fragmentation
- Single point of management for Network
- Scale-Out Penalty-Free Overlay Network
- Single point of Management for Hadoop

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**CVD:** [http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/HaaS_on_Bare_Metal_with_UCSDExpress_on_Cisco_UCS_Integrated_Infrastructure_for_Big_Data_and_ACI.html](http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/HaaS_on_Bare_Metal_with_UCSDExpress_on_Cisco_UCS_Integrated_Infrastructure_for_Big_Data_and_ACI.html)
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VersaStack for Data Center with Cisco UCS Director

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Supports Cisco and non-Cisco devices and technologies in an agnostic manner
- IaaS cloud functionality for virtual and physical server resources with guided setup
- Scalable and shared architecture with resiliency and standard API's

SUMMARY

- Simple, efficient and scalable solution for any converged/integrated stack
- IaaS cloud delivery with features of orchestration, chargeback and self-service
- CVD eliminates risk and leverages Cisco UCS and IBM Storwize efficiencies for an optimal platform

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Multiple element managers on integrated stacks
- Efficient and accountable IT resource use – service provider/cloud model
- API’s to integrate with enterprise tools for IT service management (ITSM)

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FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco ACI Multi-Pod, NetApp, MetroCluster IP, and VMware vSphere 6.7

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cisco ACI Multi-Pod using ACI 3.2 release
- Cisco UCS 3.2(3d) release; B200 M5 servers
- VMware vSphere 6.7 hypervisor
- NetApp MetroCluster IP using ONTAP 9.4
- No single point of failure; redundant devices and connectivity; expandable design
- Cisco ACI providing automation and orchestration capabilities for the design

**SUMMARY**

- Infrastructure high availability and disaster recovery in a metropolitan area
- Interconnecting and centrally managing connectivity across two geographically dispersed datacenters using ACI Multi-Pod
- Seamless workload mobility across the sites
- NetApp MetroCluster IP configuration using IP-only network to provide non-disruptive storage HA in active-active configuration

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Typical high availability solutions are limited to a single site and therefore do not safeguard against site failures
- Traditional multi-datacenter solutions are complex and difficult to deploy and maintain
- Providing cross site high-availability requires purchase of additional technologies, features and licensing

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Inter-Pod Network (IPN)
- NetApp MetroCluster IP Version 5.0
- Inter-Pod Network (IPN) using ACI Multi-Pod
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**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- End-to-end IP design using a Cisco ACI fabric to provide 40GbE connectivity to compute and storage sub-system, and 10GbE to outside networks
- Cisco UCS Manager 3.2(3a) running on Cisco UCS 6332 FIs, and UCS B- and C-series M5 servers running vSphere 6.5U1
- Cisco ACI 3.1(1i) using Nexus 9336PQ Spines and 9332PQ Leaf switches to deliver a policy-based 40GbE data center fabric
- NetApp AFF A300 arrays running Clustered Data ONTAP 9.3 to enable 40GbE connectivity to IP based storage (iSCSI and NFS). Optional support for 16G FC access by connecting directly or via SAN, to UCS FI.

**SUMMARY**

- Next Generation Data Center Infrastructure for Enterprise & Cloud deployments using Cisco UCS, Cisco ACI and NetApp All Flash FAS (AFF) for IP based storage
- Flexible, policy-based, programmable Infrastructure to simplify and accelerate deployment lifecycle of new applications
- Advanced Capabilities of Nexus 9000 Switches with Cisco ACI to provide a secure, multi-tenant data center platform with deep telemetry, centralized visibility and management

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Provide a scalable, multi-tenant data center platform with the flexibility and agility to support rapidly evolving business requirements
- Improve IT agility and deployment time for new applications while minimizing integration costs

**ARCHITECTURE**

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- Converged infrastructure for the next-generation data center
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**ARCHITECTURE**

**UCS 6300 Implementation**

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FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco ACI and VMware 6.0U1

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Developed with best practices from Cisco, NetApp, and VMware
- Scalable with any UCS blade server and platform
- Scalable across NetApp AFF/FAS product family
- Integrated physical and virtual machine management
- Close integration with Cisco Application Policy Infrastructure Controller (APIC)

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Provide a secure, shared infrastructure
- Minimize operational expenses
- Ability to rapidly and flexibly deliver IT services
- Minimize integration and configuration costs

SUMMARY

- Proven and validated solution
- Streamlined installation following detailed CVD
- Secure tenant separation/security at every layer of the stack
- Highly scalable

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco Unified Computing System
UCS 6248 Fabric Interconnects & 5108 Blade Chassis with B200 M4

Cisco ACI Fabric
APIC, Nexus 9300

Spine Switches
Nexus 9336
Nexus 9336

**FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco UCS 6300 Fabric Interconnect and VMware vSphere 6.0 U1**

### Technical Highlights

- UCS 3.1 unified software release provides unified, embedded management of all software and hardware components of the UCS system
- UCS 6300 Fabric Interconnect and Nexus 9000 providing 10 and 40 GE connectivity
- NetApp All Flash FAS (AFF) with clustered Data ONTAP 8.3.2 delivering iSCSI and UCS direct attached fibre channel storage solution

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### Architecture

**UCS 6300 Implementation**

**UCS 6200 Implementation**

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FlexPod Datacenter with VMware vSphere 6.0 and Fiber Channel

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Addition of Cisco MDS to FlexPod provides highly scalable fiber channel switching for SAN boot and application data
- UCS 6200 and 6300 Fabric Interconnects and Nexus 9000 providing 10 and 40 GE connectivity
- NetApp All Flash FAS (AFF) with clustered Data ONTAP 9.0 delivering fiber channel and NFS storage capabilities

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ARCHITECTURE

FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco UCS Mini and VMware vSphere 6.0 with IP-Based Storage

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) Mini
- New integrated Fabric Interconnect and 110V power supplies
- Management, networking and storage control embedded in the chassis
- NetApp fabric-attached storage (FAS) systems 2500 Series directly connected

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- **Reducing cost:** to reduce the time and money spent on managing servers, storage and applications. This also includes power, space, and cooling
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ARCHITECTURE

**SUMMARY**

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- FlexPod Data Center for Enterprises and Service Providers with small failure domain requirements

**Direct Connect IP Solution**

- 10 GbE
- Converged vPC

**IP Based Data Center Solution**

- 10 GbE
- vPC

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- Nexus 9000 supporting ACI
- Policy driven network configuration
- NetApp All Flash FAS 8000 with Cluster Data ONTAP 8.3
- UCS 2.2(3d) supporting direct Fabric Interconnect attached C-series
- Direct Attached storage for FCoE boot support

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- Slow, complex, expensive application deployment
- Isolated network control
- Inefficient orchestration and cumbersome network automation
- Complex multi-tenancy support
- Applications requiring faster storage response and higher IOPs

**SUMMARY**
- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center
- Consistent network policies throughout the DC with enhanced automation capabilities
- High performance all flash storage
- Rapid Application deployment

**ARCHITECTURE**

![Architecture Diagram]

- **Unified Computing System**
  - UCS 6248 Fabric Interconnects, Nexus 2232 Fabric Extender & UCS C and B Series Servers
  - 3 Node APIC Cluster
  - 9396 TOR Switches
  - NetApp AFF 8040 Controllers
  - Nexus 9396 Spine Switches


FlexPod Datacenter with VMware vSphere 6.0

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- NetApp All Flash FAS (AFF)
- UCS2.2(5b)
- Nexus 9000 supports low latency 10 GE & 40 GE switching
- iSCSI solution
- vSphere 6.0 support
- NetApp clustered Data ONTAP 8.3.1

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**ARCHITECTURE**

- Cisco UCS C220 M4
- C-Series Server(s)
- Cisco UCS 5108 B-Series
- Blade Chassis 2208XP
- Chassis FEX Modules B260 and B460 M4 Blade(s)
- Cisco UCS 6248UP
- Fabric Interconnects
- Cisco Nexus 9372PX Switches
- NetApp All Flash FAS8060
- Storage Controllers with HA Backplane in switchless configuration
- NetApp DS2246
- Disk Shelves

**CVD:** http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/flexpod_esxi60_n9k.html
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FlexPod Datacenter with Nexus 9000 Standalone and vSphere 5.5U1

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- UCS 2.2(2c)
- Nexus 9000 supports low latency 10 GE & 40 GE switching
- iSCSI solution
- vSphere 5.5U1 support
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- UCS 2.2(2c)
- Nexus 5672 supports low latency 10 GE & 40 GE switching and FCoE, VXLAN ready, low hop count
- Multi-hop FCoE
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  - 2208XP Chassis FEX Modules
  - B200 M3 B-Series Blade(s)
- **Cisco UCS 6248UP Fabric Interconnects**
- **Cisco Nexus 5548UP or 5672UP Switches**
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- **Cisco Nexus 5596 Cluster Interconnects**
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### FLEXPOD

**VMware: Applications**

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- NetApp FAS 8000 with cluster Data ONTAP 8.2.1
- UCS 2.2 (1d) supporting direct fabric interconnect attached C-series
- vSphere 5.5 virtualization platform
- Microsoft Exchange 2013

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Scalability and performance issues
- Challenges in business adjacency due to growing enterprises and complexity in managing them
- Time consuming, convoluted, expensive application deployment
- Isolated network regulation
- Inefficient orchestration and cumbersome network automation
- Complex multi-tenant environment

ARCHITECTURE

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Joint publication with Cisco-NetApp
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**ARCHITECTURE**

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FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft SQL Server 2016 and VMware vSphere 6.5

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Scalable Architecture
- 40GE End-to-End iSCSI Connectivity
- NetApp AFF300 Series Storage
- MS SQL Server 2016
- Nexus 9000 Series
- vSphere 6.5 Virtualization Platform
- High Availability with VMware

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Non-Standardization and decentralization SQL Server Databases
- Slow, complex, expensive SQL application deployments
- Scalability and performance Challenges
- Business Continuity challenges due to growing environment complexity
- Reduce the number of management domains – data center agility

SUMMARY

- To simplify the design and deployment of MS SQL server on a virtualized FlexPod Infrastructure
- Maximize hardware utilization, reducing sprawl, power and cooling costs by consolidation
- Virtualizing SQL server on the FlexPod (All Flash storage) infrastructure meets the most demanding customers’ workloads
- UCS “Service Profile” approach helps in deploying servers/solutions quickly & effectively.

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FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft Private Cloud Fast Track 4.0

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Developed with best practices from Cisco, NetApp, and Microsoft
- Scalable with any UCS blade or rack server
- Scalable across NetApp FAS product family
- Integrated physical and virtual machine management
- Tight integration with Microsoft System Center
- VMM SCOM Orchestrator PowerShell
- Includes Windows Azure Pack and NLB deployment

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Reduce server sprawl
- Minimize operational expenses
- Ability to rapidly and flexibly deliver IT services
- Minimize integration and configuration costs

SUMMARY

- Proven and validated solution
- Streamlined installation following detailed CVD
- Enhanced automation with System Center and PowerShell integration
- Microsoft Azure Pack Integrated Infrastructure

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Cisco Unified Computing System
UCS 6248 Fabric Interconnects & 5108 Blade Chassis w/ B200 M4, UCS C-220
Microsoft Hyper-V 2012 R2
System Center 2012 R2
Cisco Access Layer
Cisco Nexus 9396 Switch
Net App Storage
FAS 8000

Nexus 1110X
Nexus 9396 ACI
Capable Datacenter Switches
Unified Computing System
UCS 6248 Fabric Interconnects, UCS C-220, B-200-Series Servers
FAS 8040 controller
Nexus 5596 Cluster Interconnect

Converged Interconnects
FCoE only
10 GbE only
Cluster Interconnect

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**Virtual Client Computing**

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- FlexPod Datacenter with Citrix XenDesktop/XenApp 7.15 and VMware vSphere 6.5 Update 1 for 6000 Seats
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- UCS 3.1(1e)
- UCS B200 M4 blades
- NetApp AFF8080EX-A storage system
- NetApp clustered data ONTAP 8.3.2
- Nexus 9372 series switches (standalone)
- Citrix XenApp and XenDesktop (7.7)
- VMware vSphere 6.0 update 1a

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Quick provisioning of VCC solution environment
- Dynamic and agile expansion of VCC solution
- Scalability of VCC to support user demand at large scale
- Support for enterprise converged VCC solution

**SUMMARY**

- Day-zero workflow provisioning support
- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center
- Mixed VCC and RDS workload scenarios
- CVD introduction to UCS Performance Manager
- Hardware/software level redundancy using Cisco UCS and NetApp Availability features

**ARCHITECTURE**

FlexPod Datacenter with UCS, NetApp All Flash FAS, and Citrix XenApp/XenDesktop 7.7 for 5000 Seats
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Applications

- FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Cisco UCS and NetApp AFF A-Series - New
- FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with Cisco UCS Manager 3.2 and Cisco ACI
- FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with IP-Based Storage using NetApp AFF A-Series
- FlexPod with Microsoft Exchange 2013 on Cisco ACI
FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Cisco UCS and NetApp AFF A-Series

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• Cisco UCS 3.2(3c), Cisco UCS B200 M5 Blade Servers and NetApp AFF A700s with Oracle 12cR2 RAC and Oracle Linux
• A single platform built from unified compute, fabric, and storage technologies, allowing you to scale to large-scale data centers without architectural changes
• NetApp All Flash Array powered by NetApp Clustered Data ONTAP 9.3 and Cisco UCS running OLTP and DSS Databases together

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

• Balancing large and continually evolving business requirement with a cost-efficient, high performing and always-available database infrastructure
• Pre-tested, scalable and best in-class converged solution stack for optimizing your most challenging Oracle RAC databases
• Oracle RAC must exude the highest level of flexibility, performance, scalability and resilience
• Time consuming, convoluted, expensive application deployment

SUMMARY

• Integrated compute, network & storage solution
• High-performance, scalable, and resilient system
• Centralized, simplified management of infrastructure resources, including end-to-end automation
• Hardware level redundancy for all major components using Cisco UCS and NetApp availability features
• Faster deployments, greater flexibility of choice, efficiency, high availability and lower risk

ARCHITECTURE

[Diagram of FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Cisco UCS and NetApp AFF A-Series]

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco UCS 6332 Fabric Interconnects running UCSM 3.2, Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI switches with 3-node APIC cluster 3.2(2l)
- NetApp AFF-A300 providing 40 GE end-to-end IP connectivity with NFS and iSCSI options for boot as well as HANA persistence layer.
- SAP HANA single host and scale-out implementation examples.

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Reduce time to deployment of business critical applications like SAP HANA
- Ease infrastructure deployment and management burdens
- Industry trends of management automation and dynamic workload provisioning

SUMMARY

- Converged infrastructure for the NextGen Data Center with FlexPod and Application driven policy based approach to Solution deployment with Cisco ACI.
- High performance, scalable and resilient and multi-tenant network infrastructure centrally managed and configured.

ARCHITECTURE

- Cisco UCS 5108 B-Series Blade Chassis
- 2304 Chassis FEX Modules
- B480 M5 Blade Servers
- Cisco UCS 5108 B-Series Blade Chassis
- 2304 Chassis FEX Modules
- B200 M5 Blade Servers
- Cisco UCS C480 M5 Rack Server(s)
- Cisco UCS C240 M5 Rack Server(s)
- Cisco UCS C220 M5 Rack Server(s)
- Cisco UCS 6332 Fabric Interconnects
- Cisco Nexus 9336PQ Spine Switches
- Cisco ACI APIC Controllers
- Cisco Nexus 93180LC-EX Leaf Switches
- NetApp AFF A300 Storage Controllers w/ NetApp DS224C Disc Shelves

FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with IP-Based Storage using NetApp AFF A-Series

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- UCS 6300 Fabric Interconnect, Nexus 9000, and NetApp AFF-A300 providing 40 GE end-to-end IP connectivity
- NetApp All Flash FAS (AFF) A300 with clustered data ONTAP 9.2 delivering ISCSI and NFS storage and 40 GE connectivity
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BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Improve utilization rates
- Reduce time to deployment of new applications
- Ease infrastructure management burdens
- Reduce risk of downtime

ARCHITECTURE

- Converged infrastructure for the NextGen data center
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments. Nexus switches used are leaf node supported; easing shift to ACI mode.
- High performance, scalable and resilient systems

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FlexPod with Microsoft Exchange 2013 on Cisco ACI

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Nexus 9000 supporting ACI
- Policy driven network configuration
- NetApp FAS 8000 with cluster Data ONTAP 8.2.1
- UCS 2.2 (1d) supporting direct Fabric Inter connect attached C-series
- vSphere 5.1 virtualization platform
- Microsoft Exchange 2013

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Scalability and performance issues
- Challenges in business adjacency due to growing enterprises and complexity in managing them
- Time consuming, convoluted, expensive application deployment
- Isolated network regulation
- Inefficient orchestration and cumbersome network automation
- Complex multi-tenant environment

ARCHITECTURE

- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco unified data center
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Other

- FlexPod Datacenter for Hybrid Cloud with Cisco CloudCenter and NetApp Private Storage
- FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux
- FlexPod Datacenter with Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform 6.0
FlexPod Datacenter for Hybrid Cloud with Cisco CloudCenter and NetApp Private Storage

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cisco CloudCenter provides seamless application deployment in DC, AWS and Azure
- FlexPod DC with ACI-based private cloud to enable automated network provisioning
- NetApp Private Storage hosted in Equinix provides high-speed connectivity to multiple clouds including AWS and Azure

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Simplify applications deployment across multiple private and public clouds
- Maintain control of critical customer data and provide secure data transfers
- Enable distributed applications - application tiers running on different clouds

**SUMMARY**

- Secure, high-performance integration between FlexPod and leading cloud providers
- Multi-cloud App deployment with automated data provisioning
- Utilize the resources in public clouds while maintaining control of critical customer data
- Seamless data mobility between on-premise NetApp storage and NPS using secure encrypted communication

**ARCHITECTURE**


FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- Cisco UCS 2.2(3a) and NetApp FAS 8080 with Oracle 12c RAC and Oracle Linux
- A single platform built from unified compute, fabric, and storage technologies, allowing you to scale to large-scale data centers without architectural changes
- NetApp FAS Hybrid Arrays with Flash Pool™ and Cisco UCS running OLTP and DSS databases together

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**FlexPod Data Center Solution with UCS**
- Cisco Nexus Switch Family
- Cisco Unified Computing System
  - UCS FI-6200 B-Series Blades
  - Cisco C-Series Rack Servers
- NetApp FAS Storage Family
- NetApp E-Series Storage Family

FlexPod Datacenter with Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform 6.0

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- UCS 2.2(3g)
- B200 M4 blade servers
- NetApp E5500 and FAS 8040 storage controllers
- NetApp Clustered Data ONTAP 8.3
- Nexus 9000 Series switch
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.1
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform 6.0
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Installer

SUMMARY

- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center
- Investment protection in high-density and high-performance data center environments
- Highly available OpenStack Platform on Red Hat optimized Juno distribution
- End-to-end hardware level redundancy using Cisco UCS and NetApp high availability features

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco Unified Computing System
- Cisco Nexus 5108 B-Series UCS Chassis
- Cisco 2204XP Fabric Extenders
- B200 M4 Server(s)
- Cisco UCS 6248UP Fabric Interconnect

NetApp FAS Storage
- 1 NetApp FAS8040 Array
- 2 10GB NIC per Controller

NetApp E-Series Storage
- 1 NetApp DE5560 Array
- 2 NetApp E5500 4x 10Gb iSCSI Controller
- 2 10GB HIC per Controller

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Converged infrastructure platform for OpenStack
- Trusted and supported OpenStack Platform from industry leaders
- Scale up or out without disruption
- Slow, complex, risky, and expansive deployments and operations
- Inflexible infrastructure

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VersaStack for IBM Cloud Object Storage on Cisco UCS C240 for Concentrated Dispersal Mode

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- End to end 40G capable UCS Architecture delivers scalable infrastructure starting with just three C240 M5 nodes.
- Unified scale-out framework - optimized to deliver compute, capacity and throughput intensive workloads.
- True scale-out storage with self-healing capabilities combined with object services support.

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Enterprises today struggle to use scale-out storage solutions to start small and grow as needed.
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- Inadequate storage infrastructure is considered to be a significant pain point.

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VersaStack for IBM Cloud Private with Cisco UCS and IBM Storage

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- VersaStack with Cisco UCS M5 and IBM Storage for IBM Private Cloud.
- IBM Cloud Private 2.1.0 Enterprise Edition
- IBM Spectrum Connect 3.4.0
- IBM Storage Enabler for Containers 1.0
- VMware vSphere 6.5 U1

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- **Operational complexity:** Ability to deploy and run cloud native microservices-based applications on-premises.
- **Compliance and management:** Simplicity, ease of deployment and compliance requirements to keep applications and data secure with in enterprise’s control.
- **Investment leverage:** Ability to leverage existing investments across both middleware and infrastructure.

**ARCHITECTURE**

**SUMMARY**
- Enterprise grade highly available and secure Infrastructure with VersaStack
- Persistent storage for application containers
- Multi-tenant containers and orchestration that is based on Kubernetes for creating microservices-based applications
- A common catalog of enterprise and open services to accelerate developer productivity
- Automatic horizontal and non-disruptive vertical scaling of applications

VersaStack with Cisco UCS M5 Servers, IBM SVC, and vSphere 6.5 U1

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- UCS 6300 series Fabric interconnect and M5 blade support
- Detailed instructions on deploying VersaStack in Fibre Channel & iSCSI environments leveraging IBM SVC. Implementation leverages Cisco 9k 40G network and MDS 9396S 16G fabric switches
- VMware vSphere 6.5 U1

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Operational Complexity and increasing cost of people, management, software, and facilities
- Increased demand for new services (e.g. mobility, social media, collaboration, the Internet of Everything (IoE), in-memory database technologies)
- Shift toward heavily virtualized private, hybrid, and public cloud computing

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Easy – Seamless integration through the validated deployment
- Efficient – Reduce provisioning time with Unified Management
- Versatile – dynamic, scalable infrastructure with cloud capabilities

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Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server with IBM Cloud Object Storage

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**CVD**

**Design**
VersaStack for Hybrid Cloud with Cisco CloudCenter and IBM Spectrum Copy Data Management Solution

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• VersaStack with Cisco ACI and SVC for private cloud and IBM Bluemix public cloud
• Cisco ONE Enterprise Cloud Suite, which includes CloudCenter to automate self-service application deployment to users’ choice of on-premises or public cloud environments
• IBM Spectrum Copy Data Management that orchestrates the creation, distribution, efficient use, and retention of application-aware copies of data, both on-premises and in the cloud

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

• **Operational complexity**: Ability to deploy and run applications on-premises or off-premises without modification
• **Inconsistency**: The different formats and opaque private and public cloud environments can induce inconsistencies, and lack of consistent policies which can further erode transparency
• **Visibility and management**: Having same degree of visibility and management as the workloads migrate from one environment to another

SUMMARY

• “Converged cloud” IT infrastructure that allows easy movement of applications across on-premises and cloud environments
• End-to-end copy data management to lower storage capacity requirements and accelerate application development and testing
• IT as a service to balance user self-service on-demand deployment and management in environments with central governance and control
• Capacity utilization optimization with automated standup and teardown of applications

ARCHITECTURE

VersaStack for Hybrid Cloud with Cisco CloudCenter and IBM Spectrum Copy Data Management Solution

**VersaStack**

- UCS Servers
- Nexus Switches
- MDS Switches
- Fabric Interconnects
- SAN Volume Controller
- Storwize FlashSystem
- Vblock Systems
- vCenter
- CloudCenter
- SDX API
- IBM Bluemix
- Amazon Web Services

**Cisco CloudCenter**

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- Vblock Systems

**Public Clouds**

- IBM Bluemix
- Amazon Web Services
VersaStack with Cisco UCS and IBM FlashSystem A9000 Storage for 5000 VMware Horizon Users

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- IBM modular storage technology. Storage controller failure with 3 active grid controllers technology. No business disruption resilient capability

**VersaStack Components**

- Fabric
  - 2 Cisco Nexus 9372FX Switches
  - 2 Cisco UCS 6248UP Fabric Interconnects
  - 2 Cisco MDS 9148S 16Gb Fibre Channel / Switches

- Compute
  - 1 Cisco UCS 5108 Blade Chassis
  - 2 Cisco UCS 2208 IO Modules
  - Up to 8 Cisco UCS B200 M4 Blade Servers

- Storage
  - 1 IBM FlashSystem A9000
  - 12 x 1.2 TiB MicroLatency Modules (21.44 TiB raw capacity)

- 4 x 8GB Uplink to Storage- VSAN-A: 300
- 4 x 8GB Uplink to Storage-VSAN-A: 301
- 4 x 10G Uplinks per chassis IOM
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- VersaStack – A single rack solution for 5000 (RDSH & VCC) Mixed Users

**VersaStack with Cisco UCS and IBM FlashSystem A9000 Storage for 5000 VMware Horizon Users**

VersaStack Data Center with Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Nexus 9000 based ACI Infrastructure
- Policy driven network configuration
- IBM Storwize V7000 Unified and FlashSystem V9000 designs
- Fibre channel, NFS and iSCSI-based storage connectivity
- Cisco AVS and VMware VDS-based virtual switching architecture

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Slow, complex, expensive application deployment
- Isolated network control
- Inefficient orchestration and cumbersome network automation
- Complex multi-tenancy support

ARCHITECTURE

SUMMARY

- Integration of latest Cisco ACI-based network functionality into the VersaStack architecture
- Highlight latest UCS hardware and software features
- Consistent network policies throughout the DC with enhanced automation capabilities
- Rapid application deployment

VersaStack with Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure and IBM SAN Volume Controller

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Nexus 9000 based ACI infrastructure
- IBM SAN Volume Controller (SVC) based single point of storage control for FC and iSCSI based storage access
- IBM FS900 and v5030 based multi-tiered storage
- UCS C-series based dedicated management cluster

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Integration of IBM SVC to support a tiered storage design based on IBM Storwize and FlashSystem
- Highlight latest network and compute features and functionality by utilizing ACI version 2.x and UCS 3.1.2
- Consistent network policies throughout the data center with enhanced automation capabilities
- Rapid application deployment

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Slow, complex, expensive application deployment
- Inefficient orchestration and cumbersome network automation
- Inconsistent storage functions and lack of standardized storage support
- Complex multi-tiered storage support

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Physical Layout

Logical Design

SUMMARY

- Integration of IBM SVC to support a tiered storage design based on IBM Storwize and FlashSystem
- Highlight latest network and compute features and functionality by utilizing ACI version 2.x and UCS 3.1.2
- Consistent network policies throughout the data center with enhanced automation capabilities
- Rapid application deployment

VersaStack with Cisco UCS Mini and VMware vSphere 6.0 U2 with Direct Attached SAN Storage

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) Mini with embedded management, networking and storage access
- New integrated fabric interconnect (Cisco UCS 6324) with support for 2nd UCS chassis
- IBM Storwize V5000 Gen2 system - directly connected to Cisco UCS Mini using fibre channel
- VMware vSphere 6.0 U2, Cisco UCS 3.1(2c), IBM Spectrum Virtualize V7.7.1

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Reducing cost: to reduce the time and money spent on managing servers, storage and applications. This also includes power, space, and cooling
- Supporting business requirements: to create a more flexible and agile infrastructure
- Reducing time-to-market: to enable rapid deployment of new services quickly

ARCHITECTURE
VersaStack with IBM Storwize v5000 and Cisco UCS Mini

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) Mini
- New integrated Fabric Interconnect and 110V power supplies
- Management, networking and storage control embedded in the chassis
- IBM Storwize V5000 system

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SUMMARY

- Consistent management with appropriate scale from the edge of the network to the data center
- VersaStack Infrastructure for use cases including Remote Office/Branch Office, Small Medium Business, VCC
- VersaStack for Enterprises and Service Providers with streamlined architecture

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TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- UCS M4 blade support
- Detailed instructions deploying VersaStack in Fibre Channel environment leveraging IBM FlashSystem V9000. Implementation leverages Cisco 9k network and MDS fabric switches
- Nexus 9000 ACI ready

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Operational complexity and increasing cost of people, management, software, and facilities
- Increased demand for new services (e.g., mobility, social media, collaboration, the Internet of Everything (IoE), in-memory database technologies)
- Shift toward heavily virtualized private, hybrid, and public cloud computing

SUMMARY

- Easy - Seamless integration through the validated deployment
- Efficient - Reduce provisioning time with Unified Management
- Versatile - dynamic, scalable infrastructure with cloud capabilities

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VersaStack for Data Center Scale-out

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- IBM v7000 Storwize 7.4 with 4 nodes scaling IO for Cisco UCS
- Mirroring with automatic failover—VersaStack can provide no downtime during a failure
- Storwize adds built-in encryption and 16 gig FC connectivity new for 7.4
- Easy Tier and In-line hardware compression
- Cisco Nexus 9000 ACI ready
- UCS M4 support along with MDS 16 gig

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**ARCHITECTURE**

VersaStack™ Solution
by Cisco and IBM

VersaStack for Data Center with Cisco UCS Director

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Supports Cisco and non-Cisco devices and technologies in an agnostic manner
- IaaS cloud functionality for virtual and physical server resources with guided setup
- Scalable and shared architecture with resiliency and standard API’s

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Multiple element managers on integrated stacks
- Efficient and accountable IT resource use – service provider/cloud model
- API’s to integrate with enterprise tools for IT service management (ITSM)

**SUMMARY**

- Simple, efficient and scalable solution for any converged/integrated stack
- IaaS cloud delivery with features of orchestration, chargeback and self-service
- CVD eliminates risk and leverages Cisco UCS and IBM Storwize efficiencies for an optimal platform

**ARCHITECTURE**

## VersaStack for Data Center with Direct Attached Storage

### Technical Highlights
- IBM v7000 Storwize storage directly attached to the Cisco UCS fabric interconnects
- Simplified and centralized management via UCSM SAN and LAN policies
- Nexus 9000 ACI ready
- UCS M4 support

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- Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform and Red Hat Ceph Storage 7.0
- FlexPod Datacenter with Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform 6.0
Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with Red Hat OpenStack Platform 8 and Red Hat Ceph Storage

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- UCS managed servers for stateless computing and wire-once architecture
- Scalable and highly available architecture with UCS blades and rack servers for storage
- Integration of Red Hat OpenStack – Liberty and Cisco plugins and an end-to-end validated solution

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Reduce shadow IT and emulate cost savings of public cloud
- Provide infrastructure for cloud applications
- Provide platform for transformation of business critical applications
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SUMMARY

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- Turn key deployment of cloud platform targeting cloud-native apps
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Cisco UCS, OSP, CEPH Liberty

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Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure with Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform and Red Hat Ceph Storage 7.0

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Cisco UCS, OSP, CEPH Kilo

FlexPod Datacenter with Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform 6.0

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- UCS 2.2(3g)
- B200 M4 blade servers
- NetApp E5500 and FAS 8040 storage controllers
- NetApp Clustered Data ONTAP 8.3
- Nexus 9000 Series switch
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.1
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform 6.0
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Installer

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- Converged infrastructure platform for OpenStack
- Trusted and supported OpenStack Platform from industry leaders
- Scale up or out without disruption
- Slow, complex, risky, and expansive deployments and operations
- Inflexible infrastructure

**ARCHITECTURE**

**Cisco Unified Computing System**
- Cisco Nexus 5108 B-Series UCS Chassis
- Cisco 2204XP Fabric Extenders
- B200 M4 Server(s)

Cisco Nexus 9372PX

**NetApp FAS Storage**
- 1 NetApp FAS8040 Array
- 2 10GB NIC per Controller

**NetApp E-Series Storage**
- 1 NetApp DE5560 Array
- 2 NetApp E5500 4x 10Gb iSCSI Controller
- 2 10GB HIC per Controller

**SUMMARY**
- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center
- Investment protection in high-density and high-performance data center environments
- Highly available OpenStack Platform on Red Hat optimized Juno distribution
- End-to-end hardware level redundancy using Cisco UCS and NetApp high availability features


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**FLASHSTACK**

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- FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database on Pure Storage FlashBlade
- FlashStack Data Center with VMware Horizon 7.4 for 6000 Seats
- FlashStack Virtual Server Infrastructure with Cisco ACI Multi-pod and Pure Storage ActiveCluster
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- FlashStack for Oracle 12c RAC on Oracle Linux
- FlashStack VSI with Commvault for Data Protection
- 5000 Seat FlashStack with Pure Storage FlashArray//m on VMware Horizon View 6.2
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TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 30 UCS B200 M5 Blade Servers, (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
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BUSINESS CHALLENGES

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- Demand density when proposing VDI and RDSH solutions

SUMMARY

- High density with a small footprint supporting mixed users workloads
- Very good end user experience on cluster level and 6000 users mixed workload testing
- Live storage migration/upgrade or controller failure with no business disruption resilient capability
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments

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**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Seamless scalability of performance and capacity meeting required KPIs for SAP HANA TDI deployments; also ensuring High availability without performance compromise through in-place software and hardware upgrades.
- Details the reference architecture for SAP HANA TDI implementation leveraging existing Cisco UCS infrastructure and Pure Storage.
- Sample SAP HANA Scale-up and 3+1 Scale-Out system deployment best practices with newer Purity RUN platform enabled WFS based NFS services providing for HANA shared filesystem.

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- SAP HANA TDI deployments are complicated and generally mission critical with high availability requirements. Customers face challenges maintaining these landscapes both in terms of time, available resources and operational cost.
- Availability of pre-tested, scalable and best-in-class converged solution stack for optimizing enterprise workloads running SAP HANA database based applications.

**SUMMARY**

- A single platform built from unified compute, fabric and storage technologies, allowing you to scale to large-scale implementations without architectural changes.
- Leverage a secure, integrated, and optimized converged stack that is pre-sized, configurable and deployable in a flexible manner for SAP HANA implementations.

**ARCHITECTURE**

FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database on Pure Storage FlashBlade

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 8 node Oracle RAC, validated performance of Server, Network and NVMe all-flash Storage on a per workload basis
- Seamless Oracle performance and scalability with data reduction to meet growth needs
- Maintain highly available database instances through software and hardware upgrades without compromising performance

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- New design targets a variety of scale-out application demands for database consolidation, management, and seamless date integration
- A cost-efficient, high performing and always-available infrastructure that balances enormous and evolving business requirements
- Pre-tested converged infrastructure that optimizes your mission critical Oracle performance and scalability requirements

**SUMMARY**

- A pre-validated integrated system managed, serviced, and tested as a complete offering
- Minimizes business disruption and improves IT agility while reducing deployment time
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**ARCHITECTURE**

![FlashStack Data Center Diagram](image-url)
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TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco ACI 3.2(1l) implementing the Multi-Pod design, extending the network between sites.
- PureStorage 5.0.6 with ActiveCluster for active/active, synchronously replicated storage.
- UCSM 3.2(3d) and vSphere 6.5 U1
- Highly redundant throughout the design. Stateless servers, implemented through policy decisions, that are easily recovered from an iSCSI foundation.

SUMMARY

- Uniform data center experience across differing sites with common network and storage availability.
- Best of breed products between Cisco and Pure Storage, bringing workload portability and business continuity.
- Documented in a detailed, easy to follow guide, of how to implement the architecture.

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BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Consistent workload environment regardless of the site.
- Reliable, Flexible and Scalable platform for mixed workloads.
- Business continuity through site availability issues.

1250 Users on FlashStack a Cisco UCS Mini and Pure //m10, with Citrix XenDesktop and XenApp 7.15

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Simple architecture with UCS B Series Servers
- High performance SAN for desktop workloads
- 1250 users per FlashStack Mini solution
- Performance study with simulations of typical desktop workloads

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Typical end-user virtualization workloads
- Rapid workload changes (mostly unpredictable) and hence high demand on quick H/W expansion flexibilities
- Demand density when proposing VCC solutions

**SUMMARY**

- High performance and scalability with simplicity
- UCS “Service Profile” approach helps faster flexible deployments in short notice
- Small footprint for SMB

**ARCHITECTURE**

**Physical Architecture**

**Logical Architecture**
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**ARCHITECTURE**

FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 node Oracle RAC build, validate and predict performance of server, network and storage platform on a per workload basis
- Seamless scalability of performance and capacity to meet growth needs of Oracle database
- High availability of database instances without performance compromise through software and hardware upgrades

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet a variety of scale-out application demands with seamless data integration and management
- Balancing enormous and evolving business requirement with a cost-efficient, high performing and always-available infrastructure
- Pre-tested, scalable converged solution for optimizing your challenging Oracle RAC performance and scalability

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SUMMARY

- A cohesive, integrated system that is managed, serviced and tested as a whole
- Leverage a pre-validated platform to minimize business disruption and improve IT agility and reduce deployment time from months to weeks
- Guarantee customer success with prebuilt, pre-tested drivers, Oracle database software
FlashStack VSI with Commvault for Data Protection

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Business continuity
- Multi-site data protection
- Fast and reliable RPTO

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- High speed archive repositories using the Cisco S3260 servers
- VM data protection working with the native FlashArray//m snapshots
- Local, remote site, and cloud archiving options
- Live VM recovery and remote live synch

**SUMMARY**

- Modern data protection delivered within the FlashStack Virtual Server Infrastructure
- Full deployment walkthrough along with feature validation
- Total solution that brings together performance, efficiency, automation, availability, and recoverability

**ARCHITECTURE**

[Diagram showing the FlashStack VSI with Commvault setup]

5000 Seat FlashStack with Pure Storage FlashArray//m on VMware Horizon View 6.2

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Scalable architecture with UCS B200 M4 Chassis
- 5,000 mixed RDSH & VCC users combined and infrastructure servers in four 5108 blade server chassis
- Nearly 1250 combined RDS-hosted server sessions and VCC users in 2 RU data center footprint
- Performance study with simulations of RDS-hosted server sessions and VCC typical desktop workloads
- Local resources replace SAN for workload files
- High density with a small footprint supporting mixed users workloads
- UCS “Service Profile” approach helps faster flexible deployments in short notice
- Very good end user experience measuring <1 second for both VCC and RDSH users on cluster level and 5000 users mixed workload testing
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FlashStack Components

Network
- 2 Cisco 9372 PX Network Switches
- 2 Cisco 9148 S MDS Switches

Compute
- 4 Cisco 5108 Blade Server Chassis
- 2 Cisco B200 M4 Blade Servers For Infrastructure
- 30 Cisco B200 M4 Blade Servers For Workload

Storage
- Pure FlashArray//m50
- 1 Base disk 40TB raw space
- 1 external disk shelf with 44TB raw space (Total 88TB disk space)

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5000 Seat Mixed Workload FlashStack Solution with XenDesktop 7.9 on ESXi 6.0U2

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Siloed network, compute, and storage
- Integration complexity
- Inefficient human resource utilization
- Complex, expensive operations
- Large scale deployment building blocks needed
- Requirement for outstanding end-user experience
- Graphics support
- Windows 10/Office 2016 transition

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- UCS 3.1(2b) with Broadwell support
- Cisco UCS Managed B 200 M4 (E5-2680v4) 28 servers, four clusters, N+1
- Nexus 9172PX 7.0(3)I2(2e), Nexus 1000V 5.2(1), 10 GE and FC switching
- VMware vSphere 6.0 update 2 Hypervisor
- Citrix XenDesktop, XenApp and PVS 7.9
- Pure Storage FlashArray//m50 84TB raw flash storage
- NVIDIA M6 graphics mezzanine card

**ARCHITECTURE**

FlashStack 5000 Seat Citrix XenDesktop/XenApp 7.9 Mixed Workload

- 4 x 8 GB FC from each MDS 9148S to Pure//m50 Storage
- Pure Storage FlashArray//m50
- 4 Cisco UCS 5108 Blade Server Chassis
  - Chassis-1: Infra Server (1) & VCC RDSH Servers (5)
  - Chassis-2: Infra Server (1) & VCC RDSH Servers (5)
  - Chassis-3: VCC Servers (4) Persistent/ (4) Non-Persistent
  - Chassis-4: VCC Servers (4) Persistent/ (4) Non-Persistent

**SUMMARY**

- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center and FlashStack architecture
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment with rapid boot, excellent end user experience
- Mixed workload with pooled and persistent Windows 10 VCC and hosted shared server desktops
- Higher VM density per ESXi cluster
- Supported NVIDIA M6 graphics

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- Balancing enormous and continually evolving business requirements with a cost-efficient, high performing and always-available database infrastructure
- Pre-tested, scalable and best-in-class converged solution stack for optimizing your most challenging Oracle RAC database performance and scalability

ARCHITECTURE

FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux

FlashStack Virtual Server Infrastructure

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Highly redundant throughout the design. Stateless servers, implemented through policy decisions, that are easily recovered from a SAN foundation
- APIs exposed at each layer of the infrastructure for easy management and integration with automation and ITSM tools
- High performance storage implemented with default compression and de-dupe

**SUMMARY**

- Simple, resilient and powerful solution of validated converged infrastructure
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- Documented in a detailed, easy to follow guide, of how to implement the architecture

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Reliable, flexible and scalable platform for mixed workloads
- Simple and secure infrastructure that is easy to manage with standard tools
- Efficient infrastructure with lower total cost of ownership

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Nexus 93180YC-EX
- UCS 6332-16UP FI
- UCS B200 M4
- MDS 9148S
- FlashArray//m70

**Version 5.0**

- Alphabetical
- Outline View
- Library View
- Sitemap View
- Information
- Design Zone


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Cisco and Hitachi Adaptive Solutions for Converged Infrastructure

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- UCS 4th gen Fabric Interconnect as well as UCS 4th gen VIC.
- 32G FC end to end.
- Validation of both vSphere 6.5 and 6.7 within the design.
- Next gen Hitachi VSP Storage Systems with 100% data availability guarantee
- Hybrid or all-flash storage configurations available

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Reliable, Flexible and Scalable platform for mixed workloads.
- High density server requirements, along with robust storage connectivity.
- A resilient, agile, and flexible foundation for today’s business.

SUMMARY

- Simple, resilient and powerful solution of a validated converged infrastructure.
- Cisco and Hitachi Vantara collaboration of a unified reference architecture.
- Design Guide detailing the principles, with an easy to follow Deployment Guide of how to implement the design.

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Cisco and Hitachi Adaptive Solutions for SAP HANA TDI

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Supports Cisco blade series servers B200 and B480 with all SAP supported Memory config
- Design document multiple OS SLES 12 SP4 and RHEL 7.5
- Design supports Hitachi VSP Series storage.
- Provides detailed deployment guide for SAP HANA, SAP BW powered by SAP HANA, SAP Business Suite powered by SAP HANA, SAP Business Suite powered by SAP HANA, S/4HANA scenarios

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Need for scalable and reliable infrastructure that can be implemented in an intelligent, policy driven manner
- Need for secured multi-tenancy across Compute, Network and Storage
- Need for proven end-to-end implementation of SAP HANA with resilient, agile, flexible infrastructure

SUMMARY

- The solution is designed and validated using compute, network and storage best practices for high performance, scalability, and resiliency throughout the architecture.
- Run mission-critical applications efficiently by independently and automatically scaling compute and storage
- Unify and automate the control of server, network, and storage components to simplify resource provisioning and maintenance.

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[Cisco and Hitachi Adaptive Solutions for SAP HANA TDI diagram]


Security threats are real, growing in both complexity and sophistication. Such threats place a heavy burden on organizations that need to increase their security resources to manage these risks. Organizations, however, find it challenging to find the best security solutions for their specific requirements and hate the inefficiencies of buying components from a broad range of vendors.
Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with MS Hyper-V

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- HyperFlex 3.5 cluster with Hyper-V
- 4 x HXAF240c M5 Nodes
- Windows Server 2016 and MS SQL Server 2016 SP1
- Cisco UCSM 4.0 (1b)
- 2x Cisco Nexus 9396PX

**SUMMARY**

- Deployment best practices for hosting MS SQL databases on HyperFlex All Flash Systems with Windows Hyper-V.
- HA deployment options – Always On Availability Group.
- Test and performance validation of OLTP database workloads and DB maintenance tasks

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- MS SQL Servers on standalone servers causing database sprawl
- MS SQL Server 2008 End-of-Support
- Underutilized servers in traditional infrastructure.
- Siloed and disintegrated management in traditional infrastructure
- Virtualization license/cost challenges

**ARCHITECTURE**

*CVD: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/hyperflex_3_5_1a_hyperv_mssql.html*
Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with VMware

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- HX Stretched Cluster

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- Test and performance validation of OLTP database workloads and DB maintenance tasks
- Stretch Cluster deployment & validation for disaster recovery

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CVD: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/hyperflex_3_5_1a_esxi_mssql.html
Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash System with Horizon 7.6 up to 4400 users

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• 32 Node All Flash Hyperflex Solution: 16 UCS HXAF220C-M5SX rack servers and 8 UCS 220C-M5 rack servers + 8 UCS B200 M5 blade servers (n+1 cluster) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
• Cisco HyperFlex v3.5(1a), UCSM 4.0(1b)
• Nexus 93180 YC switches,
• VMware vSphere 6.5.2.U2, VMware Horizon 7.6
• 4400 User Windows Server 2016 RDS Sessions & Windows 10 mixed Knowledge Worker workload density.

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

• Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VDI) demands with seamless datacenter integration and management, Energy efficiency.
• Enterprise-grade Virtual Desktop Infrastructure solution with excellent End User Experience.
• Best practices for installation and Deployment of Cisco HyperFlex for VMware Horizon 7 tuned for performance and scalability.

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex and VMware Horizon 7, Full Scale Single UCS Domain Reference Architecture

SUMMARY

• All Flash HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
• Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
• High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment
• Very good sub mil second knowledge worker workload End User Experience

Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems with up to 2000 Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktop Users

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **8x UCS HX220-M5S rack servers, & 8x B200M5 servers for compute (n+1)** with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5.1a, UCSM 4.0.1(b)
- Citrix Virtual Apps & Desktops 1808
- Vmware ESXi 6.5

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VDI) demands with seamless datacenter integration and management, Energy efficiency.
- Enterprise-grade Virtual Desktop Infrastructure solution with excellent End User Experience.
- Best practices for installation and Deployment of Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash system for Citrix Virtual Desktop tuned for performance and scalability

ARCHITECTURE

Hyperconverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment

SUMMARY

- Cisco HyperFlex and Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops, Single UCS Domain Reference Architecture

Cisco HyperFlex 3.0 for Virtual Server Infrastructure with Microsoft Hyper-V

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Eight HX220 or HX240 M5 rackmount servers with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.0.1d, UCSM 3.2(3g) and Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Hyper-V
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment
- Detailed UCS and HyperFlex design descriptions, installation, functional operation and best practices

**SUMMARY**

- First CVD release for Cisco HyperFlex platform with Hyper-V.
- Installation of standard HX Clusters using HyperFlex Installer appliance
- CVD highlights all product options, provides best practices, Installation and provides day two instructions for all core features

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Legacy and traditional converged environments rely on multiple technology stacks
- Significant technical debt and management silos
- Companies need faster deployment and more flexible options

**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco HyperFlex Virtual Server Infrastructure 3.0 with Cisco ACI 3.2 and VMware vSphere 6.5

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cisco HX220c M5 servers that form the HyperFlex 3.0 cluster, connect to Cisco UCS 6332 Fabric Interconnects running Cisco UCS Manager 3.2(3e)
- Cisco ACI fabric, built using Nexus 9000 series switches and managed by Cisco APIC running 3.2(2l) software, provides 40GbE connectivity to Cisco HyperFlex cluster
- Cisco ACI Virtual Edge (AVE) running 1.2(2a) provides ACI vLeaf and virtual switching functions
- Cisco Intersight and Cisco Umbrella provides cloud based management security for the solution

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Speed up deployment of applications and services by reducing infrastructure deployment times and increasing operational efficiency
- Highly automated data center infrastructure with the operational agility to support rapidly evolving business needs

**SUMMARY**

- Next-generation Data Center Infrastructure for Enterprise & Cloud deployments based on Cisco HyperFlex, Cisco UCS, Cisco ACI and VMware vSphere
- Cisco HyperFlex delivers agility and simplicity of complete hyperconvergence with Cisco UCS based unified computing, fabric and management
- Cisco ACI brings software-defined networking solutions to deliver a programmable data center fabric, with centralized management and application policy model to enable rapid deployment of applications and improve application agility
- Cisco Nexus 9000 EX series cloud-scale switches used as ACI leaf switches provide a high-performance, low-latency platform with advanced capabilities that include deep telemetry and security, analytics and intelligent traffic management for maximizing application performance and visibility.

**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco HyperFlex with Cohesity Data Protection

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cohesity cluster of 3 or more Cisco C240 M5L servers using a specific Cohesity BoM
- Servers are UCS Managed, not standalone
- Solution based on 4th generation FI 6454 and VIC 1457
- Cisco UCSM 4.0(1c)
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5(2a) or later required
- Cohesity version 6.1.1a or later required

SUMMARY

- Cohesity integration with Cisco HyperFlex via the HX API for snapshot controls
- Cohesity cluster provides policy based VM protection for HyperFlex clusters or other external systems
- Rapid mass restores and return to service
- On-prem cluster to cluster backup replication and archiving, and to cloud
- Test/Dev temporary VM cloning

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Secondary storage systems (backup/replication/test) are often highly fragmented, using multiple platforms
- Traditional secondary storage systems do not scale well, leading to significant sprawl and complexity
- Outdated architectures do not work well with hyperconverged virtual systems and cloud

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex with Hyper-V 3.0 for Virtual Server Infrastructure

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**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco HyperFlex 3.0 for Virtual Server Infrastructure with VMware ESXi

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- New installation option for stretched clusters spread across two physical sites.
- Logical Availability Zones feature provides enhanced failure tolerance in larger clusters.
- Support for HyperFlex on Large Form Factor disks and Intel Optane caching options.
- New GUI replication and recovery workflows.
- Scalable & flexible architecture: 64 node clusters, Expanded Clusters with Compute-only Nodes, and Mixed M4/M5 generation Clusters.

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Legacy and traditional converged environments rely on multiple technology stacks.
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SUMMARY

- Factory pre-integration work results in a rapid and simplified deployment.
- Installation and expansion using the improved HyperFlex Installer OVA.
- CVD highlights all product options, provides best practices, and provides day two instructions for all core features.

ARCHITECTURE

- Standard Cluster
- Expanded Cluster
- Mixed M4/M5 Cluster
- Stretched Cluster

VM Replication

Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 2000 VMware Horizon 7 Users Infrastructure, Applications

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 UCS HXAF220C-M5SX rack servers and 8 UCS B200 M5 blade server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.0.1a, UCSM 3.2(3a)
- Nexus 93180 YC switches
- VMware vSphere 6.5 VMware Horizon 7
- 2000 User Windows 10 & Server 2016 RDSH sessions mixed Knowledge Worker workload density.

SUMMARY

- All Flash HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment
- Very good sub millisecond knowledge worker workload End User Experience

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex and VMware Horizon 7, Full Scale UCS Domain Reference Architecture

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

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- Enterprise-grade Virtual Desktop Infrastructure solution with excellent End User Experience.
- Best practices for installation and Deployment of Cisco HyperFlex for VMware Horizon 7 tuned for performance and scalability.

Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 Citrix XenDesktop Users

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 UCS HXAF220-M5S rack servers, M5 rack server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 2.6.1b, UCSM 3.2(2d)
- XenDesktop 7.16
- VMware vSphere 6.5 U1

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ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex and Citrix XenDesktop 7.16, Reference Architecture

Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with Hyper-V 2016 and Citrix XenDesktop

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 4 UCS HXAFC220-M5S rack servers, M5 rack server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.0.1a, UCSM 3.2(2d)
- XenDesktop 7.17
- Microsoft Hyper-V 2016

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**SUMMARY**

- HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment

**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco HyperFlex and Citrix XenDesktop 7.16, Reference Architecture

**HX Datastore**

4 x Cisco HXAF220C-M5S Rack Servers
- Each server includes:
  - 2 x Intel® Xeon® Gold 6140 scalable family processor @ 2.3 GHz processor
  - 120GB M.2 SATA SSD
  - 768 GB (12 X 64GB DDR4) RAM
  - 1 x Cisco VIC 1387 mLOM
  - 1 x Cisco 12Gbps Modular SAS HBA
  - 1 x 240 GB Intel SATA Enterprise Value SSD

HX Datastore configured to host Windows 10 desktop pool or Server 2016 RDS Pool with drives listed below per node:
- 1 x 400GB Toshiba Enterprise Performance (EP) SSD for Cache
- 8 x 960GB Samsung SATA Enterprise Value SSDs for capacity
Cisco HyperFlex 2.6 for Virtual Server Infrastructure

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Support for HyperFlex on new M5 generation servers, including mixed M4 and M5 clusters
- First CVD to highlight Cisco Intersight cloud-based monitoring and management
- Scalable and flexible architecture: Expanded clusters with compute-only nodes, hybrid or all-flash converged nodes, mixed clusters, SED data-at-rest encryption, and VM replication

**SUMMARY**

- Factory pre-integration work results in a rapid and simplified deployment
- Installation and expansion using the improved HyperFlex Installer OVA
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Cisco HyperFlex 2.5 for Virtual Server Infrastructure

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- New enterprise class features including native replication and encryption
- Hybrid or All-Flash models to suit the VM and application workloads
- Scalable architecture with compute-only nodes creating extended compute-intensive clusters

SUMMARY

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ARCHITECTURE

Hybrid or All-Flash Clusters

Plus Compute-Only Nodes:

- Cisco Rack Mount Servers
- Cisco Blade Servers

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TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

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BUSINESS CHALLENGES

ARCHITECTURE
TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 16 UCS HXAF220-M4S rack servers, 8 UCS B200 M4 blade servers and 8 UCS C220 M4 rack servers (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 2.1.1b, UCSM 3.1(2g)
- VMware Horizon 7.1
- VMware vSphere 6.0 U3

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VCC) demands with seamless datacenter integration and management, and energy efficiency
- Enterprise-grade Virtual Client Computing solution with excellent end-user experience
- Best practices for installation and deployment of Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash system for VMware Horizon 7 tuned for performance and scalability

SUMMARY

- HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex and VMware Horizon 7, Reference Architecture

- 16 Cisco HXAF220C-M4S Rack Servers
  - Each server includes:
    - 2 x Intel® Xeon® CPU E5-2690 v4 @ 2.6 GHz processor
    - 2 x 64GB SD card
    - 512 GB (16 X 32GB DDR4) RAM
    - 1 x Cisco VIC 1227 mLOM
    - 1 x Cisco 12Gbps Modular SAS HBA
    - 1 x 120 GB Intel SATA Enterprise Value SSD
- 8 x Cisco UCS C220 M4S Rack Servers
  - Each server includes:
    - 2 x Intel® Xeon® CPU E5-2680 v4 @ 2.6 GHz processor
    - 2 x 64GB SD card
    - 512 GB (16 X 32GB DDR4) RAM
    - 1 x Cisco VIC 1340
- 8 x Cisco UCS B200 M4 Blade Servers
  - Each server includes:
    - 2 x Intel® Xeon® CPU E5-2680 v4 @ 2.6 GHz processor
    - 2 x 64GB SD card
    - 512 GB (16 X 32GB DDR4) RAM
    - 1 x Cisco VIC 1227

HX Datastore configured to host Windows 10 desktop pool with drives listed below per node:
  - 1 x 800GB Samsung Enterprise Performance (EP) SSD for Cache
  - 10 x 960GB Samsung SATA Enterprise Value SSDs for capacity

Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 VMware Horizon 7 Users

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 4 UCS HXAFC220-M5S rack servers, M5 rack server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 2.6.1a, UCSM 3.2(2b)
- VMware Horizon 7.3.1
- VMware vSphere 6.5 U1

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- HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
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**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco HyperFlex and VMware Horizon 7, Reference Architecture

Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Multisite Deployments

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Integrated UCS Management for HyperFlex and S3260 storage server and single Veeam console to manage backup and replication of VM across several HyperFlex clusters across geography
- Storage integration of Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam providing HX native snapshots and higher backup throughput through HX storage network
- All-in-one, scalable and easy-to-deploy validated design and deployment guide for multisite HyperFlex, Veeam and Cisco UCS S3260 storage server

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- High RPO/RTO with multiple hours of restore & backup time for 24/7 business critical applications on Cisco HyperFlex
- High OPEX in managing data protection endpoints for HyperFlex clusters in multiple sites across geography
- Replication of application VM deployed across data centers on HyperFlex clusters

SUMMARY

- Enable RPO/RTO’s < 15 minutes with instant VM Recovery™, Veeam Explorer™ for Microsoft Exchange, Active Directory, SharePoint, and SQL server, Veeam Explorer for Oracle
- Scalable Veeam Repository on UCS Managed S3260 storage servers and C240 M4 LFF rack servers
- Best practices to deploy multisite HyperFlex cluster with Veeam and Cisco UCS S3260 storage server

ARCHITECTURE

[Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Multisite Deployments Diagram]

SQL Server on HyperFlex All Flash

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Highly available and robust platform for consolidating SQL databases
- Delivers consistent high performance with low latency, and scale the performance with ease
- Designed to absorb ad-hoc workloads
- Cisco Veeam integrated backup appliance for transactionally consistent database backups

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- SQL server database sprawl
- Need for consistent performance with low latencies
- Ad-hoc database workloads
- Need for robust and integrated backup solution

**SUMMARY**

- CVD describing the best practices and recommendations for configuring and deploying SQL databases on HyperFlex All Flash Systems
- Deployment options for highly available SQL databases using AlwaysOn
- SQL database performance numbers for workloads with medium and large working sets

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Cisco Hyperflex HX Data Platform
- Cisco Hyperflex All Flash Storage System

**CVD:** http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/hyperflex_2_0_mssql_af.html
**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Rapid deployment of virtual environments using built-in server storage versus dedicated traditional arrays
- Software-defined all-flash storage solution expands the applications for performance-sensitive workloads
- Complete end-to-end hyperconverged solution with enterprise class features

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Creation of Cisco HyperFlex cluster with HX-series all-flash or hybrid nodes, plus option for hybrid cluster using Cisco UCS compute-only servers
- Connecting Cisco HyperFlex cluster to third-party FC or iSCSI storage arrays
- Detailed UCS and HyperFlex design descriptions, functional operation and best practices

**SUMMARY**

- Introduction of the first release of Cisco HyperFlex all-flash systems
- Simplified procedure to connect HX cluster to external storage devices
- Best practice for HXDP software version 2.0.1a

**ARCHITECTURE**
Cisco HyperFlex Hyperconverged System with up to 2400 VMware Horizon 7 Users

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 UCS HXC240-M4SX rack servers and 8 UCS B200 M4 blade server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 1.8.1c, UCSM 3.1(2b)
- VMware Horizon 7
- VMware vSphere 6.0

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VCC) demands with seamless data center integration and management, and energy efficiency
- Enterprise-grade virtual client computing solution with excellent end user experience
- Best practices for installation and deployment of Cisco HyperFlex for VMware Horizon 7 tuned for performance and scalability

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex and VMware Horizon 7, Reference Architecture

SUMMARY

- HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
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Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite for Single Data Center Deployment

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Integrated UCS Management for HyperFlex and S3260 storage server
- Single Veeam console to manage backup and replication of application VM across several HyperFlex clusters
- All-in-one, scalable and easy-to-deploy validated design and deployment guide for Veeam, HyperFlex and Cisco UCS S3260 storage server

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- High RPO/RTO with multiple hours of restore time or data loss for 24/7 business critical applications
- High OPEX in managing data protection endpoints for multiple HX clusters in remote offices deployed across geography
- Single solution to deploy, configure and optimize HX backup and replication with Veeam 9.5 and Cisco S3260 Storage Server

**ARCHITECTURE**

**SUMMARY**

- Enable RPO/RTO’s < 15 minutes with Instant VM Recovery™, Veeam Explorer™ for Microsoft Exchange, Active Directory, SharePoint, and SQL Server, Veeam Explorer for Oracle
- Scalable Veeam repository on UCS Managed S3260 storage servers
- Best practices to deploy HyperFlex cluster with Veeam and Cisco UCS S3260 storage server


Cisco HyperFlex Virtual Server Infrastructure

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 8 HX220 or HX240 rackmount servers, plus option for hybrid cluster using B200 compute-only blades
- Detailed UCS and HyperFlex design descriptions, functional operation and best practices
- Manual installation guide for systems not installed via factory automated process

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Rapid deployment of virtual environments using built-in server storage versus dedicated traditional arrays
- Scalable virtual environments that can grow on demand as workloads dictate
- Enterprise class storage features without purchasing traditional arrays from legacy vendors

**SUMMARY**

- First CVD release for the new Cisco HyperFlex platform
- Installation of standard and hybrid HX clusters using Springpath and Cisco developed tools
- Best practices for HX software version 1.7.1

**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco HyperFlex with Veeam Availability Suite

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Integrated UCS Management for HyperFlex and C3000 storage server
- Single Veeam console to manage backup and replication if application VM across several HyperFlex clusters
- All-in-one, scalable and easy-to-deploy validated design combining Veeam, HyperFlex and Cisco UCS C3000 storage for ROBO and distributed data center

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

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- High OPEX in managing data protection endpoints for multiple HX clusters in remote offices deployed across geography
- Single solution to provision data protection for HyperFlex clusters deployed in ROBO or distributed across multiple data centers

ARCHITECTURE

- Enable RPO/RTO’s < 15 minutes with Instant VM Recovery™, Veeam Explorer™ for Microsoft Exchange, Active Directory, SharePoint, and SQL Server, Veeam Explorer for Oracle
- Scalable Veeam Repository on UCS Managed C3000 storage servers
- Best practices to deploy HyperFlex cluster with Veeam and Cisco UCS C3000 storage server

Security threats are real, growing in both complexity and sophistication. Such threats place a heavy burden on organizations that need to increase their security resources to manage these risks. Organizations, however, find it challenging to find the best security solutions for their specific requirements and hate the inefficiencies of buying components from a broad range of vendors.
Secure Enclave Architecture

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Extensions of Cisco’s integrated systems built on Cisco UCS and Nexus switching
- Integrates security products such as Cisco TrustSec ASA, IPS, VSG, NGA, ISE and technology partners
- Automation via UCS Director

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Changing Business Models
  - Transition to cloud, Internet of Everything
- Dynamic Threat Landscape
  - No perimeter
- Complexity and Fragmentation
  - Inconsistent security policy and enforcement

**SUMMARY**

- Consistent approach to infrastructure deployment and security posture
- Flexible consumption model to meet application and business requirements
- Addresses the attack continuum using a “Before, During and After” approach
- Automation of well-known and well-understood resource pools

**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco Integrated Infrastructures + Cisco and Partner Security Technologies

**Extensions**

- UCS Director
- Single pane of glass for efficient Management

- Virtualized and physical Compute and Hypervisor
- Compute and Hypervisor
- Network and Services
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**Links**

Enterprises today feel an urgency to respond to fast-changing market and economic conditions by consolidating, rationalizing, and transforming their mission-critical business applications in a way that supports growth.

- FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux

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TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco UCS 2.2(3a) and NetApp FAS 8080 with Oracle 12c RAC and Oracle Linux
- A single platform built from unified compute, fabric, and storage technologies, allowing you to scale to large-scale data centers without architectural changes.
- NetApp FAS Hybrid Arrays with Flash Pool™ and Cisco UCS running OLTP and DSS databases together.

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Balancing large and continually evolving business requirement with a cost-efficient, high performing and always-available database infrastructure.
- Pre-tested, scalable and best-in-class converged solution stack for optimizing your most challenging Oracle RAC database.
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**ORACLE**

**Physical Server**

- FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Cisco UCS and NetApp AFF A-Series - New
- FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database on Pure Storage FlashBlade
- FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database
- FlashStack for Oracle 12c RAC on Oracle Linux
- FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux
FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Cisco UCS and NetApp AFF A-Series

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco UCS 3.2(3c), Cisco UCS B200 M5 Blade Servers and NetApp AFF A700s with Oracle 12cR2 RAC and Oracle Linux
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- Time consuming, convoluted, expensive application deployment

SUMMARY

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- High-performance, scalable, and resilient system
- Centralized, simplified management of infrastructure resources, including end-to-end automation
- Hardware level redundancy for all major components using Cisco UCS and NetApp availability features
- Faster deployments, greater flexibility of choice, efficiency, high availability and lower risk

ARCHITECTURE

FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC 12cR2 Database on Pure Storage FlashBlade

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 node Oracle RAC, validated performance of Server, Network and NVMe all-flash Storage on a per workload basis
- Seamless Oracle performance and scalability with data reduction to meet growth needs
- Maintain highly available database instances through software and hardware upgrades without compromising performance

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- New design targets a variety of scale-out application demands for database consolidation, management, and seamless date integration
- A cost-efficient, high performing and always-available infrastructure that balances enormous and evolving business requirements
- Pre-tested converged infrastructure that optimizes your mission critical Oracle performance and scalability requirements

SUMMARY

- A pre-validated integrated system managed, serviced, and tested as a complete offering
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**ARCHITECTURE**

FlashArray//X with 100% NVMe

- Increased Performance
- Lower Latency
- Greater Performance Density

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FlashStack for Oracle 12c RAC on Oracle Linux

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 8 node Oracle RAC build, validate and predict performance of server, network and storage platform on a per workload basis
- Seamless scalability of performance and capacity to meet growth needs of Oracle database
- Pre-tested, scalable converged solution for optimizing your challenging Oracle RAC performance and scalability

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet a variety of scale-out application demands with seamless data integration and management
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**SUMMARY**

- A cohesive, integrated system that is managed, serviced and tested as a whole
- Leverage a pre-validated platform to minimize business disruption and improve IT agility and reduce deployment time from months to weeks
- Guarantee customer success with prebuilt, pre-tested drivers, Oracle database software

**ARCHITECTURE**
FlashStack Data Center with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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**ARCHITECTURE**

**SUMMARY**

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet a variety of scale-out application demands with seamless data integration and management
- Balancing enormous and continually evolving business requirements with a cost-efficient, high performing and always-available database infrastructure
- Pre-tested, scalable and best-in-class converged solution stack for optimizing your most challenging Oracle RAC database performance and scalability

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- 8 node Oracle RAC build, validate and predict performance of server, network and storage platform on a per workload basis
- Seamless scalability of performance and capacity to meet growth needs of Oracle Database
- High availability of DB instances without performance compromise through software and hardware upgrades

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- FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft SQL Server 2016 and VMware vSphere 6.5
- FlexPod with Microsoft Exchange 2013 on Cisco ACI
**FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft SQL Server 2016 and VMware vSphere 6.5**

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- Scalable Architecture
- 40GE End-to-End iSCSI Connectivity
- NetApp AFF300 Series Storage
- MS SQL Server 2016
- Nexus 9000 Series
- vSphere 6.5 Virtualization Platform
- High Availability with VMware

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- Non-Standardization and decentralization SQL Server Databases
- Slow, complex, expensive SQL application deployments
- Scalability and performance Challenges
- Business Continuity challenges due to growing environment complexity
- Reduce the number of management domains – data center agility

**SUMMARY**
- To simplify the design and deployment of MS SQL server on a virtualized FlexPod Infrastructure
- Maximize hardware utilization, reducing sprawl, power and cooling costs by consolidation
- Virtualizing SQL server on the FlexPod (All Flash storage) infrastructure meets the most demanding customers' workloads
- UCS “Service Profile” approach helps in deploying servers/solutions quickly & effectively.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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FlexPod with Microsoft Exchange 2013 on Cisco ACI

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Nexus 9000 supporting ACI
- Policy driven network configuration
- NetApp FAS 8000 with cluster Data ONTAP 8.2.1
- UCS 2.2 (1d) supporting direct fabric interconnect attached C-series
- vSphere 5.1 virtualization platform
- Microsoft Exchange 2013

**ARCHITECTURE**

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Scalability and performance issues
- Challenges in business adjacency due to growing enterprises and complexity in managing them
- Time consuming, convoluted, expensive application deployment
- Isolated network regulation
- Inefficient orchestration and cumbersome network automation
- Complex multi-tenant environment

**SUMMARY**

- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center
- Consistent network policies throughout the data center with enhanced automation capability
- Rapid exchange application deployment
- Joint publication with Cisco-NetApp
- High-performance, scalable and resilient system

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**Applications**

**MICROSOFT**

Microsoft

- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with MS Hyper-V - New
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with VMware - New
Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with MS Hyper-V

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- HyperFlex 3.5 cluster with Hyper-V
- 4 x HXAF240c M5 Nodes
- Windows Server 2016 and MS SQL Server 2016 SP1
- Cisco UCSM 4.0 (1b)
- 2x Cisco Nexus 9396PX

SUMMARY

- Deployment best practices for hosting MS SQL databases on HyperFlex All Flash Systems with Windows Hyper-V.
- HA deployment options – Always On Availability Group.
- Test and performance validation of OLTP database workloads and DB maintenance tasks

ARCHITECTURE

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- MS SQL Servers on standalone servers causing database sprawl
- MS SQL Server 2008 End-of-Support
- Underutilized servers in traditional infrastructure.
- Siloed and disintegrated management in traditional infrastructure
- Virtualization license/cost challenges

CVD: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/hyperflex_3_5_1a_hyperv_mssql.html
Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems for Deploying Microsoft SQL Server with VMware

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- HyperFlex 3.5 cluster with VMware ESXi 6.5
- 4 x HXAF240c M5 Nodes
- Windows Server 2016 and MS SQL Server 2016 SP1
- Cisco UCSM 4.0 (1b)
- 2x Cisco Nexus 9396PX
- HX Stretched Cluster

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**SUMMARY**
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- Test and performance validation of OLTP database workloads and DB maintenance tasks
- Stretch Cluster deployment & validation for disaster recovery

**ARCHITECTURE**

**CVF:** https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/hyperflex_3_5_1a_esxi_mssql.html
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- Cisco and Hitachi Adaptive Solutions for SAP HANA TDI - New
- FlashStack for SAP HANA TDI - New
- FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco ACI for SAP HANA - New
- FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with IP-Based Storage using NetApp AFF A-Series
- Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for SAP HANA
Cisco and Hitachi Adaptive Solutions for SAP HANA TDI

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Supports Cisco blade series servers B200 and B480 with all SAP supported Memory config
- Design document multiple OS SLES 12 SP4 and RHEL 7.5
- Design Supports Hitachi VSP Series storage.
- Provides detailed deployment guide for SAP HANA, SAP BW powered by SAP HANA, SAP Business Suite powered by SAP HANA, SAP Business Suite powered by SAP HANA, S/4HANA scenarios

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Need for scalable and reliable infrastructure that can be implemented in an intelligent, policy driven manner
- Need for secured multi-tenancy across Compute, Network and Storage
- Need for proven end-to-end implementation of SAP HANA with resilient, agile, flexible infrastructure

SUMMARY

- The solution is designed and validated using compute, network and storage best practices for high performance, scalability, and resiliency throughout the architecture.
- Run mission-critical applications efficiently by independently and automatically scaling compute and storage
- Unify and automate the control of server, network, and storage components to simplify resource provisioning and maintenance.

ARCHITECTURE

FlashStack for SAP HANA TDI

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Seamless scalability of performance and capacity meeting required KPIs for SAP HANA TDI deployments; also ensuring high availability without performance compromise through in-place software and hardware upgrades.
- Details the reference architecture for SAP HANA TDI implementation leveraging existing Cisco UCS infrastructure and Pure Storage.
- Sample SAP HANA Scale-up and 3+1 Scale-Out system deployment best practices with newer Purity RUN platform enabled WFS based NFS services providing for HANA shared filesystem.

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- SAP HANA TDI deployments are complicated and generally mission critical with high availability requirements. Customers face challenges maintaining these landscapes both in terms of time, available resources and operational cost.
- Availability of pre-tested, scalable and best-in-class converged solution stack for optimizing enterprise workloads running SAP HANA database based applications.

SUMMARY

- A single platform built from unified compute, fabric and storage technologies, allowing you to scale to large-scale implementations without architectural changes.
- Leverage a secure, integrated, and optimized converged stack that is pre-sized, configurable and deployable in a flexible manner for SAP HANA implementations.

ARCHITECTURE

FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco ACI for SAP HANA

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Cisco UCS 6332 Fabric Interconnects running UCSM 3.2, Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI switches with 3-node APIC cluster 3.2(21)
- NetApp AFF-A300 providing 40 GE end-to-end IP connectivity with NFS and iSCSI options for boot as well as HANA persistence layer.
- SAP HANA single host and scale-out implementation examples.

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Reduce time to deployment of business critical applications like SAP HANA
- Ease infrastructure deployment and management burdens
- Industry trends of management automation and dynamic workload provisioning

SUMMARY

- Converged infrastructure for the NextGen Data Center with FlexPod and Application driven policy based approach to Solution deployment with Cisco ACI.
- High performance, scalable and resilient and multi-tenant network infrastructure centrally managed and configured.

ARCHITECTURE

[Diagram of FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco ACI for SAP HANA]

FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with IP-Based Storage using NetApp AFF A-Series

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- UCS 6300 Fabric Interconnect, Nexus 9000, and NetApp AFF-A300 providing 40 GE end-to-end IP connectivity
- NetApp All Flash FAS (AFF) A300 with clustered data ONTAP 9.2 delivering iSCSI and NFS storage and 40 GE connectivity
- New FlexPod data center best practices for VMware vSphere 6.5 for virtualized implementations

**SUMMARY**

- Converged infrastructure for the NextGen data center
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments. Nexus switches used are leaf node supported; easing shift to ACI mode.
- High performance, scalable and resilient systems

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Improve utilization rates
- Reduce time to deployment of new applications
- Ease infrastructure management burdens
- Reduce risk of downtime

**ARCHITECTURE**

[Diagram of FlexPod Datacenter for SAP Solution with IP-Based Storage using NetApp AFF A-Series]

**CVD:** https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/flexpod_saphana_n9k_aff_ucsm.html
Cisco UCS Integrated Infrastructure for SAP HANA

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• Solution is designed with next gen Cisco UCS fabric interconnect with 40Gb end-to-end network
• Persistent storage is configured on UCS C240 C-series servers with MapR Converged Data Platform
• MapR Data Platform provides distributed, reliable, high performance, scalable, and full read/write NFS-based storage for SAP HANA

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

• Provide an end-to-end implementation of SAP HANA utilizing the capabilities of the unified infrastructure for compute, network and storage
• Cisco’s integrated infrastructure with policy-driven programmable infrastructure enables customers to better fit SAP applications into their data center
• Provide a reliable, flexible and scalable reference design with Cisco only hardware

SUMMARY

• Rapid provisioning of SAP HANA using UCS Service Profile with 40Gb end-to-end network including Storage Network. Single management endpoint for compute and storage elements for SAP HANA
• Cisco UCS servers provides persistent storage with MapR Converged Data Platform, a modern NFS-mountable distributed file-system with enterprise grade storage
• UCS integrated infrastructure provides policy-based models to deliver operational simplicity, comprehensive and consistent performance to run SAP HANA

ARCHITECTURE

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- FlexPod Datacenter with Citrix XenDesktop/XenApp 7.15 and VMware vSphere 6.5 Update 1 for 6000 Seats
- Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 4000 Citrix XenDesktop 7.x Users
- FlexPod Datacenter with UCS, NetApp All Flash FAS, and Citrix XenApp/XenDesktop 7.7
- 4000 Seat XenDesktop 5.6/XenApp 6.5 Solution on vSphere 5.1

Applications

VIRTUAL CLIENT COMPUTING

Citrix: VMware

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FlexPod Datacenter with Citrix XenDesktop/XenApp 7.15 and VMware vSphere 6.5 Update 1 for 6000 Seats

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Scalable architecture with UCS B200 M5 Chassis
- 5,000 Mixed RDSH & VDI users Instant and Full Clone combined and Infrastructure Servers in four 5108 Blade Server Chassis
- 5000 Combined RDS Hosted Server Sessions & VDI users, Cisco Hardware, 3rd Gen 6300, 40GBE Fls, Nexus Switches, 9148S MDS Switch 16 Gb FC, NetApp AFF A300 Storage System in 42 RU single rack solution
- Performance study with simulations of RDS Hosted Server Sessions & VDI Instant non-persistent Clones & Full Clone persistent desktop workloads running knowledge worker workload

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Typical VMware Horizon Desktops & RDS Hosted Server Sessions mixed workload combined users
- Rapid workload changes (mostly unpredictable) and hence high demand on quick H/W expansion flexibilities
- Demand density when proposing RDSH & VDI solutions
- Different VDI end users (Non Persistent & Persistent and RDSH Server Sessions Users) connecting to newer/variety of end point devises

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- High Density with a small footprint supporting mixed users workloads
- UCS “Service Profile” approach helps faster flexible deployments in short notice
- Very good end user experience measuring <1 second for both RDSH & VDI Users on cluster level and 5000 users mixed workload level
- FlexPod all flash storage technology delivering 16 GB FC/ 10 GB FCoE/ 10/40 GB NFS
- Converged Infrastructure for the NextGen Data Center

**SUMMARY**

- Typical VMware Horizon Desktops & RDS Hosted Server Sessions mixed workload combined users
- Rapid workload changes (mostly unpredictable) and hence high demand on quick H/W expansion flexibilities
- Demand density when proposing RDSH & VDI solutions
- Different VDI end users (Non Persistent & Persistent and RDSH Server Sessions Users) connecting to newer/variety of end point devises

Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 4000 Citrix XenDesktop 7.x Users

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 16 UCS HXAFC220-M4S rack servers, 8 UCS B200 M4 blade servers, 8 UCS C220 M4 rack servers (N+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 2.1.1b, UCSM 3.1(2g)
- Citrix XenDesktop 7.13
- Citrix Provisioning Services 7.13
- VMware vSphere 6.0 U3

**ARCHITECTURE**

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VCC) demands with seamless datacenter integration and management, and energy efficiency
- Enterprise-grade Virtual Client Computing solution with excellent end-user experience
- Best practices for installation and deployment of Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash system for Citrix XenDesktop 7.x tuned for performance and scalability

**SUMMARY**

- HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment

FlexPod Datacenter with UCS, NetApp All Flash FAS, and Citrix XenApp/XenDesktop 7.7

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- UCS 3.1(1e)
- UCS B200 M4 blades
- NetApp AFF8080EX-A storage system
- NetApp clustered data ONTAP 8.3.2
- Nexus 9372 series switches (standalone)
- Citrix XenApp and XenDesktop (7.7)
- VMware vSphere 6.0 update 1a

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Quick provisioning of VCC solution environment
- Dynamic and agile expansion of VCC solution
- Scalability of VCC to support user demand at large scale
- Support for enterprise converged VCC solution

SUMMARY

- Day-zero workflow provisioning support
- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center
- Mixed VCC and RDS workload scenarios

ARCHITECTURE

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cisco UCS Manager 2.1(1a)
- Cisco UCS B200 M3 with Intel E5-2690
- Cisco 6248UP fabric interconnect, Nexus 5548UP Layer 2 switch
- VMware vSphere 5.1
- Citrix – 5.6 pooled and personal vDisk, XenApp 6.5 hosted shared desktops
- Nexus 1000v for VMware v 4.2(1)SV1(5.2)
- EMC VNX7500 with fast cache

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Siloed network, compute, and storage
- Complex design and integration
- Scale challenge
- Differing user requirements
- Low end-user adoption

**SUMMARY**

- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center
- Investment protection in high-density and high-performance data center environments
- High-performance, scalable, and resilient system
- Rapid boot, rapid login and support for 4000 mixed-use case virtual desktops and session users

**ARCHITECTURE**

4000 Seat XenDesktop 5.6/XenApp 6.5 Solution on vSphere 5.1
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**Applications**

**VIRTUAL CLIENT COMPUTING**

**Citrix: Citrix**

- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems with up to 2000 Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktop Users - New
- Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 Citrix XenDesktop Users
- Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with Hyper-V 2016 and Citrix XenDesktop
- 1250 Users on FlashStack a Cisco UCS Mini and Pure //m10, with Citrix XenDesktop and XenApp 7.15
- 5000 Seat Mixed Workload FlashStack Solution with XenDesktop 7.9 on ESXi 6.0U2

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Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash Systems with up to 2000 Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktop Users

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 8x UCS HX220-M5S rack servers, & 8x B200M5 servers for compute (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5.1a, UCSM 4.0.1(b)
- Citrix Virtual Apps & Desktops 1808
- Vmware ESXi 6.5

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VDI) demands with seamless datacenter integration and management, Energy efficiency.
- Enterprise-grade Virtual Desktop Infrastructure solution with excellent End User Experience.
- Best practices for installation and Deployment of Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash system for Citrix Virtual Desktop tuned for performance and scalability

SUMMARY

- Hyperconverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex and Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops, Single UCS Domain Reference Architecture

- 8x Cisco HXAF220C-M5SX or Cisco HXAF240C-M5SX Rack Servers
  Each Server Includes:
  - 2 x Intel® Xeon® Gold 6140 scalable family processor @ 2.3 GHz
  - 240GB M.2 SATA SSD
  - 768 GB (24 x 32GB DDR4) RAM @ 2666 MHz
  - 1 x Cisco VIC 1387 mLOM
  - 1 x Cisco 12GBPs Modular SAS HBA
  - 1 x 240 GB Intel SATA Enterprise Value SSD
- 8 x Cisco UCS B200 M5 Blade Servers
  Each server includes:
  - 2 x Intel® Xeon® Gold 6140 scalable family processor @ 2.3 GHz processor
  - 120Gb M.2 SATA SSD
  - 768 GB (24 x 32GB DDR4) RAM @ 2666MHz
  - 1 x Cisco VIC 1340

HX Datastore configured to host Windows 10 desktop pool or Server 2016 RDS Pool with drives listed below per node:
  - 1 x 400GB Toshiba Enterprise Performance (EP) SSD for Cache
  - 8 x 960GB Samsung SATA Enterprise Value SSDs for capacity

Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 Citrix XenDesktop Users

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- 4 UCS HXAF220-M5S rack servers, M5 rack server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 2.6.1b, UCSM 3.2(2d)
- XenDesktop 7.16
- VMware vSphere 6.5 U1

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**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VDI) demands with seamless datacenter integration and management, Energy efficiency.
- Enterprise-grade Virtual Desktop Infrastructure solution with excellent End User Experience.
- Best practices for installation and Deployment of Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash system for VMware Horizon 7 tuned for performance and scalability.

**ARCHITECTURE**

HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex

Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments

High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment

**SUMMARY**

-HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex

-Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments

-High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment

Cisco HyperFlex M5 All-Flash Hyperconverged System with Hyper-V 2016 and Citrix XenDesktop

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 4 UCS HXAF220-M5S rack servers, M5 rack server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.0.1a, UCSM 3.2(2d)
- XenDesktop 7.17
- Microsoft Hyper-V 2016

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**ARCHITECTURE**

Cisco HyperFlex and Citrix XenDesktop 7.16, Reference Architecture

**SUMMARY**

- HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment
1250 Users on FlashStack a Cisco UCS Mini and Pure //m10, with Citrix XenDesktop and XenApp 7.15

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Simple architecture with UCS B Series Servers
- High performance SAN for desktop workloads
- 1250 users per FlashStack Mini solution
- Performance study with simulations of typical desktop workloads

SUMMARY

- High performance and scalability with simplicity
- UCS “Service Profile” approach helps faster flexible deployments in short notice
- Small footprint for SMB

ARCHITECTURE

Physical Architecture

Logical Architecture

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Typical end-user virtualization workloads
- Rapid workload changes (mostly unpredictable) and hence high demand on quick H/W expansion flexibilities
- Demand density when proposing VCC solutions

5000 Seat Mixed Workload FlashStack Solution with XenDesktop 7.9 on ESXi 6.0U2

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- UCS 3.1(2b) with Broadwell support
- Cisco UCS Managed B 200 M4 (E5-2680v4) 28 servers, four clusters, N+1
- Nexus 9172PX 7.0(3)l(2e), Nexus 1000V 5.2(1), 10 GE and FC switching
- VMware vSphere 6.0 update 2 Hypervisor
- Citrix XenDesktop, XenApp and PVS 7.9
- Pure Storage FlashArray//m50 84TB raw flash storage
- NVIDIA M6 graphics mezzanine card

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Siloed network, compute, and storage
- Integration complexity
- Inefficient human resource utilization
- Complex, expensive operations
- Large scale deployment building blocks needed
- Requirement for outstanding end-user experience
- Graphics support
- Windows 10/Office 2016 transition

**SUMMARY**

- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center and FlashStack architecture
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment with rapid boot, excellent end user experience
- Mixed workload with pooled and persistent Windows 10 VCC and hosted shared server desktops
- Higher VM density per ESXi cluster
- Supported NVIDIA M6 graphics

**ARCHITECTURE**

![FlashStack 5000 Seat Citrix XenDesktop/XenApp 7.9 Mixed Workload Diagram]

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### Applications

#### VIRTUAL CLIENT COMPUTING

**VMW View**

- Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash System with Horizon 7.6 up to 4400 users – *New*
- FlashStack Data Center with VMware Horizon 7.4 and VMware vSphere 6.5 U1 Cisco UCS Manager 3.2 for 6000 Seats – *New*
- FlexPod Datacenter with VMware Horizon View 7.3 and VMware vSphere 6.5U1 for 5000 Seats
- Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 2000 VMware Horizon 7 Users
- FlashStack Data Center with VMware Horizon 7.4 for 6000 seats
- Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 4000 VMware Horizon 7 Users
- Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 VMware Horizon 7 Users
- Cisco HyperFlex Hyperconverged System with up to 2400 VMware Horizon 7 Users
- VersaStack with Cisco UCS and IBM FlashSystem A9000 Storage for 5000 VMware Horizon Users
- 5000 Seat FlashStack with Pure Storage FlashArray//m on VMware Horizon View 6.2
Cisco HyperFlex 3.5 All-Flash System with Horizon 7.6 up to 4400 users

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• 32 Node All Flash Hyperflex Solution: 16 UCS HXAF220C-M5SX rack servers and 8 UCS 220C-M5 rack servers + 8 UCS B200 M5 blade servers (n+1 cluster) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
• Cisco HyperFlex v3.5(1a), UCSM 4.0(1b)
• Nexus 93180 YC switches,
• VMware vSphere 6.5.2.U2, VMware Horizon 7.6
• 4400 User Windows Server 2016 RDS Sessions & Windows 10 mixed Knowledge Worker workload density.

SUMMARY

• All Flash HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
• Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
• High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment
• Very good sub mil second knowledge worker workload End User Experience

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco Nexus 93180YC-FX
Cisco UCS-FI-6332

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8 x Cisco UCS B200 M5 Blade Servers
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• 1 x Cisco VIC 1340

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

• Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VDI) demands with seamless datacenter integration and management, Energy efficiency.
• Enterprise-grade Virtual Desktop Infrastructure solution with excellent End User Experience.
• Best practices for installation and Deployment of Cisco HyperFlex for VMware Horizon 7 tuned for performance and scalability.

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 30 UCS B200 M5 Blade Servers, (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco UCSM 3.2(2f)
- VMware Horizon 7.4
- VMware vSphere 6.5 U1
- Pure Storage FlashArray //X70 with All-NVMe DirectFlash Modules
- Purity v5.0.2

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Typical VMware Horizon View Desktops & RDS-hosted server sessions mixed workload combined users
- Rapid workload changes (mostly unpredictable) and hence high demand on quick H/W expansion flexibilities
- Demand density when proposing VDI and RDSH solutions

SUMMARY

- High density with a small footprint supporting mixed users workloads
- Very good end user experience on cluster level and 6000 users mixed workload testing
- Live storage migration/upgrade or controller failure with no business disruption resilient capability
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments

ARCHITECTURE

FlashStack Data Center with VMware Horizon 7.4 and VMware vSphere 6.5 U1 Cisco UCS Manager 3.2 for 6000 Seats

FlexPod Datacenter with VMware Horizon View 7.3 and VMware vSphere 6.5U1 for 5000 Seats

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Scalable architecture with UCS B200 M5 Chassis
- 5,000 Mixed RDSH & VDI users Instant and Full Clone combined and Infrastructure Servers in four 5108 Blade Server Chassis
- 5000 Combined RDS Hosted Server Sessions & VDI users, Cisco Hardware, 3rd Gen 6300, 40GBE FIs, Nexus Switches, 9148S MDS Switch 16 Gb FC, NetApp AFF A300 Storage System in 42 RU single rack solution
- Performance study with simulations of RDS Hosted Server Sessions & VDI Instant non-persistent Clones & Full Clone persistent desktop workloads running knowledge worker workload
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- UCS “Service Profile” approach helps faster flexible deployments in short notice
- Very good end user experience measuring <1 second for both RDSH & VDI Users on cluster level and 5000 users mixed workload level
- FlexPod all flash storage technology delivering 16 GB FC/ 10 GB FCoE/ 10/40 GB NFS
- Converged Infrastructure for the NextGen Data Center

**ARCHITECTURE**

- NetApp AFF A300 Storage System
  - 2 Storage Controllers
  - 1 Disc Shelf D5224C
- Cisco-MDS 9148S-B
- Nexus 9372PX-B
- UCS 6332-16UP-FI-B
- Storage
  - 1 NetApp AFF A300 Storage System
  - 2 Storage Controllers HA
  - 1 Disk shelf (D5224C): 24 x 3.8TB
  - Capacity: 65 TB (Usable Capacity)

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Typical VMware Horizon Desktops & RDS Hosted Server Sessions mixed workload combined users
- Rapid workload changes (mostly unpredictable) and hence high demand on quick H/W expansion flexibilities
- Demand density when proposing RDSH & VDI solutions
- Different VDI end users (Non Persistent & Persistent and RDSH Server Sessions Users) connecting to newer/variety of endpoint devices

**CVD:** https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/UCS_CVDs/flexpod_vmware_horizon_n9k_aff_ucsm32.html
Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 2000 VMware Horizon 7 Users

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 UCS HXAF220C-M5SX rack servers and 8 UCS B200 M5 blade server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 3.0.1a, UCSM 3.2(3a)
- Nexus 93180 YC switches
- VMware vSphere 6.5 VMware Horizon 7
- 2000 User Windows 10 & Server 2016 RDSH sessions mixed Knowledge Worker workload density.

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VDI) demands with seamless datacenter integration and management, Energy efficiency.
- Enterprise-grade Virtual Desktop Infrastructure solution with excellent End User Experience.
- Best practices for installation and Deployment of Cisco HyperFlex for VMware Horizon 7 tuned for performance and scalability.

SUMMARY

- All Flash HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment
- Very good sub mil second knowledge worker workload End User Experience

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex and VMware Horizon 7, Full Scale UCS Domain Reference Architecture

HX Datastore configured to host Windows 10 desktop pool or Server 2016 RDS Pool with drives listed below per node:
- 1 x 400GB Toshiba Enterprise Performance (EP) SSD for Cache
- 8 x 960GB Samsung SATA Enterprise Value SSDs for capacity

8 x Cisco HXAF220C-M5SX
Each server includes:
- 2 x Intel® Xeon® Gold 6140 scalable family processor @ 2.3 GHz processor
- 240GB M.2 SATA SSD
- 768 GB (24 X 32GB DDR4) RAM @ 2666MHz
- 1 x Cisco VIC 1387 mLOM
- 1 x Cisco 12Gbps Modular SAS HBA
- 1 x 240 GB Intel SATA Enterprise Value SSD

8 x Cisco UCS B200 M5 Blade Servers Each server includes:
- 2 x Intel® Xeon® Gold 6140 scalable family processor @ 2.3 GHz processor
- 120GB M.2 SATA SSD
- 768 GB (24 X 32GB DDR4) RAM @ 2666MHz
- 1 x Cisco VIC 1340

FlashStack Data Center with VMware Horizon 7.4 for 6000 Seats

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 30 UCS B200 M5 Blade Servers, \((n+1)\) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco UCSM 3.2(2f)
- VMware Horizon 7.4
- VMware vSphere 6.5 U1
- Pure Storage FlashArray //X70 with All-NVMe DirectFlash Modules
- Purity v5.0.2

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Typical VMware Horizon View Desktops and RDS-hosted server sessions mixed workload combined users
- Rapid workload changes (mostly unpredictable) and hence high demand on quick H/W expansion flexibilities
- Demand density when proposing VDI and RDSH solutions

**ARCHITECTURE**

**SUMMARY**

- High density with a small footprint supporting mixed users workloads
- Very good end user experience on cluster level and 6000 users mixed workload testing
- Live storage migration/upgrade or controller failure with no business disruption resilient capability
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments

Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 4000 VMware Horizon 7 Users

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 16 UCS HXAF220-M4S rack servers, 8 UCS B200 M4 blade servers and 8 UCS C220 M4 rack servers (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 2.1.1b, UCSM 3.1(2g)
- VMware Horizon 7.1
- VMware vSphere 6.0 U3

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Highly scalable architecture designed to meet scale-out application (VCC) demands with seamless datacenter integration and management, and energy efficiency
- Enterprise-grade Virtual Client Computing solution with excellent end-user experience
- Best practices for installation and deployment of Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash system for VMware Horizon 7 tuned for performance and scalability

SUMMARY

- HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment

ARCHITECTURE

Cisco HyperFlex and VMware Horizon 7, Reference Architecture

HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- High performance, scalable and resilient virtual environment

Cisco HyperFlex All-Flash Hyperconverged System with up to 600 VMware Horizon 7 Users

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS
- 4 UCS HXAF220-M5S rack servers, M5 rack server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 2.6.1a, UCSM 3.2(2b)
- VMware Horizon 7.3.1
- VMware vSphere 6.5 U1

SUMMARY
- HyperConverged infrastructure based on Cisco HyperFlex
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ARCHITECTURE

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Cisco HyperFlex Hyperconverged System with up to 2400 VMware Horizon 7 Users

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- 8 UCS HXC240-M4SX rack servers and 8 UCS B200 M4 blade server (n+1) with scale out option in a single UCS domain
- Cisco HyperFlex 1.8.1c, UCSM 3.1(2b)
- VMware Horizon 7
- VMware vSphere 6.0

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**ARCHITECTURE**

VersaStack with Cisco UCS and IBM FlashSystem A9000 Storage for 5000 VMware Horizon Users

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Scalable architecture with UCS B200 M4 chassis
- 5,000 mixed RDSH and VCC users combined and infrastructure servers in four 5108 blade server chassis
- 5000 combined RDS-hosted server sessions and VCC users, Cisco hardware, FIs, Nexus switches, IBM A9000 FlashSystem Storage in 42 RU single rack solution
- Performance study with simulations of RDS-hosted server sessions and VCC typical desktop workloads running knowledge worker workload

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

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**SUMMARY**

- High density with a small footprint supporting mixed users workloads
- UCS “Service Profile” approach helps faster flexible deployments in short notice
- Very good end-user experience measuring <1 second for both RDSH and VCC users on cluster level and 5000 users mixed workload level
- IBM modular storage technology. Storage controller failure with 3 active grid controllers technology. No business disruption resilient capability

**ARCHITECTURE**

VersaStack with Cisco UCS and IBM FlashSystem A9000 Storage

**VersaStack Components**

- Fabric
  - 2 Cisco Nexus 9372PX Switches
  - 2 Cisco UCS 6248UP Fabric Interconnects
  - 2 Cisco MDS 9148S 16Gb Fibre Channel / Switches
- Compute
  - 1 Cisco UCS 5108 Blade Chassis
  - 2 Cisco UCS 2208 IO Modules
  - Up to 8 Cisco UCS B200 M4 Blade Servers
- Storage
  - 1 IBM FlashSystem A9000
  - 12 x1.2 TiB MicroLatency Modules (21.44 TiB Raw capacity)

**VersaStack – A single rack solution for 5000 (RDSH & VCC) Mixed Users**

- 6 x 8 GB from each MDS 9148S to IBM FlashSystem A9000
- Connecting 3 Storage Grid Controllers

**Physical Architecture**

- 4 Cisco UCS 5108 Blade Server Chassis (32 Blade/VM Mixed workload configuration)
- 4 x 8GB Uplink to Storage VSAN A:300
- 4 x 10G Uplinks per chassis IOM
- 8/16 Gb FC
- 10 GB Ethernet Cluster Link

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5000 Seat FlashStack with Pure Storage FlashArray//m on VMware Horizon View 6.2

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

• Scalable architecture with UCS B200 M4 Chassis
• 5,000 mixed RDSH and VCC users combined and infrastructure servers in four 5108 blade server chassis
• Nearly 1250 combined RDS-hosted server sessions and VCC users in 2 RU data center footprint
• Performance study with simulations of RDS-hosted server sessions and VCC typical desktop workloads
• Local resources replace SAN for workload files

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ARCHITECTURE

FlashStack Components

Network
2 Cisco 9372 PX Network Switches
2 Cisco 9148-B MDS Switches

Compute
4 Cisco 5108 Blade Server Chassis
30 Cisco B200 M4 Blade Servers For Workload
2 Cisco B200 M4 Blade Servers For Infrastructure

Storage
Pure FlashArray//m50
1 Base disk 40TB raw space
1 external disk shelf with 44TB raw space (Total 88TB disk space)

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Emerging Technologies

- Cisco UCS Infrastructure with Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on VMware vSphere - New
- Cisco UCS Infrastructure for Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform
- VersaStack for IBM Cloud Private with Cisco UCS and IBM Storage
- Cisco UCS Infrastructure with Contiv and Docker Enterprise Edition for Container Management
- Cisco UCS Infrastructure with Docker Datacenter for Container Management
- FlexPod Datacenter with Docker Datacenter for Container Management

The global cloud computing market is predicted to grow to $411.4 billion by 2020, up from just $37.8 billion in 2010, according to Gartner. Source: Gartner (October 2017)
Cisco UCS Infrastructure with Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on VMware vSphere

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Powerful, web-scale container orchestration and management with Kubernetes
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux, running containers at scale with Security-enhanced Linux enabled for strong isolation
- Multi-tenant native SDN plugin in CNI mode for application pod network
- Virtualized Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform nodes with VMware vSphere HA.
- Persistent storage using Red Hat GlusterFS, running on Cisco UCS C240 M5 bare-metal nodes for stateful cloud-native container applications
- OpenShift Container Platform deployment including scale-out operations through Ansible Automation Engine
- End to end high available architecture from software stack to infrastructure stack

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Application portability across Dev/Test and Production environments
- Agile business application deployment workflow and turnaround time
- Optimal infrastructural resource utilization at scale
- Enterprise Grade Container & Associated Service Orchestrator
- Security, Isolation and Multi-tenancy

SUMMARY

- Simple, efficient and scalable solution for any converged/integrated stack
- Enterprise-grade Kubernetes with Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on Cisco UCS Infrastructure with VMware vSphere
- Production-ready highly available PaaS solution for private cloud
- A very good starting point for Enterprise IT to move on to DevOps & CI/CD based application environment
- Cisco UCS providing the converged computing, network, and storage platform
- Open APIs driven infrastructure provisioning through automation

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ARCHITECTURE
VersaStack for IBM Cloud Private with Cisco UCS and IBM Storage

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- VersaStack with Cisco UCS M5 and IBM Storage for IBM Private Cloud.
- IBM Cloud Private 2.1.0 Enterprise Edition
- IBM Spectrum Connect 3.4.0
- IBM Storage Enabler for Containers 1.0
- VMware vSphere 6.5 U1

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- **Operational complexity:** Ability to deploy and run cloud native microservices-based applications on-premises.
- **Compliance and management:** Simplicity, ease of deployment and compliance requirements to keep applications and data secure with in enterprise’s control.
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**ARCHITECTURE**

- Enterprise grade highly available and secure Infrastructure with VersaStack
- Persistent storage for application containers
- Multi-tenant containers and orchestration that is based on Kubernetes for creating microservices-based applications
- A common catalog of enterprise and open services to accelerate developer productivity
- Automatic horizontal and non-disruptive vertical scaling of applications

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Cisco UCS Infrastructure with Contiv and Docker Enterprise Edition for Container Management

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- CNM-based Contiv network plugin integrated with Docker Enterprise Edition
- Native fabric visibility with L2 VLAN forwarding mode
- Multi-tenancy and data path segregation for application container/microservices I/O with Contiv
- High performance with near line rate networking for application containers
- Infrastructure automation with UCS Manager built-in capabilities
- Docker EE with Contiv provisioning through Ansible for scale-out architecture

BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Application portability across dev/test and production environments
- Agile business application deployment workflow and turnaround time
- Optimal infrastructural resource utilization at scale
- Policy-based infrastructure management including networking application containers and microservices
- Security, isolation and multi-tenancy

ARCHITECTURE

SUMMARY

- Simple, efficient and scalable solution for any converged/integrated stack
- Cisco UCS infrastructure optimizes security, availability, performance and scale
- Docker Enterprise Edition provides a single management control plane from runtime to container lifecycle management
- Cisco UCS provides the converged computing, network, and storage platform needed to run the entire Docker Enterprise Edition
- Contiv provides security for application containers through policy-based rich network features, built-in service discovery and service routing
- Open APIs driven infrastructure provisioning through automation

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Policy-driven and programmable infrastructure for ease of deployment and management
- Microservices and cloud-native application architecture enabling stateless application container deployment
- Continuous integration and continuous deployment (CI/CD) enabling developers to develop and test applications rapidly at scale
- DevOps model breaks down barriers between development and operations teams to improve delivery of applications

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Application portability across dev/test and production deployment
- Agile business application deployment workflow and turnaround time
- Optimal infrastructural resource utilization
- Policy-based management
- Security and isolation

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**ARCHITECTURE**

**Topology 1 - With Cisco B-Series Servers**

- Cisco Nexus 9372PX-A
- Cisco UCS Chassis 5108
- UCS C220M4

**Topology 2 - With Cisco C-Series Servers**

- Cisco Nexus 9372PX-A
- UCS C220M4

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FlexPod Datacenter with Docker Datacenter for Container Management

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- UCS 3.1(2f)
- B200M4 Blade Servers
- NetApp AFF 8040 with ONTAP 9.0
- NetApp Docker Volume Plugin 1.4
- Nexus 9000 series switch
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.3
- Docker Engine 17.03.1-ee-3
- Docker Universal Control Plane (UCP) 2.1.2
- Docker Trusted Registry (DTR) 2.2.3

**BUSINESS CHALLENGES**
- Converged infrastructure platform for Docker
- Trusted and supported Docker Datacenter platform from industry leaders
- Scale up or out without disruption
- Slow, complex, risky, and expansive deployments and operations
- Inflexible infrastructure

**SUMMARY**
- Converged infrastructure based on Cisco Unified Data Center
- Investment protection in high density and high performance data center environments
- Highly available Enterprise Docker Datacenter on Red Hat Enterprise Linux distribution
- End-to-end hardware level redundancy using Cisco UCS and NetApp high availability features
- NetApp Docker Volume Plugin (nDVP) provides persistent NFS-based storage for containers

**ARCHITECTURE**

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**Cisco Unified Computing System**
- 2x Cisco Nexus 5108 B-Series UCS Chassis
- 4x Cisco 2204XP Fabric Extenders
- 10 x B200 M4 Server(s)
- 2 x Cisco UCS 6248UP Fabric Interconnect

**NetApp AFF8040**
- 48 x 400 GB SSD (2 X Disk Shelves - DS2246)
- 24 x SSDs/Shelves

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Additional Resources:
Design Zone: www.cisco.com/go/cvd
Data Center Design Zone: www.cisco.com/go/dcdesignzone
Virtual Client Computing (VCC) Design Zone: www.cisco.com/go/vccdesigns
Cisco Validated Designs (CVDs) support many Cisco Data Center and UCS Solutions. For more information on Cisco Solutions broader than CVDs, use the following URLs:

- www.cisco.com/go/bigdata
- www.cisco.com/go/flexpod
- www.cisco.com/go/hyperflex
- www.cisco.com/go/microsoft
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- www.cisco.com/go/openstack
- www.cisco.com/go/sap
- www.cisco.com/go/vdi
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