Overview Document

Cisco Validated Designs

The Next Frontier

With constant changes in technology, there's always a new frontier to explore and master, always a new challenge to take on.

This opens vast potential for businesses, but only if they have the right tools to navigate this new terrain. Unfortunately, many solutions seem too risky to make the journey feel worthwhile.

Cisco Validated Designs chart a faster, proven route to all the benefits available in these new horizons. We test all the moving pieces in technology deployments to ensure that they'll work in a predictable, cost-efficient way that helps your business arrive safely at its destination.

Every day, technology offers a new journey, but they don't all need to be voyages of discovery. With Cisco Validated Designs, you'll know the way to where you're going—but that won't make the destination any less exciting.

What is a Cisco Validated Design?

Cisco Validated Designs (CVDs) provide the foundation for systems design based on common use cases or current engineering system priorities. They incorporate a broad set of technologies, features, and applications to address customer needs. Each one has been comprehensively tested and documented by Cisco engineers to ensure faster, more reliable, and fully predictable deployment.

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Cisco Validated Designs include two guide types that provide tested and validated design and deployment details: Technology Design Guides and Solution Design Guides. Technology Design guides provide deployment details, information on validated products and software, and best practices for specific types of technology. Solution Design Guides integrate or reference existing CVDs, but also include product features and functionality across Cisco products and may include information on third-party integration.

Both provide a tested starting point for Cisco partners or customers to begin designing and deploying their own system using their own set-up and configuration.

How can you use Cisco Validated Designs?

Each Cisco Validated Design guide contains a Navigator that makes it easy for the reader to determine if it applies to their requirements.

The Navigator provides information on four key elements:

- **Use Case(s)**—The Navigator describes clearly defined technology use case(s) based on the issue that the user needs to address. Based on the use case, the guide defines a specific combination of PIN components, subsystems and design options that might typically be deployed by a user within the context of a specific design topology.
- **Scope**—The Navigator indicates the scope or breadth of technology covered by the guide.
- **Proficiency**—The Navigator indicates the proficiency or experience level recommended to use the guide.
- **Related CVD Guides**—The Navigator points the reader to other guides related to the same topic matter.

Once someone selects the right guide, they can choose whether to use it in whole or in part.

Use Case(s)

Scope

Proficiency

Related CVDs

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