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Introduction

About this document

This document describes how to install a Cisco TelePresence Video Communication Server CE500 appliance into your video network. It contains information on:

- Preparing the installation
- Installing the hardware
- Performing initial configuration
- Troubleshooting the installation

The Cisco VCS appliance is based on the UCS C220 M3L. For more detailed information on installing this appliance see Cisco UCS C220 Server Installation and Service Guide.

About the Cisco VCS appliance

The Cisco VCS appliance described in this document is a CE500, which is based on a UCS C220 M3L.

The appliance supports Cisco VCS version X8.1.1 or later. Note that the CE500 model does not support the scalability solution introduced in the X8.1 release.

The following table lists the components for the appliance:

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Part</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Chassis</td>
<td>UCSC-C220-M3L</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Processor</td>
<td>UCS-CPU-E5-2643 (3.30 GHz / 4 Core - Hyper threaded)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAM</td>
<td>UCS-MR-1X082RY-A (8 GB)</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hard Disk</td>
<td>UCS-HDD1T2F212 (1TB NL SAS Disk LFF)</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Onboard SAS Controller</td>
<td>SAS support provided by UCSC-RAID-ROM1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NIC</td>
<td>N2XX-ABPCI01-M3 (Broadcom 5709 Dual Port 1 Gb)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSU</td>
<td>UCSC-PSU-650 W &amp; Power cable</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TPM</td>
<td>UCSX-TPM1-001 (Trusted Platform Module)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>UCSC-BBLKD-L (HDD filler panel)</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>UCSC-HS-C220M3 (Heat Sink)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>UCSC-RAIL1 (Rail Kit)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>UCSC-PCIF-01H (Half height PCIe filler)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>UCSC-PSU-BLKP (Power supply blanking panel/filler)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The only field replaceable component is the PSU.

Note: the hard disks must not be removed.

Related documents

- *Cisco TelePresence Video Communication Server Administrator Guide* - describes how to maintain and operate the Cisco VCS software.
- *Cisco VCS Cluster Creation and Maintenance Deployment Guide* - describes how to create and maintain a cluster of Cisco VCSs.

Training

Training is available online and at our training locations. For more information on all the training we provide and where our training offices are located, visit [www.cisco.com/go/telepresencetraining](http://www.cisco.com/go/telepresencetraining)

Glossary

A glossary of TelePresence terms is available at: [https://tp-tools-web01.cisco.com/start/glossary/](https://tp-tools-web01.cisco.com/start/glossary/)
Preparing to install

Environmental and power specifications


Unpacking the unit and preparing the installation


- Unpacking and inspecting the server
- Installation guidelines
- Rack requirements
- Equipment requirements
- Slide rail adjustment range

Locating serial numbers

The Cisco VCS appliance displays two serial numbers:

- UCS serial number:
  - has the format FCHxxxxxxxx
  - is displayed on the physical hardware and in the CIMC web interface
- Application/Software serial number:
  - has the format 52XNNNNNN, where X is a letter and N are numbers
  - is displayed in the Cisco VCS web interface, console and SSH session
  - must be supplied to obtain release and option keys
Installing

Installing the unit in a rack


Connecting and powering on the unit

Attach a power cord to the power supply in your server, and then attach the power cord to a grounded AC power outlet. See http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/unified_computing/ucs/c/hw/C220/install/spec.html#wp1070378 for power specifications.

The power button of the unit is located in the top left-hand corner of the front panel.

If this is the first time that the power switch has been turned on after connecting the power cable, the system will perform a Self Test and the unit will automatically restart. This is expected behavior. The system will be operational after it has booted up a second time. The first boot will take approximately 2 minutes.

To verify the power status look at the Power Status LED (see Figure 3: Front view of the Cisco TelePresence Video Communication Server unit. [p.12]):

- Off—There is no AC power present in the server.
- Amber—the server is in standby power mode. Power is supplied only to the CIMC and some motherboard functions.
- Green—the server is in main power mode. Power is supplied to all server components.
Configuring

Before you can use the Cisco VCS, you must configure its IPv4 and/or IPv6 address, subnet mask and default gateway. Consult your network administrator for information on which addresses to use. Note that the Cisco VCS must use a static IP address.

This section describes how to connect to the Cisco VCS and perform the initial configuration.

Connecting to the Cisco VCS

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Note: an additional IP address is required if the CIMC (Cisco Integrated Management Controller) tool is used. It can be a static IP address or assigned via DHCP.

This initial configuration can be done:

- by connecting from a PC to the Cisco VCS using a serial cable (see Connecting via the serial port [p.8] followed by Configuring the Cisco VCS [p.9]).
- by connecting a monitor and keyboard directly into the unit (see Connecting via the KVM port [p.9] followed by Configuring the Cisco VCS [p.9]).
- if your network is set up to allow it, by connecting using a web browser to the default IP address of 192.168.0.100 (see Using the web interface [p.10]).

Figure 1: Rear panel showing ports.

The rear panel ports are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>VGA port</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Serial port</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Dedicated management port (can be used for CIMC in the future)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>LAN 1 (left-hand 1-Gb copper port)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>LAN 2 (right-hand 1-Gb copper port)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The front panel port is:

1. KVM connector

### Connecting via the serial port

To connect to the Cisco VCS via the serial port:

1. Connect the Ethernet LAN cable from the LAN 1 port on the rear of the unit to your network.
   The LAN 1 port is the left-hand port of the dual port adapter on the rear panel of the unit (shown in Figure 1: Rear panel showing ports, [p.7]).

2. Connect a serial cable from the serial port on the rear of the unit to the serial port on a PC (see Figure 1: Rear panel showing ports, [p.7]).
   The serial cable used must be a cross-over cable. The pin assignment for the serial cable is:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Male RJ45 pin</th>
<th>Female DB9 pin</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 TXD</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 GND</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 GND</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 RXD</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** if there is no DB9 port on your PC, a DB9 to USB serial port adapter is required.

3. Start a terminal emulator program (for example PuTTY) on the PC and configure it to use the PC’s serial port as follows:
Connecting via the KVM port

1. Connect the Ethernet LAN cable from the LAN 1 port on the rear of the unit to your network. The LAN 1 port is the left-hand port of the dual port adapter (shown in Figure 1: Rear panel showing ports. [p.7]).
2. Either:
   * connect a USB keyboard and VGA monitor via a KVM adaptor to the KVM connector on the front panel (see Figure 2: Front panel showing KVM connector. [p.8]), or
   * connect a USB keyboard to the USB port and a VGA monitor to the VGA port on the rear panel (see Configuring [p.7]).

Configuring the Cisco VCS

When you have connected to the Cisco VCS and powered up the system, perform the following steps for the initial configuration:

1. If the system has just booted up, the terminal emulator program on the PC will display the Cisco VCS’s startup information. After approximately four minutes you will get the login prompt.
   * If the Cisco VCS was already on when you connected the serial cable, press Enter to get the login prompt.
   * The login prompt is
     
     `cisco login:`

2. Enter the username admin and press Enter. You will get the password prompt:
   
   `Password:`

3. Enter the default password of TANDBERG and press Enter. You will get the install wizard prompt:
   
   `Run install wizard [n]:`

4. Type y and press Enter.
5. Follow the prompts given by the install wizard to specify the following:
   * the password you want to use for your admin account
     
     *Note:* for security reasons you are advised to change the password from the default of TANDBERG.
   * whether you want to use IPv4, IPv6 or Both
   * the LAN 1 IP address of the Cisco VCS
   * the LAN 1 IPv4 subnet mask of the Cisco VCS (if you have selected IPv4)
   * the IP default gateway of the Cisco VCS
   * the Ethernet speed
     
     *Note:* use the default value of Auto.
   * whether you want to use SSH to administer the Cisco VCS

6. After the wizard is finished the following message will appear:
Setting other settings...OK.
The system must be restarted for new
settings to take effect..
And you will get a restart prompt:
Restart Now?
Type y and press Enter.

7. After it has rebooted, the Cisco VCS is ready to use. You can access the Cisco VCS’s web interface via
the IP address assigned to the LAN 1 Ethernet port.

Note: for security reasons you are advised to change the password for the default admin account (if you
have not already done so) and the root account from the default of TANDBERG.

Using the web interface
To use the web interface:

1. Open a browser window and in the address line type either:
   - the IP address of the Cisco VCS
   - the FQDN of the Cisco VCS
   The Login page will appear.
2. Select Administrator Login.
3. Enter a valid administrator username and password and select Login.
   You will be presented with the Overview page.

See the online help or Cisco TelePresence Video Communication Server Administrator Guide for information
on the configuration options available for each page of the Cisco VCS web interface.

Using the Command Line Interface (CLI)
The command line interface is available over SSH and through the serial port by default.
To use the command line interface:

1. Start an SSH session.
2. Enter the IP address or FQDN of the Cisco VCS.
3. Login with a username of admin and your system password.
   You will see a welcome message.

For a full list of CLI commands available on the Cisco VCS, see Cisco TelePresence
Video Communication Server Administrator Guide.

Changing the admin account password
To change the password for the admin account using the web interface:

1. Go to Users > Administrator accounts. You are taken to the Administrator accounts page.
2. Click on View/Edit for the admin name.
3. In the Password and Confirm password fields, enter the new password, and click Save.
   The Password strength box will indicate how secure your chosen password is.

To change the password for the admin account using the CLI:
Type `Configuration SystemUnit Password`

**Note:** you cannot set a blank password for the admin user or any other administrator account, or the root account.

**Changing the root account password**

To change the password for the root account:

1. Using a serial connection, log in as `root` using the existing password.
2. Type the command `passwd`. You will be asked for the new password.
3. Enter the new password and when prompted, retype the password.
4. Type `exit` to log out of the root account.

**Changing other system settings**

You are also required to configure the following:

- The system name of the Cisco VCS. This is used by the Cisco TelePresence Management Suite (Cisco TMS) to identify the system. This can be set from the **System administration** page (**System > Administration**) on the web interface.
- Automatic discovery. If you have multiple Cisco VCSs in the same network you may want to disable automatic discovery on some of them. This can be set from the **H.323** page on the web interface (**Configuration > Protocols > H.323**).
- The DNS server address(es), if URI dialing or Fully Qualified Domain Names (FQDNs) are to be used. This can be set from the **DNS** page on the web interface (**System > DNS**).

See the online help or *Cisco TelePresence Video Communication Server Administrator Guide* for more information on these configuration options.

**Checking for updates and upgrading**

To check whether your Cisco VCS has the latest software installed go to [http://software.cisco.com/download/navigator.html](http://software.cisco.com/download/navigator.html) and navigate to the Cisco VCS.

See *Cisco TelePresence Video Communication Server Administrator Guide* for information on how to upgrade.

**Note:** you must not downgrade to a software version lower than X8.1.1.
Troubleshooting

Locating LEDs and components

Front view
Below is an illustration of the unit's front view and a list of the LEDs and components available.

Figure 3: Front view of the Cisco TelePresence Video Communication Server unit.

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<thead>
<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Power button/power status LED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Identification button/LED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>System status LED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Fan status LED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Temperature status LED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Power supply status LED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Network link activity LED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Asset tag (serial number)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>KVM connector (for USB/VGA connection)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>HD drive activity/fault LED</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Rear view
Below is an illustration of the unit's rear view and a list of the LEDs and components available.

Figure 4: Rear view of the Cisco TelePresence Video Communication Server unit.

1  Power supplies (one for CE500)
<table>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Slot 2: empty</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Slot 1: used for dual 1-Gb network adapter (LAN 1 and LAN 2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>VGA video connector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Serial port (RJ-45 connector)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>10/100/1000 Ethernet dedicated management port (used for CIMC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Dual 1-Gb Ethernet ports (not currently in use)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>USB ports</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Rear Identification button/LED</td>
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**Definitions of LED states**

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<td>April 2014</td>
<td>Initial release.</td>
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Notices

Technical support

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- Make sure that you are running the most up-to-date software.
- Get help from the Cisco Technical Support team.

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