

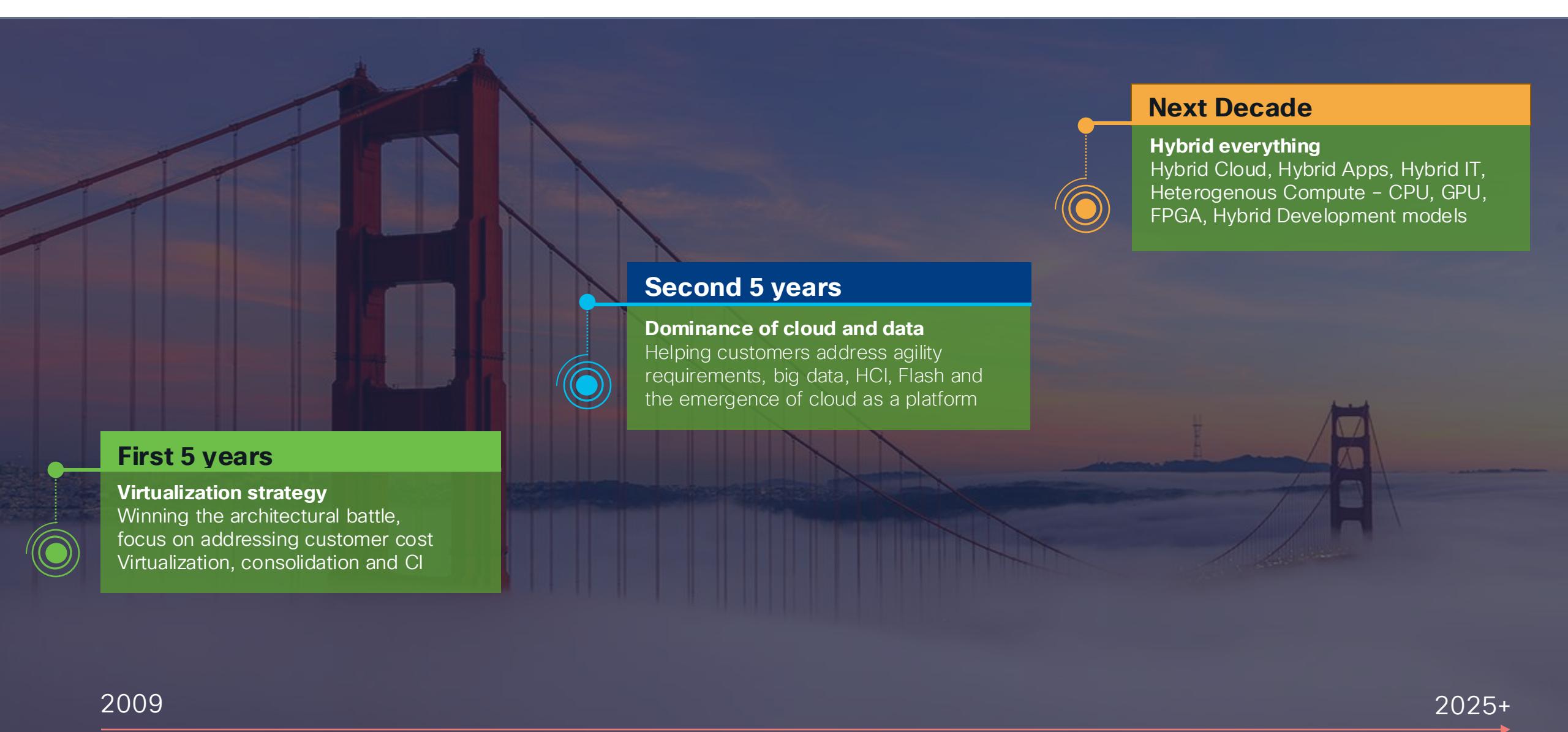


Cisco Compute: Built to Power What's Next

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Modernize
for traditional
workloads

Our
unified
approach
to the
data center

Provide flexibility
across cloud,
on-prem and edge

Scale
for AI
workloads



Our approach



Future-ready infrastructure



A unified operating model



Integrated solutions

Our approach

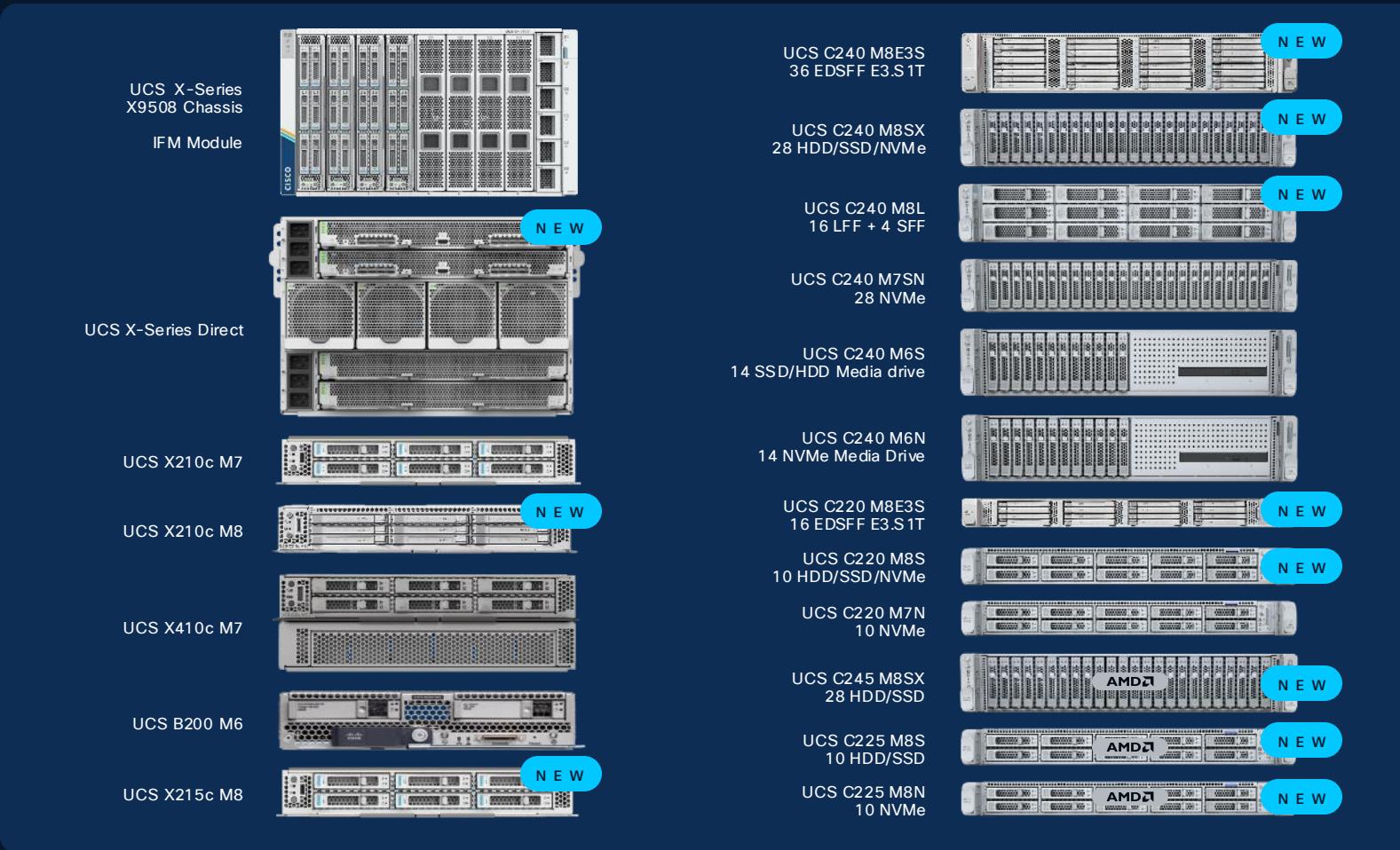


Future-ready infrastructure

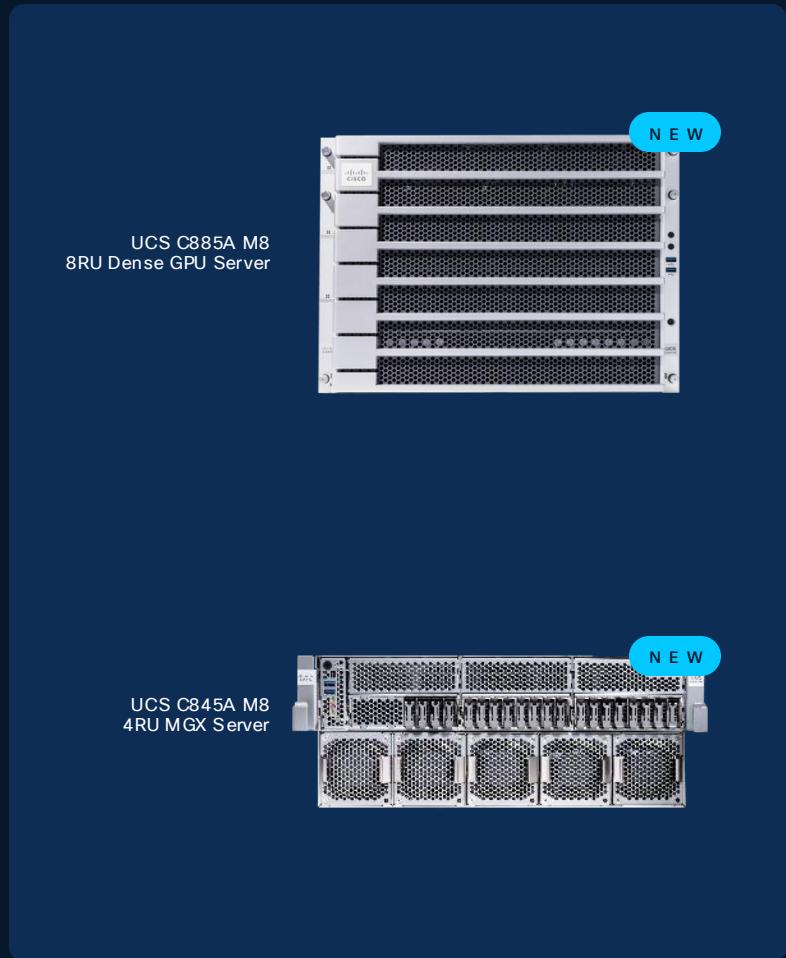
All-in on innovation, anchored by a strong portfolio

Cisco UCS Compute Portfolio

MAINSTREAM ENTERPRISE SERVERS

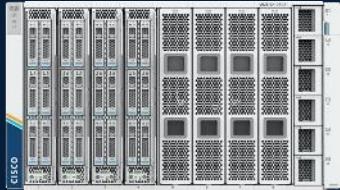


AI SERVERS



Cisco UCS Compute Portfolio

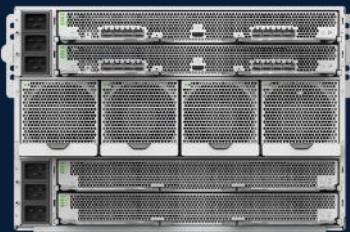
Blade



UCS X-Series
X9508 Chassis

IFM Module

New



UCS X-Series Direct



UCS X210c M7

New



UCS X210c M8



UCS X410c M7



UCS B200 M6

New



UCS X215c M8

Coming



GoldenEye
PCIe Gen5 node
PCIe Gen5 switch module

Rack

New



UCS C240 M8E3S
36 EDSFF E3.S 1T

New



UCS C240 M8SX
28 HDD/SDD/NVMe

New



UCS C240 M8L
16 LFF + 4 SFF



UCS C240 M7SN
28 NVMe



UCS C240 M6S
14 SSD/HDD Media drive

New



UCS C220 M8E3S
16 EDSFF E3.S 1T

New



UCS C220 M8S
10 HDD/SSD/NVMe



UCS C220 M7N
10 NVMe

New



UCS C245 M8SX
28 HDD/SDD

New



UCS C225 M8S
10 HDD/SSD

New



UCS C225 M8N
10 NVMe

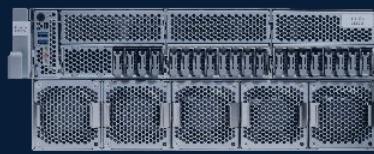
AI Servers

New



...and even more HGX
follow ons

Coming



UCS C845A M8
4RU MGX Server

Edge



Avatar
UCS XE9305 Chassis
UCS XE130c M8
Compute Nodes

Introducing Cisco UCS E-Box for VAST

Optimized for Enterprises
and Neo Clouds



UCS C225 M8
Elemental building block of a VAST cluster

1 RU server

8x 15TB, 122TB raw | 100TB usable capacity

New! 30TB and 60TB also supported with 1.9TB SCM

960GB SCM

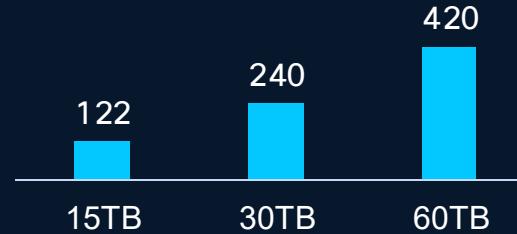
384GB DDR5 memory

AMD 9454P 2.7GHz 290W 48 cores

2x CX-7 | 2x B3220L, 1x X710 (management)



Raw Capacity per Node



Evolution of data center infrastructure
Integrated architecture

Unified Architecture for
Modern Workloads



Single point purchasing

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Single support model

CISCO

Data Protection Is Your Competitive Superpower



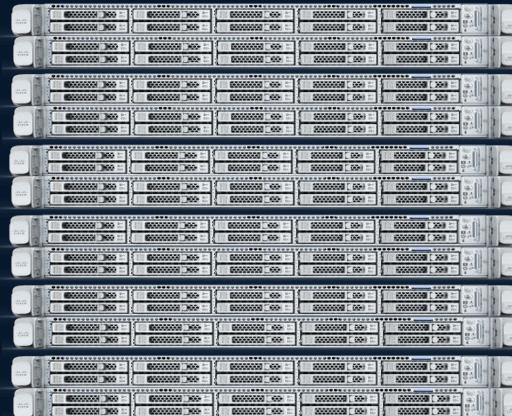
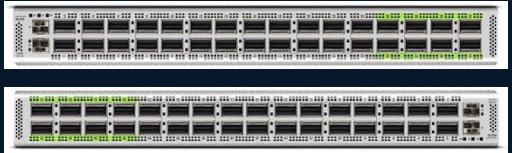
PBBA "Islands"

→

- 23% Less Power
- 4x Less Floor Space
- 4x Less Rack (U)
- 1.4x Backup Performance
- 32x Recovery Performance

→

- Global Deduplication Pool
- No Management Overhead



UCS -Rackmount Servers Differentiation

It's not a server, it's a system

Faster Apps, Better User Experience

Less Cabling, Simpler Physical Management

Consistent, Predictable Deployment

Use Your Automation Tools Your Way

Respond And Remediate Instantly Pass Audits

Visibility And Management Of Everything, Everywhere

#1 in Integrated & Certified Validated Designs

Flashstack
(Pure Storage)

Flexpod
(NetApp)

Cisco + Nutanix

AI Optimized Workloads
(RedHat, NVIDIA)

+55K Customers
+250 CVDs

UCS by the Numbers

+200 World Record performance benchmarks

10+ years top tier reliability

+1M Intersight Connected Devices

High-density GPU servers

For data-intensive use cases like model training and deep learning

UCS Accelerated | Cisco UCS C885A



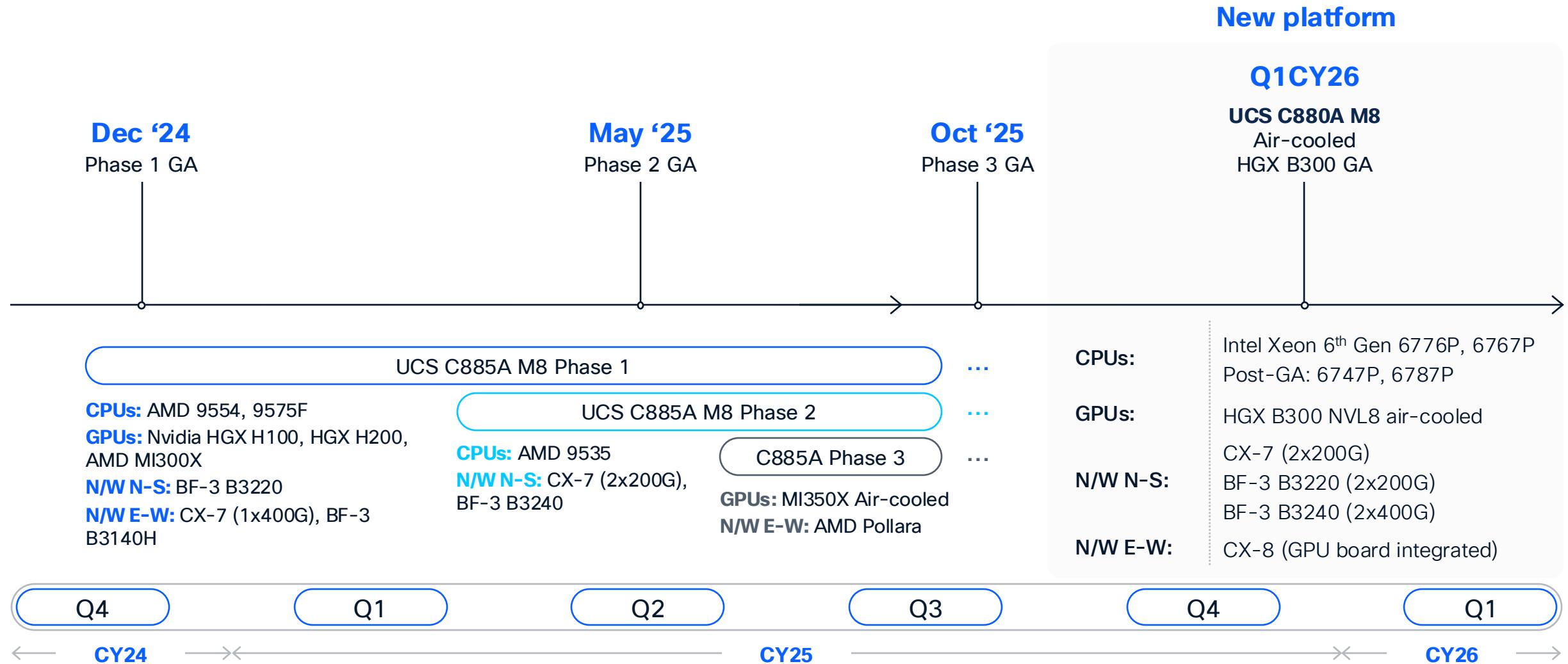
NVIDIA HGX™ reference design

Supporting 8 NVIDIA HGX™
H100 or H200 GPUs and
NVIDIA AI Enterprise software

And 2 AMD 4th Gen/5th Gen
EPYC Processors

Available as an option in
Hyperfabric AI

Cisco dense GPU server roadmap



UCS C880A M8

Massive performance for AI at scale

Designed for compute-intensive workloads, the server accelerates LLM training, deep learning, fine-tuning, and HPC, delivering unparalleled processing power and scalability



UCS accelerated

Dense-GPU server supporting:

8 NVIDIA HGX B300 NVL8 GPUs

2 6th Gen Intel Xeon (Granite Rapids) Processors

Key target verticals

- Financial services
- Manufacturing
- Service providers (neo-cloud)
- Healthcare and life sciences
- Automotive

UCS C880A use cases



Artificial intelligence

- GenAI–LLM training and fine-tuning, e.g., text-to-image, AI-powered content creation
- Deep learning model training, e.g., NLP, computer vision, speech recognition
- Reinforcement learning for robotics and automation
- AI inference and deployment for real-time applications



HPC and scientific research

- Large-scale simulations—physics, climate modeling, astrophysics
- Molecular dynamics and genomics research
- AI-driven drug discovery and medical training



Data science and big data analytics

- AI-driven predictive analytics for business intelligence
- Real-time data processing: GPU-accelerated big data processing (RAPIDS, Apache Spark)
- Accelerated Extract, Transform, Load (ETL) processing



Unparalleled performance

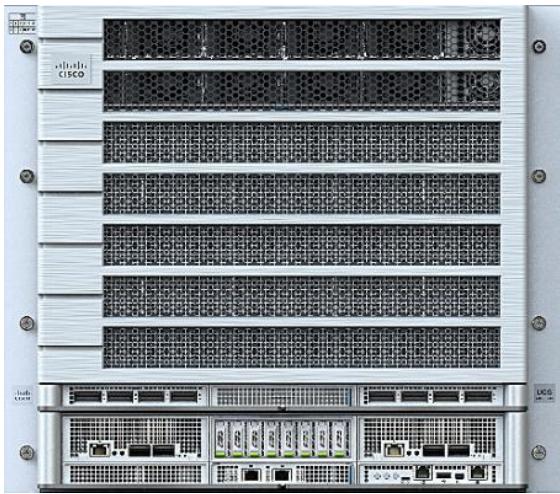


High-speed GPU interconnect



Scalability

UCS C880A Dense GPU Server Specifications



Product specifications

Form factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HGX 10RU 19" Rack Server
Compute + memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2x 6th Gen Intel Xeon CPUs (Select SKUs for AI and HPC workloads)• Up to 32x DDR5 RDIMMS
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2x M.2 SATA Boot Drives with HW RAID Controller (Boot)• Up to 8x PCIe Gen5 x4 E1.S NVMe SSDs (Data)
GPUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8x NVIDIA HGX B300 NVL8 air-cooled GPUs
Network cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-W: Integrated ConnectX-8• N-S: 4x PCIe Gen5 x16 FHHL slots, 1x OCP TSFF Gen5 x8
Cooling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 Hot swappable FANS
Physical I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 USB 3.0 A, 1 mDP, 1 ID Button, 1 System Power Button, 1 USB 2.0 A UART (for debugging), 1 RJ45 (OOB mgmt.), 1 System ID LED/button
Power supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12x 50V 3.2kW (N+N redundancy)

Shipping Now

Flexible, modular AI servers

“Start small and scale up” with AI

UCS Accelerated | Cisco UCS C845A



High performance in a compact form factor

Enhanced power delivery, fewer PCBs, and better cable routing for optimal airflow and thermal management

Orderable this month
with NVIDIA RTX PRO 6000 Blackwell GPUs

2nd Gen X580p PCIe Node and X9516 X-Fabric

Cloud-operated, composable infrastructure for AI and traditional workloads



Solution for customer
who needs higher GPU density



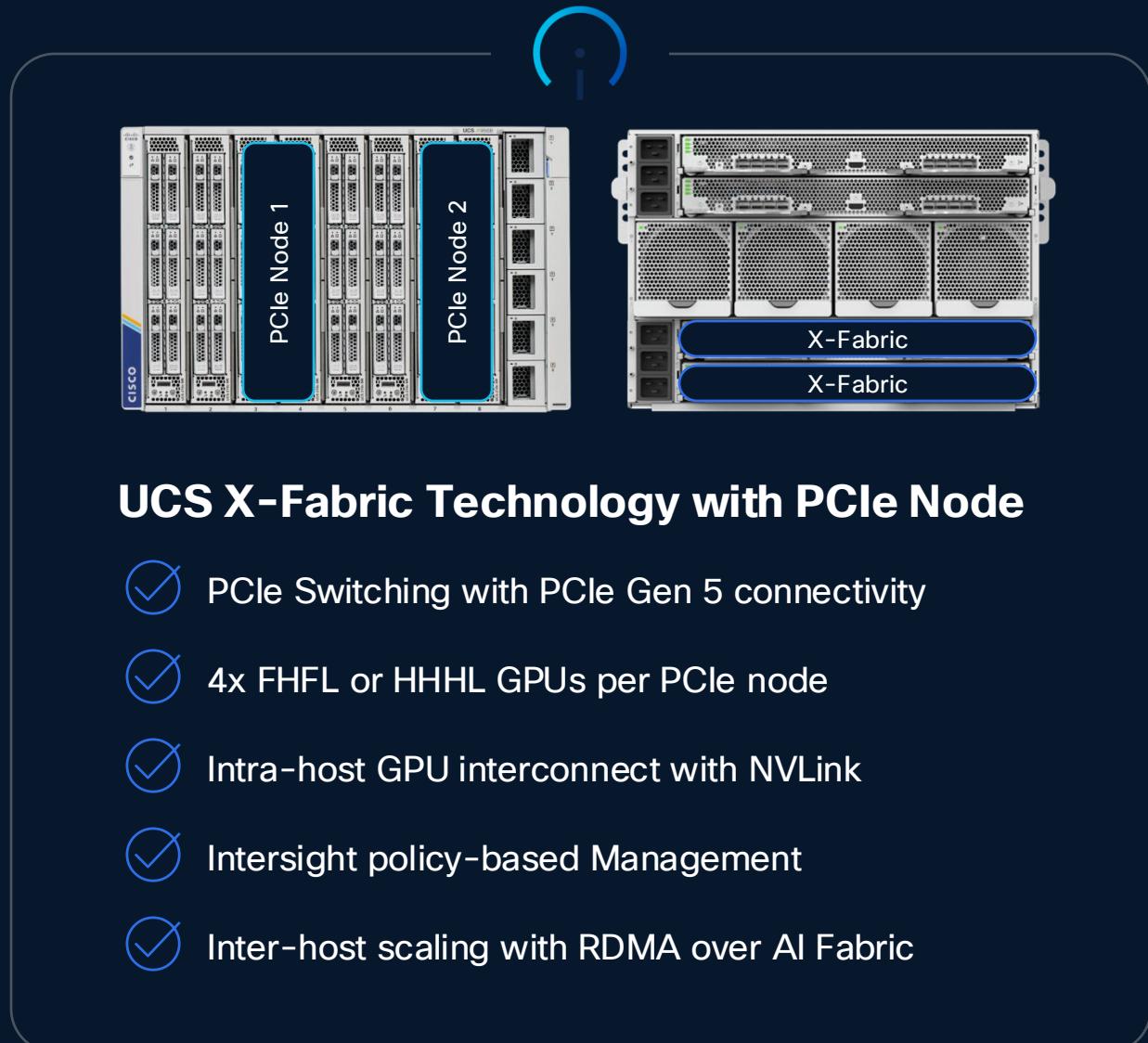
Supports wide range of workloads



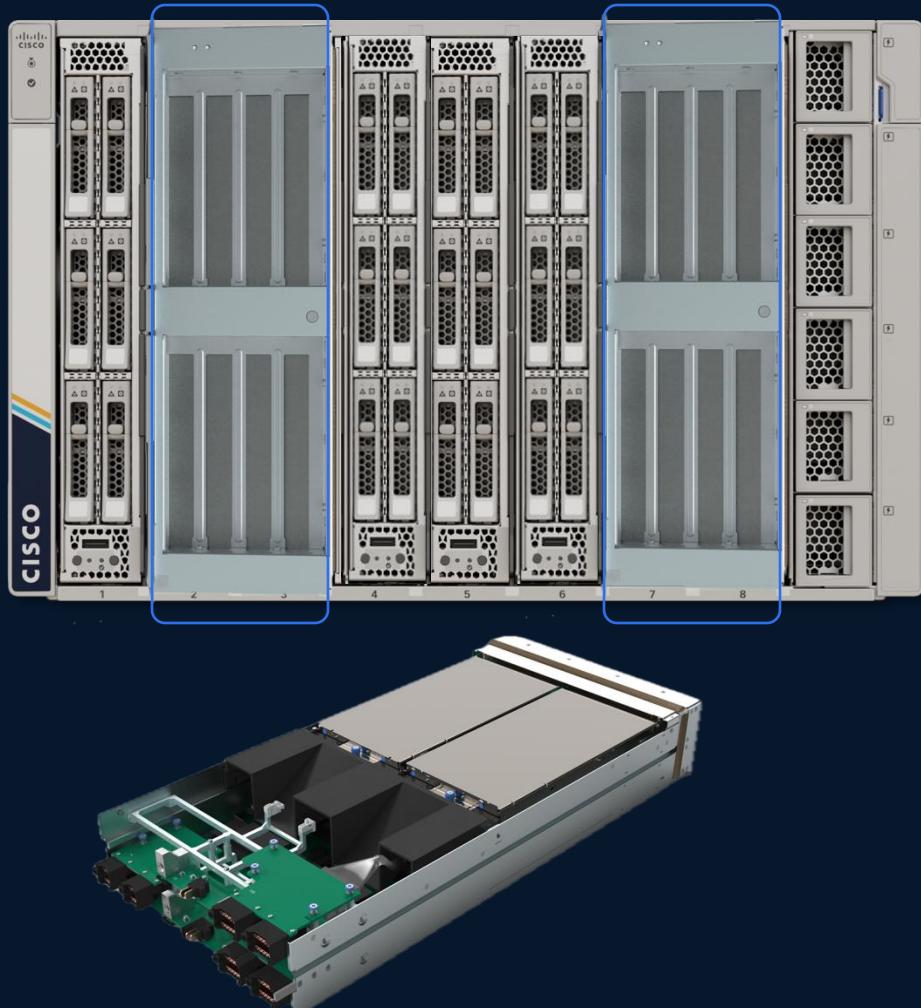
Intersight managed solution



Competitive differentiation
with X-Fabric and X-Series



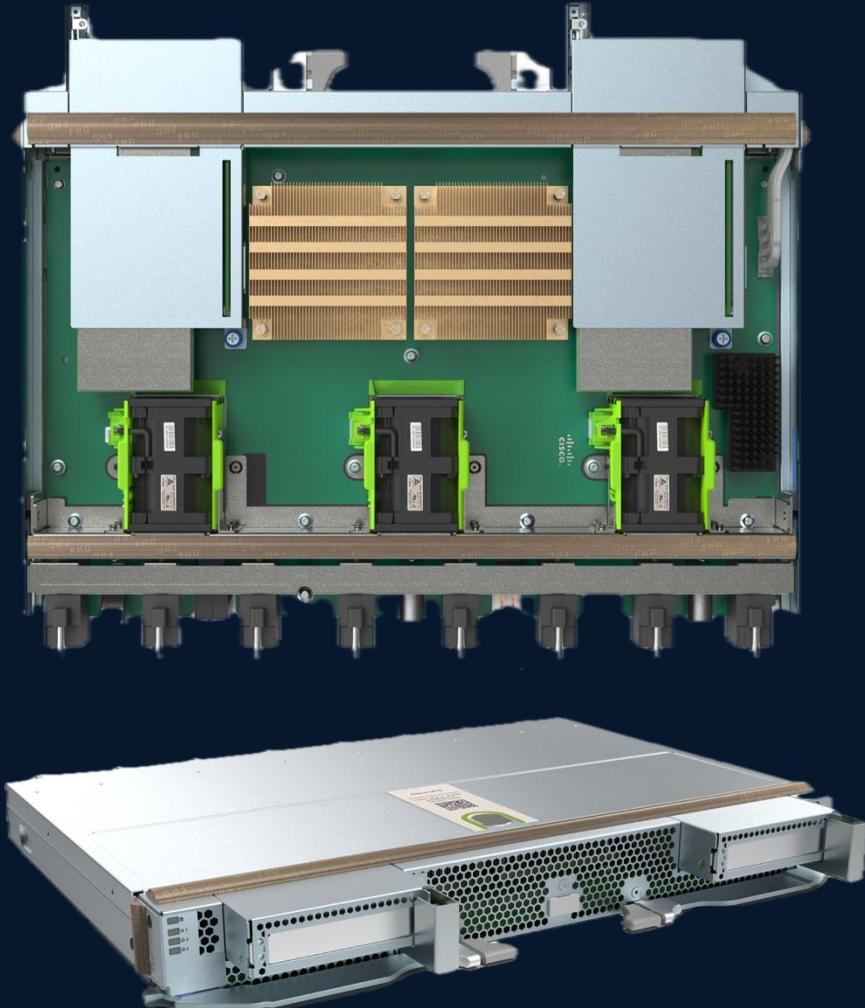
UCS X580p PCIe Node



- Double wide PCIe node for 4x FHFL GPU and PCIe G5 GPU support
 - Nvidia H200-NVL, RTX PRO 6000 & L40S
 - Support multiple vendors: Nvidia, AMD*/Intel*
 - NVLink bridge support
 - Support up to 600W FHFL GPU
 - Managed PCIe node with BMC support
 - Policy based GPU management
 - Ability to share GPUs across two Compute nodes

* AMD & Intel GPUs support will be post FCS

UCS X9516 X-Fabric



- PCIe Gen5 Switching
- 2x CEM Slots to support HHHL NIC cards
 - ConnectX-7 (2x 200GB & 1x 400G)
- Managed XFM Modules with BMC support
- GPU Direct Support over RDMA
- GPU Backend (East-West Traffic) network support

Introducing Cisco Unified Edge

AI-ready edge

Compute

Storage

Networking

Software

SaaS
Management

Analytics

Security



NUTANIX

Red Hat

vmware
by Broadcom

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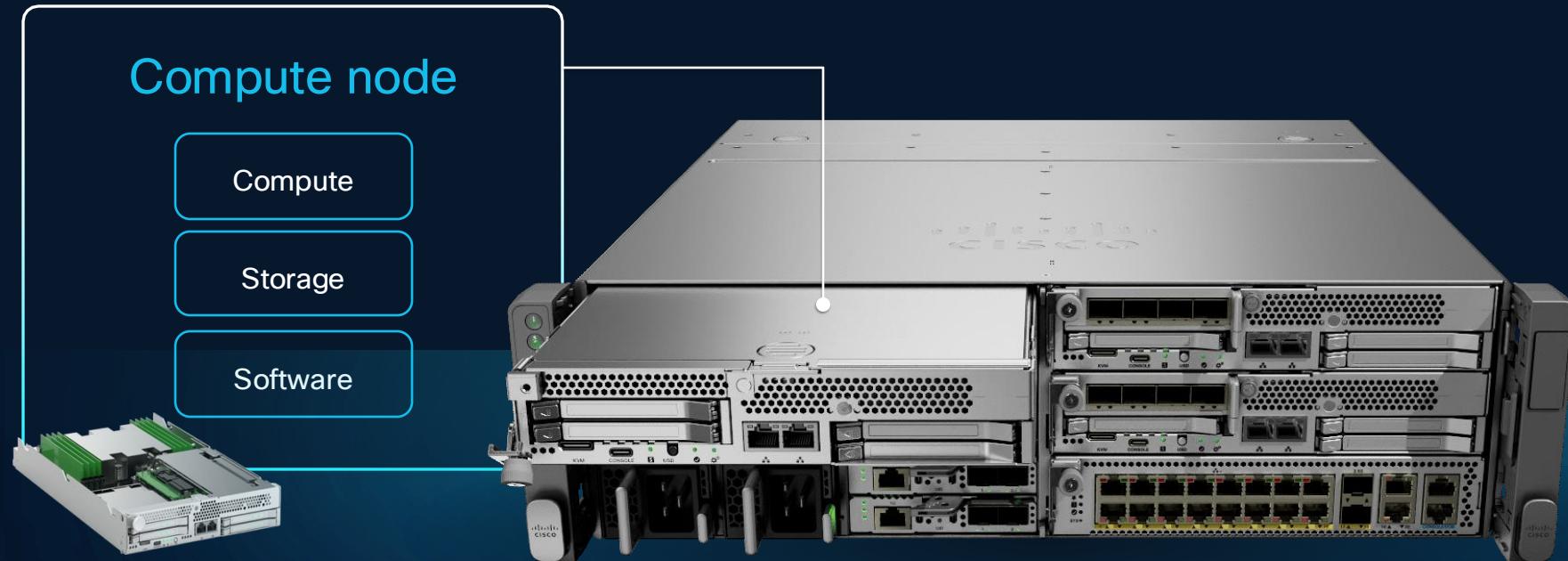
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RANCHER
BY SUSE

Cisco Unified Edge: Future-Ready Performance

AI-ready edge

Integrates compute, networking, storage, and security



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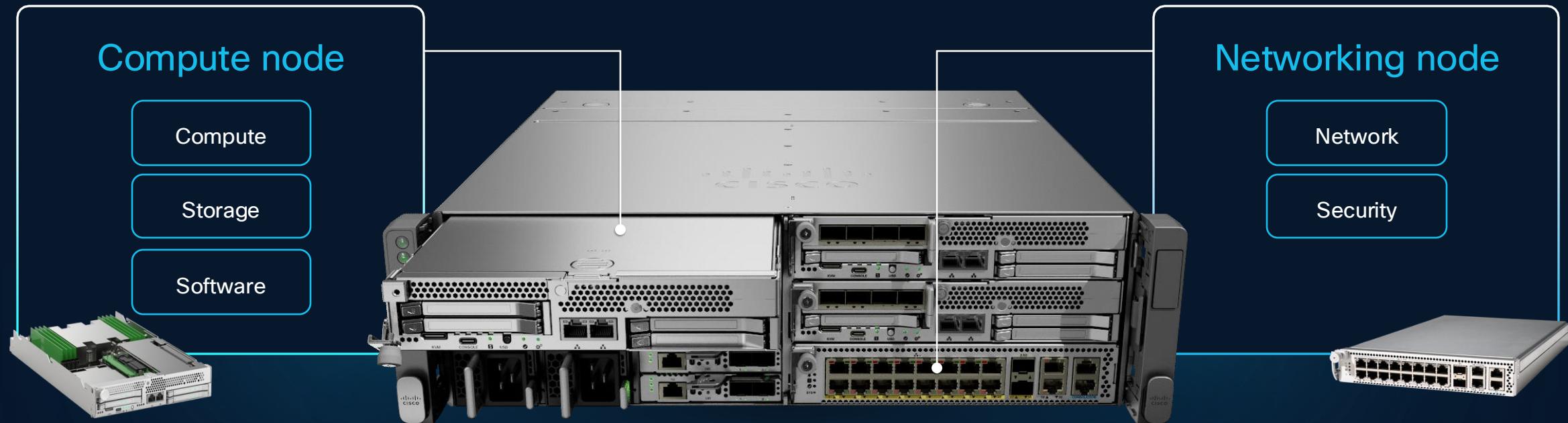
CISCO

RANCHER
BY SUSE

Cisco Unified Edge

Fully validated, full-stack system that integrates advanced network, compute, storage and security

AI-ready edge



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Our approach



A unified operating model

100% confidence—Intersight stands in a league of its own

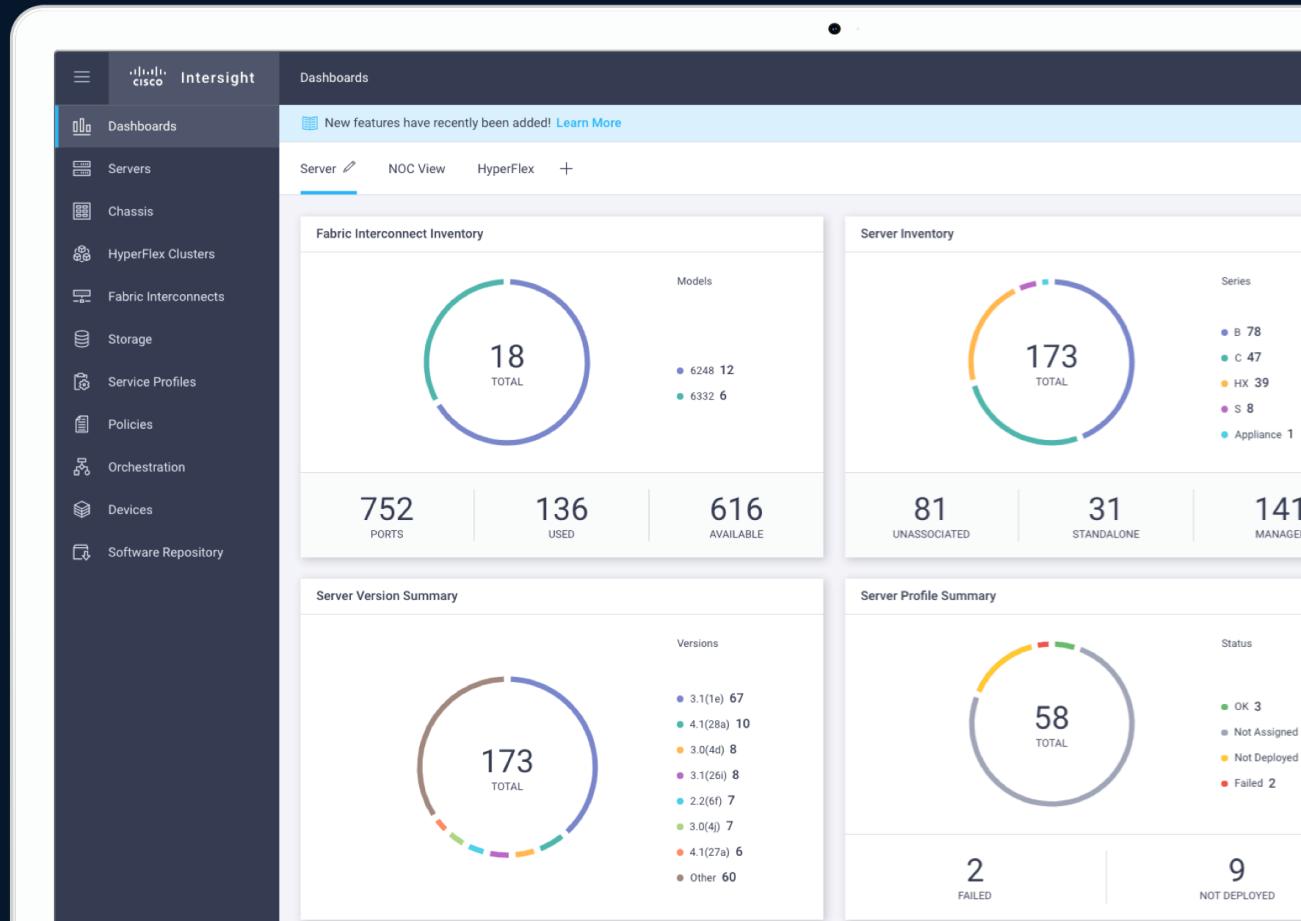
Cisco Intersight

Simpler, smarter, more agile computing

Flexible SaaS or on-prem management

Across Data Center, AI, and Edge

Every feature available via APIs



Integrate, extend, and orchestrate

Intersight API

Seamless integration with popular tools like Ansible and Terraform

Consistent and repeatable operations across environments

Third-party integration

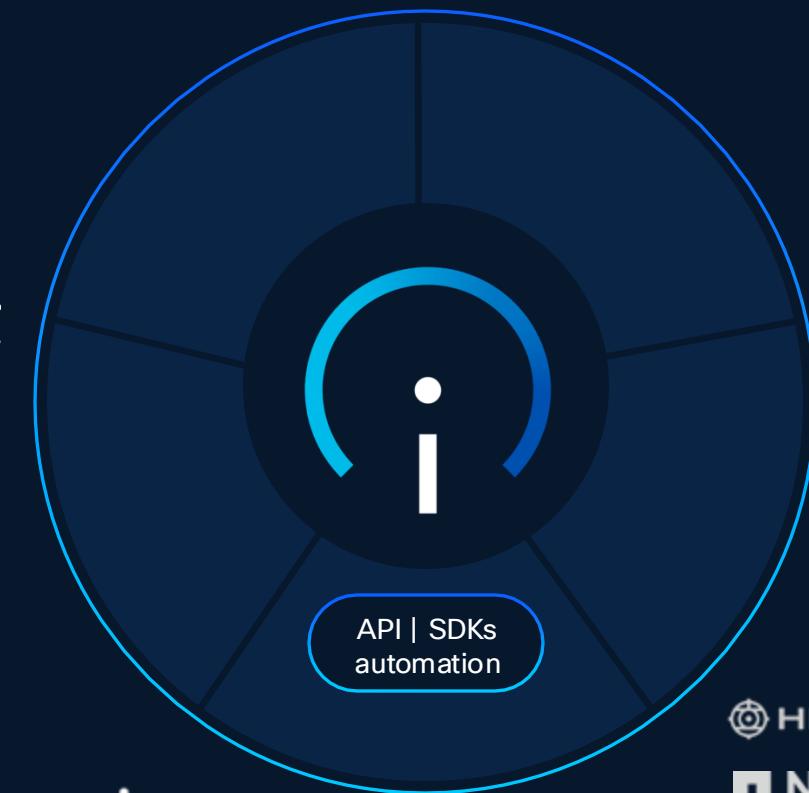
Storage plugins: automate management and orchestration

Standardize deployments and configuration management

ServiceNow integration for automated incident management

 **Red Hat**
Ansible Automation Platform

splunk>
a CISCO company



 **HITACHI**

 **NetApp**

 **PURE STORAGE**

 Standardization

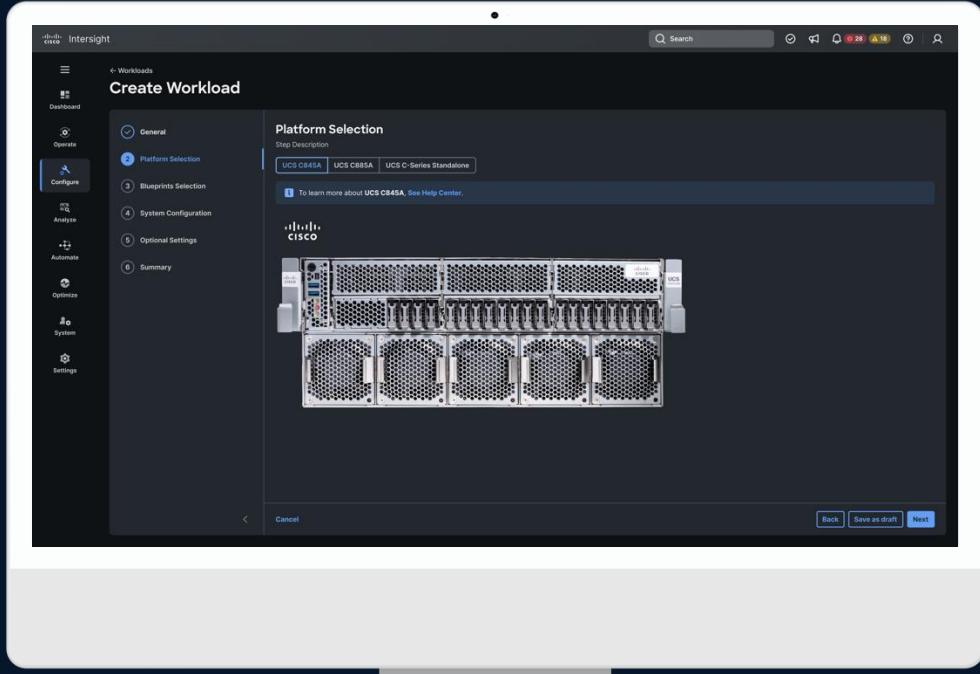
 Consistency

 Reliability

Powered by AI, for AI

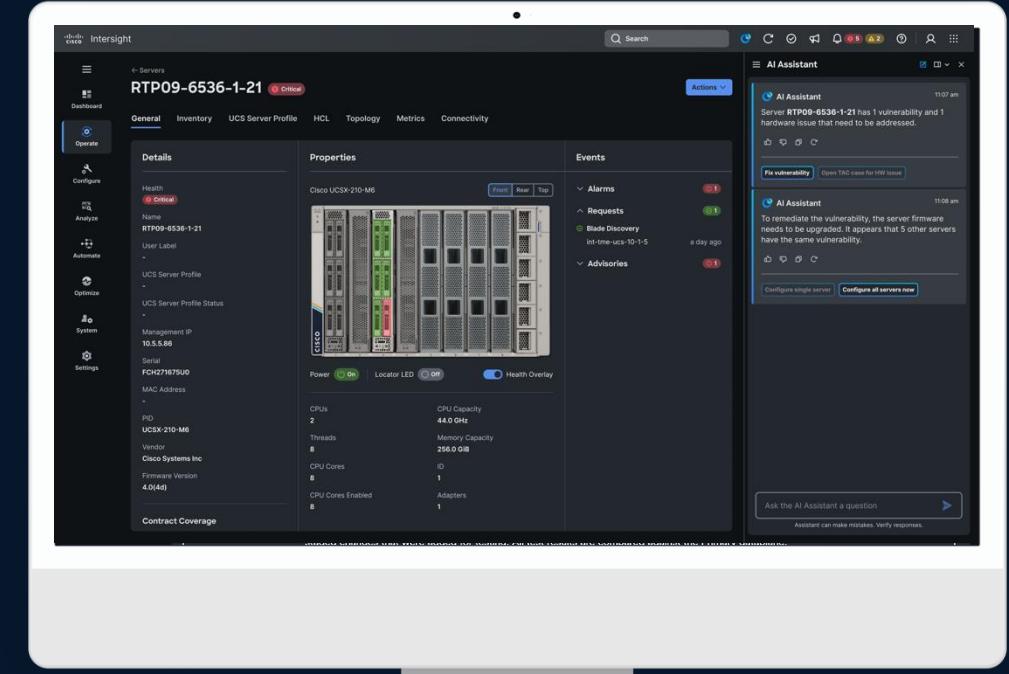
Coming

GPU Support



AI outside

AI Assistant

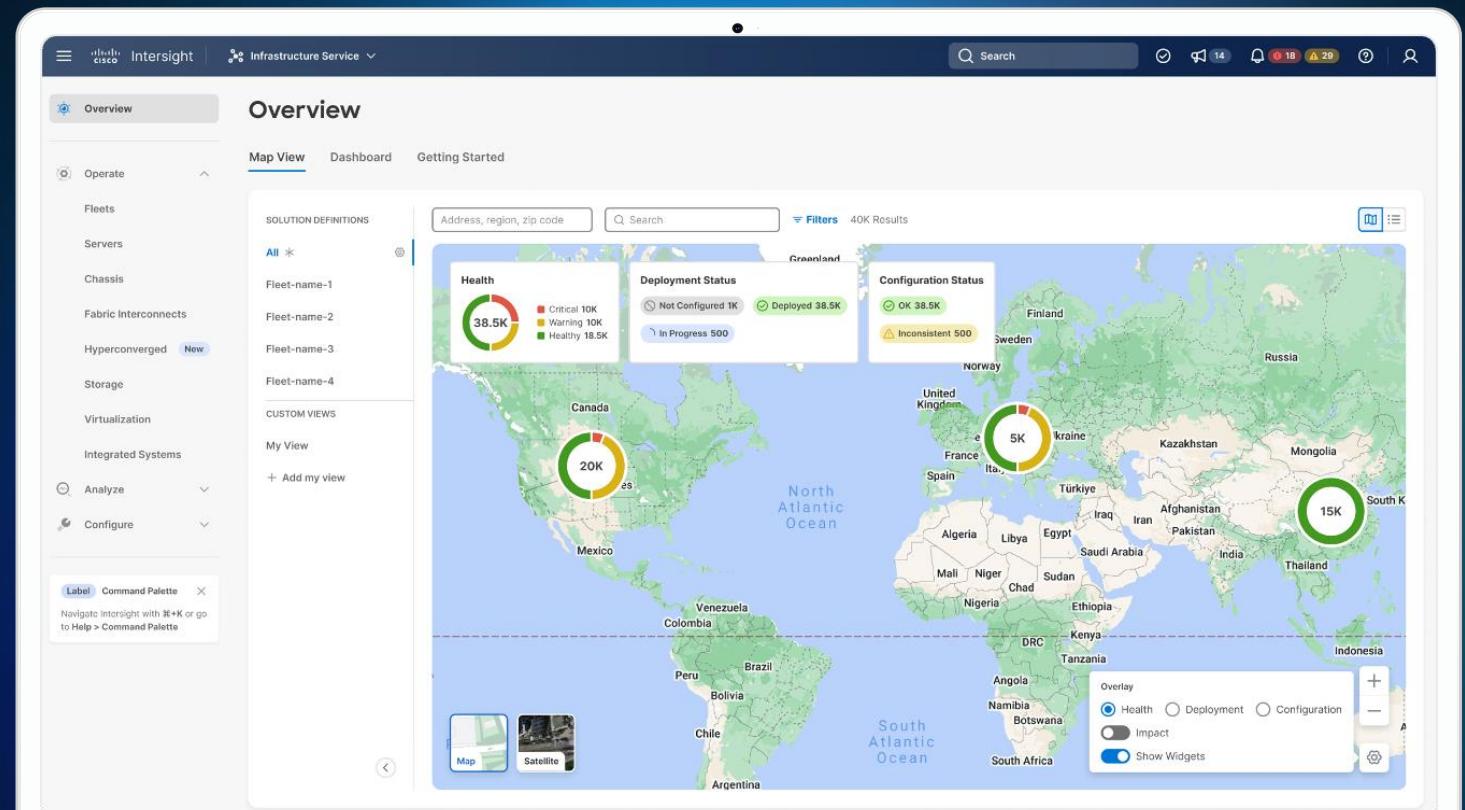


AI inside

Intersight Global Fleet Operations

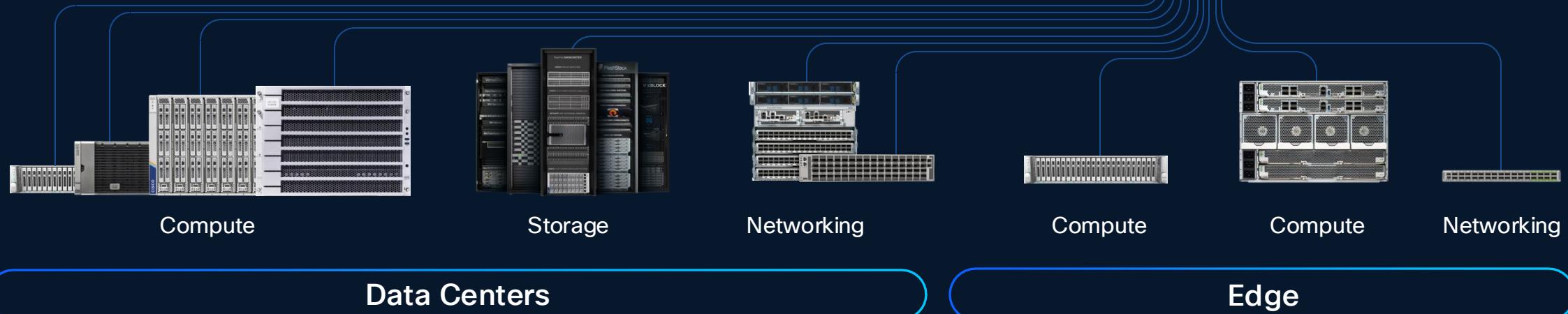
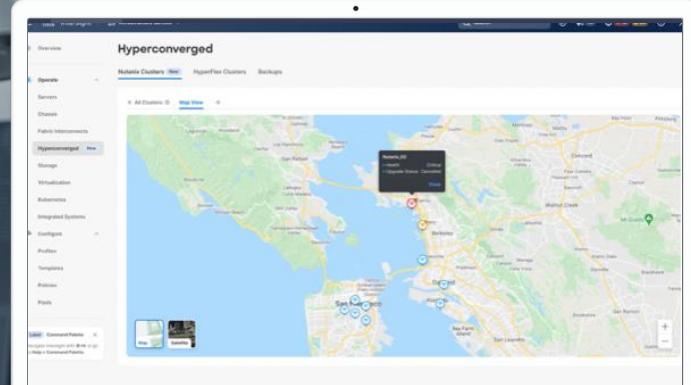
The only system with a true SaaS operating platform

- 1 Intersight delivers end-to-end visibility, operations and support
- 2 Simplify to eliminate complexity with one tool to manage the entire environment
- 3 Remove the burden of patching, updating and securing system management tools
- 4 Continuous feature delivery - always have access to the latest features, functions and updates



Deploy, configure, and manage infrastructure in minutes—at scale

Anytime, anywhere, from one place



Our approach



Integrated solutions

Full-stack. Full-solution. Full-growth.

The power of partnering with industry- leading tools

GitHub

Red Hat

NUTANIX

vmware[®]
by Broadcom

GitLab

python[®]

VAST

CLOUDERA

Bitbucket



Jenkins

NetApp

servicenow[®]



PURESTORAGE[®]

Qumulo

HashiCorp

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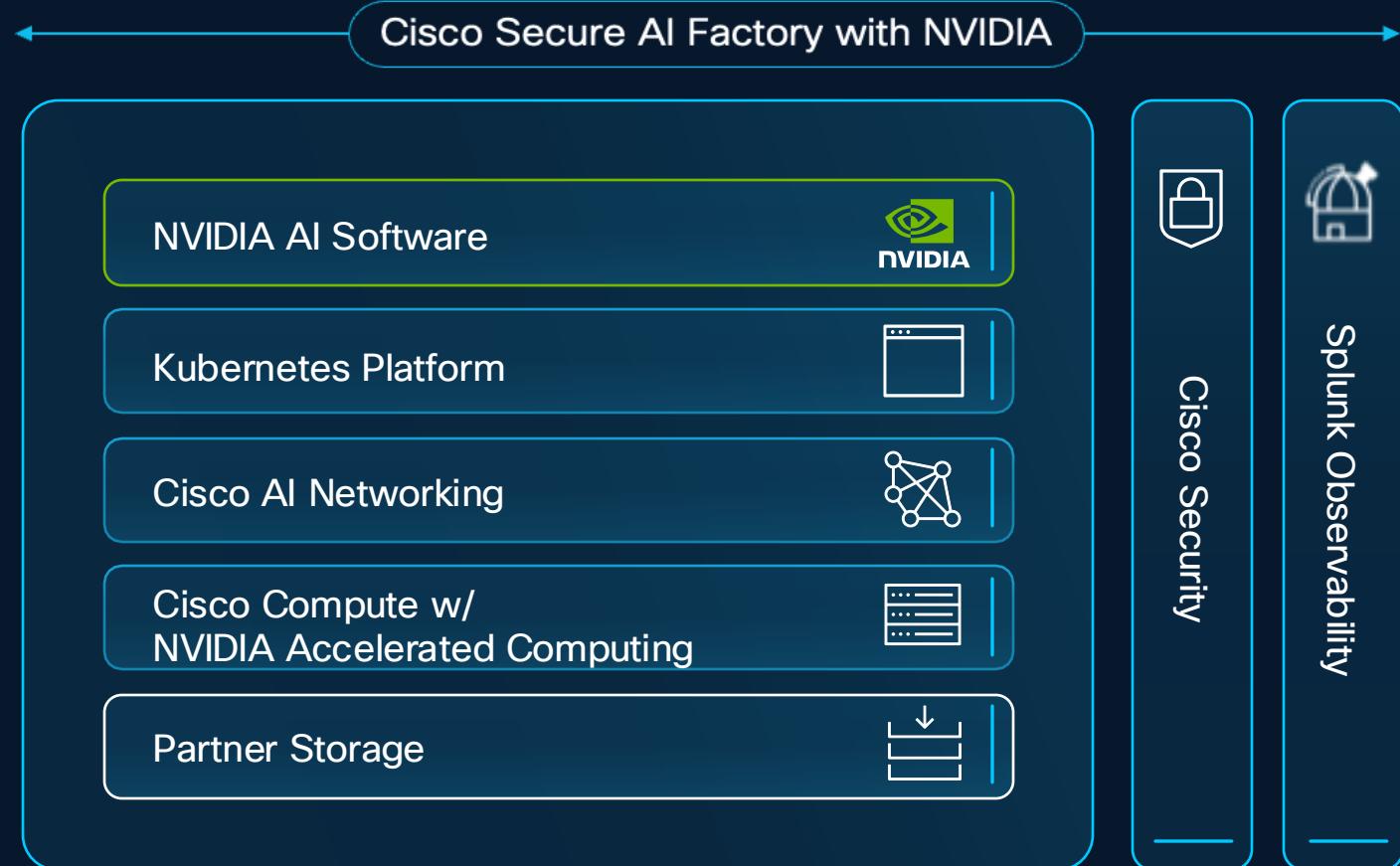


ANSIBLE

Cisco Secure AI Factory with NVIDIA

What is it?

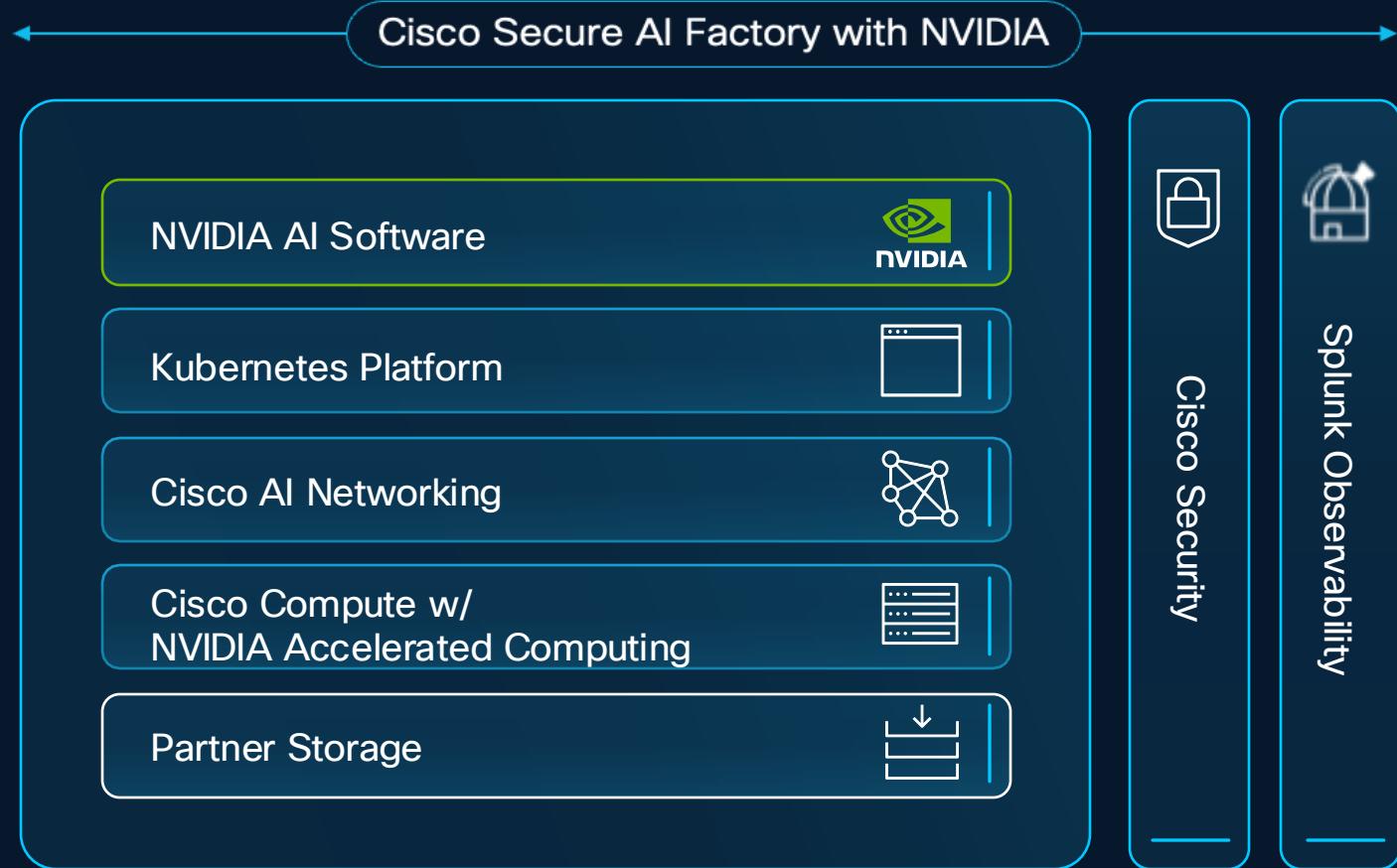
A **modular reference design** that combines high-performance infrastructure with full-stack security and observability



Cisco Secure AI Factory with NVIDIA

A modular reference design that combines high-performance infrastructure with full-stack security and observability

- Backed by an expanding set of Cisco Validated Designs that combine core AI Infrastructure, security and observability
- Curated Solution Catalog with T-shirt sizing for simplified ordering and predictable results
- Meets customers where they are with flexible options at key layers of stack (K8's, networking, compute, storage)
- Cisco supported

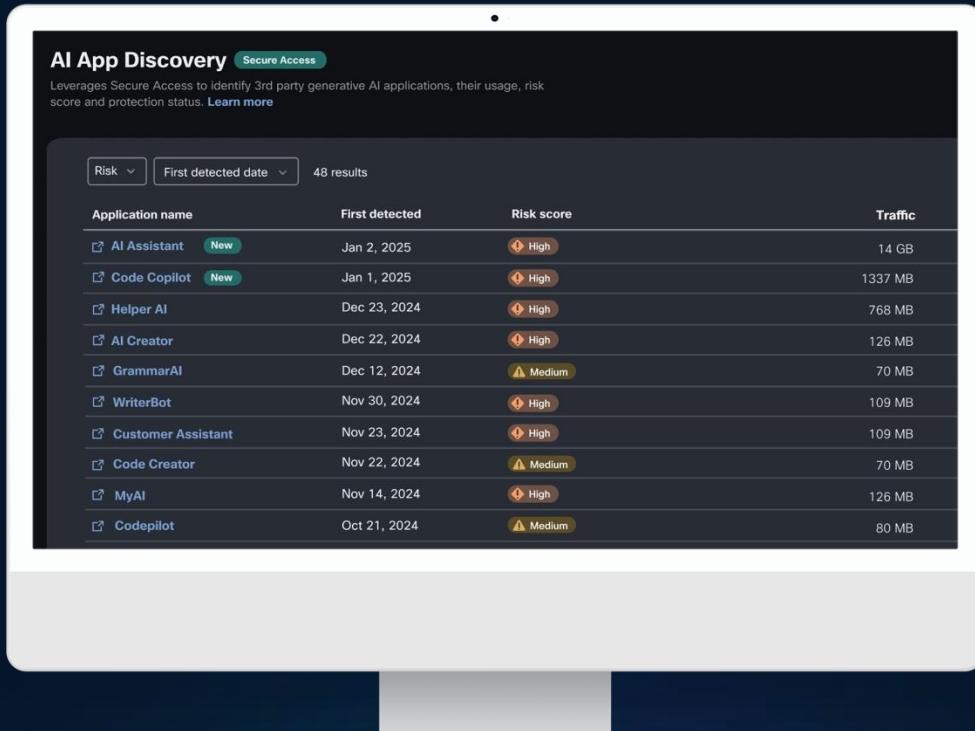


Product view: Cisco Secure AI Factory with NVIDIA



Security at every layer of the stack

Cisco AI Defense



AI App Discovery Secure Access

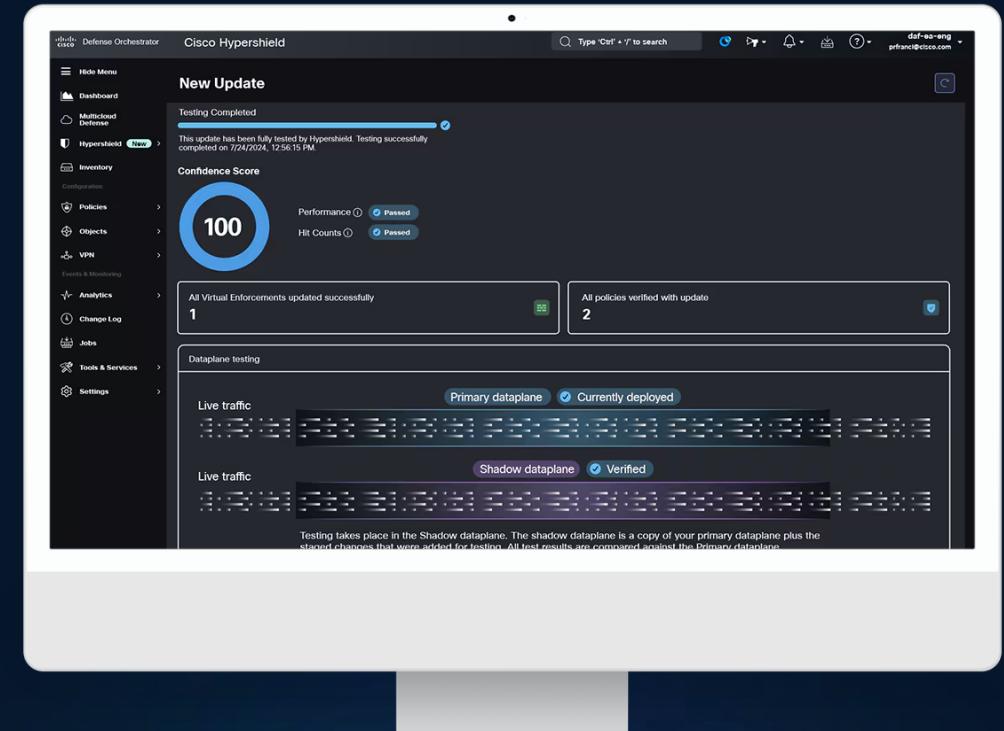
Leverages Secure Access to identify 3rd party generative AI applications, their usage, risk score and protection status. [Learn more](#)

Risk ▾ First detected date ▾ 48 results

Application name	First detected	Risk score	Traffic
AI Assistant	Jan 2, 2025	High	14 GB
Code Copilot	Jan 1, 2025	High	1337 MB
Helper AI	Dec 23, 2024	High	768 MB
AI Creator	Dec 22, 2024	High	126 MB
GrammarAI	Dec 12, 2024	Medium	70 MB
WriterBot	Nov 30, 2024	High	109 MB
Customer Assistant	Nov 23, 2024	High	109 MB
Code Creator	Nov 22, 2024	Medium	70 MB
MyAI	Nov 14, 2024	High	126 MB
Codepilot	Oct 21, 2024	Medium	80 MB

Secure what AI is doing

Cisco Hypershield



Defense Orchestrator Cisco Hypershield

New Update

Testing Completed

This update has been fully tested by Hypershield. Testing successfully completed on 7/24/2024, 12:56:15 PM.

Confidence Score

100

Performance: Passed

Hit Counts: Passed

All Virtual Enforcements updated successfully: 1

All policies verified with update: 2

Dataplane testing

Primary dataplane: Currently deployed

Shadow dataplane: Verified

Testing takes place in the Shadow dataplane. The shadow dataplane is a copy of your primary dataplane plus the staged changes that were added for testing. All test results are compared against the Primary dataplane.

Secure where AI is running

Simpler solutions, by design

Helping customers do more with less

01

Cisco Validated Designs

Tested, validated configurations

02

AI PODs

AI Model

- NVIDIA Software
- Kubernetes
- Cisco Network
- Cisco Compute
- Partner Storage

Pre-packaged solutions

03

Cisco Secure AI Factory

Cisco AI Defense



splunk>

IaC modules & playbooks

05

Zero touch deployment

Future

04

Aggregated cloud-like experience

Coming

What we've delivered and what's next

Delivered

Smart Switch

AI POD for Inferencing

Nexus 800G Switch

AI POD for the entire AI lifecycle

Nexus ONE

UCS C885A HGX Server

UCS C845A MGX Server

What's next

NVIDIA AI Data Platform with VAST

Splunk Dashboard for AI POD

UCS with 2U RTX PRO

Hyperfabric AI

AI Defense on AI PODs

Cisco Unified Edge

Data to drive insights
and context



Services to accelerate
the value of your
investments



Infrastructure
to power AI



Security for AI,
AI for security



Software to
unlock productivity



**Cisco is bringing
these together to make
your data center
journey easier**

Questions?

