Workplaces that work.

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It’s not where work gets done, it’s how work gets done.

Design for collaboration.

More mobile employees means more empty desks. Even when employees come into the office to use meeting space, they often have to compete for overbooked conference rooms built for 10 to 15 people, even though most meetings usually involve 3 to 5 people. Wasted space is wasted money. Investing in technology that helps people connect and collaborate without wasted space offers a speedy return on investment and bottom-line savings.

Prepare for the future.

Demographics are changing, so attracting and retaining the best talent takes a new approach. To prospective employees, your space reveals your culture and the effectiveness of your collaborative processes. To current employees, your workspace affects job satisfaction, how they’ll interact with others, and their ability to innovate. A flexible space can help good employees from any demographic work together and help you adapt to future changes.

Activate talent.

As mobility untethers people from the office, the way you share knowledge and build employee skills has to change. This is not just a space and design challenge—the expense in time and resources required by bringing large numbers of people together doesn’t make sense. Collaboration technology lets you train new employees, allowing live attendees to participate from anywhere while others can view recordings on demand.

Escape the cube.

Organisations constantly ask employees to “think outside the box.” But in most offices, they have to try and meet that challenge while sitting in an actual box. If your goal really is innovation, if your business is going to disrupt old patterns, you have to create an environment where new ideas can form. Good design and the right technology brings people together in ways that inspire creativity and action.
The tech behind the design.

Surroundings matter. That’s why investing in smart spaces that pivot on technology creates a natural increase in productivity and collaboration. No matter what your space looks like, when solid technology, like Cisco Collaboration tools, is part of the environment, employees can surface the right ideas at the right time.
“O+A sought to build the space the way Cisco Meraki builds its products—with an emphasis on simplicity and seamless ease of use.” — O+A

Give people the technology that lets them work together whether they’re across the room or across the world.
Space for conversation.
The designer behind Disqus is also their office and operations manager. She understands the way people in her office work, and that’s why every part of the design points people toward collaboration.

The Cisco TelePresence® SX10 Quick Set can turn any room with a screen into a high-performance collaboration area.
“After taking care of an urgent need for a larger footprint, we made thoughtful design choices to reflect Disqus’s culture: our office is colourful, homey, and collaborative. We continue to iterate on the decor to make our office the best place for us all to accomplish our work, from standing desks and intuitive conferencing technology to the right balance between solo and group workspaces. Disqus is all about fostering great discussion, and we want our office to embody that with ample room for conversation and quirky touches that showcase who we are.”

— Ann Mony, office and operations manager (and de facto designer), Disqus
“In college, a professor doesn’t say, ‘Complete this project from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the library.’ Rather, you’re given a task and a deadline, and how you complete that task is up to you. We had the same vision for Cisco.”

— Dolly Woo, Cisco workplace strategist

The way people work.

Breakthrough ideas can come at any time and in any place. Make sure employees and teams can get things done whether they’re at home, in the office, or on the road. Distance doesn’t matter anymore.
“We’ve built a place where people are encouraged to do what they do best—solve business challenges in effective and imaginative ways. We’re less interested in where the ideas come from as long as they work.”

— Commerce House

Technology can take you further.

What if your planning sessions weren’t limited to in-the-room attendees? Cisco Collaboration tools expand any space, making it more productive.
“Imagine walking into a room that recognises who you are by your mobile device, configures the room to your lighting and temperature preferences, pulls your information off the cloud—because that is where your data will reside in the future—and allows you to begin collaborating with others.”

— Brian McCourt, sales director architectural products, Steelcase

The Cisco TelePresence MX Series transforms meeting rooms into a video collaboration hub. Share screens, share ideas, and share work in a way that boosts productivity and fosters innovation. Plus, they are so meticulously designed that they look good from every angle.
“We’re open, passionate, transparent, accessible, and very collaborative.”

– Greg Strickland, VP finance and operations, Box

Maximise your space with flexible work areas that can serve as individual work spots or gathering areas where people from different disciplines are able to collaborate.
“How are we going to keep an incredible culture, one that is going to retain our tenth employee as easily as it allows us to hire the thousandth employee?”

— Aaron Levie, CEO and founder, Box
Bring employees into the design process. They’ll let you know how work actually gets done and reveal hidden ways to boost productivity. For example, Google lets employees design their own workspaces so they can take ownership over their workspace and their work.

Designing for collaboration takes a conscious effort. When Steve Jobs took over as CEO of Pixar, he abolished their old way of separating employees by discipline, noting, “If a building doesn’t encourage collaboration, you’ll lose a lot of innovation and the magic that’s sparked by serendipity.”

Fresh tech is changing the way people share ideas and accomplish tasks. The key is to adopt technology that creates a seamless collaborative experience. Rowan Trollope of Cisco says, “Our belief is that the experience is first. Anyone can build a solution that is low cost, but not anyone can build a solution that’s low cost and has an incredible experience.”

Create an environment where people, space, and technology can come together.
Amazing things happen when well-designed spaces are brought to life by Cisco Collaboration solutions.

**Open workstations** where any employee can connect to their personal profile on a shared Cisco DX80 device and access high-definition video conferencing, productivity apps, and smart services.

**Small huddle rooms** where a Cisco TelePresence SX10 endpoint can turn a wall-mounted display screen into an enterprise-quality video conference room for any kind of collaboration session.

**Video-enabled quiet rooms** where employees can have private, face-to-face conversations with clients or remote managers through a Cisco DX70 unit.

**Collaborative conference rooms** where a Cisco MX Series endpoint creates a rich, multiparty experience and expands the space to bring entire teams together in face-to-face clarity, even if they’re on separate continents.
Tools to help you succeed.

Cisco Project Workplace

See how collaboration solutions from Cisco energise real work environments. Project Workplace helps you imagine your organisation in new ways.

Explore the Possibilities

Reimagine Collaboration: Bringing Amazing to Everyone.

See how Cisco can deliver the solutions and experiences that will bring better collaboration to your workplace.

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