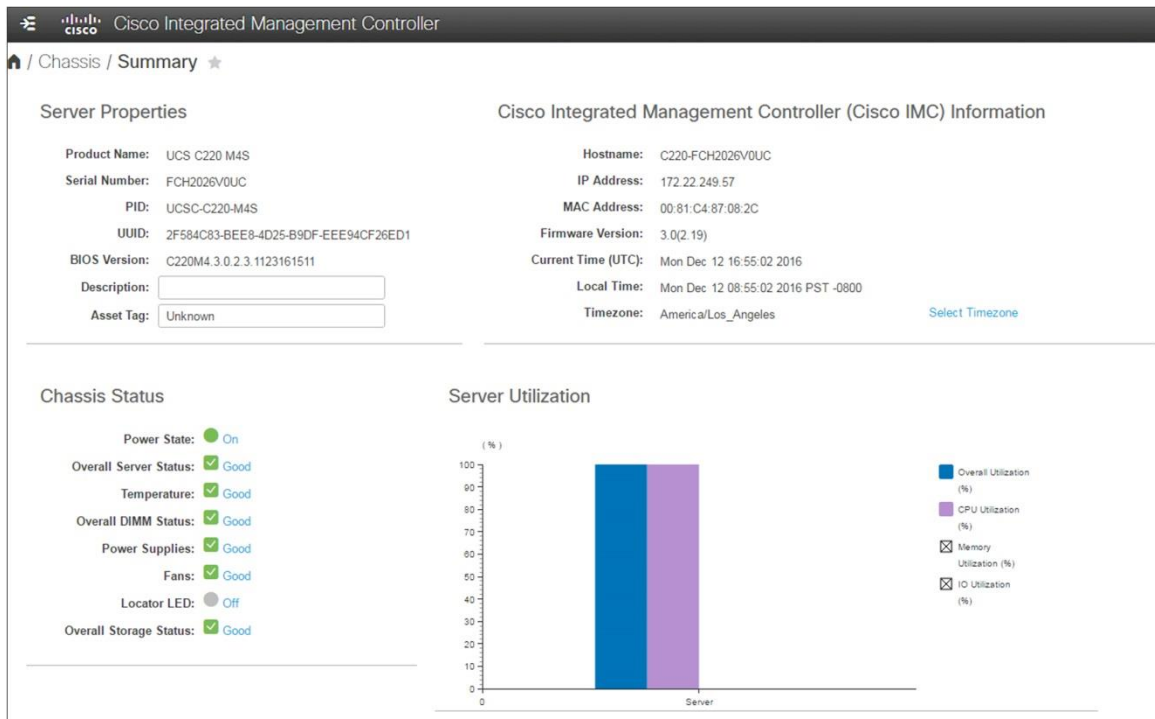


Cisco Integrated Management Controller (IMC)

Product Overview

The Cisco® Integrated Management Controller (IMC) is a baseboard management controller that provides embedded server management for Cisco UCS™ C-Series Rack Servers and Cisco S-Series Storage Servers. The Cisco IMC enables system management in the data center and across distributed branch-office locations. It supports multiple management interfaces, including a Web User Interface (Web UI), a Command-Line Interface (CLI), and an XML API that is consistent with the one used by Cisco UCS Manager. IMC also supports industry-standard management protocols, including Redfish v1.01, Simple Network Management Protocol Version 3 (SNMPv3), and Intelligent Platform Management Interface Version 2.0 (IPMIv2.0). Figure 1 shows a Cisco IMC screen.

Figure 1. Cisco IMC Server Properties Details, Including Chassis Status and Server Utilization



Features and Benefits

Table 1 summarizes the features and benefits of the Cisco IMC.

Table 1. Features and Benefits

| Feature | Description |
|---|---|
| Simplified Server Setup and Configuration | |
| Simple firmware upgrade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out-of-band upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ BIOS, Cisco IMC, and Cisco UCS VIC adapter firmware upgrade • Automated multisystem upgrade (non-interactive upgrade) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ RAID and LOM |
| Integrated diagnostics | Platform diagnostic suite |
| Local storage configuration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out-of-band RAID configuration wizard • Simple, fast configuration of RAID arrays and multiple volumes |
| Boot control | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible boot target configuration management • One-time boot support |
| Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Card (VIC) configuration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configuration of Cisco UCS VIC • Configuration to enable Ethernet, Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) • Network Interface Card (NIC) configuration, which eliminates the need for configuration from the OS |
| Interfaces | |
| XML API | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy-to-use programmable interface • Agentless • Microsoft Windows PowerShell support (Cisco PowerTool for standalone Cisco UCS C-Series Rack Servers) • Python SDK • Cisco IMC Supervisor for multisystem monitoring and management • Consistent model for Cisco UCS Manager and standalone deployments |
| WebUI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to IMC configuration and control from a web browser • HTML5 WebUI support |
| CLI | CLI for scripted environments |
| Redfish | Support for Redfish v1.01 specification |
| SNMP v2 and v3 | Embedded agentless MIB catalog |
| IPMI v1.5 and v2.0 | Support for IPMI tool |
| Serial over LAN | Support for serial-over-LAN capability |
| SmartAccess: Serial | Capability to access the BMC CLI through host serial port |
| SMTP Support | Ability to send mails for faults |
| Remote Administration | |
| Virtual Keyboard, Video, and Mouse (vKVM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote access to server console screen (Java and HTML5) • HTML5 vKVM available for M4 & M5 servers |
| Virtual power on and off | Remote power on, off, and reset from WebUI, KVM, and XML API |
| Global team collaboration (KVM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBAC for distributed global teams • Up to 5 simultaneous administrator sessions |
| Locally mountable virtual media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote mounting of network-available media using Network File System (NFS) and Common Internet File System (CIFS); KVM mounted or IMC mounted • Connectivity support for USB, CD, ISO images, virtual floppy drive images, and remote storage |
| Serial over LAN | SSH serial-over-LAN server administration |
| Network Time Protocol (NTP) | NTP support for remote operations |
| SNMP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNMP support from management plane • Use of Cisco Unified Computing System™ (Cisco UCS) MIBs • Consistent data format across Cisco UCS Manager and standalone modes |

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| XML API | Agentless out-of-band management |
| Cisco Intersight | Cisco IMC embeds a Cisco Intersight Device Connector with IMC Software version 3.0(4) for Cisco C-Series M4 Rack Servers and version 3.1(1) for Cisco C-Series M5 Rack Servers |
| Embedded System Health Monitoring | |
| System health and configuration data | Embedded fault engine, delivering consistent error reporting through IMC interfaces |
| System event log | Security compliance and event monitoring and filtering |
| Audit log | Security compliance and filtering |
| Technical support data export | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick access to configuration information, logs, and diagnostic data • Simpler and faster troubleshooting and resolution of technical problems |
| Watchdog timer | System crash recovery |
| Nonmaskable interrupt (NMI) generation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generation of NMI to x86 host • Creation of crash dump file • Debugging of OS crashes |
| RAID support | Embedded monitoring of entire RAID subsystem: RAID controller, battery backup units, SuperCap batteries, and Hard-Disk Drives (HDDs) |
| MAC address inventory | Inventory of all physical NIC and LOM MAC addresses |
| Cisco UCS VIC support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of Cisco UCS VIC • Ethernet and FCoE monitoring |
| CPU, temperature, fan, and motherboard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote status and monitoring of system health • Run-time monitoring • Complete system sensor data |
| System memory | Inventory, specifications, and health status |
| Predictive failure analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory DIMM failure prediction • Battery backup unit or SuperCap battery |
| Power Management | |
| Dynamic power capping | Data center power management |
| Power monitoring and reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power management • Compliance reporting |
| Network Connectivity | |
| Single-wire connection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplified connectivity when deployed in a Cisco UCS Manager domain • Support for simplified connection with Cisco UCS VIC • Converged fabric |
| Dedicated management port | Dedicated management port for installations requiring separate cable connection for data and management |
| Generic connectivity support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) support • IPv4 support |
| Shared LAN-On-Motherboard (LOM) mode | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplified cabling • Management and data traffic over a single wire |
| Security | |
| Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) | Cryptographic security |
| Secure Shell (SSH) 2.0 | Cryptographic network protocol for secure data communication |
| Lightweight Directory Access Point (LDAP) support | Out-of-the-box Microsoft Active Directory integration |
| Role-based access control (RBAC) | RBAC for separation of concerns and authorizations in data center operation |
| Locally stored accounts | Capability to define user accounts locally |
| Power-on password | Enable password requirement at power-on or reboot |
| Management IP whitelist | Prevents connections from being made from unspecified IP addresses |

| Feature | Description |
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| Other | |
| Integration with Cisco UCS Manager | Service profile management model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scalability • Virtual machine migration |
| Local language support | Language support for Chinese, English, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish |

Management Scope

Cisco IMC provides end-to-end management of all the devices in a rack server.

Licensing

Cisco IMC is currently provided at no additional charge with Cisco UCS C-Series Rack Servers and Cisco S-Series Storage Servers.

IMC v3.1 is supported on the Cisco C-Series Rack Servers and Cisco UCS S-Series Storage Servers

- Cisco UCS C3260 (M5 Servers)
- Cisco UCS C480 M5
- Cisco UCS C240 M5
- Cisco UCS C220 M5

IMC v3.0 is supported on the Cisco C-Series Rack Servers and Cisco UCS S-Series Storage Servers:

- Cisco UCS C3260 (M4 Servers)
- Cisco UCS C3160
- Cisco UCS C460 M4
- Cisco UCS C240 M4
- Cisco UCS C220 M4
- Cisco UCS C240 M3
- Cisco UCS C220 M3
- Cisco UCS C24 M3
- Cisco UCS C22 M3

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For More Information

For additional information, see:

- Cisco UCS Manager: <https://www.cisco.com/en/US/partner/products/ps10281/index.html>
- Understanding Cisco UCS Manager Service Profiles (white paper):
https://www.cisco.com/en/US/partner/prod/collateral/ps10265/ps10281/white_paper_c11-590518.html
- Managing Cisco UCS C-Series Rack Servers (white paper):
https://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/ps10265/ps10281/whitepaper_c11-701809.html
- Cisco Unified Computing: <https://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps10265/index.html>
- Integrating with Cisco IMC: <https://developer.cisco.com/web/unifiedcomputing/c-series-cimc-xml-api>
- Cisco Intersight: <https://intersight.com/help>

Footnotes

This product includes cryptographic software written by Eric Young (eay@cryptsoft.com).

This product includes software developed by the OpenSSL Project for use in the OpenSSL Toolkit.
(<https://www.openssl.org/>)

This product includes software written by Tim Hudson (tjh@cryptsoft.com).

This product includes software developed by Yen Yen Lim and North Dakota State University



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