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Deployment Guide for ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS C240 M5 Rack Servers and Commvault HyperScale Release 11 SP16

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Executive Summary

Cisco Validated Designs (CVDs) deliver systems and solutions that are designed, tested, and documented to facilitate and improve customer deployments. These designs incorporate a wide range of technologies and products into a portfolio of solutions that have been developed to address the business needs of the customers and to guide them from design to deployment. Cisco and Commvault have partnered to deliver a series of data protection solutions that provide customers with a new level of management simplicity and scale for managing secondary data on premises.

Secondary storage and their associated workloads account for the vast majority of storage today. Enterprises face increasing demands to store and protect data while addressing the need to find new value in these secondary storage locations as a means to drive key business and IT transformation initiatives. ScaleProtect™ with Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) supports these initiatives by providing a unified modern data protection and management platform that delivers cloud-scalable services on-premises. The solution drives down costs across the enterprise by eliminating costly point solutions that do not scale and lack visibility into secondary data.

This CVD provides implementation details for the ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS solution, specifically focusing on the Cisco UCS C240 M5 Rack Server. ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS is deployed as a single cohesive system, which is made up of Commvault® Software and Cisco UCS infrastructure. Cisco UCS infrastructure provides the compute, storage, and networking, while Commvault Software provides the data protection and software designed scale-out platform.

Solution Overview

Introduction

ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS solution is a pre-designed, integrated, and validated architecture for modern data protection that combines Cisco UCS servers, Cisco Nexus switches, Commvault Complete™ Backup & Recovery, and Commvault HyperScale™ Software into a single software-defined scale-out flexible architecture. ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS is designed for high availability and resiliency, with no single point of failure, while maintaining cost-effectiveness and flexibility in design to support secondary storage workloads (for example; backup and recovery, disaster recovery, dev/test copies, and so on.).

ScaleProtect design discussed in this document has been validated for resiliency and fault tolerance during system upgrades, component failures, and partial as well as complete loss of power scenarios.

Audience

The audience for this document includes, but is not limited to, sales engineers, field consultants, professional services, IT managers, partner engineers, IT architects, and customers who want to take advantage of an infrastructure that is built to deliver IT efficiency and enable IT innovation. The reader of this document is expected to have the necessary training and background to install and configure Cisco UCS, Cisco Nexus, and Cisco UCS Manager as well as a high-level understanding of Commvault Software and its components. External references are provided where applicable and it is recommended that the reader be familiar with these documents.

Purpose of this Document

This document provides step-by-step configuration and implementation guidelines for setting up ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS C240 M5 Solution.

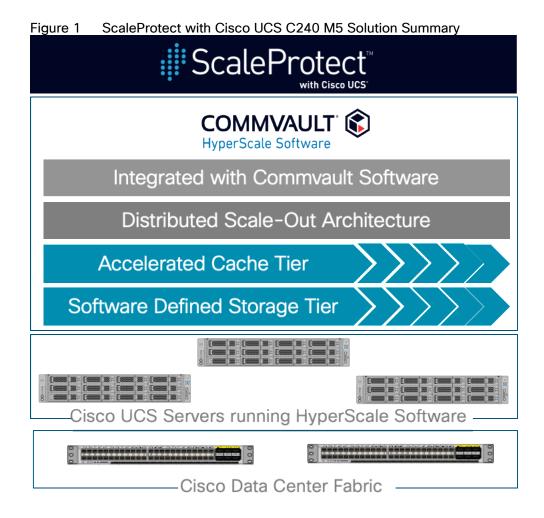
The design that will be implemented is discussed in detail in the ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS Design Guide found here:

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified compting/ucs/UCS CVDs/ucs commvault scaleprotect designa uide.html

Solution Summary

Cisco UCS revolutionized the server market through its programmable fabric and automated management that simplify application and service deployment. Commvault HyperScale™ Software provides the software-defined scale-out architecture that is fully integrated and includes true hybrid cloud capabilities. Commvault Complete Backup & Recovery provides a full suite of functionality for protecting, recovering, indexing, securing, automating, reporting, and natively accessing data. Cisco UCS, along with Commvault Software delivers an integrated software defined scale-out solution called ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS.

It is the only solution available with enterprise-class data management services that takes full advantage of industry-standard scale-out infrastructure together with Cisco UCS Servers.



Architectural Overview

A typical ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS deployment starts with a 3-node block. The solution has been validated with three Cisco UCS C240 M5 Server Nodes with built-in storage that consists of 12 front-facing internal Large Form Factor (LFF) HDDs for the software defined data storage tier, rear-loaded NVMe PCle SSD for the accelerated cache tier, and internal M.2 SATA SSD's for the operating system and associated binaries. Connectivity for the solution is provided via a pair of Cisco UCS 6454 Fabric Interconnects connected to a pair of Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 upstream network switches.

ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS can start with more than 3 nodes, the additional nodes are simply added to the Cisco UCS 6454 Series Fabric Interconnects for linear scalability.

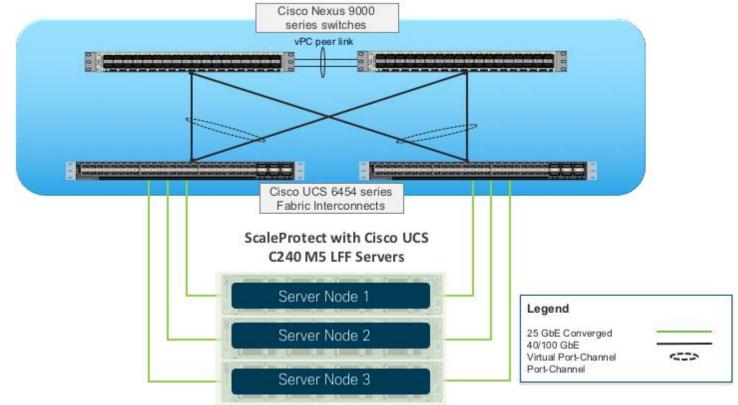


Figure 2 3-Node ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS Physical Architecture

The validated configuration uses the following components for deployment:

- Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS)
 - Cisco UCS Manager
 - Cisco UCS 6454 Series Fabric Interconnects
 - Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF Server
 - Cisco VIC 1457
 - Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 Series Switches
 - Commvault Complete™ Backup and Recovery v11
 - Commvault HyperScale Software release 11 SP16

Deployment Guidelines

This document guides customers through the low-level steps for deploying the ScaleProtect solution base architecture. These procedures describe everything from physical cabling to network, compute, and storage device configurations.



This document includes additional Cisco UCS configuration information that helps in enabling SAN connectivity to existing storage environment. The ScaleProtect design for this solution doesn't need SAN connectivity and additional information is included only as a reference and should be skipped if SAN connectivity is not required. All the sections that should be skipped for default design have been marked as optional.

Software Revisions

Table 1 lists the hardware and software versions used for the solution validation.

Table 1 Hardware and Software Revisions

Layer	Device	Image	
Compute	Cisco UCS 6454 Series Fabric Interconnects	4.0(4b)	
	Cisco UCS C240 M5 Rack Server	4.0(4b)	
Network	Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 NX-OS	7.0(3)17(6)	
Software	Cisco UCS Manager	4.0(4b)	
	Commvault Complete Backup and Recovery	v11 Service Pack 16	
	Commvault HyperScale Software	v11 Service Pack 16	

Configuration Guidelines

This document provides details for configuring a fully redundant, highly available ScaleProtect configuration. Therefore, appropriate references are provided to indicate the component being configured at each step, such as 01 and 02 or A and B. For example, the Cisco UCS fabric interconnects are identified as FI-A or FI-B. Finally, to indicate that you should include information pertinent to your environment in a given step, <text> appears as part of the command structure. See the following example during a configuration step for Cisco Nexus switches:

Nexus-9000-A (config)# ntp server <NTP Server IP Address> use-vrf management

This document is intended to enable customers and partners to fully configure the customer environment and during this process, various steps may require the use of customer-specific naming conventions, IP addresses, and VLAN schemes, as well as appropriate MAC addresses etc.



This document details network (Cisco Nexus), compute (Cisco UCS), software (Commvault) and related storage configurations.

Table 2 and Table 3 lists various VLANs, VSANs and subnets used to setup ScaleProtect infrastructure to provide connectivity between core elements of the design.

Table 2 ScaleProtect VLAN Configuration

VLAN Name	VLAN	VLAN Purpose	Example Subnet
Out of Band Mgmt	11	VLAN for out-of-band management	192.168.160.0/22
SP-Data-VLAN	111	VLAN for data protection and management network	192.168.20.0/24
SP-Cluster-VLAN	3000	VLAN for ScaleProtect Cluster internal network	10.10.10.0/24
Native-VLAN	2	Native VLAN	



VSAN ids are optional and are only required if SAN connectivity is needed from the ScaleProtect Cluster to existing Tape Library or SAN fabrics.

Table 3 Optional: ScaleProtect VSAN Configuration

VSAN Name	VSAN	VSAN Purpose
Backup-VSAN-A	201	Fabric-A VSAN for connectivity to data protection devices.
Backup-VSAN-B	202	Fabric-B VSAN for connectivity to data protection devices.
Prod-VSAN-A	101	Fabric-A VSAN for connectivity to production SAN Fabrics.
Prod-VSAN-B	102	Fabric-B VSAN for connectivity to production SAN Fabrics.

Physical Infrastructure

The information in this section is provided as a reference for cabling the equipment in ScaleProtect environment.

This document assumes that the out-of-band management ports are plugged into an existing management infrastructure at the deployment site. These interfaces will be used in various configuration steps.



Customers can choose interfaces and ports of their liking but failure to follow the exact connectivity shown in figures below will result in changes to the deployment procedures since specific port information is used in various configuration steps.

Cisco UCS Connectivity to Nexus Switches

For physical connectivity details of Cisco UCS to the Cisco Nexus switches, refer to Figure 3.

Cisco Nexus 9000
series switches

Cisco UCS 6454 series
Fabric Interconnects

ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS C240 M5
Servers

Legend

25 GbE Converged
40100 GbE
Virtual Port-Channel
Port-Channel
Port-Channel

Figure 3 Cisco UCS Connectivity to the Nexus Switches

Each Cisco UCS C240 M5 rack server in the design is redundantly connected to the managing fabric interconnects with at least one port connected to each FI to support converged traffic. Internally the Cisco UCS C240 M5 servers are equipped with a Cisco VIC 1457 network interface card (NIC) with quad 10/25 Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) ports. The Cisco VIC is installed in a modular LAN on motherboard (MLOM) slot. The standard practice for redundant connectivity is to connect port 1 of each server's VIC card to a numbered port on FI A, and port 3 of each server's VIC card to the same numbered port on FI B. The use of ports 1 and 3 are because ports 1 and 2 form an internal port-channel, as does ports 3 and 4. This allows an optional 4 cable connection method providing an effective 50GbE bandwidth to each fabric interconnect.

Table 4 Cisco UCS C240 Server Connectivity to Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnects

Local Device	Local Port	Connection	Remote Device	Remote Port
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect A	Eth1/17	25GbE	Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF Server1	VIC Port 1
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect A	Eth1/18	25GbE	Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF Server2	VIC Port 1
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect A	Eth1/19	25GbE	Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF Server3	VIC Port 1
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect B	Eth1/17	25GbE	Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF Server1	VIC Port 3
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect B	Eth1/18	25GbE	Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF Server2	VIC Port 3
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect B	Eth1/19	25GbE	Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF Server3	VIC Port 3

Table 5 Cisco UCS FI Connectivity to Nexus Switches

Local Device	Local Port	Connection	Remote Device	Remote Port
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect A	Eth1/49	40/100GbE	Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2	Eth1/25
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect A	Eth1/50	40/100GbE	Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2	Eth1/25
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect B	Eth1/49	40/100GbE	Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2	Eth1/26
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect B	Eth1/50	40/100GbE	Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2	Eth1/26

Optional: Cisco UCS connectivity to SAN Fabrics

For physical connectivity details of Cisco UCS to a Cisco MDS based redundant SAN fabric (MDS 9132T has been shown as an example), refer to Figure 4. Cisco UCS to SAN connectivity is optional and is not required for default ScaleProtect implementation. SAN connectivity details are included in the document as a reference which can be leveraged to connect ScaleProtect infrastructure to existing SAN fabrics in customers environment.



This document includes SAN configuration details for Cisco UCS but doesn't explain the Cisco MDS switch configuration details and end device configurations such as Storage Arrays or Tape Library's.

Cisco UCS Connectivity to Cisco MDS Switches Figure 4 3100 Cisco MDS 9100 series switches FC1/1 FC1/1 Cisco UCS 6454 series Fabric Interconnects ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS C240 M5 Cisco UCS C240 M5 Servers Legend 25 GbE Converged 40/100 GbE FC SAN A FC SAN B Port-Channel

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Table 6 Optional: Cisco UCS Connectivity to Cisco MDS Switches

Local Device	Local Port	Connection	Remote Device	Remote Port
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect A	FC1/1	32Gbps	Cisco MDS 9132T A	FC1/1
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect A	FC1/2	32Gbps	Cisco MDS 9132T A	FC1/2
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect B	FC1/1	32Gbps	Cisco MDS 9132T B	FC1/1
Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect B	FC1/2	32Gbps	Cisco MDS 9132T B	FC1/2

Table 7 and Table 8 lists the hardware configuration and sizing options of Cisco UCS C240 M5 nodes for ScaleProtect Solution.

Table 7 Cisco UCS C240 M5 Server Node Configuration

Table / Cisco ocs	6 C240 MS Server Node Configuration
Resources	Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF
CPU	2x 2 nd Gen Intel® Xeon® Scalable Silver 4214 52.8GHz (24 Cores)
Memory	256GB DDR4
	Boot Drives
	(2) 960GB SSD - RAID1
	Accelerated Cache Tier
	(1) 3.2TB NVMe
Storage	Optional Cloud Cache
	(1) 1.6TB NVMe
	Software Defined Data Storage Tier
	(12) 4/6/8/10/12TB HDD
Storage Controller	12G SAS HBA
Network	(2/4) 25Gbps

Table 8 ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS C240 M5 Solution Sizing

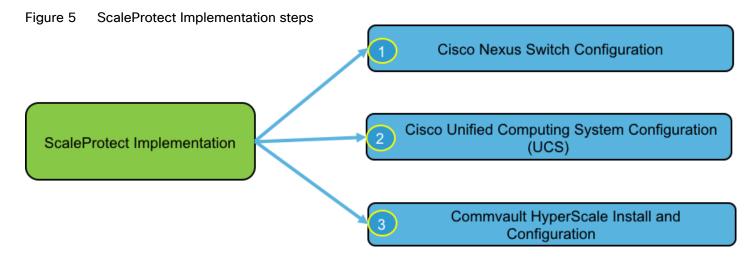
Table 6 Scale Folect With Cisco CCS C240 MS Solution Sizing						
Cisco UCS	HDD	3 Node	6 Node	9 Node	12 Node	15 Node
Model	Size ¹	Usable ²				
Cisco UCS C240 M5 (12 Drives per	4 TB	87 TiB	174 TiB	261 TiB	349 TiB	436 TiB

Cisco UCS Model	HDD Size ¹	3 Node Usable ²	6 Node Usable ²	9 Node Usable ²	12 Node Usable ²	15 Node Usable ²
node)	6 TB	130 TiB	261 TiB	392 TiB	523 TiB	654 TiB
	8 TB	174 TiB	349 TiB	523 TiB	698 TiB	873 TiB
	10 TB	218 TiB	436 TiB	654 TiB	873 TiB	1091 TiB
	12 TB	261 TiB	523 TiB	785 TiB	1047 TiB	1309 TiB

- HDD capacity values are calculated using Base10 (e.g. 1TB = 1,000,000,000,000 bytes)
 Usable capacity values are calculated using Base2 (e.g. 1TiB = 1,099,511,627,776 bytes), post erasure coding

ScaleProtect Implementation

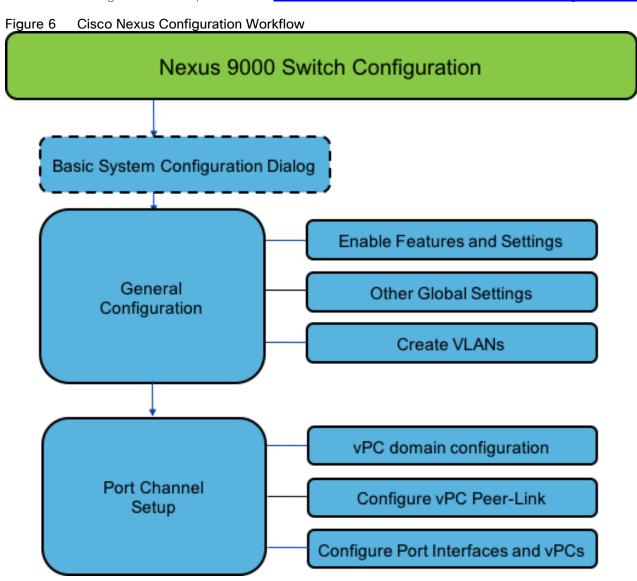
Figure 5 illustrates the ScaleProtect implementation workflow which will be explained in the following sections of the document.



Network Switch Configuration

This section provides detailed steps to configure the Cisco Nexus 9000 switches used in this ScaleProtect environment. Some changes may be appropriate for a customer's environment, but care should be taken when stepping outside of these instructions as it may lead to an improper configuration.

For detailed configuration details, refer to the Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide.



Cisco Nexus 9000 Initial Configuration Setup

This section describes how to configure the Cisco Nexus switches to use in a ScaleProtect environment. This procedure assumes that you are using Cisco Nexus 9000 switches running 7.0(3)I7(6) code.

Cisco Nexus 9000 A

To set up the initial configuration for the Cisco Nexus A switch, follow these steps:



On initial boot and connection to the serial or console port of the switch, the NX-OS setup should automatically start and attempt to enter Power on Auto Provisioning.

1. Configure the switch.

```
Abort Power On Auto Provisioning [yes - continue with normal setup, skip - bypass password and basic
configuration, no - continue with Power On Auto Provisioning] (yes/skip/no)[no]: yes
Disabling POAP.....Disabling POAP
poap: Rolling back, please wait... (This may take 5-15 minutes)
         ---- System Admin Account Setup ----
Do you want to enforce secure password standard (yes/no) [y]: Enter
Enter the password for "admin": <Switch Password>
Confirm the password for "admin": <Switch Password>
Would you like to enter the basic configuration dialog (yes/no): yes
Create another login account (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Configure read-only SNMP community string (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Configure read-write SNMP community string (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Enter the switch name: <Name of the Switch A>
Continue with Out-of-band (mgmt0) management configuration? (yes/no) [y]: Enter
Mgmt0 IPv4 address: <Mgmt. IP address for Switch A>
Mgmt0 IPv4 netmask: <Mgmt. IP Subnet Mask>
Configure the default gateway? (yes/no) [y]: Enter
IPv4 address of the default gateway: <Default GW for the Mgmt. IP>
Configure advanced IP options? (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Enable the telnet service? (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Enable the ssh service? (yes/no) [y]: Enter
Type of ssh key you would like to generate (dsa/rsa) [rsa]: Enter
Number of rsa key bits <1024-2048> [1024]: Enter
Configure the ntp server? (yes/no) [n]: y
NTP server IPv4 address: <NTP Server IP Address>
Configure default interface layer (L3/L2) [L2]: Enter
Configure default switchport interface state (shut/noshut) [noshut]: shut
Configure CoPP system profile (strict/moderate/lenient/dense/skip) [strict]: Enter
Would you like to edit the configuration? (yes/no) [n]: Enter
```

2. Review the configuration summary before enabling the configuration.

Cisco Nexus 9000 B

To set up the initial configuration for the Cisco Nexus B switch, follow these steps:



On initial boot and connection to the serial or console port of the switch, the NX-OS setup should automatically start and attempt to enter Power on Auto Provisioning.

1. Configure the switch.

```
Abort Power On Auto Provisioning [yes - continue with normal setup, skip - bypass password and basic
configuration, no - continue with Power On Auto Provisioning] (yes/skip/no)[no]: yes
Disabling POAP.....Disabling POAP
poap: Rolling back, please wait... (This may take 5-15 minutes)
         ---- System Admin Account Setup ----
Do you want to enforce secure password standard (yes/no) [y]: Enter
Enter the password for "admin": <Switch Password>
Confirm the password for "admin": <Switch Password>
Would you like to enter the basic configuration dialog (yes/no): yes
Create another login account (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Configure read-only SNMP community string (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Configure read-write SNMP community string (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Enter the switch name: <Name of the Switch B>
Continue with Out-of-band (mgmt0) management configuration? (yes/no) [y]: Enter
Mgmt0 IPv4 address: <Mgmt. IP address for Switch B>
Mgmt0 IPv4 netmask: <Mgmt. IP Subnet Mask>
Configure the default gateway? (yes/no) [y]: Enter
IPv4 address of the default gateway: < Default GW for the Mgmt. IP>
Configure advanced IP options? (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Enable the telnet service? (yes/no) [n]: Enter
Enable the ssh service? (yes/no) [y]: Enter
Type of ssh key you would like to generate (dsa/rsa) [rsa]: Enter
Number of rsa key bits <1024-2048> [1024]: Enter
Configure the ntp server? (yes/no) [n]: y
NTP server IPv4 address: <NTP Server IP Address>
Configure default interface layer (L3/L2) [L2]: Enter
Configure default switchport interface state (shut/noshut) [noshut]: shut
Configure CoPP system profile (strict/moderate/lenient/dense/skip) [strict]: Enter
Would you like to edit the configuration? (yes/no) [n]: Enter
```

3. Review the configuration summary before enabling the configuration.

Enable Appropriate Cisco Nexus 9000 Features and Settings

Cisco Nexus 9000 A and Cisco Nexus 9000 B

To enable the IP switching feature and set default spanning tree behaviors, follow these steps:

1. On each Nexus 9000, enter the configuration mode:

```
config terminal
```

2. Use the following commands to enable the necessary features:

```
feature lacp
feature vpc
feature interface-vlan
feature udld
feature lacp
feature nxapi
```

3. Configure the spanning tree and save the running configuration to start-up:

```
spanning-tree port type network default
spanning-tree port type edge bpduguard default
spanning-tree port type edge bpdufilter default
port-channel load-balance src-dst 14port
copy run start
```

Create VLANs for ScaleProtect IP Traffic

Cisco Nexus 9000 A and Cisco Nexus 9000 B

To create the necessary virtual local area networks (VLANs), complete the following step on both switches:

1. From the configuration mode, run the following commands:

```
vlan <ScaleProtect-Data VLAN id>
name SP-Data-VLAN
exit
vlan <ScaleProtect-Cluster VLAN id>
name SP-Cluster-VLAN
exit
vlan <Native VLAN id>>
```

```
name Native-VLAN
exit
copy run start
```

Configure Virtual Port Channel Domain

Cisco Nexus 9000 A

To configure vPC domain for switch A, follow these steps:

1. From the global configuration mode, create a new vPC domain:

```
vpc domain 10
```

2. Make the Nexus 9000A the primary vPC peer by defining a low priority value:

```
role priority 10
```

3. Use the management interfaces on the supervisors of the Nexus 9000s to establish a keepalive link:

```
peer-keepalive destination <Mgmt. IP address for Switch B> source <Mgmt. IP address for Switch A>
```

4. Enable the following features for this vPC domain:

```
peer-switch

delay restore 150

peer-gateway

ip arp synchronize

auto-recovery

copy run start
```

Cisco Nexus 9000 B

To configure the vPC domain for switch B, follow these steps:

1. From the global configuration mode, create a new vPC domain:

```
vpc domain 10
```

2. Make the Nexus 9000A the primary vPC peer by defining a low priority value:

```
role priority 20
```

3. Use the management interfaces on the supervisors of the Nexus 9000s to establish a keepalive link:

```
peer-keepalive destination <Mgmt. IP address for Switch A> source <Mgmt. IP address for Switch B>
```

4. Enable the following features for this vPC domain:

```
peer-switch

delay restore 150

peer-gateway

ip arp synchronize

auto-recovery

copy run start
```

Configure Network Interfaces for the vPC Peer Links

To configure the network interfaces for the vPC Peer links, follow these steps:

Cisco Nexus 9000 A

1. Define a port description for the interfaces connecting to vPC Peer <Nexus Switch B>>.

```
interface Eth1/27
description VPC Peer <Nexus-B Switch Name>:1/27
interface Eth1/28
description VPC Peer <Nexus-B Switch Name>:1/28
```

2. Apply a port channel to both vPC Peer links and bring up the interfaces.

```
interface Eth1/27,Eth1/28
channel-group 10 mode active
no shutdown
```

3. Define a description for the port-channel connecting to <Nexus Switch B>.

```
interface Pol0

description vPC peer-link
```

4. Make the port-channel a switchport, and configure a trunk to allow Data, Cluster and the native VLAN.

```
switchport
switchport mode trunk
switchport trunk native vlan <Native VLAN id>
switchport trunk allowed vlan <ScaleProtect-Data VLAN id> <ScaleProtect-Cluster VLAN id>
spanning-tree port type network
```

5. Make this port-channel the VPC peer link and bring it up.

```
vpc peer-link
```

```
no shutdown copy run start
```

Cisco Nexus 9000 B

1. Define a port description for the interfaces connecting to VPC Peer < Nexus Switch A>.

```
interface Eth1/27
description VPC Peer <Nexus-A Switch Name>:1/27
interface Eth1/28
description VPC Peer <Nexus-A Switch Name>:1/28
```

2. Apply a port channel to both VPC Peer links and bring up the interfaces.

```
interface Eth1/27,Eth1/28
channel-group 10 mode active
no shutdown
```

3. Define a description for the port-channel connecting to <Nexus Switch A>.

```
interface Po10
description vPC peer-link
```

4. Make the port-channel a switchport, and configure a trunk to allow Data, Cluster and the native VLAN.

```
switchport
switchport mode trunk
switchport trunk native vlan <Native VLAN id>
switchport trunk allowed vlan <ScaleProtect-Data VLAN id> <ScaleProtect-Cluster VLAN id>
spanning-tree port type network
```

5. Make this port-channel the VPC peer link and bring it up.

```
vpc peer-link no shutdown copy run start
```

Configure Network Interfaces to Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect

Cisco Nexus 9000 A

1. Define a description for the port-channel connecting to <<UCS Cluster Name>>-A.

```
interface Po40
description <UCS Cluster Name>-A
```

2. Make the port-channel a switchport and configure a trunk to allow ScaleProtect Data, ScaleProtect Cluster and the native VLANs.

```
switchport
switchport mode trunk
switchport trunk native vlan <Native VLAN id>
switchport trunk allowed vlan <ScaleProtect-Data VLAN id> <ScaleProtect-Cluster VLAN id>
```

3. Make the port channel and associated interfaces spanning tree edge ports.

```
spanning-tree port type edge trunk
```

4. Set the MTU to be 9216 to support jumbo frames.

mtu 9216

5. Make this a VPC port-channel and bring it up.

```
vpc 40
no shutdown
```

6. Define a port description for the interface connecting to <UCS Cluster Name>-A.

```
interface Eth1/25
description <UCS Cluster Name>-A:49
```

7. Apply it to a port channel and bring up the interface.

```
channel-group 40 force mode active no shutdown
```

8. Define a description for the port-channel connecting to <UCS Cluster Name>-B.

```
interface Po50

description <UCS Cluster Name>-B
```

9. Make the port-channel a switchport and configure a trunk to ScaleProtect Data, ScaleProtect Cluster and the native VLANs.

```
switchport
switchport mode trunk
switchport trunk native vlan <Native VLAN id>
```

switchport trunk allowed vlan <ScaleProtect-Data VLAN id> <ScaleProtect-Cluster VLAN id>

10. Make the port channel and associated interfaces spanning tree edge ports.

```
spanning-tree port type edge trunk
```

11. Set the MTU to be 9216 to support jumbo frames.

```
mtu 9216
```

12. Make this a VPC port-channel and bring it up.

```
vpc 50
no shutdown
```

13. Define a port description for the interface connecting to <UCS Cluster Name>-B.

```
interface Eth1/26
description <UCS Cluster Name>-B:1/49
```

14. Apply it to a port channel and bring up the interface.

```
channel-group 50 force mode active no shutdown copy run start
```

Cisco Nexus 9000 B

1. Define a description for the port-channel connecting to <UCS Cluster Name>-B.

```
interface Po40
description <UCS Cluster Name>-A
```

2. Make the port-channel a switchport and configure a trunk to allow ScaleProtect Data, ScaleProtect Cluster and the native VLANs.

```
switchport
switchport mode trunk
switchport trunk native vlan <Native VLAN id>
switchport trunk allowed vlan <ScaleProtect-Data VLAN id> <ScaleProtect-Cluster VLAN id>
```

3. Make the port channel and associated interfaces spanning tree edge ports.

```
spanning-tree port type edge trunk
```

4. Set the MTU to 9216 to support jumbo frames.

mtu 9216

5. Make this a VPC port-channel and bring it up.

vpc 40 no shutdown

6. Define a port description for the interface connecting to <UCS Cluster Name>-B.

interface Eth1/25
description <UCS Cluster Name>-A:1/50

7. Apply it to a port channel and bring up the interface.

channel-group 40 force mode active no shutdown

8. Define a description for the port-channel connecting to <UCS Cluster Name>-A.

interface Po50
description <UCS Cluster Name>-B

9. Make the port-channel a switchport and configure a trunk to allow ScaleProtect Data, ScaleProtect Cluster and the native VLANs.

switchport
switchport mode trunk
switchport trunk native vlan <Native VLAN id>
switchport trunk allowed vlan <ScaleProtect-Data VLAN id> <ScaleProtect-Cluster VLAN id>

10. Make the port channel and associated interfaces spanning tree edge ports.

spanning-tree port type edge trunk

11. Set the MTU to be 9216 to support jumbo frames.

mtu 9216

12. Make this a VPC port-channel and bring it up.

vpc 12 no shutdown

13. Define a port description for the interface connecting to <UCS Cluster Name>-A.

```
interface Eth1/26
description <UCS Cluster Name>-B:1/50
```

14. Apply it to a port channel and bring up the interface.

```
channel-group 50 force mode active
no shutdown
copy run start
```

Uplink into Existing Network Infrastructure

Depending on the available network infrastructure, several methods and features can be used to uplink the ScaleProtect environment. If an existing Cisco Nexus environment is present, it is recommended to use vPCs to uplink the Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 switches included in the present environment into the infrastructure. The previously described procedures can be used to create an uplink vPC to the existing environment. Make sure to run copy run start to save the configuration on each switch after the configuration is completed.

Cisco Nexus 9000 A and B using Port Channel Example

To enable data protection and management network access across the IP switching environment leveraging port channel to a single switch run the following commands in config mode:



The connectivity to existing network is specific to each customer and the following is just an example for reference. Please consult the customer network team during implementation of the solution.

1. Define a description for the port-channel connecting to uplink switch.

```
interface po6

description <ScaleProtect Data VLAN>
```

2. Configure the port as an access VLAN carrying the management/data protection VLAN traffic.

```
switchport
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan <ScaleProtect Data VLAN id>
```

3. Make the port channel and associated interfaces normal spanning tree ports.

```
spanning-tree port type normal
```

4. Make this a VPC port-channel and bring it up.

```
vpc 6
no shutdown
```

5. Define a port description for the interface connecting to the existing network infrastructure.

interface Eth1/33

description <ScaleProtect Data VLAN>_uplink

6. Apply it to a port channel and bring up the interface.

channel-group 6 force mode active no shutdown

7. Save the running configuration to start-up in both Nexus 9000s and run commands to look at port and port channel information.

Copy run start
sh int eth1/33 br
sh port-channel summary

Cisco UCS Server Configuration

This section describes the steps to configure the Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) to use in a ScaleProtect environment.



These steps are necessary to provision the Cisco UCS C240 M5 Servers and should be followed precisely to avoid improper configuration.

Figure 7 Cisco UCS implementation Workflow

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Cisco UCS Basic Configuration

Cisco Unified Computing System (UCS) Configuration

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Cisco UCS C240 Server Node Configuration



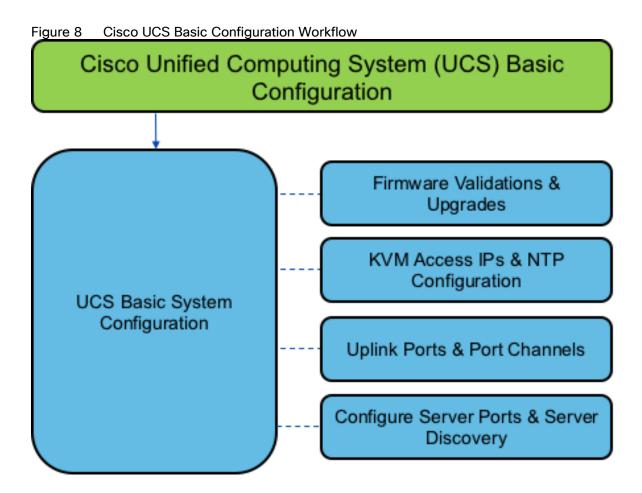
This document includes configuration of the Cisco UCS infrastructure to enable SAN connectivity to existing storage environment. The ScaleProtect design for this solution doesn't need SAN connectivity and additional information is included only as a reference and should be skipped if SAN connectivity is not required. All the sections that should be skipped for default design have been marked as optional.

Cisco UCS Base Configuration

To complete Cisco UCS base configuration, follow the steps in this section.

Perform Initial Setup of Cisco UCS 6454 Fabric Interconnects

This section provides the configuration steps for the Cisco UCS 6454 Fabric Interconnects (FI) in a ScaleProtect design that includes Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF Rack Servers.



Cisco UCS 6454 Fabric Interconnect A

To configure Fabric Interconnect A, follow these steps:

- 1. Make sure the Fabric Interconnect cabling is properly connected, including the L1 and L2 cluster links, and power the Fabric Interconnects on by inserting the power cords.
- 2. Connect to the console port on the first Fabric Interconnect, which will be designated as the A fabric device. Use the supplied Cisco console cable (CAB-CONSOLE-RJ45=), and connect it to a built-in DB9 serial port, or use a USB to DB9 serial port adapter.
- 3. Start your terminal emulator software.
- 4. Create a connection to the COM port of the computer's DB9 port, or the USB to serial adapter. Set the terminal emulation to VT100, and the settings to 9600 baud, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit.
- 5. Open the connection just created. You may have to press ENTER to see the first prompt.
- 6. Configure the first Fabric Interconnect, using the following example as a guideline.
- 7. Connect to the console port on the first Cisco UCS 6454 fabric interconnect.

```
Enter the configuration method. (console/gui) ? console

Enter the setup mode; setup newly or restore from backup.(setup/restore)? setup
```

```
You have chosen to setup a new Fabric interconnect? Continue? (y/n): y
Enforce strong password? (y/n) [y]: y
Enter the password for "admin": <UCS Password>
Confirm the password for "admin": <UCS Password>
Is this Fabric interconnect part of a cluster(select no for standalone)? (yes/no) [n]: yes
Which switch fabric (A/B)[]: A
Enter the system name: <Name of the System>
Physical Switch Mgmt0 IP address: <Mgmt. IP address for Fabric A>
Physical Switch Mgmt0 IPv4 netmask: <Mgmt. IP Subnet Mask>
IPv4 address of the default gateway: <Default GW for the Mgmt. IP >
Cluster IPv4 address: <Cluster Mgmt. IP address>
Configure the DNS Server IP address? (yes/no) [n]: y
DNS IP address: <DNS IP address>
Configure the default domain name? (yes/no) [n]: y
Default domain name: <DNS Domain Name>
Join centralized management environment (UCS Central)? (yes/no) [n]: n
Apply and save configuration (select no if you want to re-enter)? (yes/no): yes
```

8. Wait for the login prompt to make sure that the configuration has been saved.

Cisco UCS 6454 Fabric Interconnect B

To configure Fabric Interconnect B, follow these steps:

- 1. Connect to the console port on the first Fabric Interconnect, which will be designated as the B fabric device. Use the supplied Cisco console cable (CAB-CONSOLE-RJ45=), and connect it to a built-in DB9 serial port, or use a USB to DB9 serial port adapter.
- 2. Start your terminal emulator software.
- 3. Create a connection to the COM port of the computer's DB9 port, or the USB to serial adapter. Set the terminal emulation to VT100, and the settings to 9600 baud, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit.
- 4. Open the connection just created. You may have to press ENTER to see the first prompt.
- 5. Configure the second Fabric Interconnect, using the following example as a guideline.
- 6. Connect to the console port on the second Cisco UCS 6454 fabric interconnect.

```
Enter the configuration method. (console/gui) ? console

Installer has detected the presence of a peer Fabric interconnect. This

Fabric interconnect will be added to the cluster. Continue (y|n)? y

Enter the admin password for the peer Fabric interconnect: <Admin Password>
```

```
Connecting to peer Fabric interconnect... done

Retrieving config from peer Fabric interconnect... done

Peer Fabric interconnect Mgmt0 IPv4 Address: <Address provided in last step>

Peer Fabric interconnect Mgmt0 IPv4 Netmask: <Mask provided in last step>

Cluster IPv4 address : <Cluster IP provided in last step>

Peer FI is IPv4 Cluster enabled. Please Provide Local Fabric Interconnect Mgmt0 IPv4 Address

Physical switch Mgmt0 IP address: < Mgmt. IP address for Fabric B>

Apply and save the configuration (select no if you want to re-enter)?

(yes/no): yes
```

7. Wait for the login prompt to make sure that the configuration has been saved.

Cisco UCS Setup

Log into Cisco UCS Manager

To log into the Cisco Unified Computing System (UCS) environment, follow these steps:

- 1. Open a web browser and navigate to the Cisco UCS fabric interconnect cluster address.
- 2. Click the Launch UCS Manager link to download the Cisco UCS Manager software.
- 3. If prompted to accept security certificates, accept as necessary.
- 4. When prompted, enter admin as the user name and enter the administrative password.
- 5. Click Login to log in to Cisco UCS Manager.

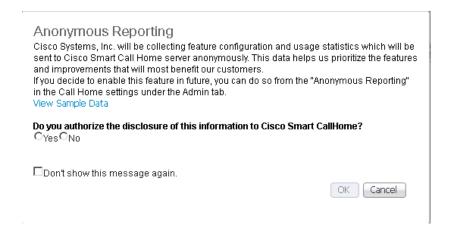
Upgrade Cisco UCS Manager Software to Version 4.0(4b)

This document assumes you are using Cisco UCS 4.0(4b). To upgrade the Cisco UCS Manager software and the Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect software to version 4.0(4b), refer to the <u>Cisco UCS Manager Install and Upgrade</u> Guides.

Anonymous Reporting

To enable anonymous reporting, follow this step:

1. In the Anonymous Reporting window, select whether to send anonymous data to Cisco for improving future products:



Configure Cisco UCS Call Home



It is highly recommended by Cisco to configure Call Home in Cisco UCS Manager. Configuring Call Home will accelerate resolution of support cases.

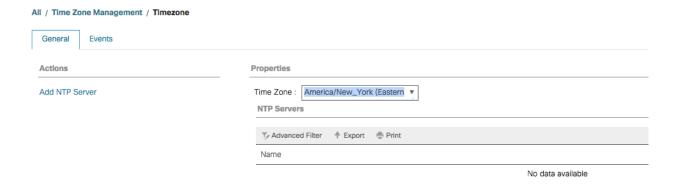
To configure Call Home, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Admin icon on the left.
- 2. Select All > Communication Management > Call Home.
- 3. Change the State to on.
- 4. Fill in all the fields according to your Management preferences and click Save Changes and OK to complete configuring Call Home.

Synchronize Cisco UCS to NTP

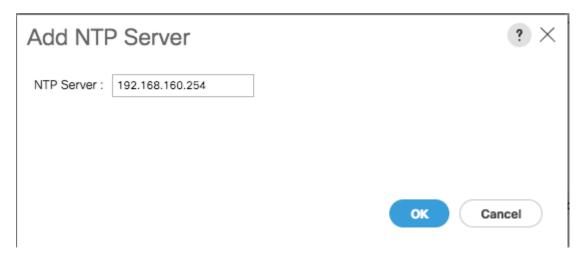
To synchronize the Cisco UCS environment to the NTP server, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Admin tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select All > Timezone Management > Timezone.



3. In the Properties pane, select the appropriate time zone in the Timezone menu.

- 4. Click Add NTP Server.
- 5. Enter < NTP Server IP Address > and click OK.

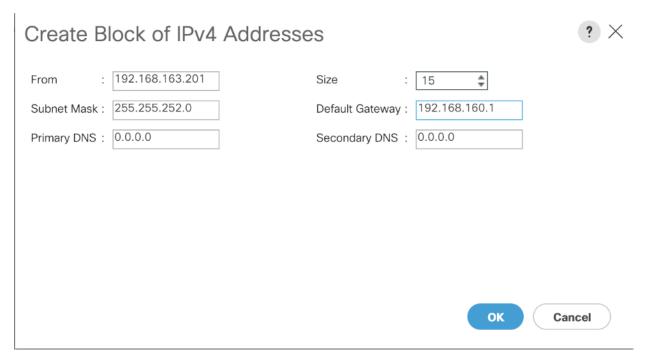


6. Click Save Changes and then click OK.

Add Block IP Addresses for KVM Access

To create a block of IP addresses for in band server Keyboard, Video, Mouse (KVM) access in the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the LAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Pools > root > IP Pools.
- 3. Right-click IP Pool ext-mgmt and select Create Block of IPv4 Addresses.
- 4. Enter the starting IP address of the block, the number of IP addresses required, and the subnet and gateway information.



- 5. Click OK to create.
- 6. Click OK in the confirmation message.

Server Discovery Policy

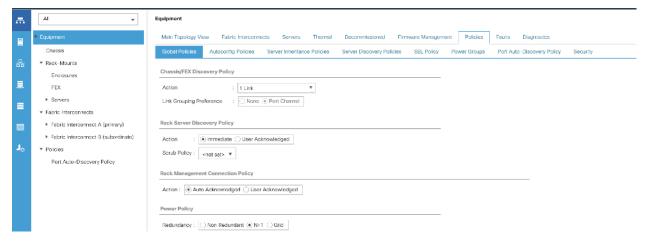
The Server discovery policy determines how the system reacts when you add a new Cisco UCS server to a Cisco UCS system. Cisco UCS Manager uses the settings in the chassis discovery policy to determine whether to group links from the VIC's to the fabric interconnects in fabric port channels.



To add a previously standalone Cisco UCS C240 to a Cisco UCS system, you must first configure it to factory default. You can then connect both ports of the VIC on the server to both fabric interconnects. After you connect the VIC ports to the fabric interconnects, and mark the ports as server ports, server discovery begins.

To modify the chassis discovery policy, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Equipment tab in the navigation pane and select Equipment in the list on the left
- 2. In the right pane, click the Policies tab.
- 3. Under Global Policies, set the Chassis/FEX Discovery Policy to match the number of uplink ports that are cabled between the chassis or fabric extenders (FEXes) and the fabric interconnects.



- 4. Click Save Changes if values changed from default values.
- 5. Click OK.

Enable Server Ports

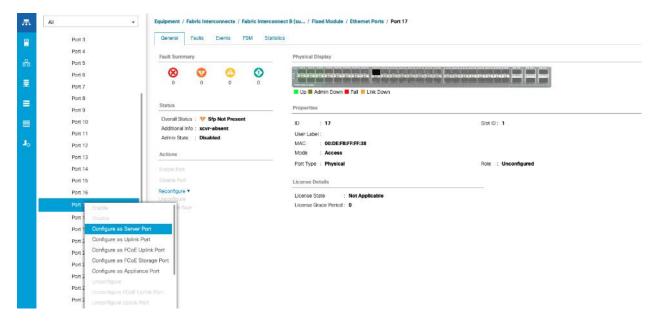
The Ethernet ports of a Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect connected to the rack-mount servers, or to the blade chassis or to Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server must be defined as server ports. When a server port is activated, the connected server or chassis will begin the discovery process shortly afterwards. Rack-mount servers, blade chassis, and Cisco UCS S3260 chassis are automatically numbered in the order which they are first discovered. For this reason, it is important to configure the server ports sequentially in the order you wish the physical servers and/or chassis to appear within Cisco UCS Manager. For example, if you installed your servers in a cabinet or rack with server #1 on the bottom, counting up as you go higher in the cabinet or rack, then you need to enable the server ports to the bottom-most server first, and enable them one-by-one as you move upward. You must wait until the server appears in the Equipment tab of Cisco UCS Manager before configuring the ports for the next server. The same numbering procedure applies to blade server chassis.



Cisco UCS Port Auto-Discovery Policy can be optionally enabled to discover the servers without having to manually define the server ports. The procedure in next section details the process of enabling Auto-Discovery Policy.

To define the specified ports to be used as server ports, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Equipment tab in the navigation pane
- 2. Select Fabric Interconnects > Fabric Interconnect A > Fixed Module > Ethernet Ports.
- 3. Select the first port that is to be a server port, right-click it, and click Configure as Server Port.
- 4. Click Yes to confirm the configuration and click OK.



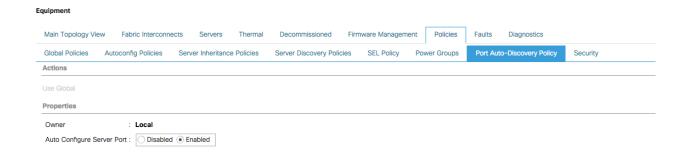
- 5. Select Fabric Interconnects > Fabric Interconnect B > Fixed Module > Ethernet Ports.
- 6. Select the matching port as chosen for Fabric Interconnect A which would be configured as Server Port.
- 7. Click Yes to confirm the configuration and click OK.
- 8. Repeat steps 1-7 for enabling other ports connected to the other C240 M5 Server Nodes.
- Wait for a brief period, until the rack-mount server appears in the Equipment tab underneath Equipment > Rack Mounts > Servers.



Optional: Edit Policy to Automatically Discover Server Ports

If the Cisco UCS Port Auto-Discovery Policy is enabled, server ports will be discovered automatically. To enable the Port Auto-Discovery Policy, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Equipment icon on the left and select Equipment in the second list
- 2. In the right pane, click the Policies tab.
- 3. Under Policies, select the Port Auto-Discovery Policy tab.
- 4. Under Properties, set Auto Configure Server Port to Enabled.



- 5. Click Save Changes.
- Click OK.



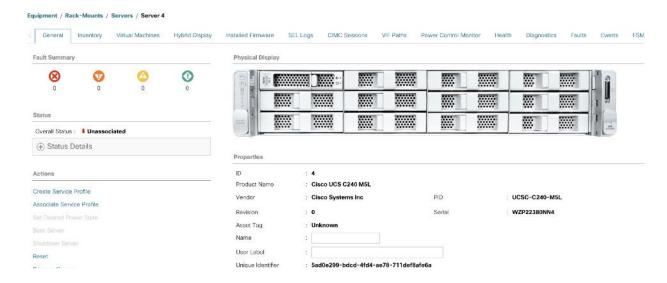
The first discovery process can take some time and is dependent on installed firmware on the chassis.

Server Discovery

As previously described, when the server ports of the Fabric Interconnects are configured and active, the servers connected to those ports will begin a discovery process. During discovery the servers' internal hardware inventories are collected, along with their current firmware revisions. Before continuing with the Cisco UCS C240 rack server installation processes, wait for all of the servers to finish their discovery process and show as unassociated servers that are powered off, with no errors.

To view the servers' discovery status, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Equipment tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Click Rack-Mounts and click the Servers tab.
- 3. Select the respective server and view the Server status in the Overall Status column.
- 4. When the server is discovered, the C240 M5 server is displayed as shown below:



5. Click the Equipment > Rack-Mounts > Servers Tab and view the servers' status in the Overall Status column. Below are the Cisco UCS C240 M5 Servers for ScaleProtect Cluster:



Optional: Enable Fibre Channel Ports



The FC port and uplink configurations can be skipped if the ScaleProtect Cisco UCS environment does not need access to storage environment using FC SAN.

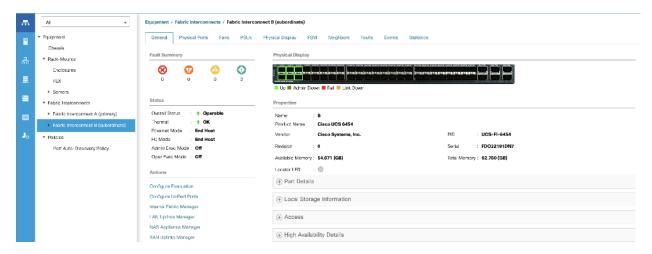
Fibre Channel port configurations differ between the 6454, 6332-16UP and the 6248UP Fabric Interconnects. All Fabric Interconnects have a slider mechanism within the Cisco UCS Manager GUI interface, but the fibre channel port selection options for the 6454 are from the first 8 ports starting from the first port and configured in increments of 4 ports from the left. For the 6332-16UP the port selection options are from the first 16 ports starting from the first port, and configured in increments of the first 6, 12, or all 16 of the unified ports. With the 6248UP, the port selection options will start from the right of the 32 fixed ports, or the right of the 16 ports of the expansion module, going down in contiguous increments of 2. The remainder of this section shows configuration of the 6454. Modify as necessary for the 6332-16UP or 6248UP.

To enable FC uplink ports, follow these steps.



This step requires a reboot. To avoid an unnecessary switchover, configure the subordinate Fabric Interconnect first.

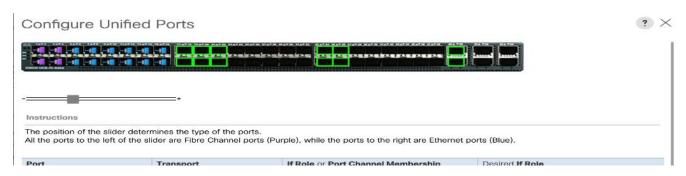
1. In the Equipment tab, select the Fabric Interconnect B (subordinate FI in this example), and in the Actions pane, select Configure Unified Ports, and click Yes on the splash screen.



2. Slide the lever to change the ports 1-4 to Fiber Channel. Click Finish followed by Yes to the reboot message. Click OK.



Select the number of ports to be enabled as FC uplinks based on the amount of bandwidth required in the customer specific setup.



3. When the subordinate has completed reboot, repeat the procedure to configure FC ports on primary Fabric Interconnect. As before, the Fabric Interconnect will reboot after the configuration is complete.

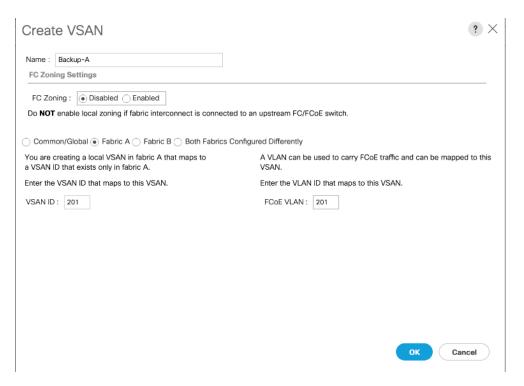
Optional: Create VSAN for the Fibre Channel Interfaces



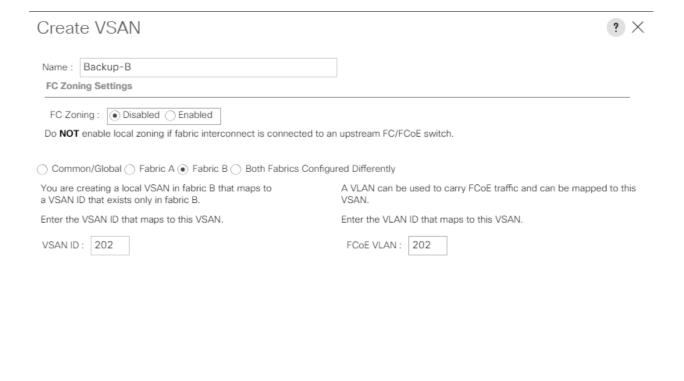
Creating VSANs is optional and is only required if connectivity to existing production and backup SAN fabrics is required for the solution. Sample VSAN ids are used in the document for both production and backup fibre channel networks, match the VSAN ids based on customer specific environment.

To configure the necessary virtual storage area networks (VSANs) for FC uplinks for the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the SAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Expand the SAN > SAN Cloud and select Fabric A.
- 3. Right-click VSANs and choose Create VSAN.
- 4. Enter Backup-A as the name of the VSAN for fabric A.
- 6. Keep the Disabled option selected for FC Zoning.
- 5. Click the Fabric A radio button.
- 6. Enter 201 as the VSAN ID for Fabric A.
- 7. Enter 201 as the FCoE VLAN ID for fabric A. Click OK twice.



- 8. In the SAN tab, expand SAN > SAN Cloud > Fabric-B.
- 9. Right-click VSANs and choose Create VSAN.
- 10. Enter Backup-B as the name of the VSAN for fabric B.
- 11. Keep the Disabled option selected for FC Zoning.
- 12. Click the Fabric B radio button.
- 13. Enter 202 as the VSAN ID for Fabric B. Enter 202 as the FCoE VLAN ID for Fabric B. Click OK twice.



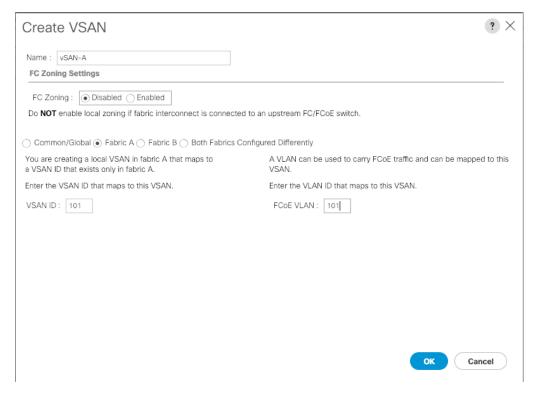


The VSANs created in the following steps are an example of production VSANs used in the document for access to production storage. Adjust the VSAN id's based on customer specific deployment.

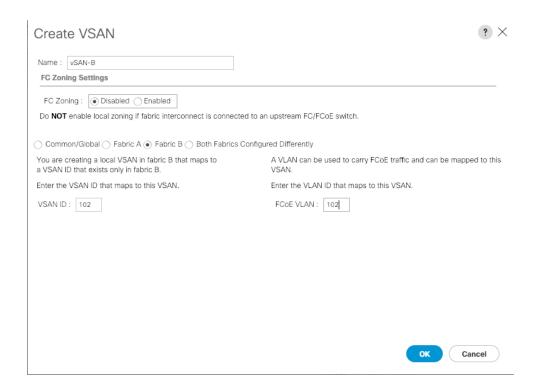
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- 14. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the SAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 15. Expand the SAN > SAN Cloud and select Fabric A.
- 16. Right-click VSANs and choose Create VSAN.
- 17. Enter vsan-A as the name of the VSAN for fabric A.
- 7. Keep the Disabled option selected for FC Zoning.
- 18. Click the Fabric A radio button.
- 19. Enter 101 as the VSAN ID for Fabric A.
- 20. Enter 101 as the FCoE VLAN ID for fabric A. Click OK twice.



- 21. In the SAN tab, expand SAN > SAN Cloud > Fabric-B.
- 22. Right-click VSANs and choose Create VSAN.
- 23. Enter vsan-B as the name of the VSAN for fabric B.
- 24. Keep the Disabled option selected for FC Zoning.
- 25. Click the Fabric B radio button.
- 26. Enter 102 as the VSAN ID for Fabric B. Enter 102 as the FCoE VLAN ID for Fabric B. Click OK twice.



Optional: Create Port Channels for the Fibre Channel Interfaces

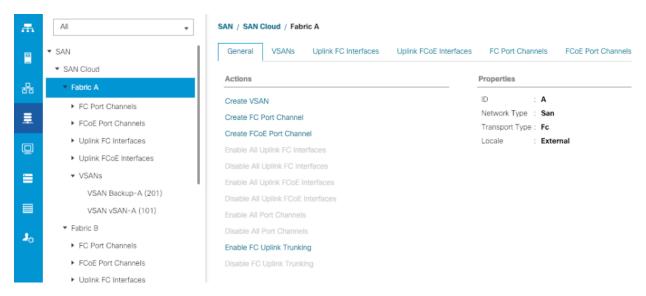


As previously mentioned, Fibre channel connectivity is optional and the following procedure to create port-channels is included for reference and the procedure varies depending on the upstream SAN infrastructure.

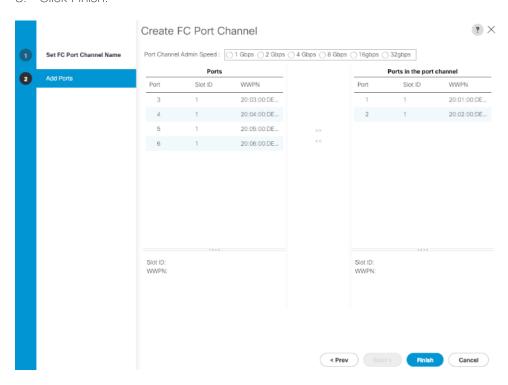
To configure the necessary FC port channels for the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

Fabric-A

- 1. In the navigation pane, under SAN > SAN Cloud, expand the Fabric A tree.
- 2. Click Enable FC Uplink Trunking.

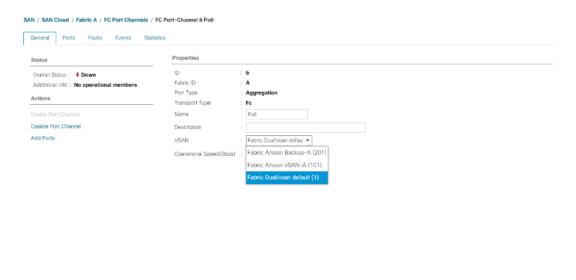


- 3. Click Yes on the warning message.
- 4. Click Create FC Port Channel on the same screen.
- 5. Enter 6 for the port channel ID and Po6 for the port channel name.
- 6. Click Next then choose ports 1 and 2 and click >> to add the ports to the port channel.
- 7. Select Port Channel Admin Speed as 32gbps.
- 8. Click Finish.



9. Click OK.

10. Select FC Port-Channel 6 from the menu in the left pane and from the VSAN drop-down field, keep VSAN 1 selected in the right pane.



11. Click Save Changes and then click OK.

Fabric-B

- 1. Click the SAN tab. In the navigation pane, under SAN > SAN Cloud, expand the Fabric B.
- 2. Right-click FC Port Channels and choose Create Port Channel.
- 3. Enter 7 for the port channel ID and Po7 for the port channel name. Click Next.
- 4. Choose ports 1 and 2 and click >> to add the ports to the port channel.
- 5. Click Finish, and then click OK.
- 6. Select FC Port-Channel 7 from the menu in the left pane and from the VSAN drop-down list, keep VSAN 1 selected in the right pane.
- 7. Click Save Changes and then click OK.



The procedure (above) creates port channels with trunking enabled to allow both production and backup VSANs, the necessary configuration needs to be completed on the upstream switches to establish connectivity successfully.

Disable Unused FC Uplink Ports (FCP)

When Unified Ports were configured earlier in this procedure, on the Cisco UCS 6454 FI and the Cisco UCS 6332-16UP FI, FC ports are configured in groups. Because of this group configuration, some FC ports are unused and need to be disabled to prevent alerts.

To disable the unused FC ports 3 and 4 on the Cisco UCS 6454 Fls, follow these steps:

1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click Equipment.

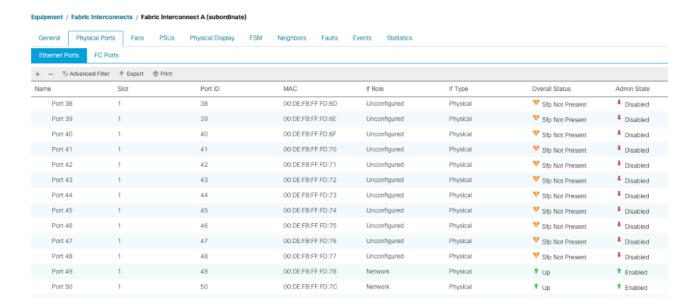
- 2. In the Navigation Pane, expand Equipment > Fabric Interconnects > Fabric Interconnect A > Fixed Module > FC Ports.
- 3. Select FC Port 3 and FC Port 4. Right-click and select Disable.
- 4. Click Yes and OK to complete disabling the unused FC ports.
- 5. In the Navigation Pane, expand Equipment > Fabric Interconnects > Fabric Interconnect B > Fixed Module > FC Ports.
- 6. Select FC Port 3 and FC Port 4. Right-click and select Disable.
- 7. Click Yes and OK to complete disabling the unused FC ports.

Enable Ethernet Uplink Ports

The Ethernet ports of a Cisco UCS 6554 Fabric Interconnect are all capable of performing several functions, such as network uplinks or server ports, and more. By default, all ports are unconfigured, and their function must be defined by the administrator.

To define the specified ports to be used as network uplinks to the upstream network, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Equipment tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Fabric Interconnects > Fabric Interconnect A > Fixed Module > Ethernet Ports.
- 3. Select the ports that are to be uplink ports (49 & 50), right click them, and click Configure as Uplink Port.
- 4. Click Yes to confirm the configuration and click OK.
- 5. Select Fabric Interconnects > Fabric Interconnect B > Fixed Module > Ethernet Ports.
- 6. Select the ports that are to be uplink ports (49 & 50), right-click them, and click Configure as Uplink Port.
- 7. Click Yes to confirm the configuration and click OK.
- 8. Verify all the necessary ports are now configured as uplink ports.

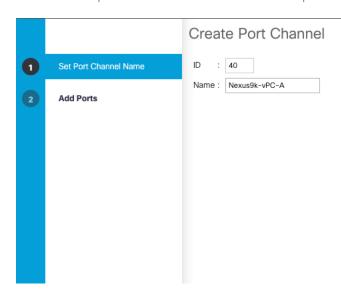


Create Port Channels for Ethernet Uplinks

If the Cisco UCS uplinks from one Fabric Interconnect are to be combined into a port channel or vPC, you must separately configure the port channels using the previously configured uplink ports.

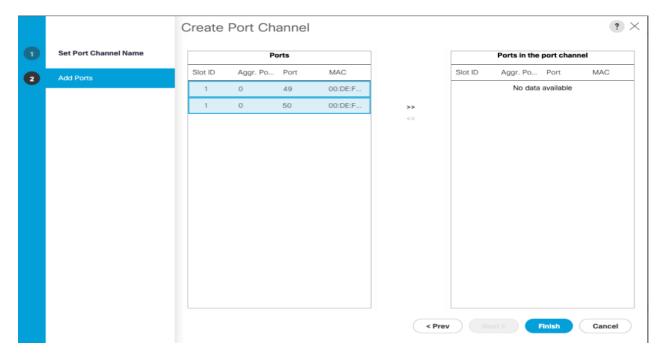
To configure the necessary port channels in the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the LAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Under LAN > LAN Cloud, click to expand the Fabric A tree.
- Right-click Port Channels underneath Fabric A and select Create Port Channel.
- 4. Enter the port channel ID number as the unique ID of the port channel.

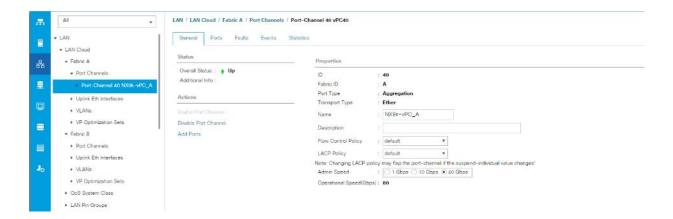


5. Enter the name of the port channel.

- 6. Click Next.
- 7. Click each port from Fabric Interconnect A that will participate in the port channel and click the >> button to add them to the port channel.

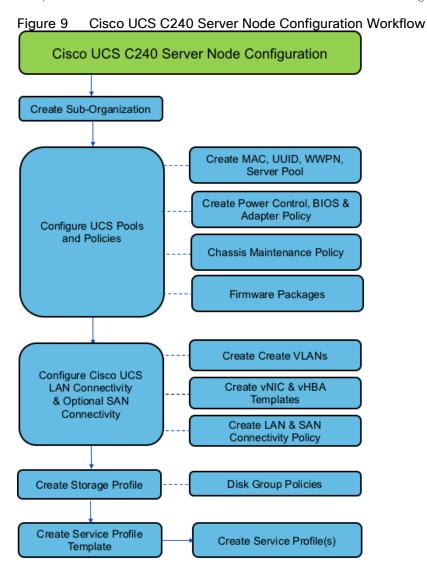


- 8. Click Finish.
- 9. Click OK.
- 10. Under LAN > LAN Cloud, click to expand the Fabric B tree.
- 11. Right-click Port Channels underneath Fabric B and select Create Port Channel.
- 12. Enter the port channel ID number as the unique ID of the port channel.
- 13. Enter the name of the port channel.
- 14. Click Next.
- 15. Click each port from Fabric Interconnect B that will participate in the port channel and click the >> button to add them to the port channel.
- 16. Click Finish.
- 17. Click OK.
- 18. Verify the necessary port channels have been created. It can take a few minutes for the newly formed port channels to converge and come online.



Cisco UCS C240 M5 Server Node Configuration

The steps provided in this section details for Cisco UCS C240 M5 Server setup. The procedure includes creation of ScaleProtect environment specific UCS pools and policies, followed by the Cisco UCS C240 M5 Server Node setup which will involve Service Profile creation and association using Storage Profile.

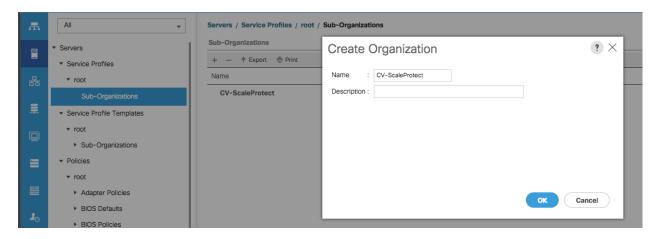


Create Sub-Organization

In this setup, one sub-organization under the root has been created. Sub-organizations help to restrict user access to logical pools and objects in order to facilitate secure provisioning and to provide easier user interaction. For ScaleProtect backup infrastructure, create a sub-organization as "CV-scaleProtect".

To create a sub-organization, follow these steps:

- 1. In the Navigation pane, click the Servers tab.
- 2. In the Servers tab, expand Service Profiles > root. You can also access the Sub-Organizations node under the Policies or Pools nodes.
- 3. Right-click Sub-Organizations and choose Create Organization.
- 4. Enter CV-ScaleProtect as the name or any other obvious name, enter a description, and click OK.



Create MAC Address Pools

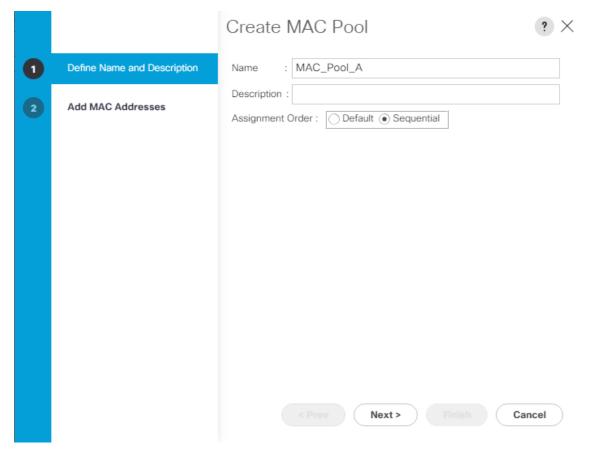
To configure the necessary MAC address pools for the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the LAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Pools > root > Sub-organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.



In this procedure, two MAC address pools are created, one for each switching fabric.

- 3. Right-click MAC Pools under the root organization.
- 4. Select Create MAC Pool to create the MAC address pool.
- 5. Enter MAC Pool A as the name of the MAC pool.
- 6. Optional: Enter a description for the MAC pool.
- 7. Select Sequential as the option for Assignment Order.

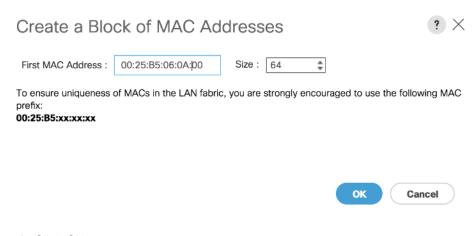


- 8. Click Next.
- 9. Click Add.
- 10. Specify a starting MAC address.

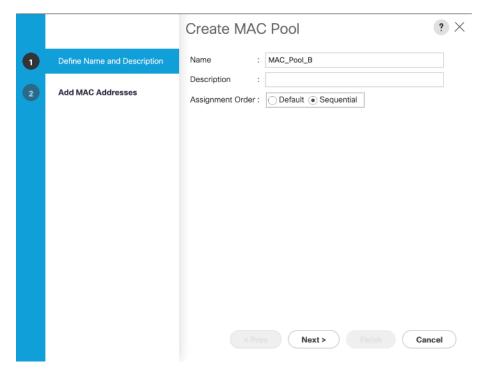


It is recommended to place 0A in the second last octet of the starting MAC address to identify all of the MAC addresses as Fabric A addresses. It is also recommended to not change the first three octets of the MAC address.

11. Specify a size for the MAC address pool that is sufficient to support the future ScaleProtect cluster expansion and any available blade or server resources.



- 12. Click OK.
- 13. Click Finish.
- 14. In the confirmation message, click OK.
- 15. Right-click MAC Pools under the root organization.
- 16. Select Create MAC Pool to create the MAC address pool.
- 17. Enter MAC Pool B as the name of the MAC pool.
- 18. Optional: Enter a description for the MAC pool.
- 19. Select Sequential as the option for Assignment Order.



20. Click Next.

- 21. Click Add.
- 22. Specify a starting MAC address.



It is recommended to place 0B in the second last octet of the starting MAC address to identify all of the MAC addresses as Fabric A addresses. It is also recommended to not change the first three octets of the MAC address.

23. Specify a size for the MAC address pool that is sufficient to support the future ScaleProtect cluster expansion and any available blade or server resources.



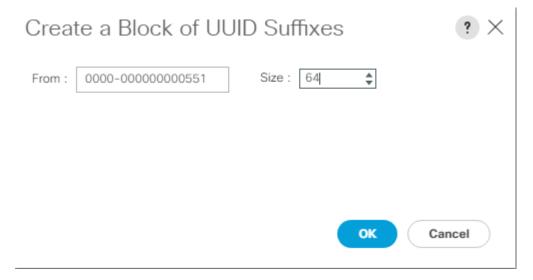
- 24. Click OK.
- 25. Click Finish.
- 26. In the confirmation message, click OK.

Create UUID Suffix Pool

To configure the necessary universally unique identifier (UUID) suffix pool for the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Servers tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Pools > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Right-click UUID Suffix Pools.
- 4. Select Create UUID Suffix Pool.
- 5. Enter UUID Pool as the name of the UUID suffix pool.
- 6. Optional: Enter a description for the UUID suffix pool.
- 7. Keep the prefix at the derived option.
- 8. Select Sequential for the Assignment Order.

- Click Next.
- 10. Click Add to add a block of UUIDs.
- 11. Keep the value in From field at the default setting.
- 12. Specify a size for the UUID block that is sufficient to support the available server resources.



- 13. Click OK.
- 14. Click Finish.
- 15. Click OK.

Create Server Pool

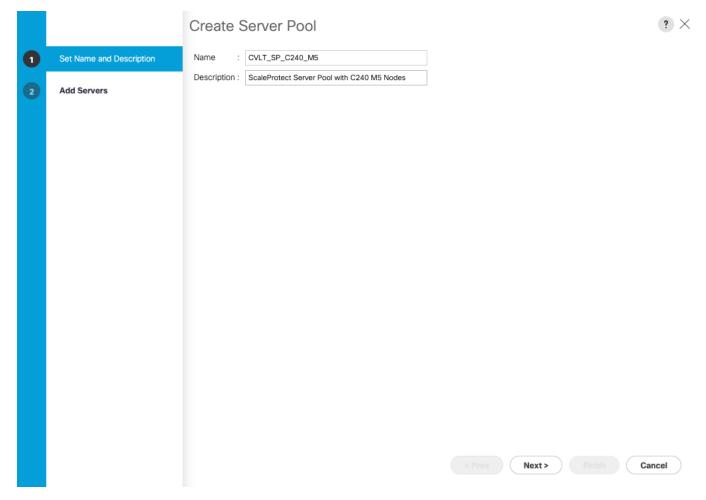
The following procedure guides you in creating two server pools, one for first server nodes in the chassis and the other of the second server nodes.



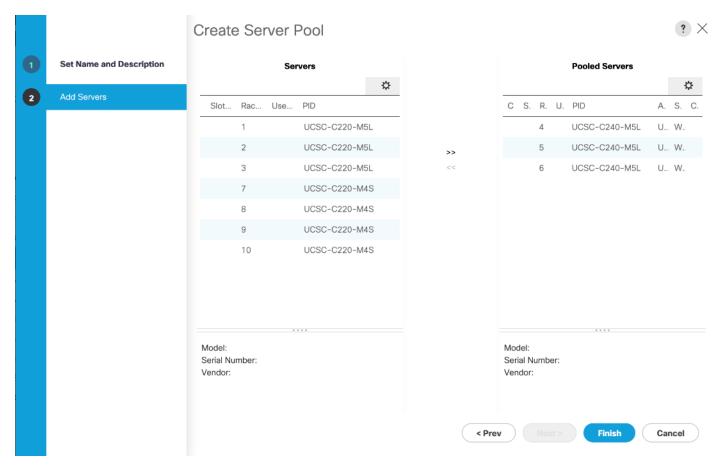
Always consider creating unique server pools to achieve the granularity that is required in your environment.

To configure the necessary server pool for the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

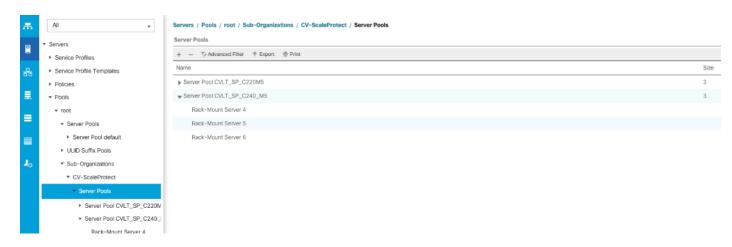
- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Servers tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Pools > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Right-click Server Pools.
- 4. Select Create Server Pool.
- 5. Enter CVLT SP C240 M5 as the name of the server pool.
- 6. Optional: Enter a description for the server pool.



- 7. Click Next.
- 8. Select C240 M5 server nodes and click >> to add them to the $\texttt{CVLT_SP_C240_M5}$ server pool.



- 9. Click Finish.
- 10. Click OK.
- 11. Verify that the server pools have been created.



Optional: Create a WWNN Address Pool for FC-based Storage Access



This configuration step can be skipped if the UCS environment does not need to access storage environment using FC.

For FC connectivity to SAN fabrics, create a World Wide Node Name (WWNN) pool by following these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the SAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Pools > root.
- 3. Right-click WWNN Pools under the root organization and choose Create WWNN Pool to create the WWNN address pool.
- 4. Enter wwnn-Pool as the name of the WWNN pool.
- 5. Optional: Enter a description for the WWNN pool.
- 6. Select the Sequential Assignment Order and click Next.
- 7. Click Add.
- 8. Specify a starting WWNN address.
- 9. Specify a size for the WWNN address pool that is sufficient to support the available blade or rack server resources. Each server will receive one WWNN.



- 10. Click OK and click Finish.
- 11. In the confirmation message, click OK.

Optional: Create a WWPN Address Pools for FC-based Storage Access

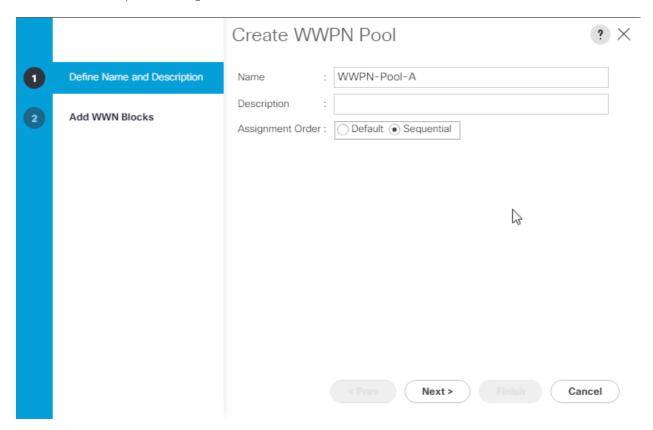


This configuration step can be skipped if the UCS environment does not need access to storage environment using FC.

For FC connectivity to SAN fabrics, create a World Wide Port Name (WWPN) pool for each SAN switching fabric by following these steps:

1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the SAN tab in the navigation pane.

- 2. Select Pools > root.
- 3. Right-click WWPN Pools under the root organization and choose Create WWPN Pool to create the first WWPN address pool.
- 4. Enter WWPN-Pool-A as the name of the WWPN pool.
- 5. Optional: Enter a description for the WWPN pool.
- 6. Select the Sequential Assignment Order and click Next.

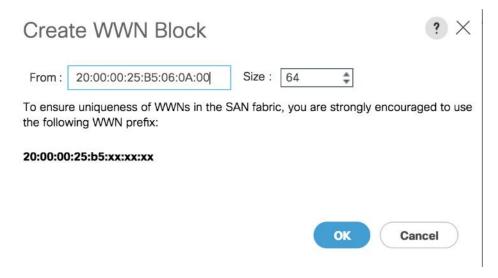


- 7. Click Add.
- 8. Specify a starting WWPN address.



It is recommended to place 0A in the second last octet of the starting WWPN address to identify all of the WWPN addresses as Fabric A addresses.

9. Specify a size for the WWPN address pool that is sufficient to support the available blade or rack server resources. Each server's Fabric A vHBA will receive one WWPN from this pool.

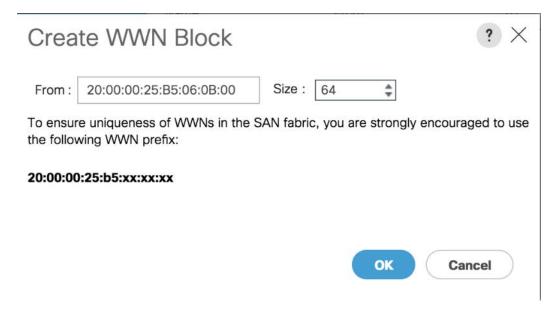


- 10. Click OK and click Finish.
- 11. In the confirmation message, click OK.
- 12. Right-click WWPN Pools under the root organization and choose Create WWPN Pool to create the second WWPN address pool.
- 13. Enter wwpn-pool-B as the name of the WWPN pool.
- 14. Optional: Enter a description for the WWPN pool.
- 15. Select the Sequential Assignment Order and click Next.
- 16. Click Add.
- 17. Specify a starting WWPN address.



It is recommended to place 0B in the second last octet of the starting WWPN address to identify all of the WWPN addresses as Fabric B addresses.

18. Specify a size for the WWPN address pool that is sufficient to support the available blade or rack server resources. Each server's Fabric B vHBA will receive one WWPN from this pool.

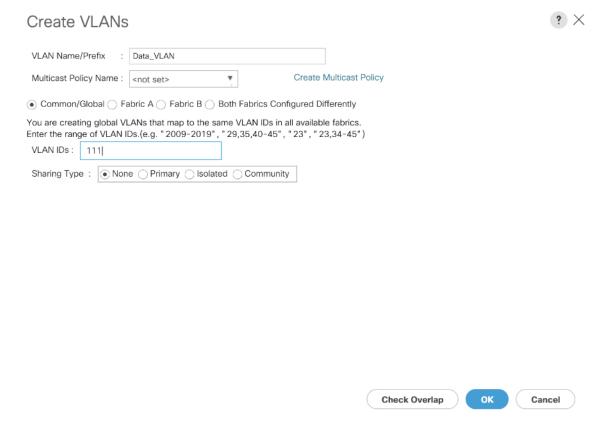


- 19. Click OK and click Finish.
- 20. In the confirmation message, click OK.

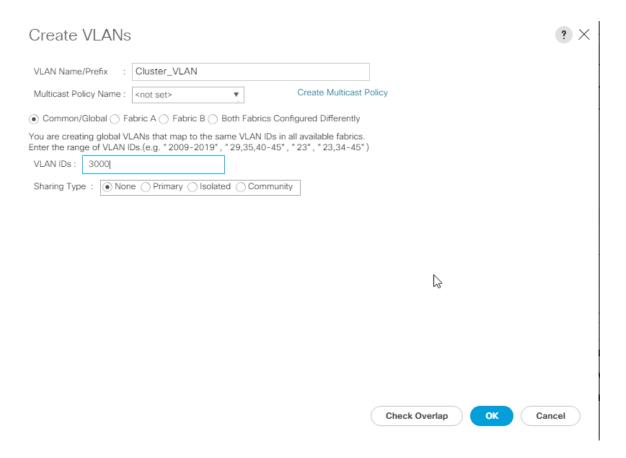
Create VLANs

To configure the necessary virtual local area networks (VLANs) for the Cisco UCS ScaleProtect environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the LAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select LAN > LAN Cloud.
- 3. Right-click VLANs.
- 4. Select Create VLANs.
- 5. Enter Data_VLAN as the name of the VLAN to be used for the native VLAN.
- 6. Keep the Common/Global option selected for the scope of the VLAN.
- 7. Keep the Sharing Type as None.



- 8. Click OK and then click OK again.
- 9. Repeat steps 3-8 to add Cluster VLAN as shown below:

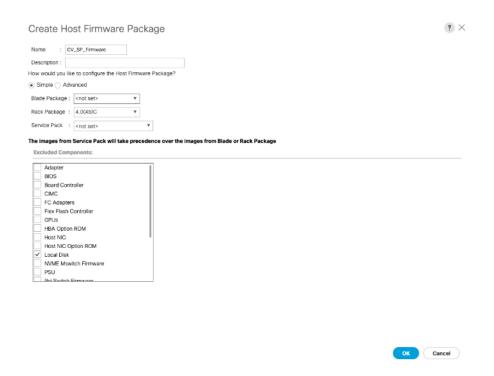


Create Host Firmware Package

Firmware management policies allow the administrator to select the corresponding packages for a given server configuration. These policies often include packages for adapter, BIOS, board controller, FC adapters, host bus adapter (HBA) option ROM, and storage controller properties.

To create a firmware management policy for a given server configuration in the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Servers tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Policies > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Expand Host Firmware Packages.
- 4. Right-click and Select Create Host Firmware Package.
- 5. Enter name as CV SP Firmware
- 6. Select the version 4.0 (4b) c for Rack Packages.



7. Click OK to add the host firmware package.

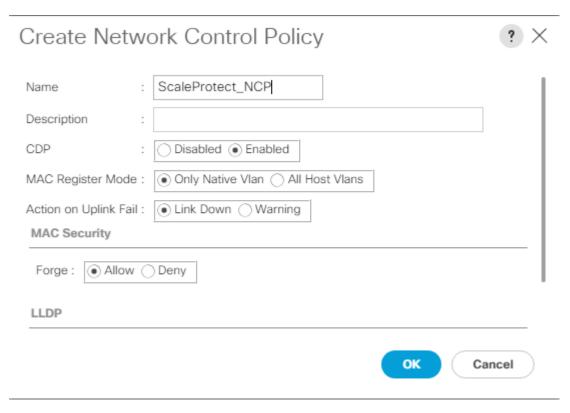


The Local disk is excluded by default in host firmware policy as a safety feature. Un-Exclude Local Disk within the firmware policy during initial deployment, only if drive firmware is required to be upgraded and is not at the minimum firmware level. Keep it excluded for any future updates and update the drives manually if required.

Create Network Control Policy for Cisco Discovery Protocol

To create a network control policy that enables Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) on virtual network ports, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the LAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Policies > root > Sub-Organization > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Right-click Network Control Policies.
- 4. Select Create Network Control Policy.
- 5. Enter ScaleProtect NCP as the policy name.
- 6. For CDP, select the Enabled option.
- 7. For LLDP, scroll down and select Enabled for both Transit and Receive.
- 8. Click OK to create the network control policy.

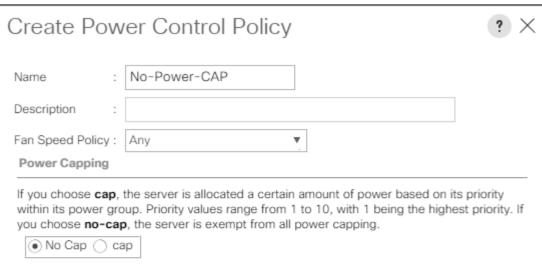


9. Click OK.

Create Power Control Policy

To create a power control policy for the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Servers tab in the navigation pane. Select Policies > root >Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 2. Right-click Power Control Policies.
- 3. Select Create Power Control Policy.
- 4. Enter No-Power-Cap as the power control policy name.
- 5. Change the power capping setting to No Cap.
- 6. Click OK to create the power control policy.



Cisco UCS Manager only enforces power capping when the servers in a power group require more power than is currently available. With sufficient power, all servers run at full capacity regardless of their priority.



7. Click OK.

Create Server BIOS Policy

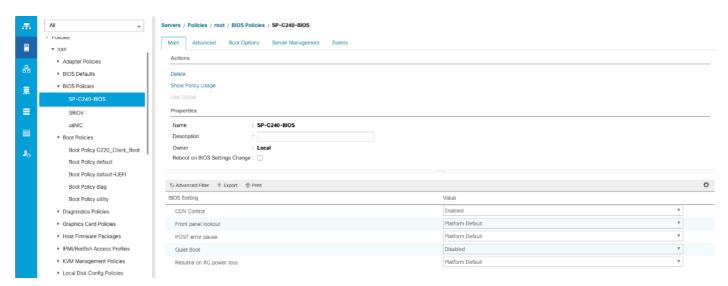
To create a server BIOS policy for the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Servers tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Policies > root > sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Right-click BIOS Policies.
- 4. Select Create BIOS Policy.
- 5. Enter sp-c240-bios as the BIOS policy name.

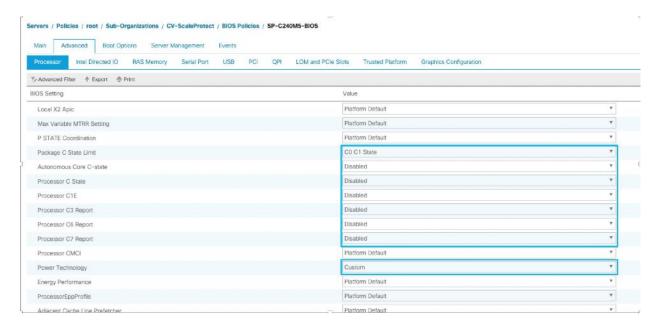
Create BIOS Policy Name : SP-C240-BIOS Description : Reboot on BIOS Settings Change :



- 6. Click OK.
- 7. Select the newly created BIOS Policy.
- 8. Change the Quiet Boot setting to disabled.
- 9. Change Consistent Device Naming to enabled.



- 10. Click Advanced tab and then select Processor.
- 11. From the Processer tab, make changes as shown below.



12. Change the Workload Configuration to IO Sensitive on the same page.

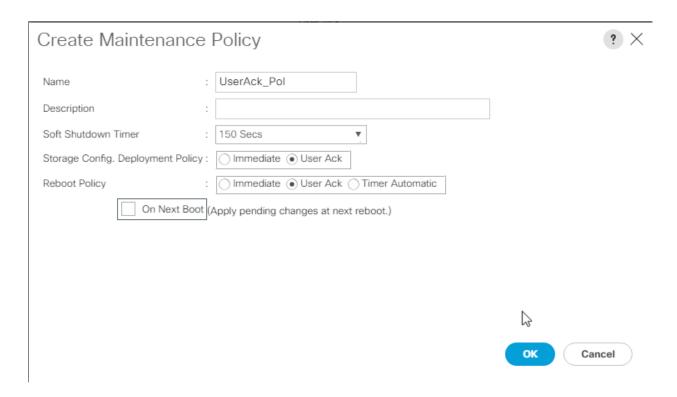


13. Click Save Changes.

Create Maintenance Policy

To update the default Maintenance Policy, follow these steps:

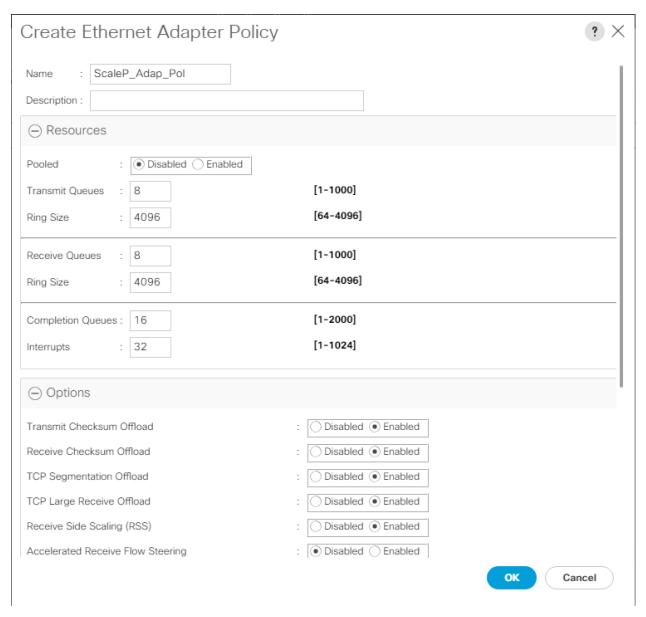
- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Servers tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Policies > root > sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Right-click Maintenance Policies and Select Create Maintenance Policy.
- 4. Enter UserAck_Pol as the Maintenance Policy name
- 5. Change the Reboot Policy to User Ack.
- 6. Optional: Click "On Next Boot" to delegate maintenance windows to server owners.
- 7. Click OK.



Create Adapter Policy

To create adaptor policy, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Servers tab in the navigation pane.
- 1. Select Policies > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 2. Right-click Adapter Policies and Select Ethernet Adaptor Policy.
- 3. Enter name as ScaleP Adap Pol.
- 4. Enter Transmit Queues = 8, Receive Queues = 8, Ring Size = 4096.
- 5. Enter Completion Queues = 16 and Interrupts = 32.
- 6. Under Options, make sure Receive Side Scaling (RSS) is enabled.
- 7. Click OK.





To enable maximum throughout, it is recommended to change the default size of Rx and Tx Queues. RSS should be enabled, since it allows the distribution of network receive processing across multiple CPUs in a multiprocessor system.

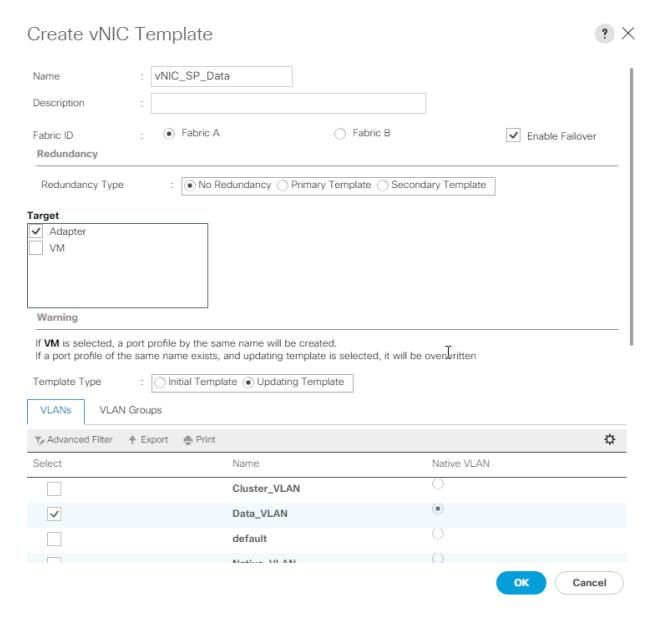
Create vNIC Templates

To create multiple virtual network interface card (vNIC) templates for the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps. A total of 2 vNIC Templates will be created:

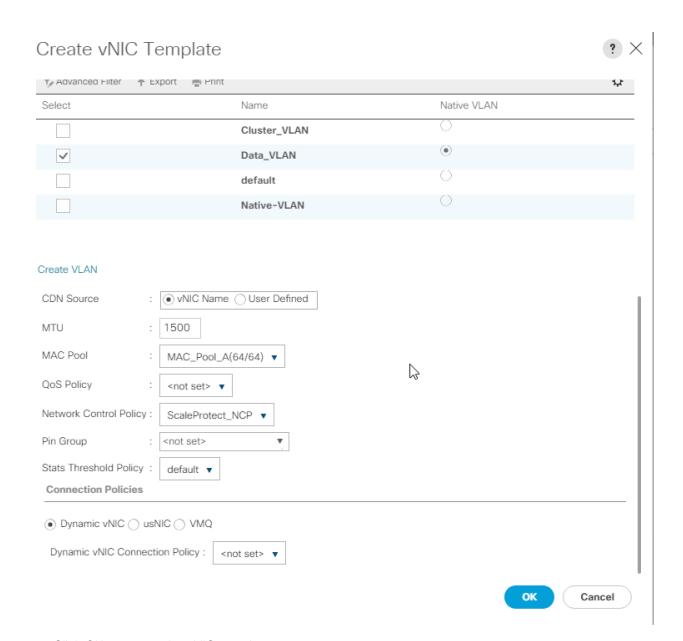
- vNIC_data ScaleProtect Data Protection and Management vNIC. This vNIC provides management access and enables communication from backup clients to ScaleProtect Cluster.
- vNIC_cluster ScaleProtect Cluster vNIC. This vNIC provides communication with in ScaleProtect Cluster for Cluster related traffic.

Create Data and Cluster vNICs

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the LAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Policies > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Right-click vNIC Templates.
- 4. Select Create vNIC Template.
- 5. Enter vNIC_SP_Data as the vNIC template name.
- 6. Keep Fabric A selected.
- 7. Select the Enable Failover checkbox.
- 8. Select Updating Template as the Template Type.
- 9. Select Redundancy Type as No Redundancy
- 10. Under VLANs, select the checkbox for Data VLAN VLAN.



- 11. Set Data VLAN as the native VLAN.
- 12. For MTU, enter 1500.
- 13. In the MAC Pool list, select MAC Pool A.
- 14. In the Network Control Policy list, select ScaleProtect_NCP.



- 15. Click OK to create the vNIC template.
- 16. Click OK.

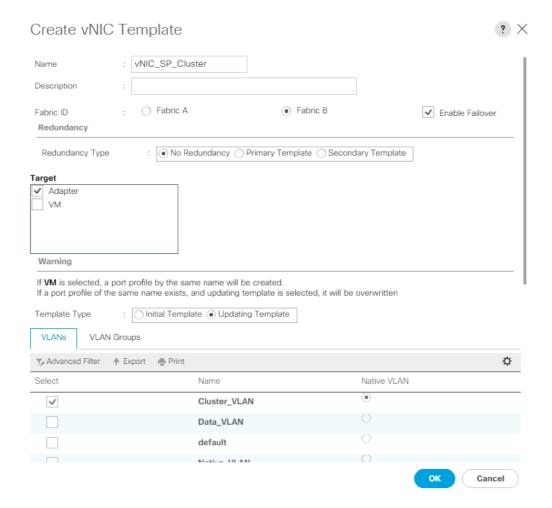


Use MTU 9000 for the backup network if possible and on all participating devices in the network (clients, switches, and servers). Use standard 1500 MTU if any connections or devices are not configured to support a larger MTU to prevent drops.

To create the Cluster VLAN template, follow these steps:

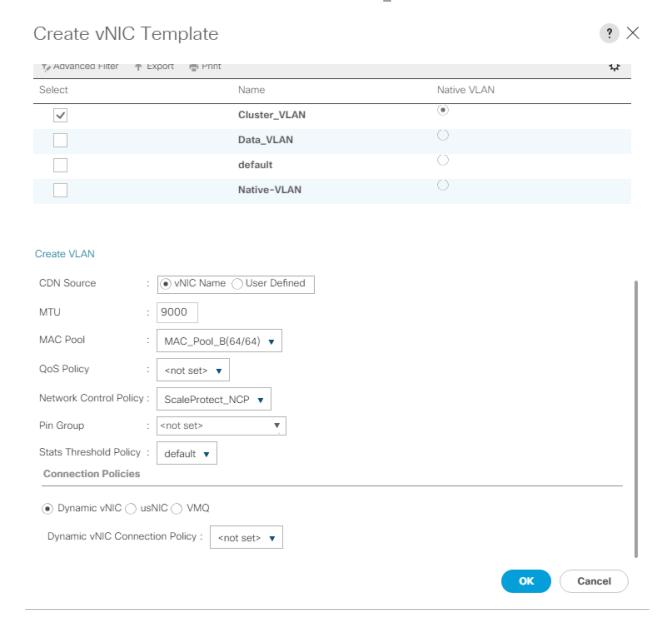
- 1. In the navigation pane, select the LAN tab.
- 2. Select Policies > root.
- 3. Right-click vNIC Templates.

- 4. Select Create vNIC Template.
- 5. Enter vNIC SP Cluster as the vNIC template name.
- 6. Select Fabric B.
- 7. Select the Enable Failover checkbox.
- 8. Under Target, make sure the VM checkbox is not selected.
- 9. Select Redundancy Type as No Redundancy.
- 10. Select Updating Template as the template type.
- 11. Under VLANs, select the checkboxes for Cluster VLAN.
- 12. Set Cluster_VLAN as the native VLAN.



- 13. Select vNIC Name for the CDN Source.
- 14. For MTU, enter 9000.

- 15. In the MAC Pool list, select MAC_Pool_B.
- 16. In the Network Control Policy list, select ScaleProtect NCP.



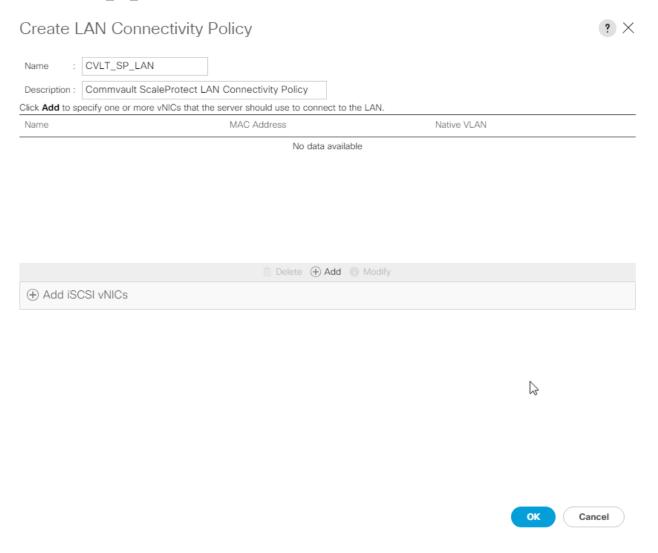
- 17. Click OK to create the vNIC template.
- 18. Click OK.

Create LAN Connectivity Policy

To configure the necessary Infrastructure LAN Connectivity Policy, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click LAN on the left.
- 2. Select LAN > Policies > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.

- 3. Right-click LAN Connectivity Policies.
- 4. Select Create LAN Connectivity Policy.
- 5. Enter CVLT_SP_LAN as the name of the policy.



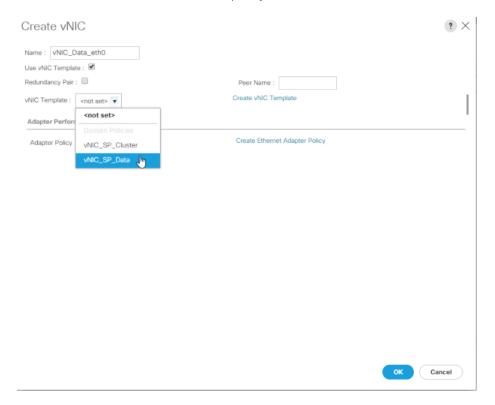
- 6. Click the upper Add button to add a vNIC.
- 7. In the Create vNIC dialog box, enter vNIC Data eth0 as the name of the vNIC.



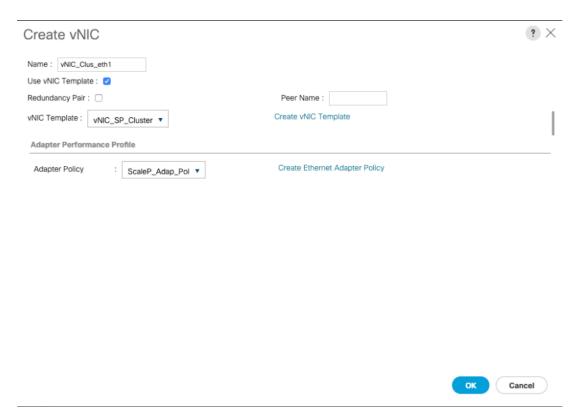
The numeric 0 and subsequent increment on the later vNIC are used in the vNIC naming to force the device ordering through Consistent Device Naming (CDN). Without this, some operating systems might not respect the device ordering that is set within Cisco UCS.

- 8. Select the Use vNIC Template checkbox.
- 9. In the vNIC Template list, select vNIC Data eth0.
- 10. In the Adapter Policy list, select ScaleP Adap Pol.

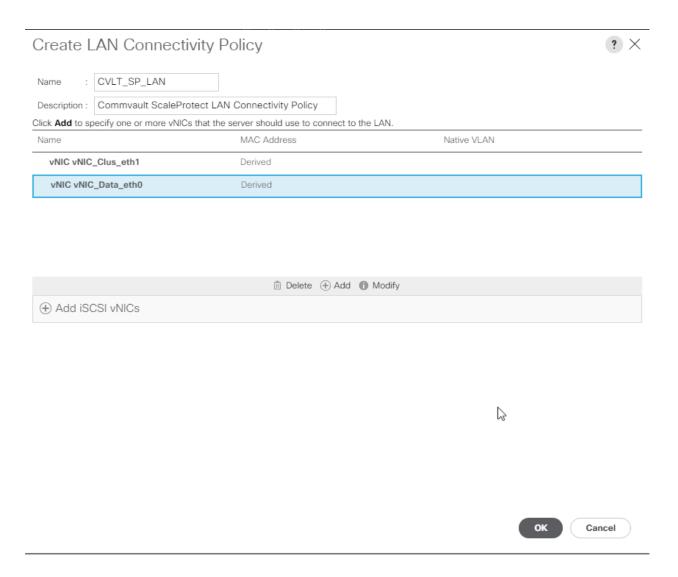
11. Click OK to add this vNIC to the policy.



- 12. Click Add to add another vNIC to the policy.
- 13. In the Create vNIC box, $vNIC_Clus_eth1$ as the name of the vNIC.
- 14. Select the Use vNIC Template checkbox.
- 15. In the vNIC Template list, select vNIC_SP_Cluster.
- 16. In the Adapter Policy list, select ScaleP_Adap_Pol.



- 17. Click OK to add the vNIC to the policy.
- 18. Click OK, then click OK again to create the LAN Connectivity Policy.



Optional: Create vHBA Templates for FC Connectivity

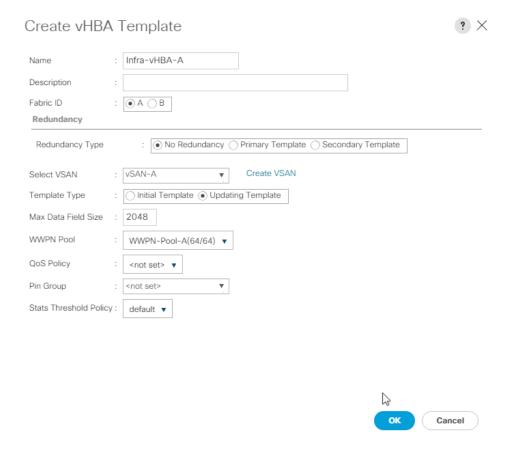


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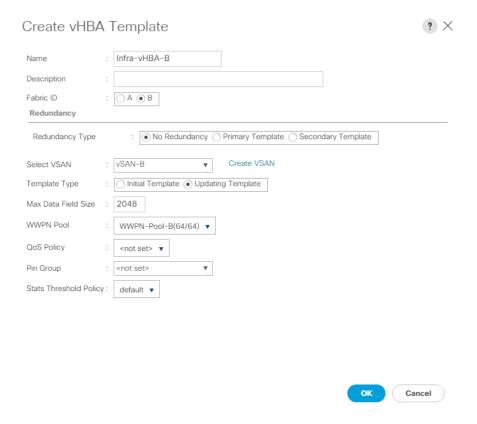
To create virtual host bus adapter (vHBA) templates for the Cisco UCS environment, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the SAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Policies > root.
- 3. Right-click vHBA Templates and choose Create vHBA Template.
- 4. Enter Infra-vHBA-A as the vHBA template name.
- 5. Click the radio button to select Fabric A.
- 6. In the Select VSAN list, Choose vsan-A.

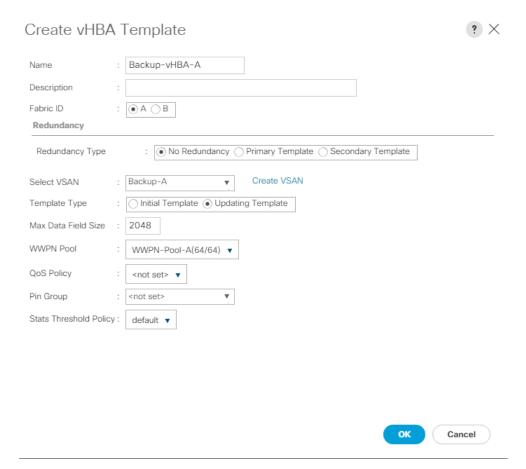
7. In the WWPN Pool list, Choose wwpn-Pool-A.



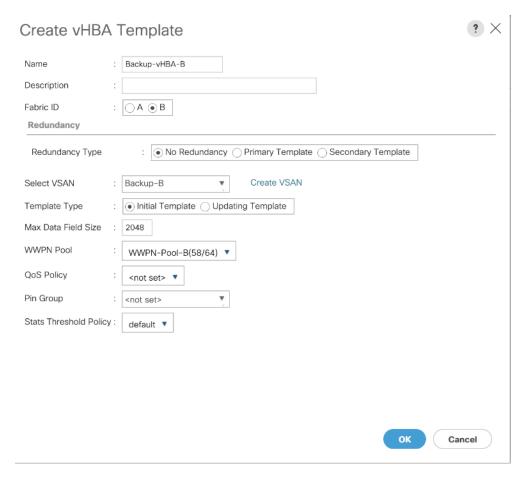
- 8. Click OK to create the vHBA template.
- 9. Click OK.
- 10. Right-click vHBA Templates again and choose Create vHBA Template.
- 11. Enter Infra-vHBA-B as the vHBA template name.
- 12. Click the radio button to select Fabric B.
- 13. In the Select VSAN list, Choose VSAN-B.
- 14. In the WWPN Pool, Choose wwpn-Pool-B.



- 15. Click OK to create the vHBA template.
- 16. Click OK.
- 17. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the SAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 18. Select Policies > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 19. Right-click vHBA Templates and choose Create vHBA Template.
- 20. Enter Backup-vHBA-A as the vHBA template name.
- 21. Click the radio button to select Fabric A.
- 22. In the Select VSAN list, Choose Backup-A.
- 23. In the WWPN Pool list, Choose wwpn-pool-A.



- 24. Click OK to create the vHBA template.
- 25. Click OK.
- 26. Right-click vHBA Templates again and choose Create vHBA Template.
- 27. Enter Backup-vHBA-B as the vHBA template name.
- 28. Click the radio button to select Fabric B.
- 29. In the Select VSAN list, Choose Backup-B.
- 30. In the WWPN Pool, Choose wwpn-Pool-B.



- 31. Click OK to create the vHBA template.
- 32. Click OK.

Optional: Create FC SAN Connectivity Policies



This configuration step can be skipped if the ScaleProtect Cisco UCS environment does not need to access storage environment using FC.

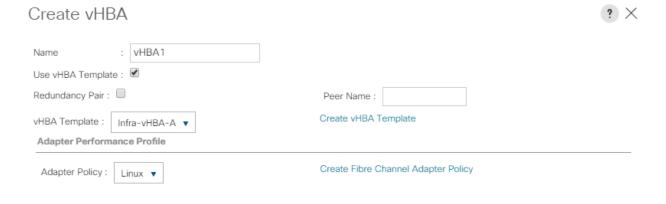
A SAN connectivity policy defines the vHBAs that will be created as part of a service profile deployment.

To configure the necessary FC SAN Connectivity Policies, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the SAN tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select SAN > Policies > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Right-click SAN Connectivity Policies and choose Create SAN Connectivity Policy.
- 4. Enter CVLT SP SAN as the name of the policy.
- 5. Select WWNN-Pool from the drop-down list under World Wide Node Name.

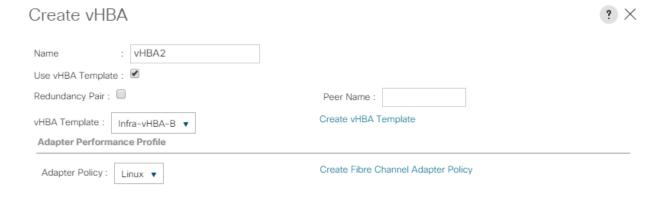
Create SAN Connectivity Policy ? × CVLT_SP_SAN Description: Commvault ScaleProtect SAN Connectivity Policy A server is identified on a SAN by its World Wide Node Name (WWNN). Specify how the system should assign a WWNN to the server associated with this profile. World Wide Node Name WWNN-Pool(64/64) WWNN Assignment: Create WWNN Pool The WWNN will be assigned from the selected pool. The available/total WWNNs are displayed after the pool name. WWPN Name No data available Delete + Add Modify OK Cancel

- 6. Click Add. You might have to scroll down the screen to see the Add link.
- 7. Under Create vHBA, enter vHBA1 in the Name field.
- 8. Check the check box Use vHBA Template.
- 9. From the vHBA Template drop-down list, select Infra-vHBA-A.
- 10. From the Adapter Policy drop-down list, select Linux.



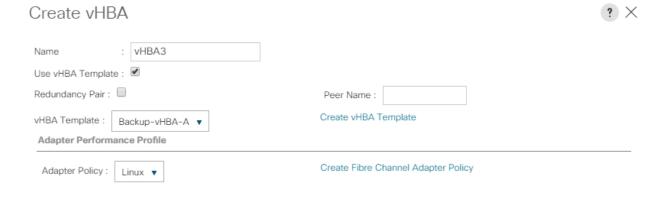


- 11. Click OK.
- 12. Click Add.
- 13. Under Create vHBA, enter vHBA2 in the Name field.
- 14. Check the check box next to Use vHBA Template.
- 15. From the vHBA Template drop-down list, select Infra-vHBA-B.
- 16. From the Adapter Policy drop-down list, select Linux.



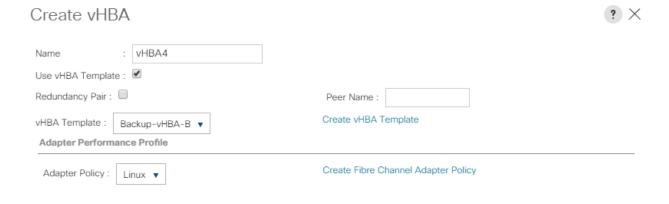


- 17. Click OK.
- 18. Click Add.
- 19. Under Create vHBA, enter vHBA3 in the Name field.
- 20. Check the check box next to Use vHBA Template.
- 21. From the vHBA Template drop-down list, select Backup-vHBA-A.
- 22. From the Adapter Policy drop-down list, select Linux.



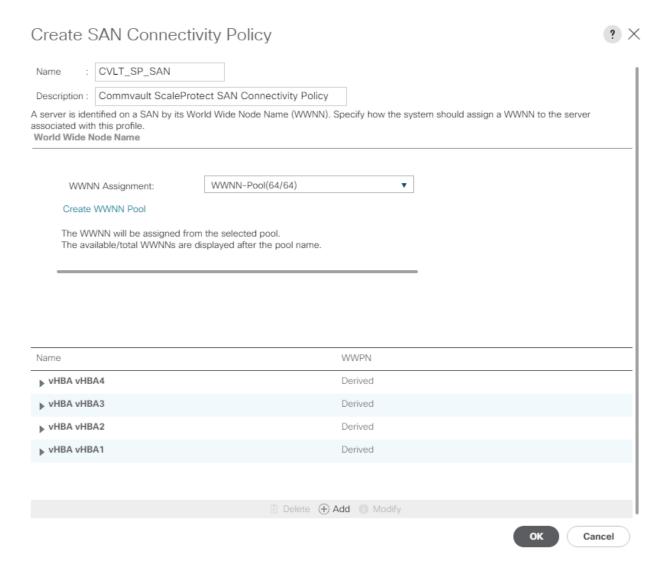
OK Cancel

- 23. Click OK.
- 24. Click Add.
- 25. Under Create vHBA, enter vHBA4 in the Name field.
- 26. Check the check box next to Use vHBA Template.
- 27. From the vHBA Template drop-down list, select Backup-vHBA-B.
- 28. From the Adapter Policy drop-down list, select Linux.



OK Cancel

29. Click OK.



30. Click OK again to accept creating the SAN connectivity policy.

Cisco UCS C240 M5 Server Storage Setup

The following procedures describe how to configure the Cisco UCS C240 M5 Server's disk storage.

LUN Cleanup

For any Cisco UCS C240 server nodes that had LUNs created from previous Service Profile associations, there will be LUNs existing on those server nodes in an orphaned state preventing use of the disks from those LUNs to a new Service Profile association.

To clear up orphaned LUNs, follow these steps:

1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click Equipment within the Navigation Pane and click the server node from the displayed list to clear LUNs from.

- 2. Within that server node, click the Inventory tab, then the Storage tab within that, and finally the LUNs tab of the Storage tab of the server node.
- 3. Select each of the Orphaned LUNs, and right-click the Delete Orphaned LUN option.
- 4. Click Yes to confirm the action, and OK to continue.

ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS Server Storage Profile

The Storage Profile consists of Storage Polices used for creating Local LUNs out of allocated disks.

The next steps are dependent on the available disk drives on the Cisco UCS C240 M5 used for ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS. To complete the storage configuration, you need to identify the physical disks available for the operating system installation and disk library. For a configuration with 12 disk drives for disk library, use the steps presented here.

The Cisco UCS C240 rack server will use a storage profile similar to that for the Cisco UCS S3260 Storage Server, but it will not need a controller definition, because the Cisco UCS C240 in the environment has all disks in front-facing drive slots. Two disk policies need to be created for local LUNs to use for the boot device and disk library for the MediaAgent, and others can be created if additional local LUNs are needed. The ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS architecture with the Cisco UCS C240 M5 servers uses the internal M.2 SSD drives. These drives are managed by the software RAID controller in Cisco UCS, and server will boot to the internal M.2 SSDs in a software RAID 1 configuration.

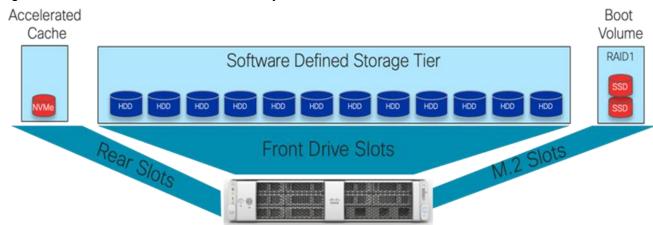
The storage profile consists of storage polices used for creating local LUNs from the allocated disks (disk group policies). Because the Cisco UCS C240 M5 server for ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS uses internal M.2 SSDs for boot and the NVMe for the cache (deduplication database and the index cache) and the other HDDs as JBODs attached to the SAS HBA, you need to a create only a storage profile with the controller definition created to boot from software RAID. All the other drives will be presented to the ScaleProtect with Cisco UCS nodes as JBODs.

The disk layout of the Cisco UCS C240 M5 LFF nodes is as follows:

- Boot Volume 2x 960GB M.2 SSDs
 - Configured in RAID 1 using Software Raid
- Accelerated Cache Volume 1x 3.2TB NVMe SSD
 - Configured in Pass-through (JBOD) mode
- Software Defined Storage Tier 12x NL-SAS HDDs (Option of 4/6/8/12 TB sizes)
 - Configured in Pass-through (JBOD) mode

Figure 10 illustrates the disk layout of Cisco UCS C240 M5 LLF server node:

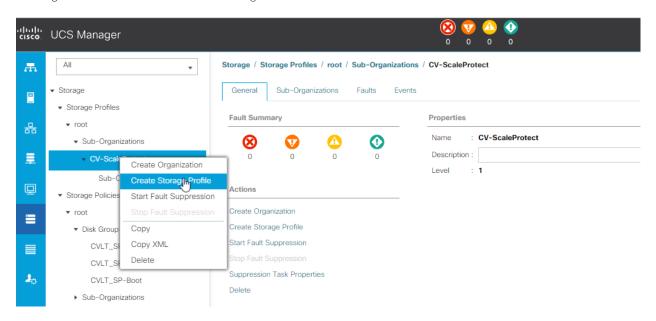
Figure 10 Cisco UCS C240M5 LFF Disk Layout



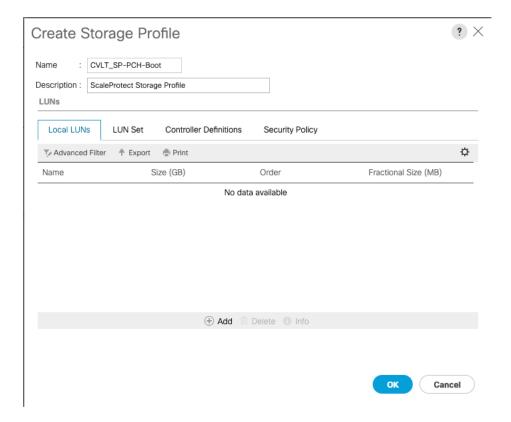
Create Storage Profile

To create ScaleProtect Storage Profile for Cisco UCS C240 M5, follow these steps:

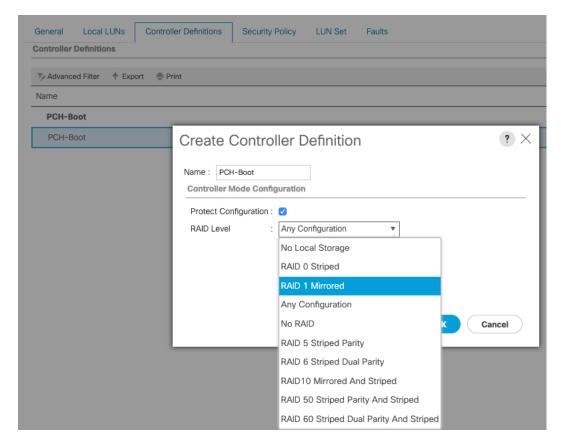
- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Storage tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Storage Policies > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Right-click and Select Create Storage Profile.



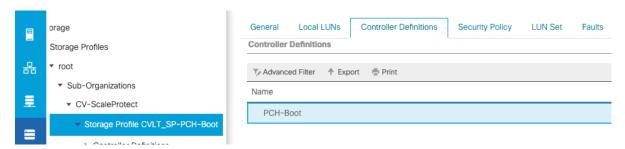
4. Enter name as CVLT_SP-PCH-Boot.



- 5. Click on Controller Definitions tab.
- 6. Select Add to add a controller definition that will be create a software Raid 1 LUN for operating system boot.
- 7. Provide the following in the Create Controller Definition dialogue:
 - a. Name: enter PCH-Boot.
 - b. Leave Protect Configuration checked.
 - c. From the RAID Level Configuration pull-down menu, choose RAID 1 Mirrored.
- 8. Enter 1 as the size in GB.
- 9. Check Expand to Available, this creates a single lun with maximum space available.



10. Click OK and then click OK again to add the controller definition and complete storage profile creation.



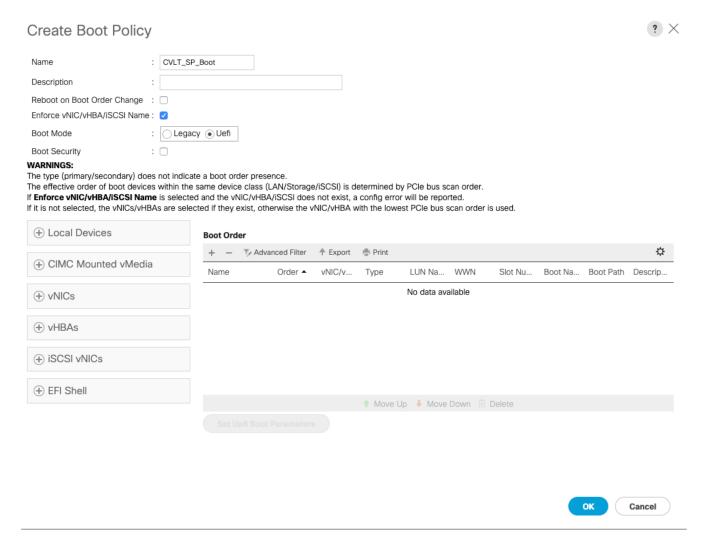
Create Boot Policy

Cisco UCS Boot Policies define the boot devices used by blade and rack-mount servers, and the order that they are attempted to boot from. Cisco UCS C-Series M5 generation rack-mount servers which run the ScaleProtect Platform have their operating system installed to a pair of internal M.2 SSD boot drives, therefore they require a unique boot policy defining that the servers should boot from that location. In addition, a local CD/DVD boot option is included to allow the server to search for the installation ISO media during the installation steps.

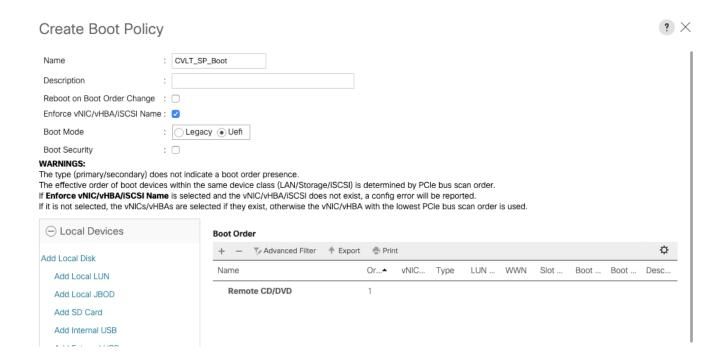
To configure the Boot Policy, follow these steps:

- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click Server within the Navigation Pane, and select Policies from within the Server pull-down options.
- 2. Select root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect > Boot Policies.
- 3. Right-click Boot Policies and select Create Boot Policy.

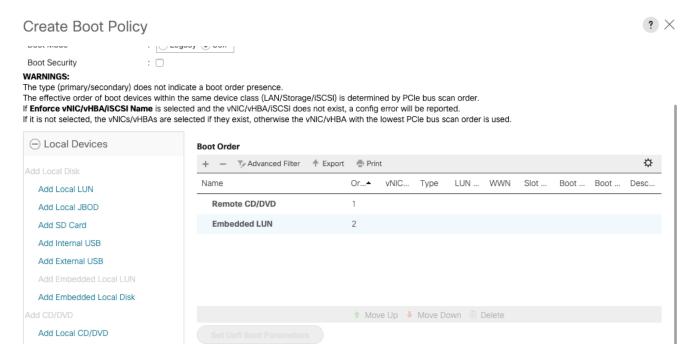
- 4. Enter CVLT_SP_Boot as the name of the boot policy.
- 5. Optional: Enter a description for the boot policy.
- 6. Click the Uefi radio button to change the boot mode.
- 7. Keep the Reboot on the Boot Order Change check box unchecked.



8. Expand the Local Devices drop-down list and Choose Add Remote CD/DVD.



9. Click Add Embedded Local LUN.



10. Click OK and click OK again to create the Boot Policy.

Cisco UCS C240 Service Profile Template

Service profile template configuration for the Cisco UCS C240 server nodes is explained in this section.

Create Service Profile Template

With a service profile template, you can quickly create several service profiles with the same basic parameters, such as the number of vNICs and vHBAs, and with identity information drawn from the same pools.



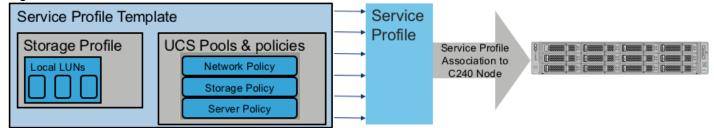
If you need only one service profile with similar values to an existing service profile, you can clone a service profile in the Cisco UCS Manager GUI.

For example, if you need several service profiles with similar values to configure servers to host Commvault software in a cluster, you can create a service profile template, either manually or from an existing service profile. You then use the template to create the service profiles.

Cisco UCS supports the following types of service profile templates:

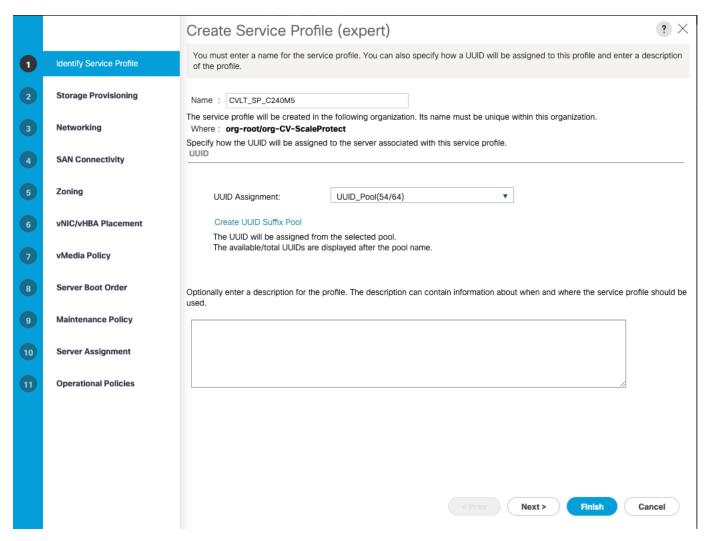
- Initial template: Service profiles created from an initial template inherit all the properties of the template. However, after you create the profile, it is no longer connected to the template. If you need to make changes to one or more profiles created from this template, you must change each profile individually.
- Updating template: Service profiles created from an updating template inherit all the properties of the template and remain connected to the template. Any changes to the template automatically update the service profiles created from the template.

Figure 11 Cisco UCS C240 Server Node Service Profile Association



To create the service profile template, follow these steps:

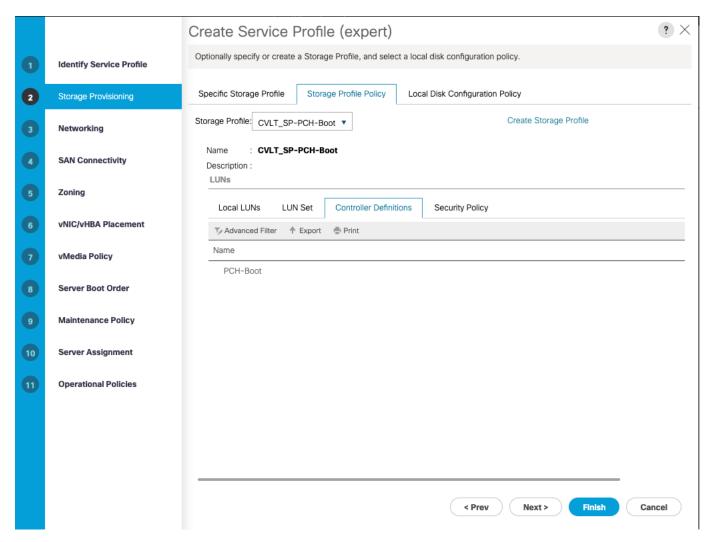
- 1. In Cisco UCS Manager, click the Servers tab in the navigation pane.
- 2. Select Service Profile Templates > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect.
- 3. Right-click CV-ScaleProtect.
- 4. Select Create Service Profile Template to open the Create Service Profile Template wizard.
- 5. Enter CVLT SP C240M5 as the name of the service profile template.
- 6. Select the Updating Template option.
- 7. Under UUID, select UUID Pool as the UUID pool.



Configure Storage Provisioning

To configure the storage provisioning, follow these steps:

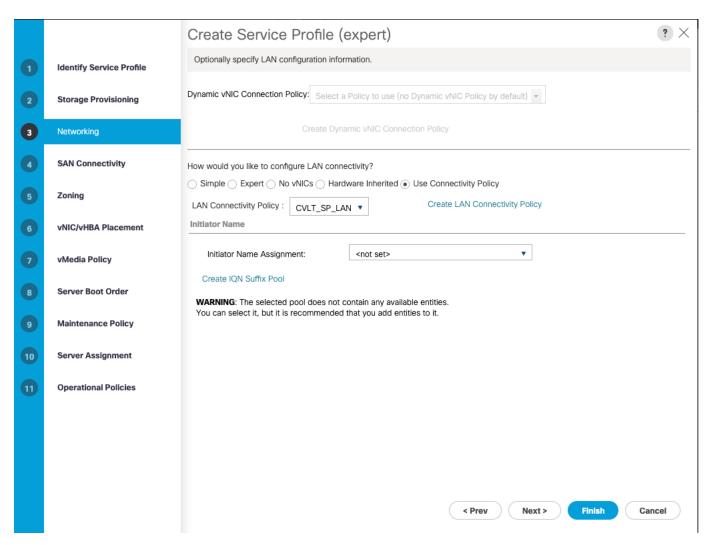
1. Click Storage Profile Policy Tab and select CVLT SP-PCH-Boot (as created under Storage Profile section).



Configure Networking Options

To configure the networking options, follow these steps:

- 1. Keep the default setting for Dynamic vNIC Connection Policy.
- 2. Select the Use Connectivity Policy option to configure the LAN connectivity.
- 3. Select CVLT_SP_LAN as the LAN connectivity policy.



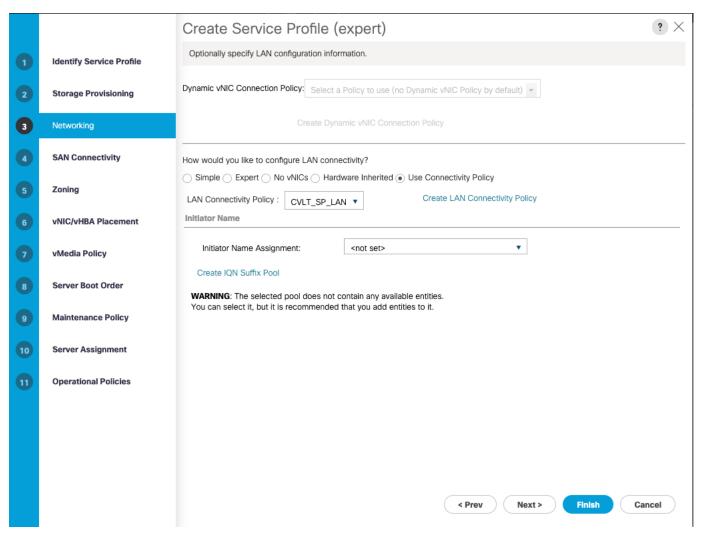
Configure Storage Options



Skip the SAN Connectivity since you will use local storage for Cisco UCS C240 created through Storage Policy and Select No vHBAs.

To configure the storage options, follow these steps:

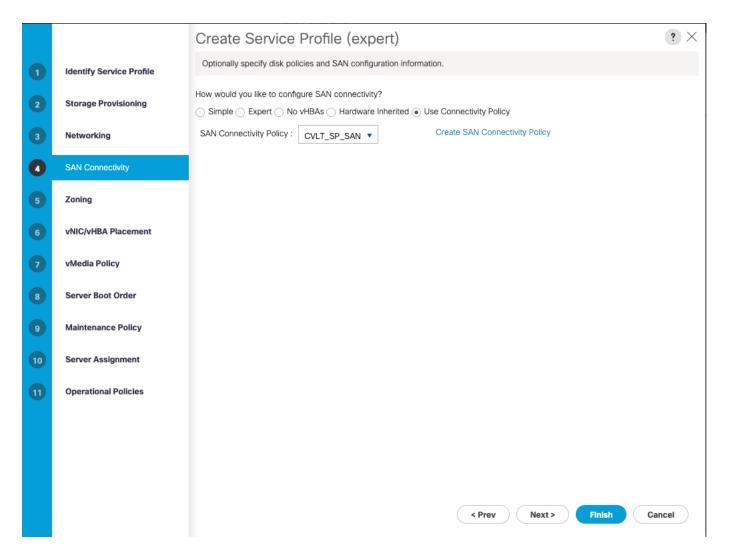
- 1. Select the "No vhba" option for the "How would you like to configure SAN connectivity?" field.
- 2. Click Next.





If SAN Connectivity is required from the ScaleProtect Cluster to existing SAN fabrics, select the SAN connectivity policy created earlier. For default implementation without SAN connectivity, skip the next two steps.

- 3. In the SAN connectivity section, select Use Connectivity Policy in "How would you like to configure SAN connectivity?" field.
- 4. Select CVLT SP SAN as the SAN connectivity policy. Click Next.



Configure Zoning Options

To configure the zoning options, follow these steps:

- 1. It is not necessary to configure any Zoning options.
- 2. Click Next.

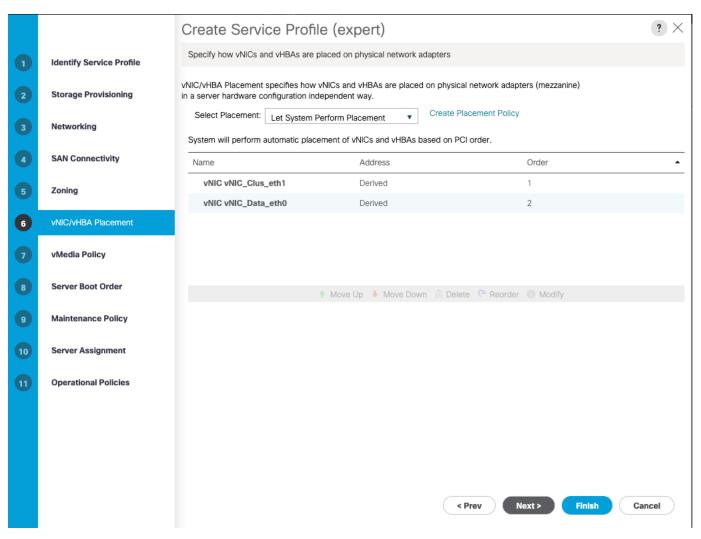
Configure vNIC/HBA Placement

To configure the vNIC/HBA placement, follow these steps:

1. In the Select Placement list, leave the placement policy as Let System Perform Placement.

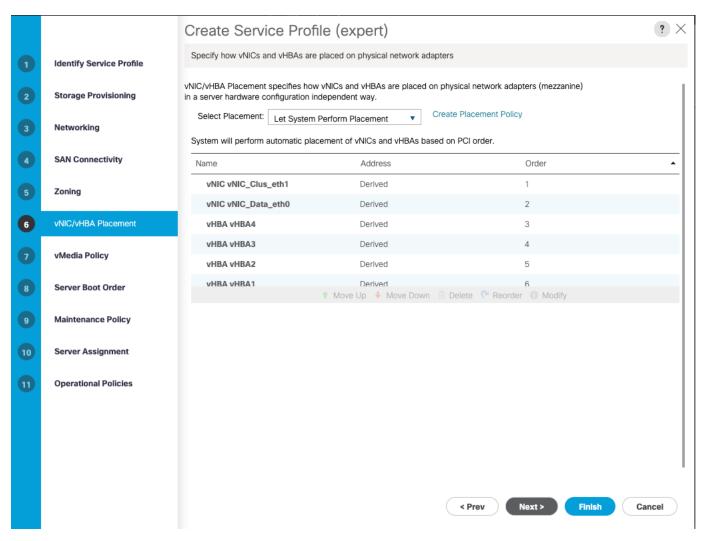


Default Installation without HBAs.



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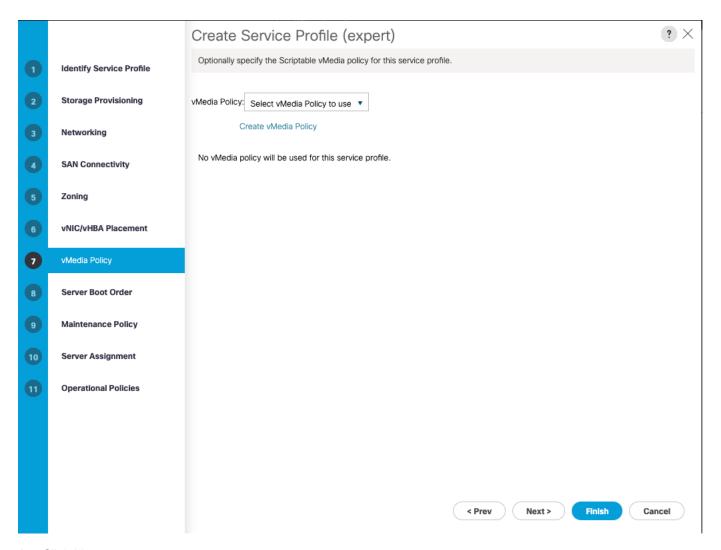
Installation with HBAs for SAN Connectivity.



Configure vMedia Policy

To configure the vMedia policy, follow these steps:

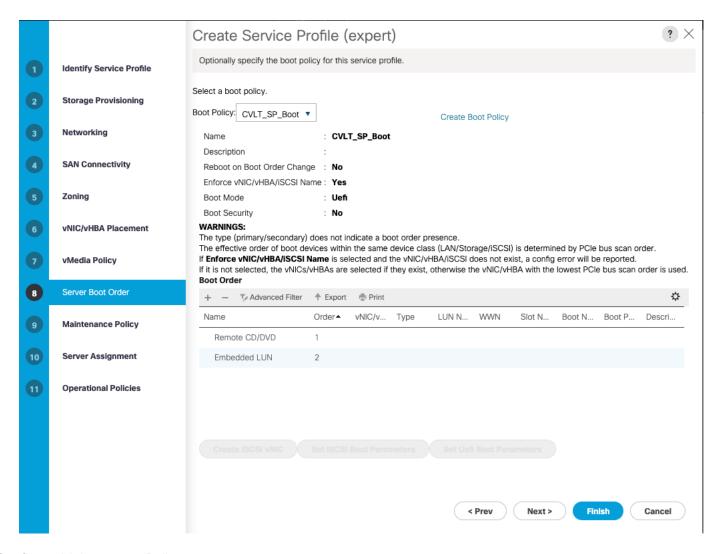
1. From the vMedia Policy, leave as default.



Configure Server Boot Order

To configure the server boot order, follow these steps:

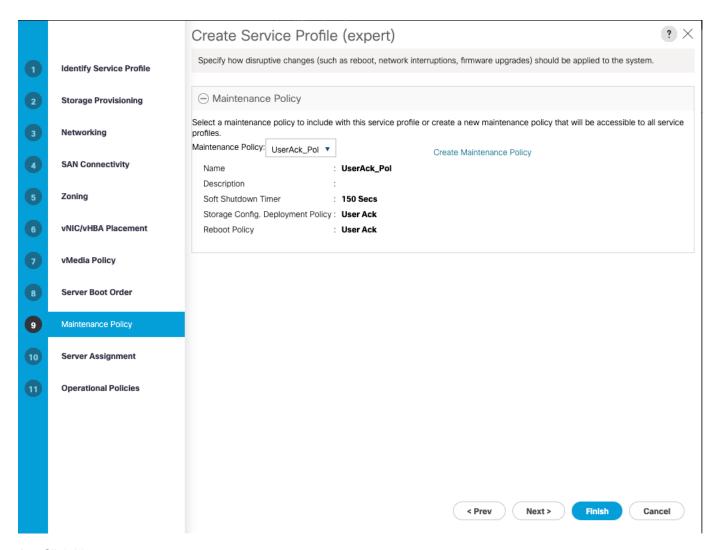
1. Choose CVLT_SP_Boot as the Boot Policy that was created earlier.



Configure Maintenance Policy

To configure the maintenance policy, follow these steps:

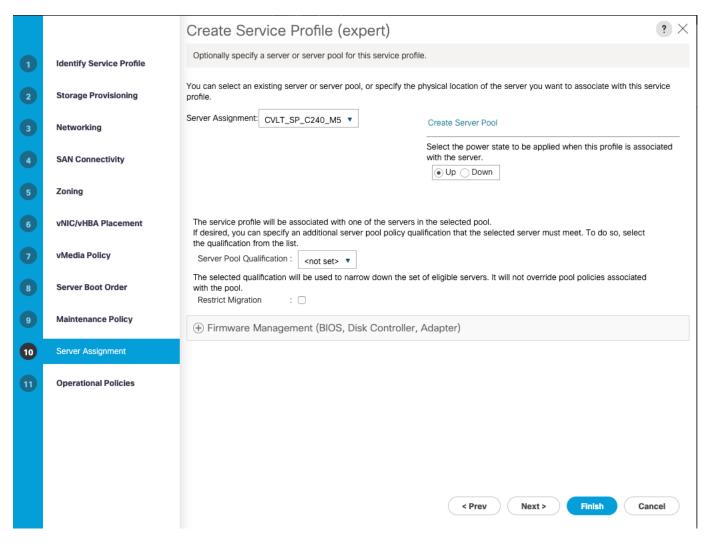
1. Change the Maintenance Policy to UserAck Pol.



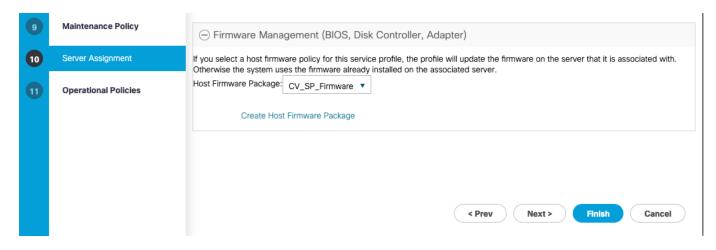
Configure Server Assignment

To configure server assignment, follow these steps:

1. In the Server Assignment section, select the server pool created earlier.



2. Expand Firmware Management at the bottom of the page and select CV_SP_Firmware as created in the previous section.

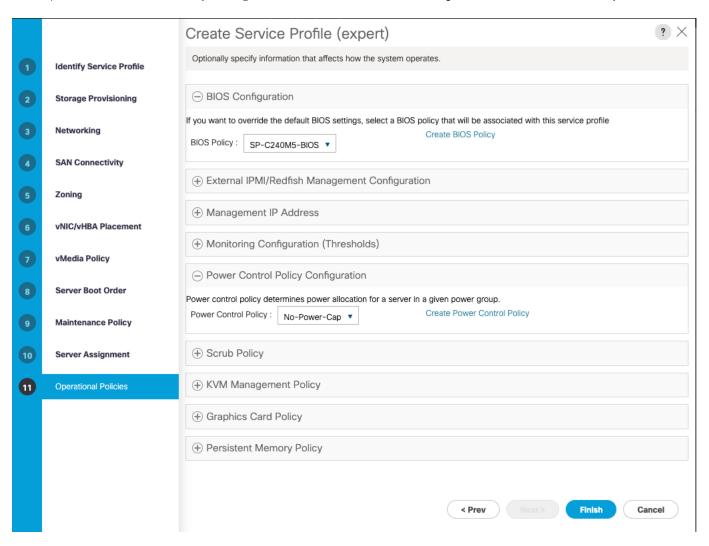


3. Click Next.

Configure Operational Policies

To configure the operational policies, follow these steps:

- 1. In the BIOS Policy list, select SP-C240M5-BIOS.
- 2. Expand Power Control Policy Configuration and select No-Power-Cap in the Power Control Policy list.



- 3. Click Finish to create the service profile template.
- 4. Click OK in the confirmation message to complete service profile template creation for first server nodes in the chassis.

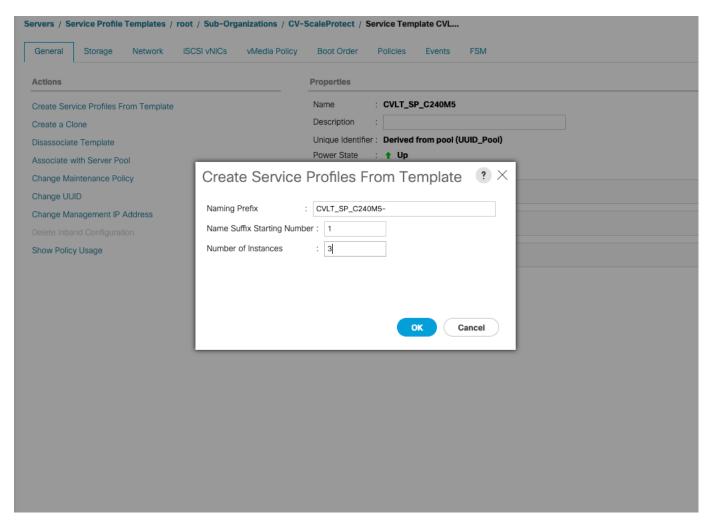
Create Service Profiles

This section describes how to associate the Cisco UCS C240 Compute Node to a Service Profile.

To create service profiles from the service profile template, follow these steps:

1. On Servers tab in the navigation pane.

- 2. Select Service Profile Templates > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect > Service Template > CVLT_SP_C240M5.
- 3. Right-click CVLT SP C240M5 Template and select Create Service Profiles from Template.
- 4. Enter CVLT SP C240M5- as the service profile prefix.
- 5. Enter 1 as "Name Suffix Starting Number."
- 6. Enter 3 as the "Number of Instances."
- 7. Click OK to create the service profiles.

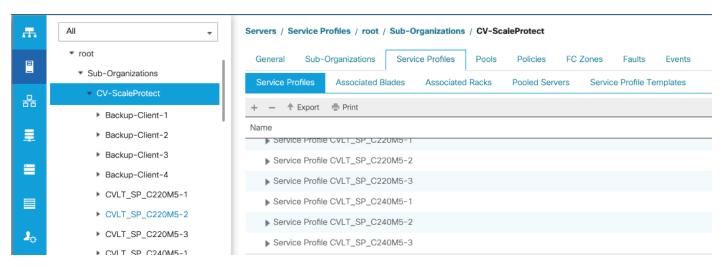


- 8. Click OK in the confirmation message.
- 9. If a warning displays, click Yes.

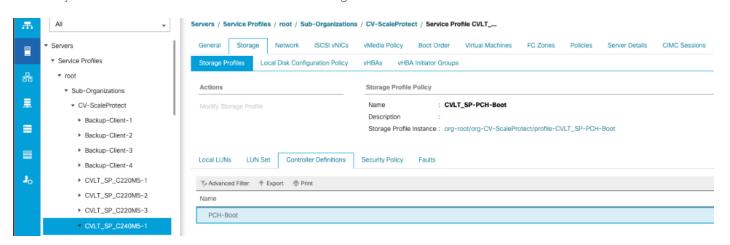


The assignment of the service profile to the physical server will take some time. Check the FSM tab to monitor the status. If a firmware update is required, the overall process can take up to an hour to finish.

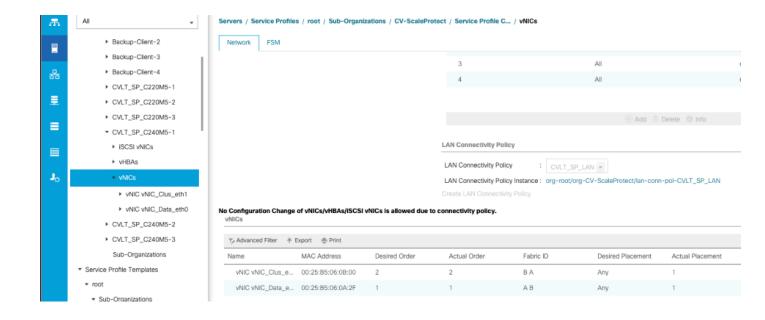
10. When Service Profile Association is complete, confirm that the overall status is OK.



11. Verify the Controller Definition is added under Storage tab of Service Profile.



12. Verify Service Profile has 2 vNICs.

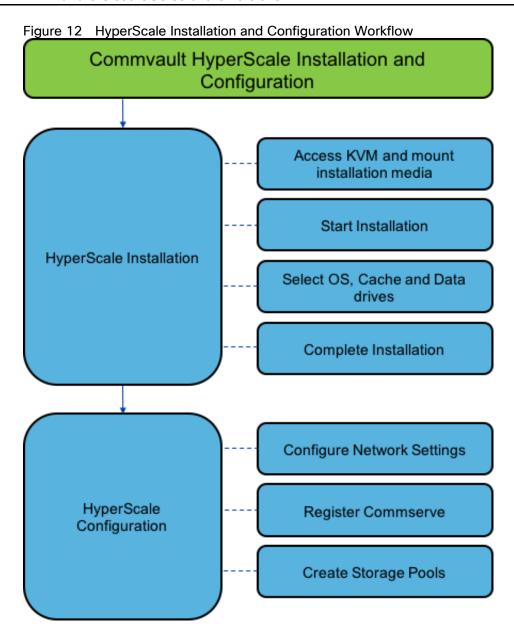


Commvault HyperScale Installation and Configuration

This section explains the Commvault HyperScale installation and configuration on Cisco UCS C240 M5 Servers.



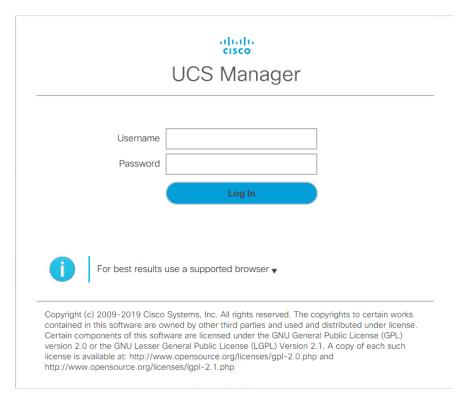
Ensure you have the latest copy of the Commvault HyperScale ISO downloaded from https://cloud.commvault.com. Also, its critical to make sure that the HyperScale release is compatible with the Cisco UCS software versions.



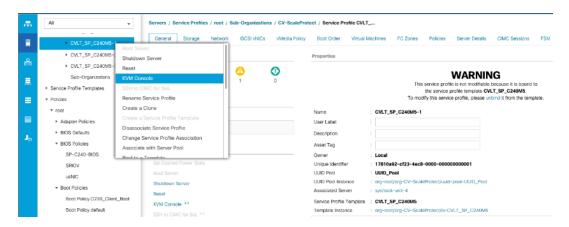
To install and configure the Commvault HyperScale software, follow these steps:

- 1. Open a web browser and navigate to the Cisco UCS 6454 fabric interconnect cluster address.
- 2. Under HTML, click the Launch UCS Manager link to launch the Cisco UCS Manager HTML5 User Interface.

- 3. When prompted, enter admin as the user name and enter the administrative password.
- 4. Click Login to log into Cisco UCS Manager.



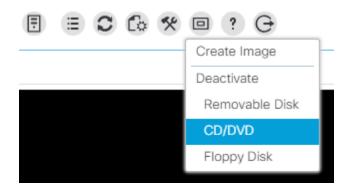
- 5. From the main menu, click the Servers tab.
- 6. Select Servers > Service Profiles > root > Sub-Organizations > CV-ScaleProtect > CVLT SP C240M5-1.
- 7. Right-click CVLT SP C240M5-1and select KVM Console.
- 8. If prompted to accept an Unencrypted KVM session, accept as necessary



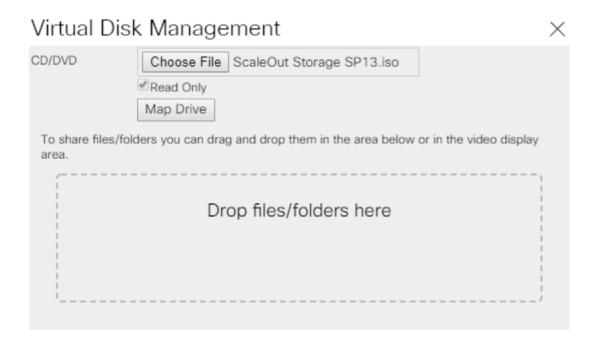
9. Attach the ISO to the server node using the KVM.



10. Click the Virtual Media icon and now select CD/DVD and browse to where the ISO is located, then click Map Device.



11. Click Chose file and browse to the Commvault HyperScale ISO, then click Map Drive.



12. Click the Server icon, then click Reset.



13. On the Reset Server pop up, click OK.



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You have selected the Reset action for one or more servers.

If you are trying to boot a server from a power-down state, you should not use this method.

If you continue the power-up with this process, the desired power state of the servers will become out of sync with the actual power state and the servers may unexpectedly shut down at a later time.

To safely reboot the selected servers from a power-down state, click Cancel then select the Boot Server action. If you are certain that you want to continue with the Reset operation, click OK.



14. Select Power Cycle, then click OK.

Do you want to reset the selected servers?

You are attempting to reset a server. The server can be reset by gracefully restarting the OS or via a brute force power cycle. How would you like to reset?

Power Cycle

O Gracefully restart OS

If Graceful OS Restart is not supported by the OS or it does not happen within a reasonable amount of time, the system will perform a power cycle.

To reset the slot, please go to the recover server action.

The UCS system might be in the process of performing some tasks on this server. Would you like this operation to wait until the completion of outstanding activities?

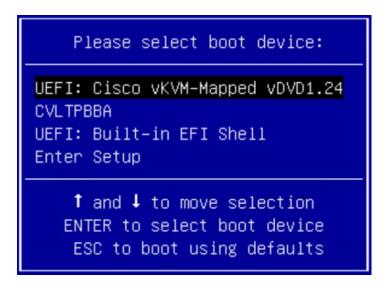
Wait for completion of outstanding UCS tasks on this server.



15. As the server is coming up, at the main screen, press F6 to enter the boot menu.



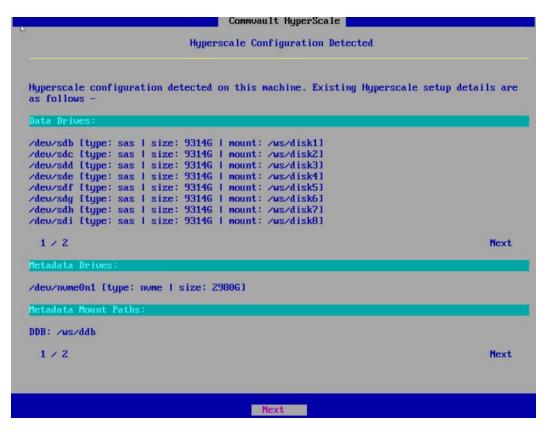
16. When the boot menu appears select Cisco vKVM-Mapped vDVD.



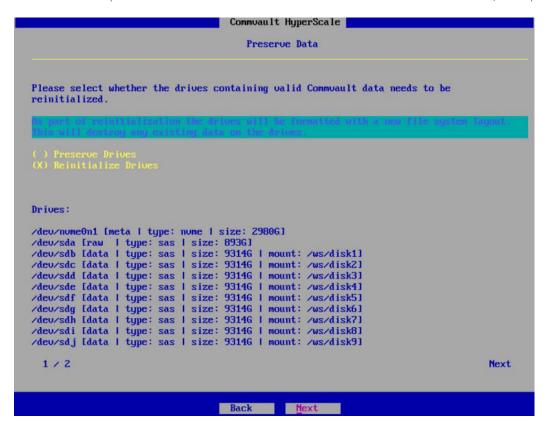
17. Once the ISO loads, it will start the install automatically in 30 seconds, or press Enter to start immediately.

Commvault HyperScale Install will start in 30 seconds. Press enter to start the install imme▶

18. The first screen will come up and show the drives detected for the storage and the accelerated cache metadata, in the case of the UCS C240, it sees the Data drives (in this case the 10TB drives, and it shows it found 12 (1/12) and also found the NVMe cache of 3.2TB. Press Tab to select Next at the bottom to continue.



19. Select the option to Reinitialize Drives. Press tab to select Next at the bottom, then press Enter.

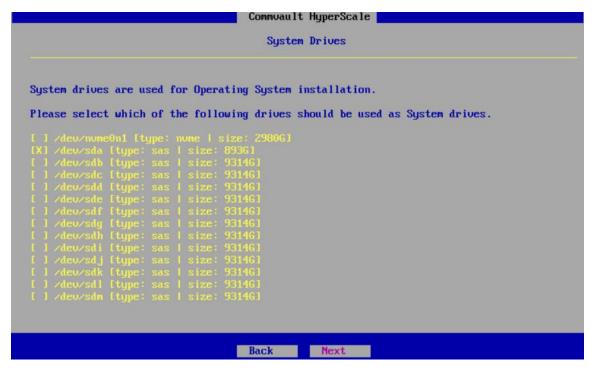


20. Select Control Node and select Multi Node Installation then press the Tab button to move down to Next. Before hitting Enter, see the next step.

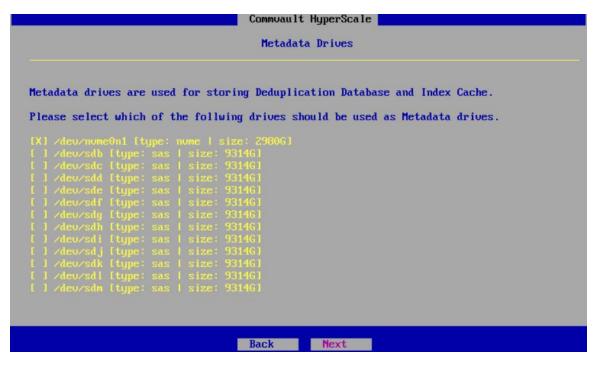




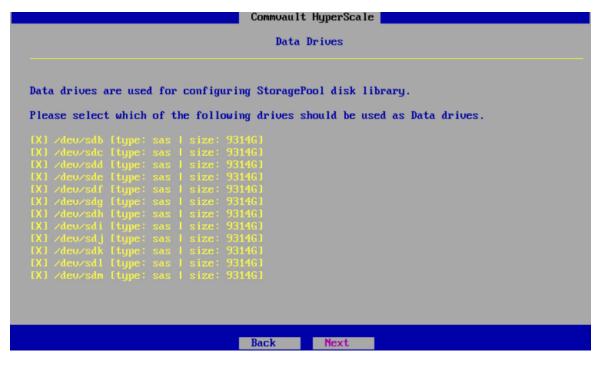
If the customer has **DHCP** available, you can select the **Multi Node Installation** option. If selected, you **MUST** run the installer on the remaining nodes and advance them to this screen before continuing. Whether using the **Multi Node** option or not, the next steps are the same.



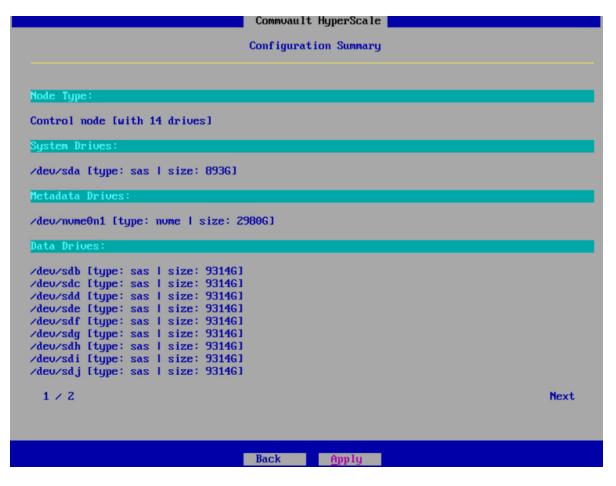
- 21. On the System Drives screen, select the 893GB Drive (the 2 x M.2 960GB RAID1 drive), for the OS, then use Tab to select Next and press Enter.
- 22. On the MetaData Drives screen, select the 2980GB Drive (the 3.2TB NVMe) for the DDB and Index Cache, then press tab to select Next, then press Enter.



23. On the Data Drives screen, the remaining drives should be selected, press Tab to select Next at the bottom, then press Enter.

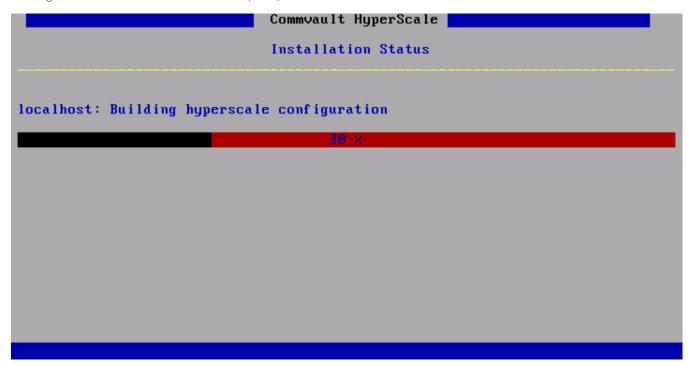


24. On the Configuration Summary screen, the selected drives will be displayed. Press Tab to select Apply, then press Enter.

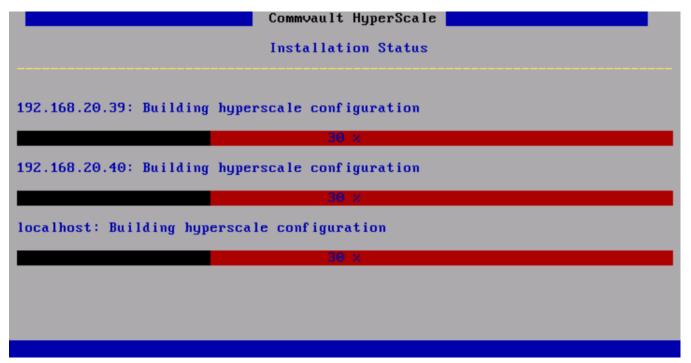


The Commvault HyperScale OS installation will now begin.

If using the Non Multi Node Installation option, the screen will look as follows:

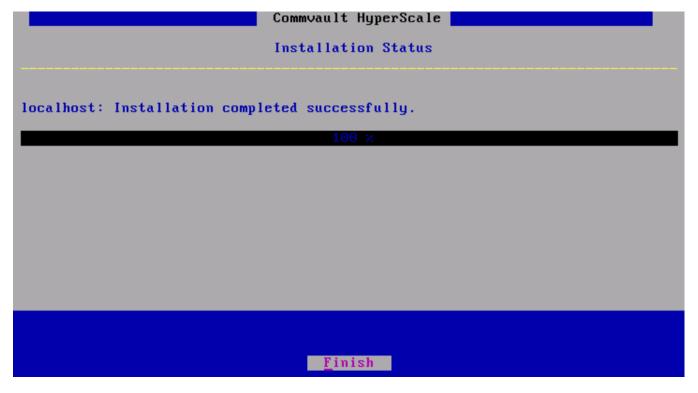


If using the Multi Node Installation option, the screen will look as follows:

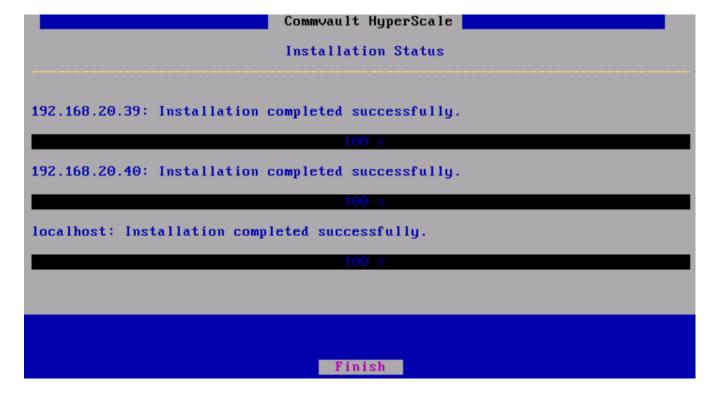


25. The OS install is now complete, select Finish and press Enter.

26. Completed install screen for the Non- Multi Node Installation is shown below. Repeat steps 1-25 on the remaining nodes before continuing.



27. Completed install screen for the Multi Node Installation.



28. Allow the server to reboot and Linux to start up. At the login screen, the default login is root and the password is cvadmin. When using UCS Manager, the networking must be configured first. To do this from the prompt change to the /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts directory and type Is then enter. You will see a few files beginning with ifcfg-XXXXX. These are the network interface configuration files (in this case ifcfg-hca1 and ifcfg-hca2). The ifcfg-lo is the loopback adapter and we do not need to touch this one.

```
[root@wzp223819g2 network-scripts]#
[root@wzp223819g2 network-scripts]# ls
ifcfg-hca1 ifdown-eth ifdown-ovs
ifcfg-hca1
ifcfg-hca2
                                              ifdown-Team
                                                                  ifup-bnep
                                                                              ifup-isdn
                                                                                            ifup-ppp
                                                                                                             ifup-tunnel
                                              ifdown-TeamPort
              ifdown-ib
                             ifdown-post
                                                                 ifup-eth
                                                                              ifup-ovs
                                                                                            ifup-routes
                                                                                                             ifup-wireless
                                                                                                             init.ipv6-global
network-functions
                             ifdown-ppp
ifcfg-lo
              ifdown-ippp
                                              ifdown-tunnel
                                                                  ifup-ib
                                                                              ifup-plip
                                                                                            ifup-sit
if down
              ifdown-ipv6
                             ifdown-routes
                                              ifup
                                                                  ifup-ippp
                                                                              ifup-plusb
                                                                                            ifup-Team
                                              ifup-aliases
ifdown-bnep ifdown-isdn ifdown-sit
                                                                  ifup-ip∨6
                                                                              ifup-post
                                                                                            ifup-TeamPort
                                                                                                             network-functions-ipv6
[root@wzp223819g2 network-scripts]#
```

29. Type ifconfig, then enter, to see the network interfaces. In this case they are enp63s0f0 and enp63s0f1 (lo is the loopback interface). Also note the MAC address for each interface beside the word ether (in our case 00:25:b5:06:0a:2f and 00:25:b5:06:0b:00)

```
[root@wzp22380nn4 network-scripts]# ifconfig
enp63s0f0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>
                                                     mtu 1500
       inet6 fe80::225:b5ff:fe06:a2f prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
       ether 00:25:b5:06:0a:2f txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 3537300 bytes 1119375375 (1.0 GiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 12 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 8 bytes 656 (656.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0
                                         carrier 0
                                                    collisions 0
enp63s0f1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 9000
       inet6 fe80::225:b5ff:fe06:b00 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
       ether 00:25:b5:06:0b:00 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 2804813 bytes 959239798 (914.8 MiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 8 bytes 656 (656.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
       inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       inet6 :: 1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 232510 bytes 13731688 (13.0 MiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 232510 bytes 13731688 (13.0 MiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0
                                         carrier 0 collisions 0
```

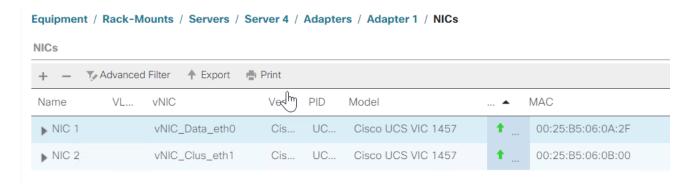
30. Type cat ifcfg-hca1 to view the contents of the file. Look for the MAC address on the HWADDR line and match it to the interface from the previous step. In the below example it is 00:25:b5:06:0a:2f which matches the interface enp63s0f0 above, so this is the configuration file for that interface. Which means that ifcfg-hca2 is the configuration file for interface enp63s0f1, which can be verified by viewing that file with the cat command and looking at the MAC address in that file.

```
[root@wzp22380nn4 network-scripts]# cat ifcfg-hca1
TYPE=Ethernet
ONBOOT=yes
BOOTPROTO=none
USERCTL=no
IPV6INIT=no
NM_CONTROLLED=no
HWADDR=00:25:b5:06:0a:2f
[root@wzp22380nn4 network-scripts]#
```

31. Change the ifcfg files to match the interface names by using the mv command (for example, mv ifcfg-hca1 ifcfg-enp63s0f0). Then use the ls command to verify.

```
root@wzp22380nn4 network-scripts]# mv ifcfg-hca1 ifcfg-enp63s0f0
root@wzp22380nn4 network-scriptsl# mv ifcfg-hca2 ifcfg-enp63s0f1
root@wzp22380nm4 network-scripts1# ls
ifcfg-enp63s0f0 ifdown-eth
                                              ifdown-Team
                              ifdown-ovs
                                                                ifup-bnep
                                                                           ifup-isdn
                                                                                        ifup-ppp
                                                                                                       ifup-tunnel
ifcfg-enp63s0f1
                 ifdown-ib
                               ifdown-post
                                              ifdown-TeamPort
                                                                ifup-eth
                                                                           ifup-ovs
                                                                                        ifup-routes
                                                                                                       ifup-wireless
ifcfg-lo
                              if down-ppp
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                                                                                                       init.ipv6-global
                 ifdown-ippp
                                                                                        ifup-sit
                                                                ifup-ippp
if down
                 ifdown-ipv6
                              ifdown-routes
                                              ifup
                                                                           ifup-plusb
                                                                                        ifup-Team
                                                                                                       network-functions
                                                                                                       network-functions-
```

32. Verify in Cisco UCS Manager which NIC is for Data and which one is for the Cluster. From below by the description in UCS Manager we can see that NIC 1 with MAC address 00:25:b5:06:0a:2f (enp63s0f0) is the data NIC, and NIC 2 is the cluster NIC.



33. Modify the ifcfg-enp63s0f0 file as per below, entering the device, IP address, default gateway, subnet mask, DNS server(s) and set the IP to static. This will be the Data network IP address.

```
DEVICE=enp63s0f0
TYPE=Ethernet
ONBOOT=yes
BOOTPROTO=static
USERCTL=no
IPV6INIT=no
NM_CONTROLLED=no
IPADDR=192.168.163.152
NETMASK=255.255.252.0
GATEWAY=192.168.160.1
DNS1=192.168.160.51
DNS2=192.168.160.52
HWADDR=00:25:b5:06:0a:2f
```

34. Modify the ifcfg-enp63s0f1 file as per below, entering the device, IP address, default gateway, subnet mask, DNS server(s) and set the IP to static. Depending on the network configuration, you may not need a DNS or gateway IP address. This will be the Cluster network IP address.

```
DEVICE=emp63s0f1
TYPE=Ethernet
ONBOOT=yes
BOOTPROTO=static
USERCTL=no
IPV6INIT=no
NM_CONTROLLED=no
IPADDR=10.168.163.152
NETMASK=255.255.25.0
HWADDR=00:25:b5:06:0b:00
```

35. Once modified, type in the systematl restart network command to restart the networking on the server.

```
[root@wzp22380nn4 network-scripts]# ls
                                               ifdown-Team
ifcfg-enp63s0f0
                 ifdown-eth
                               ifdown-ovs
                                                                ifup-bnep
ifcfg-enp63s0f1
                  ifdown-ib
                               ifdown-post
                                               ifdown-TeamPort
                                                                ifup-eth
ifcfg-lo
                  ifdown-ippp
                               if down-ppp
                                               ifdown-tunnel
                                                                ifup-ib
ifdown
                  ifdown-ipv6
                               ifdown-routes
                                                                ifup-ippp
                                               ifup
ifdown-bnep
                  ifdown-isdn
                               ifdown-sit
                                               ifup-aliases
                                                                ifup-ipv6
[root@wzp22380nn4 network-scripts]# sustemctl restart network
```

36. Type if config to verify the IP addresses are now assigned to the interfaces.

```
[root@wzp22380nn4 network-scripts]# ifconfig
enp63s0f0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 192.168.163.152 netmask 255.255.252.0 broadcast 192.168.163.255
       inet6 fe80::225:b5ff:fe06:a2f prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
       ether 00:25:b5:06:0a:2f txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 3619890 bytes 1134938716 (1.0 GiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 12 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 26 bytes 1892 (1.8 KiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
enp63s0f1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu  9000
        inet 10.168.163.152 netmask 255.255.25 broadcast 10.168.163.255
       inet6 fe80::225:b5ff:fe06:b00 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
       ether 00:25:b5:06:0b:00 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 2804821 bytes 959240454 (914.8 MiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 22 bytes 1564 (1.5 KiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
        inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       inet6 :: 1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 253476 bytes 14969004 (14.2 MiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 253476 bytes 14969004 (14.2 MiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

37. Change the directory to /opt/commvault/MediaAgent and type the following command ./setupsds

```
Lroot@hsref MediaAgentl# cd /opt/commvault/MediaAgent
Lroot@hsref MediaAgentl# ls
                                                                         GlusterCommon.sh
answer_file.cfg
                      cvcreatefactory.py
                                                  cvnodetype.py
                                                                                                   nwwizard.py
archiveIndex
                      cvcsinit.pg
                                                  cv_nw_sysconfig.py
                                                                         GlusterInstaller
                                                                                                   python_ui
                                                  conwtype.py
auxCopy
                      cvcstype.py
                                                                         GlusterInstaller.tmpl
                                                                                                  registertocs.py
                                                                                                  registertocsui.py
binlist
                      codetectusb.pg
                                                  cvovirtconfig.pu
                                                                         GlusterPreRegCheck.sh
                      cvethwizard.py
                                                                         gluster_rpms
                                                  cvovirtfence.py
bmr
                                                                                                   Scripts
                      cofirewalld.py
                                                                         gluster_rpms.tar
bmr.py
                                                  cvovirtsdk.pg
                                                                                                  scsi_inq
CatalogMigration
                      cvfixperm.py
cvgatherlogs.py
                                                                                                  setkernelconsole
                                                  cvrbashcmdlist
                                                                         grub.cfg
common.py cvgatherlogs.p
commvault_title.cfg cvhcconfig.py
                                                  cvrbashcommand.sh
                                                                          IdxLabelUtil
                                                                                                   setup.py
                                                  cvremotenwconfig.py
                                                                                                   setupsds
compressor
                      cv_hs_auto_nwconf.py
                                                  cvrestartinstall.py
                                                                         indexRestore
                                                                                                   setupsds.tmpl
                                                  cvsetuphelper.py
createcd.py
                      cvhyperscale
                                                                          init
                                                                                                  SynthFu11
                                                                         init.py
isolinux.bin
createcd.sh
                      cvhyperscale_install.py cvsetuphname.py
                                                                                                   test_cmd
                                                                                                   test_ready
                      CWJobReplicator
                                                  cvsetupmgmthname.py
createIndex
createinitrd.sh
                      c∨magui
                                                  cvsystem_config.py
                                                                          isolinux.cfg
                                                                                                  ui.py
                                                  cvtestovirtsdk.py
cvaddovirthost.py
                      cvmetavgui.py
                                                                          libcvtinyxm12.so
                                                                                                  u i . pyc
                                                                                                  uncompressor
updateIndex
cvarchhelper.py
                      comgmtnwwizard.pu
                                                  cvupdate_avahi.sh
                                                                          libGlfsPbba.so
                      cvmkavahi.py
                                                  diskui.py
cvavahi.py
                                                                         lvm.conf
                      commonitor.py
                                                  dmWriter
                                                                         MediaLabelReader
cvchroot.sh
                                                                                                  utils.py
                                                  dsBackup
                                                                                                  utils.pyc
c∨clnwmgmt.py
                      CoMountd
                                                                         modeui.py
cvclnw.py
cvcloudinit.sh
                       CUNasFileScan
                                                  dsRestore
                                                                         NasBackup
                                                                                                  wrappers.pg
                      CUNasSnapBackup
                                                  efiboot.img
                                                                         NASCreateIndex
                                                                                                  wrappers.pyc
cvcluster.py
                       CUNasSnapRestore
                                                  efiboot.sh
                                                                         nasRestore
                                                                         nwconfig.py
cvconfigcleanup.py
                      CUNdmpRemoteServer
                                                  filter_drives.py
cvconfignw.py CVMdmpSynthRemo
[root@hsref MediaAgent]# ./setupsds_
                       CUNdmpSynthRemoteServer FsIndexedRestore
                                                                         nwintfx.py
```

38. Enter the hostname of the server (use a FQDN if this will be part of a domain) and enter a new password, then use the arrow keys to select OK.



39. Select Skip to skip the network configuration since this was already completed in the previous steps.

```
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Please select setup button to get to network configuration menu.

Only static IP address assignment is supported. For DHCP assigned IP address please select skip button to directly get to CommServe provisioning menu.

To skip network configuration and directly get to CommServe provisioning menu please select skip button.

Setup > Setup > Skip >
```

40. Enter the CommServe information, then select OK.



41. The server is now registered with the Commserve.

```
MediaAgent : c240node1.hxrtp.local
CommServer : commserv.hxrtp.local
Successfully registered MediaAgent c240node1.hxrtp.local with CommServe commserv.hxrtp.local
Successfully restarted commvault services
Commvault HyperScale has been configured successfully!. For better security, please change the root password periodically.
```

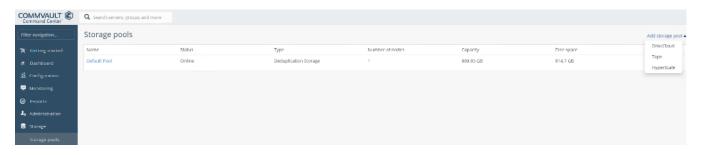
42. Commvault appends a suffix of "sds" to the node names, for example our name of c240node1.hxrtp.local will use c240node1sds.hxrtp.local for the inter-cluster communication. You may want to put these inter-cluster names into the hosts file on each server.

```
127.0.0.1 localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4 localhost4.localdomain4
::1 localhost localhost.localdomain localhost6 localhost6.localdomain6
10.168.163.152 c240node1sds.hxrtp.local c240node1sds
10.168.163.153 c240node2sds.hxrtp.local c240node2sds
10.168.163.154 c240node3sds.hxrtp.local c240node3sds
```

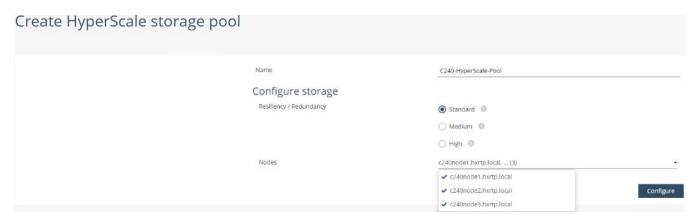
- 43. Repeat steps 1-42 on the remaining nodes.
- 44. Once the final node has completed successfully, log on to the Command Center to complete the installation.



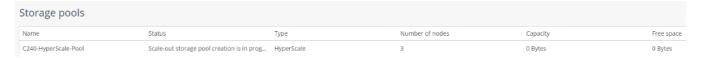
45. On the left pane, click Storage, then Storage pools, click Add storage pool and select HyperScale.



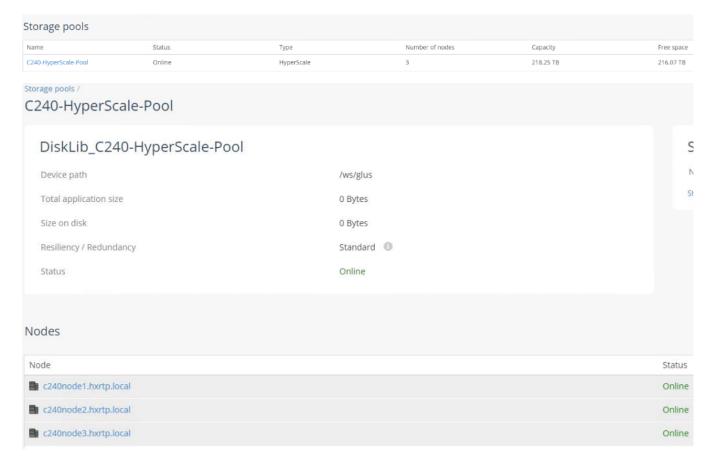
- 46. On the Create HyperScale storage pool page, enter a name for the pool, select the desired Resiliency/Redundancy factor and then click Configure.
- 47. Standard 3 Nodes, Disperse factor 6, Redundancy factor 2. Withstands loss of 2 drives or 1 node.
- 48. Medium 6 Nodes, Disperse factor 6, Redundancy factor 2. Withstands loss of 2 drives or 2 nodes.
- 49. High 6 Nodes, Disperse factor 12, Redundancy factor 4. Withstands loss of 4 drives or 2 nodes.



50. The Storage Pool will get created. It will show "Scale-out pool creation in progress" with 0 capacity for a few minutes as there is a background process that runs to create the gluster file system then bring it online. As part of the Storage Pool creation, the disk library will be created along with a Global dedup policy.



51. Click the newly created HyperScale Pool and verify that the pool and all nodes show as online. The HyperScale Pool is now ready for use.



Post Install Checklist

The following redundancy checks can be performed to verify the robustness of the system. Network traffic, such as a continuous ping from backup client or CommServe to ScaleProtect Cluster IP address, which should not show significant failures (one or two ping drops might be observed at times). Also, all of the Storage Pools must remain mounted and accessible from all the hosts at all times.

- Administratively disable one of the server ports on Fabric Interconnect A which is connected to one of the ScaleProtect hosts. The Data protection vNIC active on that Fabric Interconnect should failover to Fabric Interconnect B. Upon administratively re-enabling the port, the vNIC should return to normal state by failing back to the Fabric Interconnect A.
- Administratively disable one of the server ports on Fabric Interconnect B which is connected to one of the ScaleProtect hosts. The Cluster vNIC active on that Fabric Interconnect should failover to Fabric Interconnect B. Upon administratively re-enabling the port, the vNIC should return to normal state by failing back to the Fabric Interconnect B.
- Place a representative load of backup on the system. Log on to one of the nodes and shutdown the services (commvault stop). The backup operations and the access to storage pool should not be affected.
- Log into the node and start the services (commvault start). The ScaleProtect cluster will show as healthy after a brief time after starting the services on that node. HyperScale should rebalance the VM distribution across the cluster over time.
- Reboot one of the two Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnects while traffic is being sent and received on the ScaleProtect storage pool and the network. The reboot should not affect the proper operation of storage pool access and network traffic generated by the backup clients. Numerous faults and errors will be noted in Cisco UCS Manager, but all will be cleared after the FI comes back online.

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