Cisco Video Surveillance Services

Accelerate the deployment of your flexible, scaleable video surveillance solution while lowering operating costs and managing risk

CHALLENGE

To access surveillance video at any time from any place and enable real-time incident response, investigation, and resolution, companies must build best-in-class video surveillance systems optimizing price, performance, and function. Cisco Systems offers network centric video surveillance software and hardware that supports video transmission, monitoring, recording, and management. These products protect customer’s existing investments in analog equipment while enabling these devices to operate as part of an IP network-centric deployment. They enable any-to-any multivendor device interoperability, allowing customers to build best-in-class video surveillance systems. Cisco video surveillance works in unison with the advanced features and functions of the IP network infrastructure, i.e. switches, routers and other network security devices.

However, to gain the full advantages of this solution, your organization need to make sure Cisco Video Surveillance is properly deployed and the critical elements of the solution are functioning optimally at all times. You need experience with IP-based video surveillance, familiarity with issues related to IP video design and implementation, and awareness of future advancements that need to be anticipated in the current deployment. Without properly assessing and addressing critical business and technical requirements prior to implementation, you could experience costly delays, poor video quality, video capture disruption or a solution unable to meet your business needs now and in the future.

SOLUTION

With Cisco Video Surveillance Services your business can more fully achieve the true value of the Cisco Video Surveillance solution by identifying your solution requirements, building in flexibility to the design, and addressing critical gaps in the technical and operational aspects of the deployments of an integrated video surveillance system.

Cisco Services for Video Surveillance provide comprehensive service offerings to help enterprises prepare, plan, and design their networks for the successful implementation of IP-based Video Surveillance and maintain essential ongoing maintenance and support. These services play a critical role in the successful deployment and ongoing operation of Cisco Video Surveillance technology, protect enterprises’ existing and future video surveillance investment, and help organizations achieve the full benefits of the solution.

Cisco Services for Video Surveillance encompass a comprehensive suite of services designed specifically for Cisco Video Surveillance solutions, based on the Cisco Lifecycle Services framework. These services are available directly from Cisco.
The Cisco Video Surveillance Prepare Service
Cisco Video Surveillance technology has a profound effect on an organization’s ability to protect customer’s existing investments in analog equipment while enabling these devices to operate as part of an IP network-centric deployment.

However, to provide the flexible platform to enable a Cisco Video Surveillance solution to adapt to changing needs, the technology strategy must be aligned with current and future business requirements. Based on those business requirements the Cisco team will develop a high-level, conceptual architecture of the proposed system.

By defining business requirements as a basis for developing a technology solution, this service helps you achieve and prepare for future business goals. This enables the development of a Video Surveillance Solution high-level design reflecting the required specifications around availability, capacity, and security to meet the defined service requirements. This service helps minimizes the need for rework during the design phase through early identification and validation of required technologies and features.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Prepare Service consists of the following service components:

- Business Requirements Gathering
- High Level Design Development

Business Requirements Gathering
Cisco will work with the customer to:

- identify and assess business requirements
- document and categorize the business requirements in terms of the end user service(s) requirements and the associated availability, capacity and security.
- present and validate documented business requirements.

High Level Design Development
Cisco will identify appropriate Video Surveillance Solution products, features and functionalities to address and meet the customer’s business and technical requirements then produce and present a documented high-level design.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Plan Service
Your Cisco Video Surveillance Solution needs to meet your operational process requirements for change management and configuration management. The stronger your operational process capabilities, the more effective your Cisco Video Surveillance Solution can be.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Solution Plan Service provides a holistic, accurate approach to capturing requirements, assessing capabilities, validating architecture, understanding impact on business operations, and ensuring organizational readiness.
The project engineers then develop and execute a project management plan that manages resources, the flow of information, and change control.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Plan Service consists of the following service components:

- Feature and Functionality Requirements Validation
- Architecture Validation
- Network Readiness Assessment
- Operations Readiness Assessment
- Site Requirements Specification
- Project Management

Feature and Functionality Requirements Validation
Your migration to Cisco Video Surveillance starts with a validation of the features and functionality you use to run your business today. The Feature and Functionality Requirements Validation service provides a full understanding of these requirements and helps to avoid design surprises by verifying the selected components in your IP Video Surveillance Solution will meet your business needs and design objectives.

Architecture Validation
The Architecture Validation service reduces technical risks and helps to avoid costly redesigns by assessing your high-level design to help ensure it will scale to meet your network growth requirements and is in conformance with proven IP Video Surveillance leading practices. This service provides validation your network architecture meets your solutions requirements, design objectives, and future growth plans.

Network Readiness Assessment
The Network Readiness Assessment service is critical to your network migration to Cisco Video Surveillance. This service gauges the readiness of your existing network infrastructure to support Cisco Video Surveillance, recommending network configuration and design improvements, and develops a plan to execute the recommendations. This all-encompassing network assessment addresses hardware, software, traffic, capacity, network design, IP addressing, quality of service, availability, scalability, security, cabling, power, and existing network services.

Operations Readiness Assessment
The Operations Readiness Assessment service identifies opportunities to improve your operations staff's ability to support Cisco Video Surveillance by assessing the current state of your support infrastructure, including people, processes, and tools. The service compares and contrasts your current processes relative to industry-leading processes and makes recommendations for improvement. It collects information using the standards-based frameworks that cover voice and data operations groups and processes and reviews current support roles. These frameworks include Enhanced Telecom Operations Map (eTOM); fault, configuration, accounting, performance, and security (FCAPS); and Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL). The service provides an operations report including a remediation plan based on industry and early-adopter leading practices.
Site Requirements Specification
The Site Requirements Specification service component identifies the ability of the existing site facilities to accommodate Cisco Video Surveillance Solution. This service defines site environmental, power, and physical requirements based on the high-level design and solution components. Customized site survey templates for onsite analysis are developed so remediation plans are identified to prepare the site for implementation.

Project Management
The Project Management service develops a comprehensive project management plan, manages the deployment project throughout its lifecycle, and creates the plan's deliverables. Cisco project managers are trained to manage converged network migrations using our Video Surveillance methodology. Our project managers help ensure delivery of an accurate set of deliverables by bringing their experience and understanding of the importance of each process to every migration project and efficiently managing the people and activities within the methodology.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Design Service
Your Cisco Video Surveillance design needs to take into consideration technical and business requirements, including integration of legacy components as well as required changes to support Video Surveillance and to ensure a secure network.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Solution Design Service builds upon the high level design created in the Prepare phase and the plans established in Plan phase. It ensures that the implementation team has comprehensive design, appropriate information for resource planning and employee migration, sufficient time to execute the implementation and assurance the system can be validated prior to final deployment.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Design Service consists of the following service components:
- Detailed Design Development
- Implementation Schedule Development
- System Ready for Use Test Plan Development

Detailed Design Development
The Detailed Design Development service provides a comprehensive, implementation-ready system design for a secure network that will scale to take advantage of video surveillance innovations. The detailed design development process integrates technical and network remediation requirements to help improve the performance, resiliency, and availability of the network, through the following activities:
- Examine and evaluate customer network documentation and existing network designs.
- Assess and integrate network readiness recommendations.
- Develop a Video Surveillance design that integrates with the existing video surveillance infrastructure.
- Develop an integration strategy for existing infrastructure.
- Incorporate scalability, redundancy, and security requirements.
Implementation Schedule Development

The Implementation Schedule Development service component provides a project plan and outline of the processes required to carry out the implementation of network equipment and applications that make up a Cisco Video Surveillance Solution. Comprehensive planning and scheduling of resources are required for controlling events in a structured manner to ensure the implementation process is carried out in such a way to minimize risk and reduce costly delays. The service component helps ensure your network implementation scheduling requirements are identified, containing the critical timeline criteria required for a more predictable deployment.

System Ready for Use Test Plan Development

The System Ready for Use Test Plan Development service develops an acceptance test plan containing processes, test cases, and schedules. The acceptance test plan will be used to verify the deployed Cisco Video Surveillance Solution meets operational, feature, functionality, network infrastructure, and interface requirements specified in the solution requirements document and detailed system design.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Implementation Service

Your Cisco Video Surveillance Solution will perform to its highest potential when it is deployed in a manner that supports your business objectives while avoiding disruption of existing services and costly delays. You can increase your deployment success by preparing your site and staff to support the solution and then smoothly migrating data from your existing system to your new Cisco Video Surveillance Solution.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Implementation Service supports your deployment with a methodical approach that assesses your current environment, deploys the Cisco Video Surveillance Solution with basic configuration settings, prepares your staff with the necessary knowledge and best practices, ensures the system is ready for use and assists in migration of existing content.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Implementation Service consists of the following service components:

- Pilot or Production Implementation
- System Migration
- System Ready for Use Validation
- Knowledge Transfer
- As Built Documentation

Pilot or Product Implementation

Cisco engineers begin the Cisco Video Surveillance Solution Implementation Service by ensuring they have a complete understanding of your requirements. The engineers use this information, the Staffing Plan developed during the Design Phase, Cisco leading practices, and their own skills
and expertise to create an implementation project plan and test plan, and then execute the tests to help verify the implementation meets expectations. Implementation Services include:

- Project Management
- Project Planning
- Installation
- Configuration and Testing

System Migration

Upon completion of the initial Video Surveillance system implementation, work will begin to migrate and/or integrate existing systems to the new Video Surveillance system. The existing systems to be migrated may include databases, video storage equipment, matrix switches, network interfaces, and user profiles.

End User and Staff Training

The Cisco project manager coordinates sessions dedicated to training system managers and help-desk personnel; topics of these sessions may include:

- Video Surveillance Stream Software
- Management Console Administration
- Configuration of Hardware
- Configuration of Software
- Video storage
- Video monitoring
- Video replay
- Video Watermarking

(Note: Cisco provides a soft copy of the training material in advance of the training.)

System Ready for Use Validation

This service performs system-level acceptance testing at the end of the implementation. It helps you achieve your Video Surveillance Solution architectural and design goals by taking a structured approach to validating the installation of the Video Surveillance Solution components. Activities include:

- Prepare for acceptance test plan execution
- Execute test cases as defined in the Systems Acceptance Test Plan.
- Present and review test results with customer.

Cisco Video Surveillance Solution support training for the designated system manager on your staff includes review of:

- Hardware configuration
- Network and system configuration
- Utilities and basic troubleshooting

As Built Documentation
After the implementation and testing of the Video Surveillance system is complete, the final production-deployed network designs and configuration of devices will be documented in soft/electronic and hard copy formats for the ongoing use by the customer.

**Cisco Operate Services**

SMARTnet

Even if your network is well designed, and even if you use reliable Cisco solutions, unexpected problems can sometimes arise. If a problem does arise in your network defenses, you cannot afford to leave your business and your customers exposed. Cisco SMARTnet® service provides fast answers when you need them and helps you protect your assets and preserve access to critical applications. Cisco SMARTnet includes registered access to Cisco.com for online tools and technical assistance, access to the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC), Cisco OS software updates, and advance replacement of failed hardware. Together, these resources help you address any immediate issues, while extending and enhancing the operational lifetime of your Cisco networking devices and Cisco OS software.

Cisco Software Application Support

Network security is a dynamic undertaking, with new threats attacking networks daily. To protect the integrity of your network and minimize downtime that can expose your business to attacks, you need to maintain the most up-to-date, optimized software and applications, as well as secure network hardware. Cisco Software Application Support Services strengthen the availability, reliability, and functionality of your Cisco software applications. Designed specifically for Cisco software applications, these services go beyond basic operating system software support by providing access to expert technical assistance, current software releases, and a wealth of technical information with registered access to Cisco.com. You can also choose to bolster software application services with support for major application software upgrades, as well as routine releases. Covering more than 100 Cisco software applications, including Cisco Security management, access control, and threat protection software, these services help you optimize and enhance the Cisco solutions you use to centrally manage and defend your network and protect your Cisco software investment.

**The Cisco Video Surveillance Optimization Service**

You can customize your Cisco Video Surveillance Solution with compliance policies and rule set definitions and integrate the solution with your existing operating and network management systems and processes. Customization can be applied during your Cisco Video Surveillance Solution implementation or after the system is operation.

Cisco provides the necessary technical resources to minimize the occurrence of user affecting problems related to the operations, administration, configuration and maintenance of the Video Surveillance Solution. The Cisco Video Surveillance Solution Optimization Service provides a comprehensive program focusing on optimizing performance and increasing operational efficiency to help maximize business profitability.

The Cisco Video Surveillance Implementation Service consists of the following service components:

- Optimization Analysis & Recommendations
- Optimization Support Services
- Continuous Learning
BENEFITS

Cisco Video Surveillance Services, part of the Cisco Lifecycle Services framework, help align technology with your business requirements, accelerate your successful deployment and improve your integrated video surveillance solution’s business value and return on investment.

Cisco engineers with years of experience designing and deploying IP and Video Surveillance systems will assess your needs and work with you to help you get the most out of your migration.

The Cisco Services for the Cisco Video Surveillance Solution:

- Creates a Cisco Video Surveillance Solutions design that meets your deployment requirements today and will enable you to integrate innovative media applications in the future.
- Enables you to identify and deploy necessary infrastructure changes to support the Cisco Video Surveillance Solution.
- Prepares your operations staff to support current and planned network technologies and services by defining your operations requirements (people, processes, and tools) needed to support the Cisco Video Surveillance Solution.
- Reduces the duration and technical risk of Cisco Video Surveillance deployment projects by proactively identifying potential gaps and risks.
- Accelerates the successful implementation of your converged network by using Cisco methodology for deploying the Cisco Video Surveillance Solution.
- Helps lower operating costs and improves staff productivity by increasing the knowledge base of your operations staff to support the Cisco Video Surveillance Solution.

WHY CISCO SERVICES

Cisco Services make networks, applications, and the people who use them work better together.

Today, the network is a strategic platform in a world demanding better integration between people, information, and ideas. The network works better when services, together with products, create solutions aligned with business needs and opportunities.

The unique Cisco Lifecycle approach to services defines the requisite activities at each phase of the network lifecycle to help ensure service excellence. With a collaborative delivery methodology that joins the forces of Cisco, our skilled network of partners, and our customers, we achieve the best results.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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