

UCS X-Series: Architecture, Deployment Best Practices and Migration

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Cisco UCS X-Series Introduction and Architecture





Persistent challenges for IT

Architectural silos drive complexity



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Modern Hybrid Cloud Infrastructure Simplify to scale, automate, and operate



Modernize infrastructure management Cisco Intersight Infrastructure Service





UCS X-Series

Chassis







Backplane less design For Fabric

~960 cores, ~100TB mem, >1PB drives, 48M IOPs



Intelligent Fabric Modules Fabric for Converged Traffic (Ethernet, Mgmt, FC, NVMeOF etc)

UCS X Fabric (Fabric for PCle, CXL Traffic)



Power and cooling innovation

- Power distribution, fan speed sensors, fan control policy, air flow, others
- High energy efficiency and power envelope for future

IO Midplane-free design

Fabric connections are on IO adapters, so compute node is independent of fabric technology



Direct node to fabric connections

Dual redundant fabrics

- Network (top)
- X-Fabric (bottom)

Connections from each node to all fabrics



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Zoned Based Cooling: Chassis

- Vertical and horizontal zones
- Independent fan speed control based on sensors participating in each zone
- Reduces fan power consumption by right-sizing air flow on a per-zone basis, and increases overall power efficiency





System and Module Fan Configuration

- Maximum chassis airflow is approximately 1100 CFM
- Approximately 110 CFM per node, 40 CFM per fabric module and 15 CFM per PSU
- Hot-swappable N+1 redundant
- Large higher voltage system fans provide more airflow at lower speeds, that lowers fan noise and reduces power consumption





X-Series Compute

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UCS X210c M6 Compute Node – Key features



Up to 2 x NVMe PCIe Drives

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UCS X210c M7 2S Compute Node Key Features



UCS X410c M7 4S Compute Node Key Features

Form Factor

Occupies two slots in chassis

CPU

Up to 4 Intel 4th Gen Xeon CPUs

X-Fabric Mezz

Connect up to 2x PCIe Nodes

In future, to Memory/Drive Nodes

Memory

Up to 64x DDR5 4800 MT/s DIMMs





VIC

200G Aggregate/ 100G per Fabric 100G 5th Gen VIC mLOM

or

25G 5th Gen VIC mLOM 25G 5th Gen VIC Mezz

Drives/GPU

Front Mezz options

- 1. 6 SAS/SATA with HW RAID
- 2. 6 NVMe PCIe Gen4 x4
- 3. 2 NVMe PCIe Gen4 x4, plus 2 PCIe GPUs

Internal

- 1. 2x M.2 SATA HW RAID1
- 2. 2x M.2 NVMe

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GPU on X210C

- 2x T4 (with modified heat sink) in the front mezz slot
- Supports 2x NVME drives
- High GPU density solution with GPU node (24xT4 in 7RU with 4 nodes)







UCS Unified Fabric

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Fabric Interconnect- 25G and 100G

	6454	64108	6536		
Total Ports	54	108	36		
Ethernet only Ports	28x 10/25G, 4x 1/10/25G and 6x 40G	72x 10/25G, 8x 1/10/25G and 12x 40G	32(10*/25/40/100G)		
Unified Ports	16x 10/25G Ethernet or 8/16/32G FC	16x 10/25G Ethernet or 8/16/32G FC	4x100G (10*/25/40/100G) Ethernet or 16x 8/16/32G FC with breakout		
1G Ports	Port 45-48	Port 89-96	Port 9 and 10		
IFM	25G	25G	25G and 100G		

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*Uplink and Appliance port only

Intelligent Fabric Module (IFM) – 25G and 100G



	IFM 9108-25G	IFM 9108-100G		
Fabric Interconnect	6454, 64108, 6536	6536		
VIC	15231,14425,+14825	15231,14425, +14825		
Network Interface (NIF) Ports	8 x 25G (port-channel)	8 x 100G (port-channel)		
Host Interface (HIF) Ports	32 x 25G	8 x 100G or 32 x 25G		
Oversubscription	4 : 1	1:1		

VIC 14425 (mLOM) and VIC 14825 (Mezz)

- 4th Gen VIC card for X210c compute node
- 4x 25G bandwidth with mLom and 8x 25G with Mezz
- X16 PCle Gen 3
- Features
 - NVMeoF: FC-NVMe, RoCEv2
 - Overlays: NVGRE, VXLAN, Geneve
 - Hardware RSS
 - Windows VMQ/VMMQ
 - VMware NetQueue
 - DPDK



VIC 15231 MLOM

- 5th Gen VIC card
- Converged Network Adapter
- 2 x 100G with 5th Gen FI
- x16, PCle Gen 4
- 512 virtual PCIe Devices
 - FC and Ethernet
- NVMeoF: FC-NVMe, RoCEv2
- Overlays: NVGRE, VXLAN, Geneve
- RSS, NetQueue, VMQ, VMMQ, RSSv2*
- SR-IOV*, SIOV*, usNIC, DPDK
- PTPv2, L3ECN*, 16K Rx Ring Size



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UCS X-Fabric

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UCS X-Fabric Technology and PCIe Nodes with GPU Open, modular design enables compute and accelerator node connectivity

PCIe node supports up to

- 4x Intel Data Center GPU Flex 140*
- 2x Intel Data Center GPU Flex 170*
- 2x Nvidia A16
- 2x Nvidia A40
- 4x Nvidia T4
- 2x Nvidia A100



UCS X-Fabric Technology

- Based on native PCIe Gen. 4
- Provides GPU acceleration to enterprise application
- No backplane or cables = Easily upgrades

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X9416 X-Fabric XFM Modules

- The X9416 XFM provides fixed PCIe Gen4 x16 links between each pair of odd (N) and even (N+1) slots
- Replaces lower fabric module pair
- Can be hot swapped in a chassis with the original XFM blanks
- Connects to all chassis slots
- No configuration required



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X-Fabric Mezz Cards

- All X-Series compute node mezzanine cards provide connectivity to the X-Fabric
 - 100Gb 14825 VIC Mezz
 - PCle pass-through Mezz
- One PCIe Gen4 x16 link per CPU



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PCIe Expansion

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X440p PCIe Node

- The X440p PCle node provides 2 or 4 PCle slots connected to an adjacent compute node
- Includes two riser cards, type A or B
- Risers include GPU power cables
- Riser A Up to two dual width GPUs
 - NVIDIA A16, A40, or A100
- Riser B Up to four single width GPUs
 - NVIDIA T4
- No mixing of GPU models on a server



UCS X-Series NVIDIA GPU Portfolio



New GPUs options with UCS X-Fabric

Modular design enables flexibility and choice

Intel Data Center GPU Flex Series 140 and 170

- Outstanding compute density and energy efficiency
- Main use cases: VDI and video transcode
- Secondary use cases: Rendering and AI/ML
- Up to 4x Intel Flex 140 or up to 2x Intel Flex 170
- Flex 140 GPU: HHHL, 75W PCIe*
- Flex 170 GPU: FHFL, 150W PCIe*



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UCS X-Fabric - X210c and X440p PCIe Node

- An X-Fabric Mezz card (VIC or Pass-through) on the compute node connects it to the XFM pair
- One Gen4 x16 link per CPU is routed to the XFM pair (CPU1 to XFM1 and CPU2 to XFM2)
- The X440p connects the XFM1 link to Riser 1 and XFM2 to Riser 2
- GPU firmware is updated with the attached server firmware upgrade





UCS X-Fabric, X440p PCIe Node, and GPU Mezz

- Compute nodes can continue to exist in adjacent slots where the PCle node is not needed (example slots 1 and 2)
- PCle links through the X-Fabric between compute nodes will not come up, even with an X-Fabric Mezz card installed on the compute node (example slots 3 and 4)
- Compute with the GPU Front Mezz can be used with the PCIe node and Riser B to support up to six GPU per node (slots 7 and 8)



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Single infrastructure for many workloads



Traditional Blade Workloads

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Cisco UCS-X Series Deployment & Best Practices

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Intersight Deployment Modes



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Intersight Managed Mode (IMM) setup





Configure Cisco UCS fabric interconnect for Cisco Intersight Managed Mode Claim Cisco UCS fabric interconnect as a target in Cisco Intersight Configure Cisco UCS domain profile to connect chassis and network 00

Configure server profile template to defined various server parameters V

Derive and deploy server profile to configure the compute nodes

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What is a Domain Profile?

Cisco UCS domain profile





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High Level Intersight UCS Domain Profile Creation Overview



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What is a Server Profile?



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Intersight UCS Server Profile Creation Overview



What is a Chassis Profile?

Cisco UCS chassis profile IMC Access Power and **SNMP** Thermal

← UCS Chassis Profiles sj7-rack11	
Details	Details
Status © OK	IMC Access Policy Power
Name sj7-rack11	SNMP
Chassis sj7-cc7-sg-6454-1-1	
Last Update Dec 28, 2022 5:05 AM	
Description	

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Optional – Intersight UCS Chassis Profile Creation Overview



UCS-X Deployment and Best Practices

Workflow on UCS-X and Intersight configuration

STEP 1 : Site Preparation





Site Preparation - Physical and Logical Install

- Site planning checklist (Space evaluation ,Environmental evaluation ,Power evaluation ,Grounding evaluation ,Cable and interface equipment evaluation etc): https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/servers-unified-computing/ucs-x-series-modular-system/ucs-x-series-quick-start-guide.html
- \checkmark Listing all the required VLAN , VSAN , IP , MAC , POOL , WWNN and WWPN
- ✓ Port mapping
- ✓ Naming schema (Pools , Policy etc)
- ✓ No Overlapping VLANS
- ✓ Proactively manage appliance Backup and Restore if CVA/PVA is used
- Power calculator tool <u>https://ucspowercalc.cloudapps.cisco.com/public/index.jsp</u>
- ✓ For Connected Virtual appliance (CVA) installation (A Record, PTR Record, CNAME etc)-<u>https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified computing/Intersight/b Cisco Intersight Appliance Getting Started G</u> <u>uide/m installing intersight appliance.html?bookSearch=true#id 95741</u>

Preparing FI's and servers. Firmware upgrades First step: Prepare UCS FI's for IMM mode

- IMM should be configured from console.
- Managed mode should be "intersight".
- Define password type.
- Configure first FI (A) with network parameters, DNS, domain name.
- Confirmation of parameters.
- Secondary FI (B) will detect primary FI take over configuration from primary node.



Preparing FI's and servers. Firmware upgrades Intersight Pre-requisites

Setup Cisco Intersight account

- Create Intersight account to claim your devices that you want to manage from Intersight.
- Setup Licensing
 - When setting up a new Cisco Intersight account (as explained in this document), the account needs to be enabled for Cisco Smart Software Licensing.

Create Resource Group

• Resources such as targets will be logically grouped. One or more resource groups can be created for granular control of the resources.

Create Organization

• An Organization is a logical entity which enables multi-tenancy through separation of resources in an account. The Organization allows you to use the Resource Groups and enables you to apply the configuration settings on a subset of targets.

Configure Roles

• A role represents a collection of privileges to perform a set of operations and provides a user access to resources.

Preparing FI's and servers. Firmware upgrades Navigate to : System->admin->targets->claim new target

First step: Claim Fl's to Intersight

- Login to intersight.
- Goal is to add target (FI's) to intersight (UCS domain, intersight managed).
- Provide claim codes (SaaS) or FI user/pass (appliance) to add target.
- If using SaaS, claim codes can be retrieved from FI.
- We should use browser to navigate to FI IP address, provide user and passwd, and from device connector obtain Device ID and Claim Codes to be used with intersight.



	Select Target Type			
Filters	႖ Search			
 Available for Claiming 	Compute / Fabric			
Categories	diale ☆ diale Cisco UCS Server (Standalone) Cisco UCS (Intersight I	B Domain Managed)	o UCS Domain SM Managed)	
Compute / Fabric	Platform Services	<u>^</u>		
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UCS-X Deployment and Best Practices

Workflow on UCS-X and Intersight configuration

STEP 2 : Upgrade Fabric Interconnects.





Preparing Fl's and servers. Firmware upgrades Second step: Upgrade Fl's Firmware

- In Intersight, browse to OPERATE > Fabric Interconnects. Click the three dots at the end of the row for either of the Fabric Interconnects and select "Upgrade Firmware".
- Click "Start" to bypass the first screen of the firmware upgrade. You will be able to select desired firmware

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	Name		Health	Contract Status	Manage		Model		Ex	1
	FI-5G FI-A		Healthy	Not Covered	172.26.131.146	6	UCS-FI-653	6		
			Healthy	Not Covered	172.26.131.147	7	UCS-FI-653	6		
			Healthy	Not Covered	172.26.131.152	2	UCS-FI-645	54		
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Preparing FI's and servers. Firmware upgrades Second step: Upgrade FI's Firmware

Workflow tasks are as follows:

- Download intersight FI bundle from Intersight software repository
- Upgrade IOMs
- Evacuate data traffic on FI B
- Activate FI B
- Wait for User Ack : for FI reboot
- Wait for activate to complete
- Evacuate data traffic on the FI A
- Activate FI A
- Wait for User Ack : for FI reboot
- Wait for activate to complete

Firmware pre-requisites

Please ensure we have available storage in the Fabric Interconnect partitions for the firmware bundle to be downloaded: FI-50-A(nx-os)# show system internal flash

- 90 percent free space in /var/tmp
- 20 percent free space in /var/sysmgr
- 30 percent free space in /mnt/pss
- 20 percent free space in /bootflash

Command: Show system internal flash

How to clear the unused firmware images:

FI-5G-A# list-firmware-	cache	
DOWNLOADED DATE	IDENTIFIER	IMAGE NAME
2022-04-04	624b53886567612d30880060	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-04-11	62547ad36567612d30aa7d59	intersight-ucs-infra-5gf
2022-05-03	627168806567612d30e37396	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-05-05	6274161d6567612d3048d877	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-05-10	627ac38f6567612d3065e47f	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-06-27	62b9efe96567612d300f8fb2	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-11-03	6363caf66567612d30baf34d	intersight-ucs-infra-5gf
2022-11-07	636919ba6567612d30bf8c8b	intersight-ucs-server-b2
FI-5G-A# list-firmware-	cache	
DOWNLOADED DATE	IDENTIFIER	IMAGE NAME
2022-04-04	624b53886567612d30880060	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-04-11	62547ad36567612d30aa7d59	intersight-ucs-infra-5gf
2022-05-03	627168806567612d30e37396	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-05-05	6274161d6567612d3048d877	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-05-10	627ac38f6567612d3065e47f	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-06-27	62b9efe96567612d300f8fb2	intersight-ucs-server-21
2022-11-03	6363caf66567612d30baf34d	intersight-ucs-infra-5gf
2022-11-07	636919ba6567612d30bf8c8b	intersight-ucs-server-b2
FI-5G-A# clear-firmware-	-cache 62547ad36567612d30aa7d59	
62547ad36567612d30aa7d59	9	
The Intersight cache will	ll be cleared.	
Are you sure? Enter 'y'	to continue:y	
Cache cleared		
FI-5G-A#		

ersight-ucs-server-210c-m6.5.8.2.220329.bin ersight-ucs-server-210c-m6.5.8.2.220314.bin ersight-ucs-server-210c-m6.5.8.2.220437.bin ersight-ucs-server-210c-m6.5.8.2.220503.bin ersight-ucs-server-210c-m6.5.8.2.220503.bin ersight-ucs-server-210c-m6.5.8.2.220503.bin ersight-ucs-server-200c-m6.5.8.2.220515.bin ersight-ucs-server-200c-m6.5.8.2.20bin

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FI-5G-A(nx-os)# show syste	m internal	flash			
Mount-on	1K-blocks	Used	Available	Use%	Filesystem
/	9265152	3127724	6137428	34	none
/usr_ro	75008	75008	0	100	/dev/loop0
/usr	9265152	3127724	6137428	34	aufs
/proc	0	0	0	0	proc
/proc/fs/nfsd	0	0	0	0	nfsd
/etc	5120	3384	1736	67	none
/nxos/tmp	102400	1504	100896	2	none
/nxos/xlog	81920	28068	53852	35	none
/nxos/dme_logs	81920	8316	73604	11	none
/var/volatile/log	51200	51200	0	100	none
/var/home	5120	12	5108	1	none
/var/volatile/tmp	614400	2568	611832	1	none
/var/sysmgr	3891200	663140	3228060	18	none
/var/sysmgr/ftp	2097152	264632	1832520	13	none
/var/sysmgr/ftp/debug_logs	10240	0	10240	0	none
/var/sysmgr/srv_logs	256000	152888	103112	60	none
/var/sysmgr/startup-cfg	614400	8384	606016	2	none
/dev/shm	4194304	538648	3655656	13	none
/dev/icam	1048576	0	1048576	0	none
/volatile	2097152	81536	2015616	4	none
/debug	5120	100	5020	2	none
/mnt/ifc/cfg/db	524288	0	524288	0	none
/dev/mqueue	0	0	0	0	none
/isan_lib_ro	54144	54144	0	100	/dev/loop1
/isan_bin_ro	60416	60416	0	100	/dev/loop2
/isan_bin_eth_ro	62720	62720	0	100	/dev/loop3
/isan_lib_eth_ro	10112	10112	0	100	/dev/loop4
/isan_lib_n9k_ro	4224	4224	0	100	/dev/loop5
/isan_bin_n9k_ro	128	128	0	100	/dev/loop6
/isan/bin	9265152	3127724	6137428	34	aufs
/isan/lib	9265152	3127724	6137428	34	aufs
/debugfs	0	0	0	0	debugfs
/debugfs/tracing	0	0	0	0	tracefs
/bootflash	87021412	29474156	57547256	34	/dev/sda4
/bootflash/.rpmstore/patch	ing 193	687 1	564 1821	.23	1 /dev/loop10
/mnt/cfg/0	59365	2243	53846	4	/dev/sda5

UCS-X Deployment and Best Practices

Workflow on UCS-X and Intersight configuration

STEP 3 : Create pools.

← Pools Create			
۹ Search			
	МАС		O WWPN
	Resource	O WWNN	





Pools, policies, templates, profiles Third step : Pools

In Intersight, browse to Configure > Pools.

Pools						
Pools Reserved Identifiers VRFs						
* All Pools ⊗ + / Q Add Filter Create Pool						
IP ≈ (270) • Used 35 • Available 235 MAC ≈ (768) • Used 81 • Available 687	UUID 2 (192) • Used 9 • Available 183	Used 21 (192) • Used 21 • Available 1	71 Used 64 . Available 256	IQN \forall 96 • Used 6 • Available 90 Res \Rightarrow NO F \leftarrow		
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AA03-HybridCloud-WWPN-B WWPN	128	10 1	18 0	Dec 23, 2022 8:39 AN		
AA03-HybridCloud-WWNN WWNN	128	10 1	18 0	Dec 23, 2022 8:39 AN		
AA03-HybridCloud-MAC-Pool-A MAC	256	10 2-	46 0	Dec 23, 2022 8:39 Alv		
AA03-HybridCloud-MAC-Pool-B MAC	256	10 2-	46 0	Dec 23, 2022 8:39 Alv		

Even if all pools and policies can be created during template/profiles deployment, it would make work more structured and easier if we create pools and policies in advance.

Pools, policies, templates, profiles Third step : Pools

- Use Tags while creating objects for better searching and organization of objects
- Create separate Pools (PWWN, MAC) for each Fabric. If creating two Pools for Fabric-A & B, example for MAC Address
 Pool, use A in the next-to last octet of the starting MAC address to identify MAC address as Fabric A addresses

Example: xxx_mac_pool-A, 00:25:B5:00:AA:01 & xxx_mac_pool-B, 00:25:B5:00:BB:01

Pools > MAC Pool			
General Pool Details	General Pool represents a collection of MAC addresses that can be allocated to VNICs of a server pr	ofile.	
0	Name -	Pools > MAC Pool Create	
	AAU3-Hybrid:Cloud-MAC-Pool-A Set Tags hybrid:cloud1	 General Pool Details 	Pool Details Collection of MAC Blocks.
	Description // <= 1024		From Size 00:25:85:00;AA:01 256

UCS-X Deployment and Best Practices Workflow on UCS-X and Intersight configuration

STEP 4 : Create policies.

← Policies Create				
Filters	۹ Search			
Platform Type	Ethernet Network Control	Link Control	O Port	System QoS
	Ethernet Network Group	Multicast Policy	SNMP	VLAN
UCS Server	Flow Control	Network Connectivity	Switch Control	VSAN
UCS Domain	Link Aggregation		Syslog	
UCS Chassis				
HyperFlex Cluster				
Kubernetes Cluster				



Site preparation	
Configuring Fl's firmware upgrades	
Pools	
Policies	
Templates and profiles	

- Always refer UCS best practice white papers for BIOS and Network settings
- Create BIOS policy and use recommended settings for your specific application
- Create QoS policy and enable Jumbo maximum transmission units (MTUs) for vNICs for required traffic types
- Use default ethernet adapter policy for OS, tweak settings for new policy based on requirements

Policies				Create Policy
* All Policies ◎ + // () () Q Add Filter			G Export 99 items found	11 v per page K < 2 of 9 > >
UCS Server 78 UCS Chassis 4 UCS Domain 27 Kubernetes Cluster 10	Usage . Used 37 . Not Used 14 . N/A 48			X
Name	Platform Type	Type 🗧 Usage	Last Up	date : \$
AA03-FC-QoS-Policy	UCS Server	Fibre Channel QoS	© N/A Dec 3, 2	2022 4:15 AM ····
AA03-HybridCloud-FC-Adapter-Policy	UCS Server	Fibre Channel Adapter	© N/A Dec 2, 2	2022 11:20 PM ····
AA03-Baremetal-Local-Storage-Policy	UCS Server	Storage	0 🐻 Dec 2, 2	2022 11:04 PM ····
AA03-Baremetal-Net-Group-VM-Networl	UCS Server, UCS Domain	Ethernet Network Group	⊙ N/A Dec 2, 2	2022 10:56 PM
AA03-HybridCloud-Net-Group-OOB-Net	UCS Server, UCS Domain	Ethernet Network Group	© N/A Dec 2, 2	2022 10:56 PM
AA03-HybridCloud-Net-Group-Inband-M	UCS Server, UCS Domain	Ethernet Network Group	© N/A Dec 2, 2	2022 10:55 PM
AA03-HybridCloud-Network-Control-Poli	UCS Server, UCS Domain	Ethernet Network Control	⊙ N/A Dec 2, 2	2022 10:54 PM



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In Intersight, browse to Configure > Policy > Create Policy.

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As with pools, we can define all policies while creating templates and profiles, but it will give more structure to create them in advance.

Port policy (used in Domain Profile)



LAN connectivity policy (used in Server Profile)

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Workflow on UCS-X and Intersight configuration

STEP 5 : Create profiles and templates.





- Now we can put all those pools and policies into use.
- Intersight cannot discover any hardware connected to the Fabric Interconnects until its ports are configured, and that is done through a domain profile.

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Close/Deploy Profile



Pools, policies, templates, profiles Fifth step: Chasis profile and discovery

Configure → Profiles → UCS Chassis Profiles → Create UCS Chassis Profile

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Pools, policies, templates, profiles Fifth step: Chasis profile and discovery

Configure → Profiles → UCS Chassis Profiles → Create UCS Chassis Profile

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Configure → Templates → Create UCS Server Profile Template

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Configure → Profiles → UCS Chassis Profiles → Create UCS Chassis Profile

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Configure → Templates → Create UCS Server Profile Template

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Configure → Templates → Create UCS Server Profile Template

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Pools, policies, templates, profiles Fifth step: Derive Server Profiles

Configure → Templates → Create UCS Server Profile Template

Create UCS Server Profile Template

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General	Verify details of the template and the policies, resolv	e errors and deploy.			
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UCS-X Deployment and Best Practices

Workflow on UCS-X and Intersight configuration

Our infrastructure is configured now

- Fl's added to intersight
- Polices created
- Profiles created
- All up-to-date, visible, no warnings...

But, what now?

Site preparation Configuring Fl's firmware upgrades Pools Policies Templates and profiles

Cisco Intersight - Day2 Operations



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Automate

Create automated workflows to...

- Accelerate delivery of apps and infrastructure
- Reduce risk with standardization
- Simplify cross-domain orchestration

Two options

- Workflow designer Drag-and-drop workflow authoring
- APIs/SDKs

For using your existing automation tools (Ansible, Terraform, etc.)



"With consistent and repeatable workflows offered by Cisco Intersight, IT teams can save time and decrease operational costs."

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IMM Transition Tool UCSM to IMM Migration



IMM Transition Tool

- Assesses hardware & firmware compatibility
- Extends existing Service Profile Templates to Intersight
- Automatically converts related server policies (boot, BIOS, LAN/SAN connectivity, etc.)
- Converts fabric configuration (VLANs/VSANs, port configuration, etc.)



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Solutions Powered Portfolio

Simplifying infrastructure & operations



Cisco Validated Design Program

Successful Technology Deployments Addressing Business Initiatives



Use case : e-commerce customer

Need to dynamically add/remove resources to support application needs

Customer Requirements

- Application needs compute resources and GPUs
- Fast re-provisioning of servers to rebalance app resource needs
- Upgrade compute but use the same GPUs and vice versa
- Independent life cycle management of



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Demo - Agenda

- Provision new UCS X210c M7 server with Cisco Intersight
- Disaggregated life cycle management of CPUs and GPUs
- Stateless Compute Management

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So what we Learned?

- UCSX Introduction
- What is IMM
- UCS X-Series Deployment
- Installation, Scalability, Firmware and Operation Best Practices
- Migration



X-Series white papers

- Cisco UCS X-Series Ouick Start Guide
- <u>Cisco UCS X210c M6 Compute Node Disk I/O Characterization</u>
- Deploy Cisco UCS X210c Compute Node with Cisco Intersight Management Mode for VDI
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