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UCS X-Series

Bring your applications together

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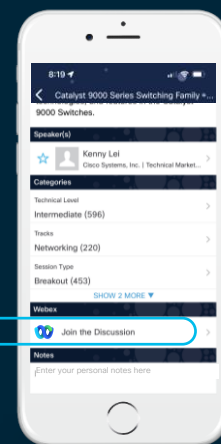
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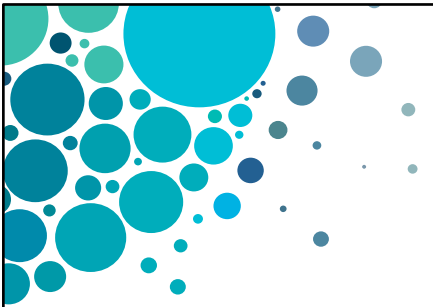


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~~Agenda~~
Plot

- A crisis revealed
- X-Series heroes!
- The plot twist
- The new guy
- Return of the workloads
- Credits and ...?

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They say a presentation should tell a story. Well, isn't a movie better than just a story?

Applications were always happy with access to some CPU, memory, storage, and networking to talk to their friends.

But as applications matured they began to try new things.

Big data came around, requiring lots of local storage. Databases want crazy amounts of memory. AI/ML wants compute acceleration.

Virtual desktops want faster and faster GPUs to play their YouTube videos.

Then there are these new little ones that don't even want a whole server.

They want to be kept in little containers and run around in the cloud. Now they think they don't even need a server!

All this causes datacenter sprawl. Form factors, devices, management endpoints, aggregation challenges (notifications, logs, ...)

The X-Series modular system brings them back together.

Having a more adaptable platform is great, but you are still challenged with management sprawl. Different devices, different clouds, different environments.

Sometimes you want the cloud for good reason, but may want the same application to run on-prem. (dev and prod, data sovereignty.)

Intersight provides a single, flexible control plane for a complete hybrid cloud environment.

Run your workload where it makes the best sense with on-prem covered by the modular X-Series system.

UCS-X offers a long-term roadmap of continuing innovation without critical choke points leading to a limited life.



Should now be obvious why I went to engineering school, not art.

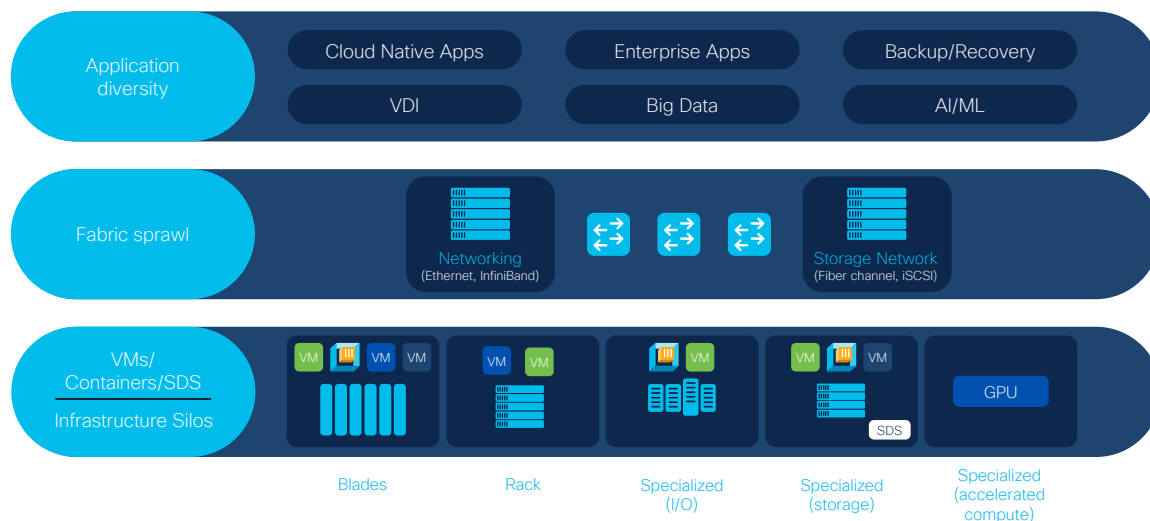
A Lot Has Changed... and Continues to Change



A lot has changed and will continue to change in the computing landscape: Several years ago, technologies and innovations around software defined storage and accelerated computing with GPUs created architectural shifts in infrastructure and spawned new workloads (AI/ML) and solutions (HCI). As we look just over the horizon, new technologies will shape infrastructure for the next several years. PCIe and CXL will enable the disaggregation of resources and the custom reassembly of those resources to best serve applications. In addition, high performance CPUs and GPUs need to be accommodated and 100/200G networking to bring next gen performance and bandwidth.

We believe there are a few of key trends happening – hybrid cloud is driving macro-orchestration across resources, on-premise and in the public cloud, to drive simplicity and agility. Micro-segmentation and the disaggregation of technologies/resources to meet the growing application diversity with system designs that can be molded or adapted to modern applications. Lastly, operations at scale to provide visibility, optimization, orchestration, automation and support across a hybrid cloud landscape.

Architectural silos drive complexity



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Traditional Infrastructure will continue to fail

Workloads are expanding beyond just leveraging virtualization and cloud for legacy applications. Big Data and analytics are requiring new approaches to infrastructure and the IoT is blurring the lines of where data is generated and processed. IT teams are choosing the optimal infrastructure architecture to accommodate this application diversity but that can create silos, complex management models, and a lack of visibility and control.

Complexity continues to be the data centers Achilles heel. In the face of tremendous application growth, IT teams still choose unique systems and solutions

for each application. The overhead to plan, procure, operate, optimize, a portfolio of non-standard architectural choices (i.e. blades, racks and specialized systems) can require unique management tools and make it difficult to adapt, scale, and maximize efficiency, resulting in higher power and cooling costs, forklift upgrades to accommodate new technologies, and the inability to quickly respond to dynamic changes in application requirements. For example, in traditional rack environments, scale may come in small increments but at the expense of operational efficiency resulting in higher power and cooling costs. In most instances, automation and agility remain out of reach.

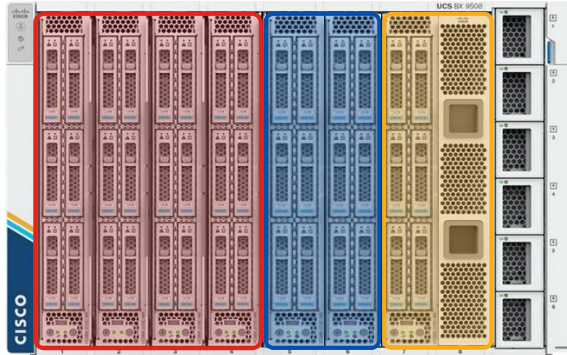
In an era where orchestration and automation is the key to agility, complex integration of disparate architectures is complexity that needs to be avoided.



Profiles/Workflow

- AI** AI/ML
- Accelerated VDI
- Big Data, SDS, Containers

UCS X-Series With InterSight



UCS X-Series - 7 RU, 8 Nodes

600+	~100 TB	~1 PB	48M IOPs	~1600G	~100G	24
Cores	Memory	Storage 48 Drives	In a Chassis	Agg N/W in a Chassis	End-to-end	GPUs per Chassis

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X-Series has greatly expanded the applicability of a modular system to workloads that have been tied to rack systems.

Tailor the chassis, or parts of the chassis, to the needs of the workload.

Provision only what's needed.

Cooling scales with the nodes, so capacity isn't wasted when high performance options aren't needed.

X-Series Heroes (and a sidekick)

X-Fabric
5th Gen Networking

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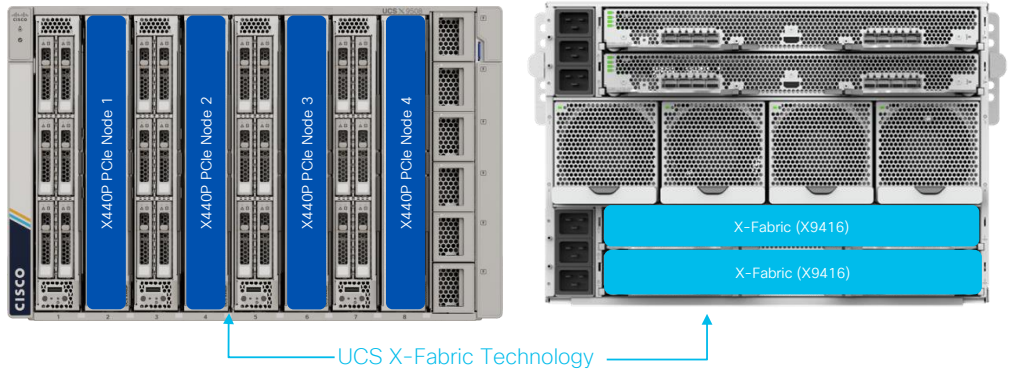


UCS X-Fabric and PCIe Nodes with GPU



GPU support

- 4X T4
- 2x A16
- 2x A40
- 2 x A100



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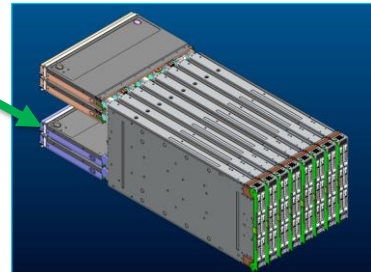
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1. Overview of the season 2 X-Fabric innovation.
2. GPUs on PCIe nodes connected to the compute nodes through the X-Fabric modules.

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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XFM Components

- No active fabric components on the system board
- Three replaceable fan modules
- Same fans as IFM



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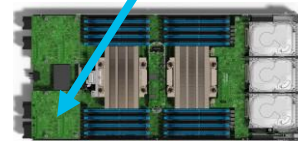
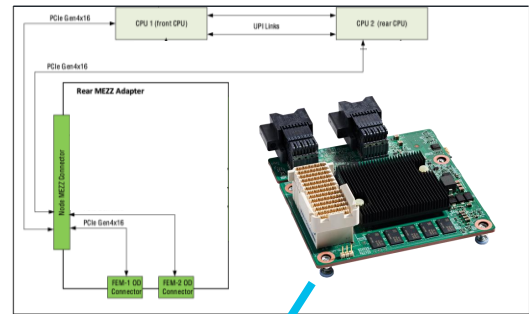
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X-Fabric Mezz Cards

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



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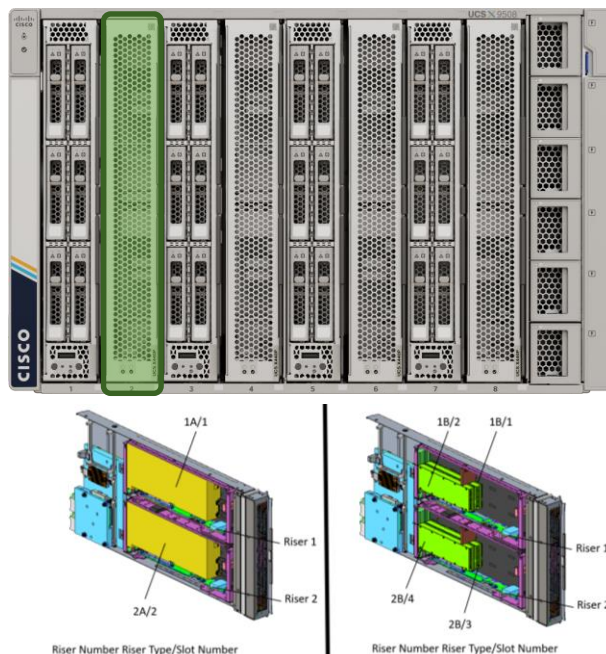
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Just like the VIC mLOMs the physical connectors from the compute node to the XFM are located on the Mezzanine card, so the fabric is independent of the compute node.

X440p PCIe Node

- The X440p PCIe node provides 2 or 4 PCIe 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
 - A16, A40, or A100
- Riser B - Up to four single width GPUs
 - T4
- No mixing of GPU models on a server



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X-Fabric connectivity is integrated on the PCIe node. No separate mezzanine required.

Different GPUs may be used on separate PCIe nodes, as long as they are connected to separate servers.

Compute and PCIe node position are interchangeable. E.g. PCIe node in slot 1 and X210c in slot 2 is also valid.

NVIDIA does not support mixed GPU models on a single server.

Intersight PCIe Node inventory



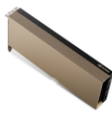
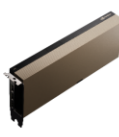
- GPUs will show up under the compute node inventory
- Includes PCIe node details

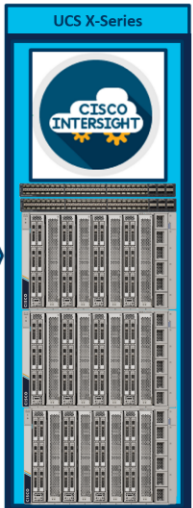
Server in slot 7 connected to PCIe node in slot 8

ID	Slot ID	Model	Firmware Version
PCIe-Node8-GPU1	CHASSIS-SLOT8-RISER1B-SLOT1	UCSC-GPU-T4-16	90.04.96.00
PCIe-Node8-GPU4	CHASSIS-SLOT8-RISER2B-SLOT4	UCSC-GPU-T4-16	90.04.96.00.9F

UCS X-Series GPU Portfolio



Compute		VDI / Virtual Workstations	
NVIDIA A100 High Performance Compute, AI, HPC  Up to 7x MIG instances per card Up to 2x Per X440p 300W 80GB 2-slot FHFL	NVIDIA T4 High Density Graphics Compact & Versatile  Small Footprint Data Center and Edge Inference Up to 4x Per X440p Max 96GB FB per server* <small>*X440p with 4x T4s combined with 2x T4s and GPU mezz in X210c</small> 70W 16GB 1-slot HHHL	NVIDIA A16 Highest Density Virtual Desktop  High-res, multi-monitor Max # of encode/decode streams Up to 2x Per X440p Max 128GB FB per server 250W 4 x 16GB 2-slot FHFL	NVIDIA A40 Highest Perf Graphics Visual Computing  Fastest RT Graphics Largest render models Up to 2x Per X440p Max 96GB FB per server 300W 48GB 2-slot FHFL



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UCS-X with the A16 is a fantastic accelerated VDI solution. Up to 8 A16 on 4 compute nodes in 7RU, providing a total of 32 GPUs for amazing density and performance.

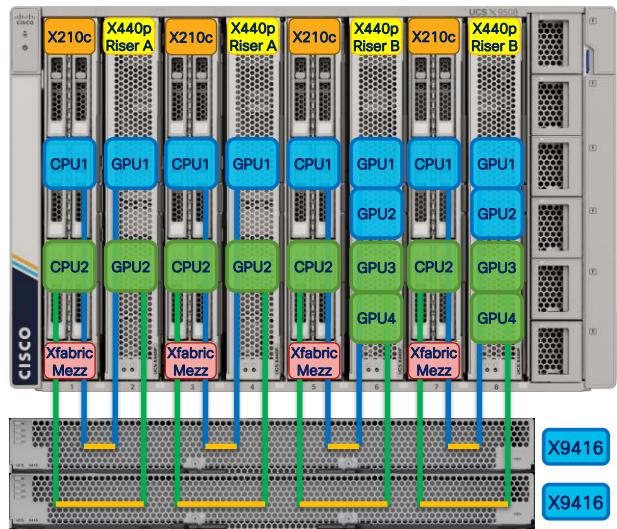
A40 delivers a new top-end experience for virtual engineering workstations.

Up to 24 T4 in a single chassis with 6 on each of 4 compute nodes for an excellent accelerated knowledge worker experience.

For raw AI/ML up to 8 A100-80G on 4 compute nodes.

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



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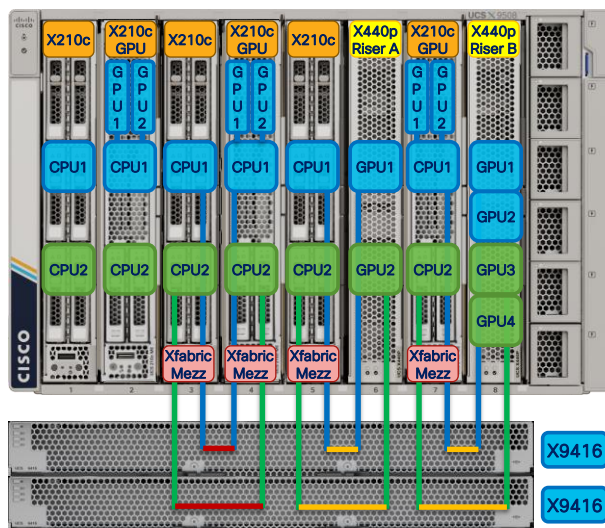
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No failover or redundancy of the PCIe fabric. The two fabrics provide higher total bandwidth.

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

- Compute nodes can continue to exist in adjacent slots where the PCIe node is not needed (example slots 1 and 2)
- PCIe 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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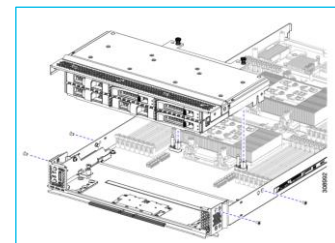
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Using X-Fabric does not force slots to be dedicated to a specific node type. Compute can still be populated in any slot. Both GPUs in slots 2, 4, and 6 must be the same. In the slot 7 and 8 example all 6 GPUs must be the same type (T4 in this case.)

X10c GPU Front Mezz

- UCSX-X10C-GPUFM
- Two PCIe Gen4 x8 HHHL slots
- One or two NVIDIA T4 GPUs
- Requires PID UCSX-GPU-T4-MEZZ
- Up to two U.2 NVMe Drives
- 4x PCIe Gen4 Per Drive
- No SAS/SATA Support
- Intel VROC Capable with Intel Drives

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These T4's have a different heatsink to allow the proper airflow with the vertical GPU orientation, thus a unique PID.

5th Gen Fabric

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6536 5th Generation Fabric Interconnect

- 7.4 Tbps bandwidth per FI in 1 RU form-factor
- 36x QSFP Ports
 - 32x 100G Ethernet ports (1 – 32)
 - 4x Unified ports (33 – 36)
 - 100G Ethernet or
 - 16x 8/16/32G FC ports via 128G-FC QSFP28 break-out

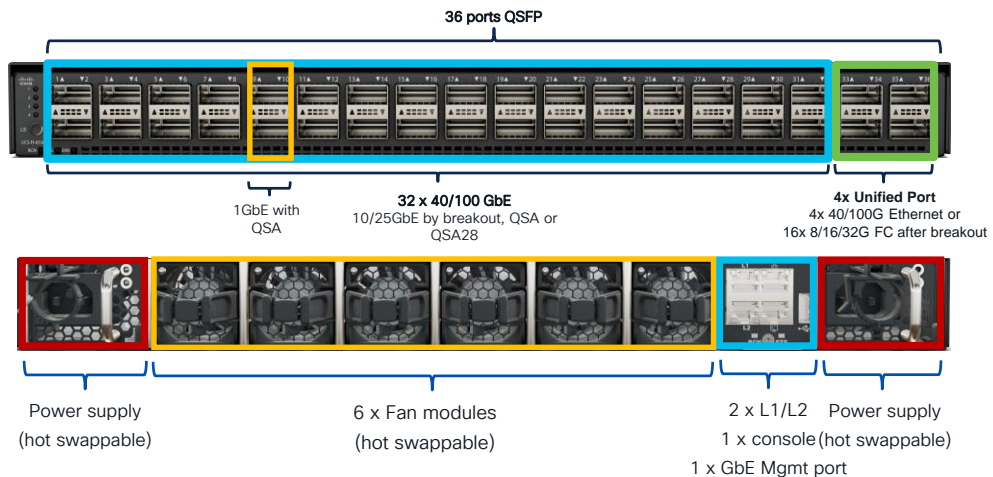


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FI 6536 – Rear and front view



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16x 8/16/32G FC ports using 128G-FC QSFP28 break-out

Front-to-back cooling

- Fan-side intake, port-side exhaust

hot-swappable fans and power supplies

- Each fan module consists of two fan rotors. Redundancy of fan is implanted in rotor level. With a total of 12 rotors, the system continues to operate with 9 fan rotors.
- Helps enable high availability in multiple configurations
- Increase serviceability
- Provides uninterrupted service during maintenance

Power supply

- Two power supplies (AC or DC)

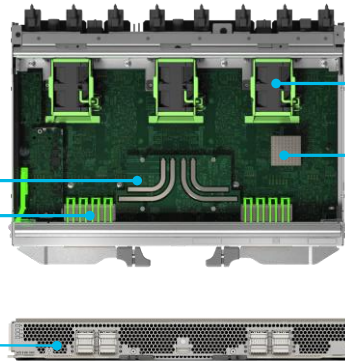
Cisco UCS 9108-100G Intelligent Fabric Module

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- 2 Tbps throughput per IFM
- 8 x 100G or 32 x 25G ports per server

EXTERNAL PORTS

- 8x 100G QSFP ports
- Can cable from 1 to 8 ports



FAN

- Three internal fans

CMC Processor

- Chassis management

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When you first look at the IFM, you see three fans that snap in and snap out. Although they are not hot-swappable, they are easily replaceable because the IFM can be removed from the chassis to replace the fans taking down only one side of the fabric. On the back, each IFM has eight ports, and each port is capable of 100 gigabits. In this architecture, the fabric interconnects (FIs) are 100 gigabit. The connections supporting the transceivers and the copper or optical cables are 100 gigabit.

- Three fans snap in and snap out
- Not hot-swappable
- High reliability
- Each IFM has eight ports, each port is capable of 100 gigabits
- 1-8 ports cabled to FI, numbered 1-8, port groupings are based on space, no functional difference
- In this architecture, FIs are 100 gigabit
- 100-gigabit connections supporting transceivers, copper or optical cables

VIC 15231 mLOM

- 2 x 100G with 5th Gen FI
- 100Gb Ethernet vNIC
- 100Gb FC vHBA
- PCIe Gen 4 x16
- NVMeoF: FC-NVMe, RoCEv2



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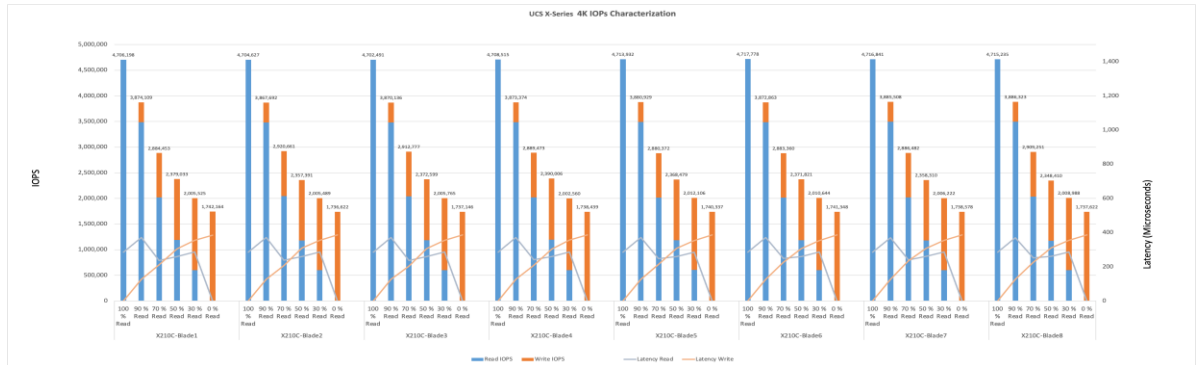
Return of the workloads

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Does the system really deliver what applications need and have been getting from rack servers.

➤ Consistent raw storage performance

- ❖ Performance Summary. ----- Chassis level performance across individual blades
 - 8 X210c Nodes each with 6 intel P5600 NVMe Drives
 - FIO Mix of Reads / Writes - 4K 100 % Reads to 100% Writes
 - Sustained and reproducible performance for longer duration (4– 8 hours)
 - Near identical performance from 1 Blade to 8 Blades – Power, Cooling and Efficiency
 - Total 38 million Read IOPs in a single Chassis - Each Blade ~4.8 million with less than 400 micro-Seconds latency



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Chart shows performance from 100% read to 100% write across all 8 compute node slots.

Higher level storage constructs are doomed if basic storage performance is compromised.

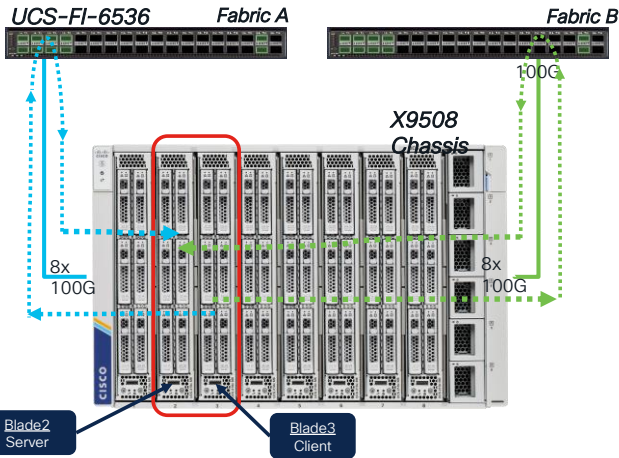
No hot spots, no weak power corners.

No concern for where or how much storage is provisioned.

TCP End to End 100G : VIC 15231 performance

iPERF Traffic :

Fabric A : Blade3 vnic1 (client) -> Blade2 vnic1 (Server)
 Fabric B : Blade3 vnic2 (client) -> Blade2 vnic2 (Server)



iPerf results

```
[root@blade2 ~]# taskset -c 16-24 iperf -s -B 10.0.11.41
Server listening on TCP port 5801
TCP window size: 65.3 kByte (default)
[ 1] local 10.0.11.41 port 5801 connected with 10.0.11.42 port 55864
[ 2] local 10.0.11.41 port 5801 connected with 10.0.11.42 port 55876
[ 3] local 10.0.11.41 port 5801 connected with 10.0.11.42 port 55868
[ 4] local 10.0.11.41 port 5801 connected with 10.0.11.42 port 55866
```

```
[Disable the terminal from "bl3@vnc" mode]
[ 4] 21.00-24.00 sec 5.75 Gbytes 16.5 Gbits/sec
[ 3] 21.00-24.00 sec 11.5 Gbytes 33.0 Gbits/sec
[ 2] 21.00-24.00 sec 11.5 Gbytes 33.0 Gbits/sec
[ 1] 21.00-24.00 sec 5.76 Gbytes 16.5 Gbits/sec
[SUM] 21.00-24.00 sec 34.5 Gbytes 98.9 Gbits/sec
[ 4] 24.00-27.00 sec 5.76 Gbytes 16.5 Gbits/sec
[ 3] 24.00-27.00 sec 11.5 Gbytes 33.0 Gbits/sec
[ 2] 24.00-27.00 sec 11.5 Gbytes 33.0 Gbits/sec
[ 1] 24.00-27.00 sec 5.76 Gbytes 16.5 Gbits/sec
[SUM] 24.00-27.00 sec 34.5 Gbytes 98.9 Gbits/sec
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~100Gbps
Fabric A

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[Disable the terminal from "bl3@vnc" mode]
[root@blade2 ~]# taskset -c 32-40 iperf -s -B 10.0.21.41
Server listening on TCP port 5801
TCP window size: 65.3 kByte (default)
[ 1] local 10.0.21.41 port 5801 connected with 10.0.21.42 port 36552
[ 2] local 10.0.21.41 port 5801 connected with 10.0.21.42 port 36548
[ 3] local 10.0.21.41 port 5801 connected with 10.0.21.42 port 36558
[ 4] local 10.0.21.41 port 5801 connected with 10.0.21.42 port 36558
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[Disable the terminal from "bl3@vnc" mode]
[ 2] 6.00-9.00 sec 7.64 Gbytes 21.9 Gbits/sec
[ 1] 6.00-9.00 sec 9.95 Gbytes 28.5 Gbits/sec
[ 4] 6.00-9.00 sec 7.65 Gbytes 21.9 Gbits/sec
[ 3] 6.00-9.00 sec 8.49 Gbytes 24.3 Gbits/sec
[SUM] 6.00-9.00 sec 33.7 Gbytes 96.6 Gbits/sec
[ 2] 9.00-12.00 sec 8.79 Gbytes 24.9 Gbits/sec
[ 1] 9.00-12.00 sec 8.72 Gbytes 25.0 Gbits/sec
[ 4] 9.00-12.00 sec 8.71 Gbytes 24.9 Gbits/sec
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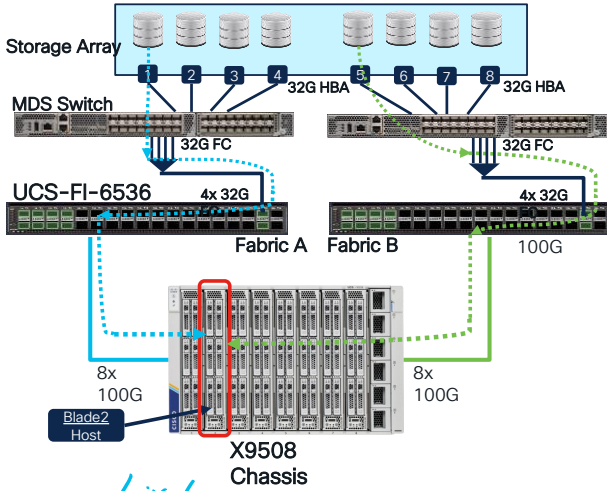
~100Gbps
Fabric B



End to End 32G FC: VIC 15231 performance

32G FC connectivity to a Storage Target:

Chassis-Blade2 vHBA1 <-- HBA1 Storage (100% read)
 Chassis-Blade2 vHBA1 <-- HBA5 Storage (100% read)



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FIO results per x210c

```

root@ora5g-node1 ~# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host3/speed
100 Gbit
root@ora5g-node1 ~# fio --filename=/dev/mapper/5g_vol1:/dev/mapper/5g_vol2 --direct=1 --rw=rw --ioengine=libaio --bs=512k --rwmixread=100 --iodepth=8 --numjobs=8 --runtime=120 --group_reporting --name=seqreadwrite
seqreadwrite: (g=0): rw=rw, bs=(R) 512KiB-512KiB, ioengine=libaio, iodepth=8
...
fio-3.19
Starting 8 processes
Jobs: 8 (f=16): [R(8)][11.6%] [r=3141M(B/s)] r=6281 IOPS[eta 01m:47s]
    
```

~32G FC Fabric A

```

root@ora5g-node1 ~# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host7/speed
100 Gbit
root@ora5g-node1 ~# fio --filename=/dev/mapper/5g_vol9:/dev/mapper/5g_vol10 --direct=1 --rw=rw --ioengine=libaio --bs=512k --rwmixread=100 --iodepth=8 --numjobs=8 --runtime=120 --group_reporting --name=seqreadwrite
seqreadwrite: (g=0): rw=rw, bs=(R) 512KiB-512KiB, ioengine=libaio, iodepth=8
...
fio-3.19
Starting 8 processes
Jobs: 8 (f=16): [R(8)][12.4%] [r=3142M(B/s)] r=6284 IOPS[eta 01m:46s]
    
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~32G FC Fabric B

Result from Storage Array

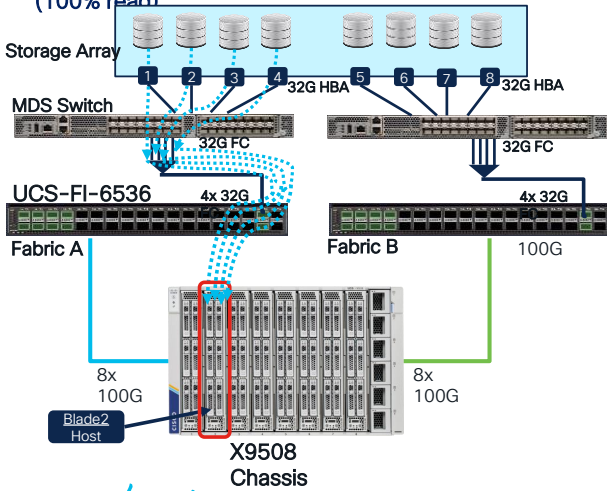
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FlexPod-A800:> qos statistics performance show
Policy Group      IOPS      Throughput      Latency Is Adaptive? Is Shared?
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-total-           108565    6342.20MB/s     4.00ms - -
User-Best-Effort 101469    6342.12MB/s     5.00ms - -
System-Work      7096     74.24KB/s       38.00ms - -
-total-           101496    6341.43MB/s     5.00ms - -
User-Best-Effort 101455    6341.44MB/s     5.00ms false true
System-Work      41       15.06KB/s       100.00ms false true
-total-           101503    6342.33MB/s     5.00ms - -
User-Best-Effort 101465    6342.31MB/s     5.01ms false true
System-Work      38       19.30KB/s       105.00ms false true
    
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Total 64G across Fabric A & B

100G FC per Fabric : VIC 15231 performance

100G vHBA performance in a x210c:
Chassis Blade2 <--- 4x 32G FC storage target
(100% read)



FIO results per x210c

```
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# fio --filename=/dev/mapper/5g_vol1:/dev/mapper/5g_vol2:/dev/mapper/5g_vol3:/dev/mapper/5g_vol4:/dev/mapper/5g_vol5:/dev/mapper/5g_vol6:/dev/mapper/5g_vol7:/dev/mapper/5g_vol8 --direct --name=rnrw --ioengine=libaio --bs=512k --numxread=100 --iodepth=32 --numjobs=64 --runtime=30 --group_reporting --name=seqreadwrite
seqreadwrite: (g=0): rnrw, bs=(R) 512KiB-512KiB, (W) 512KiB-512KiB, (T) 512KiB-512KiB, ioengine=libaio, iodepth=32
...
fio-3.19
Starting 64 processes
[Jobs: 64 (r=512): [R(64)][64.5%] [r=11.1GiB/s] r=22.7k IOPS][eta 00m:11s]
```

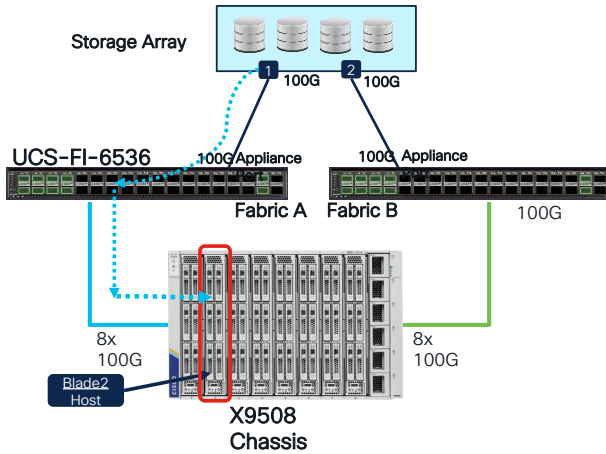
```
FlexPod-A800:~> q s p s
(qos statistics performance show)
Policy Group      IOPS      Throughput      Latency Is Adaptive? Is Shared?
-----
-total-           183591     11479.48MB/s     4.60ms
User-Best-Effort  183529     11479.38MB/s     4.60ms
_System-Work      62         22.08KB/s        4.60ms
-total-           183511     11474.38MB/s     4.60ms
User-Best-Effort  183489     11474.38MB/s     4.60ms
_System-Work      22         0MB/s            5.09ms
-total-           183569     11478.01MB/s     5.09ms
User-Best-Effort  183529     11478.00MB/s     5.09ms
_System-Work      40         200.00us         false true
```

92G FC (~100G) per Fabric



100G NFS: VIC 15231 performance

100G NFS connectivity to a Storage Filer:
Chassis-Blade2 vNIC1 <-- 100G NIC on Storage (100% read)



NFS results per x210c

```

root@r05g root1 ~# fio --name=test1 --filename=/fiovol1/data1:/fiovol1/data2:/fiovol1/data3:/fiovol1/data4:/fiovol1
/fiovol2/data22:/fiovol2/data23:/fiovol2/data24:/fiovol2/data31:/fiovol2/data32:/fiovol2/data33:/fiovol2/data34:/fiovol
2:/fiovol4/data42:/fiovol4/data43:/fiovol4/data44 --rw=read_direct --ioengine=libaio --bs=512k --numjobs=16 --ioch
k=test1 --time_based --group_reporting
test1 (g=0): rw=read, bs=(R) 512KiB 512KiB, (W) 512KiB 512KiB, (T) 512KiB 512KiB, ioengine=libaio, iodepth=64
fio-3.19
Starting 16 processes
Job: fio (f=256) [(R16)1100.0%|(r=11.361B/s)|(r=23.2k IOPS)|eta 00m:00s]
test1: (group=0, job=16) size= 81.164G/2150: 87k Aug 22 11:53:15 2022
read: IOPS=23.3k, Bps=11.461B/s (12.2GB/s) (348861B/306020ms)
lat (usec): min=0, max=5329, avg=96.33, stdev=29.13
clat (usec): min=1957, max=531941, avg=43939.18, stdev=9451.20
lat (usec): min=1992, max=531987, avg=43995.09, stdev=9450.83
clat percentiles (msec):
  1.00th= 251, 5.00th= 231, 10.00th= 311, 20.00th= 381,
  30.00th= 411, 40.00th= 441, 50.00th= 461, 60.00th= 471,
  70.00th= 481, 80.00th= 511, 90.00th= 531, 95.00th= 561,
  99.00th= 621, 99.50th= 661, 99.90th= 1031, 99.95th= 1311,
  99.99th= 2051
bw ( MiB/s): min=5977, max=12232, pcr=100.00%, avg=11646.89, stdev=19.82, samples=9544
iops: min=1197, max=24605, avg=23217.7, stdev=39.09, samples=9544
lat (msec): min=21.26u, 25th=18u, 50th=18u, 75th=18u,
  90th=21.26u, 95th=24u, 99th=40u, c100=24400u, maj=7,
  cpa: 1=0.1%, 2=0.1%, 4=0.1%, 8=0.1%, 16=0.1%, 32
  10 depths: 8=0.0%, 4=100.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%, 64
  submit: 8=0.0%, 4=100.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%, 64
  issued rwt: total=60000.0, 0, 0 short=0.0, 0, 0 dropped
  latency : target=0, window=0, percentile=100.00%, 64
run status group 0 (all 16 jobs):
  16/60: bw=11.461B/s (12.2GB/s)
  
```

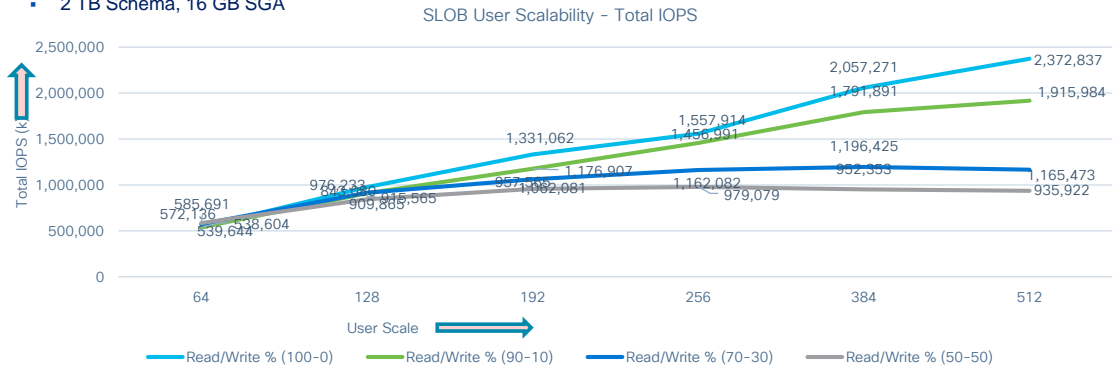
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169Pd-MN: cluster:cluster: 4/22/2022 13:38:07
cpu  cpu  total  /cache  total  total  data  data  cluster  cluster  cluster  disk  disk  pnts  pnts
cpu  busy  ops  nfs-ops  cifs-ops  ops  recv  sent  busy  recv  sent  busy  recv  sent  read  write  recv  sent
18s  43s  187175  187175  0  0  38.190  11.461  97k  37.760  11.461  0k  33803  33683  47806  1.719k  236555  1375110
18s  42s  186775  186775  0  0  38.190  11.508  98k  38.140  11.508  0k  28503  28683  48306  1.910k  236859  1375341
18s  43s  187003  187003  0  0  38.090  11.508  98k  38.700  11.508  0k  28603  28903  48906  1.940k  240348  1376171
18s  43s  186520  186520  0  0  38.090  11.508  98k  38.900  11.461  0k  26903  26683  48006  1.100k  231855  1375955
18s  43s  186775  186775  0  0  38.190  11.508  98k  38.260  11.508  0k  30183  30183  46406  1.730k  237274  1376307
18s  43s  186634  186634  0  0  38.090  11.461  97k  38.140  11.461  0k  25183  25183  61306  1.400k  239374  1376362
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18s  43s  187085  187085  0  0  38.190  11.461  97k  38.060  11.461  0k  30783  30783  56306  2.330k  235274  1365179
18s  43s  186116  186116  0  0  38.090  11.461  98k  38.260  11.461  0k  26983  26983  57706  1.170k  237298  1369754
18s  43s  188856  188856  0  0  38.190  11.461  98k  37.860  11.461  0k  27983  27983  57906  2.330k  234293  1372264
18s  43s  186380  186380  0  0  38.090  11.461  97k  38.260  11.461  0k  31183  31183  59806  6602k  238183  1372946
18s  43s  186480  186480  0  0  38.090  11.461  97k  38.360  11.461  0k  30983  30983  57706  2.290k  241873  1366584
18s  43s  185636  185636  0  0  38.090  11.461  97k  37.960  11.461  0k  28483  28283  56906  2.330k  235542  1368854
18s  43s  189396  189396  0  0  37.990  11.508  97k  37.360  11.508  0k  28083  28283  59906  1.190k  229597  1369893
18s  43s  187620  187620  0  0  38.190  11.508  98k  38.860  11.508  0k  26683  26683  58306  2.930k  234881  1376506
  
```


➤ Speeds and Feeds - Oracle SLOB performance

❖ Performance Summary

- SLOB – Silly Little Oracle Benchmark
 - SLOB is an Oracle I/O workload generation tool kit
 - Tests physical random single-block reads (db file sequential read), single block writes (DBWR flushing capacity) and REDO logging I/O capacity
- Near linear User Scale with a mix of Database 8K Reads and Updates at 100 %, 70% and 50% Reads/Updates
- 6 x 2.9 TB NVMe Disks as single "DATA" Disk Group
- 2 TB Schema, 16 GB SGA



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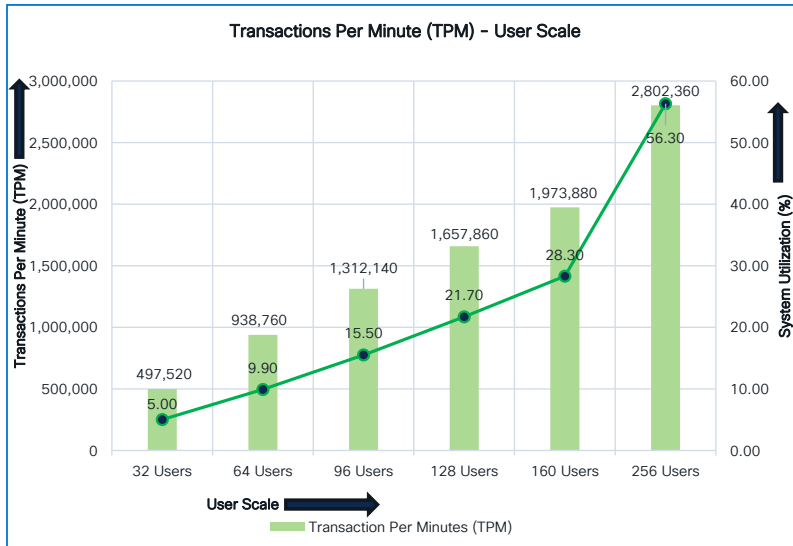
Now laying an Oracle DB on the local storage using Oracle ASM (Automatic Storage Management)

And using SLOB to measure performance.

As users scale the IOPs also scale. The limit is the read/write bandwidth of the physical drives.

Database Performance Test

Swingbench – Users and TPM Scale



✓ Workload

- Tool Used – Swingbench
- Oracle Database – 5 TB
- OLTP Workload – SOE
- User Scale – 32 to 256
- Each Test Run for 24 Hours

✓ Observation

- Linear Scalability TPM
- Latency under 0.4 milliseconds

Oracle AWR Latency Sample

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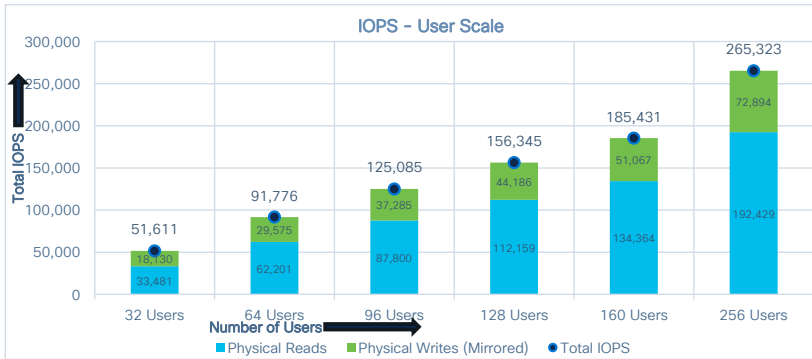
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Similar testing using an alternate benchmark (SwingBench))

The limiting factor is increasing CPU utilization as user count reaches maximum.

Database Performance Test

❖ Swingbench – Users and IOPs Scale



✓ Workload

- Tool Used – Swingbench
- Oracle Database – 5 TB
- OLTP Workload – SOE
- User Scale – 32 to 256
- Sustainable Test results over 24 hours
- IOSTAT sample for 300 Users

✓ Observation

- Linear Scalability IOPs by adding Users
- 50k to 265k IOPs
- Latency under 300 Microseconds
- IO evenly distributed across all NVMe drives

❖ iostat 300 user test output – Even IOPs on all drives

```

Device      r/s    w/s    rMB/s    wMB/s    rrrqm/s    wrqm/s    %rrqm    %wrqm    r_await    w_await    oau-sz    pareq-sz    wareq-sz    svctm    %util
nvme3n1    32136.53 33370.60 251.10    264.75    0.00    6.60    0.00    0.02    0.12    0.06    0.32    8.00    8.12    0.02    99.83
nvme4n1    32165.57 33612.77 251.32    264.22    0.03    6.60    0.00    0.02    0.12    0.06    0.30    8.00    8.05    0.02    99.83
nvme0n1    32272.23 32910.87 252.15    265.11    0.07    5.80    0.00    0.02    0.12    0.07    0.39    8.00    8.25    0.02    99.87
nvme2n1    32158.27 33337.97 251.27    263.98    0.00    5.83    0.00    0.02    0.12    0.06    0.33    8.00    8.11    0.02    99.78
nvme1n1    32235.40 33527.93 251.86    265.31    0.00    5.47    0.00    0.02    0.12    0.07    0.37    8.00    8.10    0.02    99.79
nvme5n1    32179.27 33424.87 251.40    263.69    0.03    5.50    0.00    0.02    0.12    0.07    0.40    8.00    8.08    0.02    99.86
    
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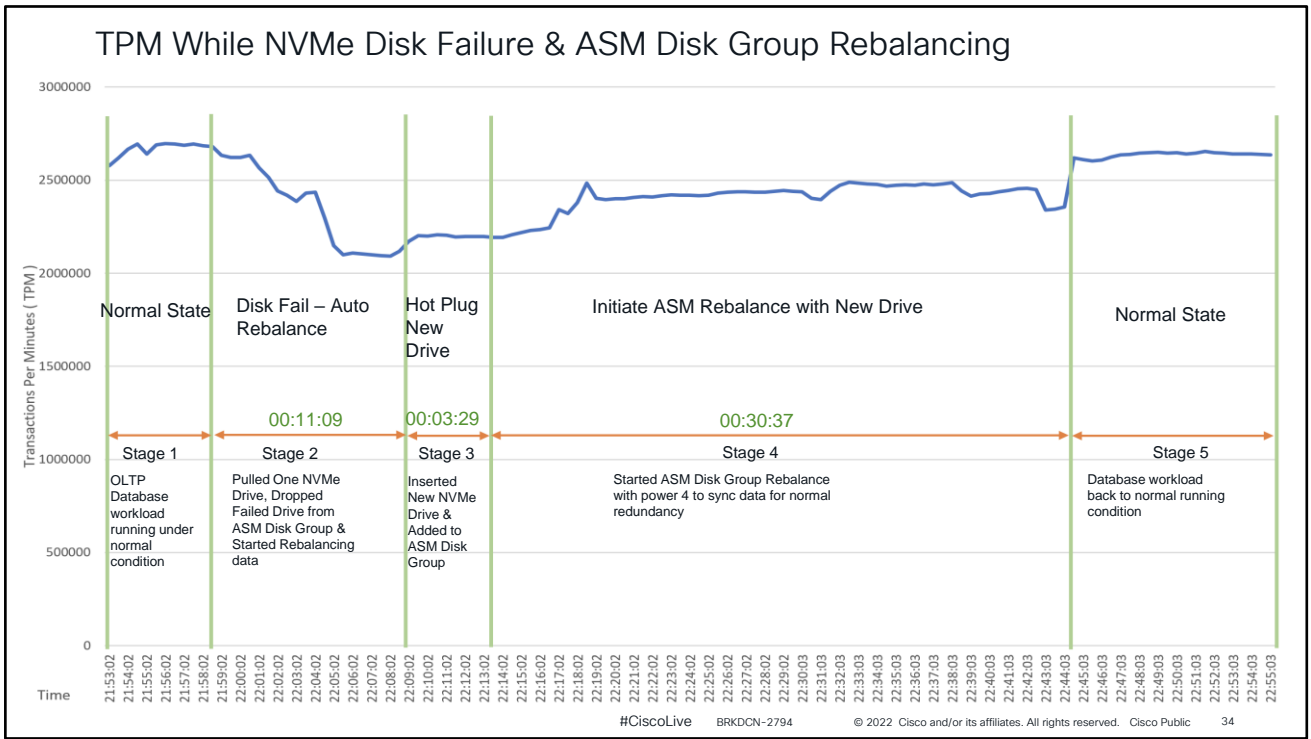
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Again performance scales until CPU is maxed out.
No hot spots across the available drives.



Performance across the full test remains consistent and high.

Hyperflex on X-Series Coming Q4

All Flash and All NVMe options



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Proprietary, data-
distributed architecture



Seamless Scale
Edge to Datacenter, perf &
capacity scaling options

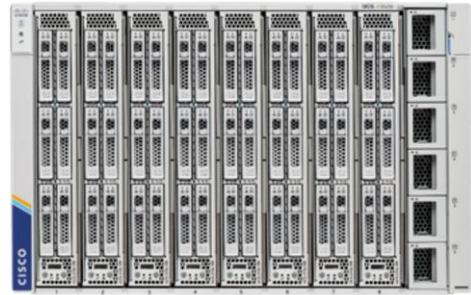


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Cloud Integrations
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Hyperconverged infrastructure requires high, consistent performance from the storage and network fabrics.

X-Series provides compute with SSD or NVMe drives.

UCS-X vSAN ReadyNode



AF-4: UCSX-210c-M6		
Generation: Intel Xeon Scalable (Ice-Lake-SP) - Profile: AF-4 Series - Raw Storage Capacity: Up To 7.68 TB		
Components	Details	QTY
SKU	UCS-VSAN-X210c-M6N	
ESXi Pre-Installed?	No	
SYSTEM	UCSX-210C-M6	4
CPU	Intel Xeon Ice lake 6348 2.60Ghz 28Core	8
MEMORY	32GB DDR4-3200-MHz	64
CachingTier	Cisco SSD DC P5600 Series SSDPF2KE016T9K (1.6TB, 2.5" U.2, PN: UCS-NVMEI4-I1600)	8
CapacityTier	Cisco SSD DC P5500 Series SSDPF2KX038T9K (1.92TB, 2.5" U.2, PN: UCS-NVMEI4-I1920)	16
Controller	N/A	0
NIC	VIC 14425	4
BootDevice	UCS-M2-HWRAID M.2 Raid controller with 2x240GB SATA M.2	8
Supported Releases	ESXi 7.0 U3 (vSAN 7.0 Update 3)	



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X-Series provides compute with SSD or NVMe drives.

NVMe nodes coming soon.

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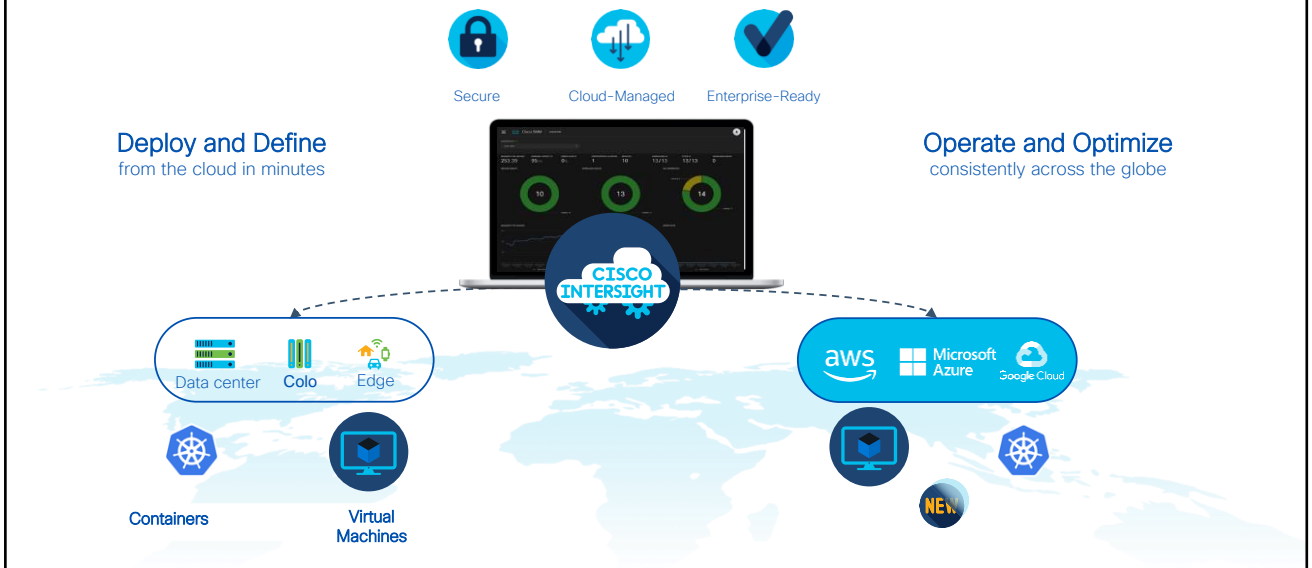
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The plot twist

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It's not always about the platform. Our reality is hybrid cloud. No one wants to be forced to use a different management tool depending on where an application is deployed.

Public Cloud Integrations for Container and Virtual Machine Operational Consistency across Hybrid Cloud



We can't forget it's all about hybrid clouds now. Not every application will run on-prem.

Intersight is ready for hybrid cloud management.

For containers:

IKS now bridges to the public cloud

We're introducing an open-source hypervisor to lower cost in container environments where customers are encapsulating with VMs

VM integration with AWS

For VMs (AWS only)

- Start/Resume
- Stop
- Suspend
- Reset/Restart
- Launch VM Console

Now Expanding Supported Workloads On X-Series

Blades: Preferred Choice For Mission Critical Enterprise Apps
Oracle, SQL, SAP, Large VDI installations etc

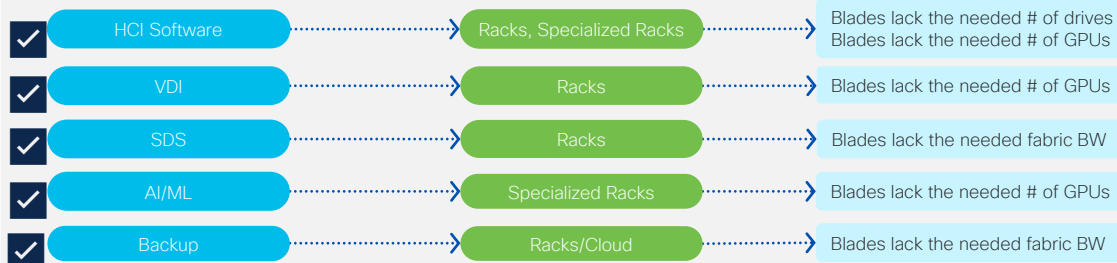
But ...Blades Have Limited # Local Drives, # GPUs, Bandwidth constrains (#Adapters)

Adapter B/W, #

GPUs

DAS Storage

Resulting in Blades Traditionally Unable To Support Some Workloads



X-Series Powered By Intersight... Blurs the line between racks and blades, Delivers cloud like simplicity!

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Closing it out, we see we're able to check of the needs of even more workloads using the X-Series modular system.

X-Series will continue to innovate to bring new technology into the datacenter in a disaggregated model.

Intersight will continue to innovate to bring unified management of traditional and cloud native applications.

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Product Innovation
On Display

On Demo

X-Series

EXPERIENCE
Simplicity with
X-Series

X-Fabric

EXPERIENCE
Innovative X-Fabric:
Blurring line between
Rack and Blade

5th Gen Fabric
Interconnect

Deploy X-Series Live with just
a few clicks (Power of Intersight)

Simplicity of adding GPUs to
Compute nodes...in few minutes!

5th Gen VIC

Flexpod: Define FlexPod with
X-Series in Intersight

EXPERIENCE
Amazing Performances
on X-Series

Performance out of the box

EXPERIENCE
New 5th Gen Unified Fabric:
Simplify, Accelerate and
Reduce Components

100G/200G Ethernet and NFS
with a single VIC 15231

GPU Node

FlashStack: Pervasive visibility
across X-Series FlashStack
with Intersight

Oracle Swing bench
Performance

100G FC aggregate and 32G
E2E FC per vHBA on a single
VIC 15231

Deploy Red Hat OpenShift
Container Platform with
confidence (Ceph)

Automation with X-Series
leveraging Intersight Ansible

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X-Series white papers

- [Cisco UCS X-Series Quick Start Guide](#)
- [Cisco UCS X210c M6 Compute Node Disk I/O Characterization](#)
- [Deploy Cisco UCS X210c Compute Node with Cisco Intersight Management Mode for VDI](#)
- [FlashStack with Cisco UCS X-Series and Cisco Intersight](#)
- [FlexPod Datacenter with Cisco UCS X-Series and Cisco Intersight](#)
- [Power SAP HANA with the Cisco UCS X-Series Certified by SAP](#)
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Accelerated VDI Papers and Solutions

X-Series Back from the Rack Episode 3

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