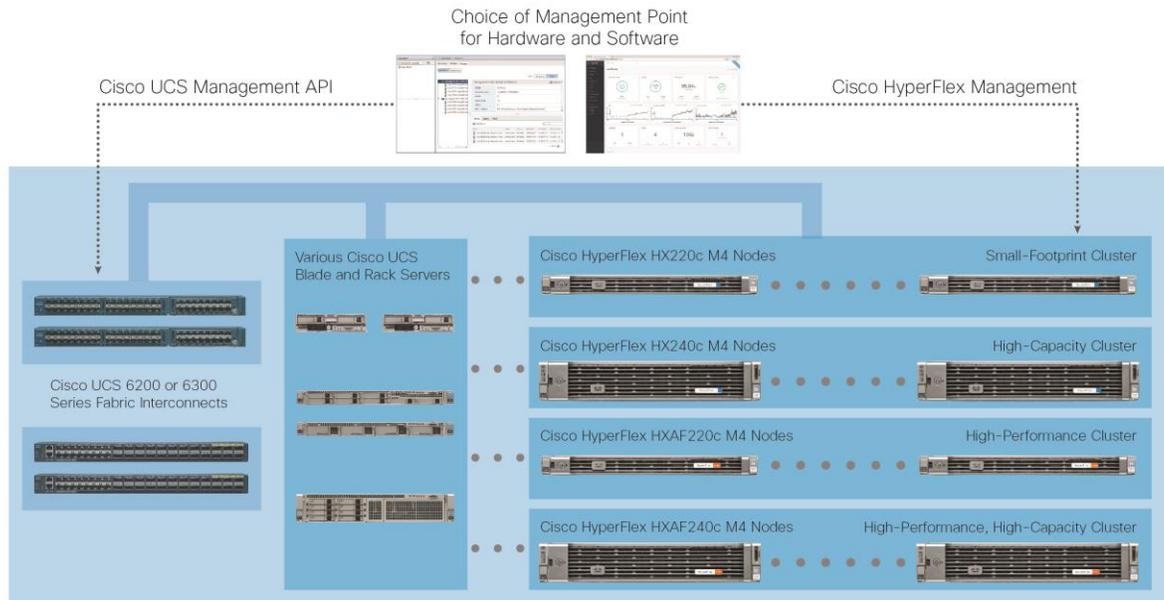# Cisco HyperFlex HX240c M4 and HX240c M4 All Flash Nodes

Fast and Flexible Hyperconverged Systems

You need systems that can adapt to match the speed of your business. Cisco HyperFlex™ Systems deliver complete hyperconvergence, combining software-defined networking and computing with the next-generation Cisco HyperFlex HX Data Platform. Engineered on the Cisco Unified Computing System™ (Cisco UCS®), Cisco HyperFlex Systems deliver the operational requirements for agility, scalability, and pay-as-you-grow economics of the cloud, but with the benefits of on-premises infrastructure.

With hybrid or all-flash-memory storage configurations, and a choice of management tools, Cisco HyperFlex Systems deliver a preintegrated cluster with a unified pool of resources that you can quickly deploy, adapt, scale, and manage to efficiently power your applications and your business (Figure 1).

**Figure 1.**   Cisco HyperFlex Systems

Cisco HyperFlex HX240c M4 and HX240c M4 All Flash Nodes

Physically, the system is delivered as a cluster of three or more Cisco HyperFlex HX240c M4 or HX240c M4 All Flash Nodes that are integrated into a single system by a pair of Cisco UCS 6200 or 6300 Series Fabric Interconnects. Each node includes the following (details in Table 1):

- HDDs for up to 27.6 TB or SSD drives for up to 88.3 TB of capacity-layer storage (self-encrypting drive options are available)
- Write logging SAS SSD or NVMe drive (self-encrypting drive options are available)
- Data platform logging drive
- Two Cisco Flexible Flash (FlexFlash) Secure Digital (SD) cards used as boot drives for VMware vSphere
- One Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Card (VIC)
- VMware vSphere ESXi 6.0 software preinstalled (ESXi 6.5 is supported but is not preinstalled)
- Cisco UCS service profile templates for automated cluster configuration

The nodes use Intel® Xeon® processor E5-2600 v4 family CPUs and large internal memory and storage capacities to deliver an outstanding combination of performance, flexibility, and efficiency in a 2-rack-unit (2RU) form factor (Figure 2).

Figure 2.   Cisco HyperFlex HX240c M4 and HX240c M4 All Flash Nodes
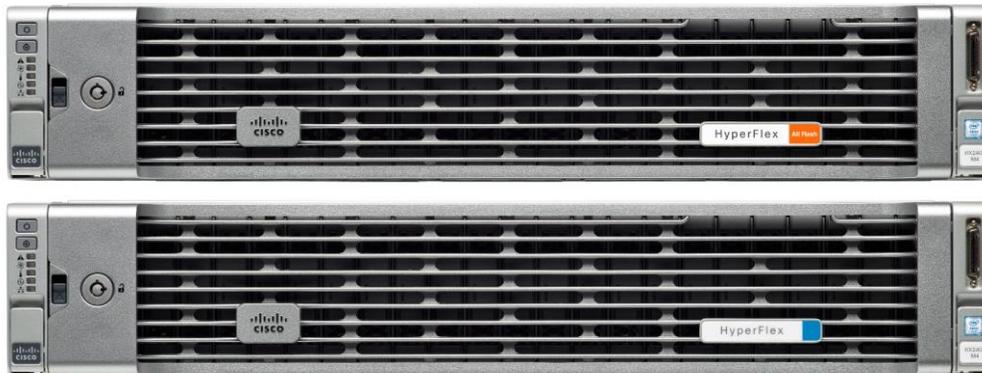
Hybrid Configurations

The HX240c M4 and HX240c M4 All Flash Nodes can be deployed with various Cisco UCS B-Series Blade Servers and C-Series Rack Servers to create a hybrid cluster. With a single point of connectivity and management, you can easily scale your cluster to support more workloads and deliver the performance, bandwidth, and low latency that your users and applications need.

Product Features and Benefits

Table 1 lists the main features and benefits of the HX240c M4 and HX240c M4 All Flash Nodes.

Table 1.   Features and Benefits

Feature	Benefit
Memory	• Up to 1.5 TB of memory • Capability to use 16-, 32-, or 64-GB DIMMs
1 or 2 Intel Xeon processor E5-2600 v3 or v4 family CPUs	The Intel Xeon processor E5-2600 v4 family is designed to deliver the best combination of performance, built-in capabilities, and cost effectiveness: • More than twice the performance and more cores (up to 16 cores per socket) than the previous-generation Intel Xeon processor • Low-power, high-speed DDR4 memory technology • Increased performance with Intel Automated Vector Extensions 2 (AVX2) • Increased virtual machine density • Automated energy efficiency that reduces energy costs by automatically putting the processor and memory in the lowest available power state while still delivering the performance required • Flexible virtualization technology that optimizes performance for virtualized environments, including processor support for migration and direct I/O • Innovations with the latest processors that increase processor frequency and improve security With the increased performance provided by the Intel Xeon processor E5-2600 v4 family, Cisco HyperFlex HX-Series nodes offer an improved price-to-performance ratio, making HX-Series systems among the best values in the industry.
Support for up to 6 PCI Express (PCIe) 3.0 slots, 4 of which are full-height, full-length	• Flexibility, increased performance, and compatibility with industry standards • High I/O bandwidth, increased flexibility, and backward compatibility with support for PCIe 2.0 • 1 slot capable of graphics processing unit (GPU) support for enhanced virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI) capabilities (future support)
Modular LAN-on-motherboard (mLOM)	• Cisco UCS VICs provide up to 256 I/O devices programmable on demand for hypervisor and virtual machine support • Cisco UCS VIC 1227 provides 2 x 10-Gbps network connectivity to Cisco UCS 6200 Series Fabric Interconnects • Cisco UCS VIC 1387 provides 2 x 40-Gbps network connectivity to Cisco UCS 6300 Series Fabric Interconnects • Cisco Data Center Virtual Machine Fabric Extender (VM-FEX), which supports dynamic I/O interfaces that connect directly to virtual machines for improved performance
Unified network fabric	• Low-latency, lossless, 2 x 10 Gigabit Ethernet and industry-standard Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) and native Fibre Channel fabric to each node, with 2 x 40-Gbps networking available • Wire-once deployment model, eliminating the need to install adapters and recable racks and switches when changing I/O configurations • Fewer interface cards, cables, and upstream network ports to purchase, power, configure, and maintain
Virtualization optimization	• I/O virtualization and Intel Xeon processor E5-2600 v4 family features, extending the network directly to virtual machines • Consistent and scalable operational model • Increased security and efficiency with reduced complexity • Capability to move virtual machine security features and policies from rack to rack or rack to blade
Choice of management tools	• Managed as a single entity through the vSphere web client plug-in or through the Cisco HyperFlex Connect HTML5 interface • Built-in role- and policy-based management through service profiles and templates, enabling more effective use of skilled server, network, and storage administrators • Automated provisioning and increased business agility, allowing data center managers to provision applications in minutes rather than days by associating a service profile with a new, added, or repurposed HX240c M4 or HX240c M4 All Flash Node

Feature	Benefit
Storage	• All-flash-memory or hybrid (hard-disk and solid-state-memory) storage configurations • High-capacity configurations for the HX Data Platform capacity layer • HX240c M4 All Flash Node: Up to 23 x 3.8-TB or 23 x 960-GB SSDs for the capacity tier and 1 SAS SSD or NVMe write-logging drive • HX240c M4 All Flash Node with self-encrypting drives: Up to 22 x 800-GB self-encrypting SSD drives for the capacity tier and 1 self-encrypting SSD write-logging drive • HX240c M4 Node: Up to 23 x 1.2-TB, 10,000-rpm SAS HDDs for the capacity tier and 1 x 1.6-TB SSD caching drive • HX240c M4 Node with self-encrypting drives: Up to 22 x 1.2-TB self-encrypting HDDs and 1 x 1.6-TB self-encrypting SSD caching drive • 1 x 120- or 240-GB SSD log drive • Cisco 12-Gbps Modular SAS host bus adapter (HBA) with internal SAS connectivity
Enterprise data protection	• Pointer-based snapshot capabilities • Near-instant cloning • Inline deduplication and compression • Native replication for disaster recovery • Data-at-rest encryption using self-encrypting drives and enterprise key management integration
Cisco® Integrated Management Controller (IMC)	Connection to Cisco UCS management or the Cisco HyperFlex dashboard for automated configuration through a unified interface
Advanced reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) features	• Highly available and self-healing architecture • Robust reporting and analytics • Hot-swappable, front-accessible drives • Redundant FlexFlash SD cards • Dual-redundant fans and hot-swappable, redundant power supplies for enterprise-class reliability and uptime • Convenient latching lid for easy access • Tool-free CPU insertion, enabling processor upgrades and replacements with less risk of damage • Tool-free access to all serviceable items, and color-coded indicators to guide users to hot-pluggable and serviceable items • Nondisruptive rolling upgrades • Call-home and onsite 24 x 7 support options
Security features	• Trusted Platform Module (TPM), a chip (microcontroller) that can securely store artifacts, including passwords, certificates, and encryption keys, that are used to authenticate the platform (node); TPM 1.2 SPI is supported • Locking bezel option to protect against unauthorized access to disk drives
FlexFlash SD cards	• 2 x 64-GB redundant internal FlexFlash SD cards, which are used as boot drives • Support for the Utility mode with out-of-band updates of utility partitions
Software	Cisco HyperFlex HX Data Platform Software (software subscription)

Product Specifications

Table 2 lists the specifications for the HX240c M4 and HX240c M4 All Flash Nodes.

Table 2.   Product Specifications

Item	Specification
Chassis	2RU of rack space for the node
Processors	1 or 2 Intel Xeon processor E5-2600 v4 family CPUs (For a complete list of processor options, refer to the node's technical specifications documents.)
Interconnect	2 Intel Quick Path Interconnect (QPI) channels per processor, each capable of 8.0 and 9.6 gigatransfers per second (GTPS)
Chip set	Intel C610 series

Item	Specification
Memory	• 24 DDR4 DIMM slots • Support for DDR4 registered DIMMs (RDIMMs) and load-reduction DIMMs (LRDIMMs) • Advanced error-correcting code (ECC) • Independent channel mode • Mirrored channel mode • Lockstep channel mode
PCIe slots	Up to 6 PCIe 3.0 slots
Embedded network interface card (NIC)	Dual 1-Gbps Intel i350 Ethernet ports
mLOM	Cisco UCS VIC 1227 or 1387
Power supplies	Hot-pluggable, redundant 650W, 930W, 1200W, or 1400W DC power supplies
FlexFlash	• 2 internal 64-GB FlexFlash drives (SD cards) • Support for Utility mode with out-of-band updates of utility partitions
IMC	• Integrated baseboard management controller (BMC) • IPMI 2.0 compliant for management and control • One 10/100/1000 Ethernet out-of-band management interface • Command-line interface (CLI) and web GUI management tool for automated, lights-out management • Keyboard, video, and mouse (KVM) console
Front-panel connector	One KVM console connector (supplies 2 USB connectors, 1 VGA connector, and 1 serial connector)
Front-panel locator LED	Indicator to help direct administrators to specific nodes in large data center environments
Additional rear connectors	Additional interfaces, including a VGA video port, 2 USB 3.0 ports, an RJ45 serial port, a 1 Gigabit Ethernet management port, and dual 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports
Rail-kit options	Cisco ball-bearing rail kit with optional reversible cable-management arm
Software support	• ESX 6.5 • ESX 6.0 • Cisco UCS Manager 3.1

Ordering Information

For a complete list of part numbers, refer to the node's HX240c M4 and HX240c M4 All Flash specification sheets.

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