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FlexPod

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Introduction to SAP on FlexPod

The FlexPod platform is a predesigned, best practice data center architecture that is built on the Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS), the Cisco Nexus family of switches, and NetApp storage controllers.

FlexPod is a suitable platform for running SAP applications, and the solutions provided here allows you to quickly and reliably deploy SAP HANA with a model of tailored datacenter integration. FlexPod delivers not only a baseline configuration, but also the flexibility to be sized and optimized to accommodate many different use cases and requirements.

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SAP Non-HANA with SQL white paper - Design

The current IT industry is witnessing a dramatic transformation in data center solutions. In recent years, there has been a considerable interest in prevalidated and engineered data center solutions. Introduction of virtualization technology in critical areas has had a major impact on the design principles and architecture of these solutions. It has allowed many applications running on bare-metal systems to migrate to new virtualized integrated solutions. FlexPod is one such prevalidated and engineered data center solution designed to address the rapidly changing needs of IT departments. Cisco and NetApp have partnered to deliver FlexPod, which uses bestin-class computing, networking, and storage components as the foundation for a variety of enterprise workloads, including databases, enterprise resource planning (ERP), customer relationship management (CRM), and web applications.

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Cisco and NetApp have partnered to deliver a series of FlexPod solutions that enable strategic data center platforms. The FlexPod solution delivers an integrated architecture that incorporates computing, storage, and network design best practices, thereby minimizing IT risks by validating the integrated architecture to ensure compatibility between various components. The solution also addresses IT pain points by providing documented design guidance, deployment guidance, and support that can be used in various stages (planning, designing, and implementation) of a deployment.

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The reference architecture detailed in this document highlights the resiliency, cost benefit, and ease of deployment of an IP-based storage solution. A storage system capable of serving multiple protocols across a single interface allows for customer choice and investment protection because it truly is a wire-once architecture. The solution is designed to host scalable SAP HANA workloads.

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Oracle

FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle 19c RAC Databases on Cisco UCS and NetApp AFF with NVMe over FibreChannel

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Cisco Validated Designs (CVDs) consist of systems and solutions that are designed, tested, and documented to facilitate and improve customer deployments. This CVD document describes the Cisco and NetApp FlexPod solution, which is a validated approach for deploying a highly available Oracle RAC Database environment. Cisco and NetApp have validated the reference architecture with various database workloads, like OLTP (Online Transactional Processing) and Data Warehouse in Cisco's UCS Datacenter lab. This document shows the hardware and software configuration of the components involved and the results of various tests. Additionally, the document offers a framework for implementing Oracle RAC Databases on NVMe/FC using Cisco UCS and NetApp Storage System.

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Cisco Validated Designs include systems and solutions that are designed, tested, and documented to facilitate and improve customer deployments. These designs incorporate a wide range of technologies and products into a portfolio of solutions that have been developed to address the business needs of customers. Cisco and NetApp have partnered to deliver FlexPod, which serves as the foundation for a variety of workloads and enables efficient architectural designs that are based on customer requirements. A

FlexPod solution is a validated approach for deploying Cisco and NetApp technologies as a shared cloud infrastructure.

The FlexPod Datacenter with NetApp All Flash AFF system is a converged infrastructure platform that combines best-of-breed technologies from Cisco and NetApp into a powerful converged platform for enterprise applications. Cisco and NetApp work closely with Oracle to support the most demanding transactional and response-time-sensitive databases required by today's businesses.

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FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC Databases on Cisco UCS and NetApp AFF A-Series

FlexPod Datacenter with Oracle RAC on Oracle Linux

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The Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) is a next-generation data center platform that unites computing, network, storage access, and virtualization into a single cohesive system. Cisco UCS is an ideal platform for the architecture of mission-critical database workloads. The combination of Cisco UCS platform, NetApp storage, and Oracle Real Application Cluster (RAC) architecture can accelerate your IT transformation by enabling faster deployments, greater flexibility of choice, efficiency, and lower risk. This Cisco Validated Design (CVD) highlights a flexible, multitenant, high performance and resilient FlexPod reference architecture featuring the Oracle 12c RAC Database.

The FlexPod platform, developed by NetApp and Cisco, is a flexible, integrated infrastructure solution that delivers pre-validated storage, networking, and server technologies. It's designed to increase IT responsiveness to business demands while reducing the overall cost of computing. Think maximum uptime, minimal risk. FlexPod components are integrated and standardized to help you achieve timely, repeatable, consistent deployments. You can plan with accuracy the power, floor space, usable capacity, performance, and cost of each FlexPod deployment.

FlexPod embraces the latest technology and efficiently simplifies the data center workloads that redefine the way IT delivers value:

- Take advantage of the capability of NetApp FAS Hybrid Arrays with Flash Pool flash to provide the capability to deploy the precise proportion of flash to spinning media for your specific application or environment.
- Leverage a pre-validated platform to minimize business disruption and improve IT agility and reduce deployment time from months to weeks.
- Slash administration time and total cost of ownership (TCO) by 50 percent.
- Meet or exceed constantly expanding hardware performance demands for data center workloads.

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Microsoft SQL Server

FlexPod Datacenter for Microsoft SQL Server 2019 and VMware vSphere 6.7

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This document describes a FlexPod reference architecture using the latest hardware and software products and provides deployment recommendations for hosting Microsoft SQL Server 2019 databases in VMware ESXi virtualized environments. This solution also uses Cisco Workload Optimization Manager (CWOM), which provides automated recommendations for optimal and efficient resource utilization for both SQL workloads and infrastructure.

The solution is built on Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) using the unified software release 4.1.1c to support the Cisco UCS hardware platforms, including Cisco UCS B-Series Blade Servers, Cisco UCS 6400 Fabric Interconnects, Cisco Nexus 9000 Series Switches, and NetApp AFF Series Storage Arrays.

FlexPod Datacenter for Microsoft SQL Server 2019 and VMware vSphere 6.7

FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft SQL Server 2016 and VMware vSphere 6.5

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FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft SQL Server 2016 and VMware vSphere 6.5

FlexPod Datacenter with Microsoft SQL Server 2017 on Linux VM running on VMware and Hyper-V

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