

# Cisco HyperFlex Express HX225c M6 and HX225c M6 All Flash Nodes

A fast path to hybrid cloud for high-performance  
clusters in a small footprint

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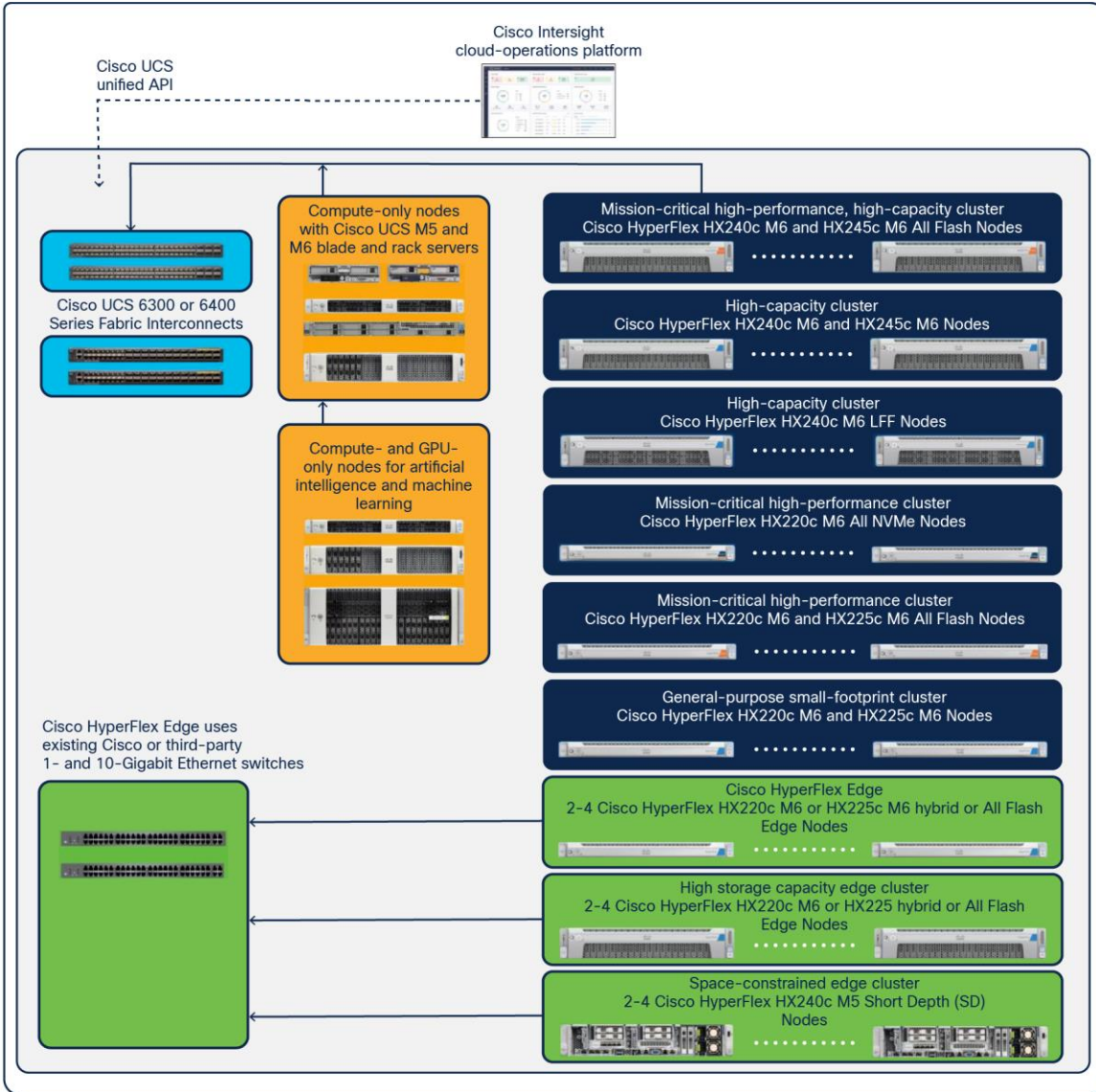
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Today's applications live across a complex, multidomain world—from enterprise data centers and private and public clouds, to campus, branch, and edge locations. Cisco HyperFlex systems with AMD EPYCTM processors make it easy to modernize and simplify deployments and operations. Engineered with Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) technology, and managed through the Cisco Intersight cloud-operations platform, Cisco HyperFlex systems deliver flexible scale-out infrastructure that can rapidly adapt to changing business demands.

We have created Cisco HyperFlex Express to simplify the onboarding process, especially for new customers, to get products on site quickly. Cisco HyperFlex Express delivers “high-velocity transactions” with simplified ordering and fast delivery. With HyperFlex Express, we have taken our most popular Cisco HyperFlex node configurations, added a few simple and important options, priced them attractively to deliver optimal value, and reduced transaction times to help keep your plans on track.

### Cisco HyperFlex: Simplicity you can build on

With hybrid and all-flash-memory storage configurations and cloud-based management, Cisco HyperFlex systems are deployed as a preintegrated cluster with a unified pool of resources that you can quickly provision, adapt, scale, and manage to efficiently power your applications and your business (Figure 1). Based on AMD EPYC processors, these systems have [world-record-setting processors](#) with up to 128 cores per node, and up to 4 TB of memory per node.



**Figure 1.**  
Cisco HyperFlex systems product family

## Cisco HyperFlex Express HX225c M6 Node family

The Cisco HyperFlex Express HX225c M6 Node family delivers mission-critical, high performance in a small footprint. Physically, the system is delivered as a cluster of three or more Cisco HyperFlex Express HX225c M6 Hybrid or HX225c All Flash nodes. These are integrated into a single system by a pair of Cisco UCS 6300 or 6400 series fabric interconnects, creating clusters that support general-purpose deployments (HX225c M6 Hybrid Node) and mission-critical high-performance environments (HX225c M6 All Flash Node) or can be deployed in Data Center No Fabric Interconnect mode.

Incorporating AMD EPYC processors and next-generation DDR4 memory, these Cisco HyperFlex HX-series nodes are excellent choices. Cloud-based management makes it easy for you to scale your cluster to support more workloads and deliver performance, efficiency, and adaptability in a 1-Rack-Unit (1RU) form factor.

### Powering next-generation applications

Cisco HyperFlex Express HX225c M6 All Flash and Hybrid nodes with AMD EPYC CPUs are excellent for a wide range of enterprise workloads, including cloud computing, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI), databases including Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle, and SAP, and server virtualization.

### Features and benefits

**Table 1.** Summary of features and benefits of Cisco HyperFlex HX225c M6 Hybrid Node and Cisco HyperFlex HX225c M6 All Flash Node

Feature	Benefit
<b>Memory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 32 DIMM slots (16 DIMMs per CPU socket), 3200 MHz DDR4 for up to 4 TB of capacity</li></ul>
<b>AMD EPYC processors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One or two 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen AMD EPYC CPUs</li></ul>
<b>Network</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easy deployment in existing edge locations</li><li>• Use of existing top-of-rack 1 Gigabit Ethernet or 10/25 Gigabit Ethernet switching networks for cluster communication</li><li>• Support for single and dual switch configurations</li></ul>
<b>Expansion</b>	<p>Rear PCIe risers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One to three half-height PCIe risers, or</li><li>• One to two full-height PCIe risers</li></ul> <p>The server provides an internal slot for one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cisco 12G SAS passthrough HBA to control SAS/SATA drives</li><li>• NVMe drive controlled directly from the CPU</li><li>• The HX225c Express M6 Hybrid node has a single 1-GE management port. A modular LAN-on-motherboard (mLOM) or an Open Compute Project (OCP) 3.0 module provides up to two 100-GE ports. A connector on the front of the chassis provides KVM functionality.</li></ul>
<b>Virtualization optimization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Cisco HX225c Express M6 Hybrid node can be used as part of the Cisco Unified Computing System, which unifies computing, networking, management, virtualization, and storage access into a single integrated architecture, enabling end-to-end server visibility, management, and control in virtualized environments.</li></ul>

Feature	Benefit
<b>Cloud-based management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cisco Intersight simplifies operations across on-premises data centers, edge sites, and public clouds.</li> <li>• Use a software-as-a-service platform that bridges applications with infrastructure</li> <li>• Gain instant access to clusters regardless of where they are deployed</li> <li>• Correlate visibility and management across bare-metal servers, hypervisors, Kubernetes, and serverless and application components</li> <li>• Transform operations with artificial intelligence to reach needed scale and velocity</li> <li>• Collaborate and work smarter and faster by automating lifecycle workflows</li> <li>• Support compliance and governance with extensible, open capabilities that natively integrate with third-party platforms and tools</li> <li>• Proactively respond to impending issues with a recommendation engine that determines when capacity needs to be scaled</li> </ul>
<b>Storage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 10 SAS/SATA/NVMe drives (up to 4 of the drives can be NVMe)</li> </ul>
<b>Enterprise data protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pointer-based snapshot capabilities</li> <li>• Native snapshots for iSCSI LUNs, including a consistency group for snapshot operations, instantaneous snapshot creation, and RESTful APIs for snapshot creation and third-party backup use</li> <li>• Snapshot integration with MEDITECH BridgeHead for electronic health records and databases</li> <li>• Near-instant cloning</li> <li>• Inline deduplication and compression</li> <li>• Native replication for disaster recovery</li> <li>• N:1 replication for data center clusters with fabric interconnects and more than 4 nodes, as well as a flexible retention policy for local and remote point-in-time copies</li> <li>• Data-at-rest encryption using self-encrypting drives and enterprise key management integration</li> </ul>
<b>Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locking bezel option to protect against unauthorized access to disk drives</li> </ul>
<b>Software</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cisco HyperFlex HX Data Platform Software (software subscription, Edge license)</li> </ul>

## Product specifications

**Table 2.** Common specifications for Cisco HyperFlex HX225c M6 Hybrid Node and Cisco HyperFlex HX225c M6 All Flash Node

Capability / feature	Description
<b>Chassis</b>	One-Rack-Unit (1RU) chassis
<b>CPU</b>	One or two 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen AMD EPYC CPUs
<b>Memory</b>	32 DIMM slots (16 DIMMs per CPU socket), 3200 MHZ DDR4 for up to 4 TB of capacity
<b>Multi-bit error protection</b>	This server supports multi-bit error protection.

Capability / feature	Description
<b>Video</b>	<p>The Cisco Integrated Management Controller (Cisco IMC) provides video using the Matrox-G200e video/graphics controller:</p> <p>Integrated 2D graphics core with hardware acceleration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embedded DDR memory interface supports up to 512 MB of addressable memory (8 MB is allocated by default to video memory.)</li> <li>• Supports display resolutions up to 1920 x 1200 16 bpp @ 60 Hz</li> <li>• High-speed, integrated 24-bit RAMDAC</li> <li>• Single-lane PCI-Express host interface running at Gen 1 speed</li> </ul>
<b>Power subsystem</b>	<p>Up to two of the following hot-swappable power supplies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1050 W (AC)</li> <li>• 1050 W (DC)</li> <li>• 1600 W (AC)</li> </ul> <p>One power supply is mandatory; one more can be added for 1 + 1 redundancy.</p>
<b>Front panel</b>	<p>A front-panel controller provides status indications and control buttons.</p>
<b>ACPI</b>	<p>This server supports the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) 4.0 standard.</p>
<b>Fans</b>	<p>Eight hot-swappable fans for front-to-rear cooling</p>
<b>InfiniBand</b>	<p>The InfiniBand architecture is supported by the PCIe slots.</p>
<b>Expansion slots</b>	<p>Three half-height riser slots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riser 1 (controlled by CPU 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ One x16 PCIe Gen 4.0 slot (Cisco VIC), half-height, 3/4 length</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Riser 2 (controlled by CPU 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ One x8 PCIe Gen 4.0 slot, half-height, 3/4 length</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Riser 3 (controlled by CPU 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ One x16 PCIe Gen 4.0 slot (Cisco VIC), half-height, 3/4 length</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>Two full-height riser slots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riser 1 (controlled by CPU 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ One x16 PCIe Gen 4.0 slot (Cisco VIC), full-height, 3/4 length</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Riser 2 (controlled by CPU 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ One x16 PCIe Gen 4.0 slot (Cisco VIC), full-height, 3/4 length</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Interfaces</b>	<p>Rear panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One 1GBASE-T RJ-45 management port</li> <li>• One RS-232 serial port (RJ45 connector)</li> <li>• One DB15 VGA connector</li> <li>• Two USB 3.0 port connectors</li> <li>• One flexible modular LAN-on-motherboard (mLOM)/OCP 3.0 slot that can accommodate various interface cards</li> </ul> <p>Front panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One KVM console connector (supplies two USB 2.0 connectors, one VGA DB15 video connector, and one serial port (RS232) RJ45 connector)</li> </ul>

Capability / feature	Description
<b>Internal storage devices</b>	<p>Drive storage:</p> <p>Drives are installed into front-panel drive bays, which provide hot-swappable access for SAS/SATA or NVMe drives. The server is orderable in two different versions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HX225c M6 Express All Flash node (HXAF225C-M6S-EXP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Data drives: 6 SATA SSD</li> <li>◦ Cache drive: 1 NVMe/SAS SSD</li> <li>◦ Logging drive: 1 SATA SSD</li> </ul> </li> <li>• HX225c M6 Express Hybrid node (HX225C-M6S-EXP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Data drives: 6 SAS HDD</li> <li>◦ Cache drive: 1 SATA SSD/SAS SSD</li> <li>◦ Logging drive: 1 SATA SSD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Integrated management controller</b>	<p>A Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) runs Cisco Integrated Management Controller (Cisco IMC) firmware.</p> <p>Depending on your settings, the controller can be accessed through the 1-GE dedicated management port or a Cisco Virtual Interface Card (VIC).</p> <p>Cisco IMC manages certain components within the server, such as the Cisco 12G SAS HBA.</p>
<b>Storage controllers</b>	<p>One Cisco M6 12G SAS RAID controller or up to two Cisco 12G SAS HBAs plug into a dedicated slot.</p> <p>Cisco 12G SAS HBA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No RAID support</li> <li>• JBOD/Pass-through Mode support</li> <li>• Supports up to 16 SAS/SATA internal drives</li> <li>• Plugs into a dedicated slot</li> </ul>
<b>Modular LAN-on-motherboard (mLOM) / Open Compute Project (OCP) 3.0 slot</b>	<p>The dedicated mLOM/OCP 3.0 slot on the motherboard can flexibly accommodate the following cards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cisco Virtual Interface Cards (VICs)</li> <li>• OCP 3.0 network interface card (UCSC-O-ID10GC)</li> </ul>
<b>Cisco Intersight</b>	<p>Cisco Intersight provides server-management capabilities.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Cisco UCS Manager (UCSM) support is not available for this server.</p>
<b>Cisco Integrated Management Controller</b>	<p>Requires Release 4.2(1) or later</p>
<b>Operating temperature</b>	<p>Minimum 10° C to 35° C (50° F to 95° F) with no direct sunlight (If any A10, A100, or rear HDDs are installed, the 35° C (50° F) restriction changes to 30° C (86° F).)</p> <p>Maximum allowable operating temperature derated</p> <p>1C/300 m (1F/547 ft) above 950 m (3117 ft)</p>



Capability / feature	Description
<b>Extended operating temperature</b>	<p>5° C to 40° C (41° F to 104° F) with no direct sunlight</p> <p>Maximum allowable operating temperature derated 1C/175 m (1F/319 ft) above 950 m (3117 ft)</p> <p>5° C to 4° 5C (41° F to 113° F) with no direct sunlight</p> <p>Maximum allowable operating temperature derated 1C/125 m (1F/228 ft) above 950 m (3117 ft)</p> <p>System performance may be impacted when operating in the extended operating temperature range.</p> <p>Operation above 40° C is limited to less than 1% of annual operating hours.</p> <p>Hardware configuration limits apply to extended operating temperature range.</p>
<b>Nonoperating temperature</b>	<p>Below -40° C or above 65° C (below -40° F or above 149° F)</p> <p>Maximum rate of change (operating and nonoperating)</p> <p>20° C/hr (36° F/hr)</p>
<b>Operating relative humidity</b>	8% to 90% and 24° C (75° F) maximum dew-point temperature, noncondensing environment
<b>Nonoperating relative humidity</b>	5% to 95% and 33° C (91° F) maximum dew-point temperature, noncondensing environment
<b>Operating altitude</b>	0 m to 3050 m {10,000 ft}
<b>Nonoperating altitude</b>	Below 0 m or above 12,000 m (39,370 ft)
<b>Software</b>	Cisco HyperFlex HX Data Platform Software (software subscription, Edge license)

## Ordering information

For a complete list of part numbers, refer to the Cisco HyperFlex HX225 M6 Edge All Flash and hybrid server nodes specification sheet.

## Cisco Unified Computing Services

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