

# Cisco Intersight

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## Product overview

Cisco Intersight® is an IT operations platform for infrastructure lifecycle management delivered as-a-service or as a connected or private virtual appliance. It helps IT operations teams see, control, and automate their Cisco UCS®, converged, and hyperconverged infrastructure—wherever it is—from one place. Intersight provides a single dashboard for managing and automating your data center and edge infrastructure throughout its lifecycle. Intersight supports the Cisco Unified Computing System™ (Cisco UCS), Cisco® converged and hyperconverged infrastructure, Cisco networking platforms, virtualization and container platforms, third-party storage, and other integration endpoints. Because it is Software-as-a-Service (SaaS), Intersight functionality increases and expands with weekly releases.

With Intersight, you get all the benefits of SaaS delivery and full lifecycle management of distributed infrastructure across data centers, remote sites, branch offices, and edge environments. This empowers you to deploy, configure, secure, update, maintain, automate, and scale your environment through a cloud-operating model in ways that were not previously possible. As a result, your organization can operate with consistency and control, stay in compliance, and strengthen your security posture to deliver IT infrastructure, resources, and applications faster to support business growth.

For Cisco infrastructure, Intersight works in conjunction with Cisco UCS Manager and Cisco Integrated Management Controller (IMC). In addition, Intersight integrates with third-party storage, virtualization, and other SaaS services. You can simply associate a model-based configuration to provision servers and associated storage and fabric automatically, regardless of form factor. Using profiles, IT staff can consistently align policy and server personality. These policies can be created once and used to simplify server deployments, resulting in improved productivity and compliance, and lower risk of failures due to inconsistent configuration. In addition, Cisco provides integrations to third-party operations tools, such as ServiceNow and Splunk®, to allow customers to use their existing solutions more efficiently.

*Intersight is my best friend. We use it daily, if not hourly, to manage globally distributed infrastructure and workloads. No more logs, no more spreadsheets.*

Scott Adametz  
Director of Technology for Riot Esports

## Intersight technical features and benefits

**Table 1.** Main features and benefits

Feature	Benefits
<b>Unified monitoring and management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simplify the monitoring and management of Cisco compute solutions—including AI servers and GPUs—and networking devices, storage, integrated systems, virtualization, and container resources, all from one IT operations platform.</li> <li>• Increase scale across data centers and edge locations without additional complexity.</li> <li>• Use hierarchical path tags to logically group, organize, and visualize resources (such as devices, profiles, policies, and templates) in a tree-like structure, making it easier to find, filter, and manage assets—especially at scale—by supporting queries based on parent-child tag relationships.</li> <li>• View real-time connectivity status through a visual representation of components in an Intersight-managed environment and the connections and relationships between them.</li> <li>• Use unified dashboards for at-a-glance insights across Cisco and third-party resources; use real-time and select historical data for Intersight-connected physical servers and virtual interfaces to prevent and troubleshoot issues.</li> <li>• Cisco UCS Manager, Cisco IMC software, and Cisco UCS Director tunneling allow access to element managers that do not have local network access.</li> </ul>
<b>Configuration, provisioning, and installation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy-based profiles and templates for deployment and configuration—including the ability to share and clone configuration resources—enable you to consistently provision and operate your IT infrastructure and resources, maintain standardization, eliminate configuration errors, and minimize configuration drift.</li> <li>• Use recommended policies (BIOS, Boot Order, LAN Connectivity, Local User, Storage, Virtual KVM, and Virtual Media) to streamline the configuration and provisioning of new servers, helping to ensure consistent, secure, and efficient deployments.</li> <li>• Leverage policies, pools, profiles and templates or share or clone profiles to quickly provision all Cisco UCS servers, including blade, rack, modular, and AI-optimized servers, as well as Cisco converged and hyperconverged infrastructure, regardless of where they are deployed. Leverage server qualification policies to automatically select the appropriate hardware configuration for the workload.</li> <li>• Selective policy deployment: Accelerate large-scale server reconfigurations by deploying only changed policies rather than complete server definitions, reducing configuration time and avoiding operational throttling.</li> <li>• Easily compare up to five policies side by side. Directly access and edit policies from the comparison view to streamline configuration management.</li> <li>• Back up, restore, and mark “golden” configurations directly in Intersight, with options to fully replace or merge configurations. Enables easy rollback and auditing of changes for compliance and troubleshooting.</li> <li>• Install vMedia-based operating systems on the managed UCS servers.</li> </ul>

Feature	Benefits
<b>Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Built with security top-of-mind               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ CSA STAR Level One Self-Assessment Certification: Certification provided by Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) for documentation of compliance with CSA's Cloud Controls Matrix for best practices in cloud security.</li> <li>◦ Spanish ENS High Level certified: Adheres to the Spanish National Security Scheme (ENS) High Level framework, ensuring robust information security for sensitive and critical systems in alignment with Spanish government standards.</li> <li>◦ TX-RAMP Level 2 certified: Meets stringent security requirements for handling moderate or high-impact data for Texas state agencies, including compliance with frameworks like NIST 800-53.</li> <li>◦ ISO 27017 certified: Provides information security controls specifically tailored for cloud services, extending ISO 27001 principles to address cloud-specific risks and ensure secure cloud environments.</li> <li>◦ FIPS 140-2 compliant cryptographic modules (Cisco Intersight Virtual Appliance): Utilizes U.S. government-standard cryptographic modules (e.g., Cisco FIPS Object Module 7.2a) to ensure strong data confidentiality and integrity through validated encryption.</li> <li>◦ Supports industry-standard security protocols including HTTPS, TLS, and AES.</li> <li>◦ Complies with Cisco InfoSec security and data handling standards, including encryption of all data.*</li> <li>◦ ISO 27001 certified: standard for information security management systems.</li> <li>◦ SOC 2 Type 2 certified: meets controls for confidentiality, security, and availability, among others.</li> <li>◦ Trusted Cloud Provider of the Cloud Security Alliance with STAR Level One security trust assurance.</li> <li>◦ Role-based access control authorizes and restricts system access based on user roles and privileges.</li> <li>◦ Support for external identity providers using SAML 2.0 can be configured in Cisco Intersight to authenticate users.</li> <li>◦ Management network separation: application workload data does not pass through to Intersight so no disruption to IT production workloads occurs if the Intersight connection is interrupted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Operate with security top-of-mind               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Grant limited-time, privilege-scoped access to users not present in your AD/LDAP directories, such as partners or external vendors, without onboarding them to your SSO. This enables secure collaboration and support while maintaining security and compliance.</li> <li>◦ Security advisories identified by Cisco's Product Security Incident Response Team alert you to potential risks and provide threat summaries, identify devices impacted in your environment, and provide recommended remediation.</li> <li>◦ Audit logs record all actions taken on your infrastructure and can be filtered and/or searched by time stamps, affected objects, events, user logins/logouts, and more to facilitate SecOps investigations.</li> <li>◦ Integrates with Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) platforms like Splunk through the Intersight API.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Continuous identification of potential hardware compatibility issues in your environment against Cisco’s Hardware Compatibility List (HCL) alert you to potential device inconsistencies and provide recommended actions to remediate.</li> <li>◦ Integrates with webhooks to enable automatic notifications when threats or vulnerabilities in your infrastructure are identified.</li> <li>◦ Provides end-of-life notices and device-support contract status to help ensure that infrastructure and infrastructure support are up to date.</li> </ul> <p>*For details on data collection in the Intersight platform, see the privacy data map of cloud services delivered by the Intersight platform on Cisco’s Trust Portal <a href="#">here</a> and the Intersight privacy data sheet <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Intersight’s out-of-band management architecture makes it out of scope for some standards and/or audits, including PCI DDS (customer traffic, including cardholder data, does not flow through the Intersight platform) and HIPAA (no individually identifiable health information on the network is ever sent to the Intersight portal), although Intersight’s data centers are PCI/HIPAA-compliant.</p>
<b>Automation and workflow orchestration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a drag-and-drop designer to create and execute complex orchestrations across multiple infrastructure domains, applications, and external endpoints.</li> <li>• Start from a library of out-of-the-box automation tasks supporting operations across Cisco and third-party compute, network, storage, integrated systems, virtualization, containers, and other automation engines such as HashiCorp Terraform and Red Hat Ansible.</li> <li>• Use the custom task designer to create your own library of automated operations using open standards such as HTTP/API, Ansible, PowerShell, SSH, and more.</li> <li>• Automate ESXi cluster deployment and customized ESXi installation for VMware Cloud Foundation.</li> <li>• Use out-of-the-box workflows or create your own workflows by assembling tasks along with logical controls and loops. Built-in data transformation features help you adapt the format and flow of information as it passes through different domain automation and tasks.</li> <li>• Both workflow designer and custom task designer provide a drag-and-drop UI to simplify authoring with a low/no-code user experience.</li> <li>• Share your creations with colleagues or communities with import and export features.</li> <li>• All or any part of a workflow may be rolled back to simplify deprovisioning or to address individual issues.</li> </ul>
<b>Inventory information, status, and capacity planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display and report inventory information for Cisco compute and networking devices, third-party storage, integrated systems, virtualization, and containers.</li> <li>• Use global search to rapidly identify systems based on names, identifiers, tags, and other information.</li> <li>• Monitor alerts and health status for IT infrastructure across data centers and remote locations.</li> <li>• Browse real-time and select historical data of Intersight-connected infrastructure—and visualize with customizable widgets—to create views most important to the administrator, troubleshoot problems in depth, and forecast and budget resources.</li> </ul>

Feature	Benefits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track and manage firmware and platform software versions for Intersight - connected systems and across supported integrated infrastructures such as FlexPod.</li> <li>Gain actionable insights for capacity planning by monitoring resource utilization trends, forecasting future infrastructure needs, and optimizing allocation across UCS servers and integrated solutions.</li> </ul>
<b>Power visibility and management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor and track UCS server power use and energy consumption across your environment.</li> <li>Set and apply power policies at the server or chassis level to define redundancy levels, control fan speed, BIOS settings, and power profiling settings to ensure that systems operate with intended power usage.</li> <li>Set policies across servers within a chassis to prioritize workloads and cap chassis-level power consumption in the event of high power demand or limited power availability.</li> </ul>
<b>Enhanced support and end-customer experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise service requests and proactively authorize Return Material Authorizations (RMAs).</li> <li>Get centralized alerts about failure notifications.</li> <li>Automate the generation, forwarding, and analysis of technical support files to the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (Cisco TAC), eliminating the need for the customer's first call to support and basic troubleshooting steps, and enabling direct triage and possible escalation to second-level support for faster issue resolution.</li> <li>View current support contact status across the portfolio of managed systems to ensure systems have the expected level of support.</li> </ul>
<b>REST API and third-party integration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a RESTful API to manage IT infrastructure and resources across multiple data centers and edge locations.</li> <li>Supports the OpenAPI Specification (OAS) to provide full programmability and deep integration.</li> <li>The Python and PowerShell SDKs enable integrations with Ansible, Chef, Puppet, and other DevOps and IT Operations Management (ITOM) tools.</li> <li>Use storage plugins for Hitachi, NetApp, and Pure Storage to see storage capacity, controllers, configuration, snapshots, and replication; automate storage management and orchestration; and use a storage task library to create and execute workflows.</li> <li>Operate and monitor Intersight resources from vSphere and Nutanix Prism Central.</li> <li>Automate ESXi cluster deployment and customized ESXi installation for VMware Cloud Foundation.</li> <li>Service Graph Connector for Cisco Intersight - ingest data from Cisco Intersight into the ServiceNow CMDB so you can see your Intersight - connected inventory in the ServiceNow IT operations management platform and resolve issues faster.</li> <li>Cisco Intersight - Incident Management Integration with ServiceNow - automate incident generation by raising incidents in ServiceNow for alarms and advisories from Cisco Intersight.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cisco Compute Hyperconverged with Nutanix – Intersight Standalone for HCI enables zero-touch deployment on a global scale through integrated, automated workflows.</li> <li>• Nutanix Prism Central integration delivers a more unified experience with increased visibility and control across distributed hyperconverged clusters.</li> <li>• Cisco Intersight Add-on for Splunk: Monitor your Cisco UCS infrastructure directly from Splunk with deep visibility into server and chassis network utilization, congestion, error metrics, CPU metrics, and environmental data. The dedicated Network Troubleshooting dashboard ingests networking data from Intersight-managed devices, enabling proactive issue detection and faster root-cause analysis for data-center administrators.</li> </ul>
<b>Hardware Compatibility List (HCL)</b>	<p>Evaluate and mitigate the impact of service issues from running non-validated combinations of firmware, server models, processors, adapters, operating systems, and driver versions.</p> <p>Use the Cisco UCS tools add-on for VMware, or the OS discovery tool (an open-source script) to collect OS and driver information to evaluate HCL compliance.</p>
<b>Seamless integration and upgrades</b>	<p>Upgrade firmware and software for UCS domains, UCS servers, and UCS Director instances.</p> <p>Upgrades to Cisco Intersight are delivered automatically without requiring the resources of traditional management tool upgrades and operational disruptions.</p>
<b>Mobile app (not available for virtual appliance, private virtual appliance, or EMEA SaaS instance)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access Intersight on Android and iOS devices for a mobility-optimized connection to resources managed in your account.</li> <li>• Stay up to date with the status of your environment and connect with members of your IT organization to address critical issues on the go.</li> <li>• Open Cisco TAC cases.</li> <li>• Have access to multi-language support.</li> </ul>
<b>Tunneled vKVM</b>	<p>Capability to launch tunneled virtual Keyboard, Video, and Mouse (vKVM) sessions for Cisco UCS C-Series standalone servers.</p>

## Flexible deployment options

Cisco Intersight is SaaS software with the flexibility of advanced deployment options. You can take advantage of new features as they become available from Cisco without the challenges and complexity of maintaining your management tools.

The majority of our users enjoy the benefits of full SaaS management from Intersight instances in the eastern United States and Germany. Users can connect Cisco infrastructure directly to Intersight and connect third-party systems through a Cisco Intersight Assist on-premises appliance (more details below). However, if you have data locality or security needs for managing systems that may not accommodate a full SaaS model, you can leverage the on-premises Cisco Intersight Connected Virtual Appliance to connect those systems.

Alternatively, the Cisco Intersight Private Virtual Appliance provides an easy way to be deployed on VMware ESXi, Nutanix AHV, KVM hypervisor on Linux or Microsoft Hyper-V. The Private Virtual Appliance can be configured, deployed, and run on-premises without an internet connection. It allows you to take advantage of much of the SaaS functionality without connectivity back to Intersight.com. Both the Intersight Connected Virtual Appliance and Private Virtual Appliance provide advantages over conventional on-premises management tools.

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## Cisco Intersight Assist

The Cisco Intersight Assist enables you to claim third-party infrastructure, platforms, and other endpoints that are not directly SaaS-connected to Intersight, so they can become Intersight-managed. For example, you can use Intersight Assist to manage VMware, NetApp, Pure, Hitachi, and other on-premises infrastructure and platforms. Cisco Intersight Assist is deployed as a VM appliance running on premises, installed using an OVA that is available on Cisco.com. To learn more details about how Intersight Assist extends Intersight management to on-premises, third-party infrastructure and platforms, [visit our help site](#). To learn how to install Cisco Intersight Assist, watch this [video](#).

## Monitoring and capacity planning

To support the complex environments created by modern applications and the dramatically increasing number of infrastructure endpoints, enterprises require analytics integrated tightly with their operations management tools. To enable these analytics capabilities, every Cisco UCS server or Cisco UCS Director instance is configured to automatically connect and transmit to Intersight certain telemetry information over a secure channel (including serial numbers and IP addresses, the versions of Cisco software installed on an endpoint, and feature-use data).

Users can employ this data to monitor the health status and performance of fabric interconnects and UCS servers using out-of-the-box dashboards. With Topology Views, they can identify UCS domain connectivity issues through a visual representation of components in Intersight-managed UCS domains and the connections and relationships between them. The Topology View also displays Ethernet top-of-rack neighbor switches through LLDP and CDP, including bandwidth utilization and cabling status. In addition, users can access environmental metrics directly from the Topology View, with quick cross-launch into Metrics Explorer for detailed analysis. Users can browse real-time and historical device metrics and telemetry data to troubleshoot problems in depth, forecast and budget resources, and find intrinsic correlations in dispersed data. For example, they can troubleshoot UCS domain network issues by checking hardware status, server port metrics, and network uplinks to identify potential issues between servers and fabric interconnects and the upstream network. Users can conduct capacity planning by viewing overall bandwidth and average TX/RX utilization of the physical connection links.

In addition, users can define threshold conditions to trigger alarms for potential issues and create custom health and performance dashboards using filters and a library of widgets. Users also can monitor and track server power and energy consumption. For example, they can analyze server energy consumption by searching and viewing power consumption by individual servers and overall energy consumption of the global server environment. They can drill down by device using filters to see details such as top energy consumers. Then they can export data for reports, presentations, and analysis in CSV files or using the Intersight API.

### Advanced Alarm Management

Intersight now offers advanced alarm management features:

- **Custom rules and metric thresholds:** Set precise, metric-driven alarm triggers (such as energy, power, utilization, error rates) to ensure real-time awareness and response.
- **Advanced notification filtering:** Create custom notification filters using rich criteria—like alarm description, host, domain, tags, and more—to route relevant alerts to the right teams.

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## Enhanced automation and orchestration

### **Model-based deployment**

Intersight provides model-based deployment for Cisco compute and networking devices, storage, integrated systems, virtualization, and containers. For example, a Cisco UCS C-Series rack server can be set up quickly and easily by replicating an existing server profile for rapid configuration. The model-based deployment works for a single system in a remote location or hundreds of systems in a data center to enable rapid, standardized configuration and deployment.

### **Automation and workflow orchestration**

Intersight includes a drag-and-drop automation and workflow designer to create and execute complex workflows of operational tasks across Intersight-managed Cisco compute and networking devices, storage, integrated systems, virtualization, and containers. A central workflow engine sequences the steps in workflows and automates their execution. A workflow executes a set of tasks, each designed to automate specific operations (for example, create, read, update, or delete) on any infrastructure or platform element. Workflows can consist of one or more tasks arranged to execute sequentially, repeatedly, in parallel, or conditionally, or they can include sub-workflows to help organize or reuse automation. Users can select from a library of prebuilt tasks that automate popular operations across Cisco compute and networking devices, storage, integrated systems, virtualization, and containers. These prebuilt library tasks are pre-integrated with access to infrastructure models, inventory, and configuration information managed within Intersight to simplify task configuration and workflow creation. For example, to automate configuration of a VM property, a pre-integrated task can enable the author to select which VM to operate on from the existing inventory of VMs that user can access. The pre-integrated modeling could allow a workflow author to easily traverse to that VM's parent hypervisor host for additional configuration, the parent server operating the hypervisor, networks attached to that server, etc. Pre-integrated configuration information also allows the orchestration author to control automation by other criteria.

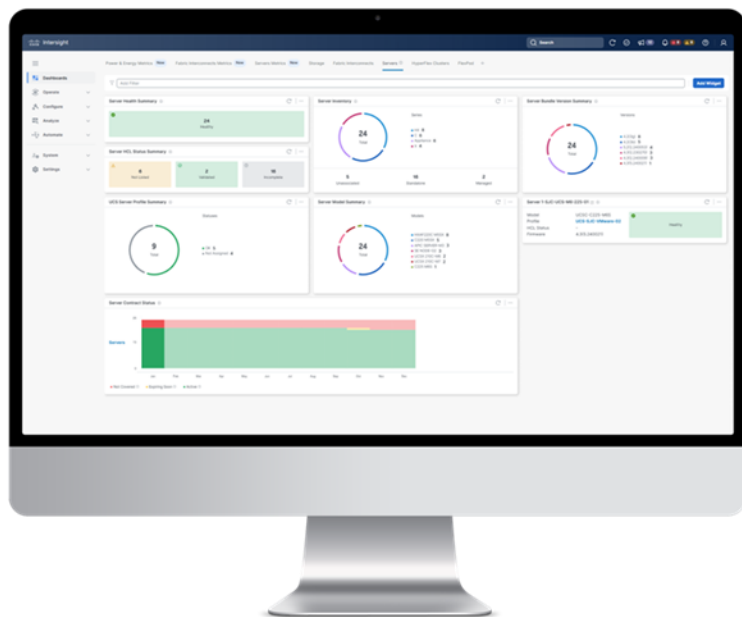
In addition to the pre-integrated automation task library, you can create your own custom tasks with the task designer using a variety of open integration methods such as constructing HTTP-based API calls, executing Ansible playbooks, PowerShell, or SSH.

A variety of workflows for popular orchestration use cases are included. You can also modify existing workflows or create your own using the workflow designer. The drag-and-drop designer makes it easy to assemble pre-integrated tasks, custom tasks, and sub-workflows along with conditional statements and loops to construct any end-to-end orchestration you need across Cisco compute and networking devices, storage, integrated systems, virtualization, and containers. For more information on automation and workflow orchestration, visit our [help site](#).

## REST API

Intersight includes an API based on the OpenAPI specification, a powerful definition format to describe RESTful APIs. Support for the OpenAPI specification provides users with access to an interoperable REST API with tools that automate the generation of the [Intersight API documentation](#), API schemas, and SDKs. The Intersight API includes fully functional [Python and PowerShell SDKs](#).

The API is an integral part of the broader open connector framework Cisco has established to enable the Intersight ecosystem to evolve. We currently support a ServiceNow plug-in to ingest and view Intersight inventory and view their relationships in the ServiceNow IT operations management platform. The ecosystem will be expanded to support a wide range of Cisco and third-party DevOps software.



**Figure 1.**  
Cisco Intersight dashboard

## Customizable dashboard and mobile app

Intersight provides a dashboard (Figure 1) that spans Cisco UCS compute and networking devices, storage, integrated systems, virtualization, and containers. The dashboard is user-customizable, allowing you to focus on the information and tasks that are relevant to your needs. You can create, customize, rename, and manage multiple dashboard views by adding, removing, or rearranging widgets on the dashboard. Intersight supports the display of up to 30 widgets per dashboard. This global dashboard includes features such as:

- Global inventory: Get information about inventory across supported systems, whether they are in the data center or at remote locations.
- Fault monitoring: Manage faults and set up alerting for all managed systems.
- Firmware status: Monitor and manage firmware versions.

Intersight allows you to monitor systems from a single management tool. However, if you need to look more deeply into a specific platform, Intersight provides:

- Cross-launch capabilities for virtual Keyboard, Video, and Mouse (vKVM) sessions.
- Tunneling capabilities for Cisco UCS Manager, Cisco UCS Director, and Cisco IMC software to allow secure access to the manager, whether you are inside or outside the corporate network.

The Intersight mobile app provides visibility on-the-go with its intuitive view of Intersight-connected systems. You can conveniently keep an eye on your data center and edge environments—anywhere, anytime. The mobile app is supported on both the iOS and Android platforms and helps to monitor inventory, tasks, and alerts. You can also take actions, such as turning on LED locators and opening Cisco support cases.

## Proactive support

The telemetry data and incidents collected from the Intersight-installed base are transmitted using secure communication mechanisms, and this information is available for use by the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) to provide insights and more proactive support. When combined with Cisco Smart Call Home, TAC cases can be automatically opened for certain faults. No matter how a TAC case is opened, if the system is connected to Cisco Intersight, the log files are automatically read from the system, attached to the TAC case, and automatically analyzed for known issues. For certain types of hardware failures, Return Material Authorization (RMA) cases are automatically opened. The Cisco Intersight and TAC integration speeds case resolution, limits the impact on IT personnel, and ultimately increases system uptime.

Intersight also enables users to provide more direct feedback on the product. In addition, the tight integration with TAC extends the solution scope by enhancing continuous delivery to further speed up fixes and future development.

## Hardware compliance

Intersight evaluates your hardware and firmware compatibility to help ensure that your system is compliant with the Cisco Hardware Compatibility List. This process identifies unsupported configurations and alerts you to any potential problems that may arise from unknowingly running unsupported configurations.

## Supported software

Intersight supports Cisco UCS and hyperconverged infrastructure with the software versions listed in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Supported software

Platform	Versions supported
Cisco UCS Manager	Release 3.2(1) and later
Cisco IMC software	Release 3.0(4) and later
Cisco HyperFlex®	Release 2.5.1 and later
Cisco UCS Director	Release 6.6 and later
Nutanix AOS	Release 6.5 and later
Pure Storage FlashArray	Purity version 4.8 (API version 1.7) and later

Platform	Versions supported
VMware vCenter	6.7, 7.0, 8.0, and later

See the [product documentation](#) for a more detailed list of supported versions and caveats.

## Virtual appliance system requirements

The Cisco Intersight Virtual Appliance and Private Virtual Appliance OVAs can be deployed on VMware ESXi 6.0 and higher. Table 3 describes the minimum system requirements. For additional information see the [Getting Started Guide](#).

**Table 3.** Minimum system requirements

Item	Requirement
<b>Supported hypervisors</b>	VMware ESXi 7.0 and higher with VMware vSphere Web Client 7.0 or higher Microsoft Hyper-V Server 2016, 2019, and 2022 KVM hypervisor on Linux Nutanix AHV hypervisor
<b>Storage</b>	2 TiB
<b>RAM</b>	64GB
<b>vCPUs</b>	24

See product documentation for more details and sizing guidelines.

## Licensing

Intersight is licensed on a subscription basis with a choice of license editions. Capabilities increase with the different license tiers. Customers can purchase a subscription duration of one, three, or five years and choose the Cisco UCS server volume tier they need for the selected subscription duration.

Starting from the M7 server generation, an Intersight Essentials or above license is required. Every M7 server is bundled with a license.

For earlier server generations, an Intersight license is highly recommended, but not required.

Customers can purchase an Essentials or above license when they purchase the server using the Cisco Ordering tool. See Table 4 for ordering PIDs.

**Table 4.** Intersight tiers

License tier	Description
<p><b>Essentials</b></p>	<p>Includes functionality for server lifecycle management, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Platform-level settings for user and SDK/API access, permissions, licensing, and audit. Support for health monitoring, tagging and search, basic data inventory, and multifactor authentication.</li> <li>• Support for Cisco UCS basic inventory, firmware, and dashboard management.</li> <li>• Simplification of compute infrastructure management with policy-based configurations using server profiles for Cisco UCS, converged, and hyperconverged infrastructure.</li> <li>• Monitor and track telemetry information (data collection every 10 minutes and 90 days of historical data).</li> <li>• Custom explorations with Metrics Explorer.</li> <li>• Cisco Intersight Add-on for Splunk: Monitor your Cisco UCS infrastructure from Splunk.</li> <li>• Topology view to swiftly identify, diagnose, and resolve physical cabling issues across your UCS domain.</li> <li>• Power policy management for servers, BIOS, and OS as well as dynamic power rebalancing.</li> <li>• Support for Cisco Compute Hyperconverged with Nutanix.</li> <li>• Receiving alerts about endpoint devices that are impacted by supported security advisories and field notices along with recommended remediation.</li> <li>• Acceleration of troubleshooting with hardware compatibility alerts, proactive RMAs, and automated gathering and uploading of log files for Cisco Intersight-connected devices through the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC).</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Detailed feature list can be found here: <a href="https://intersight.com/licensing">Intersight.com Licensing Page</a>.</p>
<p><b>Advantage</b></p>	<p>Offers all the functionality of Essentials, plus features for automation, orchestration, and advanced server management, monitoring, and metrics. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create and execute complex workflows with a drag-and-drop designer or incorporate existing automations from Ansible, Terraform, or other tools using the Cisco Intersight API and SDKs.</li> <li>• Simplify the cloud experience with visibility of virtualization infrastructure and normalization of operations across multiple clouds.</li> <li>• Monitor and track telemetry information with enriched topology views that provide error metrics and network bandwidth/utilization along with data collection every minute and two years of historical data.</li> <li>• Diagnose device-level issues using error metrics and view detailed information for physical connection links by hovering on connection links.</li> <li>• FlexPod converged infrastructure inventory, including servers, networking, storage, virtualization, and Cisco fabric interconnects.</li> <li>• Third-party storage support: view inventory and alarms of storage arrays and automate day-to-day operations using supported storage tasks.</li> <li>• Resolve issues faster by ingesting data from Cisco Intersight-connected servers, storage, data-center networking, and virtual machines into the ServiceNow IT operations management platform using the Service Graph Connector for Cisco Intersight plug-in and by raising incidents in ServiceNow for alarms and advisories from Cisco Intersight using the Cisco Intersight Incident Management Integration plugin, available on the ServiceNow store.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Detailed feature list can be found here: <a href="https://intersight.com/licensing">Intersight.com Licensing Page</a>.</p>

## Ordering information

Intersight subscriptions can be ordered in one-year, three-year, and five-year subscription periods. In addition, volume discounts are available for customers ordering more than 200 device (server) subscriptions at the same time. Separate license options are detailed in Table 5 for the SaaS version on Intersight.com and the virtual appliance.

Cisco Smart Accounts and Smart Licensing are mandatory for Intersight. In addition, a [Cisco user account](#) is mandatory to use the Intersight user interface.

**Note:** The Intersight SaaS license allows the customer to select SaaS or CVA (Connected Virtual Appliance) deployment options. Please refer to the Flexible Deployment Options section for more information about CVA.

**Table 5.** Ordering information

Part number	Description
DC-MGT-SAAS	Product family - Cisco Intersight
DC-MGT-IS-SAAS-ES	Cisco Intersight Infrastructure Services SaaS - Essentials
DC-MGT-IS-SAAS-AD	Cisco Intersight Infrastructure Services SaaS - Advantage
DC-MGT-IS-PVAPP-ES	Cisco Intersight Infrastructure Services Private Virtual Appliance - Essentials
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