

Nominated Company: Cisco UCS Director (formerly Cloupia)

Nomination Title: Virtual and bare-metal infrastructure services with Cisco UCS Director

Cisco UCS Director delivers infrastructure management and automation across virtualization, compute, network, and storage elements from a single pane of glass. IT administrators can automate their infrastructure operations to more easily deploy and manage applications, resulting in operational efficiency and business agility.

- UCS Director delivers unified infrastructure management for administering servers, network, virtualization, and storage from one self-service web interface.
- UCS Director is the only product in market that can configure the storage volume, setup the SAN and IP network, deploy the bare-metal server, and load a hypervisor or bare-metal operating system – in a single operation that automatically resolves dependencies and requirements across the domains, while enforcing the rules defined by IT subject matter experts.
- Manages industry-leading converged infrastructure solutions based on Cisco UCS and Cisco Nexus: FlexPod, Vblock, and VSPEX.
- UCS Director works within an existing data center environment, providing deep integration with Cisco UCS and Nexus systems as well as support for third-party tools, multiple hypervisors, and legacy hardware including HP and IBM.
- Video overview of Cisco UCS Director: <http://youtu.be/q-NX772MR78>
- Web page for additional information: <http://cisco.com/go/ucsdirector>

Why nominee should win

- Open and flexible system, providing multi-vendor IT infrastructure management
- Turnkey solution, quick time-to-value via setup within an hour
- Out-of-the-box support for the most widely deployed converged and integrated infrastructure systems: FlexPod, Vblock, and VSPEX
- Cisco's unified management approach reduces deployment times from weeks to minutes – for either virtual or bare-metal environments – a unique capability in our industry