

# Commvault Validated Reference Design Specification

Commvault Grid™ Software on Cisco UCS® C240 M8

## OVERVIEW

Commvault Grid™ Software is an intuitive and easy to deploy integrated data protection solution with a distributed scale-out file system that provides unmatched scalability, security, and resiliency. Its flexible architecture allows you to get up and running quickly and grow as your needs demand. Commvault Validated Reference Designs accelerate hybrid cloud adoption and deliver:

- Simple, flexible data protection for all workloads including containers, virtual, and databases
- High performance backup and recovery with enhanced recovery capabilities
- Optimized scalability to easily grow capacity in single-node increments as needed, on-prem and to the cloud
- Enhanced resiliency with intelligent load balancing of data across disks and nodes and the ability to support concurrent hardware failures
- Built-in ransomware protection via intelligent monitoring to detect data anomalies and alert users

By shifting the secondary storage and data management infrastructure to a scale-out architecture, enterprises can help transform their data centers to be operationally efficient, resilient, and scalable as public cloud infrastructure. Commvault Grid allows organizations to replace limited and legacy backup tools with a modern hybrid cloud-enabled data management solution that eliminates expensive forklift upgrades. The purpose of this technical specification is to provide the complete Cisco UCS C240 M8 Commvault Validated Reference Design for Commvault Grid™ Software.

## GENERAL AVAILABILITY DESIGNATION

This configuration is classified as a general availability design, meaning it has been tested and validated per the Commvault Validated Reference Design Program. This configuration is subject to change due to updated part numbers or replacement hardware as a result of hardware life cycles. Validated Reference Designs are developed to provide optimized costs, resiliency, and performance. Commvault collaborates with Cisco to create fully supported design specifications. Substitutions or modifications to validated design specifications could result in unsupported configurations. Any substitutions or modifications to validated configurations must be approved by both Commvault and Cisco. This configuration is currently orderable for customer deployment and supported through Commvault support channels.

### How to use this document

This document details the necessary design components of the Commvault Storage Technology architecture, providing the key components required when purchasing and configuring the infrastructure for a Commvault Storage™ Software solution. Commvault Reference Designs deliver validated configurations with leading hardware vendor technology complemented by best practices that will accelerate ROI, reduce complexity, and add customer value.

The document is broken into a high-level component section detailing the configuration and specific component options that can be selected to satisfy storage capacity and density requirements. Each subsection provides guidance for ordering configurations.

This document does not cover overall architecture and design of the Commvault Storage solution and should be considered as a supplement specific to Cisco.

## CISCO UCS C240 M8 SPECIFICATION SUMMARY

### Server overview

Technical specification	
Form factor	2U Rackmount
Processors	Dual Intel® Xeon® Silver 16 core CPUs
Memory	512GB RAM (640GB required for 24TB Drives)
Total slots and form factor	

## BOOT AND METADATA STORAGE OPTIONS

Boot storage houses the operating system and core Commvault and CVFS binaries. The metadata storage provides caching areas for such operations as deduplication, indexing, and extents. The design specifies dedicated storage for Commvault metadata.

## DATA STORAGE OPTIONS

Data storage houses the protected data. Data storage selection dictates the amount of data that each node can accommodate. Initial deployments of Commvault Grid require a 3-node configuration, each

with identical hard disk drive (HDD) capacities. Subsequent expansion of the Storage Pool can be done with individual or multiple nodes. Mixing of different server vendors, models, and/or node capacities with a Storage Pool is supported.

Overall sizing and retention varies per customer and therefore is beyond the scope of this document. Please refer to [Commvault Grid Technology sizing documentation](#) to determine the drive size (and node quantity) required for the specific deployment.

## NETWORKING OPTIONS

A minimum of two (2x) 10 GB ports are required for Commvault Grid installs, one for protected data and one for storage communication between the nodes. It is recommended to have a total of four (4x) ports per node: two (2x) for data and two (2x) for storage for failover and redundancy. These builds have been designed with this recommendation.

## OPTIONAL I/O ADD-ON CARDS

The design includes all core components to work with Commvault Grid Technology. There are specific times where additional parts may be required depending on the environment and uses case (e.g., optional I/O cards for SAS and Fiber Channel connectivity). The I/O cards below are validated and included as part of the design. The quantity and type of these I/O cards are customizable, and there are multiple valid configurations possible.

SAS Connectivity is typically used for direct tape integration, while Fiber Channel cards are used for Commvault IntelliSnap® technology operations or tape libraries.

**BILL OF MATERIALS**

For Cisco, only Solution IDs are listed as these IDs when ordered from Cisco, will contain the complete BOM required for Commvault Grid and a line item build is not required.

Qty.	Part number	Description
1	CVLT GRID C240 M8 6TB	Single C240 M8 Grid Node with 12 x 6 TB Drives
1	CVLT GRID C240 M8 8TB	Single C240 M8 Grid Node with 12 x 8 TB Drives
1	CVLT GRID C240 M8 10TB	Single C240 M8 Grid Node with 12 x 10 TB Drives
1	CVLT GRID C240 M8 12TB	Single C240 M8 Grid Node with 12 x 12 TB Drives
1	CVLT GRID C240 M8 14TB	Single C240 M8 Grid Node with 12 x 14 TB Drives
1	CVLT GRID C240 M8 16TB	Single C240 M8 Grid Node with 12 x 16 TB Drives
1	CVLT GRID C240 M8 18TB	Single C240 M8 Grid Node with 12 x 18 TB Drives
1	CVLT GRID C240 M8 20TB	Single C240 M8 Grid Node with 12 x 20 TB Drives
1	CVLT GRID C240 M8 24TB	Single C240 M8 Grid Node with 12 x 24 TB Drives

**Note:** SAS, NL-SAS or SATA drives are supported for Data Storage. SAS drives are recommended.

**ADDITIONAL ADD-ON CARDS**

**Note:** Smaller form factor cards can fit in larger form factor slots. However, larger form factor cards cannot fit into smaller form factor slots. For example, an x4 size card can fit in an x8 size slot, however an x8 size card cannot fit in an x4 size slot.

**FREE SLOTS AVAILABLE**

The slots below are the remaining free slots available for use in the server after the core components have been installed. Please ensure any additional cards added will physically fit in the server.

Qty.	Form factor

**OPTIONAL I/O ADD-ON CARDS**

Qty.	Description
1	Qlogic 2772 Dual port 32Gb Fiber HBA
1	Qlogic QLE2870/2872 64G Fibre Channel HBA
1	Emulex LPE31002 Dual port 16Gb Fiber HBA
1	Emulex LPE35002 Dual port 32Gb Fiber HBA

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Additional information regarding the Cisco UCS C240 M8 can be found on the Cisco website. A couple of useful links have been included:

[Cisco UCS C240 M8 Rack Server Data Sheet \(US version\)](#)

[Cisco UCS C240 M8 \(LFF\) Rack Server Specification Sheet \(US version\)](#)

[The Cisco Commerce Workspace \(CCW\)](#)

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