Simplify IT with a turnkey system for workload consolidation

VxBlock is the proven leader in converged infrastructure, providing enterprises worldwide the amazing simplicity of a turnkey engineered system experience that allows them to focus on innovating rather than spending time on maintenance.

The VxBlock System 1000 combines industry-leading technologies – including powerful Dell storage and data protection options, Cisco UCS blade and rack servers, Cisco LAN and SAN networking, and VMware virtualization and cloud management – into one fully integrated system. It leverages its deep VMware integration to simplify automation of everything from daily infrastructure provisioning tasks to lifecycle management with VMware Cloud Foundation.

Why is that important? VxBlock 1000 takes the complexities out of component integration. It simplifies upgrades and daily operations, comes with converged management and a simplified path to a cloud operating model. All with single-call support.

VxBlock business outcomes really shine with critical business applications like SAP, Oracle, Microsoft SQL, VDI and AI/ML where “good enough” will not get the job done. With VxBlock, you can rely on the rich data services, high availability and data efficiency absolutely required to keep your business up, running and protected at any scale.

Delivering real business results

Enterprises using Dell VxBlock Systems report significantly better business outcomes, including more efficient IT operations, dramatically less unplanned downtime, and much faster upgrades and patches than with a DIY approach.
VxBlock 1000 Overview

VxBlock 1000 redefines the converged infrastructure market, enabling you to free up resources, focus on innovation and accelerate IT transformation. Traditional converged infrastructure systems often require you to choose different systems for different applications’ performance, capacity and data services needs. VxBlock 1000 breaks those boundaries by offering a converged system designed for all workloads in the modern data center with:

- **A perpetual architecture** to ensure that your system is able to support next-generation technologies to address extreme performance and scalability requirements.

- **Unprecedented choice** to mix, share and adapt pools of market-leading storage, data protection and compute resources for all workloads to maximize performance and utilization.

- **Converged management** and **automation** through Dell CloudIQ analytics and an extensive library of complimentary engineered workflows based on VMware vRealize Orchestrator (vRO).

- **Simplified lifecycle management** with a turnkey infrastructure that is created, managed, supported and sustained as one.

In 2009, the first converged infrastructure (known then as Vblock System) came to market. Dell Technologies continues to innovate in the CI market with the current-generation VxBlock System, the VxBlock 1000. The VxBlock 1000 is not a reference architecture and it’s not a bill-of-materials (BOM); it’s a fully integrated system that brings together leading technologies, including:

- Dell PowerStore, PowerMax, Unity XT, XtremIO and PowerScale/Isilon storage options that you can mix and match

- Dell PowerProtect, Avamar, Data Domain, NetWorker, RecoverPoint and VPLEX protection options

- Cisco UCS B-Series, C-Series, and X-Series server options

- Cisco Nexus LAN and MDS SAN switches

- VMware (including VMware Cloud Foundation, vRealize, vSphere, NSX-T and vCenter)
Using the Logical Configuration Survey (LCS) to customize integration and deployment options, all system elements are pre-integrated, pre-configured, and then tested and validated before shipping. Turnkey integration allows you to operate and manage your system as a single engineered product, rather than as individual, siloed components. Ongoing, component-level testing and qualification result in a drastically simplified update process.

**Converged Management and Automation**

VxBlock provides a single unified interface and access point for converged infrastructure operations. It dramatically simplifies daily administration by providing enhanced system-level awareness, automation and analytics. This includes Dell CloudIQ and an extensive library of complimentary engineered workflows (based on VMware vRealize Orchestrator) that automate daily operational tasks such as infrastructure provisioning and snapshot management.

**Integrated Data Protection**

Dell Data Protection for Converged Infrastructure simplifies backup, recovery and failover of your VxBlock 1000. Dell Technologies offers the most advanced data deduplication, replication and data protection technologies for achieving your Recover Point Objective (RPO) and Recover Time Objective (RTO) requirements.

**Simplified Lifecycle Management**

Ongoing lifecycle management, including interoperability test, security / patch management and component updates, is one of the cornerstones of VxBlock. Dell Technologies has invested thousands of hours in testing, validation and certification so you don’t have to. This simplicity now extends to hybrid cloud operations—with support for VMware Cloud Foundation on VxBlock.

**Support and Services**

Dell Technologies delivers fully integrated, 24/7 support with a single call. There’s never finger-pointing between vendors, and you can always rely on our fully cross-trained team for a fast resolution to any problem.

Our portfolio of services (including deployment services, migration services and residency services) accelerates speed of deployment and integration into your IT environment and minimizes downtime by ensuring your software and hardware remains up to date throughout the product lifecycle.
# VxBlock 1000 Support Specification Summary

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| **COMPUTE** | Chassis: Cisco UCS 5108, Cisco UCS-X X9508  
Cisco UCS B-Series blade servers: B200 M6, B200 M5, B480 M5  
Cisco UCS C-Series rack servers: C220 M6, C240 M6, C220 M5, C240 M5, C480 M5  
Cisco UCS X-Series blade servers: X210C  
Cisco Fabric Extenders (FEX) and IOM: Nexus 2348UPQ, UCS 2204XP, UCS 2208XP, UCS 2304XP, UCS 2408, UCS-X 9108-25G IFM  
Cisco Fabric Interconnect (FI): Cisco UCS 64108, 6454, 6332-16UP  
Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Card (VIC): 1340, 1380, 1385, 1387, 1440, 1480, 1455, 1457, 1495, 1497, MLOM (14425) & PCIe (14825) |
| **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SERVERS PER SYSTEM** | Cisco chassis: 88  
Cisco blade servers: up to 616  
Cisco rack mount servers: up to 1,120 |
| **NETWORKING** | LAN: Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2  
SAN: Cisco MDS 9148T, 9148S, 9396S, 9396S, 9706, 9710  
Management connectivity: Cisco Nexus 31108TC-V, 93108TC-FX3P, 9336C-FX2, 92348GC-X |
| **STORAGE** | Dell Storage  
PowerStore 500, 1000T, 3000T, 5000T, 7000T, 9000T  
Unity XT 380/380F, 480/480F, 680/680F, 880/880F  
PowerMax 2000, 8000  
VMAX All Flash 250F, 950F  
XtremIO X2-S, X2-R  
PowerScale All Flash, Hybrid and Archival F200, F600, F800, F810, F900, H600, H5600, H500, H400, H700, H7000, A200, A2000, A300, A3000 |
| **VIRTUALIZATION AND CLOUD MANAGEMENT** | VMware: vSphere Enterprise Plus (includes VDS), NSX-T, ESXi, vCenter Server; VMware Cloud Foundation  
Note: Bare metal deployments are also supported |
| **DATA PROTECTION** | Integrated Backup, Integrated Replication, Integrated Business Continuity  
Dell: Avamar, NetWorker, Data Protection Search, Data Protection Advisor, Data Protection Central, CloudBoost, RecoverPoint and RP4VM, Data Domain, PowerProtect DD, PowerProtect DD Virtual Edition, PowerProtect Data Manager, Cloud Disaster Recovery, Cyber Recovery, VPLEX  
VMware: Site Recovery Manager |
| **SYSTEM MANAGEMENT** | Compute: AMP Central for single-system management includes 2 to 16 C220 M5/M6 servers and a Dell Unity XT 480 storage array  
AMP Central for multi-system management includes 4 to 16 C220 M5/M6 servers and a Dell Unity XT 480 storage array  
AMP Central for single-system and multi-system management is limited to 6 C220 M5/M6 servers when the Cisco Nexus 92348GC-X is selected.  
AMP Central vSAN management configurations (VCF and non-VCF) include 4 to 16 C220 M5 vSAN Ready Nodes  
Software: Converged Management System (CMS) with CloudIQ management dashboard for VxBlock operations, VxBlock Workflow Automation; Unisphere; InsightIQ (Isilon); Secure Remote Services (SRS); Cisco UCS Manager; and Dell PowerPath, Cisco Intersight |
| **CABINET** | Intelligent Physical Cabinet Solution from Dell Technologies |