

## Cisco Takes on Hyperconverged Solutions With CliQr Buy

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Cisco is the next company to step into hyperconverged solutions as it announces the Hyperflex System. It also acquires "application-defined" hybrid cloud orchestration software developer CliQr.



The HyperFlex system consists of a number of products, the first being the HXData Platform-- a co-development with storage software developer SpringPath using Cisco UCS servers to form a distributed storage system consisting of SSDs and HDs from federated storage clusters.

According to Cisco, the result provides customers with "plug-n-play setup within minutes," with flexible and independent compute, network and storage capacity scaling. In addition it also features data management services such as rapid clones and non-intrusive snapshots, all within a single distributed, multi-tier object-based data store.

As previously mentioned, Cisco also got to pay \$260 million for CliQr Technologies, developer of platform allowing the deployment and management of applications across bare metal, virtualised and container environments. Post-acquisition CliQr will make part of the Insieme Business Unit, and its product offering will be integrated in a number of Cisco datacentre switching and cloud products, including Application Centric Infrastructure and Unified Computing System.

Related to the acquisition is the final Cisco announcement-- the Nexus 9000 datacentre switches. Aimed at large-scale cloud networks in need of hyperconverged fabrics, the switches deliver 25/50/100Gbps performance, with real time network telemetry at 100Gbps (enabling NetFlow security) and "unique" cloud services in the shape of adaptive capacity and congestion control.

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In addition, the Nexus 3000 switches get platforms based on the Broadcom Tomahawk 25/50/100 chip and Trident 2+ ASIC, while the ACI and NX-OS datacentre switching software gets ACI APIC controller and fabric support for Nexus 7000 switches and ASR 9000 routers.

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