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Audience

This guide is intended primarily for data center administrators with responsibilities and expertise in one or more of the following:

- Server administration
- Storage administration
- Network administration
- Network security

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Cisco UCS C-Series Integration with Cisco UCS Manager

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Overview

This guide contains information and procedures for installing Cisco UCS Rack Mount Servers for integration with Cisco UCS Manager release 2.1.

Cisco UCS C-Series Rack-Mount Servers are managed by the built-in standalone software, Cisco Integrated Management Controller (CIMC) . When a C-Series Rack-Mount Server is integrated with Cisco UCS Manager, the CIMC does not manage the server anymore. Instead it is managed with the Cisco UCS Manager software. You will manage the server using the Cisco UCS Manager GUI or Cisco UCS Manager CLI.



Important

If your server is not factory new, make sure to reset the CIMC to factory default settings before integrating the server with Cisco UCS Manager.

You can integrate Cisco UCS C-Series Rack-Mount Servers with Cisco UCS Manager in either one of the following setup:

- **Cluster setup:** Using two fabric extenders (FEXes) to connect the C-Series Rack-Mount Server with two fabric interconnects.
- **Non-cluster setup:** Connecting the C-Series Rack-Mount Server with one FEX and one FI.

Integrating C-Series Rack Mount Server with Cisco UCS Manager

Cisco UCS Manager 2.1 provides two connectivity modes for Cisco UCS C-Series Rack-Mount Server management. The following are the two connectivity modes:

- **Dual-wire Management (Shared LOM):** This management mode is supported in the Cisco UCS Manager releases earlier than 2.1. Shared LAN on Motherboard (LOM) ports on the rack server are used exclusively for carrying management traffic. A separate cable connected to one of the ports on the PCIe card carries the data traffic. Using two separate cables for managing data traffic and management traffic is also referred to as dual-wire management.
- **Single-wire Management (Sideband):** Cisco UCS Manager release version 2.1 introduces an additional rack server management mode using Network Controller Sideband Interface (NC-SI). Cisco UCS VIC 1225 Virtual Interface Card (VIC) uses the NC-SI, that can carry both data traffic and management traffic on the same cable. This new feature is referred to as single-wire management. For more information, see [SingleConnect](#), on page 7.



Note

The LOM ports on Cisco UCS C-Series Rack-Mount Servers integrated with Cisco UCS Manager can not be used for data traffic. The LOM ports are disabled when the C-Series Rack-Mount Servers are in Cisco UCS Manager mode.

The general prerequisites for Dual-wire integration with Cisco UCS Manager are built into the C-Series Rack-Mount Server CIMC release 1.4(6) or later. If you want to use the single-wire management you must have the following:

- Server CIMC release 1.4(6) or later
- Cisco UCS VIC 1225 Virtual Interface Card

The following table lists the C-Series Rack-Mount Servers and supported management options:

Table 1: Supported Management Options

Servers	Single-wire Management	Dual-wire Management
Cisco UCS C22 M3 Server	Yes	Yes
Cisco UCS C24 M3 Server	Yes	Yes
Cisco UCS C200 M2 Server	No	Yes
Cisco UCS C210 M2 Server	No	Yes
Cisco UCS C220 M3 Server	Yes	Yes
Cisco UCS C240 M3 Server	Yes	Yes
Cisco UCS C250 M2 Server	No	Yes

Servers	Single-wire Management	Dual-wire Management
Cisco UCS C260 M2 Server	Yes	Yes
Cisco UCS C420 M3 Server	Yes	Yes
Cisco UCS C460 M2 Server	Yes	Yes

Based on your server model and CIMC version, you can use either one of these two integration options to connect the rack server with Cisco UCS Manager 2.1.

Cisco UCS Manager runs within the fabric interconnect (FI). You can use any of the interfaces available with this management service to access, configure, administer, and monitor the network and server resources for all chassis connected to the fabric interconnect. For information about the Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 Series fabric interconnects, see the documentation at the following links:

- [Cisco UCS 6100 Series Fabric Interconnect documentation](#)
- [Cisco UCS 6200 Series Fabric Interconnect documentation](#)

For information about the Cisco Nexus 2232 fabric extenders (FEXes) in the configuration, see the documentation at the following link:

- [Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Fabric Extender documentation](#)

FEX Connection Mode and Discovery

You can connect the FEX to the FI in two ways. Cisco UCS Manager FI discovers the FEX based on the FEX/Chassis discovery mode. The FEX connection modes are:

- **Hard-Pinning mode:** The server facing FEX ports are pinned to the connected uplink ports when the FEX is discovered. Cisco UCS Manager pins the server-facing ports to the uplink ports based on the number of acknowledged uplink ports. After the pinning, if you add a new uplink or delete an existing uplink, you must manually acknowledge the FEX to apply the changes.
- **Port-Channel mode:** Port-Channel mode does not have pinning. A single port channel works as the uplink to all server-facing ports. And all uplink ports are members of this single port channel. If one of the uplink ports go down, the traffic is automatically distributed to another available uplink port.



Note

Port channel mode applies only to the 6200 series FIs.

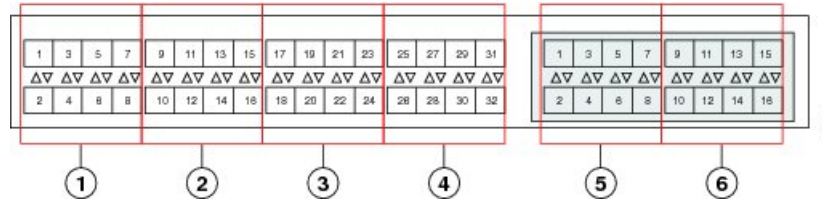
In port-channel mode, when you cable between FEX and the FI, the available virtual interface (VIF) namespace varies, depending on where the uplinks are connected to the FI ports:

- When port-channel uplinks from the FEX are connected only within a set of eight ports managed by a single chip, Cisco UCS Manager maximizes the number of VIFs used in service profiles deployed on the servers.

- If uplink connections are distributed across ports managed by separate chips, the VIF count is decreased. For example, if you connect seven members of the port channel to ports 1–7, but the eighth member to port 9, this port channel can only support VIFs as though it had one member.

The Cisco UCS 6200 Series FI has six sets of eight contiguous ports. Each set of ports is managed by a single chip. For more information on FEX discovery policies and port-channel allocation, see the appropriate [Cisco UCS Manager Configuration Guide](#).

Figure 1: Six Sets of Ports in Fabric Interconnect and Expansion Module



Maximum Configurable vNICs/vHBAs Based on Number of FEX Uplinks

The following table describes maximum configurable vNICs/vHBAs on a VIC adapter based on the number of FEX uplinks:

Table 2: Cisco UCS 6100 Fabric Interconnect

Acknowledged link between FEX and FI	Maximum configurable vNICs/vHBA on a VIC adapter for the VIC adapter 1225, 1225T, 1227, 1227T	Maximum configurable vNICs/vHBA on a VIC adapter for the adapter VIC P81E
1	Not supported	Not supported
2	3	4
4	9	10
8	21	22

Table 3: Cisco UCS 6200 Fabric Interconnect

Acknowledged link between FEX and FI	Maximum configurable vNICs/vHBA on a VIC adapter for the VIC adapter 1225, 1225T, 1227, 1227T	Maximum configurable vNICs/vHBA on a VIC adapter for the VIC adapter P81E
1	12	13

Acknowledged link between FEX and FI	Maximum configurable vNICs/vHBA on a VIC adapter for the VIC adapter 1225, 1225T, 1227, 1227T	Maximum configurable vNICs/vHBA on a VIC adapter for the VIC adapter P81E
2	27	28
4	57	58
8	117	118

Supported RAID Controller Configurations

Only servers without expanders can have more than one RAID controllers in the Cisco UCS Manager integrated mode. The following servers are allowed to have more than one RAID controllers in the Cisco UCS Manager integrated mode:

- Cisco UCS C24 M3 (UCSC-C24-M3S2)
- Cisco UCS C420 M3 (UCSC-C420-M3)
- Cisco UCS C240 M3 (UCSC-C240-M3S2)
- Cisco UCS C240 M3 NEBS (UCSC-C240-SNEBS)
- Cisco UCS C260 M2 (C260-BASE-2646)

Any server not on this list that has more than one RAID controllers installed fails discovery.



CHAPTER 2

Configuring SingleConnect

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SingleConnect

Cisco UCS Manager 2.1 supports an option to integrate the C-Series Rack-Mount Server with Cisco UCS Manager using the NC-SI. This option enables Cisco UCS Manager to manage the C-Series Rack-Mount Servers using a single cable for both management traffic and data traffic. When you use the SingleConnect mode, one host facing port on the FEX is sufficient to manage one rack-mount server, instead of the two ports you will use in the Shared-LOM mode. So you can connect more number of rack-mount servers with Cisco UCS Manager for integrated server management. Make sure you have correct server firmware for integration with Cisco UCS Manager. If not, upgrade your server firmware before integrating the server with Cisco UCS Manager. See [Upgrading the C-Series Server Firmware, on page 30](#).



Note

C-Series Rack-Mount Servers C200, C210, and C250 do not support SingleConnect.

Important Guidelines for SingleConnect

SingleConnect has the following guidelines and limitations:

- To enable SingleConnect for the Cisco UCS Manager integration you must have the Cisco UCS VIC 1225, installed in the specific slot assigned for SingleConnect in the rack server. If the VIC is not in the specific slot, SingleConnect does not work.



Important

VIC 1225 refers specifically to UCSC-PCIE-CSC-02.

VIC 1225T refers specifically to UCSC-PCIE-C10T-02.

VIC 1227T MLOM refers specifically to UCSC-MLOM-C10T-02

- The Cisco UCS VIC 1225, also supports dual-wire management. If you have these VICs installed, you can select either SingleConnect or dual-wire management as your connection option. If you are selecting dual-wire, make sure LOM is also connected.



Note

Cisco VIC 1225T is supported only on C220-M3, C240-M3, C240-M4, C220-M4, and C460-M4 servers. Cisco MLOM 1227T is supported only on C240-M4 and C220-M4 servers.

Management Connection Policy and Connection Mode

When establishing the physical connection for the C-Series Rack-Mount Server in the Cisco UCS Domain, you must specify the connection mode and management policy in Cisco UCS Manager GUI or Cisco UCS Manager CLI. The management policy is global to all connected C-Series Rack-Mount Servers. The connection mode determines the rack server discovery in Cisco UCS Manager.

You can specify either one of the following connection policies for the rack servers:

- **Auto-acknowledged:** This is the recommended and default connection mode for the C-Series Rack-Mount Server. If the connection mode is auto-acknowledged, immediately after establishing the physical connection, Cisco UCS Manager discovers the rack server and starts managing the server based on the specified management policy.
- **User-acknowledged:** If the connection mode is user-acknowledged, after establishing the physical connection, you must manually acknowledge the connection and specify the connection mode in the Cisco UCS Manager GUI or Cisco UCS Manager CLI to begin the discovery. Cisco UCS Manager does not begin the C-Series Rack-Mount Server discovery until you specify the connection mode.



Note

When rack servers are discovered and are managed by Cisco UCS Manager, if you want to change the existing connection mode for one C-Series Rack-Mount Server, you have to decommission the server, re-commission it and specify the new connection mode. Only then Cisco UCS Manager can discover the server in the new connection mode.

Requirements for SingleConnect Integration with Cisco UCS Manager

Requirements for Cluster Setup

You must have the following items to create a single-wire integration for C-Series Rack-Mount Server with Cisco UCS Manager in cluster setup:

- A Cisco UCS system that is running Cisco UCS Manager 2.1 and above.
- Any of the C-Series Rack-Mount Servers and corresponding CIMC release versions listed in the following table:

Table 4: Minimum Required Version of CIMC and BIOS for SingleConnect Integration

Server	CIMC	BIOS
Cisco UCS C22 M3 Server	1.4(6)	1.4.7a
Cisco UCS C24 M3 Server	1.4(6)	1.4.7a
Cisco UCS C220 M3 Server	1.4(6)	1.4.7a
Cisco UCS C220 M4 Server (requires 2.2.3 or above)	2.0(3d)	2.0.3
Cisco UCS C240 M3 Server	1.4(6)	1.4.7a
Cisco UCS C240 M4 Server (requires 2.2.3 or above)	2.0(3d)	2.0.3
Cisco UCS C260 M2 Server	1.4(6)	1.4.7
Cisco UCS C420 M3 Server	1.4(7)	1.4.8
Cisco UCS C460 M2 Server	1.4(6)	1.4.7
Cisco UCS C460 M4 Server	1.5(7a)	1.5.7

**Note**

For Cisco UCS C220 M4 and Cisco UCS C240 M4 servers you can use either MLOM or VIC to integrate with Cisco UCS Manager in SingleConnect or direct connect mode. The adapter for connectivity is selected as explained below:

- **MLOM only:** When only MLOM is present in the server, the connectivity adapter is by default MLOM,
 - **MLOM and VIC adapters:** MLOM is the default connectivity adapter.
 - **No MLOM:**
 - If the Cisco UCS C220 M4 contains a VIC, it must be available in Riser1 - Slot 1 for SingleConnect or direct connect integration.
 - If the Cisco UCS C240 M4 contains a VIC, it must be available in Riser1 - Slot 2 for SingleConnect or direct connect integration.
 - **No MLOM and VIC:** No SingleConnect or direct connect support.
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Important

The server must have Cisco UCS VIC 1225 or Cisco VIC 1227 installed. The Firmware and Boot Loader versions for Cisco UCS VIC 1225 or Cisco VIC 1227 are:

For the Cisco UCS 1225 and 1227 cards:

- Recommended — 2.1(0.457a)
- Minimum required — 2.1(0.367e)

The Cisco UCS VIC 1225 or Cisco VIC 1227 must be installed in the correct slot in each server as mentioned in the following table:

Table 5: Cisco UCS VIC Slot for SingleConnect Integration

Server	PCIe Slot
Cisco UCS C22 M3 Server	1
Cisco UCS C24 M3 Server	1
Cisco UCS C220 M3 Server	1
Cisco UCS C220 M4 Server	MLOM, 1
Cisco UCS C240 M3 Server	2
Cisco UCS C240 M4 Server	MLOM, 2, 1, 5, 4
Cisco UCS C260 M2 Server	7
Cisco UCS C420 M3 Server	4
Cisco UCS C460 M2 Server	1
Cisco UCS C460 M4 Server	4

- Two Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 Series FIs. The switch ports where Fabric Extenders (FEX) will be connected must be marked as server ports.
- Two Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEXes.



Note

You must plug a power cord into each of the two power supplies in the FEX. If the power is connected and there are issues in the hardware, you might see “Major” faults reported during the power-on self test (POST). For example, you might see this error: `Power supply 1 in fex 6 power: error`. You can clear errors by connecting any missing power cord to the FEX power supply.

- Four 10-Gb Small Form-Factor Pluggable (SFP) cables.

**Note**

- At least one cable to connect each FEX with corresponding FI.
- At least two cables to link the data traffic path between server and FEX.
- If you are using 6100 Series FI, you require two cables to connect each FEX to corresponding FI.
- At least four cables for uplinks from the FEX to FIs. You can either use 10-gb twinaxial cable or one of the following SFP type cables:
 - SFP - 10GE-SR
 - FET - 10GE

**Important**

Do not mix SFP types on an uplink. If you mix the SFP types on an uplink, you will see `Discovery Failed` errors.

Requirement for Non-cluster Setup

If you are integrating the server in a non-cluster setup, along with the Cisco UCS Manager and C-series rack mount server, you will need the following components :

- One Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 Series FIs. The switch ports where Fabric Extenders (FEX) will be connected must be marked as server ports.
- One Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEXes.
- Three 10-Gb SFP cables.

**Note**

- If you are using 6200 Series FI, the minimum requirement for SFP cable is 2.
- At least one cable for linking the data traffic path between server and FEX.
- At least two cables for uplinks from the FEX to FIs. Each of these two cables used for uplink from the FEX to FIs can either use 10-gb twinaxial cable or one of the following Small Form-Factor Pluggable (SFP) type cables:
 - SFP - 10GE-SR
 - FET - 10GE

Connecting the C-Series Server with Cisco UCS Domain in Cluster Setup

Before You Begin



Important Make sure the server CIMC is set to factory default settings to integrate with Cisco UCS Manager.

Before you connect the server, make sure the Cisco UCS VIC 1225 or Cisco UCS VIC 1227 is installed in the correct slot for integration with Cisco UCS Manager. If the card is not installed in the correct slot, you cannot enable the single-wire management for the server.

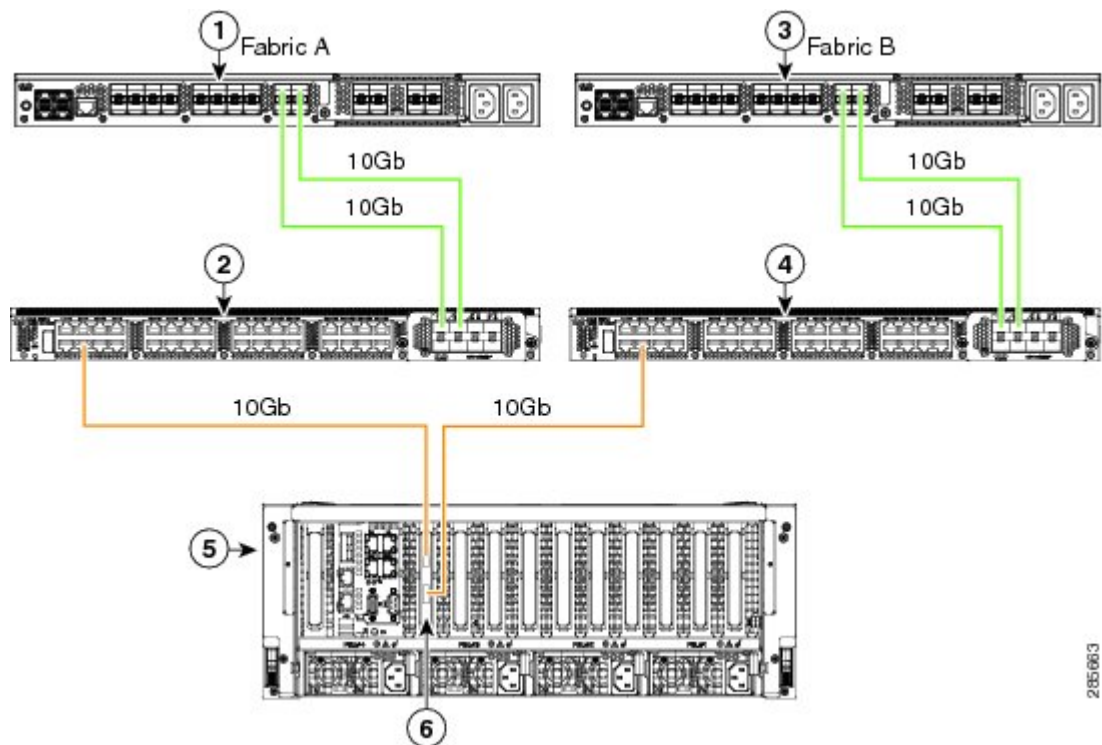
Procedure

-
- Step 1** Install the server in the rack. See the *Install and Upgrade Guide* for the server that you are using. The install guides are available at the following url: [Install and Upgrade Guides](#).
- Step 2** Connect the path that carries both data traffic and management traffic to the FEXes:
- Connect a 10-Gb SFP cable between the 10-Gb adapter card in the server and a port on the FEX that is connected to Fabric A. You can use any port on the FEX.
 - Connect a 10-Gb SFP cable between the 10-Gb adapter card in the server and a port on the FEX that is connected to Fabric B. You can use any port on the FEX.
- Step 3** Connect the paths from the FEXes to the FIs.
- Connect at least two 10-Gb SFP cables between FEX A and two ports on FI A. You can use any ports on FI A, but the ports must be enabled for server traffic.
 - Connect at least two 10-Gb SFP cables between FEX B and two ports on FI B. You can use any ports on FI B, but the ports must be enabled for server traffic.
- Note**
- On the FEX, you can use only the right block of eight ports for uplinks. The maximum number of uplinks is eight
 - Do not mix SFP types on an uplink. If you do, you will get `Discovery Failed` errors.
- Step 4** Attach a power cord to each power supply in your server, and then attach the power cord to a grounded AC power outlet.
- Step 5** Reboot the server.
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Physical Connectivity Illustrations for SingleConnect Cluster Setup

The following image shows a sample of SingleConnect physical connectivity for C-Series Rack-Mount Server with Cisco UCS Domain, Cisco UCS Manager, release 2.1 and above. This image shows the cabling configuration for Cisco UCS Manager integration with a C-Series Rack-Mount Server. The paths shown in gold carry both management traffic and data traffic.

Figure 2: SingleConnect Cabling Configuration



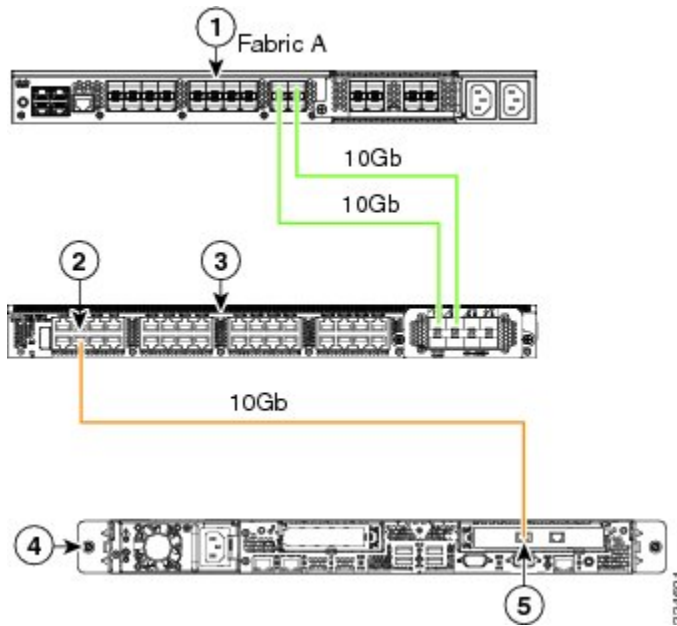
1	Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 FI (Fabric A)	4	Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEX (Fabric B)
2	Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEX (Fabric A)	5	C-Series Rack-Mount Server
3	Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 FI (Fabric B)	6	Cisco UCS VIC 1225 in supported PCIe slot

Connecting the C-Series Server with UCS Domain in Non-cluster Setup

You will follow the same steps explained in [Connecting the C-Series Server with Cisco UCS Domain in Cluster Setup](#). Instead of connecting two FIs and two FEXes, you will connect only one FI and one FEX.

Figure 3: Single-wire Non-Cluster Setup Example

The following illustration is an example of non-cluster setup in single-wire management.



1	Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 FI (Fabric A)	4	C-Series Rack-Mount Server
2	Single Connect connection	5	Cisco UCS VIC 1225 in supported PCIe slot
3	Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEX (Fabric A)		

Managing the Rack-Mount Server in Cisco UCS Manager after Integration

You can manage and monitor all rack-mount servers that have been integrated with a Cisco UCS domain through Cisco UCS Manager. After the integration, you will perform all rack-mount server management tasks only through the service profiles from Cisco UCS Manager GUI or Cisco UCS Manager CLI. The C-Series Rack-Mount Server Cisco IMC is not accessible when you start managing the server with Cisco UCS Manager. Cisco UCS Manager provides information, errors, and faults for each rack-mount server that it has discovered.

For more information on managing C-Series Rack-Mount Servers from Cisco UCS Manager, see the chapter on Managing Rack-Mount Servers in your release specific [Cisco UCS Manager Configuration Guide](#).

Reverting a Server From Cisco UCS Domain Mode to Standalone Mode

When you manage a Cisco UCS C-Series server with Cisco UCS Manager software, a UCS Manager service profile is associated with the server. If you want to revert a C-Series server to standalone mode (so that it can be managed by CIMC software), you must do the following actions in UCS Manager:

Procedure

Step 1 Disassociate the UCS Manager service profile from the server.

Step 2 Decommission the server.

Caution If you do not disassociate the service profile from the server, MAC and WWN numbers assigned by UCS Manager might be kept by the server. This can cause numbering duplication and conflicts with other servers that are managed by UCS Manager. Also, if you revert a server to standalone mode without disassociating its service profile, any LSI RAID controller will not show as a bootable device in the standalone server, preventing local booting.



Configuring Dual-Wire Management

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Dual-Wire Management

Cisco UCS Manager version 2.1 supports the existing rack server integration and management option through Shared LOM, using two separate cables for data traffic and management traffic. The prerequisites for integration with Cisco UCS Manager are built into the C-Series servers. Make sure you have correct server firmware for integration with Cisco UCS Manager. If not, upgrade your server firmware before integrating the server with Cisco UCS Manager. See [Upgrading the C-Series Server Firmware, on page 30](#).

Requirements for Dual-wire Integration with Cisco UCS Manager

Requirements for Cluster Setup

The following are the requirements for C-series server integration with Cisco UCS Manager version 2.1 in cluster setup:

- A Cisco UCS system running Cisco UCS Manager software release 2.1.

- An adapter that supports dual-wire integration.
- Any of the Cisco UCS C-Series servers and corresponding Cisco UCS Manager release version:

**Note**

- If you install Cisco UCS P81E Virtual Interface Card (N2XX-ACPCI01), and want to use this card for UCS integration, the minimum card-firmware level requirement is 2.0(2g). See the section on Special Considerations for the Cisco UCS P81E Virtual Interface Card (N2XX-ACPCI01), in [Install and Upgrade Guides](#). For P81E UBOOT firmware update, see [Updating Cisco UCS P81E VIC Firmware and uboot Image in Integrated Servers](#)
- Cisco UCS 1225, and Cisco UCS 1227 VICs also support dual-wire management. If you are using Cisco UCS 1225 VIC, or Cisco UCS 1227 for dual-wire management, make sure the card is inserted in one of the slots as described in the following table:

Table 6: Cisco UCS VIC 1225 Slot for Dual-wire Integration

Server	PCIe Slot
Cisco UCS C22 M3 Server	1
Cisco UCS C24 M3 Server	1
Cisco UCS C220 M3 Server	1
Cisco UCS C220 M4 Server	Any x16 slot
Cisco UCS C240 M3 Server	2, 5
Cisco UCS C240 M4 Server	Any x16 slot
Cisco UCS C260 M2 Server	1, 7
Cisco UCS C420 M3 Server	1, 4, 7
Cisco UCS C460 M2 Server	1, 2
Cisco UCS C460 M4 Server	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 Note Slot 1 and 6 do not support installing Cisco VIC 1225.

- Two Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 Series FIs. The switch ports that carry server traffic must be enabled as server ports.
- Two Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEXes.



Note You must plug a power cord into each of the two power supplies in the FEX. If a power supply is not connected to power, you might see “Major” faults reported during power-on self test (POST). For example, `Power supply 1 in fex 6 power: error`. You can clear these errors by connecting the missing power cord to the FEX power supply.

- Two RJ-45 Ethernet cables. The RJ-45 Ethernet cables are used to connect the management traffic paths.
- Two 1000BASE-T SFP transceivers (GLC-T)
- Four 10-Gb Small Form-Factor Pluggable (SFP) cables.



Note

- At least one cable to connect each FEX with corresponding FI.
- At least two cables to link the data traffic path between server and FEX.
- If you are using 6100 Series FI, you require two cables to connect each FEX to corresponding FI.
- At least four cables for uplinks from the FEX to FIs. You can either use 10-gb twinaxial cable or one of the following SFP type cables:
 - SFP - 10GE-SR
 - FET - 10GE



Important Do not mix SFP types on an uplink. If you mix the SFP types on an uplink, you will see `Discovery Failed` errors.

Requirement for Non-cluster Setup

If you are integrating the server in a non-cluster setup, along with the Cisco UCS Manager and C-series rack mount server, you will need the following components :

- One Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 Series FIs. The switch ports where Fabric Extenders (FEX) will be connected must be marked as server ports.
- One Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEXes.
- One RJ-45 Ethernet cable. The RJ-45 Ethernet cable connects the management traffic path.
- One 1000BASE-T SFP transceiver (GLC-T)
- Three 10-Gb SFP cables.



Note

- If you are using 6200 Series FI, the minimum requirement for SFP cable is 4.
 - Two cables for linking the data traffic path between server and FEX.
 - Four cables for uplinks from FEX to fabric interconnects. Each of these four cables used for uplink from FEX to FIs can either use supported 10-gb twinaxial cable or one of the following SFP type cables:
 - SFP - 10GE-SR
 - FET - 10GE
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Connecting the C-Series Server with Cisco UCS Domain in Cluster Setup

To view illustrations on the connectivity for each C-Series Rack-Mount Server, see [Physical Connectivity Illustrations for Cluster Setup](#), on page 22.

Before connecting the server with the Cisco UCS domain, make sure you have the recommended card-firmware level for the integration. You can use one of the Cisco VIC adapters for this integration:

- Cisco UCS P81E Virtual Interface Card with a minimum 2.0(2g) card firmware and card uboot firmware level
- Cisco UCS 1225 Virtual Interface Card



Note

You can also use third party vendor adapters for the integration. For a list of supported third party adapter cards, see [Supported Adapter Cards](#)

If you do not have the specified card-firmware level, update the server firmware in stand alone mode before the integration. If you connect a card with earlier firmware version to Cisco UCS Manager 2.1, during the

discovery process, you will get discovery and association/disassociation failures. If you encounter these problems, see the upgrade procedure and upgrade the card firmware level.



Important Make sure the server CIMC is set to factory default settings to integrate with Cisco UCS Manager.

Procedure

- Step 1** Install the server in the rack. See the *Install and Upgrade Guide* for the server that you are using. The install guides are available at the following url: [Install and Upgrade Guides](#).
- Step 2** To connect the management traffic paths, do the following:
- Insert one GLC-T transceiver into a port of the FEX that is connected to Fabric A. You can use any port on the FEX.
 - Insert one GLC-T transceiver into a port of the FEX that is connected to Fabric B. You can use any port on the FEX.
 - Connect an RJ-45 Ethernet cable between a 1-Gb port on the rear panel of the server and the transceiver that you inserted into the FEX in Fabric A.
 - Connect an RJ-45 Ethernet cable between a 1-Gb port on the rear panel of the server and the transceiver that you inserted into the FEX in Fabric B.
- Step 3** To connect the data traffic paths, do the following:
- Connect a 10-Gb SFP cable between the 10-Gb adapter card in the server and a port on a FEX in Fabric A. You can use any port on the FEX.
 - Connect a 10-Gb SFP cable between the 10-Gb adapter card in the server and a port on a FEX in Fabric B. You can use any port on the FEX.
- Step 4** Connect the paths from the FEXes to the FIs. These paths carry both data and management traffic.
- Connect two 10-Gb SFP cables between FEX A and two ports on FI A. You can use any ports on FI A, but the ports must be enabled for server traffic.
 - Connect two 10-Gb SFP cables between FEX B and two ports on FI B. You can use any ports on FI B, but the ports must be enabled for server traffic.

Note

- On the FEX, you can use only the right block of eight ports for uplinks.
- The maximum number of uplinks is eight. Based on the Cisco UCS Manager FI discovery policy the port cabling requirement between the FEX and FI vary.
- Do not mix SFP types on an uplink. If you do, you will see `Discovery Failed` errors.

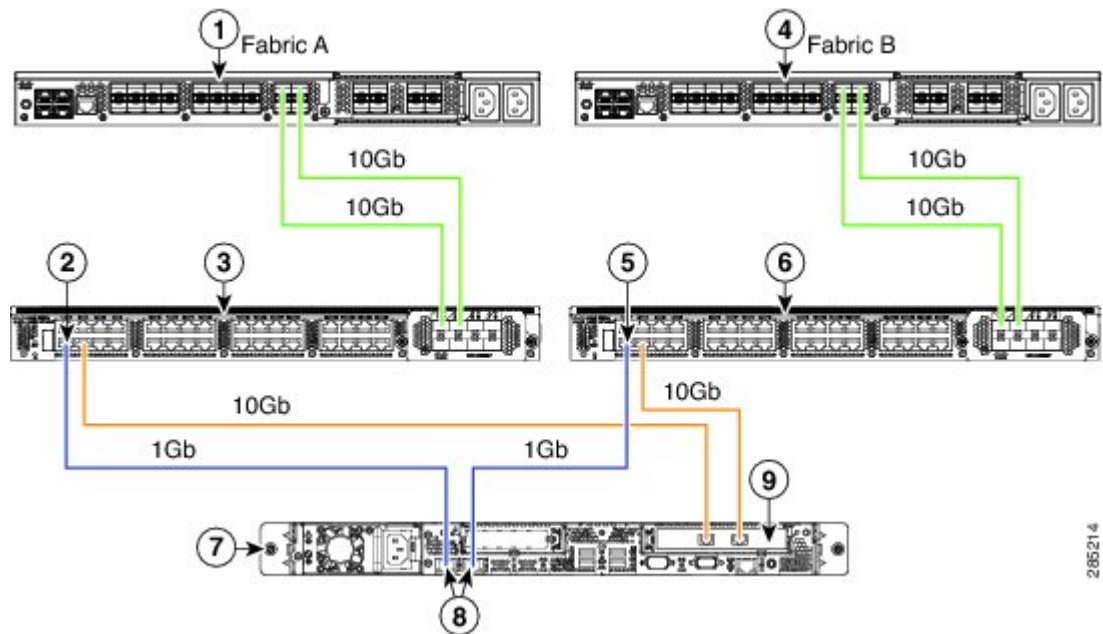
- Step 5** Attach a power cord to each power supply in your server, and then attach the power cord to a grounded AC power outlet.
- Step 6** Reboot the server.
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Physical Connectivity Illustrations for Cluster Setup

The following image shows a samples of the physical connectivity for C-Series Rack-Mount Server with Cisco UCS Domain, Cisco UCS Manager, release 2.0(2) and above.

This image shows the cabling configuration for Cisco UCS Manager integration with a C-Series Rack-Mount Server. The paths shown in blue carry management traffic. The paths shown in gold carry data traffic.

Figure 4: Cluster Setup Cabling Configuration



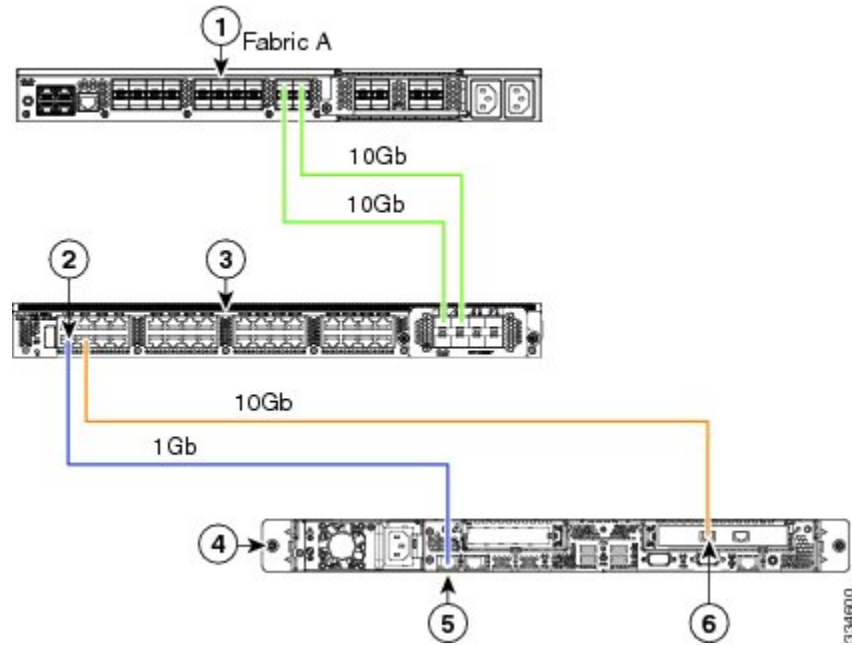
1	Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 FI (Fabric A)	6	Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEX (Fabric B)
2	GLC-T transceiver in FEX port (Fabric A)	7	C-Series Rack-Mount Server
3	Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEX (Fabric A)	8	1-Gb Ethernet LOM ports
4	Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 FI (Fabric B)	9	10-Gb Adapter card in supported PCIe slot
5	GLC-T transceiver in FEX port (Fabric B)		

Connecting the C-Series Server with UCS Domain in Non-cluster Setup

You will follow the same steps explained in [Connecting the C-Series Server with Cisco UCS Domain in Cluster Setup](#). Instead of connecting two FIs and two FEXes, you will connect only one FI and one FEX.

Figure 5: Dual-wire Non-Cluster Setup Example

The following illustration is an example of non-cluster setup in dual-wire management.



1	Cisco UCS 6100 Series or 6200 FI (Fabric A)	4	Cisco UCS C-series server
2	GLC-T transceiver in FEX port (Fabric A)	5	1-Gb Ethernet LOM ports
3	Cisco Nexus 2232PP FEX (Fabric A)	6	10-Gb Adapters in supported slots

Managing the Rack-Mount Server in Cisco UCS Manager after Integration

You can manage and monitor all rack-mount servers that have been integrated with a Cisco UCS domain through Cisco UCS Manager. After the integration, you will perform all rack-mount server management tasks only through the service profiles from Cisco UCS Manager GUI or Cisco UCS Manager CLI. The C-Series Rack-Mount Server Cisco IMC is not accessible when you start managing the server with Cisco UCS Manager.

Cisco UCS Manager provides information, errors, and faults for each rack-mount server that it has discovered. For more information on managing C-Series Rack-Mount Servers from Cisco UCS Manager, see the chapter on Managing Rack-Mount Servers in your release specific [Cisco UCS Manager Configuration Guide](#).

Reverting a Server From Cisco UCS Domain Mode to Standalone Mode

When you manage a Cisco UCS C-Series server with Cisco UCS Manager software, a UCS Manager service profile is associated with the server. If you want to revert a C-Series server to standalone mode (so that it can be managed by CIMC software), you must do the following actions in UCS Manager:

Procedure

Step 1 Disassociate the UCS Manager service profile from the server.

Step 2 Decommission the server.

Caution If you do not disassociate the service profile from the server, MAC and WWN numbers assigned by UCS Manager might be kept by the server. This can cause numbering duplication and conflicts with other servers that are managed by UCS Manager. Also, if you revert a server to standalone mode without disassociating its service profile, any LSI RAID controller will not show as a bootable device in the standalone server, preventing local booting.

Supported Network Adapter Cards for Dual-wire Integration

The following Network Adapter cards support Cisco UCS Manager integration :

- Cisco Virtual Interface Cards (VICs)
- Converged Network Adapters (CNAs)
- Ethernet adapters

Supported Adapter Cards

The following table shows the officially supported adapter cards for C-Series Rack-Mount Servers integration with Cisco UCS Manager in dual wire mode.



Note

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- Cisco UCS Manager provides management support for up to four adapter cards from the following list.
 - Make sure to check the number of supported VICs by server type from [C-Series Hardware Installation Guide](#).
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**Note**

- In the Cisco UCS C22 Servers, the Cisco UCS P81E VIC is supported only on the small form-factor (SFF) drives version. It is not supported on the large form-factor (LFF) drives version of the server.
- In the Cisco UCS C24 Servers, the Cisco UCS P81E VIC is -
 - Supported only on the small form-factor (SFF) drives version. It is not supported on the large form-factor (LFF) drives version of the server.
 - Not supported on the 16-drive backplane version.

Table 7: Supported Adapter Cards

Adapter/Server Model	C22 M3S	C24 M3S	C200 M2	C210 M2	C220 M3	C220 M4	C240 M3	C240 M4	C250 M2	C260 M2	C420 M3	C460 M2	C460 M4
Cisco UCS 1225 VIC (UCSC-PCIE-CSC-02)	Y	Y	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cisco UCS P81E VIC (N2XX-ACPCI01)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	Y	-	Y	-
Cisco UCS 1227 (mLOM) UCSC-MLOM-CSC-02	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-
Emulex OCe10102-F CNA (N2XX-AEPCI01)	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	Y	-
Emulex OCe11102-FX CNA (UCSC-PCIE-ESFP)	Y	Y	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	Y	-	Y
Emulex OCe 14102 (UCSC-PCIE-E14102)	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-
QLogic QLE8152 CNA (N2XX-AQPCI01)	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	Y	-
QLogic QLE8242 CNA (UCSC-PCIE-QSFP)	Y	Y	-	-	Y	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	-	-

Adapter/Server Model	C22 M3S	C24 M3S	C200 M2	C210 M2	C220 M3	C220 M4	C240 M3	C240 M4	C250 M2	C260 M2	C420 M3	C460 M2	C460 M4
Broadcom BCM57711 10Gb (N2XX-ABPCI02)	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	Y	-
Broadcom BCM57712 10Gb UCSC-PCIE-BSFP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
Broadcom BCM 57810 10Gb UCSC-PCIE-B3SFP	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	-	Y
Intel X520 10Gb (N2XX-AIPCI01)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Special Considerations for Integrated Servers

When you connect the C-Series servers in Cisco UCS system, make sure to review the following information:

- [Updating Cisco UCS P81E VIC Firmware and uboot Image in Integrated Servers](#), on page 32
- [Integrated Server Power States vs Service Profile Power States](#), on page 27
- [Cautions and Limitations for Adapter Cards](#), on page 27
- [FEX Considerations](#), on page 28

Supported FEX-to-FI Uplink Cable SFP Types

The C-Series UCSM integration requires six 10-Gb SFP cables for the following purposes:

- Linking the data traffic paths between server and FEX - 2 cables
- Uplinks from the FEXes to the FIs - 4 cables

Each of the four uplinks from the FEXes to the FIs can use either a Cisco 10-Gb twinax cable, or one of the following SFP types:

- SFP-10GE-SR
- FET-10GE

**Caution**

Do not mix SFP types on an uplink. If you mix SFP types on an uplink, you will get **Discovery failed** errors.

Integrated Server Power States vs Service Profile Power States

Using the power button or Cisco UCS Manager, if you set the desired power status to Down for an integrated C-Series server's associated service profile, when you try to rest the server to the desired power state, the server becomes out of sync with the actual power state. This may cause the server to shut down unexpectedly at a later time.

Use the Boot Server action in Cisco UCS Manager to safely reboot a server from a power-down state.

The following table shows how the physical server power states can differ from the Cisco UCS Manager service profile power states when the power button on the server is used.

Table 8: Difference in Server Power State and Service Profile Power State

Initial Service Profile Power State	Server Initial Power State	Action From Physical Power Button	Actual Server Power State After the Action	Power State Under UCSM Equipment Tab	Desired Power State Under Service Profile
Down	Off	Push button to turn on	On	On	Down
Up	On	Push button to turn off	Off	Off	Up

Cautions and Limitations for Adapter Cards

Make sure to consider the following when using the adapter cards in Cisco UCS C-Series server integration with Cisco UCS Manager:

- Cisco UCS Manager supports only four UCS managed adapter cards in the integrated Cisco UCS C-series servers, even if the server has more than four PCI slots. If you have more than four adapter cards in the server, after integration, the rack server discovery fails in Cisco UCS Manager.
- When you add, remove, or replace an adapter card in a UCS-managed server, you must first decommission the server in Cisco UCS Manager. After the operation, you must then recommission the server.
- If an integrated server contains two Cisco UCS P81E Virtual Interface Cards or two Cisco UCS 1225VICs, the vNICs/vHBAs on Adapter 1 might have a higher PCI order in Cisco UCS Manager than the vNICs/vHBAs on Adapter 2.
- In C200 or C210 servers, BIOS version 1.4(3c) and later, you have an option to enable or disable SR-IOV/ARI (single-root I/O virtualization/alternative routing-ID interpretation) bus reservation. Whenever you change the SR-IOV/ARI bus reservation settings on a UCS-managed server, you must re-acknowledge the server.

- If you install more than one adapter in the server each adapter in a cluster UCS Manager environment, each adapter must be connected to both path A and B. Attempting to connect both ports on an adapter to a single path results in a discovery failure due to an unsupported configuration. If you attempt to connect only one link from each adapter to the fabric, the server may reboot during a card failure to rediscover the data pathways. Neither of these scenarios are supported with connectivity options.

FEX Considerations

Re-acknowledge Attached Servers After a 2232PP FEX Is Decommissioned/Recommissioned

Whenever you decommission or recommission a Cisco UCS 2232PP FEX, all the servers that are connected to that FEX must be re-acknowledged in UCS Manager.



CHAPTER

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Upgrading Earlier Release Version Servers for Cisco UCS Manager Integration

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Required Items for Upgrade, page 29](#)
- [Upgrading the C-Series Server Firmware, page 30](#)
- [Updating Cisco UCS P81E VIC Firmware and uboot Image in Integrated Servers, page 32](#)
- [Upgrading a Server from Dual-Wire Management to Single-Wire Management, page 35](#)
- [Migrating the Configuration to Release 2.1 or Later, page 36](#)

Required Items for Upgrade

The following are the minimum Server CIMC version and Cisco UCS Manager version requirements for upgrade for C-Series server integration with Cisco UCS Manager:

Server	CIMC Version
C200	1.4.3c
C210	1.4.3c
C250	1.4.3c
C460	1.4.3c
C260	1.4.3c
C220	1.4.4a
C240	1.4.4a
C22	1.4.5d

Server	CIMC Version
C24	1.4.5d

Upgrading the C-Series Server Firmware

Cisco UCS C-Series server CIMC Release version 1.4 is the required level for integration with Cisco UCS Manager 2.1. If your server CIMC release version does not meet the requirement for integration with Cisco UCS Manager, make sure to upgrade the server firmware before connecting the server with Cisco UCS domain. For more information on upgrading the C-Series server firmware, see the host upgrade utility quick start guide for your release http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps10493/products_user_guide_list.html

Procedure

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- Step 1** Download the HUU ISO file:
- Navigate to the following URL: <http://www.cisco.com/cisco/software/navigator.html>.
 - In the middle column, click **Servers – Unified Computing**.
 - In the right-hand column, click **Cisco UCS C-Series Rack-Mount Standalone Server Software**.
 - Choose the name of your model of server in the right column.
 - Click **Unified Computing System (UCS) Server Firmware**.
 - Choose the release number.
 - Click **Download Now** to download the `ucs-server_platform-huu-version_number.iso` file.
 - Verify the information on the next page, and click **Proceed With Download**.
 - Continue through the subsequent screens to accept the license agreement and browse to a location where you want to save the file.
- Step 2** If you want to prepare the ISO for a local upgrade, complete this step; Otherwise, go to Step 3.
- Burn the ISO image onto a writable disk (CD).
 - Connect a VGA monitor and USB keyboard to the Cisco C-Series server.
 - Insert the disk into the USB DVD drive of the Cisco C-Series server.
 - Go to Step 4.
- Step 3** Prepare the ISO for a remote upgrade using the **KVM Console**.
- Use a browser to connect to the software on the server that you are upgrading.
 - in the address field of the browser, enter the IP address for that server, and then enter your username and password.
 - Click **Launch KVM Console** on the toolbar to launch the **KVM Console**.
 - In the **KVM Console**, click the **Virtual Media**.
 - Click **Add Image** and click the `ucs-server-name-huu-version_number.iso` file.
 - In the **Client View** area, in the **Mapped** column, check the check box for the ISO file that you added and then wait for mapping to complete.

g) After the ISO file appears as a mapped remote device, go to Step 4.

Step 4 Boot the server and press F6 when prompted to open the **Boot Menu** screen.

Step 5 In the **Boot Menu** screen, choose the prepared ISO:

- For a local upgrade, choose the physical or externally connected CD/DVD device and then press Enter.
- For a remote upgrade, choose **Cisco vKVM-Mapped vDVD1.22**, and press Enter.

The server boots from the selected device.

Step 6 After the HUU boots, Cisco End User License Agreement (EULA) appears, read the EULA and click:

- I Agree to agree with the license agreement and proceed with the update.
- I Disagree to cancel.

After you accept the EULA, when the **Cisco Host Upgrade Utility** window appears with a list of all the components that are available for update.

Step 7 If you want to update all the listed components, click **Update all**.

- Note**
- If you are updating to 2.0 (x) from versions 1.5(11) and before, or from version 1.5.3 both the active and the backup versions of Cisco IMC will be updated to 2.0(x).
 - During update the KVM connection will be lost, you have to reconnect to view the progress of the updates.

Step 8 If you want update specific components from the list, choose the components that you want to update.

Step 9 Click **Update**.

- Note**
- We recommend you update the firmware on all components using the **Update all** option, unless you want to specifically update the firmware of a component.
 - When you update the firmware of one of the following three components: BIOS, , or CMC, we recommend that you also update the firmware of the other two components.
 - If you update the firmware, click **Exit** and then **Ok** to activate the firmware.
 - If you choose to update and any other component with it and if you have not chosen BIOS, then on exit, you will be prompted to update the **Chassis Firmware**, click **Yes** in the confirmation box to update the chassis firmware.

This initiates the update and the status of the update is displayed in the **Update Status** column. You can also view a more detailed log of a series of activities and statuses that are involved while updating the firmware in the **Execution Logs** section.

Step 10 If you want to update the firmware of the hard disk of a server, click **Update HDD Firmware**. A window displays a list of hard disk drives on the server that support new firmware. Hard disk drives that do not support firmware upgrades are not listed.

Important Updating the firmware of the hard disk drive could result in data loss. Cisco recommends that you take a complete system backup prior to updating the firmware.

a) To update the firmware of all the hard disks, click **Update All**.

With this option, HDDs with the latest firmware installed are not updated.

b) To update a specific HDD, choose the HDD and click **Update**.

Step 11 Reboot the server.

Step 12 Reboot the server, and click **Last Update Verify** to verify if the update was successfully completed. This action compares the previously updated firmware version for each component that was updated using the HUU with the current version of the firmware on the components and provides the status of the update.

Step 13 If you want to save the log files of the update status for later use, click **Save Logs**. Log files that contain a detailed status of the update are saved to an external USB device that is connected to the server physically or through the KVM vMedia.

Note If an error occurs while updating the firmware, you are prompted to save the error log. Click **Save Logs** to save the log to an externally connected USB. This log can be used for identifying the cause of the error and troubleshooting.

Step 14 Click **Exit** to exit from the HUU.

Note

- If you have updated the and not the BIOS, when you click **Exit**, gets activated and you lose connectivity to the and KVM.
- If you have selected LOM for update and you are on shared LOM mode, when you click **Exit**, you lose connectivity to the and KVM.

What to Do Next

After upgrading the server to the compatible server release version, you must establish the physical connection for the server to make it a part of Cisco UCS domain. To connect the server to your Cisco UCS FEXes and FIs, see [Connecting the C-Series Server with Cisco UCS Domain in Cluster Setup](#), on page 20.

Updating Cisco UCS P81E VIC Firmware and uboot Image in Integrated Servers

If your Cisco UCS P81E VIC firmware and uboot version is earlier than 2.0(2g), when you integrate the server with any Cisco UCS Manager version, the UCS Manager software will return discovery and associate/disassociate failures. To avoid such failures you can do the following:

- Before you integrate the server with UCS System, upgrade your P81E VIC firmware and uboot image to the required minimum 2.0(2g) level in standalone mode.
- If your server is already integrated, you cannot upgrade the P81E VIC uboot image in the UCS Manager software. You have to remove the server from the integration and then use Cisco Host Upgrade Utility to upgrade the card and server firmware.

The following procedure provides the process to upgrade when your server is integrated with Cisco UCS Manager.

Procedure

- Step 1** Decommission the server from UCS Manager.
- Step 2** Disconnect the cables from the 1-Gb LOM ports on the server.
- Step 3** Connect an Ethernet line from your LAN to one of the 1-Gb LOM ports (not to the dedicated management port, which is disabled in UCSM mode).
- Step 4** Find the Host Upgrade Utility ISO file download for your server online and download it to a temporary location on your workstation:
- See the following URL: <http://www.cisco.com/cisco/software/navigator.html>
 - Click **Unified Computing and Servers** in the middle column.
 - Click **Cisco UCS C-Series Rack-Mount Standalone Server Software** in the right-hand column.
 - Click your model of server in the right-hand column.
 - Click **Unified Computing System (UCS) Server Firmware**.
 - Click the release number that you are downloading.
 - Click **Download Now** to download the ISO file.
 - Verify the information on the next page, then click **Proceed With Download**.
 - Continue through the subsequent screens to accept the license agreement and then browse to a location where you will save the ISO file.
- Step 5** Prepare the ISO. For local upgrade, on a local media and for remote upgrade, as a virtual device:

Option	Description
Local upgrade	Perform the steps before going to Step 3: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Burn the ISO image onto a writable DVD. Connect a VGA monitor and USB keyboard to the Cisco C-Series server. Insert the DVD into the DVD drive of the Cisco C-Series server or an external DVD drive.

Option	Description
Remote upgrade	<p>Perform the steps before going to Step 3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Use a browser to connect to the CIMC Manager software on the server that you are upgrading. 2 Enter the CIMC IP address for that server in the address field of the browser, then enter your user name and password. 3 Launch a KVM Console window (click the KVM keyboard icon). 4 When the Virtual KVM Console window launches, select Tools > Launch Virtual Media. 5 In the Virtual Media Session window, click Add Image and navigate to the utility ISO file and select it. Navigate to the location where you downloaded the ISO. The ISO image is displayed in the Client View area. 6 In the Virtual Media Session window, select the check box in the Mapped column for the ISO file that you added, and then wait for mapping to complete. Observe the progress in the Details area. <p>Now the ISO image is mapped to the remote device.</p>

Step 6 Boot the server and press F6 when prompted to open the Boot Menu screen.

Step 7 On the Boot Menu screen, select the device where you prepared the ISO in Step 2:

- If you are upgrading locally, select the physical CD/DVD device and then press Enter (for example, SATA5:TSScorp CDDVDW TS-L633C).
- If you are upgrading remotely, select **Cisco Virtual CD/DVD** and then press Enter.

The server is rebooted from the device you choose.

Step 8 A screen appears with the server BIOS and CIMC firmware versions. Answer the prompt, Have you read the Cisco EULA (end user license agreement)?

- Press y to accept the EULA and continue the update.
- Press n to read the EULA. The EULA is displayed and you are prompted to press y to continue the update, or n to cancel. If you press n, the server will reboot without updating.
- Press q to exit without updating. This selection reboots the server.

The **Host Upgrade Menu** screen displays.

- Step 9** Select the option to **Update UCS P81E VIC**. This will update the card firmware and uboot image to the required level.
- Step 10** Select the option to **Update CIMC Firmware**. This will update the CIMC firmware.
- Step 11** Verify the firmware levels on the next screen.
- Step 12** Select the option to **Reboot the machine**.
- Step 13** When you see the F8 prompt during rebooting, press F8 to open the CIMC Configuration Utility.
- Step 14** In the CIMC Configuration Utility, select the option **CIMC Factory Default**, then press F10 to save your changes.
- Step 15** Return the cables from the FEXes to the 1-Gb LOM ports on the server.
- Step 16** Recommission the server in UCS Manager.
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Upgrading a Server from Dual-Wire Management to Single-Wire Management

If your server is integrated with the Cisco UCS Domain in dual-wire management, with the upgrade to Cisco UCS Manager, release 2.1, you can upgrade the server to integrate in single-wire management.

**Note**

If the C-Series Rack-Mount Server is managed in standalone mode, to upgrade the server for single-wire integration, do the following:

- Power off the server, insert Cisco UCS VIC 1225 adapter in the required PCIe slot
- Follow the procedure in [Upgrading the C-Series Server Firmware](#).

The following is the process to upgrade an existing server integrated in dual-wire management to integrate in single-wire management.

- Update the CIMC and BIOS Firmware to the recommended level. See [Requirements for SingleConnect Integration with Cisco UCS Manager](#).
- Disassociate service profile and decommission the server from Cisco UCS Domain.
- Insert the Cisco UCS VIC 1225 in the required PCIe slot.
- Connect the server with Cisco UCS Domain. See [Connecting the C-Series Server with Cisco UCS Domain in Cluster Setup](#).

**Note**

You can also connect the server in non-cluster setup.

- Recommission the server in Cisco UCS Manager mode.

Migrating the Configuration to Release 2.1 or Later

When a Cisco UCS C-Series server is integrated with Cisco UCS Manager, discovered and associated with a service profile, you can migrate the configuration to a later version of Cisco UCS Manager.



Note

- This migration process causes server downtime.
- This procedure describes the scenario where management path from the server connects to the FEX and the data path connects directly to the FI.

Procedure

- Step 1** Shut down the server OS.
- Step 2** In Cisco UCS Manager, decommission all C-series servers from the Cisco UCS domain.
- Step 3** **Unconfigure** all FI server ports that are connected to the Nexus 2248 FEX.
Issue an NX-OS **show fex** command to verify that the FEX is unconfigured. Wait until the command return does not list the FEX.
- Step 4** Disconnect the cable that connects the FEX and the FI.
- Step 5** In Cisco UCS Manager CLI, issue a **remove fex** *fex_ID* command to remove the FEX from the database.
- Step 6** In Cisco UCS Manager GUI, **Unconfigure** all FI server ports that are connected to the server's adapter card.
- Step 7** Disconnect the cable that connects the FI and the server's adapter card.
- Step 8** Disconnect the cable that connects the FEX and the server's LOM connector.
- Step 9** Upgrade your Cisco UCS Manager software to release 2.1 or later and the FI firmware to the corresponding level.
- Step 10** Repeat steps 3 through 9 on the second fabric interconnect in your configuration.
- Step 11** Connect the C-Series server directly to your network and upgrade the firmware by using the standalone CIMC utility.
 - a) Connect an Ethernet line from your LAN to one of the 1-Gb LOM ports on the server. Do not use the dedicated management port, this is disabled in the Cisco UCS Manager integrated mode.
 - b) Follow the instructions in [Updating Cisco UCS P81E VIC Firmware and uboot Image in Integrated Servers](#), then return to the next step in this procedure.
- Step 12** Physically replace the Nexus 2248 FEX with a Nexus 2232PP FEX in your rack.
- Step 13** Connect the cables as shown in the image. See [Physical Connectivity Illustrations for Cluster Setup](#)
In this new configuration, the data and management paths both connect from the server to the FEX. The paths between the FEX and the FI carry both data and management traffic.

Important Issuing an NX-OS **show fex** command to verify the FEX. Wait until the command return lists the new Nexus 2232PP FEX. The FEX will automatically upgrade to the corresponding FI firmware version.
- Step 14** After both fabric interconnects are cabled, from Cisco UCS Manager, re-commission the decommissioned C-series servers.
When the server is discovered in Cisco UCS Manager, the previously assigned service profile is automatically re-associated with the server.





Troubleshooting

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Replacing a Hardware Component on a Cisco UCS Manager Integrated C-Series Server

After you replace hardware with managed firmware component on a Cisco UCS Manager integrated C-Series server, the server may fail discovery. This could be due to a corrupt firmware on the hardware or incompatibility of the hardware component's firmware. Complete the following steps to ensure server does not fail discovery due to server firmware corruption or incompatibility after hardware replacement:

Procedure

- Step 1** Right-click **Server** -> **Server Maintenance** > **Decommission Server** to decommission the server.
- Step 2** Disconnect the cables connecting the VICs to the FI (or FEX, if applicable).
- Step 3** Remove the server from Cisco UCS Manager:
 - a) Choose **Equipment** -> **Decommissioned** .
 - b) Right-click on the server and click **Remove**.
- Step 4** Reboot the server and perform a **CIMC Reset to Factory Defaults**.
- Step 5** Connect a 1G cable to the MGMT port on the server and configure it for standalone access.
- Step 6** Re-image all the server firmware to match the Cisco UCS Manager firmware bundle CIMC version with the server:
 - a) Download the Host Upgrade Utility (HUU) from Cisco's software download site for the CIMC version that corresponds to the host firmware package applied to this server in the Cisco UCS Manager.
 - b) Boot the server with the standalone KVM and run the HUU package.

For information about steps to upgrade the firmware, refer to the [Host Utility Upgrade User Guide](#) that corresponds to the HUU CIMC version that was downloaded in the previous step.

- Step 7** Reboot the server and perform a **CIMC Reset to Factory Defaults**.
 - Step 8** Unplug the power cables for 30 seconds.
 - Step 9** Reconnect the uplink cables.
 - Step 10** Connect the power cables and power on.
 - Step 11** Verify if the server displays on the Cisco UCS Manager, this may take a few minutes.
 - Step 12** After the server appears, re-acknowledge the server, if the rack server discovery policy is set to user acknowledge.
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