

FlexPod 2010–2020: A History of Innovation

A lot can happen in more than 10 years' time. Since the rollout of the first FlexPod, IT has undergone dramatic shifts as new technologies arrived and the data deluge advanced—a revolution that continues to this day. But no matter what, FlexPod has evolved in order to help businesses efficiently improve their operations and successfully drive innovation. **How? To find out, take a look at a few key milestones from our future-focused journey.**

For the full FlexPod story, [check out the website.](#)

LEGEND:

- Technology
- Partnerships
- Strategy



2010

FlexPod Launches

NetApp and Cisco collaborate to create an agile, best-in-class converged infrastructure platform. Combining NetApp ONTAP storage arrays with Cisco Unified Computing System (UCS) servers and Cisco Nexus switches, [they build the first-generation FlexPod.](#)

2013

3-Year Strategic Agreement Is Announced

Working together to simplify deployment, management, and orchestration, [NetApp and Cisco announce a forward-thinking plan](#) to unify branch office, data center, and public cloud infrastructures on top of a FlexPod foundation.

2011–2013

Ecosystem of Technology Partners Forms *(Microsoft, SAP, VMware)*

To enable seamless daily operations for all customers, FlexPod partners with industry-leading innovators such as Microsoft, SAP, Citrix, and Oracle, offering pre-validated architectures that are proven to work with the most popular technology solutions.

2014: \$3B in Sales, 4.1K Customers

2015

All-Flash FAS Comes to FlexPod

2015: \$5.6B in Sales, 6.3K Customers

2017

Cloud Connection Is Added

2017: \$8B in Sales, 8.4K Customers

2018

Managed Private Cloud Arrives

2019

FlexPod Datacenter for AI/ML Rolls Out

2019: 170 Validated Designs

To empower customers to tap into their ever-growing volumes of data for insights, FlexPod unveils a next-generation artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) solution. With Flexpod Datacenter for AI/ML, [customers can support modern, demanding workloads](#) like AI, ML, and deep learning (DL).

End-to-End NVMe Is Available

2020

Patient-First EHR Infrastructure Is Introduced

2020: 180 Validated Designs

Can converged infrastructure really improve patient outcomes? FlexPod for Epic and MEDITECH EHR software can. Reliable, scalable, and flexible enough to handle Epic's and MEDITECH software's current and future requirements, [the solution simplifies healthcare operations](#) so hospitals can better focus on patients.

Enhanced FlexPod VDI Is Unveiled

To help customers leverage the powerful new FlexPod technology and latest VDI workloads, NetApp and Cisco introduce a VMware Horizon validated architecture, enabling [5.4K Windows 10 desktop users](#)—with the ability to scale beyond 10K users in multiple domains.

2020–Onwards

The Evolving Revolution Continues

Always integrating new solutions and technologies, FlexPod is poised to change, grow, and evolve as the IT landscape does—ensuring all our customers' investments are future-proofed.

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