Prepare your Telco network for 5G and the next-generation evolution with the HPE Core and Edge Telco Blueprints

**HPE NETWORK FUNCTIONS VIRTUALIZATION**

**NFVI challenges faced by Telcos**

Innovation is now about moving away from closed and rigid, monolithic, purpose-built solutions to more open and flexible solutions built on a cloud paradigm for Telco networks.

As CSPs refocus their efforts from maintaining network stability to driving innovation, Hewlett Packard Enterprise helps take their core through a digital transformation for 5G.

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**HPE TELCO BLUEPRINT ARCHITECTURE**

HPE Telco Blueprints are reference designs validated by our telecommunications experts leveraging infrastructure as code principles and HPE NFV best practices. HPE Telco Blueprints come with an optional NFV Platform Software (NPS) toolkit designed to simplify NFVI stack deployment and configuration on HPE infrastructure. The NPS toolkit leverages open industry standards to accelerate deployments and help eliminate human error.

Designed to enhance every layer of the NFVI stack, HPE Telco Blueprints enable scalability via modularity, reliability with no single point of failure and accelerated performance. All system components can be network equipment building systems (NEBS) level 3 certified, tuned with optimal BIOS and NIC configurations for carrier-grade performance and incorporate open industry standards such as Redfish API. HPE Telco Blueprints are optimally designed and validated with close technical collaboration from leading VIM and SDN partners, and are offered with end-to-end support.

HPE Telco Blueprints are provided as NFVI reference designs that leverage HPE components and HPE Pointnext Services and SI partners to help our clients create custom configurations based on their specific needs.

**FIGURE 1. Supporting NFV from core to edge**

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WHAT IS IN AN HPE CORE TELCO BLUEPRINT?
The HPE Core Telco Blueprints are designed to support CSP NFV use cases within the core of their networks. The components of the HPE Core Telco Blueprint include:

- **High-performance (100G) top-of-rack networking nodes**—HPE FlexFabric 59XX/HPE 69XX ONIE Switches and Cumulus NOS Switch Series
- **Control nodes** in high availability configuration using HPE ProLiant DL360/DL380 Gen10 servers
- **Storage nodes** for shared storage with Ceph on HPE ProLiant DL380/DL385 Gen10 servers or HPE Nimble Storage or HPE 3PAR Gen5
- **VMware vSAN™** on HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen10 servers
- **Compute nodes** with carrier-grade performance on HPE ProLiant DL360/DL380/DL385 Gen10 servers or HPE Synergy 480 Gen10 Compute Modules
- Optional Storage and Compute nodes running as a Hyperconverged OpenStack deployment on HPE ProLiant DL380/DL385 Gen10 servers
- **Compute nodes** as Hyperconverged Infrastructure (HCI), running OpenStack and Ceph deployment on HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen10 servers or HPE Nimble Storage
- **Storage nodes** as Hyperconverged Infrastructure (HCI), running OpenStack and Ceph on HPE ProLiant DL380/DL385 Gen10 servers or stand-alone HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen10 servers
- **Red Hat OpenStack Platform 10/13 or VMware vCloud NFV OpenStack Edition 3.1 as virtual infrastructure manager (VIM)**

WHAT IS IN AN HPE EDGE TELCO BLUEPRINT?
Multi-access Edge Computing (MEC)—Next-gen architectures like 5G can only be exploited by extending compute closer to the edge. Edge computing is an essential pillar for 5G architectures to reach maturity, enabling carriers to exploit the physical distribution of their infrastructure.

The HPE Edge Telco Blueprints are stable platforms that enable CSP business agility with open and optimized infrastructure for NFVI workloads at the network edge. The components of the HPE Edge Telco Blueprint include:

- **High-performance (100G) top-of-rack networking nodes**—HPE FlexFabric 59XX/HPE 69XX ONIE Switches and Cumulus NOS Switch Series
- **Control nodes** in high availability configuration consolidated on a 1U HPE Edgeline EL4000 Converged Edge System
- **Storage nodes** as Hyperconverged Infrastructure (HCI), running OpenStack and Ceph on HPE ProLiant DL380/DL385 Gen10 servers or HPE Nimble Storage
- **Compute nodes** as Hyperconverged Infrastructure (HCI), running OpenStack and Ceph deployment on HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen10 servers or stand-alone HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen10 servers
- **Red Hat OpenStack Platform 13 as virtual infrastructure manager (VIM)**
- **AC or DC/NEBS options available**

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HPE Telco-focused solutions and services
HPE helps CSPs transform the way they do business and grow in a fast-changing market. Through our portfolio of Telco-focused solutions and HPE Pointnext Services, HPE enables CSPs to increase network agility, enhance operations efficiency, and leverage customer insights to successfully pursue new opportunities and embrace new business models.

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