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University of Granada selects Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series switches

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Jan 21, 2013 (Datamonitor via COMTEX) -- Cisco Systems, Inc. has announced that the University of Granada has renovated its network infrastructure with the Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series switches.

The upgrade incorporates higher-capacity processors and 40 Gbps Gigabit ethernet connectivity cards in order to establish aggregated links and obtain a connection to the 160 Gbps nucleus of the network backbone. Offering new services with high bandwidth consumption but minimum latency, the network has been designed to take into account the requirements of high availability, fault tolerance and highly secure access to data, greatly optimizing reaction to contingencies, the company said.

The new-generation network - known as RedUGRNova - consists of Cisco routing, switching and safety solutions, including: Catalyst 6500 Series Switches that were updated with Catalyst 6904 40 GE cards; Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Switches to interconnect the two main university data centers and to unify the LAN and storage networks, including transport via Fiber Channel on Ethernet (FCoE); Cisco ASA firewalls; and the unified Cisco Prime Infrastructure management console.

These solutions allow the university to simplify control and resource monitoring at the same time as it provides internal support for the exponential growth in the number of users and high-output applications (HPC, or high-performance computing) requiring greater network capacity.

Likewise, the new infrastructure - which supports the IPv6 protocol - is designed to facilitate interconnection with the Pan-European research network GEANT via the IRIS-NOVA network, allowing them to work together uninterruptedly and with minimal latency between researchers from the different faculties and schools and other researchers all over the world, the company added.

Marcos Jimena, sales director for Borderless Networks in Cisco Espana: "We are delighted to help the University of Granada become a worldwide benchmark in terms of network capacity. Due to the criticality of its services and the need for high availability and redundancy in teaching and research projects, the new network is based on architecture involving a double chassis in each node, combining the power of the Cisco Catalyst switches with the innovative Cisco Nexus switching technology, benefiting both the University and its users as well as the associated research centers."

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