VQ Conference Manager and the introduction of VQ DMA

Cisco's TMS is a design that's approximately 20 years old. It's a workhorse and some customers love it. Its days are numbered, and Cisco stopped active development on the platform some years ago.

VQ Conference Manager, on the other hand, is a modern architecture on a modern platform delivering modern functionality. It too is a workhorse and has become established as the natural successor to TMS. VQ Conference Manager has become a leader because it delivers the functionality customers need to host modern video conferencing services on Cisco infrastructure. At scale, securely.

VQ Conference Manager, with the introduction of Device Maintenance & Automation (DMA), is much more than TMS. This diagram provides a schematic view of the richness of functionality delivered by VQ:



VQ DMA and equivalent TMS functionality

The following table lists the DMA functionality providing TMS equivalent functionality:

Feature	Description
One Button To Push	Schedule meetings using VQ's scheduler using either • the VQ user interface • Outlook Plug-in • or custom applications based on VQ's API
Directory Services	TMS-compatible, hierarchical phone books. Contemporary "labels" introduce powerful, flexible mechanisms to define and quickly filter devices into groups
Device Configuration	 Configuration management functionality for Cisco CE and RoomOS devices Define device groups to ensure the right devices are configured with the correct device configuration templates Template Modules allow the "componentization" of templates, massive reduction of duplicated templates and reduced risk of errors
Device Maintenance	 Device Status and Activity Monitoring Device Health Checks Device Onboarding Trouble Shooting (interactivity changing settings) Security Configuration management (certificates) Kibana based visualizations including Mapping
Analytics	 Monitor device state (online/offline, in-call, device alarm conditions etc.) with powerful, modern, Kibana-based dashboards to drill down into what has happened and localize issues In addition, the device maintenance dashboards introduce map-based visualizations of the deployed devices, their state and activity patterns
US Department of Defence Approved Product List status	Approved to be used in secure government environments
Multi-Tenancy	 Host multiple tenants or organizations in ring-fenced groups Control who can see which meetings, users and Spaces
Scheduler	 VQ's scheduler works tightly with the CMS architecture This allows, for example: Recurring Meeting sequences to be scheduled where each meeting instance has its own PIN/passcode Or schedule Meetings on One-Time Spaces that are deleted after the Meeting completes



VQ DMA features not offered in TMS

Some of the features VQCM offers that TMS doesn't:

Feature	Description
Powerful analytics and reporting tooling	Integrated Elasticsearch database and Kibana visualization
Complete set of User self-service tooling	 Microsoft Add-ins and Plug-ins: Enable users to manage their meetings from wherever they are or from within the tools they use
APIs	 A complete set of APIs with no additional license fees Integrate with other applications or automation tooling, e.g., Room Booking and Provisioning Systems
Self-contained, virtual appliance	 No need to install additional databases etc., everything required by VQCM is included in the install package Straightforward installation process and update processes Updates include regular updates for vulnerabilities
Enterprise grade	Built on RedHat Enterprise Linux Runs on VMware
User client	The first version of Metro will be followed by refinements; these include Metro for Outlook and Metro for Teams. • VQ Conference Manager Metro client: • A Cross-platform user interface allowing users to manage their conferencing experience • Features an integrated WebRTC video client
WebRTC SDK	• Enhance existing applications or Websites with WebRTC video, voice or content sharing with calls hosted on your CMS infrastructure

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