

VMware Modernization Partner Enablement Package

How our valued partners can build modernization solutions based on latest gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] processors

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Modernizing the Data Center with VMware and Intel Value Proposition



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Modernize with VMware and Intel

For SIs/SPs

- Future VMware direction and impact is top of mind following Broadcom's acquisition
- Connect with your customers and show them how to save money
 and modernize
- Server & Software upgrades unleashes new AI & Security capabilities leading to multiple revenue streams from modernization of the data center

For End Customer

- Achieve lower cost through server consolidation, resulting in energy savings
- Reducing the number of servers -> lower SW costs
- Additional incremental benefits from better security and running Al workloads cost-effectively

Why Faster Refresh Cycles And Modern Infrastructure Management Are Critical To Business Success

Intel and VMware: 15+ Years of Collaboration

VMware and Intel solutions combine co-engineered building blocks, reference designs, and tools to enable digital transformation



- Unify management of compute, storage, and network resources with hyperconverged infrastructure
- Optimize VM density and data
 performance with Intel® architecture
 (IA) and built-in accelerators
- Future proof for AI workloads



- Deploy software-defined data centers to leverage hybrid clouds
- Leverage agile building blocks to optimize total cost of ownership (TCO)
- Quickly deploy best of breed designs, optimized for containers, to public clouds
- Support VMware vMotion (EVC) across multi-generations of Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processors



- Protected, any-to-any connectivity
- Seamlessly extend workloads from on-prem to multi-cloud
- Experience cloud-like elastic scalability
- Accelerate packet processing and encryption performance with IA
- Reduce CapEx and OpEx costs by consolidating network functions on Intel-based servers

SECURE FOUNDATION FOR ALL JOINT SOLUTIONS

Upgrade to 5th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] processors Optimized Performance for all your Workloads

Experience Significant Performance Gains

5th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] processors vs. 3rd Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] processors



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Why Choose 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® processors for Server Refresh?

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Lower Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

Intel's portfolio of hardware, software, systems, and tools can help advance your data center's overall efficiency, creating energy savings and reducing your carbon footprint, without sacrificing performance, while giving you the TCO and flexibility you need.



Improve Efficiency

Intel® Accelerator Engines boost CPU utilization, reduce electricity consumption resulting in lower impact on the environment. **LOX** better efficiency (perf/watt) with built-in accelerators³

Optimized workload performance

By delivering more performance per core with built-in accelerators, 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® processors help you meet requirements for even the most demanding workloads.



Server Consolidation

Intel® Xeon® processors deliver the low-latency, highbandwidth capabilities required by modern and Alinfused workloads. Replacing aging infrastructure with these speedy and energy efficient processors will help you keep pace with rapidly evolving market needs. Up to 1611 server consolidation¹

Better Security with Confidential Computing

With Intel, you can choose from the most deployed confidential computing options in data centers on the market today—now including application or VM-level isolation.



5th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processor and vSphere Foundations 8.0

New Intel hardware and Existing VMware Software

- TCO Savings → Lower Power
- Improved Performance →
 Server Consolidation
- Enhanced Security and Storage (QAT)

Upgrade BOTH current hardware and software

New Intel hardware and VMware software

- Better TCO and Performance
- Al Ready (Intel® AMX)
- Increased Security
- Improved Life Cycle Management
- Significant Storage
 Performance
 Improvement (ESA)

Beyond Savings: <u>How Server Consolidation with VMware</u> vSAN 8 Boosts Performance by more than **7.4**x

How to Consolidate Your Infrastructure with VMware vSphere Foundation and Intel video

Existing Intel hardware and new VMware software

- Enhanced Security
- Life Cycle Management

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Keep existing versions of Intel hardware and VMware software

- Intel[®] Xeon[®] Gen 1 out of Support
- No Al Acceleration
- Standard Security

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Optimize Workloads with 5th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processors Accelerators Supported by VMware vSphere Foundation



Hardware Accelerators

Intel's workload-first approach with **cores + built-in accelerators**, alongside optimized software, **delivers superior performance**, **higher efficiency**, and better TCO.

Intel[®] Advanced Matrix Extensions (Intel[®] AMX) Accelerates AI deep learning inference and training workloads

Intel[®] QuickAssist Technology (Intel[®] QAT) Accelerates cryptography and data de/compression

Intel[®] Software Guard Extensions (Intel[®] SGX) For increased protection of confidential data

Memory. DDR5 and more memory channels increases bandwidth **Storage.** PCIe Gen 5 doubles the I/O bandwidth



VMware vSphere Foundation vSphere 8 vSAN 8

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Built-in Accelerators and Why You Should Use Them

Benefits of vSphere Foundation on 4th Gen Intel® Xeon®

BENCHMARKS

Up to 5x Faster¹ and Still Accurate Image Classification Using Intel[®] AMX for BF16 compared to Intel[®] AVX-512 for FP32

45% Lower TCO²

Lower total cost of ownership by more than 45% when using vSAN vs without



Up to 6.2x Better Performance⁴ With servers featuring Ist Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] vs 4th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®]

VMware vSphere/vSAN8 on 4th Gen Intel® Xeon® with Intel® AMX for Image Classification

Solution Brief

Boost Performance and Lower Latency with VMware vSAN8 and 4th Gen Intel® Xeon® ²Solution Brief

vSphere/vSAN with Intel® AMX for Natural Language Processing

³Solution Snapshot

VMware vSAN on 4th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] for **Modernization**

4Solution Snapshot

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VMware vSAN and 4th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processors Outpace AMD Genoa

Value of VMware with 4th & 5th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processors



Up to **22.4 X Higher**

Performance

with 5th Gen Intel Xeon Processors compared to older servers using 2nd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable Processors

Up to **12.5:1** Server

Consolidation

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with 5th Gen Intel Xeon Processors compared to older servers using 2nd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable Processors

MORE INFO

Boost VMware Performance While Consolidating Servers and Reducing Cost







during ACTIVE database use

using Intel® QAT for compression on 4th Gen Intel Xeon processors over standard SQL compression.¹



using 4th Gen Intel Xeon processors vs. 3rd Gen¹



with Intel® AMX on 5th gen Intel Xeon

Platinum vs. Gold processors

AI

39.6% More LLM Tokens

Upto

with Intel® AMX on 5th vs 3rd gen Intel Xeon Processors





MORE 5TH GEN PROOF POINTS

Power Efficiency + Image Classification and NLP 10

¹See backup for workloads and configurations. Results may vary.

Benefits of Bringing AI Everywhere in the Enterprise

Intel and VMware Better Together



intel. 1: Forbes: https://www.forbes.com/sites/gilpress/2019/11/22/top-artificial-intelligence-ai-predictions-for-2020-from-idc-and-forrester/#4fef9821315a 2: VMware: https://npifinancial.com/blog/how-will-broadcoms-acquisition-of-vmware-affect-vmware-customers/

VMware Enterprise AI with Intel

Unlock Al Everywhere



Enable **Privacy and Security** for Al Models

Build and deploy on a robust multicloud platform with integrated security and management



Boost Al Performance

Achieve excellent AI model performance using VCF and Intel processors, hardware accelerators and optimized software



Deploy Al Everywhere

Get a fully validated AI stack on already deployed clusters

Announcing New Collaborations in VMware Enterprise Al

<u>Bloq</u> <u>Webinar</u> <u>Website</u> Intel® AMX - The next big step in AI; cost-effective means of running AI workloads without the need for a GPU <u>Technical Brief</u> showing how VMware Enterprise AI with 4th Gen Intel® Xeon® and built-in Intel® AMX acceleration will let you run your AI apps anywhere you want

Enterprise Al with Intel: transformative Al with superior privacy, security, performance, scale and TCO



The combination of VMware vSphere Foundation and Intel's AI software suite and Intel® Xeon® processors with built-in AI accelerators will deliver a validated and benchmarked AI stack for data preparation, model training, fine-tuning and inferencing to accelerate scientific discovery and enrich business and consumer services



VMware Enterprise AI will be supported by servers from Dell Technologies, Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Lenovo running 4th and 5th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] CPUs with Intel[®] Advanced Matrix Extensions (Intel[®] AMX).

Call to Action for SIs

Your customers have questions on VMware moving to a subscription model

Switching platforms is costly and time consuming

Showcase the streamlined migration path to vSphere 8.0 with the latest Xeon generation servers, which will reduce TCO

Highlight how to **save more money** by running emerging AI workloads on latest generation Intel® Xeon® processors

How to Get Started: Access the Intel® Xeon® Processor Advisor Suite to calculate your customers' best route to lower TCO and their ROI

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Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processor Advisor Suite Optimize Performance, TCO, ROI and Power Consumption

Discover the best time to refresh and how to scale your data center:



Access up-to-date Specifications for Benchmarks and Pricing for On-Prem Deployments



Get Product Recommendations for CPUs, PMEM, SSDs and Networking



Get Solutions Recommendations for Systems and Instances by Workload



Calculate TCO and ROI for Node and Rack Based Data Center Solutions

Instant Expert Advice 24x7 to Optimize your Data Center TCO and Sustainability

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Additional Resources

AssetType	Title and Link
Product Briefcase	Accelerate End-to-End AI Pipelines on VMware Powered by 4th Gen Intel Xeon Scalable Processors
Research Paper	The CIO of 2025: Leading Technology-driven Growth Across The Entire Organization - Forbes Insights by Intel and VMware
OEM Solution Brief	HPE expands partnership with VMware and Intel to accelerate AI for all organizations
OEM Solution Brief	New Intel and VMware Technologies Turbocharge Lenovo ThinkAgile VX V3 Systems
Webinar	Multi-cloud Environments with Intel & VMware
Sales Guide	Reasons to Modernize: A Conversation Guide
Blog	Configuration Guidance for VMware Private AI with Intel
Solution Brief	VMware Horizon with 4th Gen Intel® Xeon Processors — Lab Insights
Research Paper	2024 VMware Explore: The Return of the Private Cloud
Blog	Navigating the Clouds: A Story of Transformation and Partnership with VMware Cloud Foundation
VMware Brief	Why Run Modern Apps on VMware Hyperconverged Infrastructure
VMware Solution Overview	Deployment, Management, and Monitoring for Mixed Workloads on VMware vSAN™
Video	Intel vPro® and VMware Workspace ONE: Modern Management and Security from Chip to Cloud
Solution Overview	Intel vPro and VMware Workspace ONE

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5th Generation Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processor Proof Points

Performance Boost Plus Increased Power Efficiency for VMware VCF on 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processors



Performance/Power of HCI Bench - vSAN 8.U2 ESA Higher is better

Intel[®] Xeon[®] Platinum 8490H ■ Intel[®] Xeon[®] Platinum 8592+



Up to 7% higher IOPS with up to 24% reduction in performance/watt by using 5th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] processors vs. previous generation

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See backup for workloads and configurations. Results may vary.

AI: Image Classification and NLP on VMware VCF 5th vs. 3rd Generation Intel® Xeon® Processors



Intel[®] AVX-512 + Intel[®] DL Boost

Intel® AVX-512 + Intel® DL Boost; Intel® AMX for BF16, INT8

Normalized Performance on TensorFlow 2.14 using BERT-Large

Normalized Performance on TensorFlow 2.14 using ResNet-50

AI: Image Classification and NLP on VMware VCF 5th vs. 3rd Generation Intel[®] Xeon[®] Scalable Processors on Dell PowerEdge Servers



Intel[®] AVX-512 + Intel[®] DL Boost

Intel[®] AVX-512 + Intel[®] DL Boost; Intel[®] AMX for BF16, INT8

Intel[®] AI Software Portfolio

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Note: components at each layer of the stack are optimized for targeted components at other layers based on expected AI usage models, and not every component is utilized by the solutions in the rightmost column [†] This list includes popular open-source frameworks that are optimized for Intel hardware

Configuration: VMware vSAN 8 on 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processors



- Intel[®] Xeon[®] Platinum 8490H: Tested by Intel as of 11/17/23; 4-node cluster; Each node: 2x Intel Xeon Platinum 8490H, 60 cores, 1.9GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 8 [0], DSA 8 [0], IAA 8 [0], QAT 8 [0]. Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 4800 MT/s [4800 MT/s]), BIOS 05.01.00, microcode 0x2b000461, 2x Intel[®] Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP 100G, Drives: 1x 894.3G Intel SSDSC2KG960G8, 8x 3.5TB Intel SSDPF2KX038TZ. OS/Software: VMware vSphere/vSAN 8.0 U2, build 22380479, vSAN ESA default, using HCI Bench 2.82, FIO3.3. Throughput test in IOPS and IOPS/watt with multiple profiles as shown on slide. #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB.
- 2. Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8592+: Tested by Intel as of 10/12/23. 4-node cluster; Each node: 2x Intel Xeon Platinum 8592+, 64 cores, 1.9GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 2 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 2 [0], QAT 2 [0]. Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [5600 MT/s]), BIOS 3B05.TEL4P1, microcode 0x21000161, 2x I350 Gigabit Network Connection, 2x Intel® Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP 100G, Drives: 1x 894.3G Intel SSDSC2KG960G8, 8x 3.5TB Intel SSDPF2KX038TZ. OS/Software: VMware vSphere/vSAN 8.0 U2, build 22380479, vSAN ESA default, using HCI Bench 2.82, FIO3.3. Throughput test in IOPS and IOPS/watt with multiple profiles as shown on slide. #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB.

5th Gen vs. 2nd Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processors I/O Performance Workloads and Configurations



- 1. Intel® Xeon® Gold 6242 RAID-5: Test by Intel as of 05/7/24. 4-node clusters, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6242 CPU @ 2.80GHz, 16 cores, HT On, Turbo On, Total Memory 384GB (12x32GB DDR4 2666 MT/s [2666 MT/s]), BIOS 2.20.1, microcode 0x5003604, 2x I350 Gigabit Network Connection, 2x Ethernet Controller X710 for 10GbE SFP+, Boot: 2x 349.3G INTEL MDTPE21K375GA, Storage: 6x 1.8T INTEL SSDPE2KX020T8, OS/Software: VMware 7.0U3, 23794027, vSAN OSA default policy (RAID5, 2DG), using HCI Bench 2.8.3, FIO3.3. Throughput test 8K profile: I/O size 8K, Read percentage 70%, Random percentage 100%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 16K profile: I/O size 16K, Read percentage 70%, Random percentage 80%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 32K profile: I/O size 32k, Read percentage 50%, Random percentage 50%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 32K profile: I/O size 32k, Read percentage 50%, Random percentage 50%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB.</p>
- 2. Intel Xeon Gold 6242 RAID-1: Test by Intel as of 05/7/24. 4- node clusters, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6242 CPU @ 2.80GHz, 16 cores, HT On, Turbo On, Total Memory 384GB (12x32GB DDR4 2666 MT/s [2666 MT/s]), BIOS 2.20.1, microcode 0x5003604, 2x I350 Gigabit Network Connection, 2x Ethernet Controller X710 for 10GbE SFP+, Boot: 2x 349.3G INTEL MDTPE21K375GA, Storage: 6x 1.8T INTEL SSDPE2KX020T8, OS/Software: VMware 7.0U3, 23794027, vSAN OSA default policy (RAID-1, 2DG), using HCI Bench 2.8.3, FIO3.3. Throughput test 8K profile: I/O size 8K, Read percentage 70%, Random percentage 100%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 16K profile: I/O size 16K, Read percentage 70%, Random percentage 80%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 32K profile: I/O size 32k, Read percentage 50%, Random percentage 50%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 32K profile: I/O size 32k, Read percentage 50%, Random percentage 50%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB.</p>
- 3. Intel Xeon Gold 6548Y+: Test by Intel as of 05/7/24. 4-node cluster, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6548Y+ CPU @ 2.50GHz, 32 cores, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 0 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 0 [0], QAT 0 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [5200 MT/s]), BIOS 3B07.TEL2PI, microcode 0x21000200, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Boot: 2x 223.6G INTEL SSDSCKKB240GZ, Storage: 8x 2.9T KIOXIA KCD81PUG3T20, OS/Software: VMware ESXi 8.0.2, 23825572, vSAN ESA Optimal default policy (RAID-5, flat), using HCI Bench 2.8.3, FIO3.3. Throughput test 8K profile: I/O size 8K, Read percentage 70%, Random percentage 100%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 16K profile: I/O size 16K, Read percentage 70%, Random percentage 80%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 32K profile: I/O size 32k, Read percentage 50%, Random percentage 50%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 32K profile: I/O size 32k, Read percentage 50%, Random percentage 50%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 32K profile: I/O size 32k, Read percentage 50%, Random percentage 50%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB. Throughput test 32K profile: I/O size 32k, Read percentage 50%, Random percentage 50%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB.</p>

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5th Gen vs. 2nd Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processors Server Consolidation Workloads and Configurations



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For #1 and #2, performance was measured at 4 to 8 nodes (five data points), and then projected to higher node counts using exponential smoothing forecasting. Exponential smoothing forecasting in Excel is based on the AAA version (additive error, additive trend and additive seasonality) of the Exponential Triple Smoothing (ETS) algorithm, which smooths out minor deviations in past data trends by detecting seasonality patterns and confidence intervals.

3. Intel Xeon Gold 6548Y+: Test by Intel as of 05/7/24. 4-node cluster, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6548Y+ @ 2.50GHz, 32 cores, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 0 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 0 [0], QAT 0 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [5200 MT/s]), BIOS 3B07.TEL2P1, microcode 0x21000200, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Boot: 2x 223.6G INTEL SSDSCKKB240GZ, Storage: 8x 2.9T KIOXIA KCD81PUG3T20, OS/Software: VMware ESXi 8.0.2, 23825572, vSAN ESA – Optimal default policy (RAID-5, flat), using HCI Bench 2.8.3, FIO3.3. Throughput test 8k profile (I/O size 8k, Read percentage 70%, Random percentage 100%, latency target mode<10ms, #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB).</p>

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Al: Image Classification and NLP on VMware VCF 5th vs. 3rd Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processors

Configuration Details – Al on 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processors



BASELINE on 3rd Gen Xeon Config: Intel® Xeon® Gold 6348. 1-node, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6348 CPU, 28 cores @ 2.60GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 0 [0], DSA 0 [0], IAA 0 [0], QAT 0 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR4 3200 MT/s [3200 MT/s]), BIOS SE5C620.86B.01.01.0009.2311021928, microcode 0xd0003b9, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Drives: 9x 3.5TB INTEL SSDPF2KX038TZ, 2x 54.9G INTEL SSDPEK1A058GA, VMware vSphere 8.0U2, build 22380479, Ubuntu Server 22.04.3 VM (vHW=21, vmxnet3), Kernel 5.15, intel-optimized-tensorflow: 2.14, ResNet50v1.5, Batch size=128, VM=56vCPU+400GB RAM, Multi instance scenario (4 cores per instance), BERT-Large, SQuAD 1.1, Batch size=128, VM=56vCPU+400GB RAM. Test by Intel as of 12/11/23.

5th Gen Xeon Configuration: Intel® Xeon® Gold 6548Y+. 1-node, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6548Y+, 32 cores @ 2.5GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 2 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 2 [0], QAT 2 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [5200 MT/s]), BIOS 3B05.TEL4P1, microcode 0x21000161, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Drives: 8x 3.5TB INTEL SSDPF2KX038TZ, 1x 894.3G INTEL SSDSC2KG960G8, VMware vSphere 8.0U2, build 22380479, Ubuntu Server 22.04.3 VM (vHW=21, vmxnet3), Kernel 5.15, intel-optimized-tensorflow:2.14, ResNet50v1.5, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+400GB RAM, Multi instance scenario (4 cores per instance), BERT-Large, SQuAD 1.1, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+400GB RAM. Test by Intel as of 11/24/23.

Configuration Details – LLM on VCF c 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processors



4th Gen Xeon Config: Intel® Xeon® Gold 6448Y. 1-node, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6448Y CPU, 32 cores @ 2.10GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 0 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 0 [0], QAT 0 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [4800 MT/s]), BIOS 3B07.TEL2P1, microcode 0x2b000590, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Drives: 1x 894.3G Intel SSDSC2KG960G8, 8x 3.5T Intel SSDPF2KX038TZ, VMware vSphere 8.0U2, build 22380479, VM: 60 vCPU + 256GB vRAM, Ubuntu Server 22.04.4 (vHW=21, vmxnet3), kernel 5.15.0-94, LLM Llama2 inference, Pytorch/IPEX 2.2, score=?UNITS, VM=56vCPU+400GB RAM. Test by Intel as of 6/19/24.

5th Gen Xeon Configuration: Intel® Xeon® Gold 6548Y+. 1-node, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6548Y+, 32 cores @ 2.5GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 2 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 2 [0], QAT 2 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [5200 MT/s]), BIOS 3B07.TEL2PI, microcode 0x21000200, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Drives: 1x 894.3G Intel SSDSC2KG960G8, 8x 3.5T Intel SSDPF2KX038TZ, VMware vSphere 8.0U2, build 22380479, VM: 60 vCPU + 256GB vRAM, Ubuntu Server 22.04.3 VM (vHW=21, vmxnet3), Kernel 5.15.0-94, LLM Llama2 inference, Pytorch/IPEX 2.2, score=?UNITS. Test by Intel as of 6/19/24.

5th Gen Xeon Configuration: : Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8592+. 1-node, 2x Intel Xeon Platinum 8592+, 64 cores @ 1.9GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 2 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 2 [0], QAT 2 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [5600 MT/s]), BIOS 3B07.TEL2P1, microcode 0x21000200, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Drives: 1x 894.3G Intel SSDSC2KG960G8, 8x 3.5T Intel SSDPF2KX038TZ, VMware vSphere 8.0U2, build 22380479, VM: 124 vCPU + 256GB vRAM, OS: Ubuntu Server 22.04.4 (vHW=21, vmxnet3), kernel 5.15.0-94, LLM Llama2 inference, Pytorch/IPEX 2.2, score=?UNITS. Test by Intel as of 6/19/24.

Al on vSphere/vSAN 8.0 Configuration Details (3rd Gen vs. 4th Gen)

3rd Gen Intel® Xeon® Scalable platform configuration: 4-node cluster, Each node: 2x Intel® Xeon® Gold 6348 Processor, 1x Server Board M50CYP2UR, Total Memory 512 GB (16x 32GB DDR4 3200MHz), HyperThreading: Enable, Turbo: Enabled, NUMA noSNC, Intel VMD: Enabled, BIOS: SE5C620.86B.01.01.0006.2207150335 (ucode:0xd000375), Storage (boot): 2x 80 GB Solidigm SSD P1600X, Storage (cache): 2x 400 GB Intel® Optane ™ DC SSD P5800X Series, Storage (capacity): 6x 3.84 TB Solidigm SSD DC P5510 Series PCIe NVMe, Network devices: 1x Intel Ethernet E810CQDA2 E810-CQDA2, FW 4.0, at 100 GbE RoCE, Network speed: 100 GbE, OS/Software: VMware/vSAN 8.0, 20513097, Test by Intel as of 03/08/2023 using Ubuntu Server 22.04 VM (vHW=20, vmxnet3), vSAN default policy (RAID-1, 2DG), Kernel 5.15, Intel-optimized-tensorflow:2.11.0, ResNet50v1.5, Batch size=128, VM=56vCPU+64GBRAM, Multi-instance scenario (4 cores per instance), BERT-Large, SQuAD 1.1, Batch size=128, VM=56vCPU+64GBRAM

<u>Ath Gen Intel® Xeon® Scalable platform configuration</u>: 4-node cluster, Each node: 2x Intel® Xeon® Gold 6448Y Processor QS pre-production, 1x Server Board M50FCP2SBSTD, Total Memory 512 GB (16x DDR5 32GB 4800MHz), HyperThreading: Enable, Turbo: Enabled, NUMA noSNC, Intel VMD: Enabled, BIOS: SE5C741.86B.01.01.0002.2212220608 (ucode:0x2b000161), Storage (boot): 2x240GB Solidigm S4520, Storage (data): 6x 3.84 TB Solidigm SSD DC P5510 Series PCIe NVMe, Network devices: 1x Intel Ethernet E810CQDA2 E810-CQDA2, FW 4.0, at 100 GbE RoCE, Network speed: 100 GbE, OS/Software: VMware/vSAN 8.0, 20513097, Test by Intel as of 03/13/2023 using Ubuntu Server 22.04 VM (vHW=20, vmxnet3), vSAN ESA – Optimal default policy (RAID-5, flat), Kernel 5.15, intel-optimized-tensorflow:2.11.0, ResNet50v1.5, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+64GBRAM, Multi-instance scenario (4 cores per instance), BERT-Large, SQuAD 1.1, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+64GBRAM

MS SQL on vSphere/vSAN Configuration Details

<u>4th Gen Intel® Xeon® Scalable processor systems:</u> Tested by Evaluator Group as of 03/17/23 4-nodes, 4x Intel(R) Xeon(R) Platinum 8462Y+, 32 cores each, HT On, Turbo On, Total Memory 2TB Samsung 64GB DIMMS, BIOS 3A11.uh, microcode 0x2b000111, 2x Ethernet Controller 10-Gigabit X540-AT2, 2x P5800x (Gen4) Optane 1.6TB, 6x 3.8T INTEL SSDPF2KX038TZ, Windows Server 2022, HammerDB 4.5, MS SQL 2022-SSEI-Eval/SQL Server Management Studio 18.12.1, ESXi QAT driver: QAT2.0.W.2.0.1, Windows QAT driver: QAT2.0.W.2.0.1, vCenter 8.0.0, 21216066

"Large Enterprise Relational Database" (Oracle DB) on vSphere/vSAN Configuration Details

Config 1 - 3rd Gen Intel® Xeon® Platinum

4-node, Each node: Intel Software Development Platform, 2x Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8358 processor (32C, 2.6GHz, 250W TDP), HT On, Turbo ON, SNC OFF, Total Memory: 2 TB (32x64GB DDR4 2DPC 3200 MHz), ucode: 0x0d000375, Intel E810-CQDA2 100GbE, 2 Groups: Per node cache tier: 2x 1.6TB P5800X Gen 4 SD 5800X, Per node capacity tier: 6x 3.84TB D7-P5510 Series, Gen4. ESXi 8.0.0, 21216066, vCenter -8.0.0, 21216066, Oracle 21c, HammerDB 4.7. 32 VM per 4-node vSAN cluster. Per VM 12vCPU, 224GB Memory, 1 OS disk 90GB, 1 data disk 650GB, 1 log disk 150GB, 2000 WH. Tested by Evaluator Group as of July 2023.

Config 2 – 4th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] Platinum

4-node, Each node: QuantaGrid D54Q-2U, 2x Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8462Y+ processor (32C, 2.8GHz, 300W TDP), HT On, Turbo ON, SNC OFF, Total Memory: 2 TB (32x64GB DDR5 2DPC 4800 MHz), ucode: 0x2b000161, Intel E810-CQDA2 100GbE, 2 Groups: Per node cache tier: 2x 1.6TB P5800X Gen 4 SD 5800X, Per node capacity tier: 6x 3.84TB D7-P5510 Series, Gen4. ESXi 8.0.0, 21216066, vCenter -8.0.0, 21216066, Oracle 21c, HammerDB 4.7. 32 VM per 4-node vSAN cluster. Per VM 12vCPU, 224GB Memory, 1 OS disk 90GB, 1 data disk 650GB, 1 log disk 150GB, 2000 WH. Tested by Evaluator Group as of July 2023.

VMware Horizon VDI: 3rd Gen vs. 4th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processor

VMware Horizon Config Information – 4th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processors



Config1-3rd Gen Intel® Xeon® Platinum, 830 users

4-node, Each node, Intel Software Development Platform, 2x Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8358 processor (32C, 2.6GHz, 250W TDP), HT On, Turbo ON, SNC OFF, Total Memory: 2 TB (32x64GB DDR4 2DPC 3200 MHz), ucode: 0x0d000375, Intel E810-CQDA2 100G, 2 Groups: Per node cache tier: 2x 1.6TB P5800X Gen 4 SD 5800X, Per node capacity tier: 6x 3.84TB D7-P5510 Series, Gen 4, ESXi 8.0.0, 21216066, vCenter -8.0.0, 21216066, Horizon 8.9.0 2303 Build 21593375, LoginVSI 5.2.2. Knowledge worker profile 2vCPU/4GB. EUX 7.5. Tested by Evaluator Group as of August 2023.

Config 2 – 4th Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] Platinum, 1060 users

4-node, Each node, QuantaGrid D54Q-2U, 2x Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8462Y+ processor (32C, 2.8GHz, 300W TDP), HT On, Turbo ON, SNC OFF, Total Memory: 2 TB (32x64GB DDR5 2DPC 4800 MHz), ucode: 0x2b000161, Intel E810-CQDA2 100G, 2 Groups: Per node cache tier: 2x 1.6TB P5800X Gen 4 SD 5800X, Per node capacity tier: 6x 3.84TB D7-P5510 Series, Gen4, ESXi 8.0.0, 21216066, vCenter -8.0.0, 21216066, Horizon 8.9.0 2303 Build 21593375, LoginVSI 5.2.2. Knowledge worker profile 2vCPU/4GB.EUX 7.5 Tested by Evaluator Group as of August 2023.

Configuration: VMware vSAN 8 on 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processors



- 1. Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8490H: Tested by Intel as of 11/17/23; 4-node cluster; Each node: 2x Intel Xeon Platinum 8490H, 60 cores, 1.9GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 8 [0], DSA 8 [0], IAA 8 [0], QAT 8 [0]. Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 4800 MT/s [4800 MT/s]), BIOS 05.01.00, microcode 0x2b000461, 2x Intel® Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP 100G, Drives: 1x 894.3G Intel SSDSC2KG960G8, 8x 3.5TB Intel SSDPF2KX038TZ. OS/Software: VMware vSphere/vSAN 8.0 U2, build 22380479, vSAN ESA default, using HCI Bench 2.82, FIO3.3. Throughput test in IOPS and IOPS/watt with multiple profiles as shown on slide. #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB.
- 2. Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8592+: Tested by Intel as of 10/12/23. 4-node cluster; Each node: 2x Intel Xeon Platinum 8592+, 64 cores, 1.9GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 2 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 2 [0], QAT 2 [0]. Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [5600 MT/s]), BIOS 3B05.TEL4P1, microcode 0x21000161, 2x I350 Gigabit Network Connection, 2x Intel® Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP 100G, Drives: 1x 894.3G Intel SSDSC2KG960G8, 8x 3.5TB Intel SSDPF2KX038TZ. OS/Software: VMware vSphere/vSAN 8.0 U2, build 22380479, vSAN ESA default, using HCI Bench 2.82, FIO3.3. Throughput test in IOPS and IOPS/watt with multiple profiles as shown on slide. #VMs per cluster 16, vCPU 4, vRAM 8, # data disks per VM 4, size of disk 50GB.

Al: Image Classification and NLP on VMware VCF 5th vs. 3rd Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processors

Configuration Details – Al on 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processors



BASELINE on 3rd Gen Intel® Xeon® Config: Intel® Xeon® Gold 6348. 1-node, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6348 CPU, 28 cores @ 2.60GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 0 [0], DSA 0 [0], IAA 0 [0], QAT 0 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR4 3200 MT/s [3200 MT/s]), BIOS SE5C620.86B.01.01.0009.2311021928, microcode 0xd0003b9, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Drives: 9x 3.5TB INTEL SSDPF2KX038TZ, 2x 54.9G INTEL SSDPEK1A058GA, VMware vSphere 8.0U2, build 22380479, Ubuntu Server 22.04.3 VM (vHW=21, vmxnet3), Kernel 5.15, intel-optimized-tensorflow: 2.14, ResNet50v1.5, Batch size=128, VM=56vCPU+400GB RAM, Multi instance scenario (4 cores per instance), BERT-Large, SQuAD 1.1, Batch size=128, VM=56vCPU+400GB RAM. Test by Intel as of 12/11/23.

<u>5th Gen Intel® Xeon® Configuration: Intel® Xeon® Gold 6548Y+.</u> 1-node, 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6548Y+, 32 cores @ 2.5GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 2 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 2 [0], QAT 2 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [5200 MT/s]), BIOS 3B05.TEL4P1, microcode 0x21000161, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Drives: 8x 3.5TB INTEL SSDPF2KX038TZ, 1x 894.3G INTEL SSDSC2KG960G8, VMware vSphere 8.0U2, build 22380479, Ubuntu Server 22.04.3 VM (vHW=21, vmxnet3), Kernel 5.15, intel-optimized-tensorflow:2.14, ResNet50v1.5, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+400GB RAM, Multi instance scenario (4 cores per instance), BERT-Large, SQuAD 1.1, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+400GB RAM. Test by Intel as of 11/24/23.

Configuration Details – Dell Al on 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® Processors



BASELINE on 3rd Gen Xeon Config. Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8358: 1-node, 2x Intel Xeon Platinum 8358 CPU, 32 cores @ 2.60GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 0 [0], DSA 0 [0], IAA 0 [0], QAT 0 [0], Total Memory 512GB (16x32GB DDR4 3200 MT/s [3200 MT/s]), BIOS 1.12.1, microcode 0xd0003b9, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, 1x 447.1G DELLBOSS VD, Drives: 2x 7TB Samsung MZQL27T6HBLA-00A07, VMware vSphere 8.0U2, build 22380479, Ubuntu Server 22.04.3 VM (vHW=21, vmxnet3), Kernel 5.15, intel-optimized-tensorflow:2.14, ResNet50v1.5, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+64GB RAM, Multi instance scenario (4 cores per instance), BERT-Large, SQuAD 1.1, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+64GB RAM. Test by Intel as of 11/17/23.

5th Gen Xeon Configuration: Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8562Y+: 1-node, 2x Intel Xeon Platinum 8562Y+ CPU, 32 cores @ 2.80 GHz, HT On, Turbo On, NUMA 2, Integrated Accelerators Available [used]: DLB 2 [0], DSA 2 [0], IAA 2 [0], QAT 2 [0], Total Memory 1536GB (16x96GB DDR5 5600 MT/s [5600 MT/s]), BIOS 1.9.11, microcode 0x210001a0, 2x Ethernet Controller E810-C for QSFP, Drives: 2x Dell Ent NVMe PM1735a MU 6.4TB, 1x Dell Ent NVMe v2 AGN MU U.2 6.4TB, VMware vSphere 8.0U2, build 22380479, Ubuntu Server 22.04.3 VM (vHW=21, vmxnet3), Kernel 5.15, intel-optimized-tensorflow:2.14, ResNet50v1.5, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+64GB RAM, Multi instance scenario (4 cores per instance), BERT-Large, SQuAD 1.1, Batch size=128, VM=64vCPU+64GB RAM. Test by Intel as of 11/14/23.