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## Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2600 v2 Product Family

### PRODUCT BRIEF

# The Heart of a Modern Data Center

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IT organizations around the world are driving higher value into their businesses by virtualizing their data centers and adding automation, so they can drive down costs and deliver new data-driven services more quickly and efficiently. Intel® Xeon® processor-based servers provide the foundation for this innovation. They account for the majority of all servers in today's virtualized data centers and clouds, and also power many of today's highest-performing workstations.



### Up to 50 Percent Higher Performance

The Intel Xeon processor E5-2600 v2 product family provides 50 percent more cores and cache than the previous generation, along with faster memory and additional hardware enhancements for virtualization. These innovations deliver up to 50 percent higher performance on average over previous generation Intel Xeon processor-based servers across a broad range of benchmarks.<sup>2</sup> Three key technologies offer particularly high value.

- **Higher performance for peak workloads.** Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0<sup>3</sup> automatically increases processor frequencies to take advantage of power and thermal headroom. This second-generation technology provides higher frequencies and greater intelligence so you enjoy faster performance and improved efficiency.
- **Up to 2x and higher performance gains for floating point operations.**<sup>4</sup> Intel® Advanced Vector Extensions (Intel® AVX) provides new instructions that can significantly improve<sup>5</sup> performance for applications that rely on floating point or vector computations. The most recent enhancements speed 16/32-bit data conversions, which provide additional performance gains for select applications.
- **New virtualization efficiencies.** Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller virtualization (APICv) takes the value of Intel® Virtualization Technology (Intel® VT) to new heights. By eliminating up to 50 percent of virtual machine exits, it reduces virtualization overhead down to 4 percent CPU utilization<sup>6</sup> to further improve performance and scalability.

### Eliminating Network Bottlenecks

The Intel Xeon processor E5-2600 v2 product family provides exceptionally fast data movement in dense virtual environments to increase server performance and accelerate network and storage communications.

- **Intel® Integrated I/O for up to 2x higher bandwidth.** PCI Express\* 3.0 lanes are integrated directly onto the processor die—up to 80 lanes per two-socket server. This technology has been shown to reduce I/O

latency by up to 30 percent,<sup>7</sup> and provides up to twice the bandwidth versus solutions based on the PCIe 2.0 specification.<sup>8</sup> Additional optimizations for storage and technical computing include new support for x16 Non-Transparent Bridging and improved P2P bandwidth.

- **Putting data right where you need it—fast.** Intel® Data Direct I/O Technology enables direct data transfers from storage to cache. It increases I/O performance by up to 2.3 times<sup>9</sup> and reduces memory access overheads.

### Strengthening Security and Compliance

With the Intel Xeon processor E5-2600 v2 product family, you can protect your business more effectively using Intel® Security Technologies that help to improve workload isolation, security policy enforcement, and data encryption.

- **Better, faster data protection.** Intel® Data Protection Technology<sup>10</sup> includes Intel® Secure Key, which generates high-quality security keys, and Intel® Advanced Encryption Standard New Instructions (Intel® AES-NI), which provides hardware assists to accelerate and improve encryption. In combination with software from leading vendors, such as Oracle, Microsoft, and McAfee, these technologies provide the foundation for secure online transactions and enterprise-wide data protection—all without sacrificing application performance.
- **Hardened protection for virtual data centers and clouds.** Establish trusted pools of virtual resources, so you can maintain security and compliance more effectively in dynamic, multi-tenant environments. Intel® Platform Protection Technology<sup>11</sup> includes Intel® Trusted Execution Technology, which ensures that your systems and hypervisors boot only into cryptographically verified “known good states,” so they cannot be compromised during or prior to launch. It also includes OS Guard, which provides additional malware protection by preventing the execution of calls to the OS from compromised applications in the user mode or code pages.

## Driving Down Energy Costs at Every Level

Power and cooling costs continue to rise. The Intel Xeon processor E5-2600 v2 product family offers up to 45 percent more energy efficiency over previous generation Intel Xeon processor-based servers.<sup>12</sup> It can help you get more value out of every watt by optimizing performance versus energy consumption, not only for individual servers, but also for racks, rows, and entire data centers.

- **Industry-leading energy efficiency per server.** Intel's 22nm, 3-D Tri-Gate transistors use just half the power<sup>13</sup> of prior-generation transistors operating at the same performance level. Intel® Intelligent Power Technology<sup>14</sup> adds to these gains by dynamically optimizing performance versus energy consumption across all operating points.
- **Automated control of server power.** Intel® Node Manager lets you monitor and control server power and set maximum limits for each server. Use it to increase rack densities, adjust cooling based on actual demand, improve business continuity, and dynamically balance resources to accomplish more while spending less.
- **Power optimization across your data center.** Intel® Data Center Manager plugs into existing management frameworks to enable power and thermal monitoring and management for individual servers and groups of servers. You gain unprecedented insight and control over power, cooling, and performance throughout your data center.

## Optimized Platform Solutions

Intel delivers higher value by engineering complete, highly-optimized platform solutions.

- Use Intel® 10 Gigabit Ethernet to improve performance for demanding workloads and to consolidate your data center traffic onto a single, scalable, cloud-ready network.
- Add Intel® Cache Acceleration Software (Intel® CAS) and one or more Intel® Solid-State Drives (Intel® SSDs) per server to dramatically—and cost-effectively—boost storage performance.
- Combine Intel 10 Gigabit Ethernet and Intel SSDs with Intel® Distribution for Apache Hadoop\* software to improve big data analytics performance by as much as 30x.<sup>15</sup>

## Intel® Xeon® Processor E5 v2 Product Family Overview

High Performance for the Broadest Range of Applications and Environments

### Advanced multi-core, multi-threaded processing

- Up to 12 cores and 24 threads per socket
- Higher density and better performance for virtualized data centers and public/private clouds

### Larger cache and faster memory

- Up to 30 MB of last level cache for fast access to frequently used data
- Up to 24 DIMMs per two-socket server to support multiple data-hungry VMs
- Faster maximum memory speeds than the previous generation (1866 MHz versus 1600 MHz)

### Higher performance for peak workloads

- Intel Turbo Boost Technology 2.0<sup>3</sup> takes advantage of power and thermal headroom to increase processor frequencies for peak workloads

## Higher performance for HPC applications<sup>5</sup>

- Intel® Advanced Vector Extensions (Intel® AVX) speeds vector and floating point computations, with support for 256-bit vectors and accelerated 32/64 bit data conversions
- Provides up to 2x and higher performance boosts<sup>4</sup> for floating point operations

## Improved virtualization efficiency

- Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller virtualization (APICv) enhances Intel Virtualization Technology by eliminating up to 50 percent of virtual machine exits
- Reduces virtualization overhead down to 4 percent of CPU utilization<sup>6</sup> to improve performance and scalability

## Optimized Data Center Solutions to Reduce Costs

### Industry-leading I/O performance

- Intel® Integrated I/O provides up to 80 PCIe\* lanes per two-socket server, reduces latency by up to 30 percent;<sup>7</sup> and supports the PCIe 3.0 specification for up to 2x<sup>8</sup> higher I/O bandwidth. Support has been added for atomic operations and improved P2P bandwidth.
- Intel® Data Direct I/O improves I/O performance up to 2.3x<sup>9</sup> through direct storage-to-cache communications

### The first integrated storage/server processor

- Supports key storage processor features, including x16 non-transparent bridging (vs. x8 NTB) to increase scalability and accelerated RAID for implementing RAID 5 and 6 without a custom ASIC

### Stronger, faster data encryption

Intel Data Protection Technology with:

- Secure Key, which provides high-quality security keys
- AES-NI, which enables encryption to be implemented pervasively without sacrificing application response times

### A better foundation for secure multi-tenancy

Intel Platform Protection Technology with:

- Intel Trusted Execution Technology, which enables IT to establish trusted pools of virtualized resources for stronger security and compliance in multi-tenant virtual and cloud environments
- OS Guard, which protects against escalation of privilege attacks that attempt to gain control of the platform or execute malware

### Industry-leading energy-efficiency

- Intel 22 nm, 3-D tri-gate transistors cut power consumption by half versus the prior generation<sup>13</sup>
- Intel® Intelligent Power Technology<sup>14</sup> dynamically manages CPU and memory energy states to minimize power without slowing performance

### Comprehensive monitoring and control

- Intel® Node Manager lets IT monitor and control server power
- Intel® Data Center Manager lets IT dynamically optimize energy-consumption at every level, from individual servers, racks, and rows to entire data centers

**Table 2. Intel® Xeon® Processor E5 v2 Family Specifications**

Processor Number	CPU FREQUENCY	INTEL® TURBO BOOST TECHNOLOGY <sup>3</sup>	INTEL® HT TECHNOLOGY	L3 CACHE	NUMBER OF CORES	POWER	INTEL® QPI LINK SPEED	DDR3 MEMORY
<b>For 2-Socket Servers - Advance</b>								
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2697 v2	2.7 GHz	2.0	▪	30 MB	12	130 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2695 v2	2.4 GHz	2.0	▪	30 MB	12	115 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2690 v2	3.0 GHz	2.0	▪	25 MB	10	130 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2680 v2	2.8 GHz	2.0	▪	25 MB	10	115 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2670 v2	2.5 GHz	2.0	▪	25 MB	10	115 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2667 v2	3.3 GHz	2.0	▪	25 MB	8	130 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2660 v2	2.2 GHz	2.0	▪	25 MB	10	95 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2650 v2	2.6 GHz	2.0	▪	20 MB	8	95 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2650L v2	1.7 GHz	2.0	▪	25 MB	10	70 W	8.0 GT/s	1600
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2643 v2	3.5 GHz	2.0	▪	25 MB	6	130 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2637 v2	3.5 GHz	2.0	▪	15 MB	4	130 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
<b>For 2-Socket Servers - Standard</b>								
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2640 v2	2.0 GHz	2.0	▪	20 MB	8	95 W	7.2 GT/s	1600
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2630 v2	2.6 GHz	2.0	▪	15 MB	6	80 W	7.2 GT/s	1600
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2630L v2	2.4 GHz	2.0	▪	15 MB	6	60 W	7.2 GT/s	1600
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2620 v2	2.1 GHz	2.0	▪	15 MB	6	80 W	7.2 GT/s	1600
<b>For 2-Socket Servers - Basic</b>								
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2609 v2	2.5 GHz	-	-	10 MB	4	80 W	6.4 GT/s	1333
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2603 v2	1.8 GHz	-	-	10 MB	4	80 W	6.4 GT/s	1333
<b>For 2-Socket Workstations</b>								
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2687W v2	3.4 GHz	2.0	▪	25 MB	8	150 W	8.0 GT/s	1866
<b>For 1-Socket Workstations</b>								
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-1660 v2	3.7 GHz	2.0	▪	15 MB	6	130 W	N/A	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-1650 v2	3.5 GHz	2.0	▪	12 MB	6	130 W	N/A	1866
Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-1620 v2	3.7 GHz	2.0	▪	10 MB	4	130 W	N/A	1866

To learn more about the Intel® Xeon® processor E5-2600 v2 product family, visit [www.intel.com/products/server/processor/xeonE5/index.htm](http://www.intel.com/products/server/processor/xeonE5/index.htm)

\* Software and workloads used in performance tests may have been optimized for performance only on Intel microprocessors. Performance tests, such as SYSmark and MobileMark, are measured using specific computer systems, components, software, operations and functions. Any change to any of those factors may cause the results to vary. You should consult other information and performance tests to assist you in fully evaluating your contemplated purchases, including the performance of that product when combined with other products.

- <sup>1</sup> Intel processor numbers are not a measure of performance. Processor numbers differentiate features within each processor family, not across different processor families. See [www.intel.com/products/processor\\_number](http://www.intel.com/products/processor_number) for details.
- <sup>2</sup> Baseline Configuration and Score on SPECvirt\_sc2013\* Benchmark as of Sept. 2013: Platform with two Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2690. Score: 624.9 @ 37 VMs. New Configuration: IBM System x3650 M4\* platform with two Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2697 v2. Score: 947.0 @ 53 VMs. Source: <http://www.spec.org>. Intel does not control or audit the design or implementation of third party benchmark data or Web sites referenced in this document. Intel encourages all of its customers to visit the referenced Web sites or others where similar performance benchmark data are reported and confirm whether the referenced benchmark data are accurate and reflect performance of systems available for purchase.
- <sup>3</sup> Requires a system with Intel® Turbo Boost Technology. Intel Turbo Boost Technology and Intel Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 are only available on select Intel® processors. Consult your PC manufacturer. Performance varies depending on hardware, software, and system configuration. For more information, visit <http://www.intel.com/go/turbo>
- <sup>4</sup> Performance comparison using Linpack benchmark. Baseline score of 159.4 based on Intel internal measurements as of 5 December 2011 using a Supermicro® X8DTN+ system with two Intel® Xeon® processor X5690, Turbo Enabled, EIST Enabled, Hyper-Threading Enabled, 48 GB RAM, Red Hat® Enterprise Linux Server 6.1 beta for x86\_64. New score of 347.7 based on Intel internal measurements using an Intel® Rose City platform with two Intel® Xeon® processor E5-2690, Turbo Enabled or Disabled, EIST Enabled, Hyper-Threading Enabled, 64 GB RAM, Red Hat® Enterprise Linux Server 6.1 beta for x86\_64.
- <sup>5</sup> AVX is designed to achieve higher throughput to certain integer and floating point operations. Depending on processor power and thermal characteristics and system power and thermal conditions, AVX floating point instructions may run at lower frequency to maintain reliable operations at all times.
- <sup>6</sup> Configuration: Pre-Production 1S Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2600 (3.0 GHz, 4-core, 10 MB L3 cache, B0-stepping), HyperThreading ON, Turbo OFF, EIST OFF, CPU C-state OFF, Power feature OFF, Virtualization Technology ON, NUMA ON, Prefetch OFF, 64GB SSD, Xen-unstable C/S23237 w/ APIC-v patch. Hypervisor CPU utilization with no APICv: 5.5%; Hypervisor CPU utilization with APICv: 4%. Source: Intel internal measurements as of December 2011.
- <sup>7</sup> Source: Intel internal measurements of average time for an I/O device read to local system memory under idle conditions comparing Intel® Xeon® processor E5-2600 product family (230 ns) vs. Intel® Xeon® processor 5500 series (340 ns).  
Baseline Configuration: Green City system with two Intel® Xeon processor E5520 (2.26 GHz, 4C), 12 GB memory @ 1333, C-States Disabled, Turbo Disabled, SMT Disabled, Rubicon® PCIe\* 2.0 x8. New Configuration: Meridian system with two Intel® Xeon processor E5-2665 (C0 stepping, 2.4 GHz, 8C), 32 GB memory @1600 MHz, C-States Enabled, Turbo Enabled. The measurements were taken with a LeCroy® PCIe\* protocol analyzer using Intel internal Rubicon (PCIe\* 2.0) and Florin (PCIe\* 3.0) test cards running under Windows® 2008 R2 w/SP1.
- <sup>8</sup> 8 GT/s and 128b/130b encoding in PCIe 3.0 specification enables double the interconnect bandwidth over the PCIe\* 2.0 specification. Source: [http://www.pcisig.com/news\\_room/November\\_18\\_2010\\_Press\\_Release/](http://www.pcisig.com/news_room/November_18_2010_Press_Release/)
- <sup>9</sup> Source: The claim of up to 2.3x I/O performance is based on Intel internal measurements comparing 1-socket SNB data for an L2 forwarding test using 8x10 GbE ports for the Intel® Xeon® processor E5 product family versus the Intel® Xeon® processor 5600 series.
- <sup>10</sup> No computer system can provide absolute security. Requires an enabled Intel® processor and software optimized for use of the technology. Consult your system manufacturer and/or software vendor for more information.
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- <sup>12</sup> Baseline Configuration and Score on SPECpower\_ssj2008\* Benchmark as of Sept. 2013: Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2660 platform. Score: 5,544 overall ssj\_ops/watt. New Configuration: Fujitsu PRIMERGY RX300 S8\* platform with two Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2660 v2. Score: 8,097 overall ssj\_ops/watt. Source: <http://www.spec.org>. Intel does not control or audit the design or implementation of third party benchmark data or Web sites referenced in this document. Intel encourages all of its customers to visit the referenced Web sites or others where similar performance benchmark data are reported and confirm whether the referenced benchmark data are accurate and reflect performance of systems available for purchase.
- <sup>13</sup> Compared to previous generation 2-D transistors on 32nm planar transistors. Source: Intel internal testing
- <sup>14</sup> Intel® Intelligent Power Technology requires a computer system with an enabled Intel® processor, chipset, BIOS and for some features, an operating system enabled for it. Functionality or other benefits may vary depending on hardware implementation and may require a BIOS and/or operating system update. Please check with your system vendor for details.
- <sup>15</sup> Source: TeraSort Benchmarks conducted by Intel in December 2012. Custom settings: mapred.reduce.tasks=100 and mapred.job.reuse.jvm.num.tasks=1. Cluster configuration: One head node (name node, job tracker), 10 workers (data nodes, task trackers), Cisco Nexus® 5020 10 Gigabit switch. Performance measured using Iometer\* with Queue Depth 32. Baseline worker node: SuperMicro SYS-1026T-URF 1U servers with two Intel® Xeon® processors X5690 @ 3.47 GHz, 48 GB RAM, 700 GB 7200 RPM SATA hard drives, Intel® Ethernet Server Adapter I350-T2, Apache Hadoop® 1.0.3, Red Hat Enterprise Linux® 6.3, Oracle Java® 1.7.0\_05. Baseline storage: 700 GB 7200 RPM SATA hard drives, upgraded storage: Intel® Solid-State Drive 520 Series (the Intel® Solid-State Drive 520 Series is currently not validated for data center usage). Baseline network adapter: Intel® Ethernet Server Adapter I350-T2, upgraded network adapter: Intel® Ethernet Converged Network Adapter X520-DA2. Upgraded software in worker node: Intel® Distribution for Apache Hadoop® software 2.1.1. Note: Solid-state drive performance varies by capacity. More information: <http://hadoop.apache.org/docs/current/api/org/apache/hadoop/examples/terasort/package-summary.html>  
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Relative performance for each benchmark is calculated by taking the actual benchmark result for the first platform tested and assigning it a value of 1.0 as a baseline. Relative performance for the remaining platforms tested was calculated by dividing the actual benchmark result for the baseline platform into each of the specific benchmark results of each of the other platforms and assigning them a relative performance number that correlates with the performance improvements reported.  
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