

IBM Power E1080

Engineered for agility



Highlights

Scale efficiently and reduce energy consumption

Help protect data with faster AES encryption

Streamline insights and automation with five times faster in-core inferencing compared to Power9®

Deliver two times better memory reliability and availability than industry-standard DIMMs

The core applications, data stores and processes that run your business simply cannot go down, no matter what. With accelerated digital adoption, the demands on these applications are increasing, along with the related security risks. To stay ahead of the curve, your IT system needs to be modernized to meet the challenges of today. This requires an infrastructure platform that efficiently scales to meet new demands, helps protect your applications and data with pervasive and layered defenses, and enables you to transform data into insights quickly.

The IBM® Power® E1080 server, the first in a generation of servers built on Power10 processors, is engineered for agility. It delivers on key enterprise needs, allowing organizations to respond faster to business demands with world record performance scalability for core enterprise workloads and an agile hybrid cloud experience. The server helps businesses protect data from core to cloud with accelerated encryption and new in-core defense against return-oriented programming attacks. The Power E1080 server streamlines insights and automation with in-core AI inferencing and machine learning. The server maximizes reliability and availability with open memory interface (OMI) attached memory DIMMs.



IBM Power E1080

Scale efficiently and lower energy consumption

The IBM Power E1080 server delivers scalable and efficient performance with multiple world record benchmarks representing industry-standard workloads:

- World record 8-socket two-tier benchmark SAP SD benchmark results that beat the best 16-socket x86 environment results¹
- World record SPEC CPU 2017 benchmark result, providing 2.5x greater efficiency per core than x86 Intel Xeon Platinum²

You can receive this improved performance while lowering your energy footprint. With the revolutionary 7 nm Power10 processor, workloads that run on a Power E1080 server will consume 33% less energy than a Power E980 server³.

Help protect data from core to cloud

With data residing in increasingly distributed environments, you cannot set a perimeter to it anymore. This reinforces the need for layered security across IT stack. The Power10 family of servers introduces a new layer of defense with transparent memory encryption. With this feature, all stored data remains encrypted when in transit between the memory storage and processor. Since this capability is enabled at the silicon level, there is no additional management setup and performance impact. Power10 servers also includes four times more crypto engines in every core compared to IBM Power9 servers to help accelerate encryption performance across the stack. For example, the widely-used AES encryption performance is improved by two and a half times over the Power E980 server⁴.

These innovations, along with new in-core defense for return-oriented programming attacks and support for post quantum encryption and fully homomorphic encryption, makes one of the most secure server platforms even better.

↓ 25%

IBM Power has been leading the industry in infrastructure reliability with 25% lower downtime compared to similar high-end servers.

↓ 33%

The IBM Power E1080 server enables you to lower energy consumption by 33% for the same workload over Power E980.

Streamline insights and automation

As more AI models are deployed in production, the challenges around AI infrastructure are beginning to increase. A typical AI deployment involves sending data from an operational platform to a GPU system. This usually induces latency and may even increase security risks by leaving more data in-network. Power10 addresses this challenge with in-core AI inferencing and machine learning. The Matrix Math Accelerators (MMAs) in Power10 cores provide the computational strength to tackle demanding AI inferencing and machine learning at multiple levels of precision and data bandwidth. The Power E1080 server delivers five times faster AI inferencing per socket compared to the Power E980 server⁵.

Maximize reliability and availability

IBM Power has been providing best-in-class infrastructure reliability for 14 years with 25% lower downtime compared to similar high-end servers⁶. Power E1080 makes the most reliable server platform in its class even better with advanced recovery, diagnostic capabilities, and OMI-attached advance memory DDIMMs. The continuous operations of today's in-memory systems depend on memory reliability because of their large memory footprint. Power10 DDIMMs deliver two times better memory reliability and availability than industry-standard DIMMs⁷.

Conclusion

Companies want IT infrastructure to help them be agile and flexible, efficient, and cyber resilient. The IBM Power E1080 server is designed to address these requirements and enables you to:

- Scale efficiently with two and a half times more performance per core than Intel Xeon Platinum
- Lower energy consumption by 33% for the same workload over Power E980
- Help protect data with two and a half times faster AES encryption of data at rest and in use compared to Power E980
- Defend against return-oriented programming attacks with new in-core defense
- Run AI where the data resides with five times faster in-core AI inferencing compared to Power E980

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IBM Power E1080 Model 980-HEX

Configuration options	One system node	Four system nodes (maximum)
Microprocessors	4 Power10 processors 10, 12 or 15 cores each	16 Power10 processors 10, 12 or 15 cores each
Threads per core	8	
Cores	40, 48 or 60	160, 192 or 240
Level 2 (L2) cache per core	2 MB	
Level 3 (L3) cache per core	Up to 120 MB shared L3 cache (8 MB per core)	
Memory bandwidth per processor	409 GBps	
Enterprise memory	64 DIMM slots Up to 16 TB buffered DDR4 CDIMMs	256 DIMM slots Up to 64 TB buffered DDR4 CDIMMs
USB ports	USB PCIe adapter must be used for enabling USB access 1 x USB 3.0 in System Control Unit	
Internal storage	4 slots for non-volatile memory express (NVMe)	16 slots for non-volatile memory express (NVMe U.2)
DVD	External DVDs (optional) may be attached via USB	
Integrated PCIe adapter slots	8 PCIe Gen5	32 PCIe Gen5
PCIe I/O expansion drawers	Up to 4 (12 PCIe adapter slots each)	Up to 16 (12 PCIe adapter slots each)
System control unit	1	
Flexible service providers	2	
HMC ports	2	
Power Hypervisor	PowerVM Enterprise integrated	

Reliability, Availability and Serviceability (RAS) features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – First failure data capture – Processor instruction retry – L2 and L3 cache ECC protection with cache line-delete – Core checkstops – Dynamic processor deallocation – Chipkill protection for x4 DDIMMs, with DRAM sparing – Processor fabric and memory buses retry with data lane sparing and ½ bandwidth mode – High-speed internode cables, with passive components and advanced fault isolation diagnostic capabilities – Guided FSP and SMP cable installation – Concurrent repair of external SMP cable – Redundant phase and spare phase for voltage regulator modules (VRMs) supplying processors – Spare Power Management Integrated Circuit (PMIC) for DDIMM power regulation – Redundant system clocks with dynamic failover – Redundant, hit-swappable power supplies and cooling fans – Concurrent add or repair of I/O drawers – Extended error handling on PCIe slots – Hot-plug and blind-swap PCIe adapter slots – Concurrent repair of Op-Panel – Concurrent repair of Time of Day Battery – Selective dynamic firmware updates 		
Operating systems	AIX, IBM i and Linux for Power (RHEL or SLES)		
Power requirements	Operating voltage: 200 to 240V AC		
System dimensions	System control unit	System node	PCIe expansion drawer
Width	445.6 mm (17.54 in.)	445 mm (17.51 in.)	482 mm (19 in.)
Depth	779.7 mm (30.7 in.)	866.95 mm (34.13 in.)	902 mm (31.6 in.)
Height	86 mm (3.39 in.)	217.25 mm (8.55 in.)	173 mm (6.8 in.)
EIA units	2 EIA units (2U)	5 EIA units (5U)	4 EIA units (4U)
Warranty	1 year, 24x7 same day response; onsite (varies by country) IBM Power Expert Care Warranty Service Upgrade and additional maintenance service options are available.		

1. IBM Power E1080; two-tier SAP SD standard application benchmark running SAP ERP 6.0 EHP5; Power10 3.55-4.0 GHz processor, 4,096 GB memory, 8p/120c/960t, 174,000 SD benchmark users (955,050 SAPS), AIX 7.2, DB2 11.5. Certification #2021059. All results can be found at sap.com/benchmark and are valid as of 27 August 2021 HPE Superdome Flex; two-tier SAP SD standard application benchmark running SAP ERP 6.0 EHP5; Intel Xeon Platinum 8280L
2.7 GHz, 16p/448c/896t, 152,508 SD benchmark users (877,050 SAPS), running Windows Server 2019 and Microsoft SQL Server 2019, Certification # 2020029.
2. All results can be found at <https://www.spec.org/cpu2017/results/res2021q1/cpu2017-20210118-24814.html> and are valid as of 02/02/2021.
SPECint Math:
(Power10 2170 peak /120 core)/(1620 peak/224 cores)=2.5Max System SPECint
IBM Power E1080 (3.55-4.0 GHz, Power10) 120 Cores, 8 CPUs,
SPECint Score 2170, per CPU Score 271.25, per core score 18.08
Date: Audit submitted
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Superdome Flex 280
(2.90 GHz, Intel Xeon Platinum 8380H),
224 Cores, 8 CPUs Intel Xeon
Platinum 8380H Speed 2900 MHz
SPECint Score 1620.00, per CPU Score 202.50, per Core Score 7.23
Date: Feb-2021
SPEC CPU 2017 Integer Rate Result: Hewlett Packard Enterprise Superdome Flex 280
(2.90 GHz, Intel Xeon Platinum 8380H)
3. Power9 (12c) is 5081 rPerf @ 16,520 Watts (0.31 rPerf/Watt), Power10 (15c) is 7998 rPerf @ 17,320 Watts (0.46rPerf/Watt). 0.46 / 0.31 = 1.48 More rPerf/Watt. Based on IBM internal testing. Individual results may vary.
4. AES-256 in both GCM and XTS modes runs about 2.5 times faster per core when comparing Power10 E1080 (15-core modules) vs. Power9 E980 (12-core modules) according to preliminary measurements obtained on Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® 8.4 and the OpenSSL 1.1.1g FIPS library. Based on IBM internal testing. Individual results may vary.
5. 5 times improvement in per socket inferencing throughput for large size 32b floating point inferencing models from Power9 E980 (12-core modules) to Power10 E1080 (15-core modules). Based on IBM testing using Pytorch and OpenBLAS on the same BERT Large with SqUAD v1.1 data set. Based on IBM internal testing. Individual results may vary.
6. ITIC 2022 Global Server Hardware, Server OS Reliability Report, ITIC, August 2022
7. Based on IBM's internal analysis of the IBM product failure rate of DDIMMS versus industry-standard DIMMs. Individual results may vary.

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