SOLUTION SPECIFICATION





IBM POWER AC922

The Best Server for Enterprise AI

As AI initiatives shift from backroom experiments to boardroom imperatives, many organizations find their existing infrastructure ill-suited to help them make the journey. IT leaders are now under pressure to implement untested tools, circumvent proven processes, and shrink the timeframe from beta to production. Organizations that do not evaluate their existing IT infrastructure, ensuring it is appropriate for Enterprise AI, will risk getting caught in an endless loop of failed experiments.

The IBM Power System AC922 supports Enterprise AI initiatives throughout their lifecycle. With an optimized hardware and software stack, the AC922 delivers earlier prototypes and yields faster ROI. The world's only server enabling NVIDIA NVLink between CPUs and GPUs, the Power AC922 delivers 5.6x1the data movement of x86-based servers. This I/O enables GPU-based algorithms to leverage system memory, enabling models up to 60x4 larger than x86 based systems. The Power AC922 delivers faster AI insights, providing up to 3.8x5 speedups for deep learning workloads. Proven as the backbone of the world's largest supercomputers, the Power AC922 is capable of meeting an enterprise's loftiest AI aspirations.

ACCELERATED COMPUTE

Yields more accuracy (up to 60x larger models: uniquely capable of supporting larger models and data sets, by accessing system from GPU-based processes and algorithms, without PCIe bottlenecks in x86-based systems.

Delivers faster insights: up to 3.8x5 the AI performance, vs similarly-configured x86-based systems.

Provides faster I/O: includes a variety of next-generation I/O architectures, including: PCIe Gen4, CAPI

KEY FEATURES

More accuracy - GPUs access system RAM for larger models

Faster insights - significant deep learning speedups

Rapid deployment -integrated software & hardware stack

Enterprise-ready- cutting edge AI IBM Power reliability & IBM support

Proven at scale - from one node to the world's fastest supercomputers



PCle Gen4 provides 2x data throughput vs. PCle gen 3

Simplest AI Architecture-Coherence simplifies coding by abstracting data movement and locality for developers

5.6x more I/O bandwidth

Enables faster insights -3.8x speedup based on competitor solutions 2.0, OpenCAPI and NVIDIA NVLINK.

CPUs unleash GPU acceleration: supports up to 5.6x1 more I/O and 2x more threads than its x86 contemporaries - configurations with 16, 18, 20 and 22 cores, for up to 44 cores.

Includes the most advanced data center GPUs: pairs POW-ER9 CPUs and NVIDIA Tesla V100 with NVLink GPUs delivering up to 5.6x1 times the performance for each pairing.

1st PCIe Gen4 server: PCIe Gen4 delivers approximately 2x the data bandwidth2 of the PCIe Gen3 interconnect found in x86-based servers.

Simplest AI architecture: By leveraging the 5.6x1 faster NVIDIA NVLink interconnect, sharing memory between CPUs and GPUs doesn't bottleneck down to PCIe Gen3 speeds, as it would on x86-based servers.

Enterprise-ready: start with one node, then scale to a rack or thousands of nodes with near linear scaling efficiency.

| | BIGTWIN™ |
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| MICROPROCESSORS | 2x POWER9 with NVLink CPUs 16, 20 cores, or 18, 22 cores (with water cooling) |
| L2 CACHE | 512 K |
| L3 CACHE | 10 MB |
| MEMORY | Up to 2 TB, from 16 DDR4 RDIMM Sockets |
| STORAGE | 2X SFF (2.5") DRIVE BAYS, OPTIONAL NVME SSD SUPPORT IN PCIE SLOTS |
| ADAPTOR SLOTS | 4 or 6 SXM 2.0 sockets, for NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPU Accelera- tors with NVLink. 2x PCIe x16 4.0 slots 1x PCIe16x (x8,x8) 4.0 slot (multi-socket host direct supported) 1x PCIe x4 4.0 slot |
| OS | Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Ubuntu Linux |

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