INTEL®
DEEP LEARNING
BOOST

Built-in acceleration for training and inference workloads
Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors are built specifically for the flexibility to run complex workloads on the same hardware as your existing workloads.
Intel AVX-512

1st, 2nd & 3rd Generation Intel Xeon Scalable Processors

Ultra-wide 512-bit vector operations capabilities with up to two fused-multiply add units and other optimizations accelerate performance for demanding computational tasks.

Intel Deep Learning Boost

Intel VNNI, bfloat16

Intel VNNI

2nd & 3rd Generation Intel Xeon Scalable Processors

Based on Intel Advanced Vector Extensions 512 (Intel AVX-512), the Intel DL Boost Vector Neural Network Instructions (VNNI) delivers a significant performance improvement by combining three instructions into one—thereby maximizing the use of compute resources, utilizing the cache better, and avoiding potential bandwidth bottlenecks.

bfloat16

3rd Generation Intel Xeon Scalable Processors on 4S+ Platform

Brain floating-point format (bfloat16 or BF16) is a number encoding format occupying 16 bits representing a floating-point number. It is a more efficient numeric format for workloads that have high compute intensity but lower need for precision.
COMMON TRAINING AND INFERENECE WORKLOADS

IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

SPEECH RECOGNITION

LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

OBJECT DETECTION

New Intel® Xeon Scalable processors are workload-optimized to support hybrid cloud infrastructures and the most high-demand applications.

Die neuen skalierbaren Intel® Xeon® Prozessoren sind für unterschiedliche Aufgaben optimiert, um Cloud-Infrastruktur und anspruchsvolle Anwendungen zu unterstützen.
INTEL DEEP LEARNING BOOST
A VECTOR NEURAL NETWORK INSTRUCTION (VNNI) EXTENDS INTEL AVX-512 TO ACCELERATE AI/DL INFERENCE

Combining three instructions into one maximizes the use of compute resources, improves cache utilization and avoids potential bandwidth bottlenecks.

Future Intel Xeon Scalable processor (codename Cascade Lake) results have been estimated or simulated using internal Intel analysis or architecture simulation or modeling, and provided to you for informational purposes. Any differences in your system hardware, software or configuration may affect your actual performance vs Tested by Intel as of July 11th 2017. For more complete information about performance and benchmark results visit www.intel.com/benchmarks.
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PROBLEMS SOLVED

Intel AVX-512
VPMADDUBSW
VPMADDWD
VPADD

Intel DL Boost (VNNI)
VPDPBUSD
(8-bit new instruction)

1st Gen Intel Xeon scalable processors

More efficient Inference acceleration
2nd Gen Intel Xeon scalable processors

Low Precision Integer Operations

END CUSTOMER VALUE

Designed to accelerate AI/Deep Learning use cases (image classification, object detection, speech recognition, language translation and more)

Animation & whitepaper: https://ai.intel.com/intel-deep-learning-boost
Introducing Brain Floating-Point Format with 16 Bits (BFLOAT16)

- Floating Point 32 (FP32) provides high precision based on the number of bits used to represent a number.
- Many AI functions do not require the level of accuracy provided by FP32.
- Bfloat16 supports the same range of numbers based on the same exponent field but with lower precision.
- Conversion between bfloat16 and FP32 is simpler than FP16.
- Twice the throughput per cycle can be achieved with bfloat16 when comparing FP32.

Example:
Number: 0.56580972671508789062596
As FP32: 0.565809726715087890625

Bfloat16 has the same number of exponent bits in can represent numbers as large as FP32, but with less precision – fewer bits to store actual number.

FP16 can provide a more accuracy than bfloat16 but cannot support the same range of numbers due to fewer bits for exponent detail.

Sign – Indicates positive or negative number
Exponent – Indicates the position of the decimal point in the fraction/mantissa bits
Fraction/Mantissa – Bits used to store the “number”
Increase training and inference throughput using Bfloat16

Available on 3rd Gen Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processors on 4S+ Platform

- Training & Inference Acceleration
- Native support for bfloat16 datatype
- 2x bfloat16 peak throughput/cycle vs. fp32
- Improved throughput and efficiencies
- Seamless integration with popular AI frameworks

FP32: 8 bit exp, 23 bit mantissa

BF16: 8 bit exp, 7 bit mantissa

Same dynamic range & simple conversion

Delivers required level of accuracy

Enables higher throughput based on reduced bfloat16 format

New Built-in AI-acceleration capabilities in select 3rd Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processors targets higher training and inference performance with the required level of accuracy
3rd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable Processors & 4 Socket+ Platform

Intel DL Boost
- bfloat16
- Intel VNNI
2ND GEN INTEL XEON SCALABLE PROCESSORS

Intel DL Boost

☑️ Intel VNNI
**Client:** Siemens Healthineers is a pioneer in the use of AI for medical applications. They are working with Intel to develop medical imaging use cases that don’t require the added cost or complexity of accelerators.

**Challenge:** 1/3 of all deaths worldwide are due to cardiovascular disease. Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) exams are used to evaluate heart function, heart chamber volumes, and myocardial tissue. This is a flood of data for radiology departments, resulting in potentially long turn-around-time (TAT) — even when the scan is considered stat.

**Solution:** Siemens Healthineers is developing AI-based technologies for the analysis of cardiac MRI exams. They are working with Intel to optimize their heart chamber detection and quantification model for 2nd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors.

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1. This Siemens Healthineers feature is currently under development and not available for sale. 5.5x speedup: based on Siemens Healthineers and Intel analysis on 2nd Gen Intel Xeon Platinum 8280 Processor (28 Cores) with 192GB, DDR4-2933, using Intel OpenVino 2019 R1. HT ON, Turbo ON. CentOS Linux release 7.6.1810, kernel 4.19.5-1.el7_4.9_86_64. Custom topology and dataset (image resolution 288x288). Comparing FP32 vs INT8 with Intel DL Boost performance on the system. 2. Journal of the American College of Cardiology, 2017. Performance results are based on testing as of February 2018, and may not reflect all publicly available security updates. For more complete information about performance and benchmark results, visit www.intel.com/benchmarks.
SOLUTION: VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Customer: RINF Tech specializes in cross-platform integration for checkout systems in retail, automotive, video surveillance and business intelligence.

Challenge: Analysing and understanding images faster and improving accuracy is the key to better decision making. The challenge is to provide rapid and accurate assessment of imagery to support daily operations efficiently, while providing critical information in near real time and in a cost effective manner.

Solution: This challenge was resolved through the combination of RINF Tech’s camera at the edge and 2nd generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors delivering competitive computing capacities. Additionally, higher Inference throughput was achieved using Intel® Distribution of OpenVINO® Toolkit.

Results: Up to 7.4X increase in Inference performance over baseline using OpenVINO R5 on 2nd generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processor and Intel DL Boost.

Configuration: NEW: Tested by Intel as of 03/18/2019. 2 socket Intel® Xeon® Gold 6252 Processor @ 2.10 GHZ, 24 cores per socket, HT On, Turbo On, OS Linux, Deep Learning Framework: Caffe; tool: OpenVINO R5
Baseline: Tested by Intel as of 03/18/2019. 2 socket Intel® Xeon® Gold 6252 Processor @ 2.10 GHZ, 24 cores per socket, HT On, Turbo On, OS Linux, Deep Learning Framework: Caffe
*Other names 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. For more complete information visit http://www.intel.com/performance. Performance results are based on testing as of August 2018 and may not reflect all publicly available security updates.
SOLUTION: FACE RECOGNITION
CLOUDWALK

Customer: CloudWalk is one of the Top 3 computer vision solution providers in PRC, delivering services to the public security and finance sectors.

Challenge: Deploying facial recognition solutions in bank, security government or police station face two bottlenecks - network bandwidth and computing capabilities. These negatively impact deep learning inference throughput and latency, thereby resulting in less than optimal user experiences.

Solution: This challenge was resolved through the combination of CloudWalk’s camera at the edge and 2nd Gen Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors that addressed the computing bottleneck, as well as optimization for image processing and inferencing using Intel® Caffe and Intel® MKL-DNN. Result was a significant reduction in inference latency, while maintaining SLAs for accuracy.

Configuration: Cloudwalk Facial Recognition* (self-defined workload); OS: CentOS* 7.5 Kernel 3.10.0-957.1.3.el7.x86_64. Testing by Intel and Cloudwalk completed on Dec 18, 2018. Security Mitigations for Variants 1, 2, 3 and L1TF in place.

TEST SYSTEM CONFIG: 2nd Gen Intel® Xeon® Platinum processor 8260L, 2.3 GHz, 24 cores, turbo and HT on, BIOS 1.0180, 192GB total memory, 12 slots / 16GB / 2666 MT/s / DDR4 LRDIMM, 1 x 480GB / Intel® SSD Data Center (Intel® SSD DC) S4500 + 1 x 1TB / Intel® SSD DC P4500; Intel® Optimization for Caffe*. Software and workloads used in performance tests may have been optimized for performance only on Intel microprocessors. Results done on... 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.

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RESULTS

Up to 3.3X increase

Inference performance over baseline (Quantized from FP32 to INT8 processing) on 2S Intel® Xeon® CLX 8260 processors

3.3X
GET MAXIMUM UTILIZATION USING INTEL XEON SCALABLE PROCESORS
running data center and AI workloads side-by-side

**Improve Inference Throughput**

**UP TO 14X better inference throughput compared to previous-generation technology**

**Accelerate Insights**

**UP TO 30X improved deep learning performance compared to previous-generation technology**

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**Detailed Configuration**

- **Test Environment**:
  - **Operating System**: CentOS Linux release 7.4.1611 (Core) Linux kernel 3.10.0-514.10.2.el_6.x86_64
  - **Compiler**: Intel® C++ compiler version 16.0.1
  - **Caffe Version**: https://github.com/intel/caffe, revision 514.10.2
  - **Processor**: Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8280 Processor, 28 cores/22 slots/112MB L2 Cache
  - **Memory**: 728 GB (24 slots/32 GB/2531 MHz, INTEL® 561802/68E/68LH) 11.2 GHz

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**Topologies and Performance Improvements**

- **Deep Learning Topologies**: By evaluating and comparing a variety of deep learning topologies, we observed significant performance improvements with Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8280 processors. The topologies were tested under various conditions to evaluate their performance benefits.

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**Performance Metrics**

- **Inference**: Measured using the "caffe time -forward_only" command for training measured with "caffe time -forward_only" command. The performance improvements were quantified by comparing the execution times of the topologies on the Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8280 processors against previous-generation technology.

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**Summary**

Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8280 processors offer substantial improvements in both inference and deep learning performance compared to previous-generation technology. These enhancements are due to advanced microarchitecture features, optimized compilers, and improved hardware support for deep learning frameworks. The results demonstrate the potential for significant performance gains in data center and AI workloads when utilizing Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors.

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**Further Reading**

- Intel® Xeon® Scalable Platform Performance with Intel® DL Boost: https://intelsdisciplinaryoptimization.com
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