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Convergence of
Storage and Memory
Developing the Needed
Ecosystem

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NVDIMM Panel

Panel & Agenda

◆ Amit Golander – Software Defined Memory (SDM)

- ◆ CTO and VP R&D, Plexistor – A technology leadership expert with experience at Primary Data, Tonian, and IBM. Amit has a rich R&D background, leading global hardware and software technical teams since 2000 and composing over 15 papers and 35 patents so far. Amit has a PhD in computer architecture and diverse work experience in storage, servers, and networking.

◆ Alex Fuxa – Persistent Memory

- ◆ Persistent Memory R&D Manager, HPE – He manages the HP Servers Persistent Memory R & D team. The Persistent Memory R & D team is interested in finding innovative ways to bring emerging non-volatile memory products to market. Alex holds a BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering from University of Texas at Austin. Before joining the HP Servers Persistent Memory team Alex developed Firmware for HP Servers Smart array controller and developed Flash Translation Layers for enterprise solid state disks. Alex has been granted 11 patents related to RAID and Flash technologies.

◆ Marc Schneider – NVDIMM Systems Update

- ◆ Senior Product Manager, Supermicro - He leads the IA Dual Processor Motherboard Group. He has launched multiple generations of award winning datacenter and enterprise products based on Intel's E5-2600 family of Xeon processors. With over 25 years of industry experience, he has held positions in product management, engineering management, and product design at various technology start-ups as well as Sun Microsystems and Philips Semiconductors. Marc holds a BSBA in High Tech Management from San Jose State University.



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Software Defined Memory (SDM)

Background



HDD

IOPS
(even if random...)



FLASH

Latency
(even under load...)



NVDIMM

NVDIMM-N marries the best of both worlds:

**Memory
Speed**

+

**Storage
Persistency**



...



New amazing hardware technology

Motivation

- We all agree that
Persistent memory is the ultimate high-performance storage tier
- But
How does Joe, an IT Admin from Corporate X, leverage it?

Amazing technology will stay a niche if Joe can't use it

Existing Vs. Emerging Software

Traditional applications	NVM-aware applications
POSIX	NPM
Legacy storage software	FS-DAX
PM+SSD	PM

Pros:

Works out of the box
Multi tier solutions exist

Cons:

Performance compromise
Expensive (low HW efficiency)

Pros:

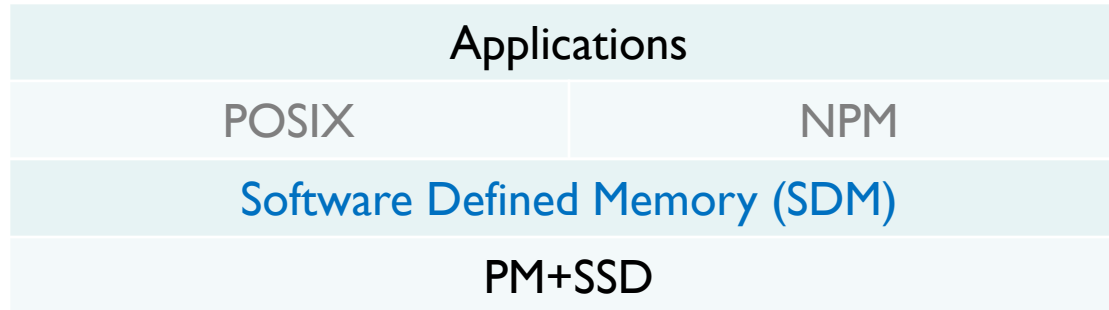
Very fast
Byte addressable

Cons:

Rewrite application & data services
Expensive (single tier)

New amazing technology – Adds a new level of complexity

Software Defined Memory



SDM:

A converged memory and storage architecture that enables applications to access storage as if it was memory and memory as if it was storage

Pros:

- Single storage for POSIX and NPM
- Fast, Byte addressable & Highly efficient
- Built-in data services

Cons:

- Requires new kernel versions

New amazing technology & Invisible to Joe ✓

Plexistor SDM – (POSIX) Performance



SOFTWARE-DEFINED MEMORY

Operation per second

Latency in µs

	ZFS	XFS	PLEXISTOR SDM		ZFS	XFS	PLEXISTOR SDM	
Random 4KB write <i>Single threaded FIO benchmark</i>	1,150	2,541	482,903	x 420	867	392	2	x 482
Random 4KB write <i>Multi threaded FIO benchmark</i>	2,146	26,068	5,057,669	x 2357	8,313	1,452	3	x 2857
Random 128B write <i>Multi threaded FIO benchmark</i>	2,177	27,944	7,080,780	x 3253	8,263	1,358	2	x 4051
SQL Database <i>SPEC SFS 2014 Database</i>	-	-	-		150	260	10	x 15
MongoDB NoSQL <i>MongoDB v3.2 on WiredTiger. Mixed (50% update)</i>	13,471	24,451	57,763	x 4	1,346	1,483	216	x 6

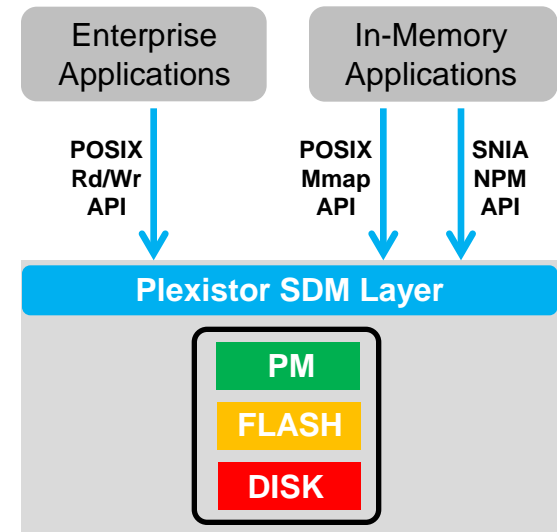
❗ E5-2650 v3 CPU, 32GB DRAM, 32GB NVDIMM, CloudSpeed SSD

SDM delivers

Plexistor SDM – Main Features

SDM CE v1.7.0:

- ◆ Unified for POSIX and NPM
 - › Performance for POSIX
 - › Capacity for NPM
- ◆ Auto-tiering
 - › 1st tier: PM / DRAM
 - › 2nd tier: SSD / NVMoF / AFA...
- ◆ Data migration across platforms
- ◆ NUMA optimized



Performance, flexibility and efficiency

Plexistor SDM – Availability

On-Premise deployment

You can download free Community Edition (CE) of Plexistor SDM software to run on any server in two configurations: persistent and ephemeral computing.

In a persistent configuration you will need to purchase NVDIMM from the following list to be used as SDM first storage tier.

An ephemeral computing configuration is very similar to an Amazon instance. SDM will use DRAM as the first storage tier and will NOT maintain persistency in case of a power failure. This configuration is relevant in cases where the application maintain it's own persistent (logging) schedule.

Currently SDM is supported by Linux kernel 4.x and above and tested on Ubuntu and Centos distributions.

RHEL/CentOS 7.1

↓ [Download](#) Plexistor SDM install script

Ubuntu 15.10

↓ [Download](#) Plexistor SDM install script

Public Cloud deployment



Install free Community Edition (CE) of Plexistor SDM software on Amazon EC2 in minutes. No configuration or set up is required. You can get an EC2 instance with

SDM capacity ranging from 64GB to 2.6TB at near-memory speed.

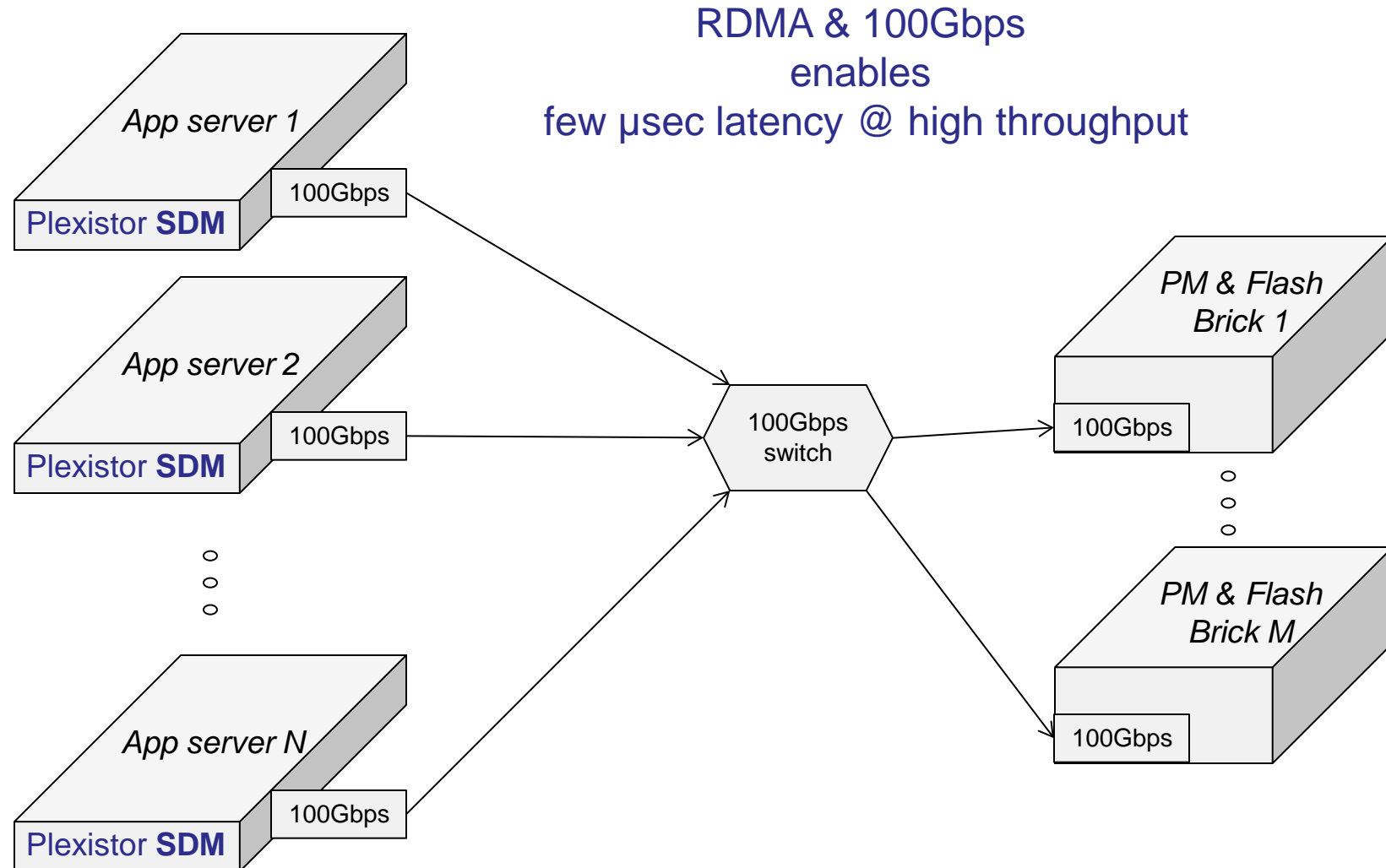
Plexistor SDM can be deployed in any i2 machine,

↓ [Install](#) Plexistor SDM on Amazon EC2

↓ [Install](#) MongoDB with Plexistor SDB on Amazon EC2

Free download available on www.plexistor.com/download/

Plexistor HA Architecture



Thank You



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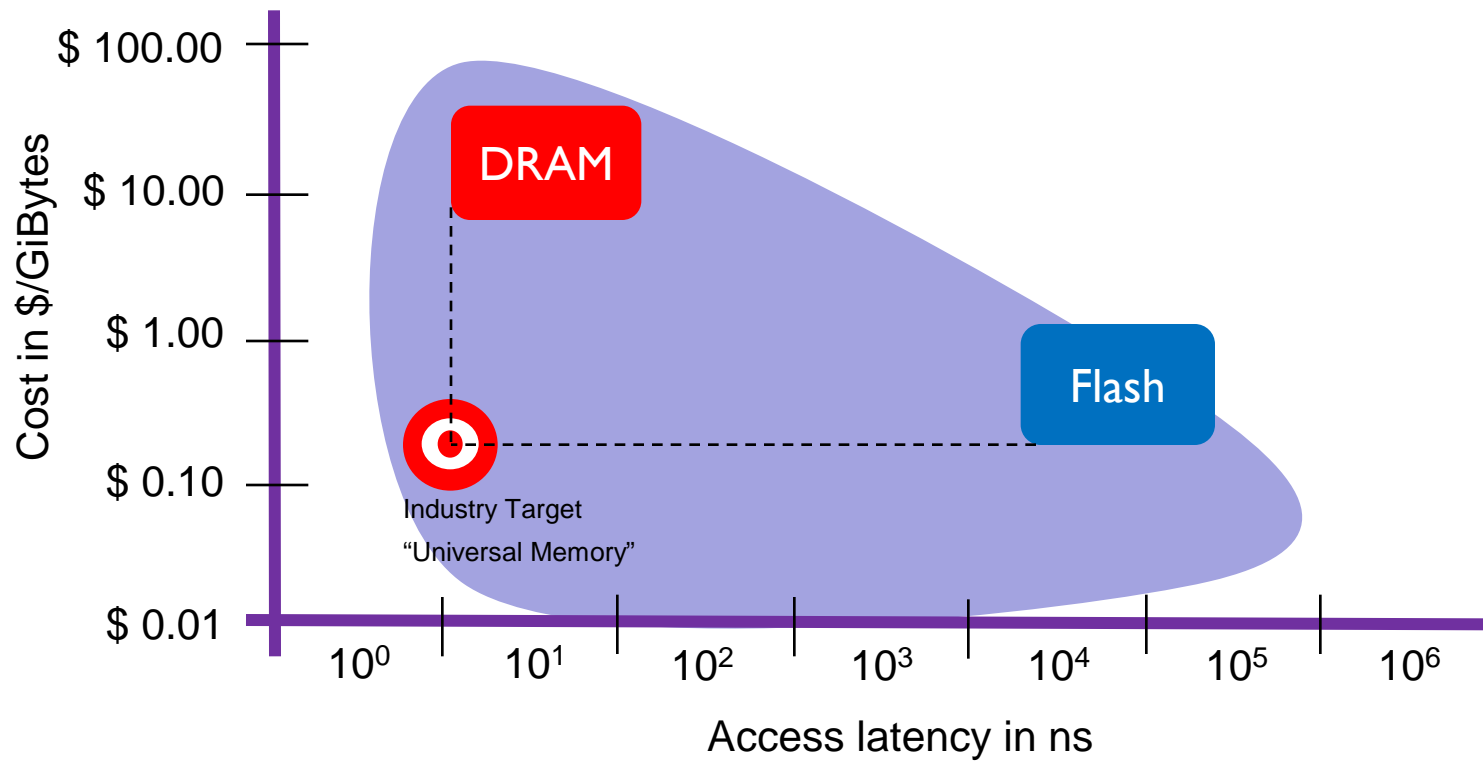


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Persistent Memory Mediums

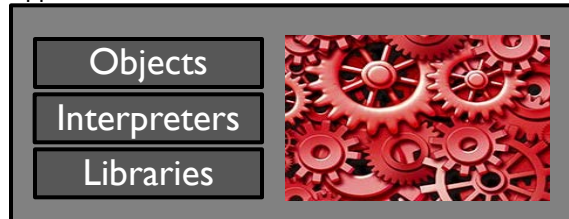
Room for multiple mediums



Evolving the Software

Applications must change

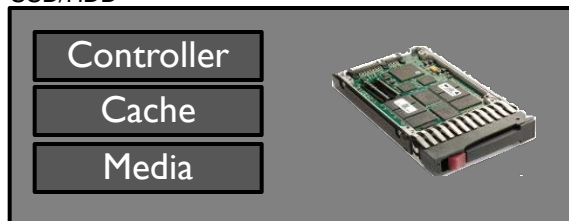
Application



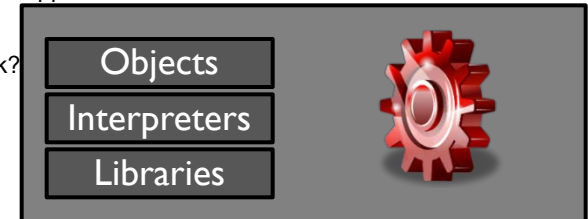
Operating System



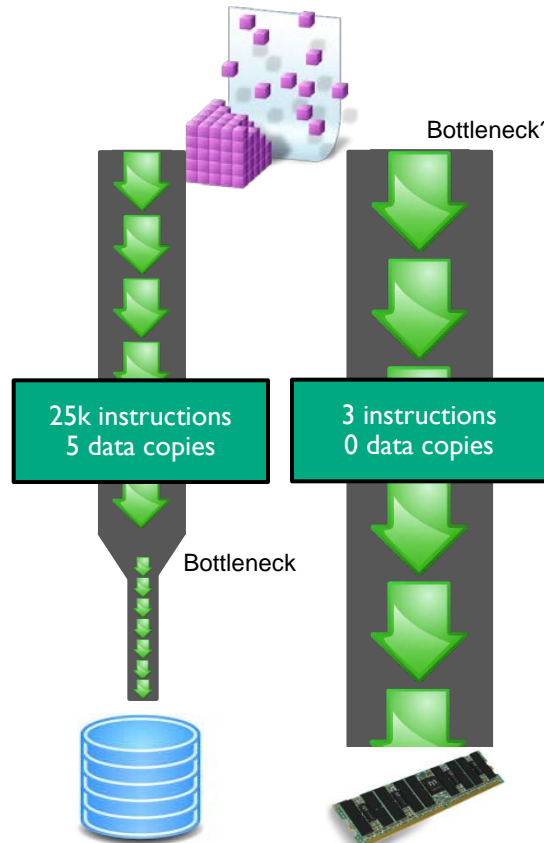
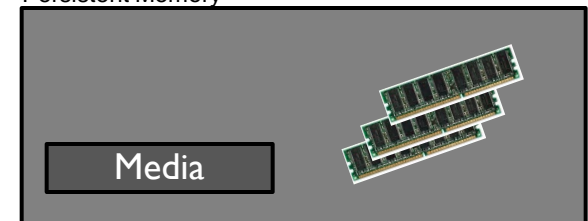
SSD/HDD



Application



Persistent Memory



Opportunities for Acceleration

Not every device will impact every software stack



Relational Database

MSFT SQL
MySQL
Maria DB
Oracle



Scale-out Storage

VSAN
MSFT Azure
Store Virtual



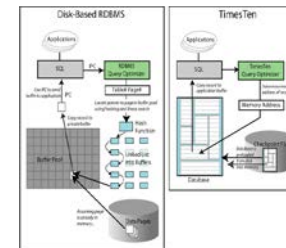
Virtual Desktop Infrastructure

Horizon view
Citrix HDI
VMware VDI



Big Data

Mongo DB
Cassandra
Hadoop
MSFT SQL Hadoop



In Memory Database

SAP HANA
MSFT SQL Hekaton
XAP Gigaspace



Middleware

Java
.NET
SanDisk FDF

Key Takeaways

- No universal memory
- Many mediums and use cases
- Need an open standard for connecting devices
- Latencies force software to fundamentally change
- HPE is innovating through standards like JEDEC 2233.22
- Database-like applications will be early adopters
- HPE is ready to work with you



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Supermicro NVDIMM Update

Agenda



- NVDIMM Advantages
- Development Update
- NVDIMM-enabled Systems
- Next Steps

NVDIMM Advantage

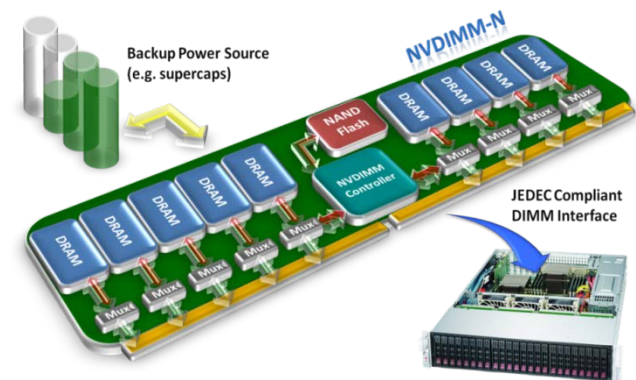
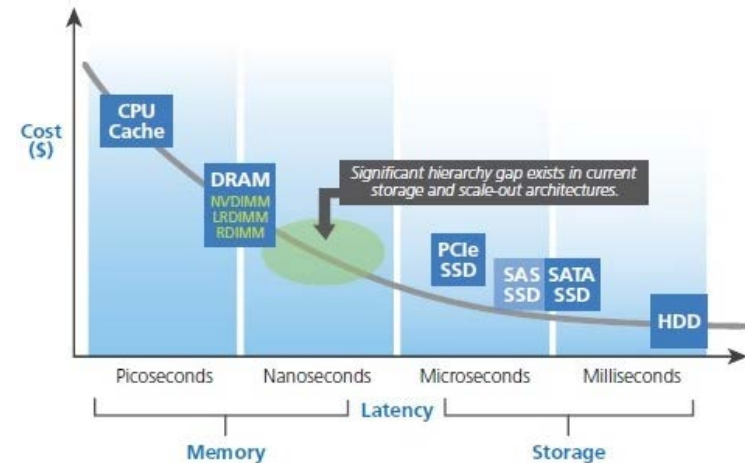


Technology Benefits

- ◆ **Higher Performance** – Accelerates business applications by increasing metadata performance
- ◆ **Cost-Effective** – Improves TCO compared to batteries or UPS solutions
- ◆ **Reliable** – Preserves critical data in the event of a power loss
- ◆ **Compatible** – Integrates into x86 server and Storage architectures
- ◆ **Eco-Friendly** – Lead Free Supercaps

Typical Applications

- ◆ Server RAID Storage, Storage cache tiering, Metadata persistent storage, Data logging, De-duplication, system/application checkpoints



Development Update



What's New

➤ JEDEC DDR4 Standardization

- ◆ Supercap recharge times have been greatly reduced
- ◆ SAVE_n pin sets a efficient interface to signal a backup
- ◆ EVENT_n asynchronous event notification pin
- ◆ I²C Device Addressing
- ◆ JEDEC defined SPD/Registers to comply with DDR4 RDIMM
- ◆ NVDIMM firmware interface table (NFIT) added in ACPI 6.0



➤ Supermicro

- ◆ Supermicro continues to lead the industry in NVDIMM adoption on the Intel Xeon™ E5-2600 v3 platform
- ◆ Five vendors supported via Intel MRC with more to come!
- ◆ 20+ X10 DP Motherboards currently enabled
- ◆ 60+ X10 DP Servers now support NVDIMM, including over 20 SuperStorage solutions



NVDIMM-N Enabled Models

X10 Motherboard



Market Segment	X10 Model	Available Configurations
Channel	X10DRC/i-LN4+/T4+, X10DRi(T), X10DRX, X10DRH-C/I(T), X10DRH-C/iLN4	Motherboard, barebones or complete server
Enterprise	X10DRU-i+ (Ultra Series)	Complete server-only
HPC	X10DRT-H/HIBF, X10DRT-P/PT/PIBF, X10DRT-L/LIBQ/LIBF, X10DRT-PS, X10DRFR(N)(T), X10DRFF(-C), X10DRFF(C/TG)	Motherboard or complete server
Data Center	X10DRD-L/I(N)T, X10DRD-LTP/I(N)TP, X10DDW-I(N), X10DRW-I(T), X10DRW-E/N(T)	Motherboard, barebones or complete server
Storage	X10DRS-2U/3U/4U, X10DSC+, X10DSC-TP4S, X10DRH-C/I(T), X10DRH-C/iLN4	Motherboard, barebones or complete server
GPU	X10DRG-Q	Motherboard, barebones or complete server

NVDIMM-N Enabled Models

X10 SuperStorage



U Height	2U		3U	4U		
Disk qty	2.5" x 24	3.5" x 12	3.5" x 16	3.5" x 24	3.5" x 36	3.5" x 72
Hardware RAID (LSI3108)	 2028R-ACR24H					
		 6028R-E1CR12T				
	 2028R-E1CR24N	 6028R-E1CR12N	 6038R-E1CR16N	 6048R-E1CR24N	 6048R-E1CR36N	
	 2028R-E1CR24H	 6028R-E1CR12H	 6038R-E1CR16H	 6048R-E1CR24H	 6048R-E1CR36H	
	 2028R-ACR24L					
IT Mode (LSI3008)	 2028R-E1CR24L	 6028R-E1CR12L	 6038R-E1CR16L	 6048R-E1CR24L	 6048R-E1CR36L	 6048R-E1CR72L
		 5028R-E1CR12L			 5048R-E1CR36L	

UP

Next Steps



Calls to Action

➤ Hardware

- ◆ Data encryption/decryption with password locking JEDEC standard
- ◆ “Write-back” feature to meet RDIMM performance
- ◆ Standardized set of OEM automation diagnostic tools
- ◆ JEDEC support of NMI trigger method alternative to ADR trigger
- ◆ Improve Supercap performance, size, and cost

➤ Software

- ◆ O/S recognition of APCI 6.0 (NFIT) to ease end user application development
- ◆ JEDEC standardize NVDIMM C library to speed up the OEM and end user development cycle



Thank You



Questions?