HPC Ready Solution for Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics

Run AI, data analytics and advanced computing workloads on one system

The advantage in today’s marketplace goes to the data-driven enterprise. For many organizations, advanced computing workloads like artificial intelligence (AI), data analytics, modeling and simulation are important sources of competitive advantage. As high performance computing (HPC) systems become smaller, simpler and less costly, enterprise IT teams are adopting HPC to provide the throughput and capacity needed for advanced computing and other enterprise workloads.

Converging HPC with AI and data analytics on a single system gives you the horsepower to run high-performance data analytics (HPDA), boost high-frequency trading, enhance risk analysis, improve fraud detection, and speed motion picture special effects cycles — just to name a few options.

However, to optimize budgets along with performance, it’s critical to match advanced computing resources to business requirements. System configuration can be a complex task, requiring a balance between workload requirements, performance targets, data center constraints and pricing. Many enterprises don’t have the time to research, optimize and deploy advanced computing systems to deliver the required return on investment.

With the Dell EMC HPC Ready Solution for AI and Data Analytics, Dell Technologies engineers have done the heavy lifting, so you can quickly deploy a high performance computing solution that matches the needs of the business. Dell Technologies can help you optimize investments based on your budget, with the ability to tune solutions for specific workloads and scale as needed with modular building blocks.

Essentially, the HPC Ready Solution for AI and Data Analytics can deliver the throughput and capacity to manage rapid data growth and increased workload demands, so business users can dream bigger and act faster than ever before.

One System for AI, Data Analytics and HPC

Dell EMC Ready Solutions are workload-optimized rack-level systems with servers, software, networking, storage and services to scale faster with the confidence of an engineering-tested solution while saving valuable time and resources. The HPC Ready Solution for AI and Data Analytics has been optimized, tested and tuned for a variety of applications on the Kubernetes® stack, with ongoing testing and validation to expand the list of validated options. This solution runs HPC, AI and data analytics workloads on the same system, simplifying deployment and management, and keeping costs low.

Customer results

2X computational power

1 petaFLOPS system delivered in less than a month

2–10X reduction in analysis time

1 Compared to previous system. Source: Dell EMC video case study, University of Cambridge, accessed October 2019.

2 Dell EMC video case study, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, accessed October 2019.
Flexible workload management enables dynamic movement of jobs between Slurm® and Kubernetes based on user demand, with a scalable shared filesystem to support both. Bright Cluster Manager® provides a single-pane-of-glass management experience for Dell EMC hardware, Slurm and Kubernetes. Dell EMC PowerEdge servers are available with accelerators to boost processing power for your most demanding workloads.

The HPC Ready Solution for AI and Data Analytics comes with a best practices guide and toolkit to help you take systems from factory-installed operating system to full Kubernetes cluster with a repository on GitHub®. With Bright Cluster Manager software, system administrators can quickly get clusters up and running and keep them running reliably throughout their lifecycle.

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Because the optimum solution configuration will depend on the specific mix of applications and types of data analytics, artificial intelligence and advanced computing workloads, recommended and engineering-validated options are provided, along with relevant criteria to consider when making these selections. As always, Dell Technologies HPC and AI experts are available to assist you with designing a solution for your specific needs. And Dell Technologies Services — ranging from consulting and education to deployment and support — are available when and where you need them.