SPARC M5 PROCESSOR

Oracle's SPARC M5 processor is the industry's most scalable multi-thread, multi-core processor, delivering exceptional single thread performance and very high throughput while enabling systems with up to 96 sockets.

SPARC M5 Processor Overview

The SPARC M5 processor is a revolutionary new design that elevates multi-thread, multi-core processor technology to an unprecedented level of scalability. Featuring six multi-threaded cores, 48 compute threads, a 3.6GHz clock, dedicated 128K L2 cache per core, and a massive 48MB L3 cache, the SPARC M5 processor is powerful and versatile enough to take on any workload. Combined with advanced, high speed coherency links and additional scalability link units, systems built using the SPARC M5 processor can scale-up to 96 sockets and over a thousand logical domains, which means no application is out of reach.

The SPARC M5 processor introduces a new integrated chip design featuring an innovative high-bandwidth memory controller, advanced reliability algorithms, the latest generation PCIe 3.0 interfaces, and cutting-edge power management features all in one package. By integrating system level features directly on to the silicon, applications perform more efficiently while overall system reliability is improved due to reduced part count in the server.

In addition to outstanding multithreaded performance, the SPARC M5 processor offers exceptional single-thread performance as well. In particular, the processor has a robust out-of-order, dual-issue processor core that is heavily threaded among eight strands. The core of the SPARC M5 processor has a 16-stage integer pipeline to achieve high operating frequencies, advanced branch prediction to mitigate the effect of a deep pipeline, and dynamic allocation of processor resources to threads. This allows the SPARC M5 processor to achieve very high single-thread performance while simultaneously scaling to high levels of throughput.

The SPARC M5 processor was designed from the ground up with security as a focus and has Crypto Instruction Accelerators integrated directly into each processor core. These accelerators enable high-speed encryption for over a dozen industry standard ciphers including DES, 3DES, AES, SSL, and RSA. By integrating encryption capabilities directly inside the instruction pipeline the SPARC M5 processor eliminates the performance and cost barriers typically associated with secure computing.
### SPARC M5 Processor Features and Specifications

#### Processor Features
- 6 SPARC V9 cores
- Die size 511 mm²
- Frequency: 3.6 GHz
- 28nm process technology
- Up to 48 threads per CPU
- Up to 32 DDR3 DIMMs per M5 processor supporting DDR3 1066 MHz memory
- Cryptographic stream processing unit in each core accessible through user-level crypto instructions
- 48 MB, 12-way, Level 3 Cache
- 7 coherence link channels, 12 lanes each direction per channel, 12 Gbps per lane
- 6 scalability link channels, 4 lanes each direction per channel, 12 Gbps per lane
- Dual PCI Express 3.0 x8 interfaces integrated in silicon
- Security: supports AES, Camellia, CRC32c, DES, 3DES, Kasumi, MD5, RSA, ECC, DSA, SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512

#### Processor Core Specifications
- 15.4 mm² core size
- 8 threads
- Sophisticated branch predictor
- Hardware data prefetcher
- 128 KB Level 2 unified cache per core
- 16 KB Level 1 D-cache and 16 KB Level 1 I-cache
- 2 out-of-order integer execution pipelines, one floating-point unit (FGU), and cryptographic stream-processing integrated in the pipeline
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