

CRAY XC30

Scaling Across the Supercomputer Performance Spectrum

The Cray® XC30™ supercomputer series is the culmination of a powerful industry collaboration and cutting edge HPC research and development. Unlike clusters and “assembled” HPC systems of mixed components requiring user integration, the Cray XC30 series has been specifically designed from the ground up with a holistic approach to optimize the entire system to deliver sustained real-world performance and scalability across all hardware and software. Furthermore, the Cray XC30 series leverages the combined advantages of next-generation Aries™ interconnect and Dragonfly network topology, Intel® Xeon® processors, integrated storage solutions, and major enhancements to the Cray OS and programming environment. The Cray® XC30™ supercomputer is a ground breaking architecture upgradable to 100 Petaflops per system.



Cascade

Previously codenamed "Cascade", the Cray XC30 supercomputer is a massively parallel processing (MPP) architecture focused on producing more capable HPC systems to address a broad range of user communities. The Cray XC30 series is targeted at scientists, researchers, engineers, analysts and students across the technology, science, industry and academic fields.

Adaptive Supercomputing Architecture

Building on the Cray adaptive supercomputing vision, the Cray XC30 series integrates extreme performance HPC interconnect capabilities with best-of-class processing technologies to produce a single, scalable architecture.

Understanding that no single processor engine is ideal for every type of user application, the Cray XC30 series highlights the flexibility of scalar processing, coprocessing and accelerators to build hybrid systems capable of leveraging the strengths of each technology into one "adaptive" HPC environment. Computing applications often need a balance of scalar and parallel operations to execute optimally. Merging x86 multicore benefits with coprocessor or accelerator many-core advantages addresses this need to target the best processing engine type for a specific function. With a robust hardware and software environment empowering customer choice, users can configure their Cray XC30 systems to their own unique requirements to meet their specific goals.

With the Cray XC30 systems, the adaptive supercomputing concept applies to building flexibility into hardware and network upgradeability, the comprehensive HPC software environment, optimized OS and ISV support, networking, storage and data management as well as power and cooling elements.

Holistic & Integrated Platform

Cray uses holistic and integrated methods to develop the world's most complete and robust HPC systems. This R&D process is a key benefit of Cray supercomputers and ensures that each product is developed, tested and validated against the most demanding real-world HPC applications. Rather than assembling cluster-like components and commodity networks that can degrade or act unpredictably at high node counts, the Cray XC30 series architecture improves upon the Cray history of "system centric" development.

With a comprehensive scope of extreme performance interconnects, processing, packaging, cooling, power options, file systems, upgradability, supervisory systems, OS and software development environment, the Cray XC30 series delivers a quality, reliable HPC solution. Additionally, like all of Cray's systems, the Cray XC30 series offers the ability to efficiently scale key software applications, easy and proactive future upgradability by design, and a tightly coupled interconnect and software environment.

Regardless of your application requirements, the Cray XC30 series scales across the performance spectrum — from smaller footprint, lower density configurations up to the world's largest and highest performing supercomputers.

Extreme Scalability and Sustained Performance

Cray has an established reputation for regularly running the biggest jobs on the largest numbers of nodes in the HPC industry. Now with the Cray XC30 series there's even more focus on solving extreme capability computational challenges. Designed to avoid the limitations of commodity assemblies, the Cray XC30 system scales hardware, networking and software across a broad throughput spectrum to deliver true sustained, real-world production performance. It all means users can now model even bigger datasets and simulate massive systems which previously needed to be partitioned down into numerous smaller-sized modules.

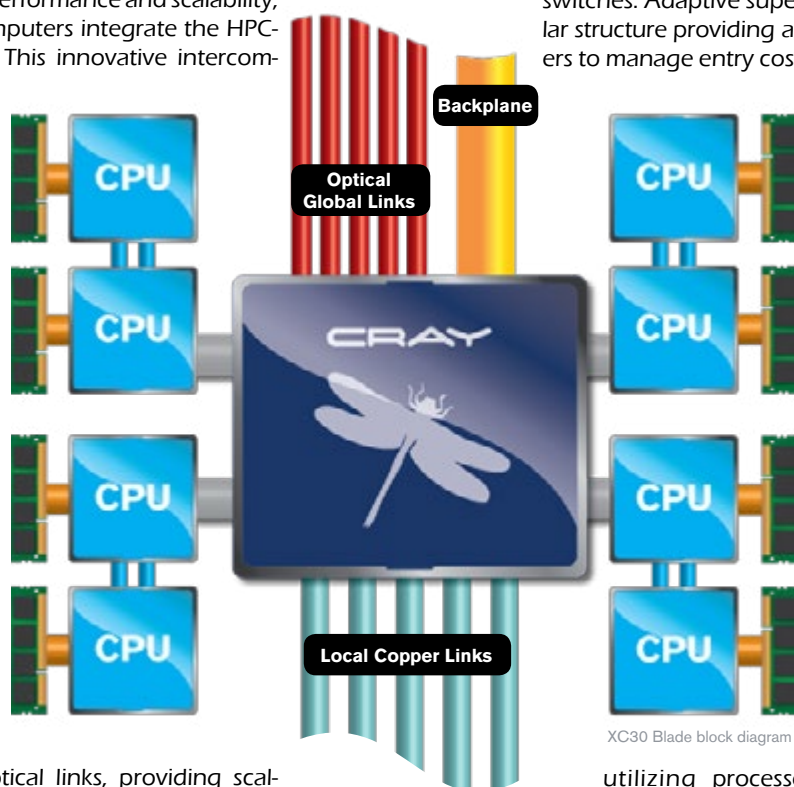
Aries Interconnect and Dragonfly Topology

To provide this breakthrough performance and scalability, the Cray XC30 series supercomputers integrate the HPC-optimized Aries interconnect. This innovative intercommunications technology, implemented with a high bandwidth, low diameter network topology called Dragonfly, provides substantial improvements on all of the network performance metrics for HPC: bandwidth, latency, message rate and more. Delivering unprecedented global bandwidth scalability at reasonable cost, across a distributed memory system, this network provides programmers with global access to all of the memory of parallel applications and supports the most demanding global communication patterns.

The Dragonfly network topology is constructed from a configurable mix of backplane, copper and optical links, providing scalable global bandwidth and avoiding expensive external

switches. Adaptive supercomputing means a modular structure providing a customizable system for users to manage entry costs, and enables easy in-place upgrades for growing bandwidth requirements in the future.

The Aries ASIC provides the network interconnect for the compute nodes on the Cray XC30 series base blades and implements a standard PCI Express Gen3 host interface, empowering connectivity to a wide range of HPC processing compute engines. This universal nature of the Cray XC30 series open architecture allows the system to be configured with the best available devices today, and then augmented or upgraded in the future with the user's choice of processors/coprocessors utilizing processor daughter cards (PDCs), each with their own independent capabilities and development schedule.



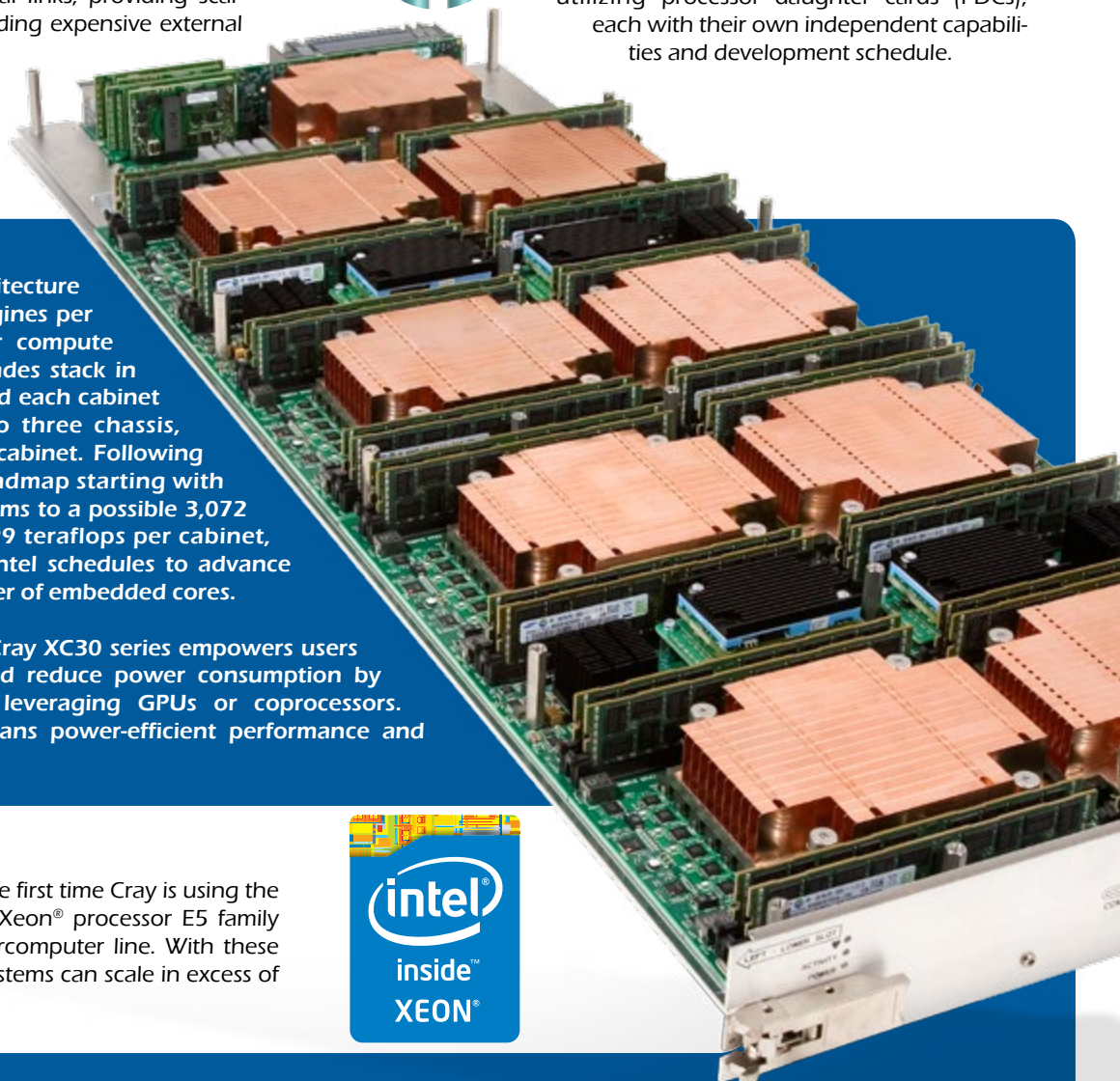
XC30 Blade block diagram

The Cray XC30 series architecture implements two processor engines per compute node, and has four compute nodes per blade. Compute blades stack in eight pairs (16 to a chassis) and each cabinet can be populated with up to three chassis, culminating in 384 sockets per cabinet. Following the Intel® Xeon® processor roadmap starting with eight cores per processor, it sums to a possible 3,072 cores each – enabling up to 99 teraflops per cabinet, and is upgradable with the Intel schedules to advance clock frequency and the number of embedded cores.

The open architecture of the Cray XC30 series empowers users to accelerate performance and reduce power consumption by running hybrid applications leveraging GPUs or coprocessors. Adaptive supercomputing means power-efficient performance and customer choice.

Intel® Xeon® Processors

The Cray XC30 series marks the first time Cray is using the industry-leading 64-bit Intel® Xeon® processor E5 family members in a high-end supercomputer line. With these Intel processors, Cray XC30 systems can scale in excess of 1 million cores.





Custom or ISV Jobs on the Same System — Extreme Scale and Cluster Compatibility

Rather than be boxed in by a restricted system architecture, the Cray XC30 series provides complete workload flexibility. Based on generations of experience with both environments, Cray has leveraged a single machine to run both highly scalable custom workloads as well as industry-standard ISV jobs via the powerful Cray Linux Environment™ (CLE). CLE enables a Cluster Compatibility Mode (CCM) to run out-of-the-box Linux/x86 versions of ISV software without any requirement for porting, recompiling or relinking.

Alternatively, Cray's Extreme Scalability Mode (ESM) can be set to run in a performance-optimized scenario for custom codes. These flexible and optimized operation modes are dynamic and available to the user on an individual job basis. CLE has been optimized to make the most of the advancements in the Aries interconnect and the Dragonfly topology without requiring user tuning. Adaptive supercomputing means supporting different techniques of code execution on the fly.

ROI, Upgradability and Investment Protection

Besides the customizable configuring of the exact machine that a user requires, the Cray XC30 supercomputer architecture is engineered for easy, flexible upgrades and expansion, a benefit that prolongs its productive lifetime and the user's investment.

As new technology advancements become available, users can take advantage of these next-generation progressions deep into the life cycle before ever considering replacing an HPC system. Adaptive supercomputing means longevity.

Production Reliability

Cray provides system monitoring fault identification and recovery via its Hardware Supervisory System (HSS) that integrates hardware and software component support. An independent system with its own control processors and supervisory network, the HSS monitors and manages all major hardware and software elements in the Cray XC30 supercomputer. In addition to providing recovery services in the event of a hardware or software failure, HSS controls power-up,

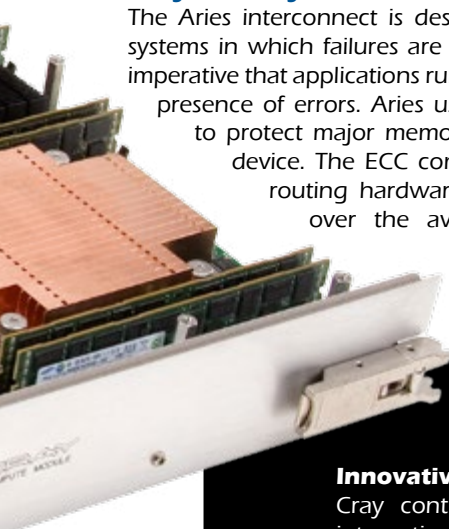
power-down and boot sequences, manages the interconnect, reroutes around failed interconnect links, and displays the machine state to the system administrator. Without disrupting an active workload, the Cray XC30 system supports a flexible hot swap capability allowing a system operator to remove and repair system blades and/or cooling blowers.

Cray XC30 System Resiliency Features

The Aries interconnect is designed to scale to massive HPC systems in which failures are to be expected, but where it is imperative that applications run to successful completion in the presence of errors. Aries uses error correcting code (ECC) to protect major memories and data paths within the device. The ECC combined with the Aries adaptive routing hardware (which spreads data packets over the available lanes which comprise each of the Dragonfly links) provide improved system and applications resiliency. In the

event of a lane failure, the adaptive routing hardware will automatically mask it out. The HSS can even automatically reconfigure to route around the bad links in the event of losing all connectivity between two interconnects.

Additionally, the Cray XC30 features NodeKARE™ (Node Knowledge and Reconfiguration). If a user's program terminates abnormally, NodeKARE automatically runs diagnostics on all involved compute nodes and removes any unhealthy ones from the compute pool. Subsequent jobs are allocated only to healthy nodes and run reliably to completion.



Innovative Cooling & Green Systems

Cray continues to advance its HPC cooling efficiency advantages, integrating a combination of vertical liquid coil units per compute cabinet and transverse air flow reused through the system. Fans in blower cabinets can be hot swapped and the system yields "room neutral" air exhaust.



Cray XC30™ Series Specifications

Processor	64-bit Intel® Xeon® processor E5 family; up to 384 per cabinet
Memory	32-128GB per node Memory bandwidth: up to 117GB/s per node
Compute Cabinet	Up to 384 sockets per cabinet, upgradeable with processors of varying core counts Peak performance: initially up to 99 TFLOPS per system cabinet
Interconnect	1 Aries routing and communications ASIC per four compute nodes 48 switch ports per Aries chip (500GB/s switching capacity per chip) Dragonfly interconnect: low latency, high bandwidth topology
System Administration	Cray System Management Workstation (SMW) Single-system view for system administration System software rollback capability
Reliability Features (Hardware)	Integrated Cray Hardware Supervisory System (HSS) Independent, out-of-band management network Full ECC protection of all packet traffic in the Aries network Redundant power supplies; redundant voltage regulator modules Redundant paths to all system RAID Hot swap blowers, power supplies and compute blades Integrated pressure and temperature sensors
Reliability Features (Software)	HSS system monitors operation of all operating system kernels Lustre file system object storage target failover; Lustre metadata server failover Software failover for critical system services including system database, system logger, and batch subsystems NodeKARE (Node Knowledge and Reconfiguration)
Operating System	Cray Linux Environment (includes SUSE Linux SLES11, HSS and SMW software) Extreme Scalability Mode (ESM) and Cluster Compatibility Mode (CCM)
Compilers, Libraries & Tools	Cray Compiler Environment, Intel Compiler, PGI Compiler, GNU compiler Support for the ISO Fortran standard (2008) including parallel programming using coarrays, C/C++ and UPC MPI 2.0, Cray SHMEM, other standard MPI libraries using CCM. Cray Apprentice, and Cray PAT performance tools. Intel Parallel Studio Development Suite (option)
Job Management	PBS Professional job management system Moab Adaptive Computing Suite job management system SLURM – Simple Linux Unified Resource Manager
External I/O Interface	InfiniBand, 10 Gigabit Ethernet, Fibre Channel (FC) and Ethernet
Disk Storage	Full line of FC, SAS and IB based disk arrays with support for FC and SATA disk drives, SONEXION data storage system
Parallel File System	Lustre, Data Virtualization Service (DVS) allows support for NFS, external Lustre and other file systems 90 kW per compute cabinet, maximum configuration
Power	Support for 480 VAC and 400 VAC computer rooms 6 kW per blower cabinet, 20 AMP at 480 VAC or 16 AMP at 400 VAC (three-phase, ground)
Cooling	Water cooled with forced transverse air flow: 6900 cfm intake
Dimensions (Cabinets)	H 80.25 in. x W 35.56 in. x D 62.00 in. (compute cabinet) H 80.25 in. x W 18.00 in. x D 42.00 in. (blower cabinet)
Weight (Operational)	3,450 lbs. per compute cabinet - liquid cooled, 243 lbs./square foot floor loading 750 lbs. per blower cabinet
Regulatory Compliance	EMC: FCC Part 15 Subpart B, CE Mark, CISPR 22 & 24, ICES-003, C-tick, VCCI Safety: IEC 60950-1, TUV SUD America CB Report Acoustic: ISO 7779, ISO 9296

The HPC Challenge

Higher performance or lower power? More flexibility or less cost? Increased capabilities or improved greenness? Today's demanding HPC technology requirements are often in conflict with each other. The driving metrics around supercomputing are no longer purely about peak performance and faster clock rates. Now, users need to balance speed and power with other critical system capabilities such as sustained real-world performance, economized power, cooling efficiency, tight packaging, and a robust partner ecosystem as well as full integration of OS, software and programming environments. Business requirements are equally important and need to address upgradeability and return on investment, operating as well as capital equipment costs, reliability and resiliency.

Cray is The Supercomputer Company

Our legacy, innovative domain knowledge, past experience and future focus are centered completely on high performance computing. We are not distracted by diverging business units, competing technology silos or contradictory technology initiatives.

Cray XC30 Supercomputer Delivers

- Adaptive Supercomputing
- Extreme Scalability
- Sustained Performance
- Holistic & Integrated Platform
- Reliability

Cray Provides

- A Robust Software Environment
- Integrated Storage Solutions
- A Broad Partner Ecosystem

Cray XC30 Series Targets

Chemistry & Life Sciences

- Bioinformatics
- Drug Discovery
- Proteomics
- Structural Biology

Environmental & Earth Sciences

- Climate
- Oceanography
- Weather

Materials Sciences

- Automotive & Aerospace
- Chemical & Petrochemical
- Energy & Power Generation
- Steel & Metal Alloys
- Glass & Ceramics
- Semiconductors

Defense & National Security

PDCs

Processor daughter card options providing the adaptive supercomputing flexibility of customer choice on processing engine technology are outlined in detail in separate product briefs covering CPUs, accelerators and coprocessors.

Software Environment

Cray XC30 series software environment details are described in a product brief covering the Cray Linux Environment and Cray Programming Environment, including discussions of programming paradigms, compilers, debuggers, science libraries and workload managers, as well as a wide variety of software, middleware and ISV partner offerings.

Storage Systems

The Cray Sonexion™ data storage system brings together an integrated file system, software and storage offering designed specifically for a wide range of HPC workloads, and provides users with an integrated, scalable and easy-to-install/maintain Lustre solution. Alternatively, the Cray Data Virtualization Service (DVS) allows for the projection of various other file systems (including NFS, GPFS™, Panasas® and StorNext®) to the compute and login nodes.

Additional product briefs may be downloaded from Cray's website at www.cray.com/products/computing/xc

