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Data-Driven Insights Start with Performance Intensive Computing Infrastructure

Convergence of workloads for a common infrastructure





Many engineering and scientific (technical computing) applications such as electronic design automation and computer-assisted design (CAD) benefit from an increase in compute-intensive infrastructure to get the job done meaningfully.

Key business objectives:

Improved business operations, accelerated product development cycles, business automation and efficiency, and new and deep insights into customer behavior

New Data Sets Drive New Computing Infrastructure



By 2025



of companies will invest in alternative computing technologies to drive business differentiation by compressing time-to-value of insights from complex data sets.

These data sets will be sourced and analyzed by many different applications, including but not limited to:



The infrastructure needs of these workload groups are converging into what IDC calls performance-intensive computing infrastructure, or PIC-I — high-performance and scalable compute platforms, network fabrics, and storage systems.

Source: IDC Future of Digital Infrastructure, 2022

Challenges of Getting to Performance-Intensive Computing Infrastructure

Some organizations are in advanced stages of PIC-I, others are just getting started.







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Lack of proper infrastructure is one inhibitor to deploying AI at scale. Infrastructure is an often-misunderstood and underestimated part of the PIC workload stack—and a big reason why PIC projects fail.



Reaching PIC-I: What's Needed



Investments in performance-intensive workloads must be more significant than those for corporate IT and other business applications. **General-purpose infrastructure** cannot get the job done.

The five areas organizations need to evaluate as part of a full-stack PIC-I strategy bear this out:

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Software technologies and platforms that deliver base functionality for downstream app developments and bridge the gaps among developers, data scientists, and IT operations teams.

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Purpose-built infrastructure that can scale performance to support the burgeoning compute and data-persistence requirements of the apps. **Deployment locations for infrastructure** to enable ubiquitous consumption and insights across the entire organization.

4.

Security technologies built-in at the silicon level that help organizations take a modern approach to decrease risks to important assets, mitigate malware, and protect against internal and physical attacks.

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Technology investments aligned to corporate ESG goals. By deploying energy efficient architectures, IT organizations can help achieve these goals while also meeting the needs of the business.

Message from the Sponsor

For more on how to build and maintain a modern performance-intensive computing infrastructure—including how Supermicro systems powered by AMD chips play a foundational role—download the IDC white paper, "The Power of Now: Gaining Deep and Timely Insights with Performance-Intensive Computing Infrastructure," sponsored by Supermicro and AMD.



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