

Performance Brief

New xSeries 235 delivers powerful performance for Web-serving applications

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The IBM @server x235 servers are high-throughput, two-way SMP-capable Xeon Processor-based network servers. They deliver excellent scalability for adding memory, adapter cards, or multiple processors. They incorporate powerful 1.8, 2.0, 2.2 or 2.4GHz¹ XeonTM Processor DP with 512KB integrated full-speed ECC L2 cache.

The SPECweb99 benchmark was used to measure the xSeries 235 server's performance in a configuration that used two 2.2GHz Xeon Processors. The SPECweb99² results and configuration details are summarized below.

SPECweb99 - Simultaneous Connections	
IBM xSeries 235	Dell PowerEdge 4600
4,470 ³	4,320
System Hardware	
2 x 2.2GHz Xeon Processor DP 512KB L2 Cache	2 x 2.2GHz Xeon Processor DP 512KB L2 Cache
8GB Memory	8GB Memory
6 x 18.2GB ⁴ 15K Ultra160 Disk Drives	8 x 18.2GB 10K Ultra160 Disk Drives
LSI Logic1030 Ultra320 SCSI Adapter	Onboard Adaptec 7899 Controller
Operating System and HTTP Software	
Microsoft® Windows® 2000 Advanced Server	Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server
Microsoft Internet Information Server 5.0	Microsoft Internet Information Server 5.0
Microsoft Scalable Web Cache 3.0	Microsoft Scalable Web Cache 3.0
Network Hardware	
4 x Intel PRO/1000 XT Adapters	4 x Intel PRO/1000 XT Adapters
Extreme Networks Summit 7i Switch	Nortel ACEswitch 180

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Notes

- (1) GHz only measures microprocessor internal clock speed, not application performance. Many factors affect application performance.
- (2) SPECweb99 measures the maximum number of simultaneous connections, requesting the predefined benchmark workload that a Web server is able to support while still meeting specific throughput and error rate requirements. The connections are made and sustained at a specified maximum bit rate with a maximum segment size intended to more realistically model conditions that will be seen on the Internet during the lifetime of this benchmark.
- (3) Leading result for a 2-way Intel-based server running Windows 2000 when published in June 2002.
- (4) When referring to hard disk capacity, GB, or gigabyte, means one thousand million bytes. Total user-accessible capacity may vary depending on operating environment.

Results referenced in this document are current as of June 10, 2002.