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HPE Application Tuner Express (HPE-ATX): Performance Proof Points

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Houston, we have a problem!

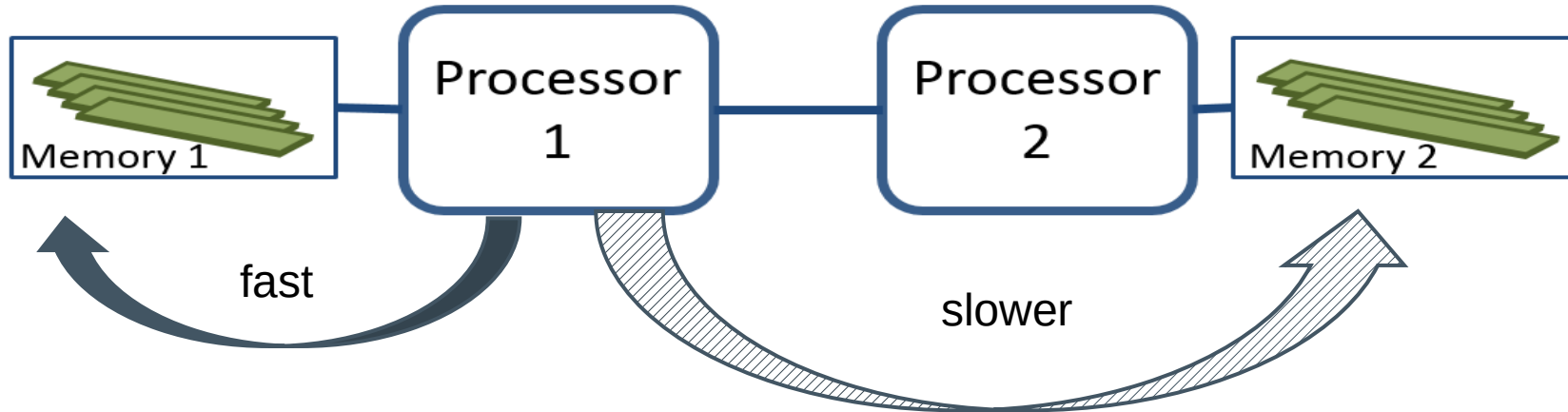


- Many existing applications today were designed for older 2- and 4-socket systems (20 to 40 cores) and are NUMA unaware.
- Scaling these applications to large current 16-socket / 240-core systems can show significant application performance issues.
- In larger systems with multiple cores and sockets memory latency can be a big problem if memory and cores are not kept together.
- It's difficult to correctly design and code applications to have core and memory co-location in a NUMA system.

Non Uniform Memory Access (NUMA)

Quick recap

Modern computers have their memory controlled by processors



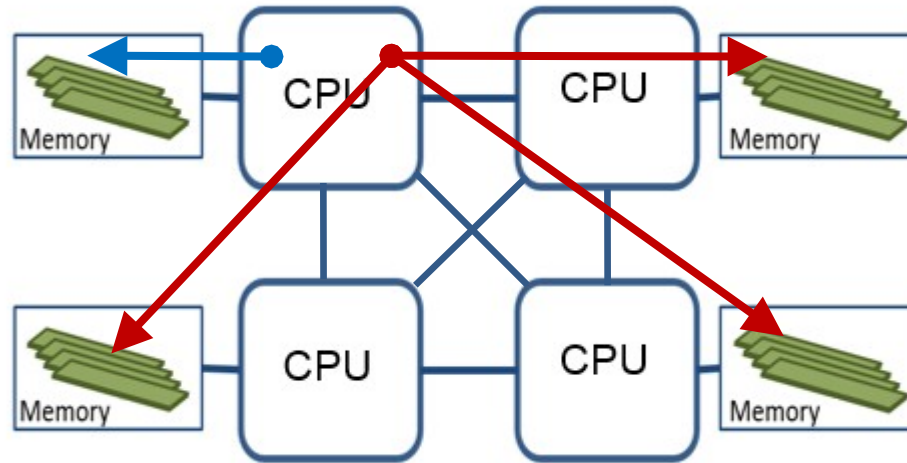
Accessing remote memory takes longer than accessing local memory

For 2-socket servers such as the HPE DL380:

- **50%** of the memory is **local memory**
- **50%** of the memory is **remote** with a **1.6x memory latency**
(accessing remote memory takes 1.6 times longer)

Non Uniform Memory Access (NUMA)

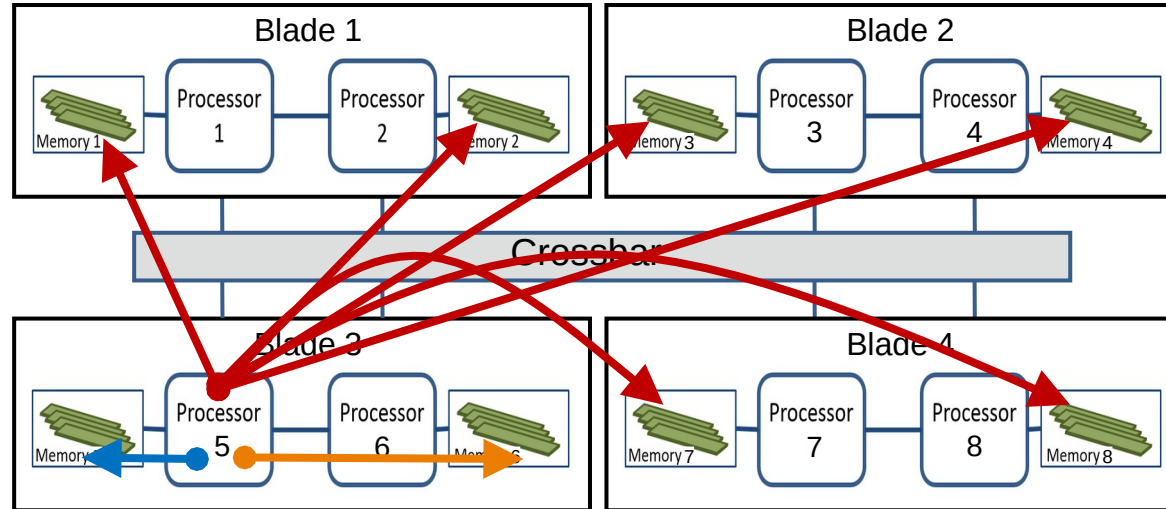
HPE DL580 Conceptual NUMA Topology



- **25%** of the memory is **local memory**
- **75%** of the memory is **remote** with a **1.6x memory latency**
(*accessing remote memory takes 1.6 times longer*)

Non Uniform Memory Access (NUMA)

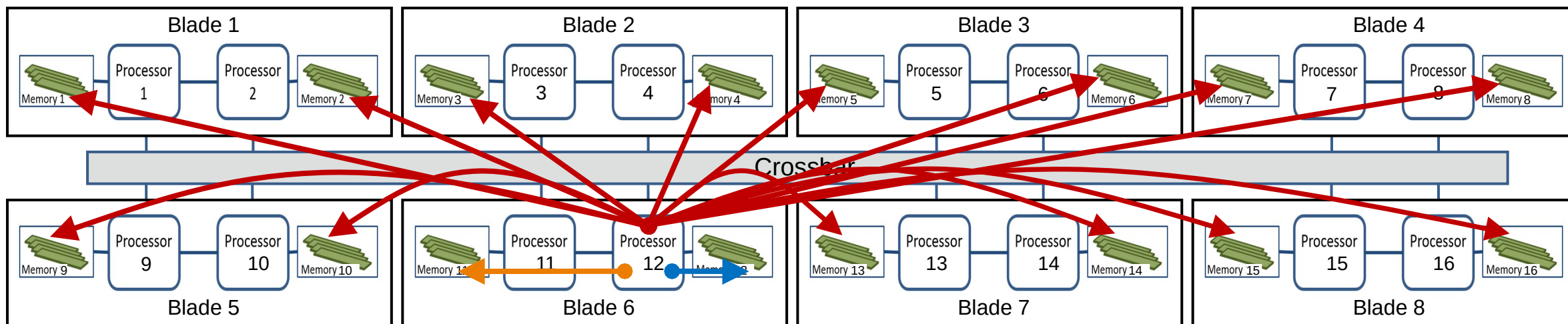
8-socket HPE Superdome X Conceptual NUMA Topology



- **Only 12.5%** of the memory is **local memory**
- **12.5%** of the memory is **remote on-blade** with a **1.6x memory latency**
- **75%** of the memory is **remote off-blade** with a **3.0x memory latency**
(accessing remote off-blade memory takes 3.0 times longer)

Non Uniform Memory Access (NUMA)

16-socket HPE Superdome X Conceptual NUMA Topology



- **Only 6.25%** of the memory is **local memory**
- **6.25%** of the memory is **remote on-blade** with a **1.6x memory latency**
- **87.5%** of the memory is **remote off-blade** with a **3.0x memory latency**
(accessing remote off-blade memory takes 3.0 times longer)



Keep Your Applications Organized

- As systems get larger the chance of accessing remote memory increases
- When applications are scheduled close to their memory performance increases significantly



What is HPE-ATX?

- Utility that makes NUMA unaware applications more NUMA aware
 - **No application changes are needed!**
- Controls the distribution of an application's processes and threads in a NUMA environment
 - Several NUMA node and CPU Launch Policies are provided to obtain an optimal distribution
- HPE-ATX vs numactl:
 - numactl **constrains** an application to a set of NUMA nodes
 - HPE-ATX **distributes** an application around a set of nodes
- Benefit of HPE-ATX varies by platform and application
 - Higher socket count platforms benefit more than lower socket count platforms
 - NUMA-unaware applications benefit more than applications built with NUMA awareness



Realize significant OLTP performance gains with HPE-ATX

Up to 29.6% performance improvement on Superdome X Gen8

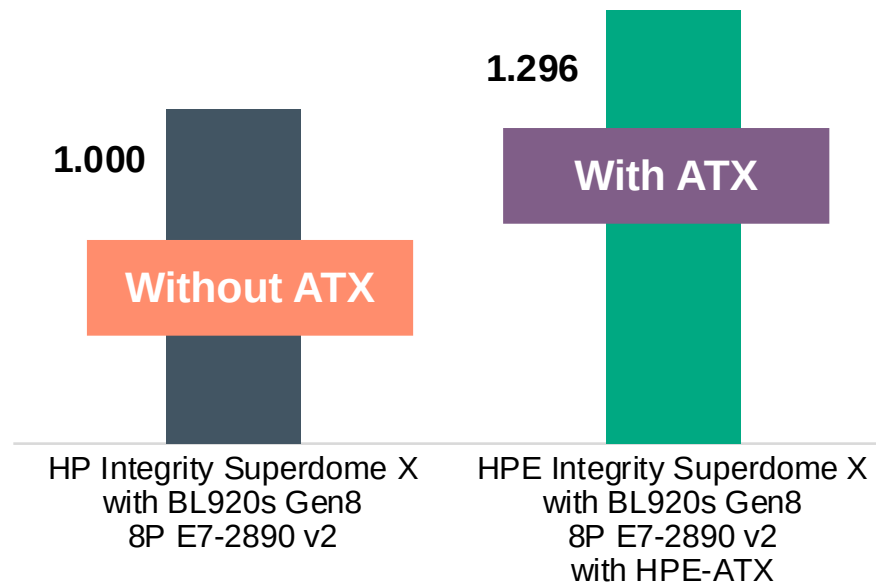
Up to 29.6% improvement
for Gen8 with HPE-ATX!

Key performance takeaways

- **Gen8 plus HPE-ATX software utility:**

Up to 29.6% performance gain with HPE ATX software utility on Superdome X Gen8

- Outstanding results with the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.6 operating system



Read the performance brief at <http://2025>.

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HPE Integrity MC990 X OLTP performance boost with HPE-ATX

Significant database performance gains for the HPE Integrity MC990 X server

Key performance takeaways:

– HPE-ATX software utility gains:

Up to 59% performance gain with the HPE-ATX software utility on HPE MC990 X servers for improved throughput

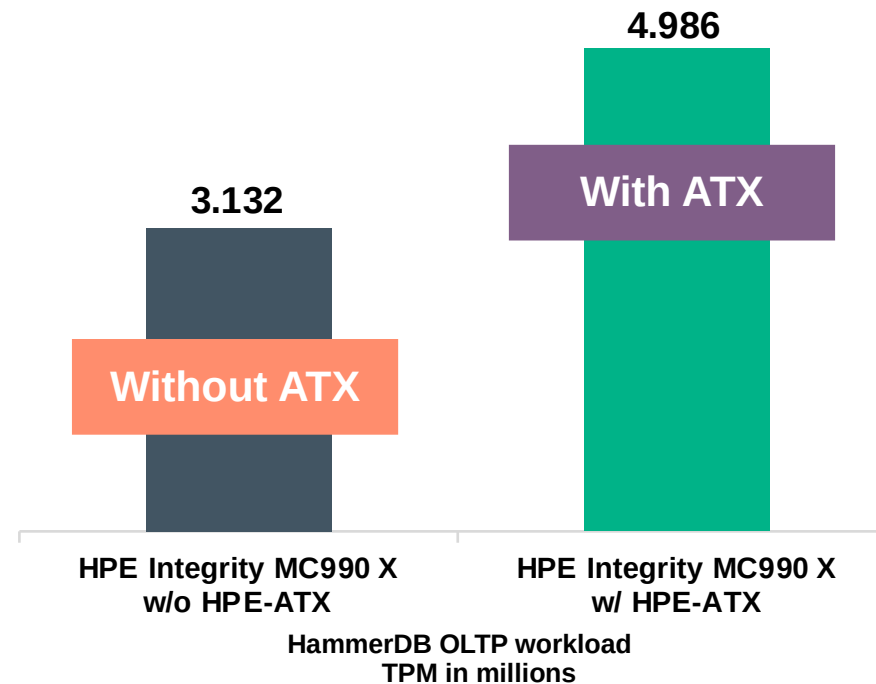
– Database licensing costs:

Same database workload requires fewer cores

HPE Application Tuner Express

(ATX) utility: A launch policy controller that facilitates more efficient use of application processes and threads for a NUMA environment

**Up to 59% improvement
on 8P with HPE-ATX!**



**Cut your per-core licensing
costs by almost 40%!**



8P HPE Integrity MC990 X

HPE Integrity MC990 X with 8 Intel® Xeon® E7-8890 v3 processors

Significant OLTP multi-tenant performance gains with HPE-ATX

Database performance gains with HPE Integrity Superdome X Gen9

Key performance takeaways:

– HPE-ATX software utility gains:

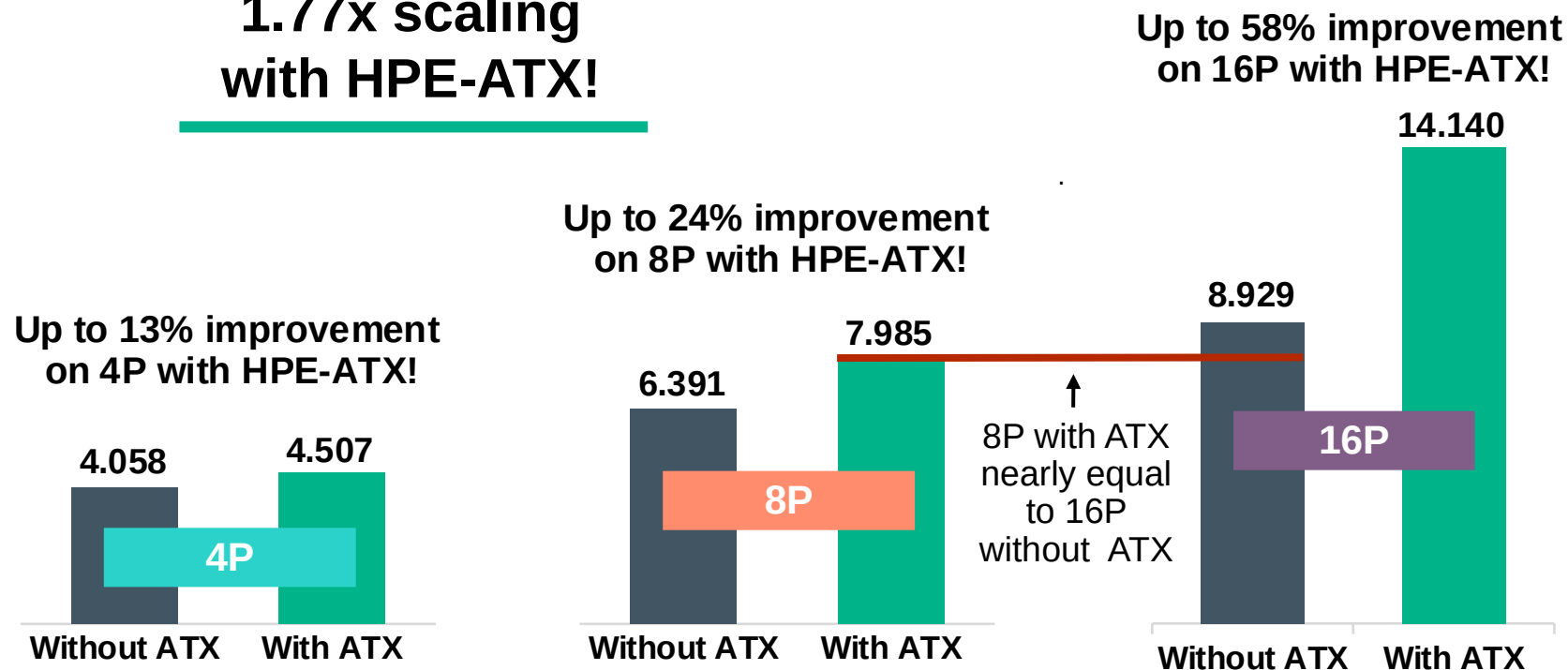
Up to 58% performance gain with the HPE-ATX software utility on HPE Superdome X with BL920s Gen9 blades

– Database Licensing Costs:

8P performance with ATX is almost the same as 16P performance without ATX (see the red line)

Cut your per-core licensing costs almost in half!

**1.77x scaling
with HPE-ATX!**



Hammer DB OLTP multi-tenant workload

HPE Superdome X using BL920s Gen9 blades with Intel® Xeon® E7-8890 v3 processors

HPE ProLiant DL580 OLTP performance boost with HPE-ATX

Significant database performance gains for the HPE ProLiant DL580 server

Key performance takeaways:

– HPE-ATX software utility gains:

Up to 10% performance gain with the HPE-ATX software utility on HPE DL580 servers for improved throughput

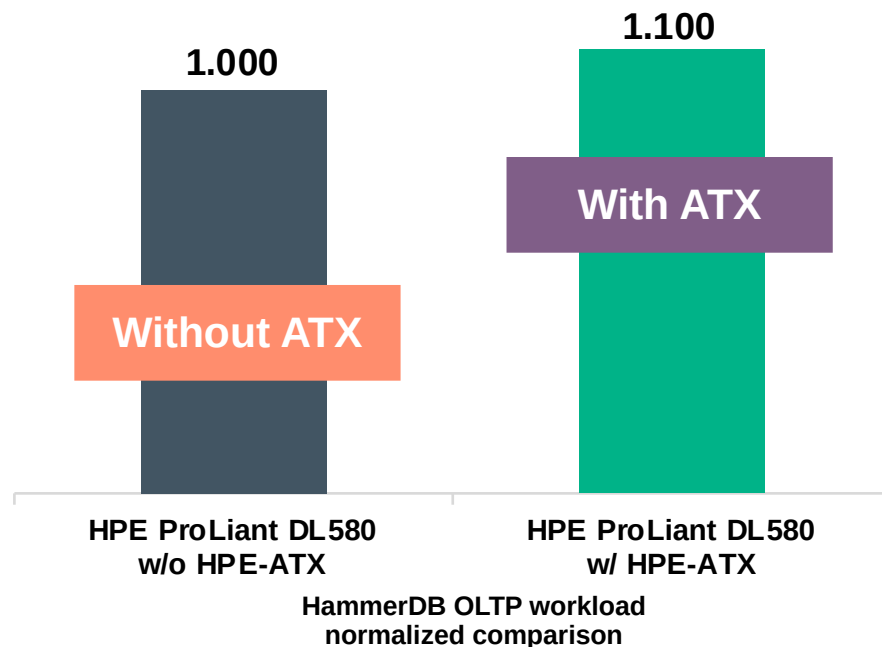
– Database licensing costs:

Same database workload requires fewer cores

HPE Application Tuner Express

(ATX) utility: A launch policy controller that facilitates more efficient use of application processes and threads for a NUMA environment

Up to 10% improvement
on 4P with HPE-ATX!



Cut your per-core database
licensing costs!



4P HPE ProLiant DL580

HPE ProLiant DL580 with 4 Intel® Xeon® E7-8890 v3 processors

Significant Apache® Spark™ Performance Gains with HPE-ATX

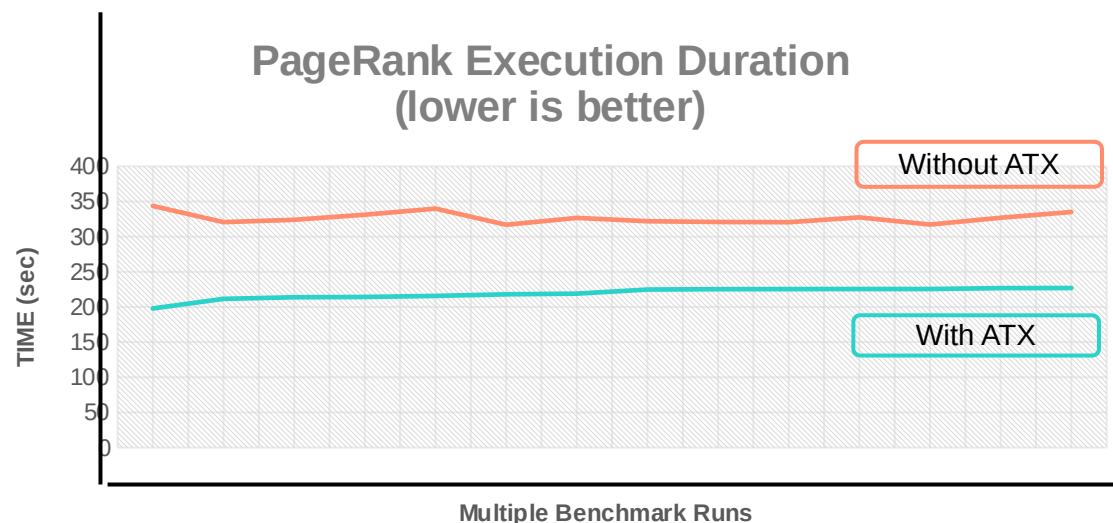
Up to 39% performance improvement on Superdome X

An 8-node machine-learning cluster of 2-socket servers running the **PageRank ML Benchmark** (OpenJDK 8, RHEL 7.3)

Key performance takeaways

- **Gen8 plus HPE-ATX:**
Up to **39%** performance gain with HPE ATX software utility on Superdome X using eight BL920s Gen8 blades with Intel® Xeon® E7-8893 v2 processors.

Up to 39% improvement with HPE-ATX!



HPE Integrity Superdome X with Intel® Xeon® E7-8893 v2 processors

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HPE-ATX Performance Demo Videos

HPE Solution Demonstration Portal (<https://hpedemoportal.ext.hpe.com/>)

<https://hpedemoportal.ext.hpe.com/search/HPE-ATX>

Demo: HPE Automatic Tuner Express (HPE-ATX) (8P Superdome X)

Demo: HPE Integrity MC990 X OLTP perf improvement with HPE-ATX (8P MC990 X)

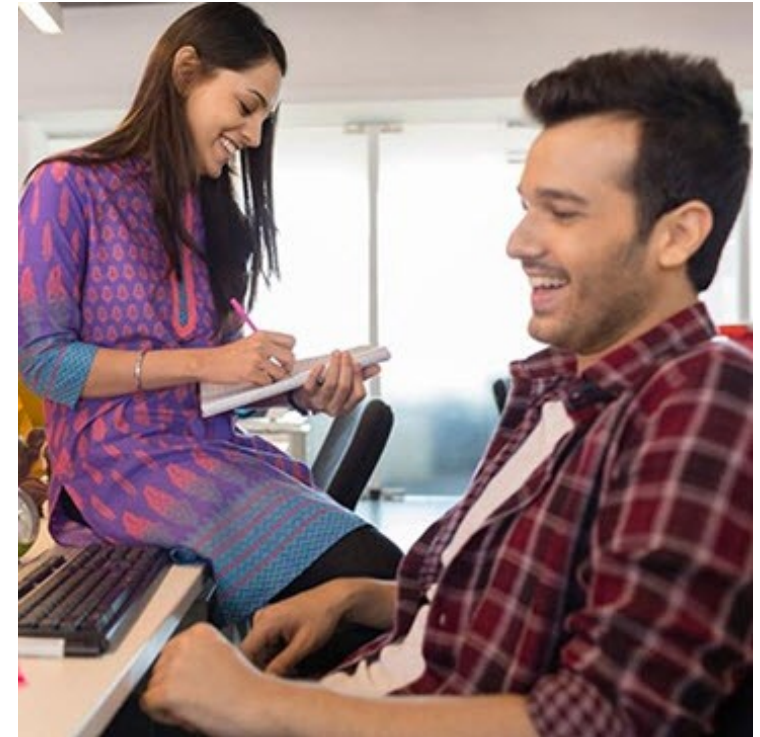
Demo: Database consolidation perf enhancement with HPE-ATX (16P Superdome X)

To view in full screen mode click on  when playing or login to download the demo video

For additional information

Publicly Available Resources

- **HPE-ATX product page:**
 - <http://downloads.linux.hpe.com/SDR/project/hpe-atx>
- **HPE-ATX download:**
 - **HPE My License Depot**
 - [My HPE Software Center -> HPE-ATX](#)
 - **HPE Software Delivery Repository**
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