Activate the Value of Big Data with SAS® and Intel: Data Preparation and Deployment with Hadoop and an Enterprise Data Warehouse

The challenge of preparing data and operationalizing analytics

The more data you capture for your business, the more potential value awaits you. To unlock this value, however, you need a reliable, scalable way to transform and prepare the data. Storing, transforming, analyzing and understanding all that information requires a strong data preparation and model deployment solution – one that can support fast, in-depth analytics.

Building on more than 20 years of engineering collaboration and problem-solving, SAS and Intel have the answer. SAS world-class analytic capabilities and big data technologies using the Intel® Xeon® processor E7 v2 family and Intel® SSDs provide integrated, scalable enterprise solutions that help you extract maximum value from your data while helping you manage data center space, cooling and power costs.

Hadoop and enterprise data warehouse analytics with SAS® and Intel

As your data sets grow bigger and bigger, performing analytics can become very expensive in terms of both time and resources. To reduce the cost of preparing and analyzing your data, the SAS data preparation and deployment architecture connects a SAS grid and Hadoop, both of which are built on platforms using the Intel Xeon processor E7 v2 family, to an EDW. This architecture delivers:

- Substantial SAS performance improvements through distributed data preparation, data quality and model scoring.
- Lower costs, due to reduced data movement.
- Better scalability of analytic workloads.
- Improved accuracy and governance through centralized data storage, security and administration.

To reduce data movement, it uses SAS Embedded Process, a software component deployed to all nodes, to facilitate the use of SAS Scoring Accelerator, SAS In-Database Code Accelerator and SAS Data Quality Accelerator both in Hadoop and the EDW (note: Teradata only).
By combining SAS grid, Intel platforms, Hadoop and EDW, you can expedite data preparation and model deployment activities and improve data quality, while increasing data analysis productivity. This highly scalable, highly available infrastructure can help you utilize your resources more efficiently, save money and improve your data management strategy.

**The power you need for strong analytics**

SAS applications provide an integrated environment to solve a variety of complex business problems, so it’s no surprise that they require strong computing performance and reliability. Fortunately, they get all that and more with platforms using the Intel Xeon processor E7 v2 family and Intel SSDs with NVMe.

The Intel Xeon processor E7-4890 v2 brings multiple advantages to analytics, data management and business intelligence. This processor can rapidly process large amounts of data in real time, keeping data in memory to overcome data-demanding workloads. Key gains over previous-generation technology include:

- **Higher core count.** Use fewer servers for the same work with 60 cores per server.
- **Increased memory capacity and I/O.** With a capacity of up to 6TB of memory, now solve very large problems through in-memory processing.

**Intel Xeon processors E7 v2 work seamlessly with Intel SSDs with NVMe, which provide a fast PCI Express interface improving on previous-generation SATA drives. The Intel SSD DC P3700 Series with NVMe brings high storage performance directly to a server’s processors. The Intel SSD DC S3700 Series also combines fast, consistent performance with high endurance and strong data protection.**

Systems using the Intel Xeon processor E7-4890 v2 and Intel SSDs provide the flexibility, reliability, memory, storage speed and overall performance you need to enable big data analytics. By using the SAS data preparation and deployment solution with Hadoop and EDW, you can ensure the quality of your data and speed up time to insight.

**About SAS and Intel**

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