

NVIDIA BLUEFIELD-2 DPU

Data Center Infrastructure on a Chip



The NVIDIA® BlueField®-2 data processing unit (DPU) is the world's first data center infrastructure-on-a-chip optimized for traditional enterprises' modern cloud workloads and high performance computing. It delivers a broad set of accelerated software-defined networking, storage, security, and management services with the ability to offload, accelerate and isolate data center infrastructure. With its 200Gb/s Ethernet or InfiniBand connectivity, the BlueField-2 DPU enables organizations to transform their IT infrastructures into state-of-the-art data centers that are accelerated, fully programmable, and armed with "zero trust" security to prevent data breaches and cyber attacks.

By combining the industry-leading NVIDIA ConnectX®-6 Dx network adapter with an array of Arm® cores and infrastructure-specific offloads, BlueField-2 offers purpose-built, hardware-acceleration engines with full software programmability. Sitting at the edge of every server, BlueField-2 empowers agile, secured and high-performance cloud and artificial intelligence (AI) workloads, all while reducing the total cost of ownership and increasing data center efficiency.

The NVIDIA DOCA™ software framework enables developers to rapidly create applications and services for the BlueField-2 DPU. NVIDIA DOCA makes it easy to leverage DPU hardware accelerators, providing breakthrough data center performance, efficiency and security.

Key Software-Defined, Hardware-Accelerated Applications



Networking

vSwitch/vRouter, NAT, load balancer, NFV



Storage

NVMe[™] over fabrics (NVMe-oF[™]), elastic storage virtualization, hyper converged infrastructure (HCI), encryption, data integrity, compression, data deduplication



Security

Next-Generation firewall, IDS/IPS, root of trust, micro-segmentation, DDOS prevention

KEY FEATURES

Security

- > Hardened isolation layer
- > Hardware root of trust
- IPsec/TLS and AES-XTS encryption acceleration
- Connection tracking for stateful firewall and IDS/IPS
- Regular expression (RegEx) matching processor

Storage

- > NVIDIA GPUDirect® Storage
- > Elastic block storage enabled by BlueField SNAP storage virtualization
- > Compression and decompression acceleration
- > NVMe-oF acceleration
- > VirtIO-blk acceleration

Networking

- > RoCE. Zero Touch RoCE
- > GPUDirect
- SDN acceleration powered by NVIDIA ASAP² - Accelerated Switching and Packet Processing[®]
- > Overlay network offloads including VXLAN

Management

- Authenticated product life-cycle management
- > Telemetry agents

Portfolio

- Dual ports of up to 100Gb/s, or a single port of 200Gb/s Ethernet or InfiniBand
- > 16GB / 32GB of on-board DDR4 memory
- > Card form factors: HHHL, and FHHL
- > 1GbE out-of-band management port

Features

NETWORK AND HOST INTERFACES

Network Interfaces

- > Ethernet Dual ports of 10/25/50/100Gb/s, or a single port of 200Gb/s
- > InfiniBand Dual ports of EDR / HDR100, or single port of HDR

PCI Express Interface

- > 8 or 16 lanes of PCIe Gen 4.0
- > PCIe switch bi-furcation with 8 downstream ports

ARM/DDR SUBSYSTEM

Arm Cores

- > Up to 8 Armv8 A72 cores (64-bit) pipeline
- > 1MB L2 cache per 2 cores
- > 6MB L3 cache with plurality of eviction policies

DDR4 DIMM Support

- > Single DDR4 DRAM controller
- > 16GB / 32GB of on-board DDR4
- > ECC error protection support

HARDWARE ACCELERATIONS

Security

- > Secure boot with hardware root-of-trust
 - > Secure firmware update
 - > Cerberus compliant
- > Regular expression (RegEx) acceleration
- > IPsec/TLS data-in-motion encryption
- > AES-GCM 128/256-bit key
- > AES-XTS 256/512-bit data-at-rest encryption
- > SHA 256-bit hardware acceleration
- > Hardware public key accelerator
 - > RSA, Diffie-Hellman, DSA, ECC, EC-DSA, EC-DH
- > True random number generator (TRNG)

Storage

- > BlueField SNAP NVMe[™] and VirtIO-blk
- > NVMe-oF[™] acceleration
- > Compression and decompression acceleration
- > Data hashing and deduplication

Networking

- > RoCE, Zero Touch RoCE
- > Stateless offloads for:
 - > TCP/UDP/IP
 - > LSO/LRO/checksum/RSS/TSS/HDS
 - > VLAN insertion/stripping
- > SR-IOV
- > VirtIO-net
- > Multi-function per port
- > VMware NetQueue support
- > Virtualization hierarchies
- > 1K ingress and egress QoS levels

Boot Options

- > Secure boot (RSA authenticated)
- > Remote boot over Ethernet
- > Remote boot over iSCSI
- > PXE and UEFI

Management

- > 1GbE out-of-band management port
- » NC-SI, MCTP over SMBus, and MCT over PCIe
- > PLDM for Monitor and Control DSP0248
- > PLDM for Firmware Update DSP026
- > I2C interface for device control and configuration
- > SPI interface to flash
- > eMMC memory controller
- > UART
- > USB

BlueField-2 DPU - 2x 25Gb/s HHHL form factor



BlueField-2 DPU - 2x 100Gb/s FHHL form factor



BlueField-2 DPU - 1x 200Gb/s HHHL form factor

Ordering Information

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- > NVIDIA BlueField-2 Ethernet boards
- > NVIDIA BlueField-2 InfiniBand/VPI boards

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