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 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 ASAP® - 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
- 8GB / 16GB / 32GB of on-board DDR4 memory
- Card form factors: HHHL, FHHL, and OCP 3.0 SFF
- M.2 / U.2 connectors for direct attached storage
- 1GbE out-of-band management port

**Network**
- 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
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
- 8GB / 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
- M.2 / U.2 connectors for direct attached storage

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 MCTP 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

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NVIDIA BlueField-2 Ethernet boards
NVIDIA BlueField-2 InfiniBand/VPI boards
NVIDIA BlueField-2 for OCP3.0

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