



# NVIDIA EGX™ SERVER FOR VIRTUAL DATA SCIENCE WORKSTATION DESIGN GUIDE

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# Chapter 1.

## SOLUTION OVERVIEW

Designed and tested through multi-vendor cooperation between NVIDIA and its system partners, NVIDIA EGX™ Server combines the power of NVIDIA Quadro RTX A6000, A40, RTX 8000 or RTX 6000 GPUs with accelerated CUDA-X AI data science software to turn massive amounts of data into valuable predictions.

### 1.1 NVIDIA EGX SERVER OVERVIEW

#### Introduction:

Data is fundamentally changing the way companies do business. While this data can provide companies with valuable insights, processing and extracting the right information is a challenge. The time it takes to wrangle, prepare, and clean data from multiple data stores can also be significant. NVIDIA EGX® Server helps data scientists transform massive amounts of information into insights faster than ever before by bringing GPU acceleration to the entire data science workflow within a virtualized environment—from data preparation and model training to visualization.

#### Audience:

The audience for this document include, but not limited to: Sales Engineers, Field Consultants, Professional Services, Data Scientists, Partner Engineers, IT Managers and Customers who wish to take advantage of an appliance that is built and optimized to deliver on Data Science workflows.

## Chapter 2.

# SOLUTION DETAILS

NVIDIA EGX Server for Virtual Data Science Workstation is a reference design comprised of (a) NVIDIA Quadro RTX A6000, A40, RTX 8000 or RTX 6000 graphics cards; (b) VMware vSphere Hypervisor with vCenter; (c) NVIDIA Quadro vDWS software; (d) Qualified OEM server system. Combined, this validated solution provides powerful Data Science Workstations in a virtualized environment.

Bring the power of RTX to your data science workflow with NVIDIA Quadro RTX A6000, A40, RTX 8000 or RTX 6000. Get up to 96 GB of ultra-fast local memory to handle the largest datasets and compute-intensive workloads. Leverage the latest in ray-tracing technology for high performance local visualization. Maximize productivity, reduce time to insight and lower the cost of data science projects with virtualized workstations.

NVIDIA is bringing massive acceleration to the data science ecosystem through our CUDA-X AI architecture. CUDA-X AI is a collection of software-acceleration libraries built on top of CUDA, NVIDIA's groundbreaking parallel programming model, that provides essential optimizations for deep learning, machine learning, and compute. These libraries unleash the power of NVIDIA GPUs, giving developers the power to increase productivity while benefiting from continuous application performance gains in the underlying infrastructure. The ecosystem for data science built on CUDA-X AI is extensive, spanning across frameworks, cloud machine learning services, and deployments.

As such, NVIDIA is helping to create data science breakthroughs that completely change the timescales on which data science operates.

EGX Servers, built by our OEM Partners, undergo NVIDIA's Qualification test suite. Among systems that qualify as an EGX Server there is a subset that has gone through additional testing and validation for Data Science workflow. These EGX Server Validated systems capture best practices from NVIDIA and its ecosystem partners.

Configurations for the Validated EGX Servers are listed in the below segment.

## 2.1 VALIDATED SERVER CONFIGURATIONS

Table 1 outlines the servers utilized to complete the NVIDIA EGX Server validation process.

Software Requirement:

- VMware vSphere ESXi hypervisor 6.7U3 or later (requires enterprise license)
- VMware vCenter (6.7 U3 or newer)
- vGPU 9.1+ drivers
- Linux (Ubuntu 18.04 LTS or RHEL Workstation 7.5/7.6) for guest VMs
- NVIDIA Quadro vDWS software for guest VMs

Table 1: Validated Server Configurations

Server Model	Graphics	Configuration
<b>ASUS ESC4000 G4</b>	4x Quadro RTX 8000 or RTX 6000 2x Quadro RTX NVLink High Bandwidth Bridge 2-slot 96 GB FB per VM 2x GRID_RTX8000-48Q or 48 GB FB per VM 2x GRID_RTX6000-24Q per VM	Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 6226 processor: 2.6-3.7GHz; 12 Cores, 24 Threads 1.5TB Memory 1.9 TB SSD 10GbE network ports

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