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# HPE's Ansys Reference Cluster for Intel Ice Lake

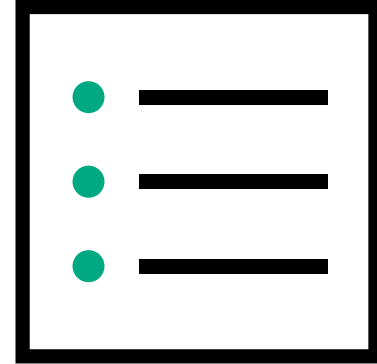
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# ANSYS FLUENT/CFX/LS-DYNA: HPE APOLLO 2000 GEN10 STARTER CLUSTER (INTEL)

## Server Options:

- Either 1 ProLiant DL360 Gen10 head node (external) or a single XL170r (within the Apollo 2000 chassis)
- 2-4 ProLiant XL170r Gen10 1U compute servers

## Apollo 2000 Gen10 chassis

- Processors: 64 cores per compute node using the Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8358 2.6 GHz processors
- Up to 256 cores with four compute nodes using the Intel Xeon Platinum 8358
- Local scratch one 480GB NVME SSD drive
- 1 x HDR100 HCA
- HPE iLO Advanced
- 2x 3000W Hot Plug Power Supply

## Memory for the Cluster

- Compute nodes: 512GB
- Head node 128GB

## Cluster Interconnect:

- 10Gigabit Ethernet or InfiniBand (jobs scaling greater than two nodes HDR InfiniBand is recommended)

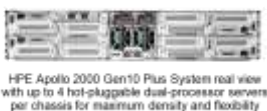
## Operating Environment:

- RedHat Enterprise Linux 7.9 or above
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Linux 12 SP4 or above
- Windows Server 2019 (or 2019 for latest version)

## Ansys Workloads:

- Suited for Fluent up to ~260M cells
- Suited for CFX up to 74M to 260M nodes

NOTE: All memory channels need to be filled and be filled with equal amounts of RAM. If not, you could see up to a 40% decrease in performance. Please file an ANSYS service request to help refine your configuration workflow before making a purchase.



# ANSYS MECHANICAL: HPE APOLLO 2000 GEN10 STARTER CLUSTER (INTEL)

## Server Options:

- Either 1 ProLiant DL360 Gen10 head node (external) or a single XL170r (within the Apollo 2000 chassis)
- 2-4 ProLiant XL170r Gen10 1U compute servers

## Apollo 2000 Gen10 chassis

- Processors: 64 cores per compute node using the Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8358 2.6 GHz processors
- Up to 256 cores with four compute nodes using the Intel Xeon Platinum 8358
- 2 RAID0 1TB NVME write intensive SSD drives for local scratch
- 1 x HDR100 HCA
- HPE iLO Advanced
- 2x 3000W Hot Plug Power Supply

## Memory for the Cluster

- Compute nodes: 1,024GB
- Head node 128GB

## Cluster Interconnect:

- 10Gigabit Ethernet or InfiniBand (jobs scaling greater than two nodes HDR InfiniBand is recommended)

## Operating Environment:

- RedHat Enterprise Linux 7.9 or above
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Linux 12 SP4 or above
- Windows Server 2019 (or 2019 for latest version)

## Ansys Workloads:

- Suited for Mechanical up to 80M to 550M DOF depending on solver used

NOTE: All memory channels need to be filled and be filled with equal amounts of RAM. If not, you could see up to a 40% decrease in performance. Please file an ANSYS service request to help refine your configuration workflow before making a purchase.

Apollo 2000 Gen10 Plus system [QuickSpecs](#)



# ANSYS PLATFORM AND LINUX OS SUPPORT ICE LAKE

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## Intel:

- Intel Ice Lake is supported on RHEL 7.9 and above or SUSE 12 SP5 and above

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# HPE PARALLEL FILE SYSTEM STORAGE FOR LARGER AMD OR INTEL CLUSTERS

If your HPE cluster to run Ansys solvers scales beyond a couple Apollo 2000 Gen 10 Chassis, you will want to consider a shared parallel storage system from HPE starting at below \$50K including 3 year support for hardware and software.

## Highlights

- [HPE Parallel File System Storage](#) is the first & only HPC/AI storage system that embeds the leading parallel file system in the enterprise – IBM Spectrum Scale (Formally Know As: GPFS) – without capacity-based licensing.
- We have a unique licensing model for the file system that enables us to “bake” the software license for the file system into the hardware of the HPE ProLiant DL325 Gen10 Plus-based storage servers.
- It allows you to build a shared external file system for your Ansys cluster with as little as 12 storage drives (NVMe SSD or SAS HDD) in 4 rack units – scaling up to 2,048 drives in 128 rack units



Minimum starter configuration

## Functionality

- Multi-protocol scalable file service with simultaneous access to a common set of data (POSIX, NFS, SMB, Object, HDFS, S3)
- Facilitate data access with a global namespace, massively scalable file system, quotas and snapshots, data integrity and availability, and filesets
- Simplify management with GUI
- Improved efficiency with QoS and compression
- Create optimized tiered storage pools based on performance, locality, or cost
- Simplify data management with Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) tools that include policy-based data placement and migration
- Enable worldwide data access using Active File Management (AFM) asynchronous replication
- Asynchronous multi-site Disaster Recovery
- Transparent Cloud Tiering (TCT)
- Protect data with native software encryption and secure erase, NIST compliant and FIPS certified
- File audit logging for compliance
- Watch folder for monitoring folders, filesets, and inode spaces for file accesses