



# NVIDIA EGX SERVER FOR VIRTUAL WORKSTATION WITH TERADICI CLOUD ACCESS SOFTWARE DESIGN GUIDE

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# Chapter 1.

## SOLUTION OVERVIEW

NVIDIA EGX Server™ is a validated reference architecture consisting of qualified OEM server hardware with NVIDIA Quadro RTX A6000, A40, RTX 8000 or RTX 6000 GPUs and Quadro® Virtual Data Center Workstation (Quadro vDWS) software to provide virtualized design workstations where artists and designers can create professional, photorealistic images for the Media & Entertainment, Architecture, Engineering & Construction (AEC), and Manufacturing & Design industries.

### 1.1 EGX SERVER SOLUTION OVERVIEW

In today's media rich world, there is a massive surge of content production. Designers and artists are looking for ways to create faster and more efficiently anywhere on the device of their choice. IT looks to enable this in a secure, easily managed, cost-effective and flexible way. NVIDIA EGX Server is an ideal solution to increase user productivity while increasing data center utilization and reducing cost.

The audience for this document includes, but is not limited to, sales engineers, field consultants, professional services, partner engineers, and IT Managers who wish to take advantage of a solution that is purpose built and optimized to deliver a virtualized design and creation workflow.

## Chapter 2.

# SOLUTION DETAIL

NVIDIA EGX Server solution 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; (e) Thin Client device; (f) Teradici Cloud Access Software with PCoIP® Ultra. This validated solution provides unprecedented graphics performance in a virtualized environment on professional applications at a fraction of the cost, space, and power consumption to individual local workstations.

Built on the NVIDIA Ampere™ architecture, the NVIDIA® Quadro RTX™ A6000 and NVIDIA® A40, combine 48GB of graphics memory with the latest generation RT Cores, Tensor Cores, and NVIDIA Ampere architecture CUDA® cores for unprecedented graphics, rendering, and AI performance. Additional support for a range of commercially available remote access software means you can access the power of your Quadro desktop workstation from anywhere. Achieve breakthrough innovations with the world's most powerful graphics solution

NVIDIA Quadro RTX 8000 and RTX 6000, powered by the NVIDIA Turing™ architecture and the NVIDIA EGX Server solutions, bring the most significant advancement in computer graphics in over a decade to professional workflows. Designers and artists can now wield the power of hardware-accelerated ray tracing, deep learning, and advanced shading to dramatically boost productivity and create amazing content faster than ever before.

NVIDIA Quadro vDWS enables delivery of the most powerful virtual workstations from the data center or cloud to any device, anywhere. It lets IT virtualize any application from the data center with a native workstation user experience, eliminate constrained workflows, and flexibly scale GPU resources to run multiple workloads. Efficiently centralize applications and data for a dramatically lower IT operating expense and focus IT resources on managing strategic projects versus individual workstations – all while enabling a more secure, work-from-anywhere environment with reduced threat of data loss or leakage.

VMware vSphere provides a powerful, flexible, and secure foundation for business agility that accelerates your digital transformation. With vSphere, you can support new workloads and use cases while keeping pace with the growing needs and complexity of your infrastructure. vSphere is the heart of a secure software defined data center (SDDC), securing applications, data, infrastructure, and access. Advanced security capabilities fully integrated into the hypervisor and powered by machine learning, provide better visibility, protection and faster response time for security incidents. vSphere helps you run, manage, connect and secure your applications in a common operating environment across the hybrid cloud.

Teradici Cloud Access Software with PCoIP® Ultra enhancements enables NVIDIA EGX servers to deliver highly interactive graphics to remote users without compromise. Leveraging NVIDIA NVENC encoding technology with security and performance benefits of the Teradici PCoIP protocol, graphic designers, artists, and CAD/CAM users can work productively over virtually any network.

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 VMware/Teradici 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

For Media and Entertainment industry designers, frame buffer allocation can be changed depending on their workload size, by configuring the NVIDIA virtual GPU (vGPU) type on virtual machine.

Example: 16GB FB per user - GRID\_RTX8000-16Q: 3 users [max. 9 users supported] or 12GB FB per user - GRID\_RTX8000-12Q: 4 users [max. 12 users supported] / GRID\_RTX6000-12Q: 2 users [max. 6 users supported]

Recommended Server Configuration:

- For High Performance: Dual Intel Xeon Gold 6126 processors: 2.6-3.7GHz; 12 Cores  
For Higher User Density: Dual Intel Xeon Gold 6148 processors: 2.4-3.7GHz; 20 Cores
- 1.5TB Memory (128GB recommended for each user), system memory size might change based on customer's deployment configuration
- Network attached storage, SSD recommended for higher performance
- 10GbE network ports

VMWare/Teradici tests were run using:

- VMware vSphere 6.7U1 or later (requires enterprise license)
- vGPU 8.0+ drivers.
- Thin Client with i3-8100 or higher CPU and 8-32 GB DDR4 2 x SO-DIMM
- [Teradici Cloud Access Plus](#) (subscription based) Remote Access software
  - [Windows Graphics Agent](#)
  - [Linux Graphics Agent](#)
  - [Software clients](#)

Table 1: Validated Server Configurations

Server Model	Graphics	Configuration
<b>Advanced HPC Mercury RM408</b>	4x Quadro RTX 8000 or RTX 6000 2x Quadro RTX NVLink High Bandwidth Bridge 2-slot	Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 6126 processor: 2.6-3.7GHz; 12 Cores, 24 Threads 512 GB Memory

		1.9 TB SSD
<b>AMAX QR-240 2U</b>	4x Quadro RTX 8000 or RTX 6000 2x Quadro RTX NVLink High Bandwidth Bridge 2-slot	Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 6126 processor: 2.6-3.7GHz; 12 Cores, 24 Threads 512 GB Memory 1.9 TB SSD
<b>ASUS ESC4000 G4 Series</b>	4x Quadro RTX 8000 or RTX 6000 2x Quadro RTX NVLink High Bandwidth Bridge 2-slot	Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 6126 processor: 2.6-3.7GHz; 12 Cores, 24 Threads 1.5TB Memory 1.9 TB SSD
<b>Exxact TensorEX TS2-673917-RTX</b>	4x Quadro RTX 8000 or RTX 6000 2x Quadro RTX NVLink High Bandwidth Bridge 2-slot	Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 6126 processor: 2.6-3.7GHz; 12 Cores, 24 Threads 512 GB Memory 1.9 TB SSD
<b>Gigabyte G191-H44</b>	4x Quadro RTX 6000	Dual Intel Platinum 8176 processors 1.5TB Memory Dual 1 GbE network ports
<b>Gigabyte W42G-P08R</b>	4x Quadro RTX 6000	Dual Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8176 processor: 2.1GHz DDR4 up to 1.5TB Memory
<b>HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen10</b>	2x Quadro RTX 8000 or RTX 6000	Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 6226 processor: 2.7 GHz 512 GB HPE 2600 DDR4 2TB HPE SSD
<b>Penguin Relion XE2114GT</b>	4x Quadro RTX 8000 or RTX 6000 2x Quadro RTX NVLink High Bandwidth Bridge 2-slot	Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 6126 processor: 2.6-3.7GHz; 12 Cores, 24 Threads 512 GB Memory 1.9 TB SSD
<b>RAVE-AS-RTX6000-4</b>	4x Quadro RTX 6000 2x Quadro RTX NVLink High Bandwidth Bridge 2-slot	Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 6126 processor: 2.6-3.7GHz; 12 Cores, 24 Threads 512 GB Memory 1.9 TB SSD

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<b>RAVE-AS-RTX8000-4</b>	4x Quadro RTX 8000 2x Quadro RTX NVLink High Bandwidth Bridge 2-slot	Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 6126 processor: 2.6-3.7GHz; 12 Cores, 24 Threads 512 GB Memory 1.9 TB SSD
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