

Netfinity 7000 M10 Sets Performance Record for Baan Reference Users

September 1, 1999 ... Surpassing all competitors' results -- including those from Compaq and Hewlett-Packard -- the IBM Netfinity* 7000 M10 set a performance record for four-way, Intel-based servers with a recent benchmark result of 3,325 Baan** Reference Users (BRUs) for Baan client/server solutions.(1)

Featuring the Pentium** III Xeon** 500MHz/2MB(2) processor, the Netfinity 7000 M10 server, configured with four processors and 4GB of memory, achieved this record-setting result with DB2* Universal Database Version 6.1 and Windows NT** Server 4.0 Enterprise Edition. The Netfinity 7000 M10 with DB2 also set records of 2,100 BRUs and 805 BRUs in two-way client/server and four-way hostmode configurations, respectively.

The Netfinity 7000 M10 also achieved industry-leading results of 3,220 BRUs on a similar four-way configuration running Oracle 8.(3)

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The Baan Benchmark Methodology is used to measure the performance of different computer system configurations.

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¹A BRU represents a single user executing a session that generates a load on the system. By relating all BaanERP sessions to that reference load, the actual mix of sessions executed at any given implementation will determine the translation from the benchmark BRU to the maximum number of concurrent users for that implementation.

²MHz only measures microprocessor internal clock speed, not application performance. Many factors affect application performance.

³Results referenced in this document have been validated and certified by the Baan Company, and are current as of September 1, 1999.

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