

# **Hitachi Solution for the SAP HANA TDI in Scale-up Configuration using Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 with Intel 4th Gen Xeon Scalable Processors**

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Reference Architecture Guide

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## Reference Architecture Guide

Leverage this reference architecture guide to set up a Hitachi Solution for the SAP HANA Platform in a scale-up configuration. This will empower your business to unlock greater innovation, achieve business growth, and improve profitability.

The solution is built on the Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 with 4 CPU sockets featuring Intel 4th Gen Xeon Scalable Processors, delivering the performance and scalability required for demanding SAP HANA workloads.

This document covers the following deployment:

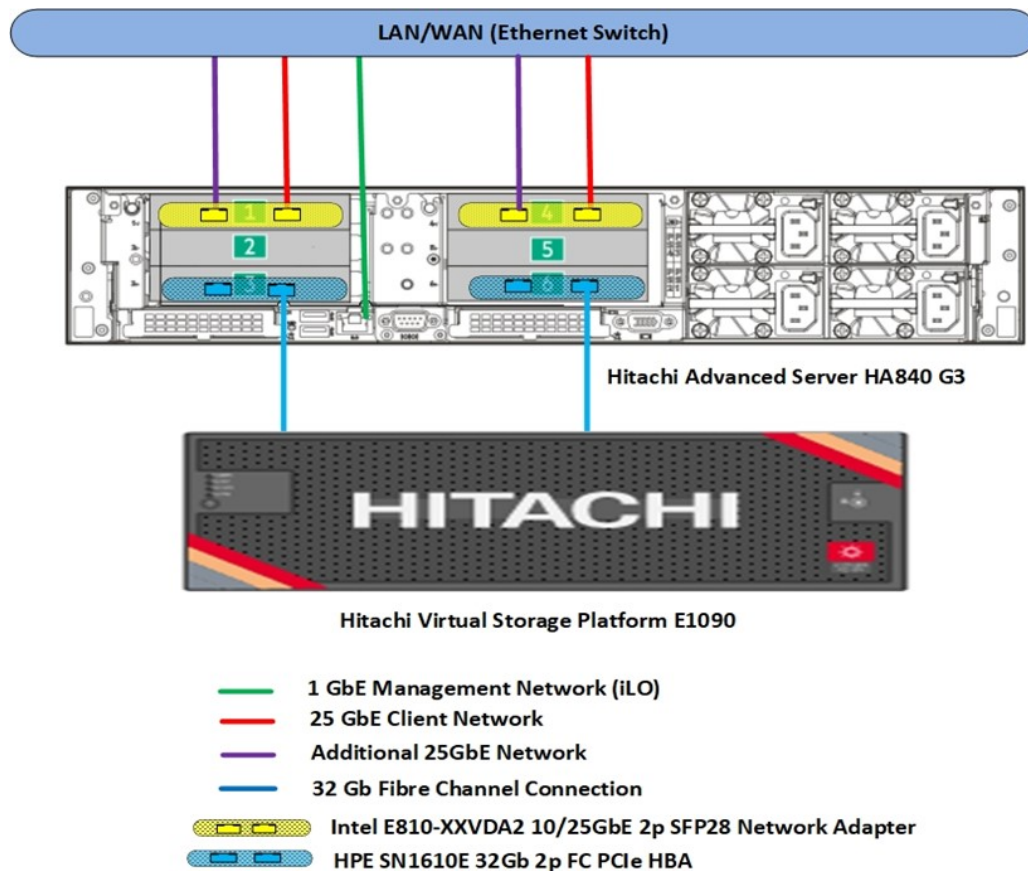
- SAP HANA Tailored Data Center Integration (TDI) provides flexibility in deploying SAP HANA. Unlike pre-configured appliances, TDI lets you customize your environment using a selection of SAP-certified hardware, operating system, and optional hypervisor. For more details on SAP HANA TDI Phase 5 and a general overview, see the *SAP HANA Tailored Data Center Integration — Overview* document at <https://dam.sap.com/mac/app/p/pdf/asset/preview/lpAPAnOy?ltr=v>.

This SAP HANA TDI infrastructure uses the following components:

- One Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 (with 4 CPU sockets)
- External storage using a Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform such as VSP E1090

This configuration is validated with Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform E1090 (VSP E1090) for SAP HANA TDI deployments. However, your specific storage needs may vary. For assistance in choosing the right option and implementation services, consult your Hitachi Vantara account representative.

The following figure shows the topology of this reference solution using an external storage system, such as VSP E1090.



This system supports the configurations listed in the following table.

Number of Sockets	RAM Size	Storage
CPU – Intel 4th Gen Xeon Scalable Processor with any one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 Intel Xeon Platinum 8490H Processor 60- core, 1.9GHz, 350W</li> <li>▪ 4 Intel Xeon Platinum 8468H Processor 48- core, 2.1GHz, 330W</li> <li>▪ 4 Intel Xeon Platinum 8460H Processor 40-core, 2.2GHz, 330W</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 512 GB with 32 × 16 GB RDIMMS</li> <li>▪ 1024 GB with 32 × 32 GB RDIMMS</li> <li>▪ 1024 GB with 64 × 16 GB RDIMMS</li> <li>▪ 2048 GB with 64 × 32 GB RDIMMS</li> <li>▪ 2048 GB with 32 × 64 GB RDIMMS</li> <li>▪ 4096 GB with 64 × 64 GB RDIMMS</li> <li>▪ 4096 GB with 32 × 128 GB RDIMMS</li> <li>▪ 8192 GB with 64 × 128 GB RDIMMS</li> </ul>	External storage systems, such as Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform E1090

Number of Sockets	RAM Size	Storage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 Intel Xeon Platinum 8444H Processor 16-core, 2.9GHz, 270W</li> <li>▪ 4 Intel Xeon Gold 6434H Processor 8-core, 3.7GHz, 195W</li> </ul>	Mixed DIMMs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1536 GB with 32 × 16 GB RDIMMS and 32 × 32 GB RDIMMS</li> <li>▪ 3072 GB with 32 × 32 GB RDIMMS and 32 × 64 GB RDIMMS</li> <li>▪ 6144 GB with 32 × 64 GB RDIMMS and 32 × 128 GB RDIMMS</li> </ul>	
Notes for Mixed DIMM support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Only a homogenous population of the same DIMM technology (RDIMM, LRDIMM, 3DS) can be used.</li> <li>▪ Only a combination of n-1 DIMM capacity can be used (that is, 32 GB DIMM and 64 GB DIMM; 64 GB DIMM and 128 GB DIMM; but not 32 GB DIMM and 128 GB DIMM).</li> </ul>		

Hitachi Vantara offers a comprehensive solution for deploying SAP HANA on your infrastructure using the TDI approach. This solution leverages best-in-class Hitachi Vantara server and storage components that integrate seamlessly with your existing environment to deliver optimal performance for your SAP HANA workloads.

This technical paper assumes that you are already familiar with the following:

- Storage area network (SAN) based storage systems
- General storage concepts
- Common IT storage practices
- SAP HANA



**Note:** Testing of this configuration was in a lab environment. Many factors affect production environments beyond prediction or duplication in a lab environment. Follow the recommended practice of conducting proof-of-concept testing for acceptable results in a non-production, isolated test environment that otherwise matches your production environment before your production implementation of this solution.

## Key solution elements

The key hardware and software components used in this reference architecture are the following. For detailed component information, see [Product descriptions \(on page 16\)](#).



**Note:** Do not change the layout of any of the components in this environment without consulting your Hitachi Vantara account representative. Changing this layout might require manual configuration of the network and/or using different components.

### Hardware elements

The following table lists the hardware used to deploy the specific scale-up configuration of Hitachi Solution for SAP HANA for the different-sized solutions.

Hardware	Quantity	Configuration	Role	Implementation Type
Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CPU –Intel 4th Gen Xeon Scalable Processor with any one of the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Intel Xeon Platinum 8490H Processor 60-core, 1.9GHz, 350W</li> <li>• 4 Intel Xeon Platinum 8468H Processor 48-core, 2.1GHz, 330W</li> <li>• 4 Intel Xeon Platinum 8460H Processor 40-core, 2.2GHz, 330W</li> <li>• 4 Intel Xeon Platinum 8444H Processor 16-core, 2.9GHz, 270W</li> <li>• 4 Intel Xeon Gold 6434H Processor 8-core, 3.7GHz, 195W</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ 2 Liquid-cooled heat sinks</li> <li>▪ For the RAM per SAP HANA node, see the next table.</li> </ul>	SAP HANA server	TDI with External Storage

Hardware	Quantity	Configuration	Role	Implementation Type
PCIe Network cards	2	Intel E810-XXVDA2 10/25GbE 2p SFP28 Network Adapters	For SAP HANA 10/25 GbE client network and additional 10/25 GbE network	
	2	Cisco SFP+ 3M Twin axial cables		
HBA card	2	HPE SN1610E 32Gb 2p FC PCIe HBA	Connectivity to the external storage system	
	2	32 Gbps SFP		
Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform E1090 (used by Engineering lab)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CTL: 1 pair</li> <li>▪ 32 Gbps 4-port CHB: 1 pair</li> <li>▪ MPU: 1 pair</li> <li>▪ Cache: 1024 GB</li> <li>▪ NVMe SSDs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 × 1.9 TB for size of up to 8192 GB</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Block storage	
Cisco Nexus 92348 switch (optional)	1	48 × 1 GbE ports	Optional switch for the management network	
Cisco Nexus 93180YC-FX/FX3 switch (optional)	2	48 × 25 GbE ports	Optional switches for client network or additional backup network	
Minkels Global Solutions Rack	1	1 standard rack	Optional rack for mounting server/storage/ switches	
PDUs	6	Vertical PDUs	Optional PDUs for solution	

### Supported memory configurations

Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 HANA Scale-up supports the T-shirt size configurations as listed in the following table.

BW/4H and S/4	Scale-up Memory (GB)	Storage				For TDI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External Storage system using Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform</li> </ul>
		16 GB	32 GB	64 GB	128 GB	
BW/4H and S/4	512	4 × 8 × 16	NA	NA	NA	
	1024	4 × 16 × 16	4 × 8 × 32	NA	NA	
	2048	NA	4 × 16 × 32	4 × 8 × 64	NA	
	3072	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	4096	NA	NA	4 × 16 × 64	4 × 8 × 128	
	6144	NA	NA	NA	NA	
S/4	8192	NA	NA	NA	4 × 16 × 128	

The following table is for mixed DIMM support.

Number of Sockets	Mixed DIMM
4 × CPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1536 GB with 4 × 8 × 16 GB and 4 × 8 × 32 GB</li> <li>3072 GB with 4 × 8 × 32 GB and 4 × 8 × 64 GB</li> <li>6144 GB with 4 × 8 × 64 GB and 4 × 8 × 128 GB</li> </ul>
Notes:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only a homogenous population of the same DIMM technology (RDIMM, LRDIMM, 3DS) can be used.</li> <li>Only a combination of n-1 DIMM capacity can be used. (That is, 16 GB DIMM and 32 GB DIMM; 32 GB DIMM and 64 GB DIMM but not 16 GB DIMM and 64 GB DIMM).</li> </ol>	

### Software elements

The following table describes the software products used to deploy this solution.

Software	
Operating system	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP5 for SAP Applications
Database	SAP HANA 2.0 SPS 07 or later



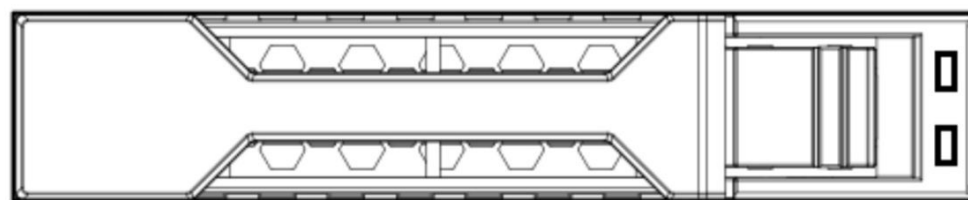
## Solution design

The detailed design for the scale-up configuration of Hitachi Solution for the SAP HANA Platform for this reference solution includes the following:

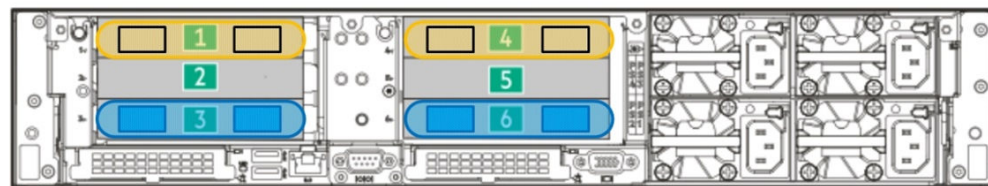
- [Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 configuration \(on page 9\)](#)
- [Network architecture \(on page 10\)](#)
- [Storage architecture configuration \(on page 11\)](#)
- [SAP HANA configuration \(on page 14\)](#)

### Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 configuration

The following figure shows the front and rear views of HA840 G3.



Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 (front)



Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 with HBA (rear)



This solution uses a single Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 with the following components:

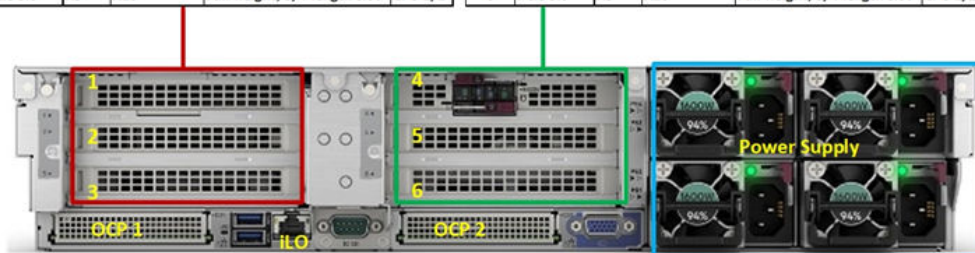
- 2 × 2-port 25 GbE Intel E810-XXVDA2 PCIe network cards on SLOT1\_Port1 and SLOT4\_Port1
- 1 × 1 GbE Management port for iLO

Components for the external storage option:

- 2 × SN1610E 32Gb 2p FC PCIe HBA card
  - Port 1 of SN1610E 32Gb 2p FC PCIe HBA on Slot3
  - Port 1 of SN1610E 32Gb 2p FC PCIe HBA on Slot6

The following illustration shows details of Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 front and rear views.

Primary Riser						Secondary Riser					
Slots #	Technology	Bus W	Connector W	Slot Form Factor	CPU	Slots #	Technology	Bus W	Connector W	Slot Form Factor	CPU
1	PCIe 5.0	X8	X16	Full-height, 3/4-length slot	CPU 1/2	4	PCIe 5.0	X8	X16	Full-height, 3/4-length slot	CPU 1/2
2	PCIe 5.0	X16	X16	Full-height, 3/4-length slot	CPU 1/2	5	PCIe 5.0	X16	X16	Full-height, 3/4-length slot	CPU 1/2
3	PCIe 5.0	X8	X16	Full-height, 3/4-length slot	CPU 1/2	6	PCIe 5.0	X8	X16	Full-height, 3/4-length slot	CPU 1/2



Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 (Rear)



Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 (Front)

## Network architecture

Connect the 1 GbE management port (iLO) on Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 to a Cisco Nexus 92348, or any other external 1 GbE switch for management connectivity.

Refer to the following table of PCIe network cards to make the following 25 GbE network connections for the client network setup of the SAP HANA node as an uplink network:

- Connect the following to Cisco Nexus 93180YC-FX/FX3 switches or to any other external switches:
  - Port 1 of dual port Intel E810-XXVDA2 2-port 25GbE Network Adapter on PCIe\_Slot1
  - Port 1 of dual port Intel E810-XXVDA2 2-port 25GbE Network Adapter on PCIe\_Slot4
- Bond the corresponding two ports *eth9901* and *eth9902* as *bond0* at the operating system level using active-active network bond mode with the following options:

```
mode=802.3ad miimon=100 xmit_hash_policy=2 lacp_rate=fast
```

This acts as the client network for the SAP HANA node.

If additional 25 GbE network connections are needed, connect Port 2 of both 25 GbE Intel E810-XXVDA2 PCIe cards to the Cisco Nexus 93180YC-FX/FX3 switches or to any other external switches.

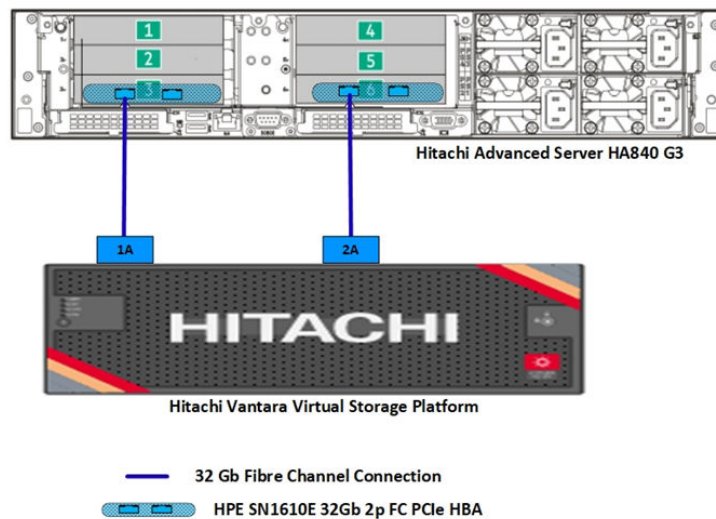
PCIe Network Card	Port	Network Description
PCIe_Slot1#	1	Client network for the SAP HANA node.
	2	Free for use as an additional network for backup, SAP HANA system replication, or other purposes.
PCIe_Slot4#	1	Client network for the SAP HANA node.
	2	Free for use as an additional network for backup, SAP HANA system replication, or other purposes.

Slot#: Refer to the image of the HA840 G3 topology for a back view of the PCIe slots.

**Note:** The management network and the client network can be on the same network switch or a separate network switch, depending on the network environment.

## Storage architecture configuration

This section describes the storage configurations for this environment.



**Note:** You can use a different Hitachi Vantara storage architecture to implement this reference architecture. Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform E1090 was used as external storage for validation testing of this environment. Contact your Hitachi Vantara account representative for details and implementation services to configure an environment using external storage.

The following storage components are required to implement a scale-up SAP HANA system with Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 using external storage:

- 2 × SN1610E 32Gb 2p FC PCIe HBA cards
  - Port 1 of SN1610E 32Gb 2p FC PCIe HBA on Slot3
  - Port 1 of SN1610E 32Gb 2p FC PCIe HBA on Slot6
- 1 Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform E1090 with the following:
  - Storage drive box trays (DBS/DBN)
  - Spare drives

The following are mandatory for the external storage option with a direct connection between the Hitachi Vantara Virtual Storage Platform and the SN1610E 32Gb HBA on Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3:

- Enable Host Mode Option 02, Host Mode Option 94, and Host Mode Option 109 for the corresponding storage port connected with the server.
  - Host Mode Option 109 — This option fixes a SAN boot issue when the system cannot find the Boot LUN after a restart.
  - Host Mode Option 94 — This option is mandatory for direct connection between the Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform and the SN1610E 32Gb HBA. If this mode is not set, then SAN storage cannot be identified from the SN1610E 32Gb HBA.
  - Host Mode Option 02 (Optional) — This option is used when the system uses test-unit-ready (TUR) for path\_checker in the */etc/multipath.conf* file. This mode is typically used for a fencing technology.
- Host Group ID must be 00 for SAN boot.

An example configuration for port properties with Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform is listed in the following table.

For this setting	Use this value
Port Security	Disabled
Port Speed	32 Gbps
Fabric	OFF
Connection Type	P-to-P

The SAP HANA node requires the following storage layout:

- Operating system volume (OS).
- SAP HANA shared volume (*/hana/shared*) for HANA binaries and other configuration and trace files.
- SAP HANA log volume (*/hana/log*).
- SAP HANA data volume (*/hana/data*).

This reference architecture uses a dynamic provisioning pool design for the storage layout. This ensures maximum utilization and optimization at a lower cost.

For the storage layout, use two dynamic provisioning pools (HDP) with the specific parity groups as listed in the following table.

Dynamic Provisioning Pool Name	Purpose	Parity Group RAID Level and Disks
OS_SH_Data_Pool	Operating system LUN SAP HANA Shared LUN Data LUN	RAID 6 (6D+2P) on 1.92 TB NVMe SSD drives
Log_Pool	Log LUN	RAID 6 (6D+2P) on 1.92 TB NVMe SSD drives

Two pools are used to provide storage and throughput for all supported storage sizes:

- Create two dynamic provisioning pools for the SAP HANA systems on storage:
  - Use OS\_SH\_DT\_Pool to provision the operating system volume, SAP HANA shared volume, and data volume.
  - Use Log\_Pool to provision the log volume.
- Use thin provisioning to leverage the benefits of automatic performance optimization and storage space savings across pools of virtual capacity.



**Note:** Storage from the listed pools can be used to provision additional SAP HANA systems.

The following table lists the minimum storage configuration following the *SAP HANA Tailored Data Center Integration on Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform E990 and E1090 with Hitachi Storage Virtualization Operating System Reference Architecture Guide* (<https://docs.hitachivantara.com/v/u/en-us/application-optimized-solutions/mk-sl-197>) for different memory sizes for HA840 G3 with VSP E1090 as an example.

	1024 GB to 8192 GB
P-VOLs	1 × RAID 6 (6D+2P) 8 × 1.92 TB NVMe SSD 4 × 2640 GB PVOL
VVOL - OS	OS: (1 × 100 GB)
VVOL - /hana/shared	/hana/shared: 1 × 1024 GB
VVOL - /hana/data	/hana/data:

	1024 GB to 8192 GB
	for 512GB size: 4 × 128 GB for 1024GB size: 4 × 256 GB for 1536GB size: 4 × 384 GB for 2048GB size: 4 × 512 GB for 3072GB size: 4 × 768 GB for 4096GB size: 4 × 1024 GB for 6144GB size: 4 × 1536 GB for 8192GB size: 4 × 2048 GB
P-VOLs	1 × RAID 6 (6D+2P) 8 × 1.92 TB NVMe SSD 4 × 2640 GB PVOL
VVOL - /hana/log	/hana/log 4 × 128 GB

The following table lists the LUN path assignment used when validating this environment.

LUN ID	LDEV ID	LDEV Name
0000	00:02:00	HANA_OS
0001	00:02:01	HANA_SH
0002	00:02:02	HANA_LOG_1
0003	00:02:03	HANA_LOG_2
0004	00:02:04	HANA_LOG_3
0005	00:02:05	HANA_LOG_4
0006	00:02:06	HANA_DATA_1
0007	00:02:07	HANA_DATA_2
0008	00:02:08	HANA_DATA_3
0009	00:02:09	HANA_DATA_4

## SAP HANA configuration

This section describes how to configure SAP HANA for this solution.

## Filesystem

These volumes use the following file systems for implementation of this solution either with an internal or external storage system:

- Operating system volume
  - BTRFS Filesystem (Only for SLES) / XFS Filesystem
- SAP HANA shared volume
- SAP HANA data volume
- SAP HANA log volume

## Device-Mapper Multipath

This solution uses Device-Mapper Multipath to combine the multiple connections originating from external storage systems.

## SAP HANA software installation

After you configure the file systems for the SAP HANA data volume and log volume, install the latest SAP HANA 2.0 SPS 07 stack on the server.

Install the following SAP HANA software components on the server:

- SAP HANA database server
- SAP HANA client
- SAP host agent

# Engineering validation

The test methodology for validating the Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 for SAP HANA TDI on enterprise storage configuration with Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform E1090 used the following:

- For the TDI solution, SAP HANA Hardware and Cloud Measurement Tool (HCMT) revision hcmt-076\_0 was tested on the following volumes for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications 15 SP5:
  - Data volume
  - Log volume
  - Shared volume

For optimal use of the system with an SAP HANA database, use the parameters listed in the corresponding appendix for your operating system release. Follow [SAP Note 2399079](#) to set up these parameters defined in *global.ini* for SAP HANA 2.0.

## Sample global.ini file

This section provides the *global.ini* file used for the following operating system.

## SUSE Enterprise Linux Server for SAP Applications

This is a sample *global.ini* file that was configured and used for validating the environment for the TDI solution with SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications 15 SP5.

```
[communication]
tcp_backlog = 2048

[database_initial_encryption]
backup_encryption = on
persistence_encryption = on
log_encryption = on

[fileio]
async_read_submit[log] = on
async_write_submit_active[log] = auto
async_write_submit_blocks[log] = all
min_submit_batch_size[log] = 16
max_submit_batch_size[log] = 64
max_parallel_io_requests[log] = 64
size_kernel_io_queue[log] = 512
async_read_submit[data] = on
async_write_submit_active[data] = auto
async_write_submit_blocks[data] = all
min_submit_batch_size[data] = 16
max_submit_batch_size[data] = 64
max_parallel_io_requests[data] = 64
size_kernel_io_queue[data] = 512

[multidb]
mode = multidb
database_isolation = low
singletenant = yes

[persistence]
basepath_datavolumes = /hana/data/HIT
basepath_logvolumes = /hana/log/HIT
```

## Product descriptions

These products are used in this solution.



## Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3

The Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 is a high-density, four-socket (4S) server with high performance, scalability, and reliability, all in a 2U chassis. Supporting the latest 4th Generation Intel Xeon Scalable Processors, the Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 offers greater processing power, up to 16 TB of DDR5 memory, IO up to six PCIe Gen 5 slots, 2 OCP slots, plus the intelligence and simplicity of automated management with iLO 6. The Hitachi Advanced Server HA840 G3 is the ideal server for business-critical workloads, in-memory databases, data analytics, virtualization, server consolidation, business processing, and general 4S data-intensive applications where data center space and the right performance are paramount.

## Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform E1090

The Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform E1090 (VSP E1090) storage system is a high-performance, large-capacity data storage system. The VSP E1090 all-flash arrays (AFAs) support NVMe and SAS solid-state drives (SSDs). The VSP E1090H hybrid models can be configured with both SSDs and hard disk drives (HDDs).

- The NVMe flash architecture delivers consistent, low-microsecond latency, which reduces the transaction costs of latency-critical applications and delivers predictable performance to optimize storage resources.
- The hybrid architecture allows for greater scalability and provides data-in-place migration support.

## SAP HANA

SAP HANA converges database and application platform capabilities in-memory to transform transactions, analytics, text analysis, predictive and spatial processing so businesses can operate in real-time. This combines database, data processing, and application platform capabilities in a single in-memory platform. Also, the platform provides libraries for predictive, planning, text processing, spatial, and business analytics — all on the same architecture. This architecture comes from leading hardware partners of SAP, including Hitachi Vantara. For more information, see <https://www.sap.com/products/hana.html>.

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- SAP HANA Administration Guide

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[SAP HANA hardware directory](#) provides information about SAP HANA appliances certified by SAP hardware partners.

## Operating system options for SAP HANA

The scale-up configuration of Hitachi Solution for the SAP HANA Platform can run on the following Linux operating system:

- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) for SAP Applications

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SUSE Linux Enterprise Server was the first Linux operating system to be certified for use with SAP HANA. It remains the operating system of choice for most SAP HANA customers.

Changing the configuration settings is only supported along the guidelines of SAP and the operating system distributor and may otherwise cause significant performance problems. The following SAP Notes for SLES are a good starting point for information on this topic:

- [1944799 - SAP HANA Guidelines for SLES Operating System Installation](#)
- [2009879 - SAP HANA Guidelines for Red Hat Enterprise Linux \(RHEL\) Operating System](#)

For more details, see "Updating and Patching the Operating System" by searching in the "View SAP HANA document" from [Technical Information and Best Practices](#).

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