

The New Intel® Core™ i7 Processor Extreme Edition: Intel's Most Powerful Desktop Processor Ever

Ultimate Platform for Gaming and Content Creation

May 30, 2016 — Designed for the extreme performance needs of enthusiasts, the Intel® Core™ i7 processor Extreme Edition delivers with up to 10 cores and 20 threads, 40 PCIe* lanes, and a new Intel® Turbo Boost Max Technology 3.0 to tame the most demanding workloads. When game and content creators need incredible performance, they turn to Extreme Edition.



Gamers today do more than just gameplay; they're playing in 4K, they live-stream, record, edit and upload their highlights online, and communicate in real time with their eSports team or competitors. We call this mega-tasking, when simultaneous, compute-intensive, multi-threaded workloads are needed. The Intel Core i7 processor Extreme Edition has up to 35 percent better 3D rendering performance¹ for vivid 4K gameplay while accomplishing other compute-intensive tasks in the background. A new era in virtual reality has also begun and achieving the premium VR experiences delivered by the leading head-mounted displays on the market requires powerful PCs for both consuming and creating VR content.

Content creators also mega-task: They are editing, creating visual effects and composing music simultaneously. Creators also want to see the end result as they're in the process of creating it, so with the ability to support multiple 4K displays along with the threads and performance to handle all of the simultaneous applications, Intel Core i7 processor Extreme Edition helps people spend more of their time creating and less time waiting.

Intel Core i7 processor Extreme Edition opens up new levels of performance and capability enthusiasts never thought possible. Forty PCIe lanes connected directly into the CPU allow for system expansion with fast SSDs, up to four discrete GFX cards and ultra-fast Thunderbolt™ 3.0 technology. Massive Intel® Smart Cache of up to 25MB and quad-channel memory improves responsiveness and decreases startup time when working with large files and applications. The new Intel® Turbo Boost Max Technology 3.0 steers applications to the highest-performing core, improving single-threaded performance by up to 15 percent². The Intel® Core™ i7-69xx/68xx processor family is also unlocked, an important feature for enthusiasts who want the extra headroom and tools to push their system to the limit³.

With this revolution in performance and flexibility, Intel's first ever 10-core desktop consumer processor delivers the cores and threads to handle the mega-tasking workloads of today's gamers and creators.

Key Features:

- 10-, 8- or 6-core options
- New! Intel® Turbo Boost Max Technology 3.0
- Up to 40 PCI Express* 3.0 lanes
- 4 channel DDR4-2400 memory support

- Fully unlocked for performance tuning
- Up to 25 MB Intel® Smart Cache
- Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology
- Supports LGA 2011-v3 socket
- Intel® Ready Mode Technology
- Intel® X99 Chipset compatibility

Availability

- Systems and boxed processors are available at launch via online retail and through channel partners in all geographies.

Family Lineup

Processor Name	Intel® Core™ i7-6950X Processor Unlocked	Intel® Core™ i7-6900K Processor Unlocked	Intel® Core™ i7-6850K Processor Unlocked	Intel® Core™ i7-6800K Processor Unlocked
Cores/ Threads	10/20	8/16	6/12	6/12
Base Clock Speed (GHz)	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.4
Intel® Turbo Boost Max Technology 3.0	Enabled	Enabled	Enabled	Enabled
Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 Frequency (GHz) ¹	Up to 3.5	Up to 3.7	Up to 3.8	Up to 3.6
Cache	25MB	20MB	15MB	15MB
Memory Support	4 channels DDR4-2400	4 channels DDR4-2400	4 channels DDR4-2400	4 channels DDR4-2400
PCIe Lanes off of CPU	40	40	40	28
TDP	140W	140W	140W	140W
Socket (LGA)	2011-v3	2011-v3	2011-v3	2011-v3

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Benchmark information

Compute Intensive Application Performance. SPEC* CPU2000/2006 is a benchmark from the SPEC consortium that measures device performance and throughput using compute intensive application subtests. SPECint*_base2000/2006 measures how fast a device completes a single integer compute task. SPECint*_rate_base2000/2006 measures throughput, or how many integer compute tasks a device can accomplish in a given amount of time. OS support: Desktop Windows*, UNIX*/Linux* and Mac* OS.

CINEBENCH* R11.5 and R15 is a benchmark from MAXON Computer that measures the performance of desktop OpenGL* 3D modeling applications.

System Configurations

Intel® Core™ i7-6950X Processor (3.0GHz up to 3.5GHz, 10C/20T, 25MB, 140W TDP) measured on - Motherboard: Gigabyte X99 Designare, Memory: 8x8GB DDR4-2133MHz, Storage: Intel 750 PCIe SSD -400GB, OS: Windows* 10 (TH2), Graphics: Nvidia GTX 980Ti (Driver v364.51), BIOS: BIOS D10, Intel® Turbo Boost Max Driver Beta Version 1.0.0.1025, System Power Management Policy: Balanced. All data measured on Beta version: v1.0.0.1025 driver software and subject to change

Intel® Core™ i7-5960X Processor (3.0GHz up to 3.5GHz, 8C/16T, 20MB, 140W TDP) measured on - Motherboard: Gigabyte X99 SOC Champion, Memory: 4x4GB DDR4-2133MHz, Storage: Intel 750 PCIe SSD -400GB, OS: Windows 10 (TH2), Graphics: Nvidia GTX 980Ti (Driver v364.51), BIOS: BIOS F21A, System Power Management Policy: High Performance

¹ Based on measured Cinebench* R15 (Intel® Core™ i7-6950X Processor vs. Intel® Core™ i7-5960X processor).

² Based on measured SPECint_base2006 (Intel® Core™ i7-6950X Processor vs. Intel® Core™ i7-5960X processor).

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⁴ Refers to the maximum single-core frequency that can be achieved with Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0.

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