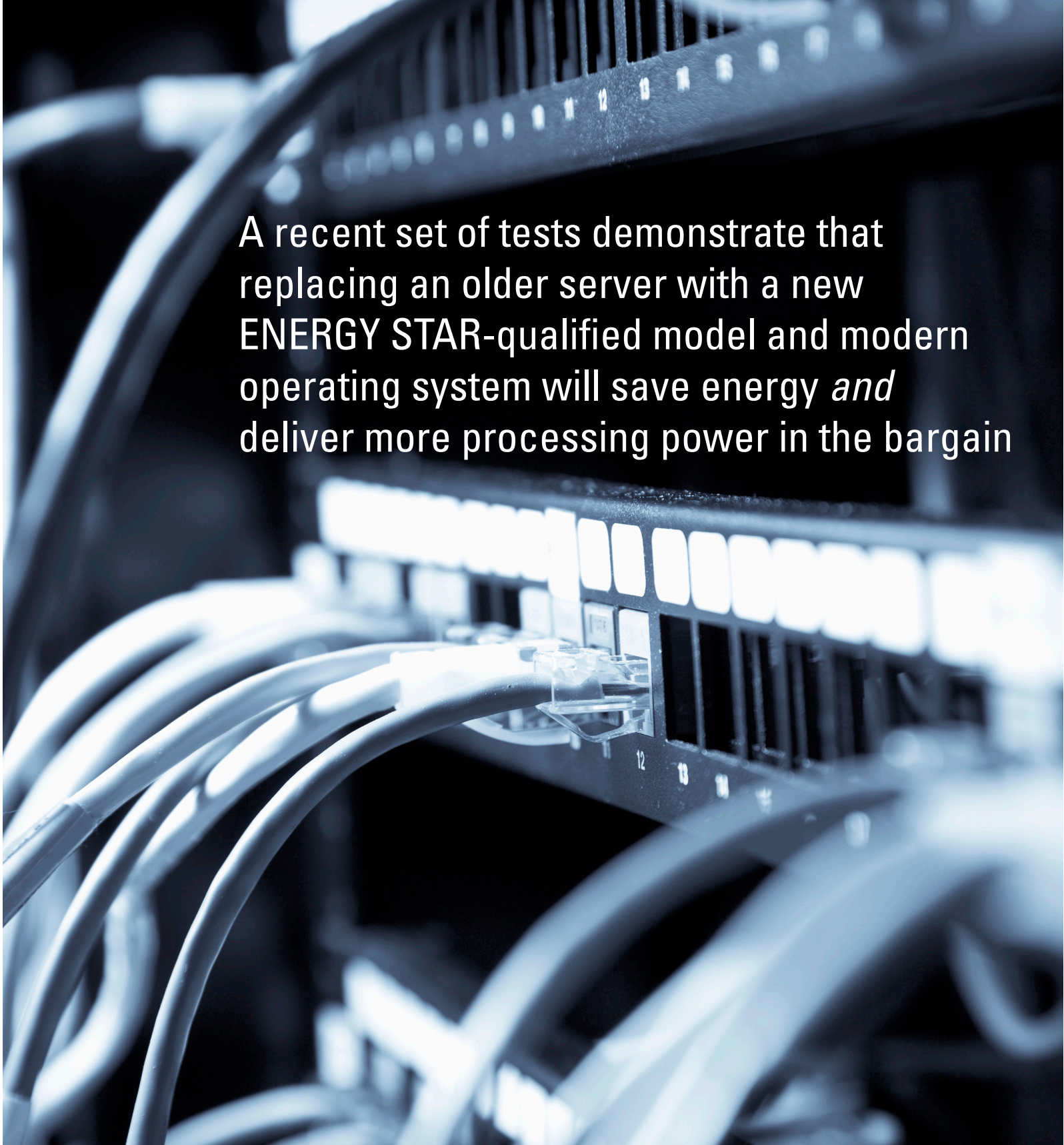




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ENERGY SAVINGS FROM ENERGY STAR-QUALIFIED SERVERS

A recent set of tests demonstrate that replacing an older server with a new ENERGY STAR-qualified model and modern operating system will save energy *and* deliver more processing power in the bargain



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OVERVIEW

Data centers use a lot of energy — nearly 3% of the electricity consumed in the United States, according to an EPA report to Congress¹. Because computer servers are at the core of data centers — and because the heat they generate drives air conditioning costs — they are a prime target for energy-savings measures. Deploying more energy-efficient servers is a very effective strategy for reducing energy consumption in the data center.

In tests conducted for this study, a newer ENERGY STAR-qualified server running a modern operating system consistently used less power to deliver substantially better performance, compared to an older non-qualified model running an older operating system.

¹ See http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=prod_development.server_efficiency_study

ENERGY STAR SPECIFICATION

In May 2009, ENERGY STAR released its first energy efficiency specification for computer servers. To earn the ENERGY STAR, servers must offer the following features:

- + Efficient power supplies that limit power conversion losses and generate less waste heat, which reduces the need for excess cooling where they are housed;
- + Improved power quality, which provides building-wide energy efficiency benefits;
- + Capabilities to measure real-time power use, processor utilization, and air inlet temperature, which improves manageability and lowers total cost of ownership;
- + Advanced power management features and efficient components to save energy across various utilization levels, including idle;
- + A *Power and Performance Data Sheet* for purchasers that standardizes key information on energy performance, features, and other capabilities.

GOALS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

Today's servers deliver far more computing power than models introduced just three to four years ago. ENERGY STAR-qualified servers, however, provide that additional computing performance using roughly 30% less energy, according to EPA estimates. In late 2009, EPA wanted to validate its original savings estimates by measuring power consumed under various types of workloads for two similar servers: one ENERGY STAR-qualified, the other not. The goal was to realistically measure how much electricity a new ENERGY STAR-qualified model would save in a real-world operating environment, compared to a typical three- to four-year-old server.

Microsoft graciously offered to host a metering study at its Windows Server Performance Lab in Redmond, Washington, and HP kindly donated server equipment for the tests. Representatives from EPA, Microsoft, and HP alike participated in the testing, from the initial operating system installation process through the collection of test results.

Before we describe that operating environment and our test methodology, it is important to note that a host of variables influence how much energy a server consumes: server hardware, server software, percentage of CPU utilization, input/output, and the amount of storage access a given workload requires. That said, it would have been too expensive and time-consuming to conduct a study that looked at all of the possible hardware, software, and workload variables.

As a result, the test team selected a typical three-year-old server and a comparable new ENERGY STAR-qualified server that might be considered as a reasonable replacement. This scenario was intended to mimic the type of decision faced by IT administrators who are trying to save energy in their data center. The team then set out to document energy consumption for both servers over a wide range of workloads.

TEST METHODOLOGY

The new ENERGY STAR-qualified server was the HP ProLiant DL360 G6, using an out-of-the-box configuration with a fresh operating system (OS) installation (Windows Server 2008 R2). We compared this to an older HP ProLiant DL360 G5 running Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 2, which was not ENERGY STAR-qualified. The G5 was also set up with the out-of-the-box configuration and a fresh OS installation.

Table 1 contains detailed specifications for the server hardware provided by HP.

TABLE 1: SERVER SPECIFICATIONS

SERVER	HP PROLIANT DL360 G5 (“OLD”)	HP PROLIANT DL360 G6 (“NEW” ENERGY STAR-QUALIFIED)
OS	Windows Server 2003 SP2	Windows Server 2008 R2
Default Power Management	HP Dynamic Power Saving Mode	HP Dynamic Power Saving Mode ² - OS Default Balanced Power Policy
Hardware Available to Public	June, 2006	March, 2009
Processor(s)	(2) Intel Xeon Dual-Core 5160 Processors (3.00 GHz)	(2) Intel Xeon Quad-Core X5560 Processors (2.80 GHz, HT Enabled, Turbo Disabled by OS ³)
Cache Memory	4MB Level 2 cache	8MB Level 3 cache
Memory	32 GB (8 x 4 GB) PC2-5300 Fully Buffered DIMMs (DDR2-667)	32 GB (16 x 2 GB) PC3-10600R DIMMs (DDR3-1333)
Network Controller	Embedded Dual NC373i Multifunction Gigabit NICs	(2) HP NC382i Dual Port Multifunction Gigabit NICs
Storage Controller	HP Smart Array P400 Controller with 512MB BBWC, Smart Array P800 controller	HP Smart Array P410i Controller with 512MB BBWC, Smart Array P800 controller
Internal Drive	(2) 146GB SAS Disk drives	(2) 146GB SAS Disk drives
Optical Drive	IDE DVD-ROM/CDRW combo	Slim SATA DVD RW drive
Form Factor	Rack (1U)	Rack (1U)
Power Supply	(1) Hot Plug Fan and Power Supply (Not Rated)	(1) 750W Hot Plug Power Supplies (80+ Gold certified)

Both servers were delivered by HP to the Microsoft Server Performance Lab and were racked “as-is” – no special tuning was performed.

TEST ENVIRONMENT

The test environment was as follows:

- + Microsoft Windows Server Performance Lab (climate-controlled server room, non-isolated hot/cold aisles);
- + Standard rack (filled with active servers in hot/cold aisle configuration with no containment);
- + 1 Gigabit Ethernet and 10 Gigabit Ethernet (fibre channel) network cards;
- + SAS arrays as external storage (for the Web Fundamentals and FSCT workloads);
- + Instek GPM-8212R AC power meter (with RS232 communications cable)⁴;
- + Re-purposed servers acting as client machines (in separate rack);
- + Controller running the workloads (that is, controlling the clients) and interfacing with the power meter.

² Processor Clocking Control (PCC). For additional information, see section entitled “Why Newer Hardware and Operating Systems are More Energy-Efficient”.

³ Turbo mode is disabled in Windows Server 2008 R2 balanced mode for the X5560 processor, but is enabled in balanced mode for newer Intel processors.

⁴ The manufacturer’s data sheet claims that the accuracy of Watt readings (at 23°C±5°C) is ± 0.2% of reading and ± 0.2% of range.

WORKLOADS

We selected three workloads for our tests:

- + *An industry-standard power and performance workload (run as a baseline test)*
- + *Web Fundamentals*
- + *File Server Capacity Tool (FSCT)*

BASELINE WORKLOAD

The baseline workload is an industry-standard, CPU intensive benchmark used to compare power and performance among different servers. It measures power consumption for servers at different performance levels — from 100 percent to idle in 10 percent segments — over a set period of time. The graduated workload reflects the fact that processing loads and power consumption vary substantially over the course of days or weeks.

WEB FUNDAMENTALS

Web Fundamentals “Full Mix” is a web server workload based on Microsoft.com usage patterns and Microsoft IT proxy server traffic. Using the Web Capacity Analysis Tool⁵ (WCAT 6.1) load generator, a set of clients initiated by the controller generate HTTP requests against the target web server. The workload consists of requests for a combination of dynamic ASP.NET pages and static files, some of which hit the file cache. This test exercises the CPU, memory, disk, and network, and is a good workload for performance and scalability testing.

A limitation of this workload is that it consists mostly of static file hosting and ASP Server Side Includes (SSIs) in order to exercise the server side scripting engine. There is no server side scripting beyond those includes.

FSCT

The File Server Capacity Tool⁶ (FSCT) is a capacity planning tool for Common Internet File System (CIFS), Microsoft Server Message Block (SMB), and SMB2 file servers. The tool is also useful for identifying performance bottlenecks for a file server workload. FSCT results include the maximum number of users

for a file server configuration and throughput for that configuration.

This benchmark performs a lot of hard disk access and is very I/O intensive; it is generally unable to significantly stress the CPU and memory before saturating the network and/or disk I/O.

For this particular test, it was necessary to install an additional 10 GB NIC and a higher performing RAID controller in order to stress the G6 system. For consistency's sake, these hardware items were added to both the G5 and G6.

RESULTS

Under both workloads and the baseline benchmark, the ENERGY STAR-qualified server, in combination with Windows Server 2008 R2, provided significantly lower energy consumption when performing the same number of operations as the previous-generation hardware and Windows Server release. Additionally, the ENERGY STAR-qualified server consumed substantially less power overall across all target loads in the Web Fundamentals and baseline tests.

BASELINE WORKLOAD

Our results show significant across-the-board lower power consumption at various loads on the ENERGY STAR-qualified ProLiant G6 server with Windows Server 2008 R2. On average, the G6 with R2 consumed 26% less power than the ProLiant G5 while handling the same target load. The savings were larger for lower load levels.

The tables and graphs below detail the number of transactions per second and the average power consumption at each of the 10 target load levels tested. On average, the ENERGY STAR-qualified G6 server with R2 delivered performance-to-power ratios 271% higher than the non-qualified G5. Power-to-performance ratio is the ratio of useful work (transactions per second) performed per unit of power (watts) consumed by the system.

The G6 server with R2 delivered consistently lower power usage over the older G5—as much as 36% less at the 10% target load level and 54% less at idle. At the 50% target load level, the G6 consumed 24% less power than the G5.

⁵ Available at <http://www.iis.net/community/default.aspx?tabid=34&g=6&i=1467>.

⁶ Available at <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?displaylang=en&FamilyID=b20db7f1-15fd-40ae-9f3a-514968c65643>.

TABLE 2: DATA FROM BASELINE WORKLOAD

Load Level	G5 Performance	G5 Avg. Power (Watts)	G5 Power Efficiency (Performance/Watts)	G6 Performance (Transactions/Second)	G6 Avg. Power (Watts)	G6 Power Efficiency (Performance/Watts)	Difference In Power Consumed ⁷	Difference In Power Efficiency ⁸
100%	147,566	346	427	420,092	307	1369	11%	221%
90%	133,887	337	397	380,126	288	1321	15%	233%
80%	119,010	326	365	338,164	270	1255	17%	244%
70%	105,509	316	334	297,926	253	1177	20%	252%
60%	90,402	304	297	254,409	236	1078	22%	263%
50%	73,434	291	253	210,826	220	959	24%	279%
40%	60,175	281	214	169,079	206	822	27%	284%
30%	45,230	273	166	127,026	194	655	29%	295%
20%	30,248	267	113	85,272	183	466	31%	312%
10%	15,143	262	57.9	41,820	167	250	36%	332%
0% (Active Idle)	0	256	0	0	119	0	54%	-
Averages:							26%	271%

FIGURE 1: BASELINE WORKLOAD – G5 POWER AND POWER EFFICIENCY AT LOAD LEVEL

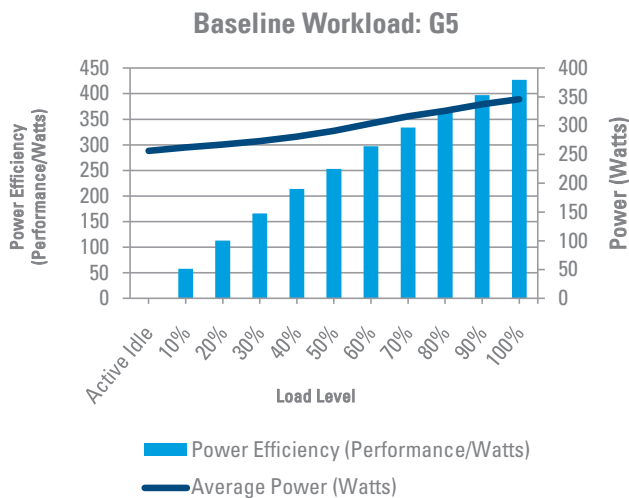
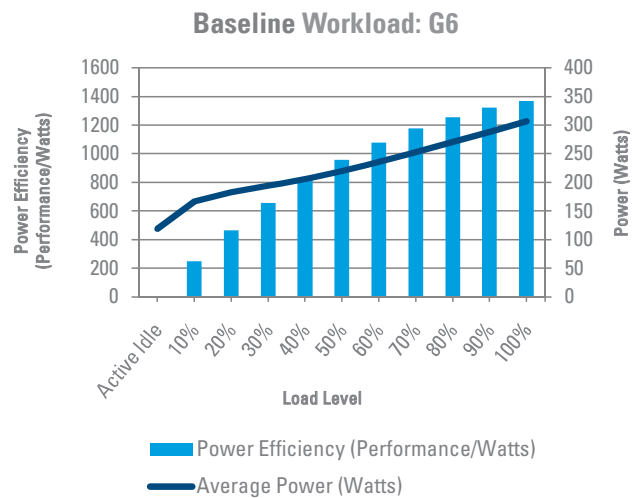


FIGURE 2: BASELINE WORKLOAD – G6 POWER AND POWER EFFICIENCY AT LOAD LEVEL



⁷ Expressed as a percentage of G5 Average Power (Watts)

⁸ Expressed as a percentage of G5 Power Efficiency (Performance/Watts)

FIGURE 3: BASELINE WORKLOAD – POWER COMPARISON AT LOAD LEVEL

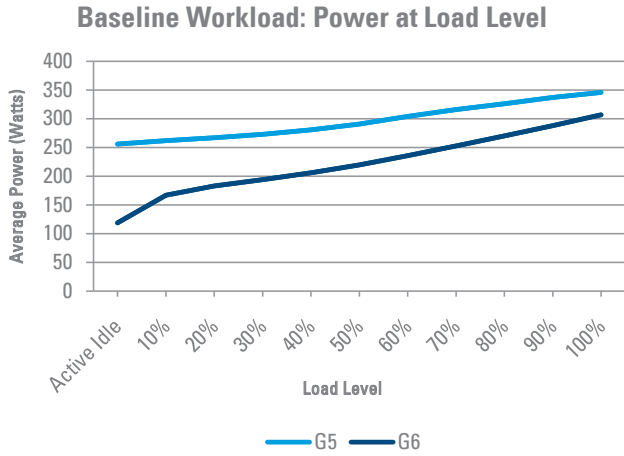


FIGURE 4: BASELINE WORKLOAD – THROUGHPUT COMPARISON AT LOAD LEVEL

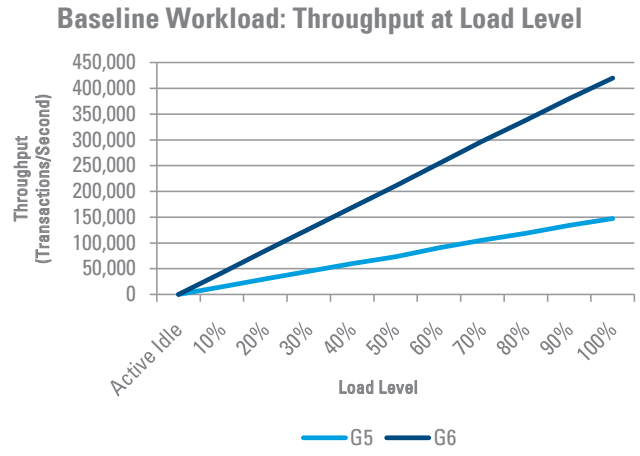


FIGURE 5: BASELINE WORKLOAD – POWER COMPARISON AT THROUGHPUT LEVEL

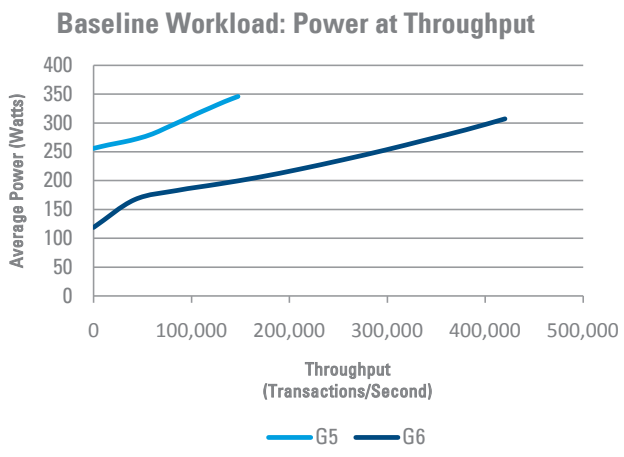


FIGURE 6: BASELINE WORKLOAD – POWER EFFICIENCY COMPARISON AT LOAD LEVEL

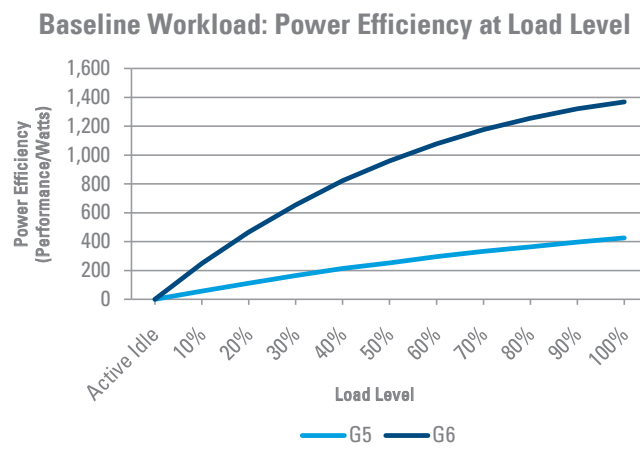
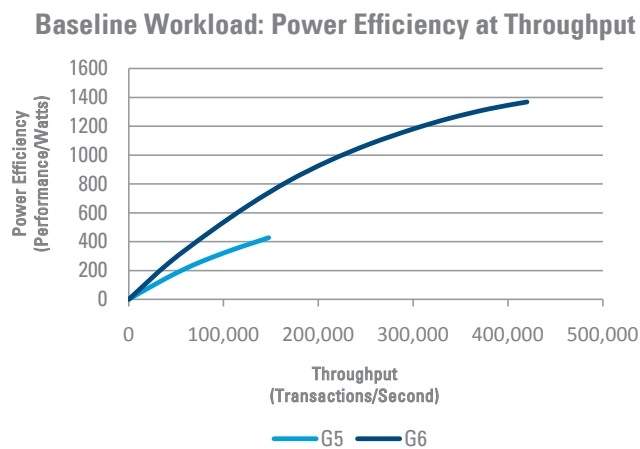


FIGURE 7: BASELINE WORKLOAD – POWER EFFICIENCY COMPARISON AT THROUGHPUT LEVEL



WEB FUNDAMENTALS

Over the 10 target load levels tested, the ENERGY STAR-qualified ProLiant G6 with Windows Server 2008 R2 used an average of 28% less power than the non-qualified ProLiant G5 server. In addition, the G6's performance-to-power ratio was, on average, 330% higher than the non-qualified G5.

The G6 with R2 consistently consumed less power than the G5 across all target loads. At 10% target load, it consumed 33% less power than the G5; at 50% target load, the G6 used 25% less power than the G5.

TABLE 3: DATA FROM WEB FUNDAMENTALS WORKLOAD

Load Level	G5 Performance (Responses/Second)	G5 Avg. Power (Watts)	G5 Power Efficiency (Performance/Watts)	G6 Performance (Responses/Second)	G6 Avg. Power (Watts)	G6 Power Efficiency (Performance/Watts)	Difference in Power Consumed ⁹	Difference in Power Efficiency ¹⁰
100%	21,959	324	68	69,978	264	265	18%	291%
90%	19,752	318	62	62,918	253	249	20%	300%
80%	17,552	312	56	55,910	236	237	24%	320%
70%	15,360	292	53	48,921	221	221	24%	320%
60%	13,163	277	48	41,922	211	199	24%	319%
50%	10,969	274	40	34,923	205	170	25%	326%
40%	8,777	271	32	27,936	197	142	27%	338%
30%	6,584	268	25	20,935	188	111	30%	352%
20%	4,390	264	17	13,962	182	77	31%	363%
10%	2,196	261	8	6,985	175	40	33%	375%
0%	0	256	0	0	119	0	54%	-
Averages:							28%	330%

FIGURE 8: WEB FUNDAMENTALS WORKLOAD – G5 POWER AND POWER EFFICIENCY AT LOAD LEVEL

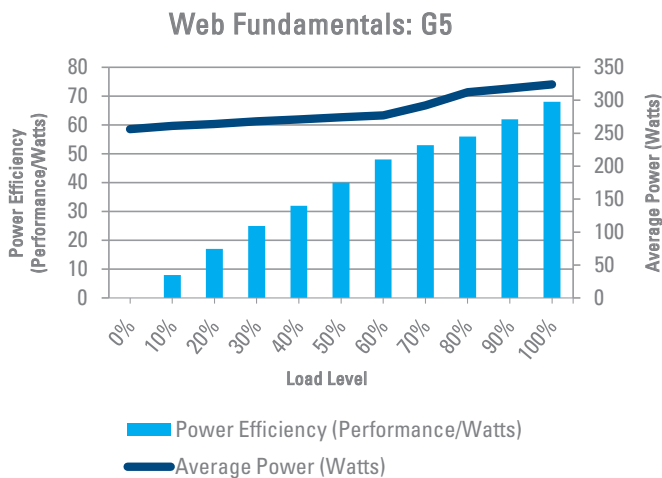
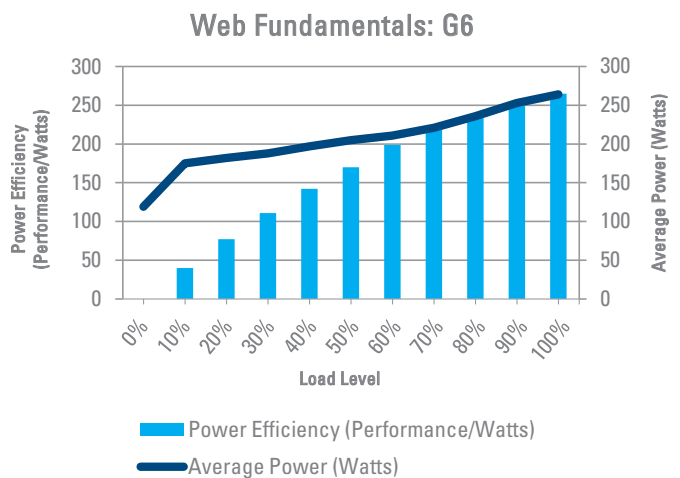


FIGURE 9: WEB FUNDAMENTALS WORKLOAD – G6 POWER AND POWER EFFICIENCY AT LOAD LEVEL



⁹ Expressed as a percentage of G5 Average Power (Watts)

¹⁰ Expressed as a percentage of G5 Power Efficiency (Performance/Watts)

FIGURE 10: WEB FUNDAMENTALS WORKLOAD – POWER COMPARISON AT LOAD LEVEL

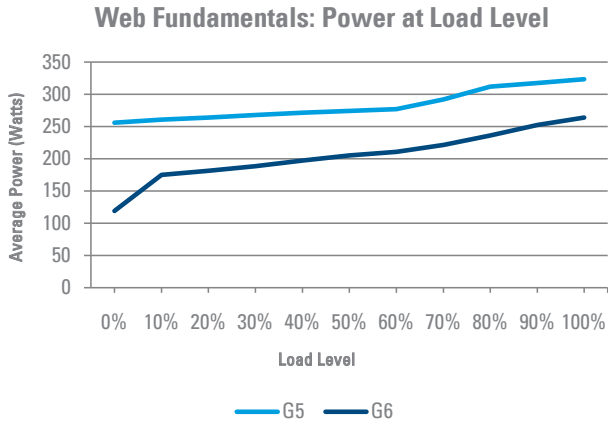


FIGURE 11: WEB FUNDAMENTALS WORKLOAD – THROUGHPUT COMPARISON AT LOAD LEVEL

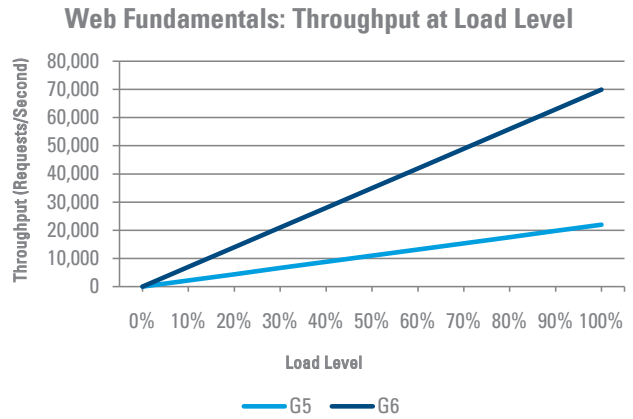


FIGURE 12: WEB FUNDAMENTALS WORKLOAD – POWER COMPARISON AT THROUGHPUT LEVEL

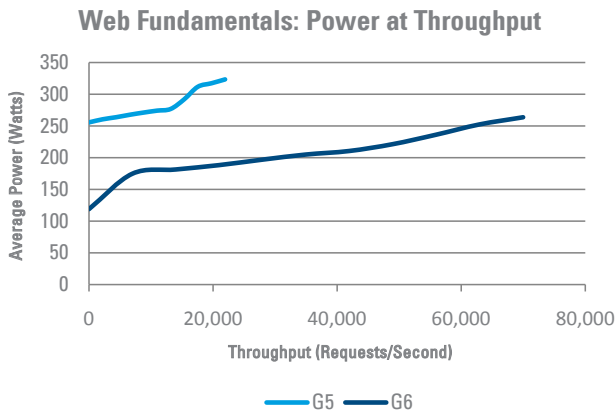


FIGURE 13: WEB FUNDAMENTALS WORKLOAD – POWER EFFICIENCY COMPARISON AT LOAD LEVEL

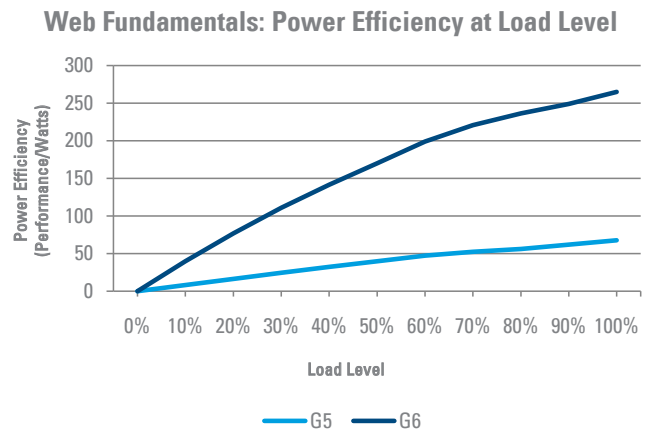
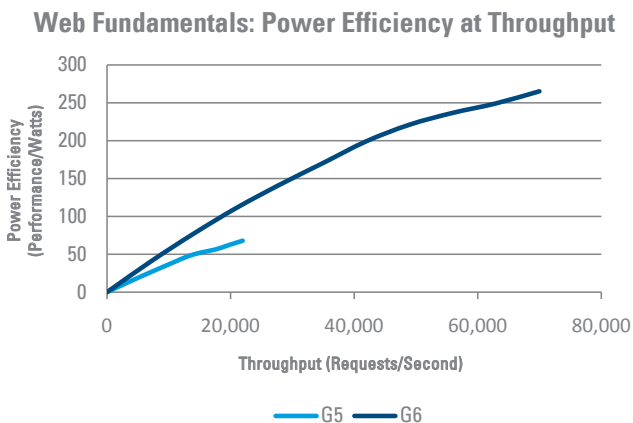


FIGURE 14: WEB FUNDAMENTALS WORKLOAD – POWER EFFICIENCY COMPARISON AT THROUGHPUT LEVEL



FSCT

In this workload, the ProLiant G5 was able to reliably serve 2800 users with a load of 256 operations per second before the server reached its limits. The ENERGY STAR-qualified ProLiant G6 with R2 was able to more than triple this with 9443 users and 881 operations per second before reaching its limits. Despite this tripling of performance the G6 with R2 was able to serve 881 operations per second using less energy than the idle power of the G5.

Note that the G6's CPU was barely stressed during this test. This was a function of the nature of the workload (as mentioned previously), additional processor cores, and hyper threading.

TABLE 4: DATA FROM FSCT WORKLOAD – G5

Users	Overload ¹¹	Throughput (Operations / Second)	Average Power	CPU Utilization (4 Logical Processors)	Power Efficiency (Throughput/Watts)
560	0%	51	276	3.70%	0.18
1,120	0%	102	279.7	10.30%	0.36
1,680	0%	154	284.2	16.40%	0.54
2,240	0%	205	295.4	31.30%	0.69
2,800	1%	256	317.8	62.00%	0.81

All higher levels had excessive overload

TABLE 5: DATA FROM FSCT WORKLOAD – G6

Users	Overload	Throughput (Operations / Second)	Average Power	CPU Utilization (16 Logical Processors)	Power Efficiency (Throughput/Watts)
560	0%	51	175	0.70%	0.29
1,547	0%	142	185	1.50%	0.77
2,534	0%	232	190.1	2.70%	1.22
3,521	0%	323	193.8	4.00%	1.67
4,508	0%	414	196.7	5.50%	2.1
5,495	0%	504	198.7	7.20%	2.54
6,482	0%	595	200.1	8.60%	2.97
7,469	0%	688	201.8	9.70%	3.41
8,456	0%	784	203.9	12.70%	3.85
9,443	1%	881	209.6	17.30%	4.2

All higher levels had excessive overload

¹¹ Overload is a condition in which a system can't handle requests fast enough and starts dropping them. The number represents the percentage of requests with no valid response.

FIGURE 15: FSCT WORKLOAD – POWER COMPARISON AT THROUGHPUT LEVEL

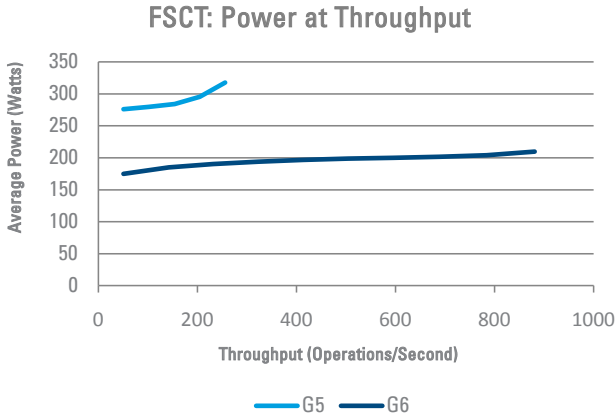


FIGURE 16: FSCT WORKLOAD – CPU UTILIZATION COMPARISON AT THROUGHPUT LEVEL

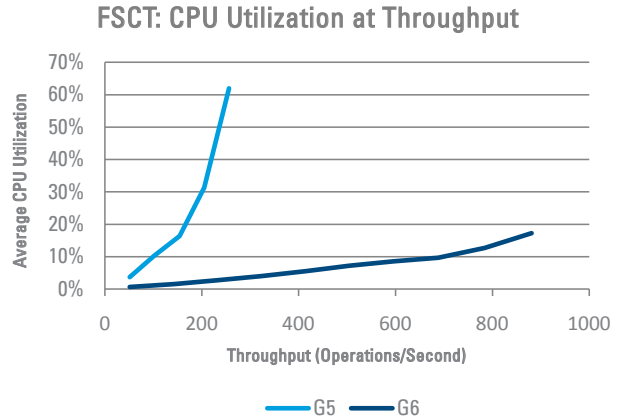


FIGURE 17: FSCT WORKLOAD – NUMBER OF USERS COMPARISON AT THROUGHPUT LEVEL

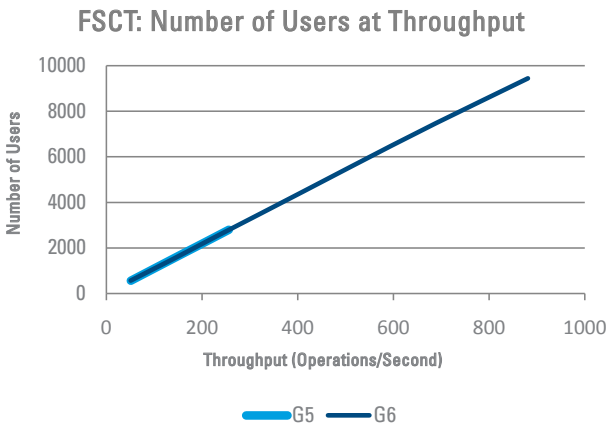
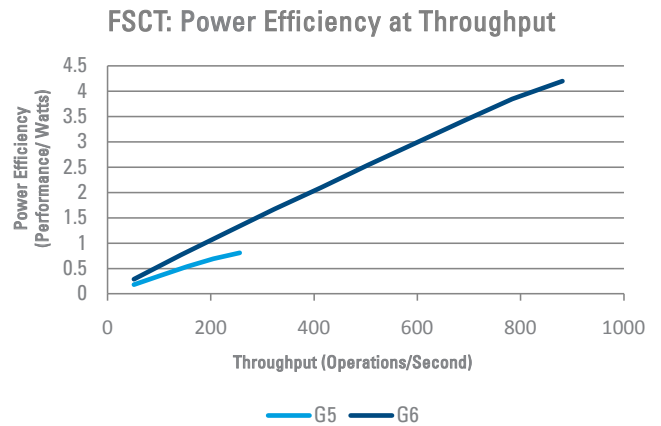


FIGURE 18: FSCT WORKLOAD – POWER EFFICIENCY COMPARISON AT THROUGHPUT LEVEL



WHY NEWER HARDWARE AND OPERATING SYSTEMS ARE MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT

HARDWARE

HP cites a number of reasons why its latest servers offer improved power efficiency over previous generations: common slot power supplies that are redundant, better DC voltage regulators, Intel Xeon 5500 processors that consume less power, and less power needed to operate cooling fans.

HP ProLiant G6 servers make use of the company's common slot power supply design that can be used interchangeably across multiple platforms. According to HP, these are more efficient at all power loads than previous generations of HP power supplies. Common slot power supplies allow planners to select a power supply that will operate close to its maximum efficiency for the planned server power load. For example, a 750-watt power supply would be the optimal choice for a server that has an average power load of 350 watts, since it would be 92% efficient at that load, according to the company. A 1200-watt power supply installed in that same server configuration would only operate at 88% efficiency.

Although in this test a single power supply was used, redundant power supplies increase reliability. However, in the past this could result in lower power efficiency. For example, in G5 servers, both redundant power supplies are online simultaneously; this lowers the amount of power drawn from each supply, but has the potential to decrease the power efficiency of each one. A feature of the High Efficiency Mode (HEM) option on DL G6 servers is that one of the redundant power supplies can be kept in a standby state; this increases efficiency by allowing the remaining supply to support the full power load. The additional power supply is brought online only if the primary supply fails.

The improved DC voltage regulators in the G6 servers convert the 12-volt DC from the power supply into the 5-volt, 3-volt, and other feeds used by the various system components. This results in an 8-point gain in DC power

efficiency over previous generations of servers, according to the company.

Many ProLiant G6 servers use the Intel Xeon 5500 series processors, which have Intel's Intelligent Power Technology. This is a set of features that can be used to lower power consumption of the processor and related subsystems when they are not fully utilized.

Most ProLiant servers also include the HP Power Regulator Dynamic Power Savings mode feature, which automatically optimizes processor power consumption based on server activity. Power Regulator is implemented in the system firmware and directly monitors the instruction load of the server processor(s) to determine the level of system activity. Power Regulator uses this information to continuously adjust the performance states, or p-states, of the processor(s) to match processor power consumption to the current workload without noticeably impacting overall system performance.

The power management mode used in our G6 tests combines the capabilities of HP Power Regulator with the Balanced Power Policy in Windows Server 2008 R2. This is achieved using an interface that Microsoft and HP jointly created called Processor Clocking Control (PCC). The operating system calculates the future performance requirements of each of the processor cores on the system and communicates these requirements to the DL 360 G6 using the PCC interface. HP Power Regulator manages the power controls on the processors and other components on the system to deliver the requested performance level for each core. PCC enables the hardware and software to work together to delivery optimal power efficiency for the workload running on the server.¹²

Additionally, ProLiant G6 servers can use up to 32 sensors to map the temperature profile inside the server. Instead of using a fixed fan speed curve, a proprietary feedback algorithm adjusts individual fan speeds to maintain specific temperatures. This prevents overcooling and lowers the overall power consumption of the fans.

THE OPERATING SYSTEM

Windows Server 2008 R2 offers a number of power control features as well as an optional "Enhanced

¹² Details of the PCC interface can be found at http://www.acpica.org/documentation/related_documents.php.

Power Management” qualification program for servers. For starters, it includes three in-box power policies: Power Saver , Balanced (default) and High Performance. The default Balanced policy continuously alters the power states of the processors in the system in response to the utilization level of the workload. This ensures that processor power usage maps to the needs of the workload, with minimal impact to workload performance.

R2 achieves additional power savings by combining processor power state control with a feature that consolidates work onto a smaller number of processor cores when workload utilization is low. This feature is referred to as Core Parking. Processor cores that aren’t doing any work are placed into a deep sleep state. This feature effectively scales the number of processor cores in active use. Other features such as Timer Coalescing and Intelligent Timer Tick Distribution (or Tick Skipping), extend the time that processor cores stay in deep sleep states by avoiding waking cores unnecessarily.

The balanced power policy delivers power efficiency out of the box. For workloads that prioritize lowest latency and highest performance levels over power efficiency, the High Performance power policy can be used.

Although not featured in this study, these power efficiency improvements apply to Hyper-V, offering a significant reduction in platform interrupt activity and enabling power savings and greater scalability for virtual machines (VMs).

As described above, support for the new power management interface called Processor Clocking Control (PCC) was introduced in Windows Server 2008 R2. The operating system and platform use the PCC interface to coordinate on power management. Windows Server 2008 R2 uses the PCC interface to pass future processor performance requirements to the hardware, as a percentage of maximum frequency. The hardware is in direct control of the processor power states in this mode of operation and is responsible for delivering the requested performance. This enables both the OS and the platform to innovate and add value in their respective domains which results in improved power efficiency for the server. This is the power management mode used for the G6 testing detailed in this paper and is the default configuration for new G6 servers with Windows Server 2008 R2.

Although not leveraged in this study, Windows Server 2008 R2 supports the new Power Meter and Budget firmware (ACPI) interface that is included in the ACPI 4.0 specification. The interface can be used by Windows Server to discover power monitoring and budgeting hardware on the platform and to access power consumption and power budget information.

Windows Server 2008 R2 exposes power information to remote management software using WMI (Windows Management Interface), which adheres to the DMTF Power Supply Profile v1.01. This interface can be used by developers to build software that can remotely access power meter and budget information and modify Windows Power Policy across groups of servers. System Center Operations Manager 2007 R2 uses this interface to provide centralized power management.

The Windows Server 2008 R2 server hardware logo program includes an optional Additional Qualification (AQ) called “Enhanced Power Management”. This qualification indicates that a server supports the following features:

- + Power metering and budgeting hardware
- + Power Meter and Budget firmware (ACPI) interface
- + Enabling Windows power management

Hardware with this AQ will take full advantage of the power management features in Windows Server 2008 R2, and will natively support the new SCOM 2007 R2 power management features. The HP DL360 G6 server referenced in this paper is qualified for the Enhanced Power Management AQ.

Although not leveraged in this study, remote power metering capabilities are required for ENERGY STAR compliance and provide datacenter administrators with a valuable window into the power consumption and cooling trends of servers in situ.

CONCLUSIONS

Without doubt, server performance has increased over the past 3 years. However, better performance does not account for all -- or even the bulk of -- the energy efficiency improvements we documented. Instead, server hardware and software makers -- including HP, Intel, and Microsoft -- have worked just as hard to reduce platform power consumption, especially at lower utilization levels. These tests suggest they have had much success.

EXPECTED ANNUAL SAVINGS

Our findings imply that, at the average US commercial rate for electricity of 10 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh), the energy savings from a single ENERGY STAR-qualified server could range from \$60 (at 50% utilization) to \$120 (at idle) annually, or \$240-\$480 over the useful life of a server (4 years).

In addition to using less energy themselves, ENERGY STAR-qualified servers substantially reduce cooling loads in data centers. A general rule of thumb suggests that one watt saved by a server has the added benefit of saving one to two watts of cooling power. This yields a total savings of between \$480 and \$1,440 over the useful lifetime of a server.

It's important to note that these power savings come with a substantial increase in performance—at 50% utilization, for example, the newer, more energy-efficient server handles over three times the workload, thereby reducing the number of systems needed to support the same load.

SAVINGS COMPARISONS, AVOIDED CARBON EMISSIONS

Because saving energy lowers demand on the nation's power grid, it results in the generation of less electricity and thus prevents pollution, too. Our data suggests that a single ENERGY STAR-qualified server saves enough electricity to avert nearly ½ to 1 ton of carbon dioxide emissions, based on the assumptions stated above. Accounting for cooling savings makes it a total of 1 to 3 tons of carbon dioxide abated.

