



## Performance Brief

### **New xSeries 235 delivers powerful performance for e-business applications**

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The IBM® @server xSeries™ 235 servers are high-throughput, two-way SMP-capable Xeon Processor-based servers powered and scaled for e-business growth. They deliver excellent scalability for adding memory, adapter cards, or multiple processors. They incorporate the powerful 2.67, 2.8 and now the 3.06GHz<sup>1</sup> Intel® Xeon™ Processor with 512KB integrated full-speed ECC L2 cache and a 533MHz front side bus (FSB).

The SPECweb99\_SSL benchmark was used to measure the x235 server's performance in configurations that used two 3.06GHz and 2.8GHz Xeon Processors. The SPECweb99\_SSL<sup>2</sup> results and configuration details are summarized below.

<b>IBM @server xSeries 235</b>	
<b>SPECweb99_SSL - Simultaneous Connections</b>	
<b>1,799</b>	<b>1,740</b>
<b>System Hardware</b>	
2 x 3.06GHz Xeon Processor with 512KB L2 Cache	2 x 2.8GHz Xeon Processor with 512KB L2 Cache
6GB Memory	6GB Memory
6 x 36.4GB 15K Ultra320 Disk Drives	6 x 36.4GB 15K Ultra320 Disk Drives
Embedded LSI SCSI Controller	Embedded LSI SCSI Controller
<b>Operating System and HTTPS Software</b>	
Red Hat Linux 7.3	Red Hat Linux 7.3
Zeus V4.2r2	Zeus V4.2r2
<b>Network Hardware</b>	
One Embedded Gigabit Controller	One Embedded Gigabit Controller
Extreme Networks Summit 7i Gigabit Switch	Extreme Networks Summit 7i Gigabit Switch

These results are current as of April 21, 2003. The SPECweb99\_SSL results for the x235 server using the 3.06GHz processor will complete SPEC review on May 13; the results for the x235 server using the 2.8GHz processor will complete SPEC review on May 27. Upon successful review, these results will be posted at [www.spec.org](http://www.spec.org), which contains a complete list of published SPECweb99\_SSL results.

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#### **Notes**

(1) GHz only measures microprocessor internal clock speed, not application performance. Many factors affect application performance.

(2) SPECweb99\_SSL, a new benchmark released in April 2002, adds Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) Protocol support to SPECweb99, the acknowledged worldwide standard for web server performance evaluation. It tests secure Web server performance using HTTP 1.0/1.1 over the SSL Protocol. It is an extension of, rather than a replacement for, SPECweb99. SPECweb99\_SSL adopts an industry-accepted workload to measure the performance capabilities of a web server with added SSL encryption/decryption. The benchmark's metric represents the number of simultaneous connections that a secure Web server can support while meeting specific throughput and error-rate requirements.