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Transform ideas into reality with the HP Z8 Fury G5 Workstation PC

A comparison to a previous-generation workstation and a current-generation competitor

Whether you're generating three-dimensional images, shaping machine-driven interactions, or working with AI-based language technologies, the ultimate goal is the same: Get more done in less time. To test which system could help you complete your biggest projects—and save time doing so—we performed a variety of intensive tests on the HP Z8 Fury G5 Workstation PC, the HP Z8 G4 Workstation, and the Lenovo[®] ThinkStation[®] P620 Tower Workstation.

Get back time for important projects

Less waiting for renders, more time to create Make faster diagnoses and predictions

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We tested the following systems:

The current-gen Z8 workstation: <u>HP Z8 Fury G5 Workstation Desktop PC</u> 1x 56-core Intel® Xeon® w9-3495X CPU (1.9 - 4.8 GHz) 4x NVIDIA® RTX® 6000 Ada Generation GPUs The previous-gen Z8 workstation: <u>HP Z8 G4 Workstation Desktop PC</u> 2x 28-core Intel Xeon Gold 6258R CPUs (2.7 - 4.0 GHz) 2x NVIDIA RTX A6000 GPUs

For more on our configurations and tests, read the reports:

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Content-creation benchmarks

- CPU single-core performance with Cinebench R23 and Geekbench 6 Pro
- GPU performance with augmented reality and machine learning workloads with Geekbench 6 Pro
- Production rendering performance with Maxon Redshift
- Photo-editing performance with an Adobe® Creative Cloud® app with PugetBench for Lightroom Classic
- GPU rendering and multi-GPU acceleration and ray-tracing performance with Blender

What could these wins mean for you?

AI/ML testing

- Medical imaging and 3D image segmentation performance with 3D U-Net
- Speech recognition performance with RNN-T
- Natural language processing performance with BERT-99
- Image classification and detection performance with ResNet-50

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A current-gen competitor:

Lenovo ThinkStation P620 Tower Workstation 1x 64-core AMD Ryzen Threadripper PRO 5995WX CPU (2.7 - 4.5 GHz) 2x NVIDIA RTX A6000 GPUs with NVLink

Accelerate performance and expedite project cycles

What do these workloads do?

- **Cinebench R23** rates system hardware performance with Cinema 4D, a real-world 3D computer animation, modeling, simulation, and rendering software.¹
- **Geekbench 6 Pro** quantifies how well a system performs CPU- and GPU- intensive tasks, such as image editing, image synthesis, and physics simulations.²
- Maxon Redshift and Blender 3.6 measure 3D rendering performance, stressing a system's GPU.
- **PugetBench for Lightroom Classic** tests how well a system performs with a series of tasks in the industry-standard photo-editing application.



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Saving time on these workflows means creatives could spend less time waiting on technology and more time bringing their visions to life. For example, if a video team had an ambitious vision for a 3D-animated ad, an underperforming workstation might create less impressive renders or or cause them to miss the deadline. A higher performing system could help the video team quickly move their vision from the storyboard to their client's inbox without compromising quality or time.

And these test results aren't only significant for creators and editors. As technology advances, the line between creative and scientific work often blurs. The Geekbench 6 Pro tests we ran, for example, include a physics particle simulation that artists and developers might use to animate water or smoke.³

However, particle physics also has important applications in biomedicine, diagnostic instruments, power transmission, and more.⁴ When scientific teams run particle simulations, faster workstation speeds mean less waiting on key data. The scientific process can be long and demanding, but with answers in hand sooner, physicists can move forward with important innovations—or recognize that they need to go back to the drawing board.



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Summary

Powerful workstations are vital for companies as they prepare for the future. With better performance under intensive creative and graphics workloads, your teams could achieve more with the HP Z8 Fury G5. With less waiting on complicated processes such as renders and simulations, both content creators and technical workers can speed project completion and deliver results they can be proud of, even under tough deadlines.

To see the results of other tests, read the reports:



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What do these workloads do?

The medical imaging, language processing, and computer vision scenarios we ran use trained models to measure how quickly each workstation processed inputs and produced results.⁵

- Medical 3D imaging: The healthcare sector uses medical imaging (e.g., X-rays, ultrasounds, MRIs, and CT scans) for medical research, disease diagnosis, and drug discovery.⁶ The **3D U-Net** model we ran "performs volumetric segmentation of dense 3D images for medical use cases."⁷
- Natural language processing (NLP):
 - The recurrent neural network (RNN) aspect of NLP helps systems recognize email categories, predict stock prices, mine text, and translate different languages.^{8,9} The **RNN-T** model we ran "recognizes and transcribes audio in real time."¹⁰
 - The **BERT** model we ran sorts and analyzes text to make accurate language predictions and respond to conversations.¹¹ BERTbased applications include virtual assistants (e.g., Alexa and Siri), chatbots, and video captioning.¹²
- Computer vision: Machine learning can enable computers to "see," identify, and understand objects and people in images and video. Computer vision applications include facial recognition, autonomous cars, production-line automation, and sports performance analysis.¹³ The 50-layer **ResNet** model we ran "[a]ssigns a label from a fixed set of categories to an input image, i.e., applies to computer vision problems."¹⁴



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What could these wins mean for you?

The final stage in the machine learning process is inference—that's the golden time when your proven ML model has all the data, training, evaluation, and tuning your experts deem necessary for that model to make informed and (hopefully) accurate predictions.¹⁵

Business intelligence analysts, digital transformation specialists, data analysts, and scientists need powerful workstations that can nimbly crunch through stacks of proprietary and sensitive data to get useable results as quickly as possible. For example, in the medical field, saving time can save lives when it comes to making diagnoses or planning surgeries.

With a system that can process images faster, computer vision can more quickly and effectively assist medical teams in analyzing scans, detecting anomalies, and more. So, whether your organization is analyzing images or text, the sooner you have answers, the sooner you can put that data to work.

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Saving time at any point in the machine learning process can prove invaluable. Our medical 3D imaging, NLP, and computer vision tests show that the HP Z8 Fury G5 classified more samples in less time than the other workstations we tested. With these time savings, scientists, analysts, and engineers could act on valuable insights sooner, integrating them into technologies, diagnoses, or business strategies.

For more details, including configurations, read the reports:



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