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Raspberry PI 5 as Server

<https://browser.geekbench.com/v6/cpu/4184440> 2.4Ghz

<https://browser.geekbench.com/v6/cpu/4185322> 2.8Ghz

Only HEVC/H265 8/**10bit** decoding supported (HDMI is **HDR10 capable**)

Storage Performance

USB/SATA - VIA VL716 FW:85.43.1.8 UASP (raw read/write 578/212 MB/s)

SD Card Verbatim 64GB A1 V30 U3 (raw read/write 85/54 MB/s)

Proxmox 8.1 on Raspberry PI5

Debian 12 install

Check /etc/hosts and insert IP address for hostname!

```
sudo /bin/bash
curl https://mirrors.apqa.cn/proxmox/debian/pveport.gpg -o /etc/apt/trusted.gpg.d/pveport.gpg
echo "deb https://mirrors.apqa.cn/proxmox/debian/pve bookworm
port">/etc/apt/sources.list.d/pveport.list
apt update && apt full-upgrade
apt install ifupdown2
apt install proxmox-ve postfix open-iscsi
```

Use RaspberryPI 4k pagesize kernel

add this line to **/boot/config.txt**

```
kernel=kernel8.img
```

Enable cgroups in /boot/cmdline.txt add kernel parameters

```
cgroup_enable=cpuset cgroup_enable=memory cgroup_memory=1
```

full ISO <https://mirrors.apqa.cn/proxmox/isos/>

Windows 11 ARM running under Proxmox

The screenshot shows the Proxmox VE interface for node 'rpi5'. The terminal window displays the following output:

```
Linux rpi5 6.1.0-rpi7-rpi-v8 #1 SMP PREEMPT Debian 1:6.1.63-1+rpt1 (2023-11-24) aarch64
The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Sat Jan 13 19:08:00 CET 2024 on pts/0
root@rpi5:~#
```

Below the terminal window, a table shows the task history:

Start Time	End Time	Node	User name	Description	Status
Jan 13 19:08:12		rpi5	root@pam	Shell	

Edit network (add bridge and eth0 static config)

Name	Type	Active	Autostart	VLAN a...	Ports/Slaves	Bond Mode	CIDR	Gateway
eth0	Network Device	Yes	Yes	No				
vmbr0	Linux Bridge	Yes	Yes	No	eth0		172.24.16.60/24	172.24.16.1

Add DNS servers → system → DNS

Finish - you may reboot node!

Encryption

AES-128-CBC **2.23 GB/s** @ 2.8Ghz
ChaCha20-Poly1305 **821 MB/s** @ 2.8Ghz

Commands

Show power stats

```
vcgencmd pmic_read_adc
```

Show temperature

```
vcgencmd measure_temp
vcgencmd get_throttled
```

Show frequency

```
lscpu
```

Overclocking

```
arm_freq=2800  
over_voltage_delta=2000  
temp_limit=80
```

4k pages instead 16k

F2FS unsupported on 16k

```
kernel=kernel8.img
```

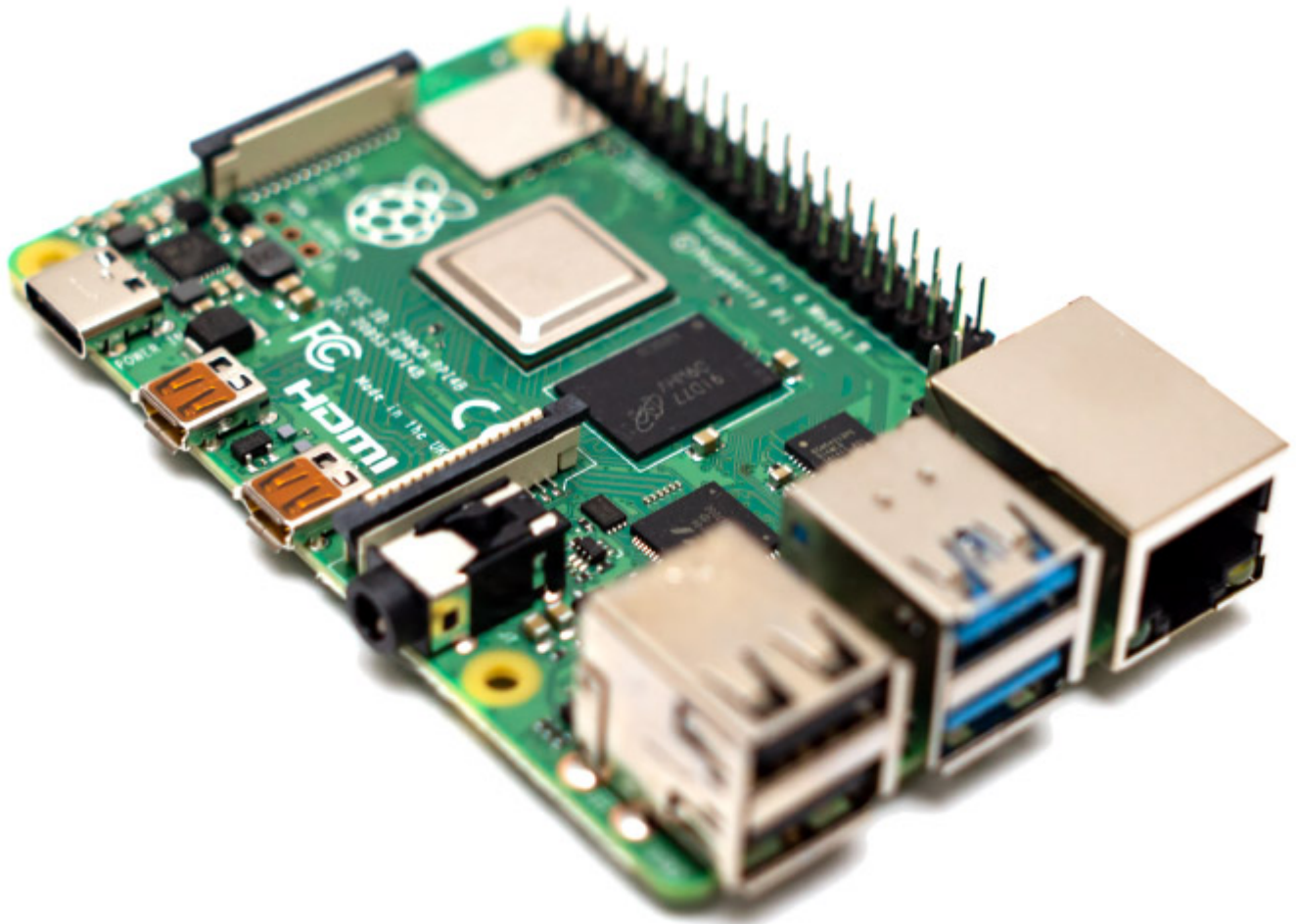
Stress test

```
sudo apt install stress-ng  
stress-ng --cpu 4 --cpu-method fft
```

Wifi Performance

```
221 Mbits/sec
```

Raspberry PI 4 as Server



CPU bugs

[Spectre V1 & V2](#) and Variant 4 [Speculative Store Bypass](#)
CVE-2018-3640 CVE-2018-3639

You may disable mitigations in /boot/cmdline.txt

```
mitigations=off
```

GPIO

[Rpi pinout](#)

Basic Info

2x USB2.0 connected to VL805 (wire savings - USB3 wires not connected)
2x USB3.1 Gen 1 5Gbit - VL805 connected via PCIe 2.0 1x (5Gbit)
1x Gigabit Ethernet connected via PCIe 1.0 1x (2Gbit)
VideoCore VI running on [ThreadX](#)
Power approx 3-8Watts
iperf3 949Mbit/s

SAMBA Performance

912 Mbit/s = 114 MB/s read and write

ASM1352R FW:B5_20_60 UASP and vl805_fw_0137ab.bin (raw read/write 358/159 MB/s)

[Raspbian Buster Lite](#)

Encryption

ChaCha20-Poly1305 is fastest so it can be preferred (approx. **323 MB/s** 2GHz)

AES-128-CBC max. 113 MB/s

```
ECDHE - ECDSA - CHACHA20 - POLY1305 : ECDHE - RSA - CHACHA20 - POLY1305
```

config.txt

```
# For more options and information see
# http://rpf.io/configtxt
# Some settings may impact device functionality. See link above for details

arm_freq=1200
arm_freq_min=266
disable_splash=1
gpu_freq=100
gpu_freq_min=100
v3d_freq=100
gpu_mem=64
over_voltage=-1
temp_limit=80
arm_64bit=1
```

Overclock

Add some fan!

```
arm_freq=1750
over_voltage=2
-- or --
arm_freq=2000
over_voltage=5
```

SSH on headless mode

Insert empty file named "ssh" in /boot dir

Insert file named "userconf" in /boot dir with user:encryptedpass

```
echo 'mypassword' | openssl passwd -6 -stdin
```

SD Card care

Recommended SD card with MLC (Samsung Pro, SanDisk High Endurance, etc)

```
defaults,noatime,nodiratime,commit=1800
```

/etc/fstab (move most active locations to RAM)

```
tmpfs /tmp tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,size=100m 0 0
tmpfs /var/tmp tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,size=100m 0 0
tmpfs /var/log tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,mode=0755,size=100m 0 0
tmpfs /var/cache/minidlna tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,size=128m 0 0
tmpfs /var/spool/mqueue tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,mode=0700,gid=12,size=30m 0
0
tmpfs /var/lib/logrotate tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,mode=0755,size=10m 0 0
tmpfs /var/lib/rrdcached tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,mode=0755,size=10m 0 0
tmpfs /var/lib/samba tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,mode=0755,size=10m 0 0
tmpfs /var/lib/nginx tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,mode=0755,size=100m 0 0
tmpfs /var/lib/php/sessions tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,mode=1733,size=10m 0 0
tmpfs /var/lib/systemd/timers tmpfs defaults,noatime,nosuid,mode=0755,size=1m 0 0
tmpfs /var/lib/systemd/timesync tmpfs
defaults,noatime,nosuid,mode=0755,uid=100,gid=102,size=1m 0 0
```

Create folders in RAM

create file /usr/lib/tmpfiles.d/ramdisk.conf

```
d /var/log/samba 0755 - - -
d /var/lib/rrdcached 0755 - - -
d /var/log/pveproxy 0755 33 33 -
d /var/log/exim4 0755 111 117 -
d /var/lib/samba/private 0755 - - -
d /var/lib/samba/usershares 1700 - - -
d /var/log/nginx 0755 - - -
d /var/log/mysql 0755 112 119 -
```

Remove fake hwclock

```
sudo apt-get remove fake-hwclock
sudo rm /etc/cron.hourly/fake-hwclock
sudo update-rc.d -f fake-hwclock remove
sudo rm /etc/init.d/fake-hwclock
sudo rm /etc/fake-hwclock.dat
```

Trim SD Card

```
sudo ionice -c 3 fstrim -v /
```

Disable smartd

If installed disable smartd

```
sudo systemctl disable smartmontools
```

Info about SD card

```
/sys/bus/mmc/devices/mmc0:0002
```

VCGENCMD

Check Temperature

```
vcgencmd measure_temp  
vcgencmd measure_temp | awk '{ print substr($1,6,length($1)-9) }'
```

Check GPU Memory

```
vcgencmd get_mem gpu
```

Check Clock

```
vcgencmd measure_clock xxx
```

xxx = **arm, core, h264, isp, v3d, uart, pwm, emmc, pixel, vec, hdmi, dpi**

Check Voltage

```
vcgencmd measure_volts xxx
```

xxx = **core, sdram_c, sdram_i, sdram_p**

Other

```
vcgencmd bootloader_version
```

```
vcgencmd get_config int
```

Check time status

```
timedatectl status
```

SAMBA

More on [SAMBA](#) article for CentOS / RedHat

ffmpeg h264

```
ffmpeg -c:v h264_v4l2m2m -i input.mkv -pix_fmt yuv420p -s 1920x1080 -c:v h264_v4l2m2m -g 120  
-b:v 20M output.mkv
```

h264 accelerated decode and encode sample

Power Save

##turn on/off wifi

```
dtoverlay=disable-wifi
```


Turn off HDMI / Headless

```
/usr/bin/tvservice -o
```

Status

```
/usr/bin/tvservice -s
```

sysctl

```
fs.inotify.max_user_watches=524288
```

HDD Care

Best stable settings are

- autosuspend=-1
- hdparm
- wake script

USB Autosuspend 1 hour

Prevent external USB from 20s sleep by adding this into **/boot/cmdline.txt**

```
usbcore.autosuspend=3600
```

Change disk sleep 1 hour

```
sudo hdparm -S 241 /dev/sda
```

Install hd-idle

Download compiled deb package

```
https://janforman.org/files/Linux/hd-idle\_1.05\_armhf.deb
```

OR

```
sudo apt-get install build-essential fakeroot debhelper -y
wget https://janforman.org/files/Linux/hd-idle-1.05.tgz
tar -xvf hd-idle-1.05.tgz
cd hd-idle
dpkg-buildpackage -rfakeroot -uc -us
sudo dpkg -i ../hd-idle_*.deb
```

```
sudo nano /etc/default/hd-idle
```

```
HD_IDLE_OPTS="-i 0 -a sda -i 3600 -a sdb -i 3600"
```

Disable UASP for specific device

Insert device ids into **/boot/firmware/cmdline.txt**

```
usb-storage.quirks=152d:8561:u
```

Hack to permanently wakeup disk

Run this in background

```
while [ 1 ]
do
hdparm -C /dev/sda >/dev/null
sleep 120
done
```

Install general things

```
sudo apt install mc samba minidlna ffmpeg hostapd bridge-utils smartmontools
```

HostAP

sudo nano /etc/hostapd/hostapd.conf

```
interface=wlan0
driver=nl80211
ssid=janforman.com
hw_mode=a
channel=40
wmm_enabled=0
macaddr_acl=0
auth_algs=1
ignore_broadcast_ssid=0
wpa=2
wpa_passphrase=AardvarkBadgerHedgehog
wpa_key_mgmt=WPA-PSK
wpa_pairwise=TKIP
rsn_pairwise=CCMP
```

Mount FS

```
sudo mount -t fs_type -o rw,lazytime,noatime,nodiratime,commit=600 device /path/to/dest/fs
```

Disable swap

```
sudo systemctl disable dphys-swapfile.service
```

Format external drive

```
mkfs.ext4 -b 4096 -i 131072 -I 128 /dev/sda1
tune2fs -i0 -c -1 /dev/sda1
tune2fs -o journal_data_writeback /dev/sda1
tune2fs -m 0 /dev/sda1
```

Revert RPI-UPDATE

```
sudo apt-get update; sudo apt-get install --reinstall raspberrypi-bootloader raspberrypi-kernel
```

Bootloader configuration

show

```
rpi-eeeprom-config
```

edit

```
sudo -E rpi-eeeprom-config --edit
```

shutdown

```
POWER_OFF_ON_HALT=1
```

disable HDMI for servers

```
DISABLE_HDMI=1
```

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