



NVIDIA RTX™ SERVER FOR BARE METAL RENDERING WITH AUTODESK  
ARNOLD 5.3.0.0 ON @XI 4029GP-TRT2 DESIGN GUIDE

VERSION: 1.0



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# Chapter 1.

## SOLUTION OVERVIEW

Designed and tested through multi-vendor cooperation between NVIDIA and its system and ISV partners, NVIDIA RTX™ Server provides a trusted environment for artists and designers to create professional, photorealistic images for the Media & Entertainment; Architecture, Engineering & Construction; and Manufacturing & Design industries.

### 1.1 NVIDIA RTX SERVER OVERVIEW

#### Introduction:

Content production is undergoing a massive surge as render complexity and quality increases. Designers and artists across industries continually strive to produce more visually rich content faster than ever before, yet find their creativity and productivity bound by inefficient CPU-based render solutions. NVIDIA RTX Server is a validated solution that brings GPU-accelerated power and performance to deliver the most efficient end-to-end rendering solution, from interactive sessions in the desktop to final batch rendering in the data center.

#### Audience:

The audience for this document include, but not limited to: Sales Engineers, Field Consultants, Professional Services, Partner Engineers, IT Managers and Customers who wish to take advantage of an appliance that is built and optimized to deliver on batch rendering workflows.

## Chapter 2.

# SOLUTION DETAILS

NVIDIA RTX Server for Bare Metal Rendering with Autodesk Arnold 5.3.0.0 on the @Xi 4029GP-TRT2 is a reference design comprised of (a) NVIDIA Quadro RTX 6000 graphics cards; (b) Autodesk Arnold 5.3.0.0 rendering software; and a (c) @Xi 4029GP-TRT2 system. Combined, this validated solution provides unprecedented rendering and compute performance at a fraction of the cost, space, and power consumption of traditional CPU-based render nodes.

NVIDIA Quadro RTX 6000, powered by the NVIDIA Turing™ architecture and the NVIDIA RTX platform, brings the most significant advancement in computer graphics in over a decade to professional workflows. Designers and artists can now wield the power of hardware-accelerated ray tracing, deep learning, and advanced shading to dramatically boost productivity and create amazing content faster than ever before.

Autodesk Arnold software is an advanced Monte Carlo raytracing renderer. It's designed for artists and for the demands of modern animation and visual effects (VFX) production. Originally co-developed with Sony Pictures Imageworks and now their main renderer, Arnold is used at over 300 studios worldwide including ILM, Framestore, MPC, The Mill and DigiC Pictures. Arnold was the primary renderer on dozens of films from Monster House and Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs to Pacific Rim and Gravity. It is available as a standalone renderer on Linux, Windows and Mac OS X, with supported plug-ins for Maya, 3dsMax, Houdini, Cinema 4D, and Katana. It is the built-in interactive renderer for Maya and 3dsMax.

@Xi Computer Corp. (pronounced: AT-ECKS-I), incorporated in 1987 with such name expressing the corporate mission to provide "X"cellence for the "I"ntel microprocessor architecture. Excellence achieved through performance, efficiency, value, reliability and absolute customer satisfaction, but always searching and adopting the latest technological innovations.

Since inception this excellence goal has been successfully achieved by accurate and innovative engineering design of all the relevant details of High-Performance Computers, including early (1989) challenging designs of advanced motherboards for the Intel 386 and 486, here at our facilities in Orange County California. This initial extensive technology expertise has allowed us to constantly deliver, for the last 32 years, top-performance, award winning CAD Workstations, CAD Notebooks, Hi-End Servers and HPC Clusters.

## 2.1 SOLUTION CONFIGURATION

Table 1 outlines the system configuration utilized to complete the rigorous NVIDIA NVQual verification as well as the NVIDIA RTX Server validation process.

Table 1: Solution components

Component	Vendor & Model	Details
<b>System</b>	@Xi SM 4029GP-TRT2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dual Intel® Xeon® Gold 5220 processor: 2.2-3.9GHz; 18 Cores, 36 Threads</li> <li>• 128GB ECC DDR4 memory</li> <li>• 512GB M.2 PCIe NVMe SSD + 1TB 2.5" SATA3 HDD</li> <li>• Windows 10 (64-bit) RS4</li> </ul>
<b>Graphics</b>	8x Quadro RTX 6000  4x Quadro RTX NVLink HB bridge 2-slot  Quadro Driver Release 430 U2 (430.64)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPU memory: 24GB</li> <li>• CUDA cores: 4,608</li> <li>• Tensor cores: 576</li> <li>• RT cores: 72</li> </ul>
<b>Application</b>	Autodesk Arnold 5.3.0.0	

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