Leading the Next Industrial Revolution

Raising the bar for reliability, security, and performance in HMI and control with the Intel® Atom™ processor E3800 product family

**Challenges**

- **Devices on the factory floor are highly interconnected and interdependent**, making exceptional reliability a must to keep production running.

- **Systems and data of all types need to be protected against adept cybercriminals**, necessitating improved system protection and the widespread use of data encryption.

- **Human machine interface (HMI) and control are increasingly compute-intensive**, driving a need for higher performance at lower power consumption.

- **Factory floor space is at a premium**, requiring OEMs to minimize equipment size without sacrificing performance.

**Solutions**

- **High reliability features**, like industrial temperature range support (−40° to 110° C) on selected SKUs, low power (5-10W), and error-correcting code (ECC), provide added protection against extreme environmental conditions and soft errors.

- **New security capabilities**, such as Intel® Advanced Encryption Standard New Instructions (Intel® AES-NI) and Secure Boot, use hardware-assisted capabilities to encrypt/decrypt data and allow only trusted software to run on the device.

- **Microarchitecture enhancements**, including quad-core processing and out-of-order instruction execution, significantly increase performance: up to double per core and four times per CPU compared to prior generations.\(^2\,^3\)

- **The small, single-chip footprint** of the Intel® Atom™ processor E3800 product family provides higher performance at significantly less power than the previous generation, helping industrial managers save space, while increasing intelligence and connectedness on the factory floor.

**Trusted Supplier**

In industrial automation, engineers and technical decision makers face growing performance demands, exacting deadlines, and increasingly challenging customer requirements. Fundamental to meeting these challenges and building competitive products is finding a trusted, reliable silicon vendor. With a strong reputation earned after supplying leading-edge silicon for nearly half a century, Intel is a dedicated partner to the industrial industry. Intel offers the reliability, proven innovation, quality products, and responsive customer support developers need to respond to demanding customer requirements and deadlines.

**Extensive Ecosystem**

Intel’s scalable architecture, extensive development tools, and leading-edge silicon – with built-in graphics and virtualization technology – enable faster time to market, lower total cost of ownership, and enhanced security and efficiency. At the same time, Intel’s decades of experience delivers deep ecosystem relationships, end-to-end security expertise, and a broad portfolio of solutions spanning hardware, software, and other critical components that help OEMs offer differentiated solutions.
Intel developed a complete set of hardware-based virtualization features designed to improve performance and security for virtualized applications.

**Development Support**

Faster time to market is critical for industrial equipment manufacturers, and that’s why access to the world’s largest base of mature development tools – Intel® tools – is critical to success. Speed up the development process with off-the-shelf hardware options like controllers, sensors, HMI displays, and more. Multi-core designs deliver outstanding energy efficiency and support real-time deterministic control, virtualization capabilities, and real-time I/O, including PCI Express® and fast, real-time Ethernet.

**Software Flexibility**

Wide support from popular operating systems – both general purpose and real-time – allows developers to optimize for usability, visualization, and real-time performance at the same time. OEMS can develop a single code base that scales between Intel® Atom™, Intel® Core™, and Intel® Xeon® processors because they share a common microarchitecture that makes it easy to migrate code. Thus, developers can focus their development efforts on writing software that makes systems unique, rather than on drivers and other lower level aspects that worked previously on other Intel® processors.

**Benefits of a Virtualized Platform**

Hardware-based Intel® Virtualization Technology⁴ (Intel® VT-x) is used in a wide variety of embedded applications to improve trust and protect critical applications. An important benefit is running functions, like HMI and control, on a single Intel Atom processor, which can help reduce bill of materials (BOM) costs and design complexity, while accelerating time to market.

Intel VT also helps improve the fundamental flexibility and robustness of traditional software-based virtualization solutions by accelerating key functions of the virtualized platform. For instance, Intel VT performs various virtualization tasks in hardware, like memory address translation, which reduces the overhead and footprint of virtualization software and improves its performance.

Many embedded developers are using virtualization to run multiple operating systems on their devices, enabling them to:

- Simplify the porting of legacy applications onto new platforms
- Increase the determination of time-critical functions
- Improve the security and stability of safety-critical code

Many industrial systems, like programmable logic controllers and motion controllers, require a combination of low-latency, deterministic response and full-featured user interfaces. Virtualization enables systems to simultaneously run real-time and general-purpose operating systems, each on dedicated processor cores of an Intel® multi-core processor. This configuration can increase the speed and determinism of time-critical applications because they operate unencumbered by non-real-time tasks that otherwise compete for CPU resources. Furthermore, virtualization enables equipment manufacturers to combine functions running on multiple boards onto one board, which lowers platform cost and reduces system size.

**Multi-layer Security**

Keeping factory operations secure, the Intel Atom processor E3800 product family offers security enhancements not available on previous Intel Atom processors, including:

- Faster data encryption with McAfee® Endpoint Encryption* that utilizes Intel AES-NI
- Rootkit detection and removal with McAfee Deep Defender*, which uses Intel VT-x to protect below the operating system
- Malware protection using whitelisting supported by McAfee Embedded Control*

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¹Intel® Advanced Encryption Standard New Instructions (Intel® AES-NI) requires a computer system with an Intel AES-NI-enabled processor, as well as non-Intel software to execute the instructions in the correct sequence. Intel AES-NI is available on select Intel® processors. For availability, consult your reseller or system manufacturer. For more information, see http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-advanced-encryption-standard-instructions-aes-ni/.

²Based on transition from the Intel® Atom™ processor N2000/G2000 product family and benchmark testing: CINT2006 Rate and CFP2006 Rate (and integer and floating point).

³Performance results are based on certain tests measured on specific computer systems. Any difference in system hardware, software or configuration will affect actual performance. For more information go to http://www.intel.com/ performance.

⁴Intel® Virtualization Technology requires a computer system with an enabled Intel® processor, BIOS, and virtual machine monitor (VMM). Functionality, performance or other benefits will vary depending on hardware and software configurations. Software applications may not be compatible with all operating systems. Consult your PC manufacturer. For more information, visit http://www.intel.com/go/virtualization.

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