

# Keeping mission-critical data on the move

Intel® Xeon® processor E7 family underpins non-stop retail for SPAR





"The Intel® Xeon® processor E7 family strikes the balance between high performance, high availability and low total cost of ownership."

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#### COMPANY

Established in 1989, SPAR Magyarország (SPAR Hungary) operates 389 stores as well as two logistics centers. There is a continuous flow of data between these locations relating to sales, inventory, delivery, warehouse, transportation and purchasing. This data is mission-critical.

#### **CHALLENGE**

SPAR IT is tasked with keeping this data secure and available 24/7, 365 days a year. The IT infrastructure behind it must be high performing, highly reliable and compatible with both internal and external IT systems. SPAR IT is continuously assessing the latest technologies available so that it meets these objectives while keeping costs as low as possible.

### **SOLUTION**

Together with Intel, SPAR IT consolidated and refreshed its data center infrastructure. It rolled out HP ProLiant\* DL 980 G7 servers running Intel® Xeon® processors E7 family and a Red Hat Linux\* operating system. Intel® AES New Instructions (Intel® AES-NI), and Intel® Trusted Execution Technology (Intel® TXT) offer advanced data protection without compromising on performance, while Intel® QuickPath Interconnect (Intel® QPI) minimizes data traffic queues. For example, Machine Check Architecture Recovery (MCA Recovery) enables OS-assisted system recovery.

## BENEFITS

The Intel Xeon processor E7 family offers superior performance, scalability, increased memory and I/O capability for mission-critical applications, while paving the way to a cloud infrastructure. Advanced reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) features minimize downtime, improving employee productivity and customer service, while hardware-assisted security capabilities help protect sensitive data. Combined, these individual benefits enable SPAR IT to meet its strategic goal of maintaining a high-performance and highly reliable IT infrastructure while keeping costs low.

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