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1.0 Introduction

This document introduces the FlexRAN 5G New Radio (NR) system architecture and describes how to set up the system. The document scope is limited to describing the NR stand-alone setup only and is not intended to explain how to connect to a Remote Radio Unit (RRU).

1.1 Intended Audience

The intended audience for this document is designers and engineers working with the FlexRAN 5G NR release.

1.2 Terminology

Table 1. Terminology

Term	Description
DPDK	Data Plane Development Kit
FEC	Forward Error Correction
FH	Front Haul
FPGA	Field Programmable Gate Array
GRUB	GRand Unified Bootloader
GUI	Graphical User Interface
ICC	Intel C++ Compiler
MmWave	Millimeter-Wave
MSR	Model-Specific Register
NR	New Radio
OS	Operating System
PCIe*	Peripheral Component Interconnect express*
QSFP	Quad Small Form Factor Pluggable
RAS	Reliability, availability, and serviceability
RRU	Remote Radio Unit
TUB	Timing and UART Board
UEFI	Unified Extensible Firmware Interface
xRAN	Extensible Radio Access Network

1.3 References and Resources

Table 2. References and Resources

Document Title	Document No. /Location
FlexRAN Reference Solution Software Release Notes	575822
FlexRAN and Mobile Edge Compute (MEC) Platform Setup Guide	576898
FlexRAN 5G NR Reference Solution L2-L1 API	603575
FlexRAN 5G NR Reference Solution RefPHY (Doxygen)	603577
FlexRAN 5G New Radio FPGA User Guide	603578
xRAN Front Haul Software Architecture Specification	611268
Intel® Quartus® Prime Pro Edition Version 18.1 Software and Device Support Release Notes (Doc # RN-01082-18.1.0)	https://www.intel.com/content/dam/www/programmable/usa/en/pdfs/literature/rn/archives/rn-qts-pro-dev-support-18.1.pdf
MSR-Tools Source Code	https://github.com/intel/msr-tools
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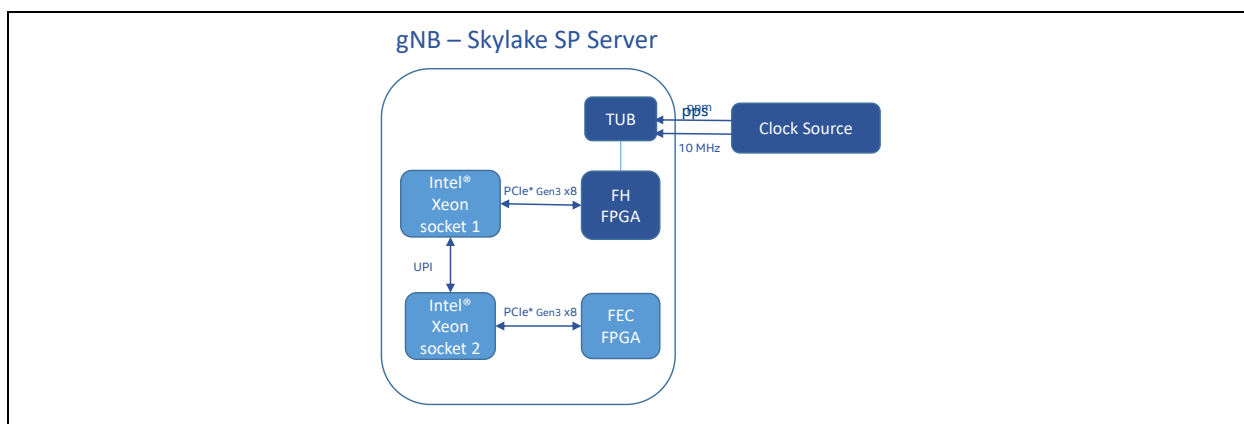
2.0 System Overview

For the FlexRAN 5G NR release features, refer to *FlexRAN Reference Solution Software Release Notes*, Section 2, in [Table 2](#).

2.1 Front Haul Connection with FPGA

[Figure 1](#) illustrates the system configuration for the Millimetre Wave (MmWave) system.

Figure 1. MmWave System Configuration

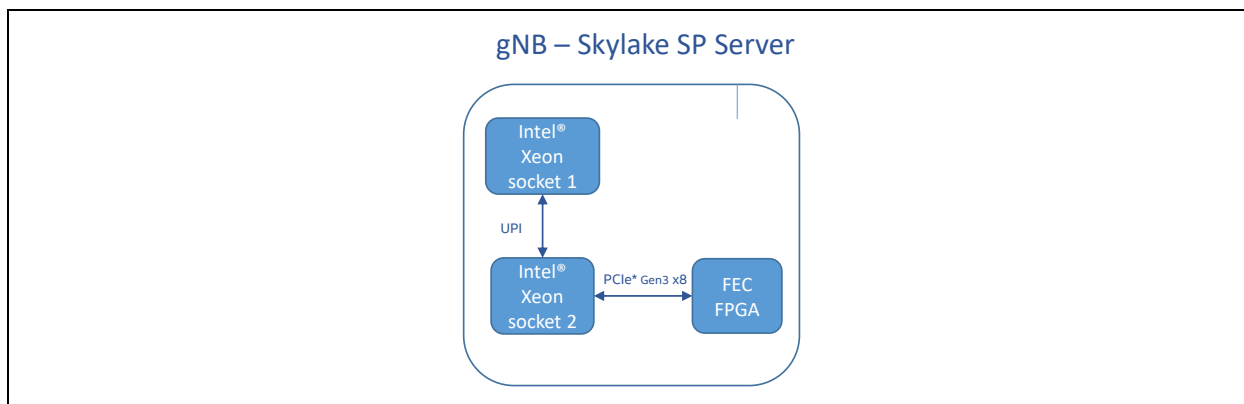


The Front Haul (FH) Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) is responsible for data transferring and time synchronization.

Note: FH FPGA is connected to CPU through Peripheral Component Interconnect express* (PCIe*), and it is connected to the external clock source TUB through COM. Refer to the FlexRAN 5G New Radio FPGA User Guide in [Table 2](#) as the FPGA configuration is not in the scope of this document.

[Figure 2](#) illustrates the system configuration for a sub 6 GHz setup.

Figure 2. Sub-6 GHz System Configuration

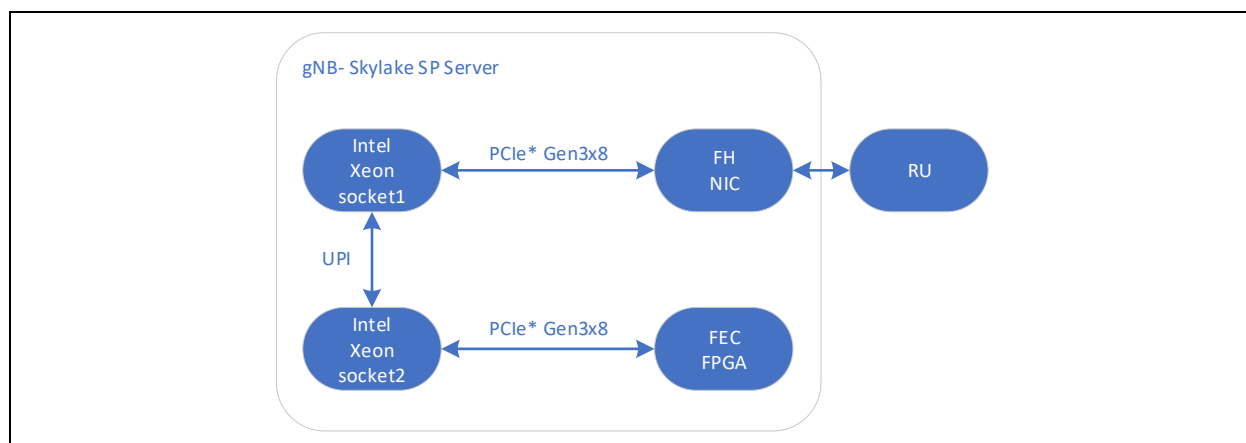


The current sub-6 GHz system does not support FH FPGA.

2.1.1 FH connection with xRAN

[Figure 3](#) illustrates the system configuration with the xRAN FH.

Figure 3. System Configuration with xRAN FH

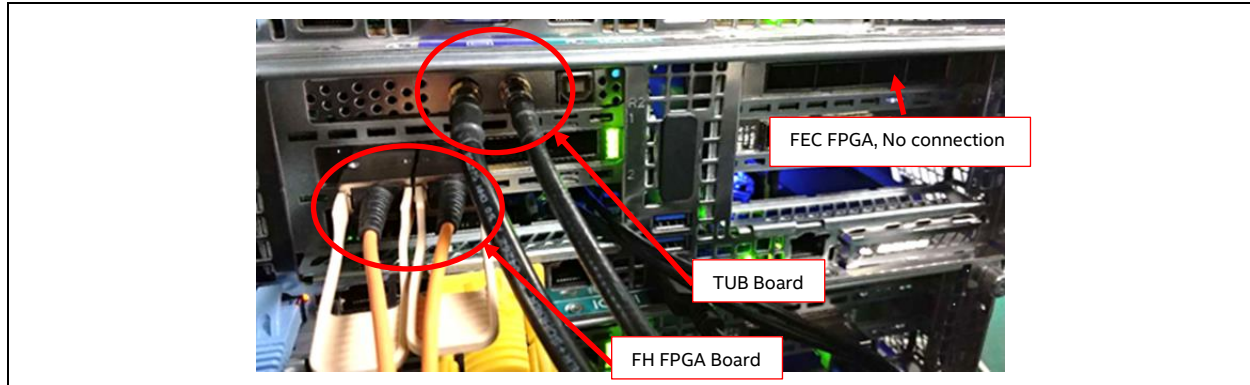


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3.0 System Setup

Assume all hardware components are installed correctly, including the server, FPGAs, and TUB* (supplied by Terasic*). Install the system by matching the setup shown in [Figure 3](#).

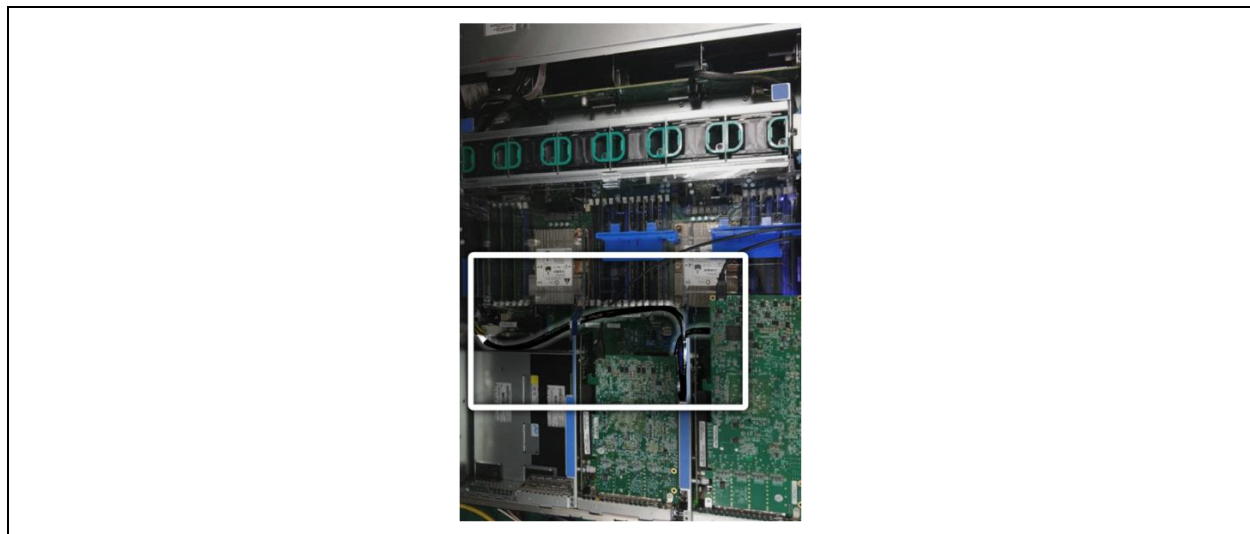
Figure 3. System Cable Connections



The Quad Small Form-Factor Pluggable (QSFP)+ Modules should be installed in left to right order, with the left module connecting to the leftmost FH FPGAs and the module on the right connecting to the rightmost FH FPGAs. The QSFP+ ports are connected to the RRU, which is outside the scope of this document.

Each FPGA card needs to have a dedicated USB cable, which is used to program the FPGA. See [Figure 4](#), FPGA USB cable connection.

Figure 4. FPGA USB Cable Connection



4.0 System Environment Configuration

This section describes how to configure the BIOS and check the Operating System (OS) settings. These configurations are required for the initial setup. If the system is already set up, refer to this section to check each configuration.

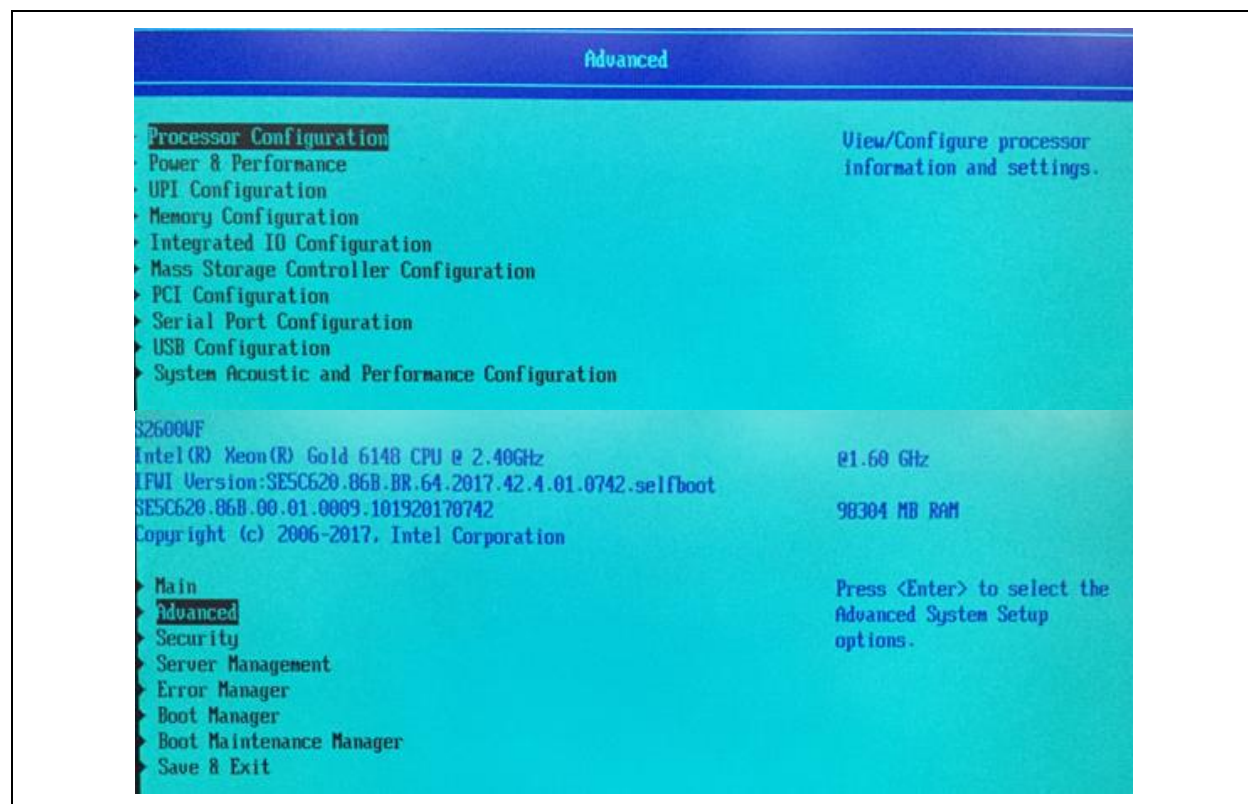
4.1 Wolf Pass Server with Skylake-SP Setting

This section describes how to set the BIOS. If the BIOS is already set, refer to the rest of this section for options to check and validate.

4.1.1 Graphical User Interface (GUI) BIOS Setting

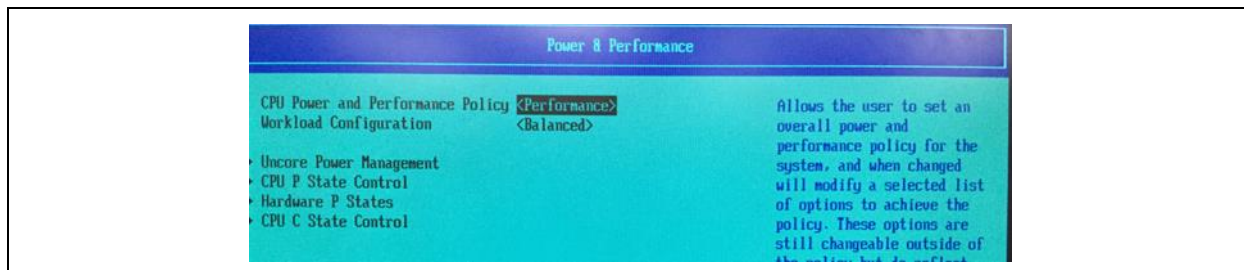
1. Connect the Skylake-SP server with a monitor and keyboard.
2. Select **F2** during server boot phase to enter the BIOS setup Graphical User Interface (GUI).
3. Select **F9** to load the default BIOS settings.
4. Select **Advanced** -> **Power & Performance** (refer to [Figure 5](#)).

Figure 5. BIOS Settings – Advanced Page



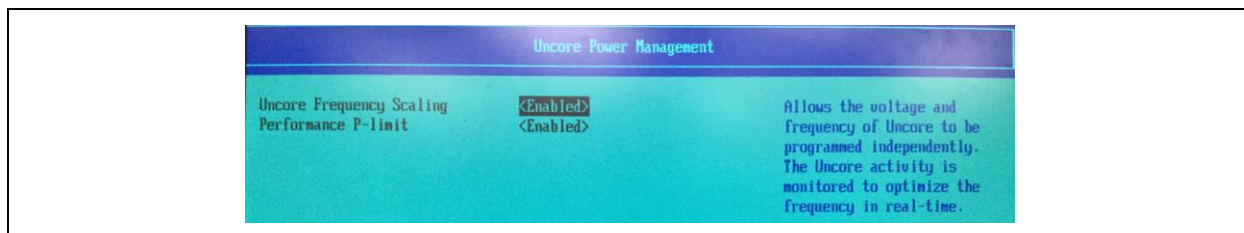
5. Set CPU Power and Performance Policy to **Performance**. Then select **Uncore Power Management** (refer to [Figure 6](#)).

Figure 6. BIOS Settings – Power & Performance Page



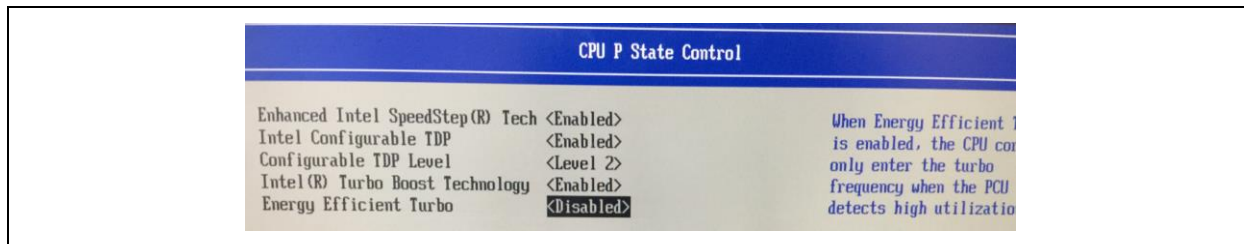
6. Set **Uncore Power Management** to match [Figure 7](#).

Figure 7. BIOS Settings – Uncore Power Management Page



7. Set **CPU P State** to match [Figure 8](#).

Figure 8. BIOS Settings – CPU P State Control Page

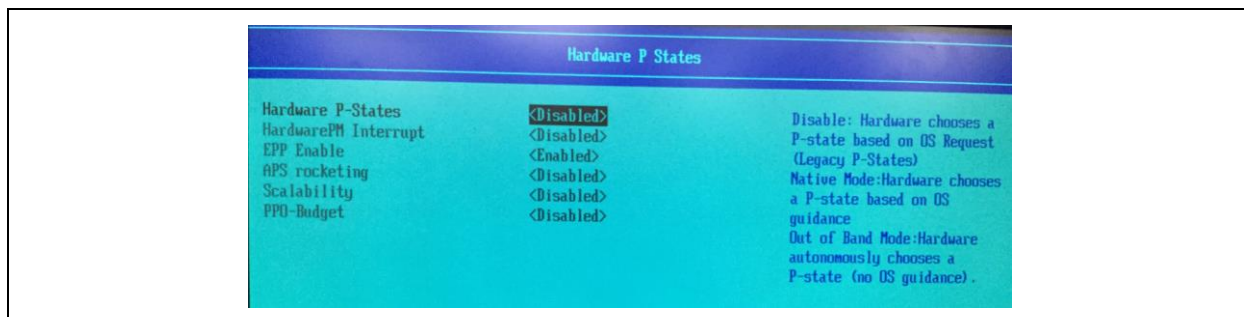


When a core needs to run any AVX instruction, there is a process of requesting for a frequency license grant. This grant process can take up to tens of microseconds and is very undeterministic. Once the grant is provided, the core has a hysteresis period (~500 μ s) after which it will release this grant (if no more AVX code is running) on the core.

The FlexRAN code is what the BIOS team terms as sparse AVX512, which means this process of license grant and release happens often. This process can be disabled from BIOS (shown above) under the Intel Configurable TDP setting. The draw back of disabling this process is that the core frequency cannot go beyond a certain frequency. However, the performance loss caused by lower frequency is negligible compared to the gains due to the AVX512 optimization.

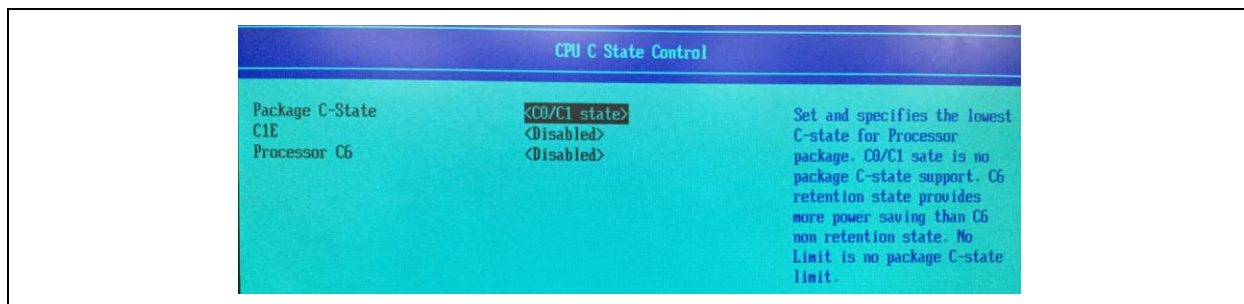
8. Set **Hardware P States** to disabled (refer to [Figure 9](#))

Figure 9. BIOS Settings – Hardware P State Page



9. Set **CPU C State Control** to match [Figure 10](#).

Figure 10. BIOS Settings- CPU C State Control Page



10. Return to Advanced and select **Memory Configuration**. Set **Memory Reliability Availability and Serviceability (RAS)**, and **Performance Configuration** to match [Figure 11](#) and [Figure 12](#).

Figure 11. BIOS Settings- Memory Configuration Page

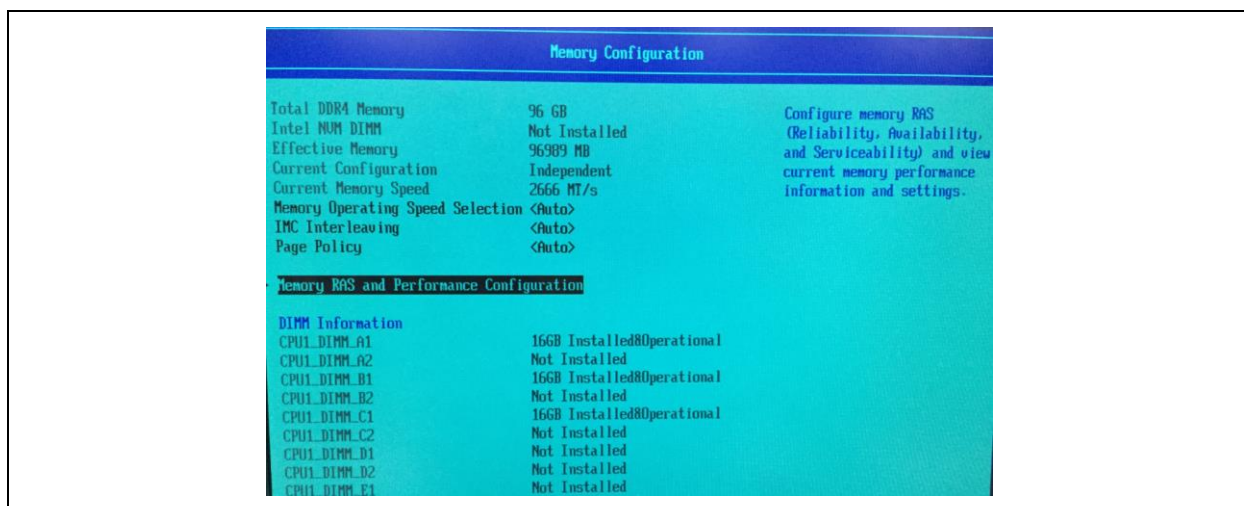
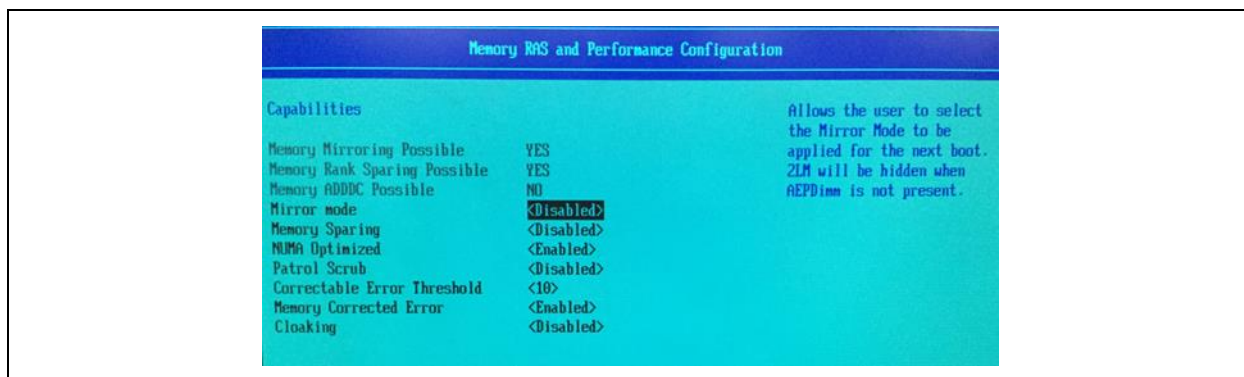


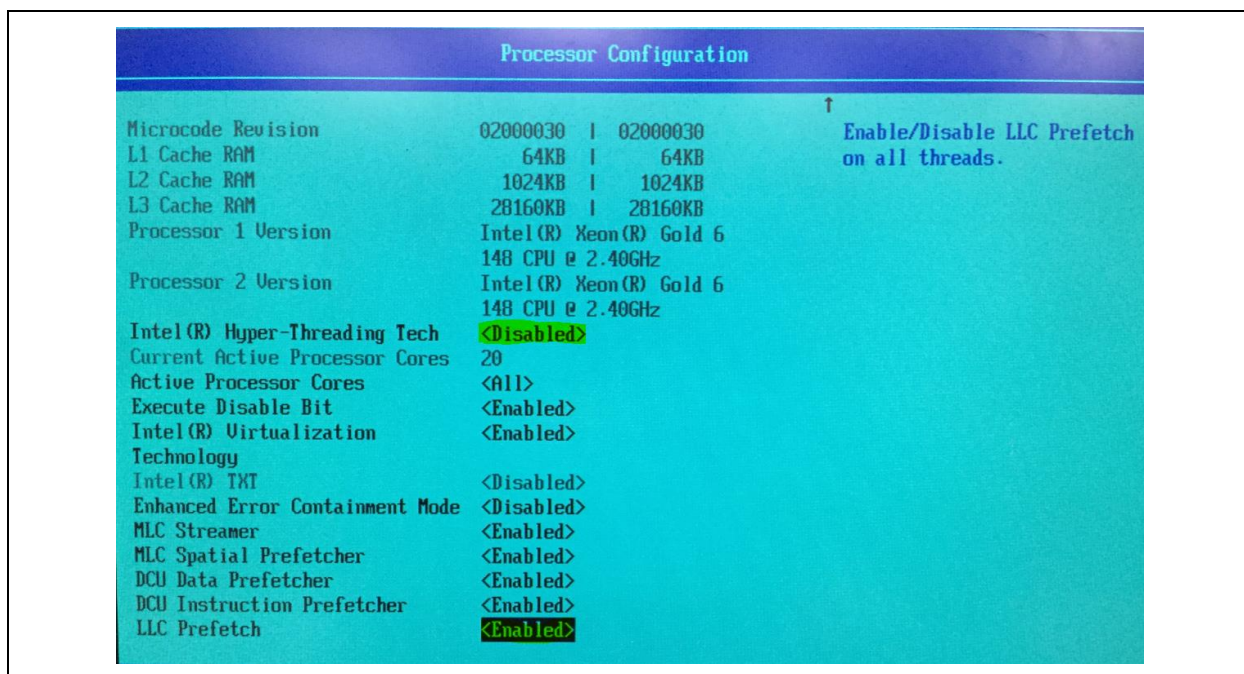
Figure 12. BIOS Settings- Memory RAS and Performance Configuration Page



11. Return to Advanced and set **Processor Configuration** to match [Figure 13](#). Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology (Intel® HT Technology) is currently set to **Disabled**.

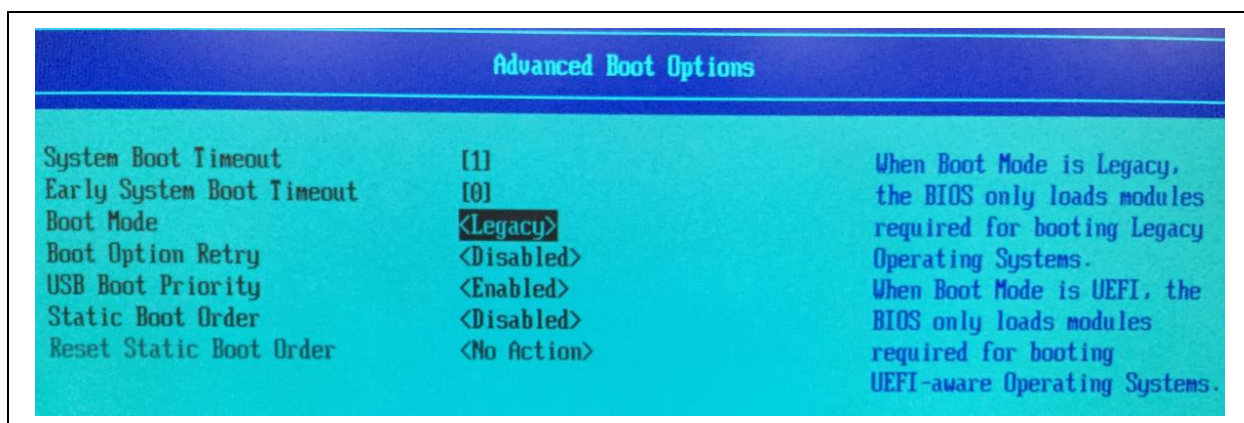
Note: Previous setting changes may affect Intel® HT Technology settings. Confirm this change before quitting the BIOS setting.

Figure 13. BIOS Settings- Processor Configuration Page



12. Return to Advanced and select **Boot Maintenance Manager->Advanced Boot Option** to set the Boot Mode to Legacy (refer to [Figure 14](#)).

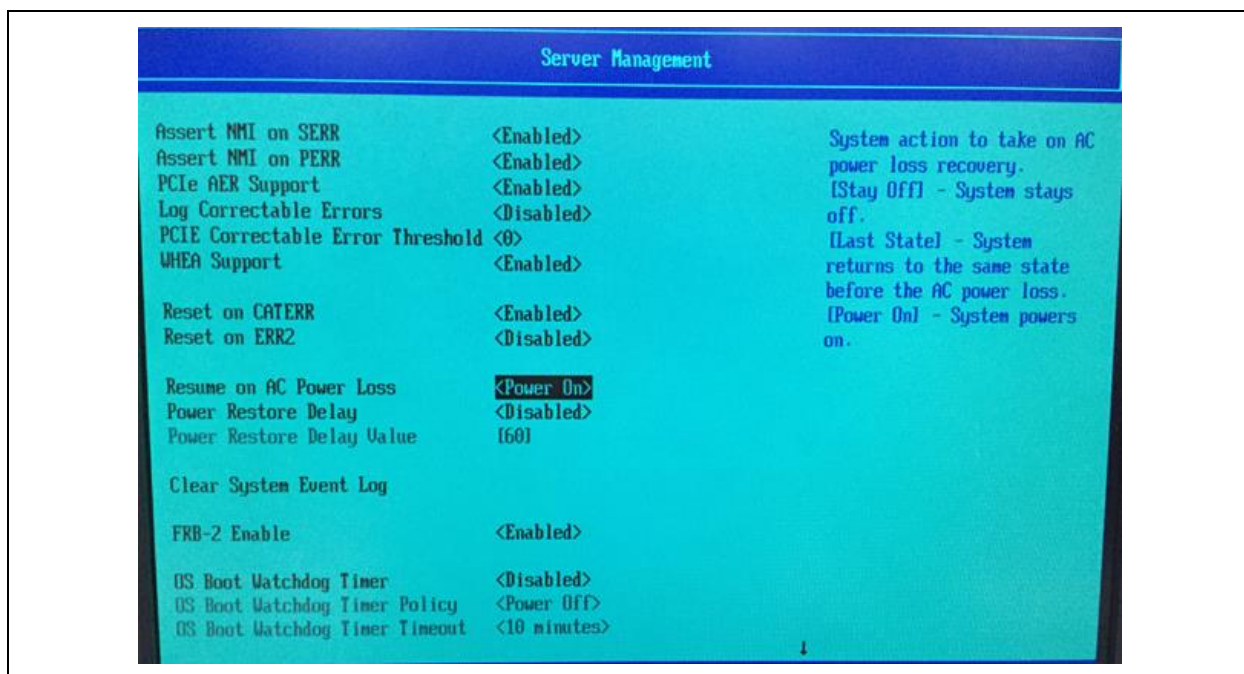
Figure 14. BIOS Settings- Advanced Boot Options Page



Note: Users can also use the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) boot mode instead of Legacy mode.

- Return to Advanced and select **Server Management**. Set **Resume** to on and AC Power Loss to **Power On** (refer to [Figure 15](#)).

Figure 15. BIOS Settings-Server Management Page



- After setting BIOS, select **F10** to save and reboot the server.

4.1.2 CPU Frequency Setting

To set the CPU frequency setting, follow this procedure:

- When the OS boots, login with username root.
- To check the CPU frequency, use the following command:

```
cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep MHz
```

If the output on the screen does not match [Figure 16](#), run this command:

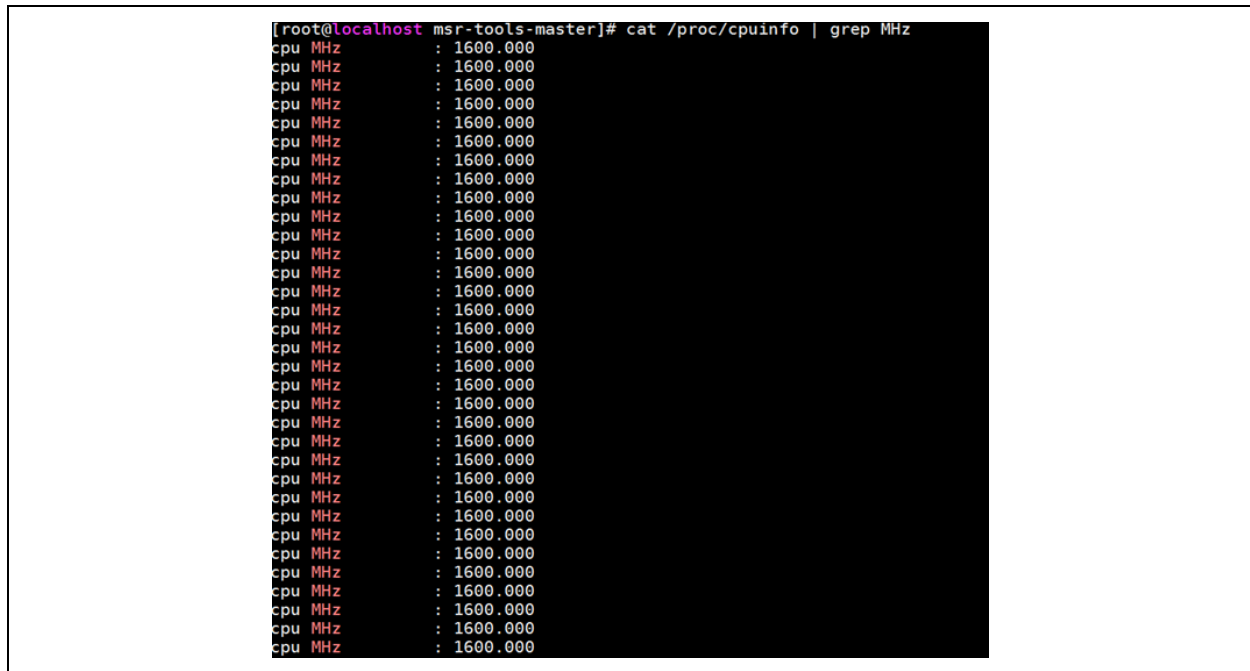
```
cpupower frequency-set -g performance
```

Also, use the following command to check the CPU frequency.

```
cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep MHz
```

They should be all fixed to 1.6 GHz (refer to [Figure 16](#)).

Figure 16. Correct CPU Frequency Number



3. Boost the CPU frequency to 2.2 GHz.
 - a. Download the Model-Specific Register (MSR) tool found in MSR-Tools (refer to [Table 2](#)).
 - b. Copy and extract [msr-tools-1.3.zip](#) to the Skylake-sp server and put it in the [/home](#) path.
 - c. In the [/home/msr-tools-master](#), run `gcc wrmsr.c -o wrmsr` to compile. Then, add the following commands into a new `.sh` file:

```
#!/bin/bash
for i in {0..39}
do
/home/msr-tools-master/wrmsr -p $i 0x199 0x1600
done

#Set Uncore to Max

/home/msr-tools-master/wrmsr -p 0 0x620 0x1e1e
/home/msr-tools-master/wrmsr -p 39 0x620 0x1e1e
```


For example:

Copy the above commands into `tubo2200.sh` file, then save and quit.

Run the saved (`.sh`) file:

```
sh tubo2200.sh
```

Enter the following command to check the configuration is applied correctly. "`Bzy_MHz`" should be around 2.2 GHz (2200, refer to [Figure 17](#)):

```
# turbostat
```

Figure 17. Turbostat to Show CPU Frequency

[root@localhost 0402]# turbostat													
Watt	Core	CPU	Avg_MHz	Busy%	Bzy_MHz	TSC_MHz	IRQ	SMI	CPU%c1	CPU%c3	CPU%c6	CPU%c7	CoreTmp
	PKG_	RAM_											
	-	-	0	0.02	2199	1596	5199	0	99.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	59
36	0.00	0.00	12	0.53	2199	1596	5072	0	99.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	57
00	0.00	0.00											
1	1	0	0.00	2200	1596	5	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54	
2	2	0	0.00	2200	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54	
3	3	0	0.00	2200	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54	
4	4	0	0.00	2203	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52	
8	5	0	0.00	2201	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51	
9	6	0	0.00	2200	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56	
10	7	0	0.00	2202	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56	
11	8	0	0.00	2200	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55	
12	9	0	0.00	2201	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55	
16	10	0	0.00	2201	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52	
17	11	0	0.00	2201	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52	
18	12	0	0.00	2199	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53	
19	13	0	0.00	2199	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54	
20	14	0	0.00	2202	1596	4	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56	
24	15	0	0.00	2202	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55	
25	16	0	0.00	2200	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56	
26	17	0	0.00	2200	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55	
27	18	0	0.00	2202	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55	
28	19	0	0.00	2200	1596	3	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53	
0	20	0	0.00	2200	1596	8	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56	

If Turbostat does not display 2.2 GHz, use the following procedure to modify kernel boot options:

1. Open GRand Unified Bootloader (GRUB) configuration (`/etc/default/grub`) and add following options to kernel boot argument (`GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX`)

```
processor.max_cstate=1
intel_idle.max_cstate=0
```

2. After saving the changes, the GRUB needs to be updated using one of the following commands, depending on the boot mode used.

- For UEFI boot:

```
grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/efi/EFI/centos/grub.cfg
```

- For Legacy boot:

```
grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg
```

3. After reboot, rerun the following:

```
cpupower frequency-set -g performance
```

```
cd /home/msr-tools-master
sh tubo2200.sh
turbostat
```

Figure 18. GRUB Script

```
## BEGIN /etc/grub.d/10_linux ##
menuentry 'CentOS Linux (3.10.0-693.2.2.rt56.623.el7.x86_64) 7 (Core)' --class centos --class gnu-linux --class gnu --class os --unrestricted $menuentry_id_option 'gnulinux-3.10.0-693.2.2.rt56.623.el7.x86_64-advanced-81a6c6db-5d31-4a20-a509-01a9fa7646db' {
    load_video
    set gfxpayload=keep
    insmod gzio
    insmod part_msdos
    insmod xfs
    set root='hd0,msdos1'
    if [ x$feature_platform_search_hint = xy ]; then
        search --no-floppy --fs-uuid --set=root --hint-bios=hd0,msdos1 --hint-efi=hd0,msdos1 --hint-baremetal=ahci0,msdos1 --hint='hd0,msdos1' d1352559-4e8d-4f59-9cf8-86e400c5b61a
    else
        search --no-floppy --fs-uuid --set=root d1352559-4e8d-4f59-9cf8-86e400c5b61a
    fi
    linux16 /vmlinuz-3.10.0-693.2.2.rt56.623.el7.x86_64 root=UUID=81a6c6db-5d31-4a20-a509-01a9fa7646db ro crashkernel=auto rd.lvm.lv=centos/root rd.lvm.lv=centos/swap rhgb quiet idle=poll processor.max_cstate=1 intel_idle.max_cstate=0 isolcpus=1:39 intel_pstate=disable nosoftlockup skew_tick=1 nohz=on nohz_full=1:39 rcu_nocbs=1:39 default_hugepagesz=1G hugepagesz=1G hugepages=24 $tuned_params
    initrd16 /initramfs-3.10.0-693.2.2.rt56.623.el7.x86_64.img $tuned_initrd
}
menuentry 'CentOS Linux (3.10.0-693.el7.x86_64) 7 (Core)' --class centos --class gnu-linux --class gnu --class os --unrestricted $menuentry_id_option 'gnulinux-3.10.0-693.el7.x86_64-advanced-81a6c6db-5d31-4a20-a509-01a9fa7646db' {
```

4.1.3 Check OS Version

1. When the OS boots, login with username root.
2. Use command `uname -a` to check the OS version, and it should be similar to the OS version in Section 4.1, *Compilation of FlexRAN 5G NR Reference Solution RefPHY (Doxygen)* [Doc ID: 603577]. If the OS version is different, reboot and select the correct OS image in OS boot time.
3. Use command `cat /proc/meminfo` to check memory information. The HugePage size should be 1 GB, and the total number of pages should be at least 16 GB (refer to Figure 19).

Figure 19. Hugepage Memory Status

```
HugePages_Total:      16
HugePages_Free:       16
HugePages_Rsvd:        0
HugePages_Surp:        0
Hugepagesize:         1048576 kB
DirectMap4k:          116188 kB
DirectMap2M:          5861376 kB
DirectMap1G:          95420416 kB
```

4. Use command `lspci|grep Altera1` to check the FPGA status. Typically, it will show "Altera[®] Corporation Device 0fec and Altera[®] Corporation Device 1001."

Device 0fec is the FPGA with an FEC image, 1001, which is related to the FH image. These prints help to check whether the FPGAs are installed and flashed correctly. If they are installed and

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flashed correctly, the display will resemble [Figure 20](#). If the FPGA has not flashed correctly, reflash the FPGA.

Figure 20. PCI FPGA Status

```
[root@localhost ~]# lspci|grep Altera
18:00.0 Non-VGA unclassified device: Altera Corporation Device 0fec
af:00.0 Non-VGA unclassified device: Altera Corporation Device 1001
[root@localhost ~]#
```

5. Check the Intel C++ Compiler (ICC) version using the command `icc -v`.

The ICC version will show as written in the Release Notes in [Table 2](#) (which will state each release dependency).

6. Check the DPDK status.

DPDK version refers to each Release Notes, and the following is an example.

For example, if DPDK is installed at `/home/dpdk-19.11`, run the following commands:

```
#cd /home/dpdk-19.11
#ls x86_64-native-linuxapp-icc
```

If the display matches [Figure 21](#), the DPDK v19.11 is installed.

Figure 21. DPDK v19.11 Status

```
[root@localhost dpdk-19.11]# pwd
/home/dpdk-19.11
[root@localhost dpdk-19.11]# ls x86_64-native-linuxapp-icc
app  build  include  kmod  lib  Makefile
[root@localhost dpdk-19.11]#
```

Otherwise, refer to the following link for DPDK compiling and building instructions:

http://doc.dpdk.org/guides-19.11/linux_gsg/index.html

4.2 Wolf Pass Server with Cascade Lake-SP Setting

All of Wolf Pass with Cascade Lake's-SP server settings (except for the CPU frequency) should be the same as Wolf Pass with Skylake-SP.

4.2.1 CPU Frequency Setting

To set the CPU frequency setting, follow this procedure:

1. When the OS boots, login with username **root**.
2. To check the CPU frequency, use the following command:

```
cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep MHz
```

If the output on the screen does not match [Figure 22](#), run this command:

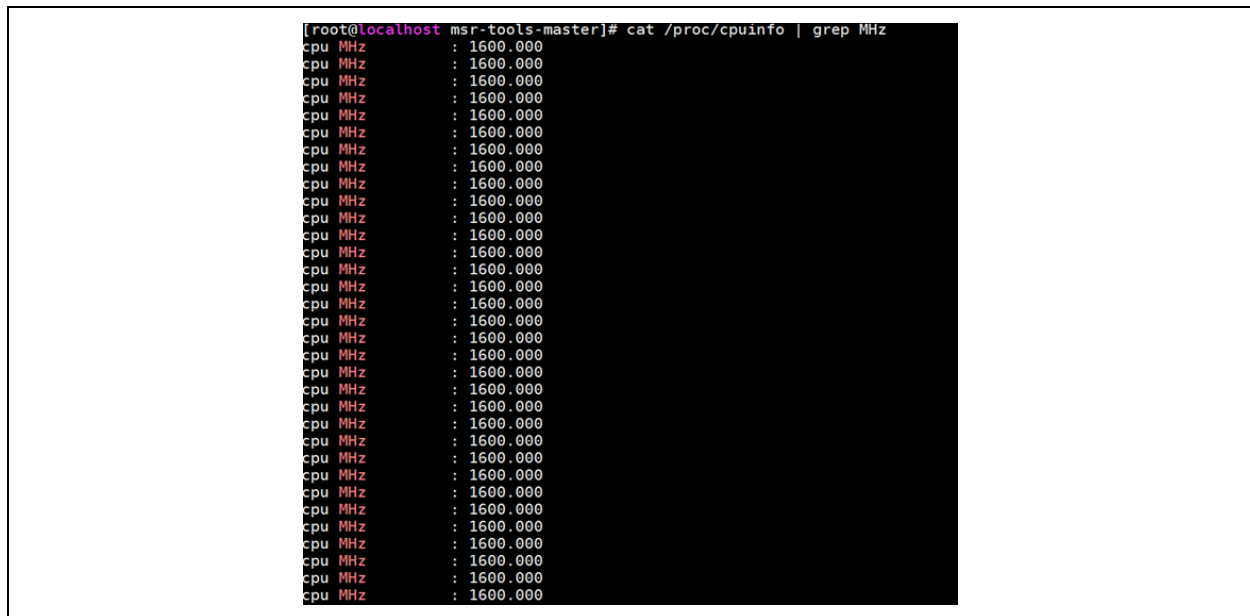
```
cpupower frequency-set -g performance
```

Use the following command to check the CPU frequency:

```
cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep MHz
```

They should be all fixed to 1.6 GHz (refer to [Figure 22](#)).

Figure 22. Correct CPU Frequency Number



```
[root@localhost msr-tools-master]# cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep MHz
cpu MHz      : 1600.000
cpu MHz      : 1600.000
cpu MHz      : 1600.000
cpu MHz      : 1600.000
cpu MHz      : 1600.000
cpu MHz      : 1600.000
cpu MHz      : 1600.000
cpu MHz      : 1600.000
cpu MHz      : 1600.000
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```

3. Boost CPU frequency to 2.5 GHz.
 - a. Download the MSR tool found in MSR-Tools (refer to [Table 2](#)).
 - b. Copy and extract [msr-tools-1.3.zip](#) to the Skylake-SP server and put it in the [/home](#) path.
 - c. In [/home/msr-tools-master](#), run `gcc wrmsr.c -o wrmsr` to compile. Then Add the following commands into a new `.sh` file:

```
#!/bin/bash
for i in {0..39}
do
/home/msr-tools-master/wrmsr -p $i 0x199 0x1900
done
```

```
#Set Uncore to Max
/home/msr-tools-master/wrmsr -p 0 0x620 0x1e1e
/home/msr-tools-master/wrmsr -p 39 0x620 0x1e1e
```

4.3 Supermicro* Server with Skylake-D Setting

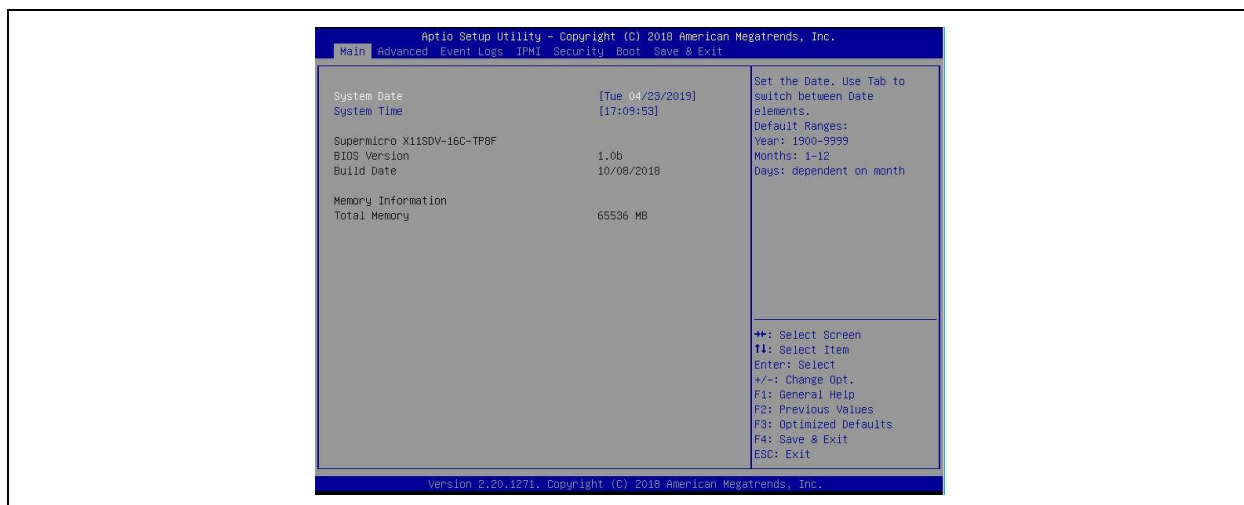
This section lists the Supermicro* BIOS, cmdline, and CPU frequency setting reference.

4.3.1 GUI BIOS Setting

The following is a procedure for setting the GUI BIOS.

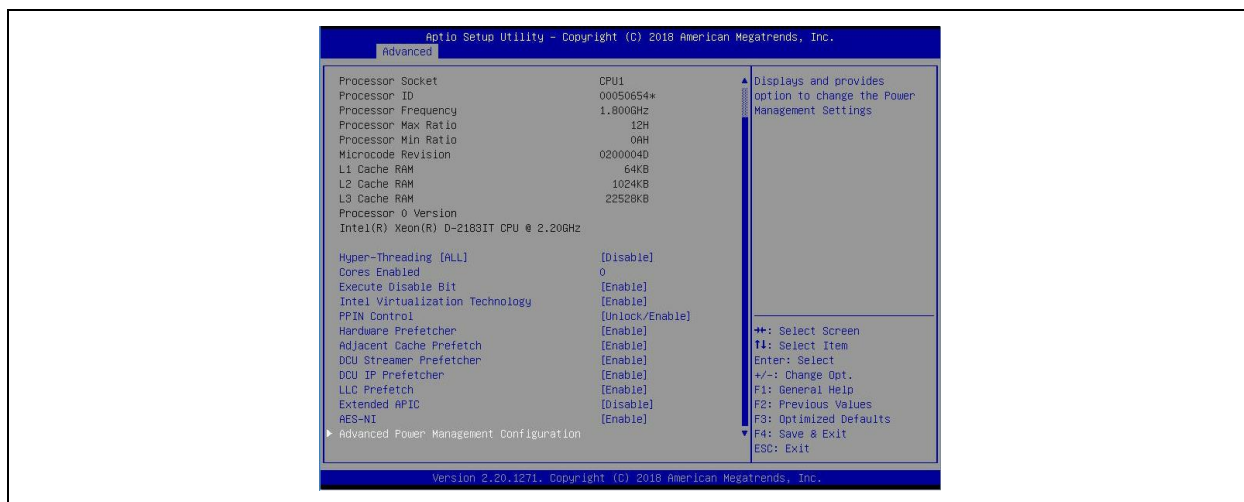
1. Press **Del** during the server boot phase and enter the BIOS setup GUI.
2. Check the BIOS version in the Main menu (refer to [Figure 23](#)).
3. Refer to [Figure 26](#) through [Figure 30](#) to verify the correct settings.

Figure 23. BIOS Version – Check Date



4. Select **Advanced** to check CPU Configuration (refer to [Figure 24](#)).

Figure 24. Check CPU Configuration



5. Enter the Advanced Power Management Configuration (refer to [Figure 25](#)).

Figure 25. Advanced Power Management Configuration

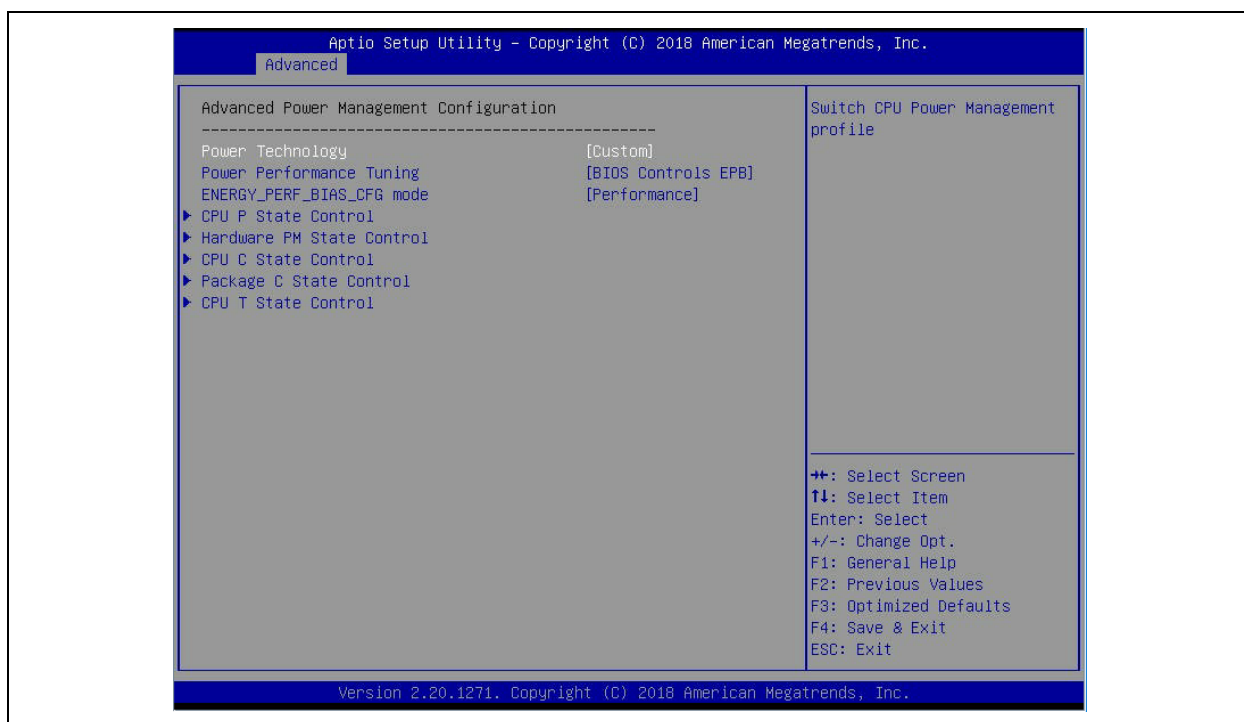


Figure 26. CPU C State Control Settings



Figure 27. Hardware PM State Control

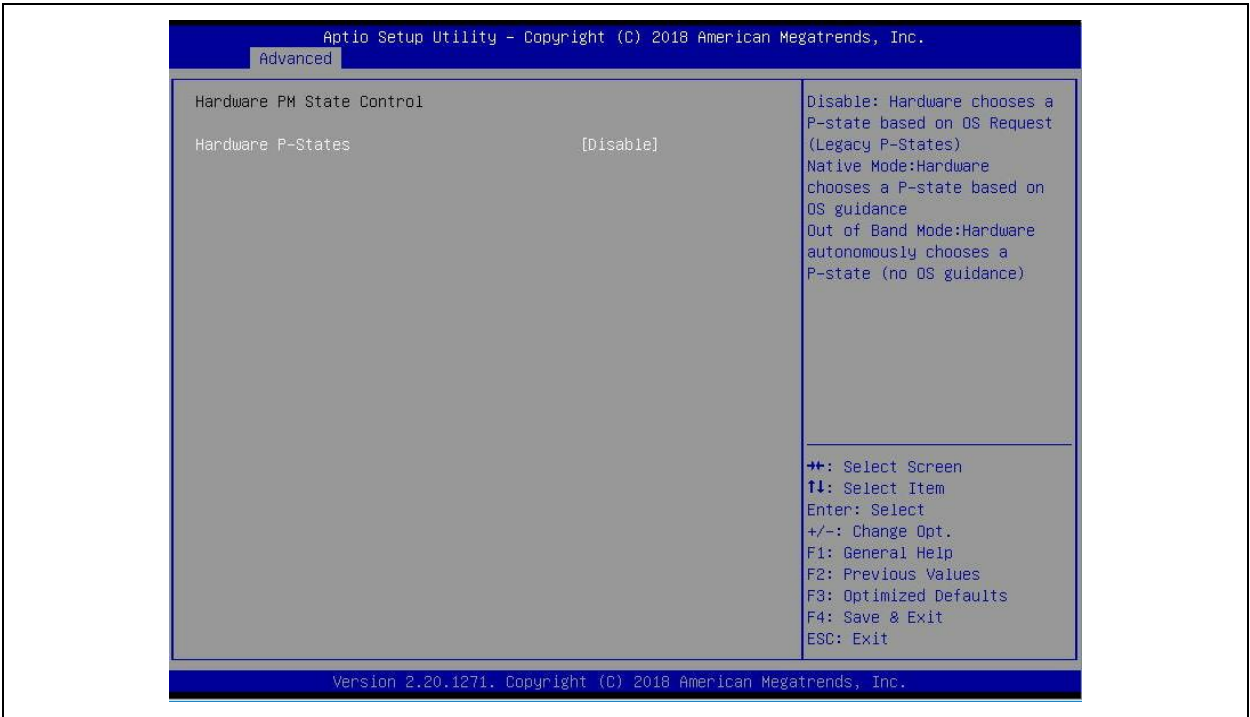


Figure 28. CPU C State Control Settings

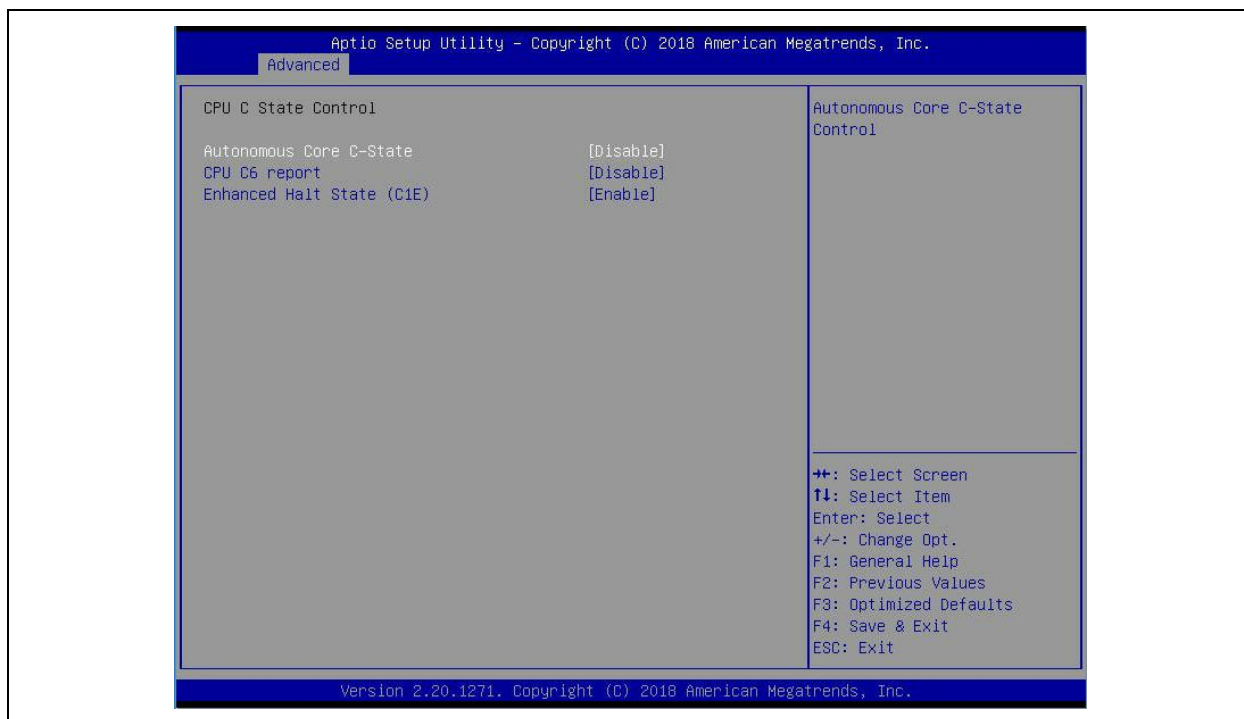
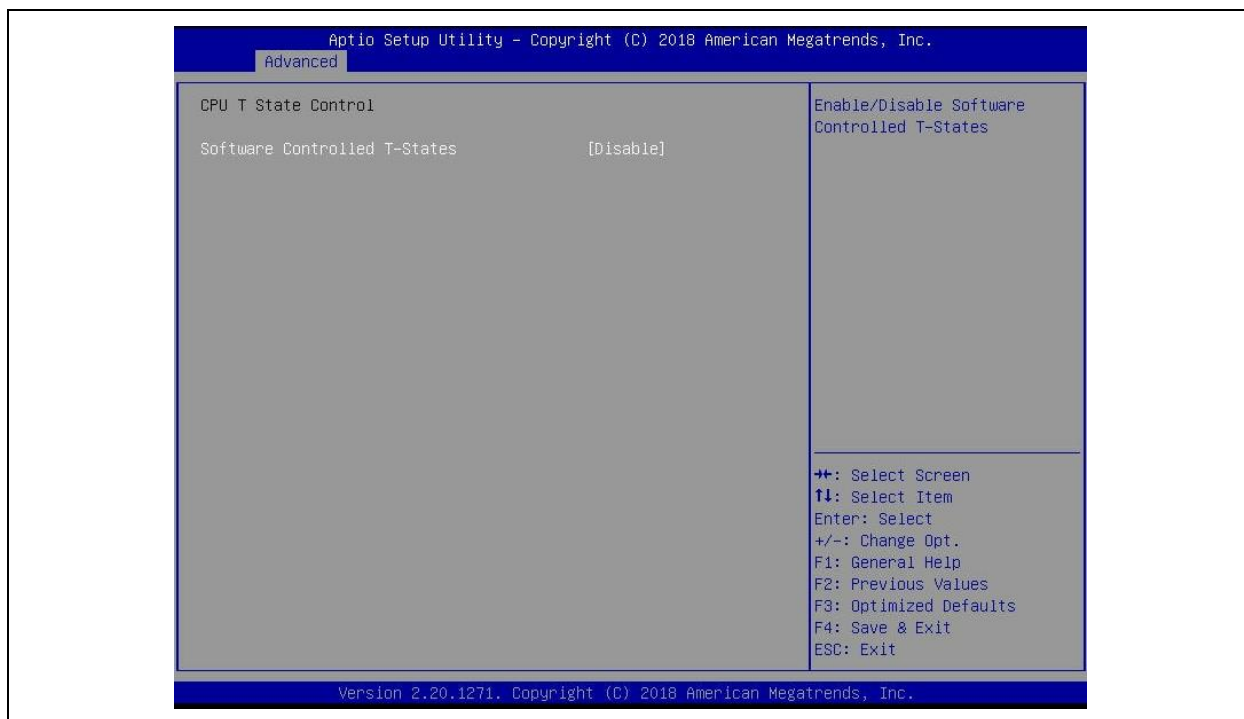


Figure 29. Package C State Control Settings



Figure 30. CPU T State Control Settings



If there are modifications to the settings referred to in [Figure 26](#) through [Figure 30](#), press **F4** to save and exit.

4.3.2 Cmdline Setting

Check the CMD line:

```
[root@localhost ~]# cat /proc/cmdline
BOOT_IMAGE=/vmlinuz-3.10.0-693.2.2.rt56.623.el7.x86_64 root=UUID=8734d476-ec28-434e-880d-0d804ce80fcd ro crashkernel=auto rd.lvm.lv=centos/root rd.lvm.lv=centos/swap rhgb
quiet processor.max_cstate=1 intel_idle.max_cstate=0 idle=poll isolcpus=1-15,17-31
nosoftlockup skew_tick=1 nohz=on nohz_full=1-15,17-31 rcu_nocbs=1-15,17-31
default_hugepagesz=1G hugepagesz=1G hugepages=16 intel_pstate=disable
```

Modify the GRUB if any parameter was different, and reboot.

4.3.3 CPU Frequency Setting

Use the "[turbostat](#)" command to check the CPU frequency in Linux*.

Figure 31. CPU frequency in Linux*

Core RAM_%	CPU	Avg_MHz	Busy%	Bzy_MHz	TSC_MHz
-	-	1995	100.00	2000	1796
0.00	0	1995	100.00	2000	1796
0.00	0	1995	100.00	2000	1796
1	1	1995	100.00	2000	1796
2	2	1995	100.00	2000	1796
3	3	1995	100.00	2000	1796
4	4	1995	100.00	2000	1796
5	5	1995	100.00	2000	1796
6	6	1995	100.00	2000	1796
7	7	1995	100.00	2000	1796
8	8	1995	100.00	2000	1796
9	9	1995	100.00	2000	1796
10	10	1995	100.00	2000	1796
11	11	1995	100.00	2000	1796
12	12	1995	100.00	2000	1796
13	13	1995	100.00	2000	1796
14	14	1995	100.00	2000	1796
15	15	1995	100.00	2000	1796

If the frequency is not stable, run the command:

```
"cpupower frequency-set -g performance"
```

4.4 Wilson City Server with icelake-SP Setting

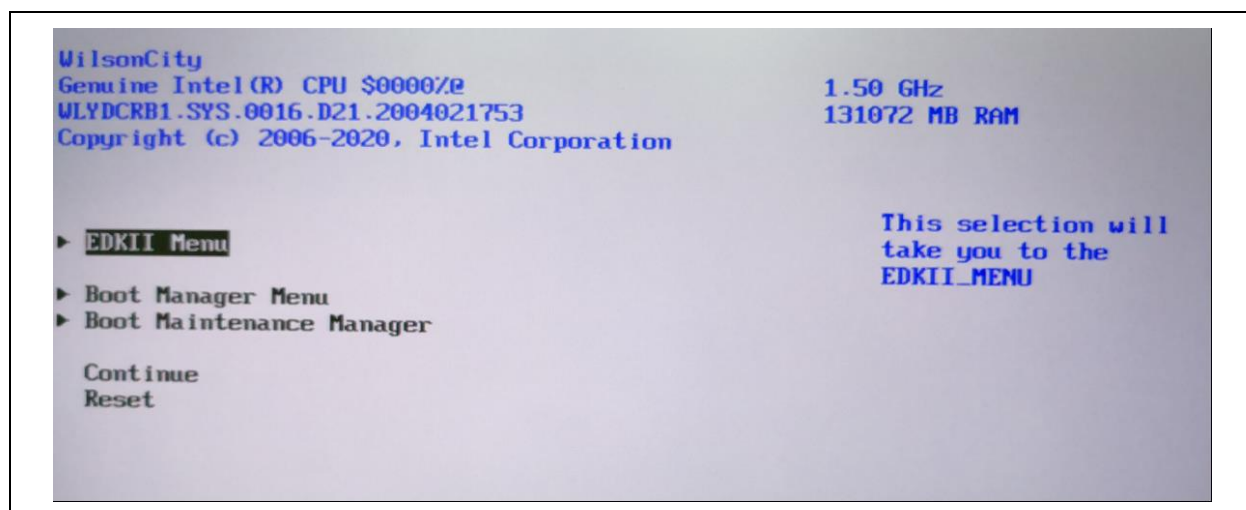
This section lists the Wilson City BIOS, cmdline, and CPU frequency setting reference.

4.4.1 GUI BIOS Setting

The following is a procedure for setting the GUI BIOS.

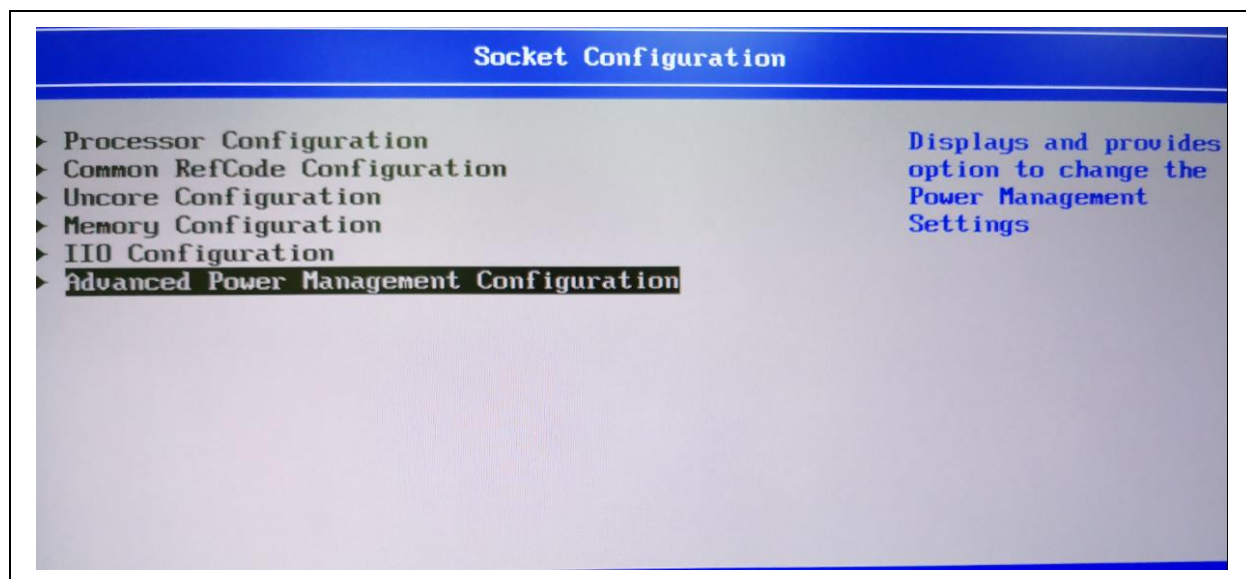
6. Press **F2** during the server boot phase and enter the BIOS setup GUI.
7. Check the BIOS version in the Main menu (refer to Figure 32).
8. Refer to through to verify the correct settings.

Figure 32. BIOS Setting



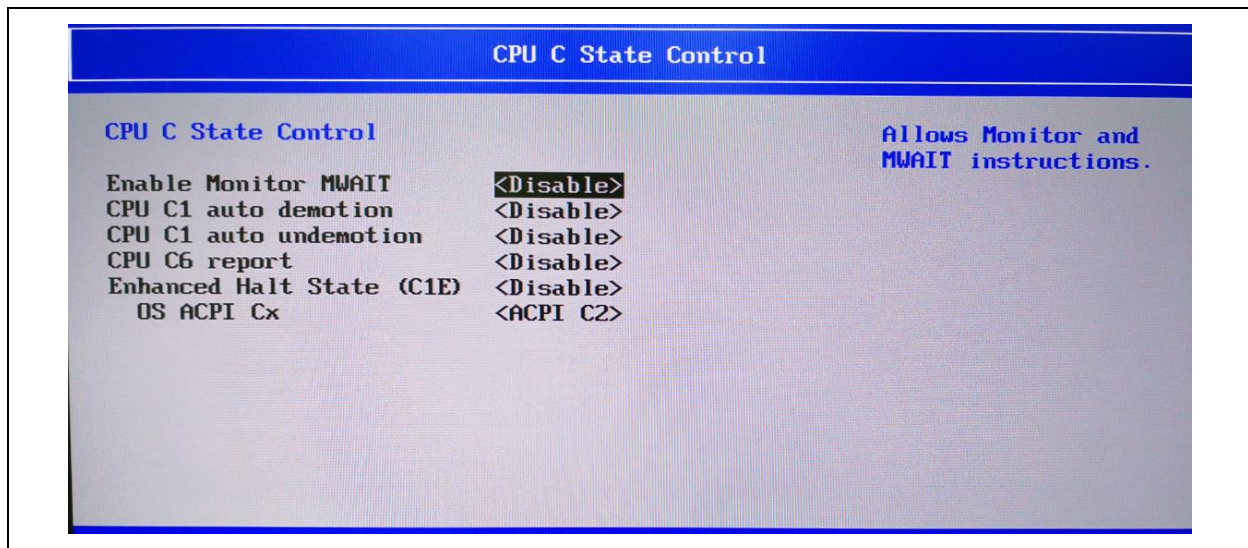
9. Enter the Advanced Power Management Configuration (refer to Figure 33).

Figure 33. Advanced Power Management Configuration



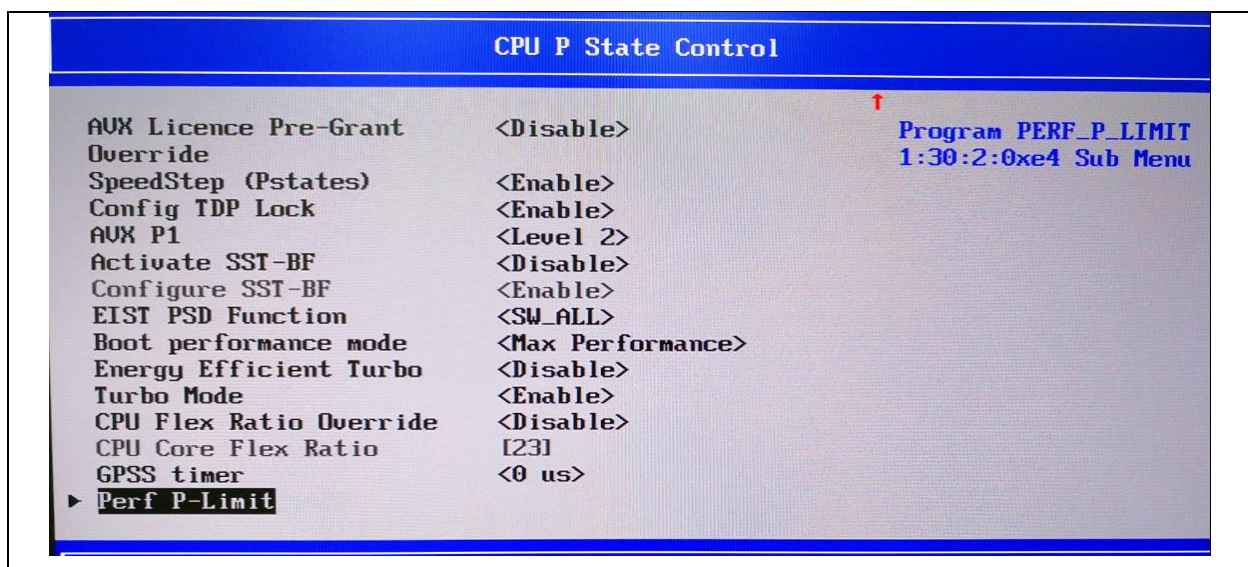
10. Enter CPU C State Control Setting (refer to Figure 34).

Figure 34. CPU C State Control Settings



11. Enter CPU P State Control Setting (refer to Figure 34).

Figure 35. CPU P State Control Settings



12. Enter Hardware PM State Control (refer to Figure 36).

Figure 36. Hardware PM State Control

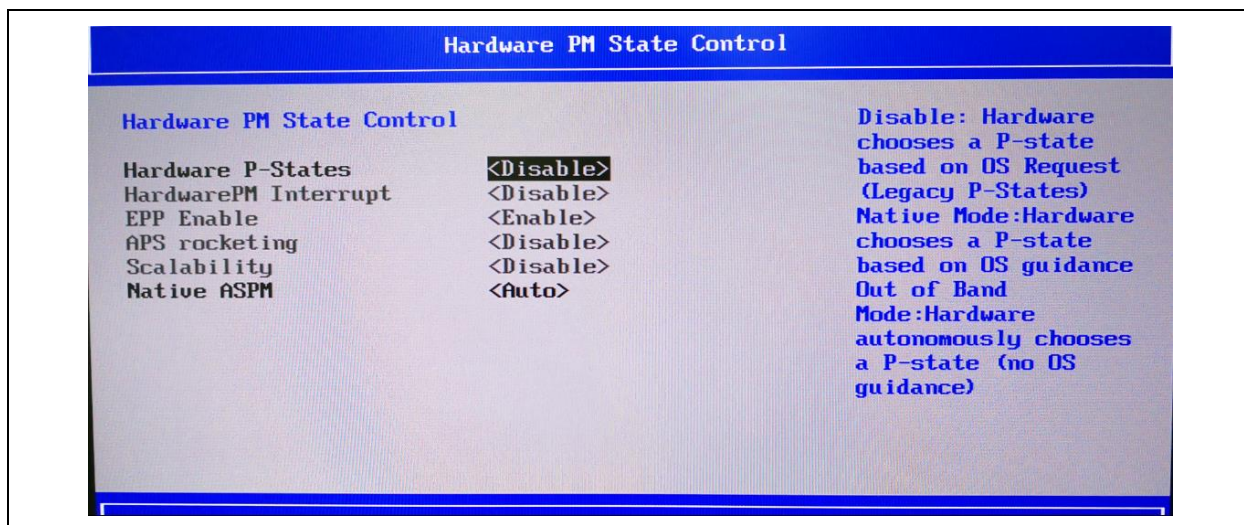
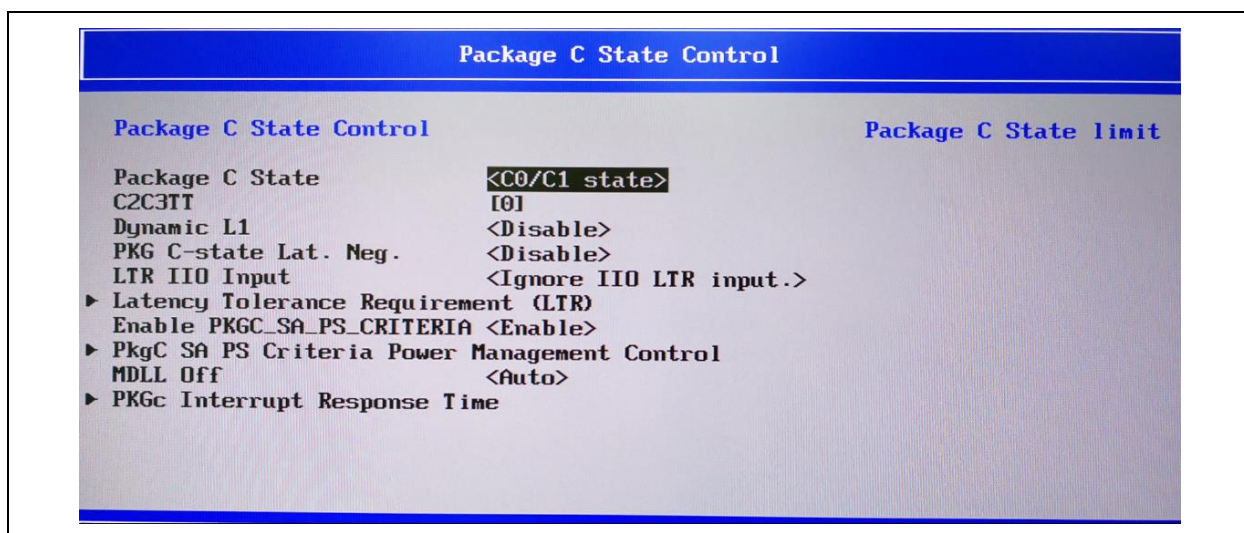
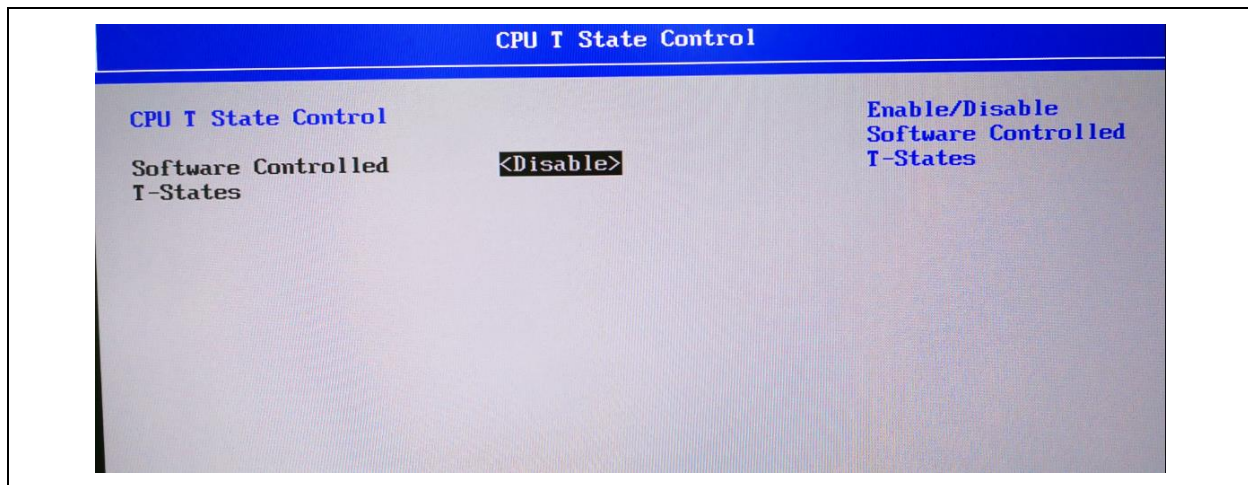


Figure 37. Package C State Control Settings

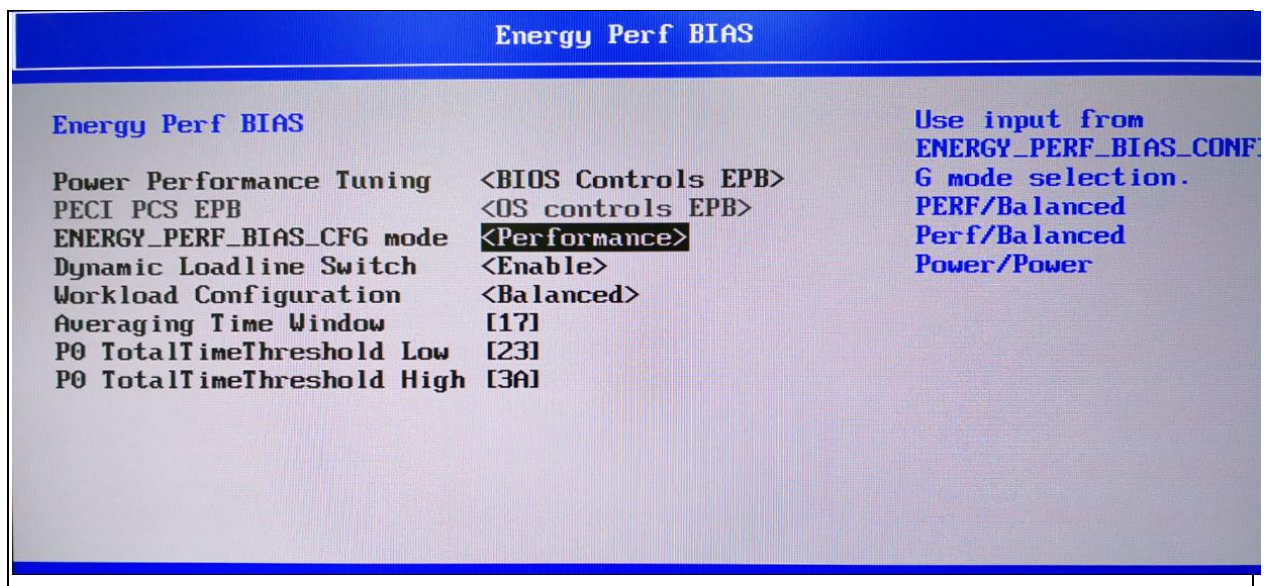


13. Enter CPU T State Control Setting (refer to Figure 37)



14. Enter CPU – Advance PM Tuning > Energy Perf BIAS (refer to Figure 38), set “Power Performance Tuning” as “BIOS Controls EPB” and set “ENERGEY_PERF_BIAS_CFG mode” as “Performance”.

Figure 38. CPU - Advance PM Tuning Settings



In order to use MountBryce (ACC100), following BIOS items should be set:

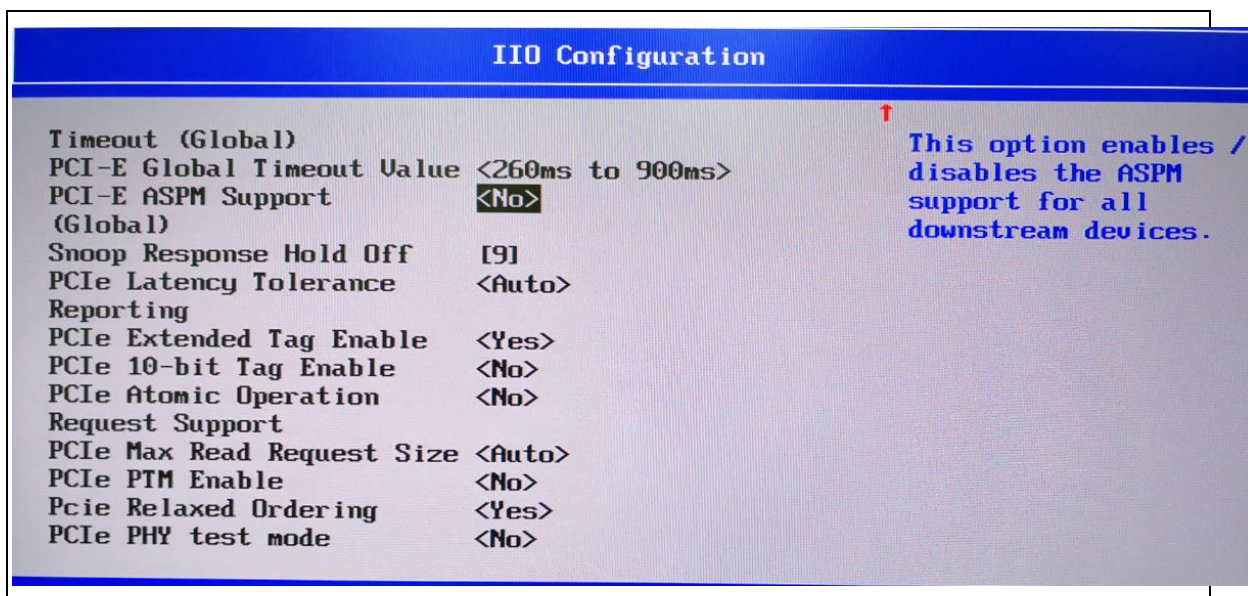
15. Enter System Event Log (refer to Figure 39), set “System Errors” as “Disable”.

Figure 39. System Even Log



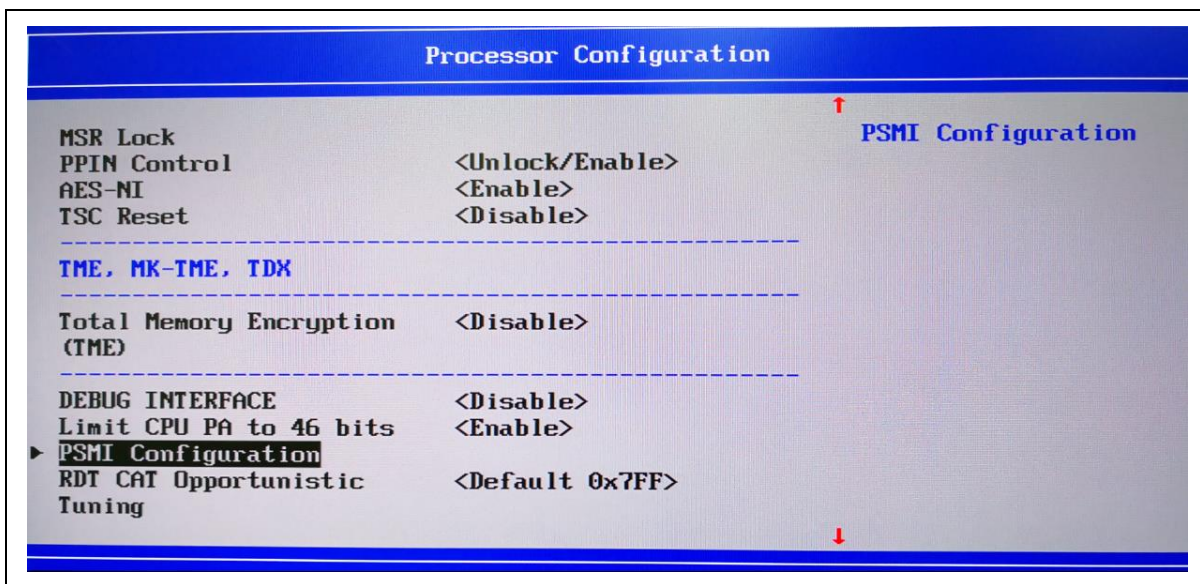
16. Enter IIO configuration (refer to Figure 40), to diable IIO PCIE global ASPM

Figure 40. IIO configuration



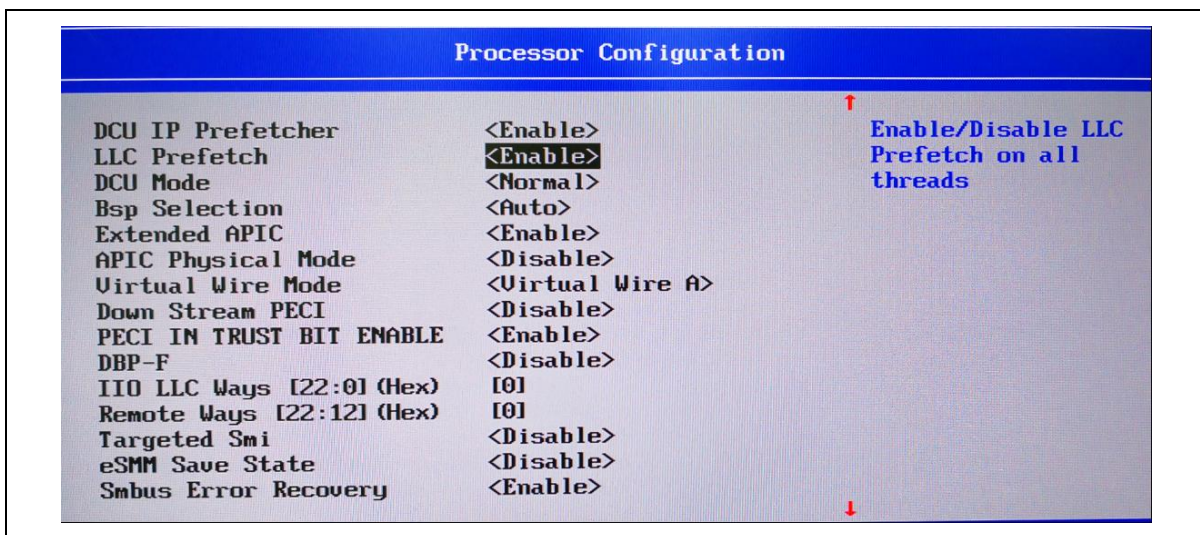
17. Enter Processor configuration (refer to Figure 41), to limit Processor PA to 46 bits

Figure 41. Processor configuration > limit processor PA



18. Enter Processor configuration (refer to Figure 42), to enabled extended APIC for processor

Figure 42. Processor configuration > enable extended APIC for Processor



If there are modifications to the settings referred to in Figure 32 through Figure 42, press **F10** to save and exit.

4.4.2 Cmdline Setting

Check the CMD line:

```
[root@icelake-scs1-1 ~]# cat /proc/cmdline
BOOT_IMAGE=/vmlinuz-3.10.0-957.10.1.rt56.921.el7.x86_64 root=/dev/mapper/centos-root
ro crashkernel=auto rd.lvm.lv=centos/root rd.lvm.lv=centos/swap rhgb quiet
intel_iommu=off usbcore.autosuspend=-1 selinux=0 enforcing=0 nmi_watchdog=0 idle=poll
```



```
softlockup_panic=0 audit=0 intel_pstate=disable cgroup_disable=memory mce=off
hugepagesz=1G hugepages=40 hugepagesz=2M hugepages=0 default_hugepagesz=1G isolcpus=1-23,25-47 rcu_nocbs=1-23,25-47 kthread_cpus=0 irqaffinity=0 nohz_full=1-23,25-47
```

Modify the grub as following if any parameter is different, and then reboot.

1. [Edit /etc/tuned/realtime-virtual-host-variables.conf to change isolated_cores=1-23,25-47:](#)

```
# Examples:
isolated_cores=1-23,25-47
```

2. Edit /boot/efi/EFI/centos/grub.cfg (for UEFI) or /etc/default/grub (for Legacy) if any other cmdline parameter is different. After change, you need run following command and then reboot to make it effective:

```
grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg
```

4.4.3 CPU Frequency Setting

Use the same method as SKL-SP to change the CPU frequency and Uncore frequency. The difference is to set CPU frequency for icelake-SP as 2.5GHz.

Use the "turbostat" command to check the CPU frequency in Linux*.

Figure 43. CPU frequency in Linux*

Core	CPU	Avg_MHz	Busy%	Bzy_MHz	TSC_MHz	IRQ
-	-	2494	100.00	2500	1497	5116
0	0	2494	100.00	2500	1497	5044
1	1	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
2	2	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
3	3	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
4	4	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
5	5	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
6	6	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
7	7	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
8	8	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
9	9	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
10	10	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
11	11	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
12	12	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
13	13	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
14	14	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
15	15	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
16	16	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
17	17	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
18	18	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
19	19	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
20	20	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
21	21	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
22	22	2494	100.00	2500	1497	3
23	23	2494	100.00	2500	1497	6

If the frequency is not stable, run the command:

```
"cpupower frequency-set -g performance"
```

5.0 Test Case Running Method

Refer to *FlexRAN 5G NR Reference Solution RefPHY Doxygen*, [Table 2](#) for a full list of test cases, instructions, and how to run them.

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