

A64FX® Identification Method

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1. Introduction

This document describes how to identify that the processor of the system is the A64FX processor in the operating system.

You can identify it by viewing '/proc/cpuinfo'. If the OS is RHEL 8.4 or later, you can also identify it by running 'lscpu' command.

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2. Identification Method

2.1. Identifying by viewing '/proc/cpuinfo'

Regardless of the RHEL version of the OS, you can identify it as the A64FX processor by viewing '/proc/cpuinfo' and checking the bold text in Table 1.

Table 1. Viewing '/proc/cpuinfo'

Check Points	Example of command execution
· CPU implementer=0x46	\$ cat /proc/cpuinfo egrep "^CPU implementer ^CPU part" head -2
*0x46 is the number assigned to FUJITSU	CPU implementer : 0x46
· CPU part=0x001	CPU part : 0x001
	\$



2.2. Identifying by running 'Iscpu' command

If the OS is RHEL 8.4 or later, it can be identified as FUJITSU A64FX by running 'Iscpu' command and checking the bold text in Table 2.

If the OS is RHEL 8.3 or earlier, it cannot be identified as FUJITSU A64FX by running 'lscpu' command because the Model name is not displayed.

Table 2. Running 'Iscpu' command (for RHEL 8.4 and later)

Check Points	Example of command execution
Vendor ID: FUJITSU Model name: A64FX	\$ Iscpu egrep "^Vendor ID: ^Model name:" Vendor ID: FUJITSU Model name: A64FX \$



2.3. Identifying the A64FX instruction set on RHEL 8.4 or later

The 'Iscpu' command can also be used to display some of the basic characteristics of a processor. When used on a system with the A64FX processor installed, you can identify the instruction set supported by the processor.

Note: Some A64FX processor versions may vary in the instruction set they support. Please verify the instruction set on your system by running the 'Iscpu' command.

The following example shows what the output looks like. The last line of the output ('Flags') shows the instruction set.

Table 3. Example of 'Iscpu' command execution display

Iscpu

Architecture: aarch64

Byte Order: Little Endian

CPU(s): 48

On-line CPU(s) list: 0-47

Thread(s) per core: 1

Core(s) per socket: 12

Socket(s): 4

NUMA node(s): 4

Vendor ID: 0x46

Model: 0

Stepping: 0x1

BogoMIPS: 200.00

NUMA node0 CPU(s): 0-11

NUMA node1 CPU(s): 12-23

NUMA node2 CPU(s): 24-35

NUMA node3 CPU(s): 36-47

Flags: fp asimd evtstrm sha1 sha2 crc32 atomics fphp asimdhp cpuid asimdrdm fcma dcpop sve