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# 1 Performance overview

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This addendum serves as a supplementary guide and it's intended for licensed users with authorized access to Qualcomm® Linux®.

Read this addendum in conjunction with the [Qualcomm Linux Performance Guide](#), which describes the supported features, configuration and customization options to fine-tune and enhance the performance of Qualcomm Linux. It also describes the tools to identify and analyze performance issues in the software and troubleshooting methods.

This guide describes device specifications, QCS8275-specific configuration and customization changes, and performance dashboards.

The performance of the software depends on the CPU, GPU, and DDR subsystems. Qualcomm Linux uses the Qualcomm® Kryo™ CPU. The following table lists the specifications for the subsystems on QCS8275:

**Table 1-1 Specifications for QCS8275 CPU, GPU, and DDR subsystems**

Specifications	QCS8275		
Core type	Kryo Prime	Kryo Gold	Kryo Silver
Number of CPUs	2	2	4
CPU maximum frequency	2.35 GHz	2.1 GHz	1.95 GHz
L1I cache	32 kB/core	32 kB/core	32 kB/core
L1D cache	32 kB/core	32 kB/core	32 kB/core
L2 cache	256 kB/core	256 kB/core	64 kB/core
L3 cache	2 MB for Prime and Gold and 512 kB for Silver		
GPU	Qualcomm® Adreno™ 621		
GPU maximum frequency	877 MHz		
DDRSS	4 × 16 LPDDR5–3200 MHz		

## 2 Features impacting performance

The Qualcomm® Linux® kernel includes features, such as the CPU scheduler, CPU frequency governor, dynamic voltage and frequency scaling (DVFS), and memory management. Additionally, Qualcomm has added a feature called PerfHAL to enhance the performance of Qualcomm Linux.

For an overview of each feature and related reference links, see [Qualcomm Linux Performance Guide](#) → [Features impacting performance](#).

### 2.1 PerfHAL

PerfHAL is a Qualcomm proprietary service that offers added functionality by making perflock APIs accessible. It's beneficial when you need short-term performance enhancements or power savings.

#### Resource opcodes

Perflock uses a combination of opcodes and their corresponding values to perform specific operations on a perflock resource.

The following table lists the supported opcodes:

**Table 2-1 Supported opcodes**

Opcode	Purpose	Sysnode on device
0x44000000	Sets the minimum acceptable performance level for individual tasks and task groups.	/proc/sys/kernel/sched_util_clamp_min
0x44004000	Sets the maximum acceptable performance level for individual tasks and task groups.	/proc/sys/kernel/sched_util_clamp_max
0x44008000	Sets the minimum frequency of the Gold cluster.	/sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy0/scaling_min_freq
0x44008200	Sets the minimum frequency of the Prime cluster.	/sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy2/scaling_min_freq
0x44008100	Sets the minimum frequency of the Silver cluster.	/sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy4/scaling_min_freq
0x4400C000	Sets the maximum frequency of the Gold cluster.	/sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy0/scaling_max_freq
0x4400C200	Sets the maximum frequency of the Prime cluster.	/sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy2/scaling_max_freq
0x4400C100	Sets the maximum frequency of the Silver cluster.	/sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy4/scaling_max_freq

The following are some examples of the resource opcodes:

- 0x44008100, 1958400: This pair of opcode and value indicates that the minimum frequency of the Silver cluster must be set to 1958400 KHz.
- 0x44008100, 1958400, 0x4400C100, 2100000: This pair of opcode and value indicates that the minimum frequency of the Silver cluster must be set to 1958400 KHz. The maximum frequency of the Silver cluster must be set to 2100000 KHz.

For more information about how to use and debug perflock, see [Qualcomm Linux Performance Guide → Customize perflock](#).

## 2.2 Real-time kernel

Real-time (RT) Linux kernel is an optional feature that isn't enabled by default on Qualcomm Linux. It can be enabled based on the product requirements.

RT Linux is designed to offer deterministic and predictable behavior for applications that are time-sensitive.

For more information about the real-time kernel, see [Qualcomm Linux Performance Guide → Real-time kernel](#).

### 2.2.1 Test RT Linux kernel

The RT Linux kernel test helps to obtain the following information:

- Real-time performance of the RT Linux kernel
- RT Linux kernel latencies and key performance indicators (KPIs)

**NOTE** Ensure that the system isn't rebooted during the RT Linux kernel test because this test runs for approximately more than 24 hours.

#### Cyclictest

Cyclictest tool is used for benchmarking the RT Linux kernel systems. It's used to evaluate the relative performance of the real-time systems. The cyclictest tool is included in the Qualcomm Linux build. For more information, see <https://wiki.linuxfoundation.org/realtime/documentation/howto/tools/cyclictest/start/>.

The following cyclictests are described in this guide:

- Cyclictest with no-load: This test is performed without adding any system load.
- Cyclictest with stress-ng (next-generation): This test is performed by adding a specific percentage of load to measure the worst case system latencies. For more information about stress-ng, see [Kernel/Reference/stress-ng - Ubuntu Wiki](#).

#### Presetting

Ensure to complete the following presetting before you run a cyclictest:

1. Configure and isolate the CPU core 1 to core 3 for the RT tasks. You may configure any other CPU cores depending on your requirement.

For example, you can configure the RT CPUs in the source code at the following path:

```
layers/meta-qcom-realtime/blob/scarthgap/conf/layer.conf
```

For example, configure the CPU as follows:

```
KERNEL_CMDLINE_EXTRA:qcs8300 = "pcie_pme=noms net.ifnames=0 pci=noaer  
kpti=off kasan=off kasan.stacktrace=off swiotlb=128 mitigations=auto  
kernel.sched_pelt_multiplier=4 rcupdate.rcu_expedited=1 rcu_nocbs=1-3  
isolcpus=1-3 irqaffinity=4-7 no-steal-acc"
```

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**2. Run the following commands on the RT Linux kernel:**

```
echo 0 > /sys/kernel/tracing/tracing_on
echo E0 > /sys/devices/virtual/workqueue/scsi_tmf_0/cpumask
echo E0 > /sys/devices/virtual/workqueue/writeback/cpumask
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu0/cpuidle/state1/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu0/cpuidle/state2/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu0/cpuidle/state0/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu1/cpuidle/state0/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu1/cpuidle/state2/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu1/cpuidle/state1/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu2/cpuidle/state1/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu2/cpuidle/state2/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu2/cpuidle/state0/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu3/cpuidle/state0/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu3/cpuidle/state2/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu3/cpuidle/state1/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu4/cpuidle/state1/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu4/cpuidle/state2/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu4/cpuidle/state0/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu5/cpuidle/state0/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu5/cpuidle/state2/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu5/cpuidle/state1/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu6/cpuidle/state1/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu6/cpuidle/state2/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu6/cpuidle/state0/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu7/cpuidle/state0/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu7/cpuidle/state2/disable
echo 1 > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu7/cpuidle/state1/disable
echo performance > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy0/scaling_governor
echo performance > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy2/scaling_governor
echo performance > /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy4/scaling_governor
mkdir -p /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset/core1-3/
echo "+cpuset" > /sys/fs/cgroup/cgroup.subtree_control
echo "+cpuset" > /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset/cgroup.subtree_control
echo 1-3 > /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset/core1-3/cpuset.cpus
echo 0 > /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset/core1-3/cpuset.mems
```



### Cyclicttest with no-load

To run a cyclicttest with no-load, follow these steps:

1. Complete the [presetting](#).
2. Run the following commands to start cyclicttest:

```
echo $$ > /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset/core1-3/cgroup.procs
cyclicttest -a 1-3 -t 3 -m -l 1000000000 -i 1000 -p 99 -h 800 --mainaffinity
4 --spike 100
```

3. Note the latencies.

### Cyclicttest with stress-ng

To run a cyclicttest with stress-ng, follow these steps:

1. Complete the [presetting](#).
2. Open a shell and run the following commands to run stress-ng. In the second example command, the CPU is loaded with 60% load:

```
mkdir /tmp/temp-path
stress-ng --cpu 5 --cpu-load 60 --temp-path /tmp/temp-path --sched fifo --
sched-prio 1 -t 2d
```

This procedure is completed in approximately 48 hours. In this example, CPU 5 is loaded.

3. Run the following commands to start cyclicttest in another terminal to run the cyclicttest and stress-ng simultaneously:

```
echo $$ > /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset/core1-3/cgroup.procs
cyclicttest -a 1-3 -t 3 -m -l 1000000000 -i 1000 -p 99 -h 800 --mainaffinity
4 --spike 100
```

4. Use Ctrl + C to stop stress-ng.
5. Note the worst-case latencies.

### RT Linux kernel KPIs

The following tables describe the cyclicttests KPIs:

**Table 2-2 KPIs for cyclicttest with no-load**

RT cores	Core1	Core2	Core3
Minimum latencies (in microseconds)	3	4	4
Maximum latencies (in microseconds)	35	24	18

**Table 2-3 KPIs for cyclicttest with stress-ng**

RT cores	Core1	Core2	Core3
Minimum latencies (in microseconds)	3	4	4
Maximum latencies (in microseconds)	65	40	44

## 3 Configure CPU

It's essential to tune the basic configuration settings of your device before starting the performance analysis. The settings play a significant role in the performance of the device. You can configure the CPU, GPU, and memory settings.

**CAUTION** Any configuration changes can impact the power and the performance of the device. Ensure that you verify the impact across all relevant use cases before any modifications.

For more information about the configuration settings, see [Qualcomm Linux Performance Guide → Configure CPU, GPU, and memory](#).

You can check and modify the CPU configurations using the commands specified in the following table:

**NOTE** The commands specified in the following table should be run on the Linux device. The unit of the output value for these commands is in KHz.

**Table 3-1 Commands to configure the CPU**

Command	Purpose
<code>cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/online</code>	Checks the online CPU cores.
<code>echo 1 &gt; /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpuX/online</code>	Turns on a CPU core. In cpuX, X represents the number of cores, which ranges from 0 to 7.
<code>echo 0 &gt; /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpuX/online</code>	Turns off a CPU core. In cpuX, X represents the number of cores, which ranges from 0 to 7.
<code>cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy0/scaling_cur_freq</code> <code>cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy2/scaling_cur_freq</code> <code>cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/policy4/scaling_cur_freq</code>	Reads the current frequency of the CPU.

**Table 3-1 Commands to configure the CPU (cont.)**

Command	Purpose
<pre>cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy0/scaling_available_frequencies  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy2/scaling_available_frequencies  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy4/scaling_available_frequencies</pre>	Reads the supported frequencies of the CPU.
<pre>cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy0/scaling_min_freq  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy2/scaling_min_freq  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy4/scaling_min_freq</pre>	Reads the minimum frequency of the CPU.
<pre>echo &lt;cpu freq in KHz&gt; &gt; /sys/devices/ system/cpu/cpufreq/policy0/ scaling_min_freq  echo &lt;cpu freq in KHz&gt; &gt; /sys/devices/ system/cpu/cpufreq/policy2/ scaling_min_freq  echo &lt;cpu freq in KHz&gt; &gt; /sys/devices/ system/cpu/cpufreq/policy4/ scaling_min_freq</pre>	Sets the minimum frequency of the CPU. Replace <cpu freq in KHz> with the required frequency and run the commands.
<pre>cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy0/scaling_max_freq  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy2/scaling_max_freq  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy4/scaling_max_freq</pre>	Reads the maximum frequency of the CPU.
<pre>echo &lt;cpu freq in KHz&gt; &gt; /sys/devices/ system/cpu/cpufreq/policy0/ scaling_max_freq  echo &lt;cpu freq in KHz&gt; &gt; /sys/devices/ system/cpu/cpufreq/policy2/ scaling_max_freq  echo &lt;cpu freq in KHz&gt; &gt; /sys/devices/ system/cpu/cpufreq/policy4/ scaling_max_freq</pre>	Sets the maximum frequency of the CPU. Replace <cpu freq in KHz> with the required frequency and run the commands.

**Table 3-1 Commands to configure the CPU (cont.)**

Command	Purpose
<pre>cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy0/stats/trans_table  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy2/stats/trans_table  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy4/stats/trans_table</pre>	Checks the CPU residency.
<p>For example, to set the CPU frequency of the Silver core at 1.5 GHz, run the following commands:</p> <pre>echo 1574400 &gt; /sys/devices/system/cpu/ cpufreq/policy4/scaling_min_freq  echo 1574400 &gt; /sys/devices/system/cpu/ cpufreq/policy4/scaling_max_freq</pre>	Sets the CPU frequency. Set <code>scaling_min_freq</code> and <code>scaling_max_freq</code> to the same frequency to keep the CPU frequency at the required level.

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## 4 Customize CPU frequency governor

Customization is a process that includes fine-tuning various aspects of the system, which can significantly affect the overall performance and power of the system.

The CPU scheduler, CPU frequency governor, dynamic voltage and frequency scaling (DVFS) governor, perflock, and memory can be fine-tuned. It's recommended to undertake any tuning only after gaining a thorough understanding through extensive performance and power analysis.

**CAUTION** Any customization can impact the power and the performance of the device. Therefore, it's crucial to verify the impact across all the relevant use cases before performing any customization.

For more information about the customization settings, see [Qualcomm Linux Performance Guide → Customize for performance tuning](#).

You can configure a CPU frequency governor using the `scaling_governor` node to enhance CPU performance.

**NOTE** The commands specified in the following table should be run on the device.

**Table 4-1 Commands to customize the CPU frequency governor**

Command	Purpose
<pre>echo performance &gt; /sys/devices/ system/cpu/cpufreq/policy0/ scaling_governor  echo performance &gt; /sys/devices/ system/cpu/cpufreq/policy2/ scaling_governor  echo performance &gt; /sys/devices/ system/cpu/cpufreq/policy4/ scaling_governor</pre>	Sets the CPU governor to enhance the system performance.
<pre>cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy0/scaling_governor  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy2/scaling_governor  cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpufreq/ policy4/scaling_governor</pre>	Verifies the CPU frequency governor.

**Table 4-1 Commands to customize the CPU frequency governor (cont.)**

Command	Purpose
<pre>echo schedutil &gt; /sys/devices/system/cpu/ cpufreq/policy0/scaling_governor</pre> <pre>echo schedutil &gt; /sys/devices/system/cpu/ cpufreq/policy2/scaling_governor</pre> <pre>echo schedutil &gt; /sys/devices/system/cpu/ cpufreq/policy4/scaling_governor</pre>	<p>Sets the CPU frequency governor to <code>schedutil</code>.</p>
<pre>echo 1000 &gt; /sys/devices/system/cpu/ cpufreq/policyX/schedutil/rate_limit_us</pre>	<p>Customizes <code>rate_limit_us</code>.</p> <p>The value of <code>X</code> in <code>policyX</code> corresponds to clusters 0, 2, and 4.</p> <p>This is a <code>schedutil</code> governor parameter. It has the value in microseconds. The governor waits for <code>rate_limit_us</code> time to re-evaluate the load after it has evaluated the load before. The Qualcomm-tuned value is 1000.</p>

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## 5 Performance dashboards

You can access performance dashboards for boot time, system benchmarks, memory map, and product segment KPIs on the Qualcomm® Linux® reference devices.

### 5.1 Boot time

The boot time is the duration from device power-on until the device is up (with network disabled).

The following table lists the measured boot time (values in seconds) on QCS8275:

Use case	Score
Boot time (log-based)	16.44

**NOTE** A lower boot time score is better.

For information about the measurement procedure, see [Boot time measurement](#).

### 5.2 System benchmarks

Geekbench is a utility for measuring CPU performance. It provides the following CPU benchmark scores on QCS8275:

Benchmark	Version	Benchmark score
Geekbench ST	6.1.0	1066
Geekbench MT	6.1.0	3345

For information about the measurement procedure, see [System benchmark measurement](#).

**NOTE** A higher system benchmark score is better.

### 5.3 Memory map

The following table lists the memory consumption (values in MB) for each partition, such as non-Linux, kernel static, and applications. It also lists the total free memory available to the system after device boot and during the use case such as 720p resolution encoding at 30 fps.

Memory partitions	After boot memory	720p30FPS_encode
Total RAM	12288	12288
Non-Linux	904	904

Memory partitions	After boot memory	720p30FPS_encode
Kernel static	274	274
Applications + framework	610	790
Total free memory	10500	10320

For information about the measurement procedure, see [Memory map measurement](#).

**NOTE** A higher total free memory value is better for the system performance.

## 5.4 Measurement procedures

The measurement procedures include KPIs, such as boot time, system benchmark, and record latency.

### 5.4.1 Boot time measurement

The boot time is the duration from device power-on to the initialization of the recorder service.

To measure boot time, do the following:

1. Flash a build. See [Qualcomm Linux Build Guide → Flash software images](#) to boot the device.
2. After the device is up, reboot it.
3. Install the itsy package file (IPK) to enable systemd-analyze. For more information about the systemd-analyze tool, see [Analysis tools → Systemd-analyze](#).
4. Collect serial logs during the device power-on process, focusing on the boot loader time.

To collect the serial logs on a Linux host, do the following:

- a. Connect a serial cable between the device and the Linux host PC.
  - b. Connect to the UART terminal to obtain serial logs. To set up the UART terminal, see [Qualcomm Linux Build Guide → Connect to a UART shell](#).
  - c. Power-off the device.
  - d. Power-on the device.
  - e. Save the serial logs from the terminal.
5. Collect the systemd-analyze logs by running the following commands:

```
cd /usr/bin

systemd-analyze plot > /var/lib/systemd-plot.svg
systemd-analyze dump > /var/lib/systemd-analyze_dump.txt
systemctl > /var/lib/systemctl.txt
systemd-analyze blame > /var/lib/systemd-analyze_blame.txt
systemd-analyze critical-chain > /var/lib/systemd-analyze_critical_chain.txt
```



6. Pull the traces by running the following commands using a secure copy protocol (SCP) or a similar tool. Ensure to specify the target IP address in the commands:

```
scp -r root@10.92.162.185:/var/lib/systemd-plot.svg /local/mnt/workspace/
logs

scp -r root@10.92.162.185:/var/lib/systemd-analyze_dump.txt /local/mnt/
workspace/logs

scp -r root@10.92.162.185:/var/lib/systemctl.txt /local/mnt/workspace/logs

scp -r root@10.92.162.185:/var/lib/systemd-analyze_blame.txt /local/mnt/
workspace/logs

scp -r root@10.92.162.185: /var/lib/systemd-analyze_critical_chain.txt /
local/mnt/workspace/logs
```

7. Verify the following files:

- `systemd-plot.svg` trace file for the Linux (kernel and user space) phases
- `systemd-analyze_blame.txt` trace file for the individual services duration
- `systemctl.txt` trace file for the failed services

The following is a sample output for the non-Linux boot, which includes PBL+XBL, Core UEFI, and Kernel Loader:

```
PBL+XBL: 1405 ms
Core UEFI : 619 ms
Kernel Loader: 293 ms
Total time before non-Linux kernel: 2318 ms
```

The following is a sample output for the Linux boot for kernel and user space:

```
QCOM Reference Distro with Wayland 1.0 qcs9100-ride-sx (Linux 6.6.52 #1
SMP PREEMPT Sun Dec 1 08:17:08 UTC 2024) arm64 vm-other
Startup finished in 176ms (loader) + 1.468s (kernel) + 22.344s
(userspace) = 23.812s multi-user.target reached after 22.272s in
userspace
```

Boot markers for the boot loader for non-Linux are as follows:

```
"PBL+XBL": "UEFI Start",
"Core UEFI": "UEFI Total",
"Kernel Loader": "UEFI End - OS Loader"
```

## 5.4.2 System benchmark measurement

Geekbench is a tool used to measure system performance against established benchmarks.

To measure system performance using Geekbench, do the following:

1. Download Geekbench for the [Linux/ARM](https://www.geekbench.com/preview/) architecture from upstream <https://www.geekbench.com/preview/>.

**NOTE** The Geekbench 6 for Linux/AArch64 is a preview build. The preview builds require an active Internet connection and automatically upload benchmark results to the Geekbench browser.

2. To measure a CPU benchmark using Geekbench, do the following:
  - a. Unzip the Geekbench file and push it from the host into the device, use SCP or a similar tool. Ensure to specify the target IP address in the first command. The following are the example commands:

```
scp -r Geekbench-6.3.0-LinuxARMPreview root@10.92.174.66:/var/cache/
cd /var/cache
chmod 777 Geekbench-6.3.0-LinuxARMPreview/*
```

- b. To run Geekbench, run the following commands on the device:

```
cd Geekbench-6.3.0-LinuxARMPreview
./geekbench_aarch64
```

### 5.4.3 Memory map measurement

A memory map provides information on how memory is allocated to different processes. A memory map measurement allows you to monitor a mapped process and troubleshoot any memory issues.

To calculate the memory map, boot the device and stabilize it. Then, run the following commands to collect logs from the device:

```
cat /proc/meminfo
cat /proc/iomem
cat /proc/vmstat
```

#### Non-Linux memory

Non-Linux memory is calculated using the following formula:

Non-Linux = Total RAM size – Total Linux

To calculate the total RAM size, run the following command:

```
cat /proc/meminfo | grep -i "MemTotal"
```

MemTotal is 5512456 kB, which corresponds to approximately 6 GB of RAM.

To calculate the total Linux memory from iomem, run the following command:

```
cat /proc/iomem | grep System
```

The following is an output of the command:

```
83600000-839fffff : System RAM
9c700000-9d08ffff : System RAM
9d096000-9d0a0fff : System RAM
9d0a9000-9d4ccfff : System RAM
9d4dc000-9d58ffff : System RAM
9d598000-9e813fff : System RAM
9e833000-9e87dfff : System RAM
9e887000-9e890fff : System RAM
9e899000-9ed52fff : System RAM
9edcb000-9f7fbfff : System RAM
9f800000-9f9fffff : System RAM
9fc00000-a00cffff : System RAM
e3400000-1fffffffff : System RAM
```

The total Linux memory is the sum of the differences in the system RAM addresses.

For example:

$$839ffff - 83600000 = 4194303 \text{ bytes} = 3.99 \text{ MB}$$

### Kernel static

The kernel static is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Kernel static} = \text{Total Linux} - \text{MemTotal}$$

MemTotal is available in meminfo as follows:

```
MemTotal: 4513944 kB
```

### Application + framework memory calculation

The memory used by the applications and framework is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Application + framework} = \text{MemTotal} - \text{Free memory}$$

### Free memory calculation

Free memory is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Free memory} = \text{MemFree} + (\text{Cached} - \text{shmem}) + \text{buffer} + \text{ION cache}$$

To obtain the free memory details, run the following command:

```
cat /proc/meminfo
```

The following is an output of the command:

```
MemTotal: 4513944 kB
MemFree: 3471436 kB
MemAvailable: 3816716 kB
Buffers: 9216 kB
Cached: 574856 kB
Shmem: 24776 kB
```

To check the vmstat logs for ION cache, run the following command:

```
cat /proc/vmstat
nr_kernel_misc_reclaimable 16217
```

Here, 16217 pages represent approximately 63.3 MB. The calculation is as follows:

$$16217 \text{ pages} \times 4 \text{ kB/page} = 64,868 \text{ kB (since } 1 \text{ kB} = 1024 \text{ bytes)}$$

To convert to megabytes (MB), the ION cache is calculated as follows:

$$64,868 \text{ kB} \div 1024 = 63.3 \text{ MB.}$$

## 6 References

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### 6.1 Related documents

Title	Number
<b>Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.</b>	
<a href="#">Qualcomm Linux Performance Guide</a>	80-70018-10
<a href="#">Qualcomm Linux Build Guide</a>	80-70018-254
<b>Resources</b>	
<a href="https://www.geekbench.com/preview/">https://www.geekbench.com/preview/</a>	
<a href="https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/cpu-freq/governors.txt">https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/cpu-freq/governors.txt</a>	

### 6.2 Acronyms and terms

**Table 6-1 Acronyms and terms**

Acronym or term	Definition
DVFS	Dynamic voltage and frequency scaling
IPK	Itsy package file
KPI	Key performance indicator
SCP	Secure copy protocol
SoC	System-on-chip

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