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AMD launches what it claims are its most powerful graphics processors for workstation and virtualised desktop deployments yet-- the FirePro S9000 and S7000 server GPUs.



The company says the cards reduce power consumption by up to 95% at idle, yielding overall data centre cost savings and more efficient compute-intensive workload management meeting the demands of CAD, media and entertainment applications.

The dual-slot FirePro S9000 is the more powerful card and delivers up to 4 TFLOPS of single precision compute performance. The lower-end single-slot S7000 has 2.4 TFLOPS of performance but consumes around 150W of max power (compared to the 225W for the S9000) since it is a passively cooled board.

The new cards represent further efforts from AMD to expand towards the server and virtualisation markets, following the earlier acquisition of microserver vendor SeaMicro.

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