CORE® 4

Multi-Function Network Controller

Resilient, secure data sharing over a heterogeneous mesh of SATCOM, line-of-sight, and tactical data links with embedded gateway

CORE 4
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CORE 4 is a rugged and powerful advanced network management solution—running open architecture—that reliably connects airborne, surface, ground, and undersea vehicles with each other, with command centers, and with intel nodes across classified and unclassified networks.

CORE is the premier Fuse hardware solution for reliable and secure warfighter communications and networking—across domains and manned/unmanned platforms—in even the most rugged environments. The patented minimized size, weight, and power (SWaP) solution offers unmatched flexibility for system hardware and software and is optimized to host our tactical edge networking (TEN) architecture and virtualized software stack.

CORE 4 features three computers, supporting classified and unclassified enclaves, within one unit. The minimized SWaP CORE 4 is powerful and flexible enough to maintain the high-speed computing and bandwidth required for sharing video, imagery, voice, large track volumes, and other high-demand data. Three removable, single-board computers (SBCs) offer swift reconfiguration to new mission needs without the cost and time to procure new hardware.

Unlike typical hardware-based networking systems, our open architecture, software-based CORE solution supports rapid configurations and technology upgrades, speeding time to capability. With its multiple interface options, the CORE architecture addresses a platform's networking and cybersecurity needs—and can host additional applications quickly and affordably.

CORE 4 flexibly, powerfully, and securely extends operational communications and networking capability for enhanced mission execution and is made in the USA.

CORE 4 delivers unmatched benefits to system integrators and network managers.

SWaP
> Minimized footprint smaller than 3/8 Air Transportation Rack (ATR) long
> Replaces bulky and obsolete routers

Flexible
> Virtualized environments with separation of key components to enable flexible adaptation to changing needs without costly modifications to hardware or footprint
> Vendor agnostic network infrastructure components
> Configurable network paradigm, for future CONOPS
> Compatible with legacy and modern platforms and systems

Powerful
> CORE units can interconnect to form a powerful system of multiple enclaves

Accessible
> T3 network management software delivers cross-node visibility into enterprise-wide system configuration and metrics, for local and remote monitoring or modification

Secure
> Multiple encryption layers, including robust data at rest encryption (DAR)
> Powerful NSA-certified HAIPE encryption inside CORE keeps your computing environment secure (Type I to commercial)
> Zero Trust Architecture compliance. Modern firewall supports deep packet inspection up to layer 7 of the OSI stack
> National Cyber Range tested
> Made in the USA

Proven
> Built upon proven system components providing advanced communications and network optimization, cybersecurity, data encryption, and intuitive network management services
> Tested to MIL-STD-810 environmental, MIL-STD-461 electromagnetic, and MIL-STD-704 power requirements for aircraft/mobile installation
> Patented technology. Two independent security domains within a single chassis with embedded HAIPE Mature. Deployed on multiple platforms

CORE 4 Specifications

Physical

Size (L x W x H)	16.230 × 3.925 × 7.625 in
Weight	15.2 lbs with Viasat KG-250X

Power

- 88-W max power with Viasat KG-250X
- Integrated power supply with electromagnetic interference (EMI) filtering
- MIL-STD-704 28-VDC input voltage support
- MIL-STD-461 EMI filtering
- Integrated 50-millisecond hold-up time

Environmental

- **Temperature:** -40°C to 55°C (operational), -40°C to 71°C (storage)
- **Humidity:** 95% at 60°C
- **Altitude:** 50,000 ft (operational)
- **Explosive Atmosphere:** Per MIL-STD-810 Method 511.5
- **Vibration:** Per MIL-STD-810 Method 514.6
- **Shock:** Per MIL-STD-810 Method 516.6: 20 G (operational)
- **Acceleration:** Per MIL-STD-810 Method 513.6: 5.5 G (operational)
- **Sand/Dust:** Per MIL-STD-810 Method 510.5 Blowing Sand
- **Salt Fog:** Per MIL-STD-810 Method 509.5

Configuration Options

- Supports multi domain (ciphertext), NSA secure architecture
- Two fully independent security domains: PT (2 SBCs) and CT (1 SBC)
- Intel Core i7 processor (7th or 8th generation)
- Up to 32 GB DDR4 memory
- Up to 1 TB NVMe SSD (SED)
- vPro Virtualization Support
- Trusted Platform Module v2.0

Rear Panel I/O

- Ten 1-GB Ethernet ports per enclave
- One RS 232 serial ports per enclave, one RS 422 port per enclave
- Six LVTTL GPIO ports per enclave
- Optional Dual Redundant MIL-STD-1553 bus with STANAG 7221 support in PT enclave

Front Panel I/O

- One 10/100-T Fast Ethernet per SBC on one maintenance port per enclave

SDN Components

OS: Red Hat Enterprise Linux running kernel based virtual machines, PODMAN containers, and/or Docker containers
Processor: Intel Core i7 (8th generation)
RAM: Up to 32 GB DDR4 per processor
SDD: 1 TB NVMe SSD per processor
Routing: Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP), policy-based routing, IPv6, Virtual Route Forwarding–Lite (VRF-Lite), multicast, LISP, and Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE)
Addressing: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), Domain Name System (DNS), Network Address Translation (NAT), 802.1Q VLAN, Ethernet Virtual Connection (EVC), and VXLAN
VPN: IPsec VPN, Dynamic Multipoint VPN (DMVPN), Easy VPN, SSL VPN, and FlexVPN
MPLS: MPLS VPN, virtual routing/forwarding (VRF), and Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD)
Security: Cisco IOS Zone-Based Policy Firewall, access control list (ACL), RADIUS, TACACS+, and authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA)

Compliance

- TEMPEST-compliant NSTISSAM 1/92 Level I
- MIL-STD-810, MIL-STD-461, MIL-STD-46C, MIL-STD-704, MIL STD 1553 (ER only), STANAG 7221 (ER only)

Other SDN Components

- Support for boundary defense protection system and deep packet inspection (e.g., Cisco ASA or Palo Alto)
- WAN optimization and acceleration (e.g., Riverbed VCX)
- Native Linux bridging for VLAN tagging, isolation, trunking, and separation of system management plane from data plane

Optional Capabilities for CORE 4

Fuse Network Provisioner

A software utility that ingests a platform's mission computer configuration information and dynamically reformats it into a device- and vendor-agnostic data scheme before reformatting to the formats appropriate to each module in the network stack. With the innovative Fuse Network Provisioner, even advanced network configurations are faster, easier, and more secure than having to pre-configure each device for every platform.

- **Hardware is vendor-agnostic.** Works with Cisco, Juniper, Palo Alto, FRR routers and any others
- **Universal.** Works with legacy and modern mission computers
- **Multi-layer support.** Extends templates beyond routers to firewalls, radios, and application layers
- **Common language.** Uses one ontology for all network components, simplifying links between the network components to support transparency and troubleshooting

Embedded Firewall

Optional embedded virtual firewall provides extra security for communications.

Expansion interfaces

CORE 4 PT enclave has an XMC expansion slot and a mPCIe expansion slot to support additional capabilities including:

- MIL-STD-155B
- STANAG 7221
- AI/ML Processor (IXIO GPU)
- Software Defined Radio
- FPGA expansion