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The USB Implementers Forum (USB-IF) awards the upcoming Intel 7 and C216 chipset families with SuperSpeed USB certification-- allowing manufacturers to easily incorporate SuperSpeed USB into their systems.



The chipsets include x4 integrated SuperSpeed USB ports, all of which are backwards compatible with USB 2.0 devices.

The USB-IF says SuperSpeed USB delivers data transfer rates of up 10x over that of Hi-Speed USB (up to 4.8Gbps), with increased bus power and new power management features.

The specification is developed by the USB 3.0 Promoter Group consisting of HP, Intel, Microsoft, Renesas, ST-Ericsson and Texas Instruments.

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