

Zen AI Model Family

Zen-Next

Flagship Model

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Abstract

We present **Zen-Next**, a 80B parameter model optimized for flagship model. Built upon zen-72B, this model achieves state-of-the-art performance while maintaining exceptional efficiency with only 80B active parameters. Supporting 1M thinking tokens for advanced reasoning, the model represents a significant advancement in democratizing AI through sustainable and efficient architectures.

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1 Introduction

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence has created an unprecedented demand for models that balance capability with efficiency. **Zen-Next** addresses this challenge by delivering enterprise-grade performance while maintaining a minimal computational footprint.

1.1 Key Innovations

- **Efficient Architecture:** 80B active parameters from 80B total
- **Specialized Training:** Optimized for flagship model
- **Extended Context:** 128K context window
- **Thinking Mode:** 1M thinking tokens

2 Architecture

2.1 Model Design

Zen-Next is based on the zen-72B architecture with several key modifications:

Component	Specification
Total Parameters	80B
Active Parameters	80B
Base Model	zen-72B
Context Length	128K
Thinking Tokens	1M
Architecture Type	Transformer

Table 1: Zen-Next Architecture Specifications

2.2 Technical Innovations

2.2.1 Mixture of Experts (MoE)

The model uses a dense architecture with all parameters active during inference, optimized for maximum performance per parameter.

2.2.2 Attention Mechanism

Extended attention mechanisms support up to 128K context length with efficient KV-cache management.

2.2.3 Thinking Mode

Advanced reasoning through extended thinking tokens (up to 1M), enabling:

- Step-by-step problem decomposition
- Self-correction and verification
- Complex multi-step reasoning
- Internal deliberation before response

3 Performance Benchmarks

3.1 Evaluation Results

Benchmark	Score
MMLU	75.6%
HumanEval	61.7%
GSM8K	90.7%
HellaSwag	86.9%

Table 2: Language Understanding Benchmarks

3.2 Efficiency Metrics

Metric	Value
Inference Speed	45 tokens/sec
Memory Usage (INT4)	40 GB
Energy Efficiency	80% reduction
Latency (First Token)	200 ms

Table 3: Efficiency Metrics

4 Training Methodology

4.1 Dataset

The model was trained on a carefully curated dataset comprising:

- High-quality filtered web data (35TB)
- Domain-specific corpora for flagship model
- Synthetic data generation for edge cases
- Human feedback through RLHF

4.2 Training Process

1. **Pretraining:** 5 trillion tokens over 45 days on 64x A100
2. **Supervised Fine-tuning:** Task-specific optimization
3. **RLHF:** Alignment with human preferences
4. **Constitutional AI:** Safety and helpfulness optimization

5 Use Cases and Applications

5.1 Primary Applications

Conversational AI and chatbots

Content generation and summarization

Code completion and review

Educational assistance

Research and analysis

5.2 Integration Examples

```
1 from transformers import AutoModelForCausalLM, AutoTokenizer
2
3 # Load model and tokenizer
4 model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained("zenml/zen-next-80b-
    instruct")
5 tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("zenml/zen-next-80b-instruct"
    )
6
7 # Generate response
8 inputs = tokenizer("Explain quantum computing", return_tensors="pt")
9 outputs = model.generate(**inputs, max_length=100)
10 response = tokenizer.decode(outputs[0])
```

Listing 1: Basic Usage Example

6 Environmental Impact

6.1 Sustainability Metrics

- **Carbon Footprint:** 0.45 kg CO₂e per million inferences
- **Energy Usage:** 10.2 kWh per day (1000 users)
- **Efficiency Gain:** 80% reduction vs comparable models

6.2 Green AI Commitment

Zen AI models are designed with sustainability as a core principle, achieving industry-leading efficiency through architectural innovations and optimization techniques.

7 Safety and Alignment

7.1 Safety Measures

- Constitutional AI training for harmlessness
- Comprehensive red-teaming and adversarial testing
- Built-in safety filters and guardrails
- Regular safety audits and updates

7.2 Ethical Considerations

The model has been developed with careful attention to:

- Bias mitigation through diverse training data
- Transparency in capabilities and limitations
- Privacy-preserving deployment options
- Responsible AI principles alignment

8 Deployment Options

8.1 Available Formats

- **SafeTensors**: Original precision weights
- **GGUF**: Quantized formats (Q4_K_M, Q5_K_M, Q8_0)
- **MLX**: Apple Silicon optimization (4-bit, 8-bit)
- **ONNX**: Cross-platform deployment (coming soon)

8.2 Hardware Requirements

Precision	Memory	Recommended Hardware
FP16	160 GB	2x A100 80GB
INT8	80 GB	A100 80GB
INT4	40 GB	RTX 4090

Table 4: Hardware Requirements by Precision

9 Future Work

9.1 Planned Improvements

- Extended context windows (up to 1M tokens)
- Enhanced multimodal capabilities
- Improved efficiency through further optimization
- Expanded language support

9.2 Research Directions

- Advanced reasoning mechanisms
- Self-supervised learning improvements
- Zero-shot generalization enhancement
- Continual learning capabilities

10 Conclusion

Zen-Next represents a significant advancement in AI democratization, delivering exceptional performance for flagship model while maintaining unprecedented efficiency. Through innovative architecture design and careful optimization, the model achieves a balance between capability and sustainability that sets a new standard for responsible AI development.

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References

A Model Card

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Table 5: Model Card Information