

SMI-Lab 14 Plugfest #2



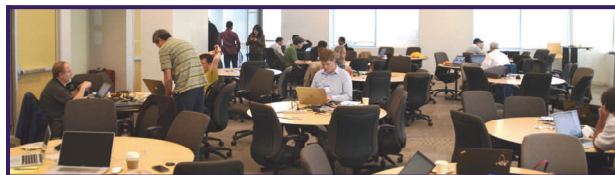
On March 24-27, 2014, the SMI-Lab held its second plugfest of the year, hosted by NetApp at their headquarters in Santa Clara, California.

Participating SMI Member Companies

- Cisco
- Dot Hill Systems
- Fujitsu
- Hewlett-Packard
- Hitachi Data Systems
- Huawei
- IBM
- Microsoft
- NetApp
- Nimble Storage
- Virtual Instruments
- SNIA
- WS

March Plugfest Meetings

- Status meeting (daily)
- Bug/SCR follow-up (daily)
- Shamelessly promoting your company
- Replication services enhancements
- Client feedback discussion for experienced implementers
- WBEM server/Proxy Profile discussion
- Provider management discussion
- SMI marketing update
- Appreciation dinner



Jim Davis, WS, led the plugfest.



March Plugfest Themes: Indications, SMASH, NAS

Thanks for hosting, NetApp!



Joshua Flank, NetApp, reports: "This was one of the highest-attended plugfests in eight years. We had over 50 engineers from every major storage vendor attend...and all worked together as a team to ensure our products work well together. I'm glad we were able to support SNIA and bring our entire NetApp Sunnyvale SMI-S engineering team to work with these companies and ensure that Data ONTAP meets the CTP and storage industry standards."



NetApp provided a continental breakfast, coffee, and lunch daily.

Open session on Wednesday: Guests welcomed at SMI-Lab

An open session presented an opportunity for organizations that were not familiar with either SNIA or the SMI-Lab effort to see what they are all about. Three organizations, with six attendees, received an orientation and had the opportunity to meet with the various company representatives to get feedback of the value of SMI and SMI-Lab. **Jim Davis, WS**, reported that a follow-up discussion with each organization resulted in positive feedback, with one organization stating it plans to join later this year. **James Rigger, SNIA**, reported that guests attended to get more exposure to SMI Lab and see how it was operating, to obtain information relative to what it takes to get a provider up and running, and to determine how to work with SMI-Lab to build a reference implementation.

A First-timer's impression, by Jess Lacy, Dot Hill:

"I had expected the plugfest to be a series of meetings discussing the nuances of CIM classes, various specifications and recipes.

Instead, the focus of the plugfest was to get work done. The main room was filled with collaborative energy as the various clients and vendors worked together to integrate.

My team wasn't able to join me at this plugfest, but many other vendors had a small team. I really think that to get full value from the plugfest, I need my team with me. Microsoft had plenty of people available to help with integration into their client."



May plugfest to be an international event!

Microsoft will host the next SMI-Lab plugfest on its Silicon Valley Campus in Mountain View, California and in Microsoft's China Shanghai Technology Park in Shanghai, China.

It's time to make plans to attend. The themes for the May plugfest will include remote replication, NAS management, and instance security.

SMI-Lab 14 Plugfest #3: May 19 - 22
Mountain View, CA, USA
and Shanghai, China

Register now...

Register at www.snia.org/smilab



SMI-Lab equipment in the SNIA Technology Center, accessed from Santa Clara

For information about SMI and SMI-Lab membership, visit www.snia.org/smi.

