



CIFS/SMB/SMB2 Plugfest Overview

Presentations are only part of what is going on at the SNIA's 2008 Storage Developers Conference. The CIFS/SMB/SMB2 Plugfest is also an integral part of the program. The purpose of this Plugfest is for vendors to bring their implementations of CIFS/SMB/SMB2 to test, identify, and fix bugs in a collaborative setting with the goal of providing a forum in which companies can develop interoperable products.

Previous Plugfest participants have included Apple, Broadcom, EMC, Sun, HP, NetApp, and the Samba Team. This year we are pleased to announce the full participation and support of Microsoft, our 2008 CIFS/SMB/SMB2 Plugfest underwriter. There is no participation fee; however, participants are responsible for shipping and any hotel drayage arrangements and charges, etc., regarding their equipment.

The SNIA provides and supports networks and infrastructure for the Plugfest, creating a collaborative framework for testing. The participants of the Plugfest work together to define the testing process, assuring that objectives are accomplished.

THE CIFS/SMB/SMB2 PLUGFEST OFFERS:

- The latest Windows client and server software from Microsoft Test suites that help verify interoperability on various features of CIFS/SMB/SMB2 protocols
- Technical support from CIFS/SMB/SMB2 engineers to look at traces and help with diagnosing problems
- Plugfest participants are covered by a [non-disclosure agreement](#) and entry is restricted to registrants only
- As in previous years, we will open the Plugfest to all SDC attendees as an open house for an insider's view

HOW YOUR COMPANY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S CIFS/SMB/SMB2 PLUGFEST:

Participation in the 2008 SDC CIFS/SMB/SMB2 Plugfest is complimentary for CIFS/SMB/SMB2 implementers. Each company is entitled to two full conference passes per platform or operating system represented. Please reference the [Plugfest Application and Agreement](#) for details.

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