

# SMI-Lab I 4 Plugfest #4

On August 18-21, 2014, the SMI-Lab held its first plugfest at the [SNIA Technology Center](#)'s new location in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

27 plugfest attendees were supported by several SNIA staff members.

## Participating Member Companies

- Cisco Systems
- Dell Compellent
- Dot Hill Systems
- EMC
- Futurewei Technology
- Hewlett-Packard
- Hitachi Ltd.
- Hitachi Data Systems
- Inova Development
- Microsoft
- NetApp
- Nimble Storage
- WS



## Microsoft team: Recognizing the value of SMI-CTP

**Hector Linares, Microsoft**, reported on the goals for the eight-member team from Microsoft. The team ran tests with partners in attendance, preparing for private and public preview for Virtual Machine Manager, making sure "all the partners' check boxes are green." One of Hector's messages: "We need SMI-S to support customers' needs."



Hector worked closely with James Rigger, SMI-CTP Programs Manager, and stated, "Microsoft is working very closely to the CTP Program; there is a lot of value in the program...CTP says what is guaranteed to work."



Denny Zhao, EMC, with colleagues Paul Lapomardo and Rich Roscoe

## Goal list: all completed



"Perfect so far." That was the report from **Denny Zhao, EMC**, who traveled from Shanghai, China, to his first plugfest in the U.S. "In the first two days, I resolved two issues that have existed for a long time" by talking with **James Rigger, SNIA**, and **Jerry Duggan, SAV Innovations**. He thanked

**John Malia, SNIA**, for helping with paperwork to ship new equipment to the SMI-Lab. His "biggest progress" was integration with Microsoft. Denny stated that he had checked off everything on his goal list. The most valuable part of the Plugfest:—"Resolving issues with other partners."

## Attendee Appreciation Dinner



**Plan ahead...**  
**2014-15 Plugfests**

- October 20-23
- December 1-4
- January 19-22
- March 9-12

**Next plugfest...**

**SMI-Lab I 4 Plugfest #5**  
**October 20-23, 2014**  
**SNIA Tech Center and Huawei**  
**Chengdu Research Center, China.**  
**Register at [www.snia.org/smilab](http://www.snia.org/smilab)**

For information about SMI and SMI-Lab membership, visit [www.snia.org/smi](http://www.snia.org/smi).



Plugfest attendees next to the SNIA Tech Center, with Pikes Peak just barely in view

**August Plugfest Themes:**  
Infrastructure class security, Indications

## Plugfest Highlights

- PRP Discussion
- "Getting Started Guide" session
- Open Pegasus: next release
- Open discussion on CIM-RS
- Bug/SCR follow-up
- SMI Marketing update
- Plugfest attendee appreciation dinner

## What's the Value of a Plugfest?

- **Bing Cai, Futurewei:** "In person, we can accomplish so much more than remotely; we can just pull out a white board. It's very important to meet in person."
- **Nilesh Maheshwari, NetApp (shown with Abhishek Hemrajani, Microsoft):** "We needed to make sure that our provider works with Microsoft Azure Site Recovery."
- **John Mendonca, HP:** "I can find out what's going on with SMI-S. All the key players are in place." A major accomplishment: "I found solutions to bugs!"
- **Pablo Martinez Lerin and Jun Nakajima, Hitachi:** "If we are here, we can get answers from Microsoft quickly and build relationships—from time to time, seeing the face is nice!"
- **Amol Lele, Nimble Storage:** "The support we get in four days of a plugfest—we make tremendous progress." Amol has been to every plugfest since Nimble joined SMI-Lab in August 2013.

