SMI-Lab 12 Plugfest #4

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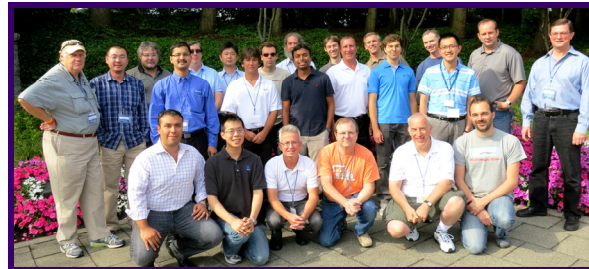**O**n **August 6-9, 2012,** the SMI-Lab held its fourth plugfest of the year. Microsoft hosted this plugfest in the Enterprise Engineering Center (EEC) at their Redmond, Washington campus. With 43 people registered, the plugfest was a success!

August Plugfest Themes
- NAS ACL Security
- Security

Note to Microsoft: Thanks for hosting!

The August plugfest marked the first time an SMI-Lab plugfest was held at a location other than the SNIA Tech Center in Colorado Springs. Earlier this year, Microsoft's Madhu Jujare and Hector Linares, who have become regular plugfest attendees, submitted a proposal for Microsoft to host the plugfest on the campus of their headquarters near Seattle, Washington. Attendees reported that 8-10 Microsoft team members were available on site each day to work one-on-one with visiting attendees. The Microsoft facility was great, and attendees appreciated seeing each day's schedule on TV monitors. Attendees also liked visiting the Microsoft company store!

SNIA hosted a plugfest appreciation dinner.

WHY AT MICROSOFT?
Madhu Jujare, Alex Naparu, and Vijay Vijay-Chegu explain.
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"*Hosting the plugfest offered an opportunity for multiple Microsoft product groups to work with plugfest attendees on testing SMI compatible clients – Windows Server 2012, File Server Management, and Virtual Machine Manager.*"

"*Combining the hardware at SNIA's Tech Center and at Microsoft's Engineering Center allowed plugfest attendees a great opportunity to test in parallel with multiple clients, proving to be very productive.*"

Reports from the plugfest

Peter Lamanna, EMC: "We were not just looking at current issues; Microsoft gave us a look ahead, and that was good to know." Peter reported working with the VMM team: "We got to run through the automation tests provided by Microsoft., and there was good access to the lab, with everything installed and configured on the latest builds of SCVMM. We were very happy with what we were able to accomplish that week."

Jim Davis, WBEM Solutions, who led the plugfest, reported, "Everybody I talked to said it was very productive, and they got what they came for. It was good to know how far along they (the Microsoft teams) are." Jim's assessment of Jeff Goldner's installation presentation was positive: "Very helpful, straightforward and to the point."

Plugfest Presentations

- **Best Practices for Installing an SMI-S Provider on Windows**
  - Jeff Goldner, Microsoft

- **System Center FC Fabric Management Demo**
  - Madhu Jujare, Microsoft

- **Pegasus Status**
  - Karl Schopmeyer, Inova Development

Remaining 2012 Plugfests
#5 - Oct. 22-25
#6 - Dec. 3-6

Register now...

SMI-Lab 12 Plugfest #5:
Oct. 22-25, 2012, SNIA Tech Center
Register at www.snia.org/smilab

Proposed themes:
NAS, Role-based authorization

It's not too early to plan for next year...
Plugfest #1 - January 21-24, 2013
Plugfest #2 - March 4-7, 2013
Plugfest #3 - May 20-23, 2013
Plugfest #4 - August 19-22, 2013
Plugfest #5 - October 14-17, 2013
Plugfest #6 - December 2-5, 2013

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