

SMI-Lab 13 Plugfest #4

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A great turn-out and beautiful weather in Colorado!

On August 19-22, 2013, the SMI-Lab held its fourth plugfest of the year at the [SNIA Technology Center](#) in Colorado Springs, with over 30 attendees from 14 companies.

Participating Companies

- Dell Compellent
- Dot Hill
- EMC Corp.
- Hewlett-Packard
- Huawei
- IBM
- Microsoft
- NetApp Inc.
- Nimble Storage
- Red Hat
- Inova Development
- WS, Inc.
- SAV Innovations, Inc.
- SNIA



August Plugfest Themes

- FQL • NAS
- Indications

Eric Sun, Huawei, comments on his first plugfest: "a good opportunity to test integration between SMI-S client products with Huawei devices. It provides Huawei good opportunities for our Integrating and Integrated strategy, and helps create an eco-system for Huawei IT business."

Madhu Jujare, one of six **Microsoft** attendees—and always ready to help with a smile—works with **Eric Sun, Huawei**.



For a complete list of SMI-Lab member companies, see www.snia.org/smilab.

SMI-Lab Welcomes Red Hat

Tony Asleson, Red Hat, reported that he is "making a lot of contacts and finding out who I should be talking to, and that in itself is quite valuable." He appreciated the face-to-face aspect: "I've been able to run some tests with our client software, and when issues have come up, it's very convenient to be able to walk over to the person directly and get information and a possible fix." He wished that Red Hat had joined SMI-Lab sooner. He welcomed the opportunity to provide input about the SMI-S specification. "I'm guessing Red Hat will get more and more involved. We're having some hardware delivered here shortly."



A First for SMI-Lab: Huawei to host the October plugfest in U.S.A. and China!
October 21-24, 2013

Santa Clara, California, USA, and ChengDu, China
Register at www.snia.org/smilab.

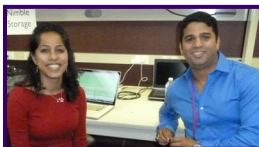


August Plugfest Meetings

- Thin provisioning for NAS
- NAS status
- Bug/SCR follow-up (daily)
- SMI marketing update
- Appreciation dinner



New SMI and SMI-Lab Member, Nimble Storage



Nimble Storage recently joined the SMI-Lab and sent three representative to the plugfest: **Khushboo Sancheti, Amol Lele, and Michael Goldstrom** (not pictured).

Amol reported that by the end of the first two days, most of his questions had been answered, and they had "reached one of our milestones—to provision a volume." He appreciated being able to "totally focus." Khushboo likened the plugfest to "being around a community. There is only so much you can do over email." One goal was to perform initial discovery of objects through their provider for the Microsoft System Center. They also reported receiving answers to their questions about Pegasus and CiMPLE.

Upcoming Plugfests

- **October 21-24, 2013**
Santa Clara, CA and ChengDu, China
Themes: NAS, indications
- **January 20-23, 2014**
SNIA Technology Center, CO Springs

For information about SMI and SMI-Lab membership, contact **Tom Mancuso** (tom.mancuso@snia.org) or visit www.snia.org/smi.

Attendees speak...

~**Yizhi Gao, IBM**, who traveled from China for her first plugfest: "We have weekly calls with Microsoft, but it is nothing like face-to-face communication, and an author of Replication Services (**Mike Hadavi, EMC**) is here, so we can have quick discussions with him." ~**Jerry Yuan, IBM**, also from China on his first trip to the USA: "Jim (Davis) and Karl (Schopmeyer) gave me valuable suggestions about what we should do next...we can plan how to implement SMI-S." ~**Dan Barber, HP**, is "brand new to this SMI-S world. Mostly I'm here to absorb and learn." ~**Amit Virmani, Microsoft**: "Things get done much faster—you find an issue, and it gets fixed immediately. We focused on the Replication Services Profile and interoperability testing with Windows Server 2012 R2 Preview and System Center 2012 R2 Preview."



Mark your calendar...

Jim Davis leads weekly SMI-Lab 13 phone meetings.
Wed., 10:00 AM Pacific time