SMI-Lab 12 Plugfest #2

On March 26 - 29, 2012, the SMI-Lab held its second plugfest of the year at the SNIA Technology Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Participating Companies

- *Dot Hill Systems*
- *EMC*
- *Hewlett-Packard*
- *IBM*
- *Inova Development*
- *Microsoft*
- *NetApp*
- *SAV Innovations*
- *SNIA*
- *WBEM Solutions*

March Plugfest Themes:

- **NAS**
- **Security**
- **Indications (follow-up)**

Microsoft reported "excellent results" for all three themes. "NAS was a huge part of the effort put in by Microsoft with NetApp and EMC." - Hector Linares, Microsoft

Dot Hill and HP: Well represented—and busy with Microsoft

Dot Hill Systems was well represented by Loyd Shindelbower, Marty Flanders, Mike Smith, and Thiru Kumar (a Hewlett-Packard employee working as a Dot Hill partner on the HP P2000 MSA team). Per Marty, a first-time attendee, "Mike, Loyd, and Thiru worked hard to run and qualify new Dot Hill products with the SMI-S 1.5 provider. We appreciated all of the help from the SNIA team as well as Microsoft and others!" Loyd noted that "Scott, myself, and Thiru were busy working on the Windows 8 interface. Microsoft scripted a series of tests for us to run with full printed directions. They then followed up with us and answered questions that popped up. In addition, they had help standing by in Redmond for after-hour questions." Attending from Microsoft—all with prior plugfest experience—were Hector Linares, Alex Naparu, and Madhu Jujare. Hector noted that "it was a very productive week with the HP LeftHand team as well."

What was on the agenda?

Attendees spent the majority of their time in company workstation areas, adjacent to those of other companies. The group also gathered regularly for other activities:

- Plugfest Kick-off Meeting
- Plugfest Appreciation Dinner (offsite)
- Status Meetings
- SMI TSG – SMI-S 2.0 Proposal Meeting
- Bug/SCR follow-up meetings
- SMI Marketing Update

HP: Winner, best attendance

The plugfest welcomed four attendees from Hewlett-Packard:

- From the HP LeftHand team: Robert Hazel, Aditya Sawhney, Scott Spivak
- From the HP P2000 MSA (Dot Hill) team: Thiru Kumar

First-time attendees comment:

"Everybody should come at least once!"
That's what first-time attendee *Lee VanTine, EMC,* reported. He also said, "It was fun and productive—very beneficial. I got a chance to meet people face-to-face that I only get to meet by email."

Marty Flanders, Dot Hill, expressed positive feedback, too: "Everyone was very kind and friendly to me on my first visit. I was especially appreciative to James Rigger and Tom Mancuso (*SNIA staff*) for giving me an overview, and for their warm welcome!"

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SMI-Lab 12 Plugfest #3
May 21-24, 2012

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Themes:
NAS, Indications Scalability, Fabric

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2012 Plugfest Schedule

#1 - Jan. 30 - Feb. 2
#2 - March 26-29
#3 - May 21-24
#4 - August 6-9
#5 - Oct. 22-25
#6 - Dec. 3-6 (if needed)

Location: SNIA Technology Center