SMI-Lab 13 Plugfest #2

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On March 4-7, 2013, the SMI-Lab held its second plugfest of the year. Microsoft hosted this plugfest in the Enterprise Engineering Center (EEC) at their Redmond, Washington campus.

Participating Companies

These SMI-Lab member companies attended:

- Brocade
- Cisco Systems
- Dell Compellent
- EMC
- FalconStor
- Hewlett Packard
- Hitachi Data Systems
- Inova Development
- IntelliMagic
- Microsoft
- NetApp
- SNIA
- WS

Feedback about SMI-S—from IntelliMagic and Microsoft

Jim Davis, SMI-Lab Chair, reported that he received client feedback from both IntelliMagic and Microsoft asking to strengthen the SMI-S specification.

Microsoft explained that they had seen performance issues with SMI-S that could be addressed with some changes to the specification.

Brett Allison, IntelliMagic, presented about the SMI-S Block Server Performance Profile and planned to discuss it in an upcoming DRM meeting. Brett requested that some properties become mandatory. IntelliMagic is a world leader in Storage Performance Management software solutions. Its headquarters are in Leiden, Netherlands, with a US office in Dallas, TX. The SMI-Lab was happy to see their return to a plugfest.

March Plugfest Events

- *SMI Lab CTP and WHCK Synergy discussion*
- *Getting Started (...with SMI-S) discussion*
- *Trade Shows/Demo for MMS - Jim Davis, WS, Hector Linares, Microsoft*
- *SMI-S Block Server Performance Sub-profile presentation - Brett Allison, IntelliMagic*
- *Bug/SCR follow-ups (daily)*
- *SMI Marketing update - Troy Biegger, WS*
- *Offloaded Data Transfer discussion*
- *Plugfest Attendee Appreciation Dinner*

March Plugfest Themes:

- *NAS & security*
- *Indications*
- *MMS demos*
- *Fabric management*
- *Infrastructure updates (server management, proxy management, provider capabilities, security)*
- *Replication - sync mirroring*

Madhu Jujare was one of over a dozen members of various Microsoft product groups in attendance at the plugfest.
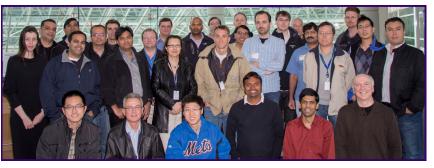
THANKS FOR HOSTING, MICROSOFT!

Hector Linares, Microsoft, helped with plugfest logistics. He is a frequent plugfest participant and was recently honored with an SMI Outstanding Contributor Award for 2012.

James Rigger, SNIA Conformance Testing Programs Manager, was on site to address CTP questions.

Plan ahead.

2013 Plugfests:

May 20-23
August 19-22
October 14-17
December 2-5

Register now...

SMI-Lab 13 Plugfest #3
May 20-23, 2013
SNIA Tech Center
Register at
www.snia.org/smilab

Proposed theme:
- Role Based Authorization

Submit theme requests to SMI-Lab Chair, Jim Davis, smilab13-chair@snia.org

SMI-Lab Meetings
Jim Davis leads weekly SMI-Lab 13 teleconference meetings. Mark your calendar:
Wednesdays 10:00 AM Pacific time

Jay Xu, EMC, *won the travel award; he came from China. Jay focused on NAS-related issues.*

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