On May 20-23, 2013, the SMI-Lab held its third plugfest of the year at the SNIA Technology Center in Colorado Springs.

May Plugfest Theme: ROLE-BASED ACCESS

May Plugfest Meetings/Events
- Profile Registration Issues Discussion
- CMPI Spec Discussion
- Proxy Discussion
- Open Pegasus Features Update
- Bug/SCR Follow-ups (daily)
- TLS Changes Discussion
- SMI Marketing Update
- Plugfest Attendee Appreciation Dinner
- iSCSI Issues Discussion

Hewlett Packard here to be "ahead of the game"

Walt Crowley, HP, has been working in the storage industry for just eight months. "There is a lot of knowledge gained just being at these events," he said. "We work closely with Microsoft right now—so just sitting in the same room, being able to go ask them, have them come see the issue—is huge. We are integrating Microsoft's system, VMM, to use our storage, so that's our goal, to finish up that, and we are very close to done with that portion. Being at the plugfest gives us a leg-up of understanding...to be ahead of the game regarding changes proposed by Microsoft re providers."

Nilesh Maheshwari, NetApp, gave this report of his plugfest activities: (1) Worked with Microsoft to test our latest provider that has support for our "latest and greatest" firmware ON-TAP 8.2 Cmode. (2) Worked with Karl to resolve some Pegasus issues in our Indication Module. (3) Worked with John to clean up our rack and update new firmware on our arrays.

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More quotes
- Rich Roscoe, EMC, commented on the plugfest theme (role-based access control): "RBAC is becoming more important for EMC in our clients in general because in a given installation of our provider, we may have several different types of clients that are accessing. With RBAC, you can say what the user is allowed to do...to avoid mistakes."
- Raj Balwani, Microsoft: "You can get things done in a smaller chunk of time. You can meet all the people you've been talking to. We had to test some of the features we are implementing—with Cisco, EMC, HP, NetApp, and Hitachi. We are doing some stress testing with Cisco."
- Karl Schopmeyer, Inova: "Updates to the CMPI Spec will be available later this summer."
- SungWhan Woo, Dot Hill, first-time plugfest attendee, was impressed with the arrays in the lab. "My main goal is to make our array a rock-solid product. Jim and James are helping me."