

SMI-Lab I4 Plugfest #3

On May 19-22, 2014, the SMI-Lab was again truly **international**—and **well attended**! Microsoft hosted parallel plugfests in its Silicon Valley Campus in Mountain View, California and the Microsoft China Shanghai Technology Park in Shanghai, China. The plugfest had one of SMI-Lab's highest attendance counts—with about 70 attending in person, including 20 in Shanghai.



Plugfest attendees in Mountain View, California



Plugfest attendees in Shanghai, China

Participating Member Companies

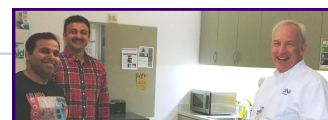
- Cisco Systems
- Dell Compellent
- Dot Hill Systems
- EMC
- Fujitsu
- Futurewei Technology
- Hewlett-Packard
- Hitachi Ltd.
- Hitachi Data Systems
- Huawei
- IBM
- Inova Development
- Microsoft
- NetApp
- Nimble Storage
- Red Hat
- SNIA
- Virtual Instruments
- WS

Thank you for hosting, Microsoft!

May Plugfest Highlights

- Daily dual meeting: Mountain View/Shanghai, late afternoon, California time
- Client Issues – Extent composition & operational status, also open discussion
- NAS encryption
- Open Pegasus status
- Introducing the concept of an application storage group
- File System Replication Profile
- SMI Marketing update
- Plugfest attendee appreciation dinner
- "Open" day for prospective SMI-Lab member companies

"...three different time zones"



James, right, jokes with Siva Kotapati and Amit Virmani of Microsoft.

James Rigger, Conformance Testing Programs (CTP) Manager at SNIA attended in Mountain View.

"We had a video link which was very useful for having each of the groups be able to associate a face to the voices and names they hear so often. We also had participants from Washington and Colorado, so we were virtually meeting in three different time zones.

We were able to discuss some technical issues that SMI-S clients would like to have addressed so that SMI-S would be easier to work with."

May Plugfest Themes: Remote Replication, NAS Management

First-timer report: Cisco's Michael Ayres

Michael Ayres, Cisco, attended his first plugfest, in Mountain View, with returning colleague, **Makarand Deshmukh**. Mike reports:

"I had a great time at the plugfest. My plan was simply to meet a few folks, ask some questions, and get some traces. All successfully completed. The host (Microsoft) was quite gracious, and the spaces comfortable. I would suggest that new member registration include a recommendation to get lab access set up before an event."



Mike Ayres, right, with Makarand Deshmukh in the Cisco workspace

Next plugfest...

SMI-Lab I4 Plugfest #4

August 18 - 21, 2014

[SNIA Tech Center](http://www.snia.org/smilab)

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www.snia.org/smilab

Plan ahead.

2014 Plugfests:

- August 18 - 21
- October 20 - 23
- December 1 - 4

Meetings in Shanghai



The plugfest is...

"...a great opportunity for companies to collaborate on addressing storage management problems. Attendees learn about SMI and SMI-S hands on.

The event is great for developers and testers alike. Based on our experience, the plugfest is all about productivity. Four days at a plugfest replaces months of emails and conference calls."

- **Hector Linares, Principal Program Manager at Microsoft**, attendee in Shanghai



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