**SMI-Lab 16 Plugfest #1**

**On December 7-10, 2015,** Microsoft hosted the first plugfest of SMI-Lab 2016—at the Microsoft Times Square office, New York City.

*Thanks for Hosting, Microsoft!*

**Participating SMI Companies**
- Dell
- EMC
- HPE
- Inova Development
- Microsoft
- NetApp
- Nimble Storage
- Pure Storage
- SNIA
- Tintri
- VMTurbo

**This plugfest did not stand alone.**
Also scheduled for the same time/location:
- SNIA Scalable Storage Management (SSM) Technical Working Group discussions and planning sessions

**Plugfest Themes**
- SMI 1.7 Alert and lifecycle indications
- SMI 1.7 Replication services

**EMC’s Rich Roscoe Reports**

**Rich Roscoe, EMC,** has been a loyal participant of plugfests for many years. Here is a report of his activities.

"EMC attended the December Plugfest for both the SMI and SSM Meetings. On the SMI Front, I got to meet Rich Hammond of VMTurbo and spent some time with Rich going over the VMTurbo SMI-S traversal algorithms. As a result, VMTurbo made some changes which produced a significant improvement in total query execution time. It would be great if additional clients would attend the SNIA Plugfests so these sorts of activities can occur.

I also reviewed the Microsoft Indication document versus the Indications they actually subscribe for and provided the results of that comparison to Microsoft for further analysis. I also got up to speed on the Microsoft System Center 2016 SMI-S related changes. On the SSM front, I participated in the meetings and plan on participating in the SNIA SSM TWG as a follow-on activity."

**First Plugfest for VMTurbo**

**Rich Hammond, VMTurbo,** reported his experience as a first-timer:

"I had a good experience. It was the first Plugfest any representative of VMTurbo attended. The location was very convenient to our development offices, just opened in August, a few blocks down from the Microsoft office.

Our goal: Our software is a client using SMI-S, and I wanted to make connections with the provider developers. I verified that our software could connect to the SMI-S providers for most of the systems in the lab. I received useful feedback from Richard Roscoe, EMC, who made suggestions to improve our queries by using features of SMI-S that we had overlooked. I found it useful to hear what people in the storage industry were thinking about."

**Team-building!**
Attendees enjoyed a plugfest appreciation dinner, courtesy of the SNIA.

**Plan ahead.**

**2016 Plugfests**
- Feb. 22-25
- April 4-7
- May 23-26
- August 22-25
- October 3-6

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