



SA Forum Quarterly Newsletter

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The Service Availability Forum™ is a consortium of industry-leading communications and computing companies working together to foster an ecosystem that enables the use of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) building blocks in the creation of high availability network infrastructure products, systems and services.

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President's Message

Within the first few months of 2008, the SA Forum has continued to gain momentum with several exciting announcements and activities. We announced our newly elected 2008 Officers as well as introduced a JAVA white paper (see free download information below). In 2008, the SA Forum members are working hard on the next release of our enhanced specifications with plans to publish later this year. We are also updating our education material and plan to offer educational sessions to both SA Forum members and non-members alike.

The SA Forum continues to actively participate with other organizations to help foster the COTS ecosystem. In 2007, the SA Forum and the Communications Platforms Trade Association (CP-TA) announced a liaison agreement to drive the interoperability and certification of COTS products for the telecommunications industry. We also maintain close working relationships with industry groups through the Mountain View Alliance, and continue to engage with the SCOPE Alliance to provide and receive feedback on work related to middleware specifications.

At the recent MVACEC 2008, several SA Forum members showcased product demonstrations that implemented our specifications. We are scheduled to participate in upcoming industry events, including ISAS 2008 and the MicroTCA Summit in May. Thank you for your continued support of the forum in furthering our growth and keeping up this great momentum! I am looking forward to a very productive year ahead of us.

Regards,
Asif Naseem
SA Forum President
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JAVA Usage of the SA Forum Log Service White Paper – Free Download

The SA Forum has specified interfaces for highly available software. The Application Interface Specification (AIS) defines the interface between applications and the middleware providing service availability within a cluster to enable a system with no single point of failure.

AIS has been defined using the C language conventions. The purpose of this document is to define how JAVA applications can use the AIS Log Service.

To download the free JAVA white paper, please [visit](#) the SA Forum Web site.

SA Forum Education Workshop

Save the date! The upcoming SA Forum Education Workshop will be held on May 16, 2008 in conjunction with ISAS and the SA Forum Members Meeting. This tutorial will include an informational overview session on the SA Forum. It will also showcase the SA Forum education training materials that were designed to enable self-guided training and accelerate understanding of the SA Forum specifications. If you are interested in attending the education workshop please respond to SA Forum administration at admin@saforum.org by Wednesday, May 7, 2008.

Date: May 16, 2008
Time: 9:00am
Location: University of Tokyo
4-6-1 Komaba, Meguro-ku, Tokyo
153-8904 Japan

Upcoming SA Forum Events

SA Forum Members Meeting

Hosted by University of Tokyo
May 14-16, 2008
Tokyo, Japan

International Service Availability Symposium (ISAS) 2008 – Registration Now Open!

The 5th International Service Availability Symposium
May 19-21, 2008
Komaba Convention Hall, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

[Registration](#) for ISAS 2008 is now open! The 5th Annual International Service Availability Symposium brings together researchers and practitioners from different “service” related areas within both industry and academia.

Call for Fast Abstracts

Fast Abstracts at ISAS 2008 are short presentations, either on new ideas or work in progress, or opinion pieces that can address any issue relevant to service availability. Fast Abstracts provide an opportunity to introduce new work, or present radical opinions and receive early feedback from the community. Contributions are particularly solicited from industrial practitioners and academics that may not have been able to prepare full papers, but seek an opportunity to engage with the ISAS community.

Submissions: April 18, 2008

Deadline: April 22, 2008

For more information on the call for Fast Abstracts, please click [here](#).

For more information on ISAS 2008, please visit the SA Forum [ISAS 2008](#) page.

MicroTCA Summit 2008

May 28-30, 2008
Marriot Westfields
Chantilly, Virginia
SA Forum Booth #114

The MicroTCA Summit will be taking place at the Marriott Westfields in Chantilly, Virginia on May 28-30 and will bring together vendors and end-users to discuss the latest practical information and trends regarding MicroTCA.

SA Forum members will be presenting at this year's Summit. Be sure to check out the following sessions:

- "Hardware platform management," Mark Overgaard, Pigeon Point Systems
- "Pulling it all together," Rod Anliker, Emerson Network Power
- "OpenSAF – accelerating the transition for base platform middleware," John Fryer, Emerson Network Power
- "Virtualization: the bridge to Carrier Grade Linux and COTS adoption," Glenn Seiler, Wind River
- "Chassis and platform management," Mark Overgaard, Pigeon Point Systems
- "System management middleware," Asif Naseem, GoAhead Software
- "Achieving service availability for MicroTCA applications," Terry Pearson, Enea

For more information about MicroTCA Summit 2008 or to register, please visit

www.microtcasummit.com.

Recent News

- SA Forum Press Releases:
 - [SA Forum Announces 2008 Officers and Further Strengthens Industry Position through Increase Membership](#)
- Articles
 - [SA Forum carrier-grade COTS ecosystem goal reaches critical mass, Asif Naseem, CompactPCI and AdvancedTCA Systems](#)
 - [Traversing the Telecom Standards Maze, Stuart Jamieson, CommsDesign](#)
 - [Achieving high availability and management with the latest standard COTS technologies, Asif Naseem, CompactPCI and AdvancedTCA Systems](#)

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