



## **SA Forum Quarterly Newsletter**

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 building blocks in the creation of high availability network infrastructure products, systems and services.

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### **President's Message**

Welcome to the SA Forum Newsletter! The SA Forum has a lot of exciting activity planned for 2007 and we'll keep you informed with this quarterly newsletter.

As the newly elected SA Forum president for 2007, I am looking forward to a productive year with the SA Forum. We've begun the year with the release of our newly enhanced specifications. These enhancements make it easier for users to implement the specifications while maintaining backwards compatibility. Throughout 2007, we plan to add additional capabilities such as software management and Java extensions.

This year, we are also kicking off an education program that will make it easier for you to learn more about our specifications and implementation. We will also be showcasing the ever-increasing number of SA Forum solutions available on the market.

I look forward to working with all of you throughout the year.

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SA Forum President  
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### **Enhanced SA Forum Specifications – Now Available!**

The SA Forum has announced the release of newly enhanced specifications: Application Interface Specification (AIS) B.03 and Hardware Platform Interface (HPI) B.02. The new specifications include added services and functional updates, and offer a richer set of features for both AIS and HPI, while maintaining backwards compatibility with previous SA Forum specifications. These enhancements have been developed by SA Forum member companies with input from the community of implementers.

To learn more about the new specifications, please visit <http://www.saforum.org/specification/>.  
Download AIS B.03 and HPI B.02: <http://www.saforum.org/specification/download/>

### **New - SA Forum Products Page**

Find the latest "SA Forum Solutions" on the new Product Page! This Web page features information about products from companies that utilize SA Forum specifications. You'll find products from Augmentix, Fujitsu Siemens Computers, GoAhead Software, HP, IBM, Intel, Nortel, OpenClovis, and Sun Microsystems. Check back as companies continue to add products to this

listing.

View the [SA Forum Products page!](#)

### **SA Forum Education Opportunities**

Make plans now to attend this SA Forum tutorial, being held in conjunction with ISAS and the SA Forum members meeting. This afternoon event will introduce the principles of High Availability design and show how these principles can be applied for the development and maintenance of systems.

Tutorial: [Principles of HA Design for Planners](#)

Presenter: András Kövi, Budapest University of Technology Economics, Hungary

Date: May 22, 2007

Time: 3:30 – 7:00 pm

Following International Service Availability Symposium (ISAS) 2007

Location: University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, USA

### **SA Forum 2007 Projects**

The SA Forum has a lot of exciting activities planned for 2007. Join the SA Forum to contribute to specification work and to participate in the promotion of the COTS ecosystem.

Technical Work:

- Software management
- Java extensions
- Security

Marketing Work:

- Education program
- Industry outreach

### **Upcoming SA Forum Events**



#### **Mountain View Alliance Communications Ecosystem Conference 2007 (MVACEC)**

**February 28 – March 1, 2007**

**San Diego Bay, CA**

[www.mvacec.com](http://www.mvacec.com)

#### **What:**

- Companies from MVA member organizations in a conference focused on the issues surrounding the evolution of the commercial, off-the-shelf (COTS) implementation in the telecommunication and wireless infrastructure. (See [www.mountainviewalliance.org](http://www.mountainviewalliance.org))
- Conference includes education sessions, interactive round table discussions as well as presentations from technology and business leaders

#### **Who:**

- MVA member companies, including SA Forum, CP-TA, SCOPE Alliance, Optical Internetworking Forum, PICMG, OCAF and the RapidIO Trade Association
- Industry experts will be presenting and leading discussions
- Audience will include Service Providers, Network Equipment Providers, and other users and suppliers of high availability equipment such as carriers and large enterprises

[View list of SA Forum presentations at MVACEC.](#)

**International Service Availability Symposium (ISAS) 2007**  
**University of New Hampshire**  
**Durham, New Hampshire, USA**  
**May 21-22, 2007**

The Service Availability Forum™ will host the fourth annual International Service Availability Symposium at the University of New Hampshire, May 21-22, 2007. The objective of ISAS 2007 is to bring together researchers and practitioners from different “service” related areas within both industry and academia. Individuals are especially encouraged to submit original papers addressing problems of service availability at all layers.

For more information, please visit the SA Forum [ISAS 2007](#) page.

**Recent News**

- SA Forum Press Releases:
  - [SA Forum Announces the Release of AIS B.03 and HPI B.02](#)
  - [SA Forum Solidifies Industry Position with Growing Number of Commercially Available Solutions](#)
- Articles
  - Feb 2007 [SA Forum Interface Specifications - An Introduction, \*Telecommunications Magazine\*](#)
  - Oct/Nov 2006 [Implementing High-Availability Middleware on ATCA - Step-by-Step, \*RTC Magazine\*](#)
  - Oct 2006 [SA Forum HPI and AIS Specifications, \*ATCA Newsletter\*](#)

**Member Spotlight**

The following member companies joined SA Forum during 2006:

- [Enea](#)
- [Performance Technologies](#)
- [Sybase](#)
- [VadaTech](#)
- [Xeround Systems](#)

Welcome new members!

**Join SA Forum**

SA Forum members enjoy the benefits of early access to draft specifications, company recognition on SA Forum marketing materials, and the ability to register products in the SA Product Registry.

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