



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

Today we announced Release 5 of our specifications. I'd like to personally thank all of the hardworking members of the technical work group that contributed to this release. Learn more about the details of this release below.

The Forum has stayed steadily active throughout the second half of 2007. AIS (Application Interface Specification) continues to show increased traction in the market, and we're now seeing multiple AIS implementations in middleware become commercially available. In the upcoming months we will also see equipment manufactures providing applications that utilize the AIS specifications. We are very excited about the increasing traction of SA Forum specification implementation. The self-guided education materials, released earlier this year, continue to provide a great benefit to companies implementing our specs. We're now hearing about training programs being designed around these lessons.

We had a great presence at AdvancedTCA Summit Europe this September, at which our several SA Forum sessions enjoyed great attendance. New members continue to join our efforts – the latest of which include application companies. Many of our current member companies implement our specs, but we're now adding to our roster companies that utilize products that implement SA Forum specs, like Sonus and *embeddedMIND*, and Tail-f.

If you're planning to attend ATCA Summit, please stop by the SA Forum booth and say hello. Or, feel free to contact me if you'd like to schedule an appointment to meet with me at the show. Let's continue to make 2007 a strong year for the Forum.

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Release 5 Specs – Download Free Now!

SA Forum announces Release 5, the latest version of SA Forum specifications, which introduces new features and functionality. Highlights include the introduction of Software Management Framework, Security Service, and Java functionality. Enhancements and updates were made to the Application Management Framework, Checkpoint service, Information Model Management, XMI System model files, and Overview specification.

[Learn more about Release 5](#)

[**Download the new, free specifications**](#)

HPI Compliance Suite

The SA Forum released the HPI B.01.01 Compliance Suite, its first ever compliance suite, in early August. This test suite provides users a clear indication of their conformance to the HPI specification. Anyone can execute this test suite in house and provide the results to the SA Forum for auditing.

Products that pass the compliance test suite will be posted on the SA Forum Web site.

[Download the free HPI Compliance Suite now.](#)

SA Forum and CP-TA Sign Liaison Agreement

SA Forum and the Communications Platforms Trade Association (CP-TA) recently signed a liaison agreement. Working together, these two organizations will benefit each other and the industry. CP-TA plans to leverage SA Forum's HPI specification and compliance test suite in the creation of interoperability documents, which will enable companies adopting SA Forum specifications to test their conformance to the specifications.

[Learn more about the SA Forum and CP-TA Liaison Agreement](#)

Upcoming Events

AdvancedTCA Summit

October 16-18, 2007
Santa Clara Convention Center
Santa Clara, CA

Visit the SA Forum at Booth 215

SA Forum member companies at AdvancedTCA Summit:

- Astute Networks – Booth 104
- Continuous Computing – Booth 309
- Emerson Network Power – Booths 118 & 120
- Enea – Booths 210 & 214
- GoAhead Software – Booths 207 & 209
- IBM – Booth 221
- Intel – Booths 203 & 205
- Motorola – Booths 301 & 303
- NEC – Booth 115
- OpenClovis – Booth 308
- Performance Technologies – Booth 206
- Pigeon Point Systems – Booth 200
- RadiSys – Booth 202
- Wind River – Booth 407

For more information about the summit, please visit www.AdvancedTCASummit.com.

SA Forum Members Meeting

Hosted by Intel
December 4-6, 2007
Portland, OR

Mountain View Alliance Communications Ecosystem Conference 2008

March 11-12, 2008
South San Francisco Convention Center
San Francisco, CA
www.mvacec.com – Call for Presentations available now!

Recent News

- SA Forum Press Releases:
 - [SA Forum's Release 5 Specifications Address Critical Areas of Security, Software Management and JAVA Integration](#)

- [SA Forum and CP-TA Team Up to Drive Interoperable COTS Products](#)
- [New Members Reflect Growing Adoption of SA Forum Specifications](#)
- [Mountain View Alliance Opens 2008 Conference Call for Presentations](#)
- [SA Forum Introduces HPI B.01.01 Compliance Test Suite](#)
- [Mountain View Alliance Announces 2008 Communications Events and Keynotes](#)

- Articles
 - [Open standards – working together](#)
 - [Latest Specifications from SA Forum Enhance Middleware Services](#)
 - [SA Forum Adds Tail-f](#)
 - [How Standards-Based Middleware Enhances AdvancedTCA and MicroTCA Platforms – Ernie Bergstrom, Crystal Cube Consulting](#)
 - [Standards and Telecommunications – Dr. Dobb's Journal](#)

Member Spotlight

The SA Forum welcomes its newest members:

- [Astute Networks](#)
- [Continuous Computing](#)
- [Tail-f Systems](#)

SA Forum Workgroup Projects

The SA Forum continues to work on many exciting activities during 2007. Join the SA Forum and bring your potential projects and ideas, contribute to specification work and participate in the promotion of the COTS ecosystem.

Technical Work:

- Software management
- Platform Management
- Java mapping
- Security
- Modular HPI

Marketing Work:

- Education program
- Industry outreach
- Reference Application Development

To download the most current SA Forum specifications, please visit www.saforum.org/specification.

Join SA Forum

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