

SERVICE AVAILABILITY™ FORUM

Open Specifications for Service Availability

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SA Forum Shifts into High Gear with Increased Membership and Mature Specifications in Deployment

PORTLAND, Oregon, February XX, 2006 – The Service Availability™ Forum (SA Forum), the leader in developing open specifications for carrier-grade service availability, today announced the addition of six new members in 2005 and the deployment of its specifications in commercially available products. The new members join others from the world's leading communications and computing companies to develop and promote open interface specifications, such as the new interface specifications launched in January 2006.

New members:

- Alcatel
- AudioCodes
- Fujitsu Limited
- ITRI
- Performance Technologies
- Pigeon Point Systems

“The SA Forum is continuing to grow with the addition of new members and the release of mature specifications. The new systems management interfaces, in addition to the updated Hardware Platform Interface and Application Interface Specifications, makes a complete set of backward compatible specifications,” said Tim Kober, president of the SA Forum. “With a complete set of specifications now available, we expect to see many more SA Forum products in 2006. We also welcome new members to help continue development of a new software management interface.”

SA Forum members released products throughout 2005 that implemented the SA Forum specifications. The organization expects to see many more implementations in 2006 as members implement the new specifications and industry groups such as SCOPE, an industry alliance of network equipment providers, create profiles based on SA Forum groundwork.

“The SA Forum specifications enable the industry to build high availability network infrastructure products, systems and services,” said Timo Jokiahho, chairman of SCOPE. “SCOPE plans to establish profiles based upon standards organizations specifications in order to accelerate the development of carrier-grade base platforms. The SA Forum is a crucial element of this equation.”

As product development based on the SA Forum specification continues in 2006, more products will be added to the organization's Product Registry. This program enables members to post their implementation methodology to the official list for evaluation and testing. Compliance with all registration requirements enables members to label their products as "Service Availability™ Forum Registered." For more information on the Product Registry, visit http://www.saforum.org/specification/product_registry_home/.

SA Forum Announces New Officers for 2006

Representing the strong commitment to success by the industry, member companies have committed resources to serve as SA Forum leaders in 2006. The group announced the election of new officers for 2006:

- Tim Kober, Intel, follows Deepak Shahane, Motorola, as president
- Asif Naseem, GoAhead Software, follows Jay Allen, IBM, as secretary/treasurer
- Jon Kenton, Motorola, follows Henry Turko, Nokia, as marketing chair
- Magnus Karlson, Ericsson, follows Dave Penkler, Hewlett-Packard, as technical chair
- John Fryer, Motorola, follows Jim Lawrence, Clovis Solutions, as member relations officer

For more information about the SA Forum and the opportunity to contribute to specification development, visit <http://www.saforum.org/specification/>.

About the Service Availability Forum

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. To achieve this goal, the SA Forum develops and publishes high availability and management software interface specifications while promoting and facilitating their adoption by industry. SA Forum membership offers the opportunity to help frame and implement the Service Availability solution. For more information about the SA Forum, visit <http://www.saforum.org/home/>.

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