

SERVICE AVAILABILITY™ FORUM

Open Specifications for Service Availability

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Service Availability™ Forum Announces the Addition of Alcatel

High availability standards organization welcomes telecom solutions leader

PORTLAND, Oregon, July 11, 2005 – The Service Availability™ Forum (SA Forum) today announced that Alcatel, a leading global supplier of telecom solutions, has joined the consortium of communications and computing companies. The SA Forum promotes the development of open interface specifications that enable the use of commercial off-the-shelf building blocks in the creation of high availability network infrastructure products, systems and services. Alcatel supports the SA Forum's goal of industry-wide specification adoption by designing mobile infrastructure middleware platforms that deliver six 9s of availability.

"Alcatel's unique position in the network, applications and solutions markets will bring increased visibility to the SA Forum in our key market segments," said SA Forum President Deepak Shahane. "We applaud the company's commitment to product development utilizing commercial off-the-shelf components."

"By joining the SA Forum, Alcatel strengthens its strategy to accelerate the move toward standard modular architectures and APIs for Carrier-Grade platforms," said Philippe Richard, Vice President of R&D Effectiveness at Alcatel's Chief Technology Office. "Using standard-compliant commercial off-the-shelf software and hardware components will enable Alcatel to develop multi-service and upgradeable solutions for its customers."

To learn more about the SA Forum including member benefits, visit www.saforum.org/join.

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 Service Availability Forum develops and publishes high availability and management software

interface specifications while promoting and facilitating their adoption by industry. Service Availability Forum membership offers the opportunity to help frame and implement the Service Availability solution. For more information about the Service Availability Forum, visit www.saforum.org.

About Alcatel

Alcatel provides communications solutions to telecommunication carriers, Internet service providers and enterprises for delivery of voice, data and video applications to their customers or employees. Alcatel brings its leading position in fixed and mobile broadband networks; applications and services, to help its partners and customers build a user-centric broadband world. With sales of EURO 12.3 billion and 56,000 employees in 2004, Alcatel operates in more than 130 countries. For more information, visit Alcatel on the Internet: <http://www.alcatel.com>

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