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SA Forum's Release 5 Specifications Address Critical Areas of Security, Software Management and Java Integration

Enhanced specifications extend existing services and preserve backwards compatibility

BEAVERTON, Ore. – October 16, 2007 — The Service Availability Forum™ (SA Forum) today announced the availability of Release 5, a set of enhanced specifications that address the critical areas of security, software management and Java integration, while augmenting existing services and maintaining backwards compatibility. The Release 5 specifications are moving the SA Forum beyond core high availability services to provide commonality at the application level. The new specifications can be downloaded free of charge from the SA Forum Web site www.saforum.org/specification.

“Imagine changing the flight control software in an airplane while it is in flight. The software management framework in Release 5 provides functionality for high-availability clustered systems that allows upgrades of running systems without any down time or loss of service,” said Magnus Karlson, SA Forum Technical Work Group Chair. “The SA Forum is enhancing its specifications to provide additional commonality for applications operating in an open specification high availability environment. These initial framework specifications around security, software management and Java are another step in this process.”

“We look forward to reviewing Release 5 and utilizing it as input for SCOPE’s middleware profile,” said Timo Jokiahho, SCOPE Technical Officer. “We applaud the SA Forum for these new contributions to the commercial off-the-shelf ecosystem.”

Major highlights and functionality:

Software Management Framework - This is the first release where the fundamental functionality to upgrade running systems are fully described and outlined. The framework covers rolling upgrade functionality, but also incorporates provisions to support other forms of upgrade mechanisms and extended functionality in the future.

Security Service - This initial security specification provides basic functionality. It acts as a starting/integration point for future security additions needed in high availability middleware implementations.

Java Integration – Introduces functionality needed to enable use of Java with the Availability Management Framework (AMF). Future work will include additional functionality to drive adoption in the Java Community Process (JCP).

“We are excited to see our specification work advancing with such significant additions,” said Asif Naseem, SA Forum President. “Our technical contributors produced these specs very quickly, and I thank them for their hard work in the creation of Release 5.”

Download Release 5 free at www.saforum.org/specification.

About the Service Availability Forum

The Service Availability Forum™ (SA 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, visit www.saforum.org.

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