



Open Specifications for Service Availability



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SA Forum and CP-TA Team Up to Drive Interoperable COTS Products

CP-TA to Add SA Forum's Hardware Platform Interface (HPI) to its Interop Deliverables

BEAVERTON, Ore. – October 17, 2007 — The Service Availability Forum (SA Forum) and the Communications Platforms Trade Association (CP-TA) today announced a liaison agreement that will enable both groups to utilize their strengths and, together, drive the certification of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) products for the telecommunications industry.

“CP-TA plans to leverage SA Forum’s HPI specification and compliance test suite in the creation of our interoperability documents,” said Shlomo Pri-Tal, CP-TA chairman. “SA Forum specs are an important part of our interoperability roadmap, and addressing HPI is the first step.”

“By developing test suites based on HPI, CP-TA will enable companies adopting SA Forum specifications to test their conformance to the specifications,” explained Asif Naseem, SA Forum president. “This moves SA Forum members closer to interoperability, and further solidifies our position in the marketplace.”

Initially, the partnership allows CP-TA to include the SA Forum’s HPI specification and corresponding test suite in its planned certification program. The agreement focuses on certification for AdvancedTCA and MicroTCA platforms. CP-TA plans to address HPI in early 2008.

“CP-TA will continue its role as the interoperability certification leader and will reference SA Forum specifications as it incorporates them into its certification program,” added Naseem. “Through collaboration, we can truly enable the COTS ecosystem that we all desire.”

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.

About the Communications Platforms Trade Association

The Communications Platforms Trade Association is a global organization of communications platform and building block providers whose mission is to accelerate the adoption of SIG-governed, open specification-based communication platforms by certifying interoperable building blocks. For more information about CP-TA, visit www.cp-ta.org.

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