

Press Release

HCL Technologies Ltd & SNIA India announce tutorials on storage technologies

New Delhi, May 16, 2007: HCL Technologies Ltd. and Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) India, the apex storage networking industry body in the country, today announced that they have joined forces to promote awareness on storage networking technologies for end-users and professionals aspiring to join the storage networking practice. This joint initiative is aimed at building a talent pool of trained storage professionals. According to industry estimates available, about 1 million new storage professionals will be required globally by year 2012. In the recent past, storage has become a rapidly growing practice and has touched the US\$ 65 billion mark globally in terms of total value.

SNIA India and HCL Technologies will hold a series of tutorials in Chennai for the benefit of end users from May 19, 2007 to June 30, 2007. All end users of storage products and technologies would find the program useful for enhancing their skills and domain expertise. They will be trained thoroughly on specific storage technologies by industry veterans who possess exhaustive experience and extensive knowledge on global storage best practices.

HCL Technologies has been a strong player in the IT services industry focused on global storage product vendors for the good part of a decade now. It has a four year old association with SNIA. It is among the few companies in the storage landscape best suited to deliver a quality training program on storage technologies. With this 'one-of-its-kind' specialized training program, HCL Technologies also hopes to attract fresh talent in the area of storage technologies.

According to GH Rao, Corporate Vice President, HCL Technologies Ltd., "This is a novel and a significant initiative because it addresses the gap that exists in training needs in this highly specialized domain. It is only apt that the SNIA India, the apex storage networking industry body and HCL Technologies, a leading player in this space, recognized for its trained manpower in storage practices come together to train end users and Storage professionals as that would help meet the growing demand for highly specialized skills in this rapidly developing field."

"According to Mr. Sharad Srivastava, Chairman SNIA India, "These tutorials will help the attendees attain SNIA SNCP (Storage Networking Certification Program). In fact, 80 per cent of the SNIA education program attendees in the past have been successful at this certification. Besides, these tutorials will also make them more employable as they'll get to learn contemporary practices in the industry. These kinds of industry-academia initiatives are a must for bridging the void that exists between demand and availability as far as trained storage networking professionals are concerned."

Interested end-users can register for the tutorial by sending a mail to snia-tutorials@hcl.in. The schedule and venue for tutorials is as follows:

SNIA India Tutorial Series at HCL Technologies

Storage Virtualization I, What, Why, Where and How – May 19, 2007 (9:30 to 11:00 am)

Storage Virtualization II, Effective Use of Virtualization - May 19, 2007 (11:15 am to 12:45 pm)

NAS and iSCSI Technical Overview – June 2, 2007 (Time to be announced)

Fibre Channel Technologies Current and Future – June 16, 2007 (Time to be announced)

Disk-Based Data Restoration Technologies – June 30, 2007 (Time to be announced)

Venue: HCL Technologies Ltd., Studio-88, 94, South Phase Ambattur Industrial Estate, Ambattur, Chennai - 600 058, India, Tel: +(91) 44 4226 2222, Fax: + (91) 444215 3333

About SNIA India

The Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) was founded in 1997 with the mission of overcoming end-user storage challenges. As a vendor neutral trade association, the SNIA members work to make storage networking technologies understandable, simpler to implement, easier to manage, and recognized as valued assets to the business process. The SNIA 400-plus volunteer member entities worldwide are committed to catalyzing future storage networking technologies and their adoption. SNIA India has been formally launched in Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai and Pune and now holds membership strength of over 60 members. Owing to its superlative performance, it has recently been awarded independent status by SNIA international board. For more information, please visit <http://www.snia-india.org>

About HCL Technologies

HCL Technologies is one of India's leading global IT Services companies, providing software-led IT solutions, remote infrastructure management services and BPO. Having made a foray into the global IT landscape in 1999 after its IPO, HCL Technologies focuses on Transformational Outsourcing, working with clients in areas that impact and re-define the core of their business. The company leverages an extensive global offshore infrastructure and its global network of offices in 17 countries to deliver solutions across select verticals including Financial Services, Retail & Consumer, Life Sciences & Healthcare, Hi-Tech & Manufacturing, Telecom and Media & Entertainment (M&E). For the quarter ended 31st March 2007, HCL Technologies, along with its subsidiaries had last twelve months (LTM) revenue of US \$ 1.27 billion (Rs. 5,675 crores) and employed 40,149 professionals. For more information, please visit www.hcltech.com

About HCL Enterprise

HCL Enterprise is a leading global technology and IT enterprise with annual revenues of US \$ 3.9 billion (Rs. 17,572 crores). The HCL Enterprise comprises two companies listed in India - HCL Technologies & HCL Infosystems. The 3decade-old enterprise, founded in 1976, is India's original IT garage start-up. Its range of offerings span Product Engineering, Technology and Application Services, BPO, Infrastructure Services, IT Hardware, Systems Integration, and distribution of ICT products. The HCL team comprises over 45,085 professionals of diverse nationalities, who operate from 17 countries including 360 points of presence in India. HCL has global partnerships with several leading Fortune 1000 firms, including leading IT and Technology firms. For more information please visit www.hcl.in

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