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SNIA and HCL Roll Out New Conformance Test Suite for Storage Management Standard

HCL Develops Conformance Test Suite for SNIA's Storage Management Initiative Specification Versions 1.0.3 and 1.1.0

Sunnyvale, CA – November 15, 2005 – HCL Technologies (HCL), a leading global IT solutions provider in Information Technology, IT Infrastructure Services and Business Process Outsourcing today announced that it has completed the development of the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) Storage Management Initiative – Specification (SMI-S) conformance test suite 1.0.3 and 1.1.0. As part of its efforts to promote industry standards, simplify the management of heterogeneous storage networks and offer enterprises greater interoperability, SNIA rolled out the third phase of its conformance test suite for Storage Management Initiative Specification (SMI-S) prior to the Storage Networking World Fall 2005 in Orlando, FL.

In 2003, SNIA partnered with HCL to develop the SNIA-CTP test suite, which covered Server, Array, Fabric and Switch profiles. SNIA launched Version 1.0 in April 2004. SNIA continued its successful partnership with HCL to develop the second phase of SNIA-CTP with 1.0.2 release covering two additional profiles, namely, In-band Virtualization and Fiber Channel Host Bus Adapter and Remote self-certification.

The SNIA-CTP test suites for version 1.1.0 of the SMI-S are the next step for testing the increased functionality of the SMI-S. This set of test suites have been and will be released on a feature/functionality basis. The first release, in October 2005, was focused on the testing associated with fabric and switch functionality. The suites are also designed such that vendors can participate more easily in the testing without incurring extra costs. These two changes are expected to greatly increase the participation of the vendors in the SNIA-CTP program.



“HCL’s contribution to SNIA-CTP has been significant since the beginning of the initiative in 2003. The HCL team has been supportive at all critical milestones.” said **Ed von Adelung, Chair, Interoperability Committee, SNIA.**

“HCL is proud to be associated with the SNIA and its quest to promote open standards. SMI-S is steadily gaining momentum in the marketplace and we are currently working with leading storage networking vendors to enable them to develop SMI-S-compliant products quickly in a cost-effective manner” said **Gunaseelan N, Vice-President of Technology Services at HCL.**

HCL is a dominant engineering services provider in all the areas of Storage Networking and working with leading solution providers in the end-to-end product engineering, interoperability testing and technical support areas. HCL participates in industry associations to create and support industry-standard and interoperable solutions aimed at enabling enterprise customers to reduce data center complexity and improve management of storage.

About HCL Technologies

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