



Open Specifications for Service Availability

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## SA Forum Specifications Realize Commercially Available Products

*SA Forum Demonstrates Spec Implementations at CTIA Wireless 2005*

**PORTLAND, Oregon, March 14, 2005** — The Service Availability Forum (SA Forum), the leader in developing open specifications for carrier-grade service availability, today announced that its specifications are being implemented by industry leaders. Companies including HP, IBM, Motorola, Fujitsu Siemens Computers, Sun Microsystems, GoAhead Software, Intel, Clovis Solutions, Solid Information Technology and MontaVista Software are implementing SA Forum specifications, enabling the development of Carrier-Grade Platforms using commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) building blocks. These companies will be represented at CTIA Wireless 2005 where they will demonstrate products that utilize SA Forum specifications.

The SA Forum specifications include the Hardware Platform Interface Specification (HPI) and the Application Interface Specification (AIS). By implementing these specifications, companies are able to take advantage of a growing number of COTS products that are capable of cooperating in an SA Forum compliant architecture. This frees up organizations to dedicate a greater focus on their core competencies, thus increasing their distinctive value to their customers. Other benefits of implementing SA Forum specifications include: faster time to market and revenue; broader component choice; reduced lifecycle costs; and the ability to tap into an expanded market for open standard products.

“Companies are recognizing the value of implementing open specifications in their products and the competitive edge that it gives them,” said Deepak Shahane, president of the SA Forum.

“Implementing SA Forum specifications allow companies to deliver the high service availability that their customers demand. In order to meet this demand, more and more companies will be releasing products based on SA Forum specifications this year.”

SA Forum members are showcasing their SA Forum spec implementations at CTIA Wireless 2005 in booth #861. Members have joined forces to create and demonstrate base platforms and service provider applications built with SA Forum-based building blocks. The booth participants include HP, IBM, Motorola, Fujitsu Siemens Computers, Clovis Solutions, Oracle, GoAhead

Software, Ericsson, Solid Information Technology, Sun Microsystems, Intel and MontaVista Software.

For more information about the SA Forum and commercially available SA Forum products, visit [www.saforum.org](http://www.saforum.org).

**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](http://www.saforum.org).