



DSL Forum Completes First VDSL2 System Integrator Interoperability Event

Advancing a more powerful platform for IPTV and other broadband intensive applications, the BroadbandAccess VDSL2 Interoperability Test Event Draws 22 Companies

(Atlanta, Georgia) Twenty companies converged at the University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory (UNH-IOL) in the USA, for the DSL Forum's first BroadbandAccess VDSL2 System Integrator Interoperability Plugfest, from September 11-15, 2006.

This interoperability event united companies implementing the next generation of broadband network access, building on the success of the three DSL Forum Chip Vendor Interoperability events to date. Participating companies included system integrators, silicon vendors and test equipment providers.

VDSL2 enables service providers to deliver up to one hundred megabits per second over the existing copper phone network. The expanded data rates are a component of the DSL Forum's BroadbandAccess blueprint for the deployment of key applications such as IPTV.

"In this event, progress was accelerated by the community of component makers and equipment vendors working together right from the start- the development phase of VDSL2 technology," said Michael Brusca, chairman and president of the DSL Forum. "Interoperability is of prime importance at this stage, and the DSL Forum recognizes and supports the drive for high quality, interoperable products. The success of this event and the demand for further test events shows the industry's commitment to developing broadband technologies that speed and facilitate the deployment of triple-play services."

BroadbandAccess is one of the three channels of work in the DSL Forum's BroadbandSuite, a new initiative that is focused on developing the end-to-end solution for service delivery of advanced services.

The 22 participating companies brought over 45 engineers from around the world to the UNH-IOL facility. The participating companies were:

2Wire, Inc.	EXFO
Actiontec Electronics, Inc.	Ikanos Communications
Adtran	Infineon Technologies
Alcatel	JDSU
Amedia Networks	Lucent Technologies
Aware, Inc.	Netopia, Inc.
Broadcom, Corp.	Spirent Communications
Cisco Systems	Siemens
Comtrend	Telebyte, Inc.
Conexant	Westell
ECI Telecom	ZyXEL Communications



This VDSL2 testing series, in addition to other test events sponsored by the DSL Forum, continued to improve interoperability of products implementing DSL Forum Technical Reports.

The schedule for the next BroadbandAccess VDSL2 events is:

November 27–December 1, 2006
DSL Forum VDSL2 Chip Vendor Test Event

January 29- February 2, 2007
DSL Forum VDSL2 Chip Vendor Test Event

February 26- March 2, 2007
DSL Forum VDSL2 System Integrator Test Event

To find out more about upcoming events, the BroadbandSuite initiative and/or membership of the DSL Forum, visit www.dslforum.org.

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About the DSL Forum

DSL Forum tailors broadband to meet the needs of the next generation of multi-media services, providers and the online community. Its BroadbandSuite initiative provides end-to-end specifications – Control, Access and Home – for DSL and other technologies. By forging agreement on common technical requirements for all access technologies, network and equipment providers and by embracing new applications, the Forum works to define specifications, and share best practices that set the stage for effective deployments and continuing explosive global DSL broadband growth. Established in 1994, the DSL Forum is an international industry consortium of over 200 leading service providers, equipment manufacturers and other interested parties. www.dslforum.org.

All DSL Forum Technical Report (TR) specifications are available at:
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