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Leading Hardware Vendors Participate in 2nd OpenFabrics Interoperability Test Event

InfiniBand and RDMA-over-Ethernet (iWARP) Equipment Providers Moving Towards Product Interoperability and Support for OpenFabrics Software Stack

Durham, NH -- November 3, 2006 -- The OpenFabrics Alliance (OFA) has completed the second OpenFabrics Interoperability Test Event at the University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab, where eight leading equipment providers in the computing industry put their products through extensive interoperability testing with the OpenFabrics software stack.

Participating companies tested their equipment in a high-performance network environment that included the OpenFabrics software stack and clustered servers running the Linux and Windows operating systems. Testing included iWARP-only, InfiniBand-only, and transport-independent protocols and middleware. Test participants were Cisco Systems, Inc., Flextronics, SilverStorm and Voltaire, which tested InfiniBand switches; Mellanox and QLogic, which tested InfiniBand host channel adapters; LSI Logic, which provided InfiniBand-based Engenio storage systems; and NetEffect, which tested an iWARP Ethernet channel adapter.

InfiniBand test participants utilized the Linux-based OpenFabrics Enterprise Distribution (OFED) 1.1 software stack. The iWARP testing utilized an alpha version of the Linux-based OpenFabrics iWARP software stack. Both software stacks are open sourced, and the OpenFabrics Alliance is actively driving towards unification of the stacks to deliver an enterprise-ready, transport-independent software solution for high-performance computing.

The OpenFabrics Alliance and University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab (UNH IOL) are now developing an OFA-UNH IOL Logo Program for OFA members whose products are proven to support the OpenFabrics software stack and are interoperable. The marketing logo is intended to help companies increase adoption of products that are included in UNH IOL test events and pass the necessary interoperability evaluations.

About OpenFabrics Alliance

The OpenFabrics Alliance (OFA) develops and licenses open source software for RDMA transport-independent fabrics. The organization was founded in June 2004 as the OpenIB Alliance with two goals: to develop a Linux-based InfiniBand software stack for acceptance into the kernel, and for the Linux distributors to include and support this stack. In 2005, with encouragement from Microsoft, the Alliance expanded to develop and support a Windows stack. In 2006, with the decision to integrate iWARP (also known as RDMA over Ethernet) into the same software stack, the Alliance has become fabric, or transport, independent. This transport independence allows other RDMA interconnects to leverage the OFA software. The OFA is comprised of technology vendors and end-user organizations including: AMD, Appro, Chelsio, Cisco Systems, Inc., Cluster File Networks, DataDirect Networks, Dell, Flextronics, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Intel Corp., Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Linux Network, Los Alamos National Laboratories, LSI Logic, Mellanox Technologies, NetEffect, Neterion, Network Appliance, Oracle, PANTA Systems, QLogic Corporation, Rackable Systems, Sandia National Laboratories, Silicon Graphics,



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