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SATA-IO Schedules May Interoperability Workshop for Serial ATA Compliance Testing

Registration Open for Companies Seeking Product Certification and Test Labs Seeking Re-Certification

Beaverton, Ore. – March 31, 2015 – The Serial ATA International Organization (SATA-IO), the consortium dedicated to sustaining the quality, integrity and dissemination of Serial ATA (SATA™) technology, opened registration for its Interoperability Workshop (IW). Members and non-members are invited to certify products built to the SATA Revision 3.2 Specification plus subsequent additions. Similarly, SATA-IO qualified commercial test labs are invited to re-certify. Training on the updated certification requirements and latest test tools will kick off the event scheduled for May 18-21 in Taipei, Taiwan. To register, visit here.

Serial ATA certification is achieved when products are verified to meet SATA-IO compliance requirements. The current requirements are defined in the as yet unreleased Unified Test Document v1.5, which will be provided to all registered IW participants. Products proving conformance are eligible to be listed in the SATA-IO Integrators List—the certified device database—or the SATA-IO Building Blocks List—the certified components database.

The upcoming IW testing will include the following new items:
- Comprehensive electrical and mechanical testing for SATA M.2 products
- Device Sleep and expanded power management testing
- Analysis of product performance related to the new Transmitter Emphasis specification, not in SATA revision 3.2

For companies seeking product certification outside of the IW, multiple independent test labs are approved to perform compliance testing as needed. More information can be found here.

Additionally, companies can apply for self-certification during the IW. Companies achieving this status are sanctioned to certify their products in-house. The process requires them to submit results to the SATA-IO for verification before being awarded formal certification.

Interoperability Workshop May 2015 Overview

Event Details:
- Location: The Westin Taipei, 133 Nanjing East Road, Section 3, Taipei City, Taiwan 104
- Workshop registration here
- Hotel registration here

Schedule:

- Monday, May 18: Full-day training on UTD v1.5 and test tools
- Tuesday, May 19 – Thursday, May 21: Interoperability testing and test lab re-certification

For more information, view the Interoperability FAQ here.

ABOUT SATA-IO:
Formed in September 2004, the SATA-IO is the International Organization that owns and manages Serial ATA specifications as open industry standards. The organization defines and implements the Serial ATA storage specification as the industry's storage needs evolve. It is dedicated to sustaining the quality, integrity and dissemination of the SATA technology by maintaining the specifications, promoting and marketing the benefits of the technology and creating future interface features and specifications that carry storage into the next decade. Additional information about the organization, its participating companies and membership is available at www.sata-io.org.

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