

STA -T10 Liaison Report

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Plugfest Update

- Plugfest held week of April 25th at UNH
 - 20 companies, 65-70 people
 - Results exceeded expectations
 - Several large systems configured
 - Largest >110 drives
 - Multiple hosts
- Next plugfest targeted for late Sept at UNH
 - Updated NDA will be on STA website soon
 - Focused on large system build and error handling/exception testing
- UNH SAS consortium
 - Provides additional testing capability beyond plugfest
 - Especially PHY area for backplanes, etc

- Cable Icons proposed for SAS 1.1
 - Have been included in SAS 1.1
- Confusion in ordering cables (esp. connector naming)
 - Proposed connector names to be included in SAS 1.1
 - “SATA” – single lane internal
 - “SAS 4x” – 4 wide IB style external
 - “Mini SAS 4x” – 4 wide compact external (Molex proposed)
 - “SAS 4i” – 4 wide internal connector
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 - “SAS Drive” – 2 port combo connector for drives