



PRESS RELEASE

“IPv6 Forum announces first slate of 2004 ‘IPv6 Ready’ products”

Tokyo/New Hampshire/Luxembourg, January 15, 2004 – The IPv6 Ready Program Committee has completed multiple interoperability tests of products from vendors from around the world, resulting in a new slate of “IPv6 Ready” companies. IPv6 Ready is a global qualification program that ensures products can connect with networks that use the new IPv6 addressing architectures.

IPv6 Ready consists of two phases of testing. Phase I is a basic self-test to ensure minimum qualification. Phase II will involve a more rigorous, detailed test plan designed by the Japan-based TAHI IPv6 test and verification program, the University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory (UNH-IOL) and the France-based IRISA. The phase II test plan is expected to be finalized in Q2 of this year with services ready in June. The test plans will cover security, mobility, multicasting and basic functionality, including IPv6 addressing, address autoconfiguration, the IPv6 base specification, neighbour discovery and Internet control messaging protocol version 6.

The following companies are among the first IPv6 interoperable vendors that have satisfied all of the requirements for the silver IPv6 Ready logo that corresponds to phase I of the program:

Asia

IBIT
SAMSUNG Electronics
Samsung Advanced Institute
NEC Corporation
Institute for Information Industry
KAME
Panasonic
The Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.
Chunghwa Telecom Labs. (CHTTL)
Hitachi
Elmic Systems
Fujitsu Limited
Elmic Systems, INC.
ETRI
DrayTek
Alpha Networks Inc.

North America

HP
Intel
Cisco
Microsoft
Juniper
SUN
CheckPoint
Foundry
Procket
IBM
ipinfusion
WindRiver
Extreme Networks

Europe

6WIND
Nokia

"I am very proud that we could start to hand out the IPv6 Ready Logo, a globally unique and consensus-based platform. We are gratified to be part of such a broad strategic collaboration between many entities working to deploy IPv6 technology," said Hiroshi Esaki, Chair of IPv6 Forum IPv6 Ready Logo Committee, Executive Director, IPv6 Promotional Council, Japan, Board member, WIDE Project, Professor, The University of Tokyo.

"The IPv6 Phase I Logo is a verification that vendors have met basic implementation and interoperability requirements for the core IPv6 specifications, and have done some initial regression testing for IPv6 publicly, in addition to other public IPv6 testing verification methods. We encourage all vendors to participate in this significant IPv6 Forum Program," states Jim Bound Chair North American IPv6 Task Force, Chair IPv6 Forum Technical Directorate, Hewlett Packard Fellow.

"We should applaud these pioneers of the coming IPv6 Ready world," said Latif LADID, Chair IPv6TF, Internet Society Trustee and President of the IPv6 Forum.

- 1) This list is not complete and updates can be found here:
http://www.ipv6ready.org/first_release.html

About the IPv6 Ready Logo Program

The IPv6 Forum plays a major role in bringing together industrial players to help in the design, development and deployment of next generation Internet Protocols. Unlike IPv4 that started with a small closed group of implementers, the universality of IPv6 leads to a huge number of implementations on a global scale. Interoperability has always been a critical feature due to the large number of IPv6 implementations, it is essential that a single symbol be created to identify products that have been validated for true interoperability.

As a result, the IPv6 Forum has defined the first global logo program called "IPv6 Ready." The IPv6 Ready logo will generate confidence among users that IPv6 is currently operational and those products with it have passed a set level of interoperability. The IPv6 test and conformance bodies and events building the backbone of this program are, but not limited to:

- University of New Hampshire InterOperability Lab, <http://www.iol.unh.edu/>
- TAHI Test Event: <http://www.tahi.org>
- ETSI IPv6 Plugtest: <http://www.etsi.org/plugtests>
- IRISA: <http://www.irisa.fr/tipi>
- Connectathon: <http://www.connectathon.org>

To this end, an international task force has been at work defining the IPv6 Logo Program, chaired by Hiroshi Esaki, technically supported by Cesar Viho at Irisa in France and Ben Schultz at UNH-IOL in the US and Hiroshi Miyata (TAHI/Japan)

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