



The SNIA Technology Center

A Place to Work, Learn, and Define the Future of Storage Networking

The Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) established its Technology Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado on Feb 2, 2001. The SNIA Technology Center supports the SNIA mission of "ensuring that storage networks become complete and trusted solutions across the IT community." The Center is a vendor-neutral venue that is available for use by both SNIA member and non-member companies. It offers modern training and education facilities as well as a state-of-the-art storage and networking environment for developing and testing advanced technologies and solutions. Visitors are welcome to tour the facility to view interoperable configurations, as well as technical work being completed by the SNIA.



Activities:

Educational Center

- Storage networking certification training
- Seminars and events
- Formal and ad-hoc storage technology training
- Public or company-specific training courses

Interoperability Center

- Custom enterprise solution test beds
- Configuration testing and demonstrations
- Test suite investigations and applications
- Plugfests

Meeting Place

- Work group meetings
- SNIA organizational symposiums
- Conferences
- Multi-company cooperative planning meetings

Features:

Overall Facility

- 14,000-sq. ft. facility with classroom and lab infrastructure; state-of-the-art (copper and fibre) network throughout.

Classrooms

- 3,000-sq. ft. of classroom space, with a capacity of 75 people.

Hands-on Training Lab

- 14 3-tier workbenches, each outfitted with 120-volt power and copper and fibre network connectivity.

Engineering and Test Lab

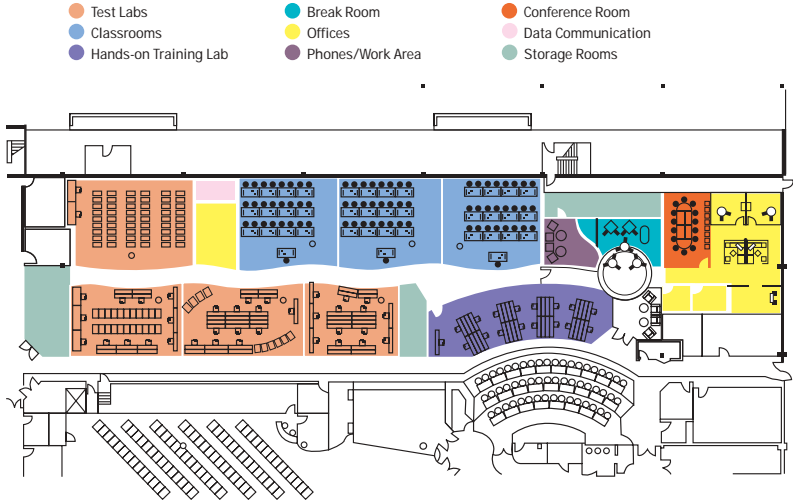
- 2,600-sq. ft. of networked lab facilities, outfitted with benches for collaborative work.

Large Interoperability Test Lab

- 1,300-sq. ft. lab equipped with enterprise storage and systems hardware and software for testing heterogeneous networked storage environments.

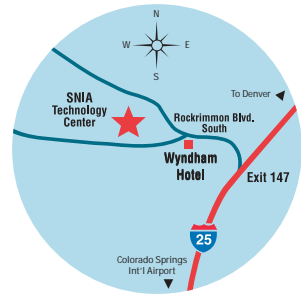
Facility Details and Map

SNIA member companies donated the building space and the equipment for the SNIA Technology Center, making the facility a true focal point for the storage networking industry. SNIA Voting Member Compaq Computer Corporation donated the facility space, while additional SNIA member companies have loaned hardware and software to the Center. The map below shows the facility layout:



Tours and Facility Use

The SNIA Technology Center staff conducts free visitor tours of the facility. The classrooms and labs at the Center also are available for use by storage networking and other high-tech companies. Information about how to request a tour or facility space is available at www.snia.org/techcenter or by phone at (719) 884-8910. Inquiries may also be sent via email to tcinfo@snia.org.



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