



LAN eXtensions for Instrumentation

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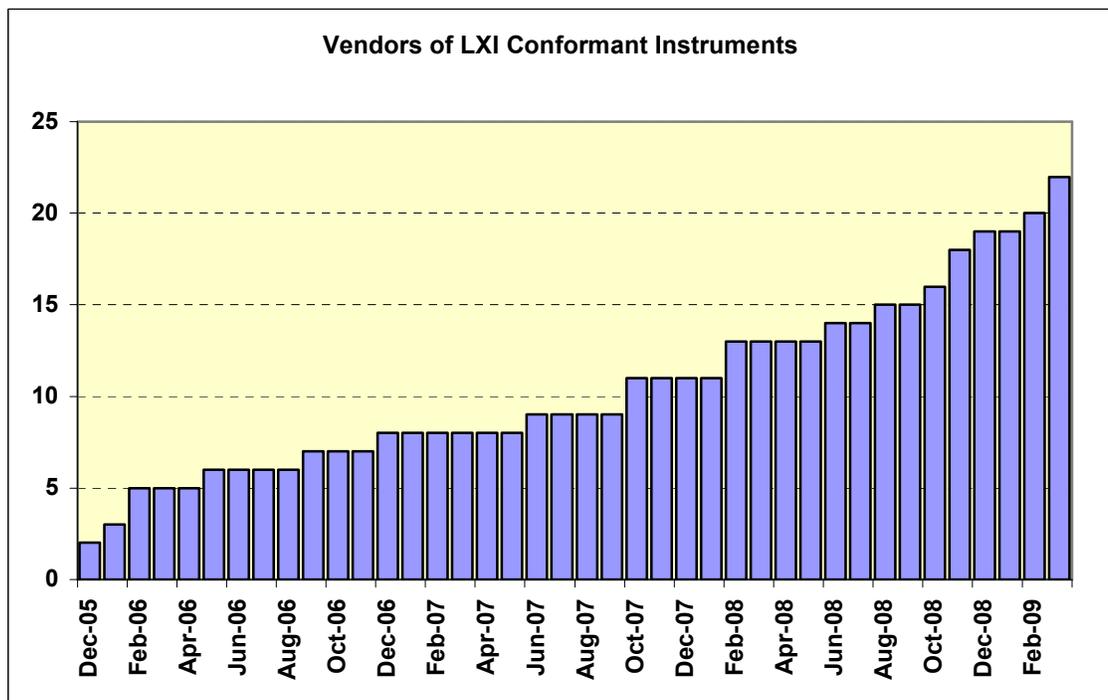
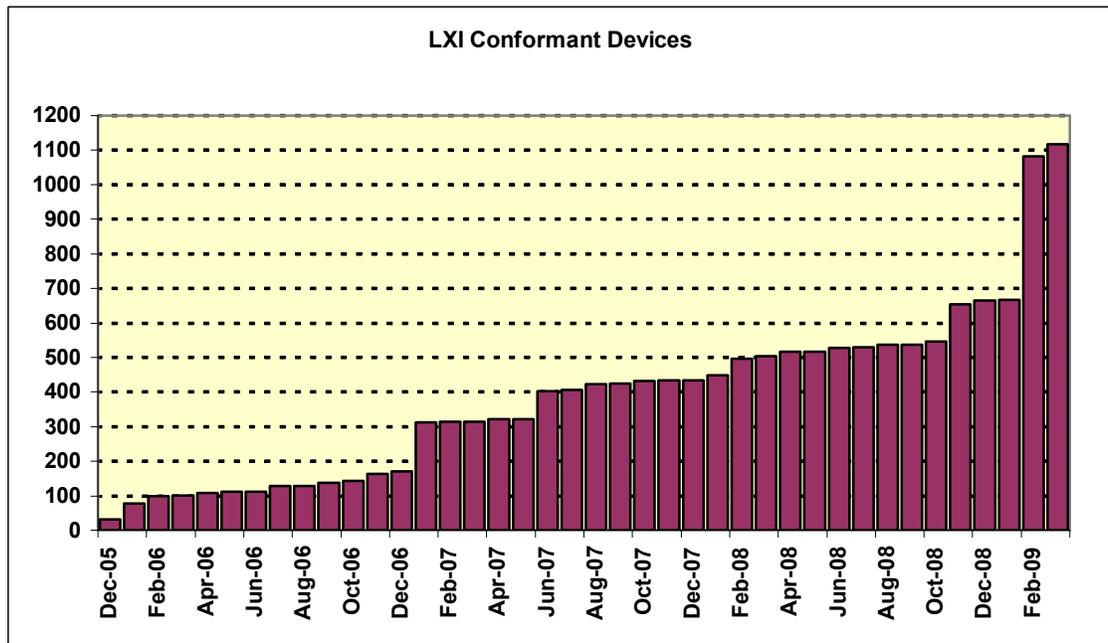
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LXI Consortium Certifies 1,117 Instruments as LXI-Compliant

Growing Range of Instruments Simplifies the Creation
of All-LXI Test Racks

Niwot, Colorado – March 26, 2009 – The LXI Consortium has certified new products from two manufacturers at its February PlugFest: Magna-Power Electronics, Inc. and TTI Ltd. (Thurlby Thandar Instruments). The announcement brings the total number of commercially available LXI-compliant instruments to 1,117 from 22 different manufacturers. The number of LXI-compliant instruments has grown dramatically in just a few years, starting from a handful of products from just two vendors in December 2005. This expansion in instrument availability is likely to speed widespread acceptance of the LXI platform and encourage migration to LXI from older instrument platforms.



“The acceleration in LXI adoption by manufacturers continues, and we’re pleased to see so many companies incorporating an LXI compliance product roadmap in their development plans,” said Consortium President Von Campbell. “With approximately 100 product families

now included in the LXI portfolio, it's even easier for a test engineer to build a complete LXI instrument-based solution.”

In addition to the instrument compliance testing and other activities during the General Meeting, the Consortium's Multi-Vendor Demo System (MVDS) working group conducted a “Virtual PlugFest,” connecting seven LXI-compliant instruments distributed throughout North America from a variety of manufacturers via a virtual private network (VPN). Tests were conducted using a National Instruments IEEE 1588v2 prototype device, Agilent IO Libraries 15.1, and National Instruments VISA 4.4.1. The MVSD working group was formed in 2005 to create demonstrations of LXI instrument interoperability and to simulate real-world tests using LXI instruments.

The next LXI General Meeting and PlugFest is scheduled for May 18-20, 2009, in Dallas, Texas.

About LXI

Introduced in 2005, the LXI Standard has been rapidly implemented by numerous hardware and software companies, as well as systems integrators. These organizations, which represent a who's who of the test-and-measurement industry, recognize that not only is LXI the natural evolution of the test and measurement instrument interface but that it also makes it easier for test system designers and integrators to create faster, more efficient systems. To date, 1117 products from 22 different manufacturers have been certified as compliant with the LXI Standard. A recent report from Frost & Sullivan (F&S), a leading market research firm, documents widespread adoption of the LXI Standard, with annual sales of LXI-equipped test and measurement equipment at \$220 million (US) levels as of the end of 2007. F&S forecasts the size of the world LXI market will grow as large as \$650.0 million by 2012 at a compound annual growth rate of 24.2 percent.

The LXI Standard creates new capabilities that optimize test throughput, overall system performance, and cost efficiency in a way that allows engineers to build powerful, web-enabled test systems in less time. The LXI Consortium, a not-for-profit corporation comprised of leading [test and measurement companies](#), manages the Standard. The group's goals are to develop, support, and promote the LXI standard. LXI's flexible packaging, high-speed I/O, and standardized use of LAN connectivity address a broad range of commercial, industrial, aerospace, and military applications.

Additional information about LXI-compliant products as well as licensing, specifications, and consortium membership is available at www.lxistandard.org.

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