

EtherCAT Plug Fest fully booked again

Recently, the 21st EtherCAT Plug Fest from the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) took place, hosted by ETG member company Infineon Technologies AG. The company welcomed the Plug Fest participants to their facilities in Neubiberg, near Munich, Germany. The two-day event included interoperability tests among the numerous EtherCAT devices on-site. Over 60 participants brought more than 50 EtherCAT master and slave devices – the Plug Fest was fully booked again.

The EtherCAT Plug Fests take place at venues all over the world and continue to enjoy great popularity within the industrial Ethernet community. This trend continues with the 21st event, the 2016 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest, which was recently organized and conducted by the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG). An ETG member company typically acts as a host to those events, and this time it was Infineon Technologies AG who invited the participants to their facilities in Neubiberg, Germany.

EtherCAT Plug Fests focus on the testing of EtherCAT master and slave devices. The two-day events enable the attending manufacturers to check the interoperability of their products still in development. At the most recent Plug Fest in Neubiberg, more than 60 participants from 9 countries tested over 50 devices. Besides providers of controllers, drives, sensors and I/Os, manufacturers of EtherCAT Slave Controllers (ESC) and Safety over EtherCAT (FSoE) devices also attended.

The ETG Plug Fest is an ideal opportunity for EtherCAT device developers to comprehensively test their products for interoperability under real application conditions before launch, as well as to exchange knowledge with other developers and EtherCAT experts. The value found in this level of collaboration, together with the open atmosphere at Plug Fests, make the events very worthwhile for participants. At the Plug Fest in Neubiberg, one of the attending development engineers summed up the two days: “Every year I gain new insights about EtherCAT technology and continue the enhancement of my company’s products.”

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More than 60 participants tested 52 EtherCAT devices at the 2016 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest at the facilities of ETG member company Infineon Technologies AG in Neubiberg, Germany.

About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):

The EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) is an association in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 3,700 members from 62 countries, the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing association of its kind.

About EtherCAT®:

EtherCAT is the fastest Industrial Ethernet technology and stands for high-performance, low-cost, ease of use and a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and became an international standard and a SEMI standard in 2007. The EtherCAT Technology Group promotes EtherCAT and is responsible for its continued development. EtherCAT is also an open technology: anyone is allowed to implement or use it.

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