

2014 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest highlights master controller variety

Recently, the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) invited numerous manufacturers and developers of EtherCAT devices to the spring 2014 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest. A total of 52 participants from 12 countries came together at the facilities of Renesas Electronics in Düsseldorf, Germany, to test their EtherCAT master and slave devices for interoperability and to discuss technology with colleagues and EtherCAT experts on-site.

The 17th EtherCAT Plug Fest in Europe proved that Plug Fest events are still of great interest to manufacturers and developers of EtherCAT products: A total of 52 participants from 12 countries brought their EtherCAT master and slave devices to Düsseldorf, Germany, where the 2014 European EtherCAT Plug Fest took place at the facilities of Renesas Electronics. During the event the attendees had the opportunity to test their EtherCAT products for interoperability and to network with colleagues and EtherCAT experts who also joined the event. Thomas Rettig, who was on-site representing the EtherCAT Technology Group, explained: “During the two day event, 10 EtherCAT masters provided by 10 different manufacturers were tested with 41 different EtherCAT slave devices – numbers that clearly illustrate the continued success of EtherCAT Plug Fests.”

At EtherCAT Plug Fests that take place annually in Europe, Asia and North America, manufacturers and developers of EtherCAT devices have the ability to test their products for interoperability under real network conditions before their marketing and sales efforts begin. Therefore, the official EtherCAT Conformance Test Tool is used at the events, too. The on-site EtherCAT experts answer technical questions and help participating companies avoid possible design flaws during product development.

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With 52 participants from 12 different countries and a total of 41 EtherCAT devices, the 2014 European EtherCAT Plug Fest at the facilities of Renesas Electronics in Düsseldorf, Germany, was a great success.

About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):

The EtherCAT Technology Group is an organization in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 2,800 members from 57 countries, the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing fieldbus organization.

About EtherCAT®:

EtherCAT is the Industrial Ethernet technology which stands for high-performance, low-cost, ease of use and a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and has been an international IEC standard and a SEMI standard since 2007. EtherCAT is an open technology: anyone can implement or use it.

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