

PLATFORM LAB

Sun Microsystems donates \$70K of servers to Platform Lab

Sun Microsystems sees the value that Platform Lab provides to the IT industry. When they realized that had an opportunity to assist, they donated a Sun Blade system and a Sun Fire X4450 – valued at over \$70,000 - to Platform Lab. This donation, along with previous acquisitions of Sun servers, provides an outstanding mix of Sun gear available at Platform Lab.

Paul Feeney, Account Executive at Sun enabled the donation to the Lab; 'Sun Microsystems is proud to support the work of Platform Lab in enabling the IT community of Ohio. Access to the most current technology is critical to helping business thrive using this shared resource. Additional Sun systems, storage, and software platforms are available through a loaner program facilitated by Platform Lab.'

Per Platform Lab Director Steve Gruetter, 'Platform Lab has been partnering with Sun for years. They have always been a community-minded organization that wants to drive the capabilities of the Ohio IT industry. This generous donation will allow us to provide a greater depth of hardware resources to firms that believe in testing, and help us to continue to offer IT test infrastructure at an outstanding value.'

Currently over 30 firms utilize Sun hardware to perform all types of IT tests at Platform Lab including Abercrombie & Fitch, Cleveland Clinic, Limited Brands and SnapOn Tools.

Platform Lab, a division of TechColumbus, operates as the nation's only non-profit IT test and training facility. This resource provides a competitive advantage to their clients by offering short term physical or remote access to IT hardware, software and massive bandwidth for all types of companies for the explicit purpose of IT testing and projects. The list of Sun hardware available at Platform Lab can be found at [Platform Lab Hardware](#).

The value proposition is clear: if access to IT test infrastructure is exceptionally affordable, more companies will verify solutions prior to production. Robust testing leads to better processes, better people, higher quality applications, fewer mistakes and less waste from under-utilized assets. The Sun resources at Platform Lab may be used by all types of companies, anywhere