



THREAD GROUP

Thread Group 1H 2026 Report

Q1 + Q2

SMARTER HOMES. SMARTER BUILDINGS.

A LETTER FROM VIVIDH SIDDHA

President of Thread Group



As we reach the midpoint of 2026, it's exciting to reflect on how far our industry has come—and even more exciting to look at where we're headed. For several years we've talked about the promise of Thread. Today, we're seeing that promise become reality. What was once an emerging technology is now becoming an essential part of connected products shipping around the world. More importantly, millions of consumers already have a Thread network in their homes—many without even realizing it. That represents a significant milestone for our industry.

This progress doesn't happen overnight, and it certainly doesn't happen because of any one company. It is the result of an incredible community working together toward a common goal. Our members continue to collaborate across specifications, certification programs, interoperability events, product development, and deployments. Every milestone reflects countless hours of engineering, innovation, and partnership. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued commitment to making Thread successful.

One of the biggest themes we've focused on this year is improving the user experience. Networking should simply work. Consumers shouldn't have to understand mesh routing or border routers—they should enjoy products that are reliable, responsive, and easy to install. At the same time, developers need better visibility into their networks when troubleshooting is required. The introduction of Thread Tools is an important step in making Thread networks easier to deploy, understand, and manage while continuing to deliver the secure and resilient networking experience Thread is known for.

We're also seeing continued momentum across the broader ecosystem. Support for Thread 1.4 continues to expand across major platforms, bringing improved interoperability and enhanced capabilities to developers and product manufacturers. Our new liaison agreement with Broadband Forum is another example of how the industry is coming together to create a more seamless connected experience.

I'm also pleased to welcome Schneider Electric to the Thread Group Board of Directors. Their leadership in building automation and energy management reflects the expanding role Thread is playing beyond the smart home. We're seeing growing interest in commercial buildings, industrial systems, and energy management applications—markets where Thread's secure, low-power, IP-based mesh networking offers tremendous value.

Consumers don't adopt smart homes all at once—they grow into them. The difference today is interoperability. Matter, built on open standards, combined with Thread's reliable networking foundation, is making it dramatically easier for consumers to add devices from different manufacturers with confidence. The infrastructure is already in place.

As we look toward the second half of the year, our priorities remain clear. We will continue advancing the Thread specification, improving certification and developer experiences, expanding collaboration across the industry, and helping educate the market on the value Thread brings to connected products across residential, commercial, and industrial applications.

Thread has always been about enabling a better connected experience through open, secure, IP-based networking. As the ecosystem continues to mature, we're seeing that vision come to life.

Thank you to our members, partners, Board of Directors, working groups, and Thread Group staff for your continued passion, leadership, and collaboration. Together, we're building the foundation for the next generation of connected devices, and I couldn't be more excited about what lies ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vividh", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Q1/Q2 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

Certified Thread Products + Components From:

Yeelight, Siemens, Aqara, Lockly, NXP, and more.

Launched Beta Version of the Thread Tools App

[Blog](#) + [Video](#) + [Landing Page](#)
[Download for iOS](#) & [Download for Playstore](#)

Established a Liaison with the Broadband Forum

[Press Release](#)
Hosted joint webinar: [Slides](#) (recording will be available soon!)

Acquired New Thread Group Members

21 new members

Offered a Sneak Peak at Thread Direct

[Get a sneak peak!](#)

Sponsored CSA's Unify 2026

[“Why Thread Why Now: Designing the Future of IoT” slides](#) & [recording](#).
Vividh Siddha spoke on IoT leadership panel

THREAD GROUP ON THE ROAD!

Las Vegas, NV | CES 2026



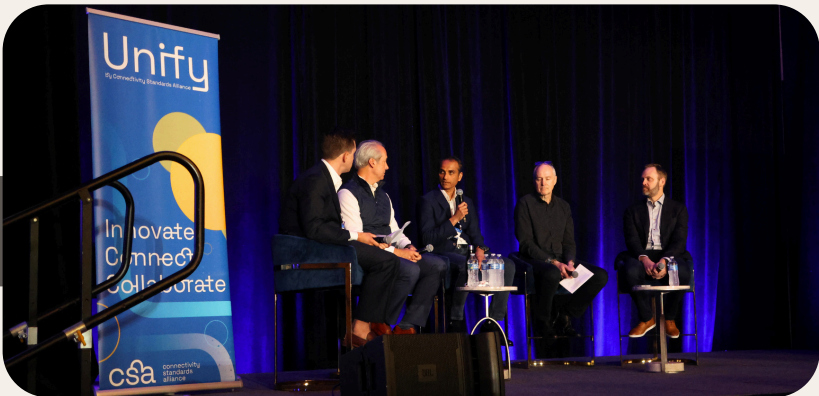
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The Verge

There's an App for That

"The Thread Tools app is the first step in providing visibility into your Thread network."

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GIZMODO

Best of Smart Home at CES

"There was a lot of maturation in certain categories. Thread, a key wireless protocol, made a good showing."

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How to Fix Smart Home Lag

"By committing to a unified standard like Thread, you create a common, IP-based language across your entire infrastructure and get rid of the translation middleman."

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VISIT THE NEWSROOM



Off Wi-Fi, Onto Thread

"I've moved 14 devices from Wi-Fi to Thread so far, and my router hasn't crashed once in three months."

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Thread vs. Zigbee Compared

"Thread delivers fast responses because devices communicate more directly. Thread networks are self-healing, helping you experience fewer random disconnects."

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No Need for a Smart Hub

"Thread connects gadgets directly through a mesh network, letting you connect your home easier."

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Aqara U400 Review

"Thread has gotten very good, connecting reliably and quickly. Compared to Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, Thread is the superior option."

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Forbes

Broadband Forum Liaison

"Tighter coordination between smart home networks and broadband providers will become increasingly important."

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Thread's Troubleshooting App

"Beyond just being a handy troubleshooting app for home users, it should also aid professionals in setting up new Thread device installations."

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The future of IoT is built together.

Join us October 13–15, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana for the 28th Bi-Annual Thread Group Members Meeting, where members come together to share ideas, advance Thread technology, and collaborate on the future of connected devices.

We are excited to expand access to days 2 & 3 to more membership levels. Want a seat at the table? Learn more about Thread Group membership and its benefits: <https://lnkd.in/g7RWh8c8>

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MEMBERS MEETING

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Reporting live from #CONNECTIONS2026! As a proud sponsor, #ThreadGroup is showcasing a range of #BuiltOnThread devices while engaging in conversations about where Thread is headed, and the critical role it plays in the future of the smart home.

Interested in becoming a member? Learn more here: <https://lnkd.in/g7RWh8c8>

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Thread Group would like to welcome all of our newest members who have joined our member base! We look forward to your engagement.

To learn more about Thread Group membership, visit <https://lnkd.in/g7RWh8c8>

#ThreadGroup #Alliance #SmartHome #Membership #MemberGrowth

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Introducing Thread Tools by Thread Group!

In homes and other production deployments, diagnosing connectivity issues can be difficult. Thread Tools is a mobile app that provides real-world visibility into Thread network performance, bridging the gap between controlled lab testing and unpredictable residential environments.

To learn more about Thread Tools and join the beta test, visit: <https://lnkd.in/gicA88XT>

https://lnkd.in/g_NVtHfV

#ThreadTools #IoT #NewApp #ThreadGroup #NetworkDiagnostics

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Live from #Unify2026 Day 3! President of Thread Group, Vividh Siddha, joined Kevin Robinson, President & CEO of Wi-Fi Alliance, Tobin Richardson, President & CEO of Connectivity Standards Alliance, and Neville Meijers, CEO of Bluetooth SIG, on the main stage to talk all things interoperability, and what's next for unified, open connectivity worldwide.

Stay tuned for our Unify recap!

#ThreadGroup #Standards #ConnectivityLeaders #IoT #SmartHome Daniel Wroclawski

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Thread Group and Broadband Forum are hosting a joint webinar to discuss their newly established liaison agreement and what it means for the future of connected environments. Tune in to explore interoperability opportunities, service provider implications, and the roadmap toward more unified smart home and building ecosystems.

July 16th
7am PT/ 10am ET/ 4pm CEST

To join the "Connecting IoT Mesh Networks with Broadband Infrastructure: A New Path for Service Providers" webinar, click here: <https://lnkd.in/giwpihvK>

#JointWebinar #NewLiaison #ThreadGroup #BroadbandForum #Webinar #IoT

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Today is the LAST DAY to apply for #ThreadGroup's Innovation Enabler Award! Win a 2-year FREE membership and become part of the team creating the future of IoT! Application close tomorrow, so don't miss your chance.

Apply here: <https://lnkd.in/g3Bb-53Z>

#Innovation #StartupProgram #BuiltOnThread #IoT

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Q1/Q2 2026 CERTIFICATION STATUS

166



year to date

59



year to date



1317

Thread Certified
Products & Components
Cumulative

HOT TOPICS



Innovation Enabler Award

Congratulations to our Innovation Enabler Award winners Sensereo and mash!

Effective 2H 2026, Thread Group's Innovation Enabler Award supports IoT start-ups by offering up to two companies a first year of complimentary membership at Contributor level, and second & third year discounted Contributor level.

Winners are selected twice a year, with applications open January–June and July–December.

Learn more and apply [here](#).

IFA Networking Social

Thread Group is bringing the smart home community together **at IFA 2026 on Sunday, September 6th for an exclusive networking and social event**. Join fellow members, industry leaders, and innovators shaping the future of connected living.

Enjoy great conversations, bites, and cocktails while you connect with others driving interoperability, reliability, and innovation across the connected home ecosystem.

Space is limited, so **request your invitation today**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IFA 2026

September 4-8 | Berlin, Germany

The Things Conference 2026

September 22-23 | Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Embedded World North America

September 22-24 | Anaheim, California

Thread Group Fall 2026 Members Meeting

October 13-15 | New Orleans, Louisiana

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