

**MARCH DINNER MEETING**  
**Tuesday March 30, 2004**

**Don't Test**  
**Neil Price-Jones, NVP Software Testing Inc.**

We know we cannot 'test in Quality' and we cannot 'test out all the defects'. So why do we bother testing? Telling current or prospective clients that we will improve the quality of the software usually leads to the questions of 'what is quality' and 'what do you do'?

This presentation will examine some of the reasons for not testing code including:

- Current system complexity
- Current development methodologies

We will examine what happens when we Don't Test and the consequences and whether the consequences outweigh the costs of testing.

We will review the justifications used for testing and the consequences in standard situations with emphasis on the risk involved and whether this risk is relevant or properly calculated.

There are four potential options that may be used on a standard project:

- Implement Quality Practices and reduce testing
- Implement some Quality Practices and continue testing
- Forget Quality Practices and reduce testing to a minimum
- Forget Quality Practices and test the heck out of it.

The options will be discussed and considered with reference to how a Quality Assurance professional will view them and their effects on the job at hand.

Finally we will review existing and potential solutions to the problems mentioned above.

Neil Price-Jones is the founder and current President of NVP Software Testing Inc. He has been involved in Software Quality Assurance and Testing for the past (long!) 18 years. The projects he has been involved in are usually core systems for the clients and require extensive testing and auditing. Neil has done a number of presentations at major conferences.

**Presentations are on the last Tuesday of the month at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel,  
123 Queen Street West, across from New City Hall**

If taking the subway, exit at Osgoode station (Queen and University), walk one block east along Queen to York.  
If driving, you can park at New City Hall, which is accessible underground to the Sheraton Centre.

Dinner and Presentation: \$35 Members, \$50 Non-Members  
Cash and Cheques are accepted at the door.

**Please RSVP by noon on Thursday March 25, 2004**

5:30 P.M. Networking      6:00 P.M. Dinner      7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Presentation

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