

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING
Tuesday October 26, 2004

The Truth about Testers and Programmers
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Most of today's process definitions mandate separating programmers from testers, not only to different teams, but often to different physical locations. This separation leads to testers and programmers treating one another as adversaries, rather than as members of the same project community. When members of the project community see each other as adversaries, the project can only succeed in spite of, rather than because of, their efforts. Project success, then, depends more on luck than anything else unless testers and programmers work together.

Tonight's presentation includes discussing how to create a harmonious relationship among testers and programmers, as well as tracing project problems back to a lack of co-operation between these groups. We will begin with a few stories from a programmer about his good and bad interactions with testers, then open the floor, with the audience telling their own stories. The primary goals are to share experiences and describe strategies both for improving the relationship between testers and programmers and for coping with seemingly irreconcilable ones. (Do such relationships really exist?) Please be prepared to tell your favorite stories about programmers, as the presenter will be ready with his favorite stories about testers!

J. B. Rainsberger is a programmer, speaker, author and coach. His primary area of research has been programmer testing techniques, culminating in his first book, *JUnit Recipes: Practical Methods for Programmer Testing*, released in July 2004. Joe is a regular speaker at Toronto-area software associations, usually speaking about topics related to programmers and software quality. Joe has begun coaching Toronto-area programmers as a way of giving back to the community that has helped him develop his own skills both as a programmer and generally as a person.

**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 October 21, 2004

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

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