

JUNE DINNER MEETING
Tuesday June 28, 2005

How Can QA Help Deliver Complex Projects On-time and On-budget

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Often it is the testing group that delays the release of the product stipulating that the quality of the product is not yet at par with "Company Standards". What can QA do to help ensure that products are released on time and within budget?

The Quality Assurance department needs to implement specific industry Best Practices and Methodologies that will allow project teams to ensure that everybody in the team understands what they need to do and that all the Technical documentation has been understood and agreed to by all the members of the Technical team. A process known as Formal Technical Review has proven itself as the ideal tool to make this happen. QA Checkpoints (QA Gates) is another tool that is established at the end of each phase of the project to ensure that the project is ready for the following phase and the necessary steps have been completed, sign-off received, specifications frozen, environments ready, and build process established.

These and other Best Practices will be discussed during this presentation.

"As a significant highlight of his 13-year career in Quality Assurance and Testing Alex Rodov has recently built BearingPoint's (formally KPMG Consulting) Financial Services QA Practice where he was responsible for developing and maintaining industry best Quality Assurance Practices and Methodologies as well leading some of the largest and most complex QA projects and initiatives in North America. For example, in 2004 he has personally overseen the maturing of Quality Assurance and Testing organization at Citibank in New York. Working with senior management including the CIO he has successfully implemented best QA & Testing practices and methodologies resulting in major improvements to quality of delivered applications as well as significant savings for this largest bank in the world.

Alex is a frequent speaker at QA conferences on subjects of Best QA Practices, IT Governance and QA Test Centers of Excellence, as well as Basel II and SOX compliance testing frameworks. He has been invited to speak at several consecutive International Quality Conferences that are held annually in Toronto, last year Alex spoke on the subject of "Quality Center of Excellence best practices & solutions". Recently Alex had one of his extensive articles published in the prestigious Data Base Management trade journal, it was titled: "Quality Assurance: Improving The Value Of Systems and Data?" CRC Press/2003. President of Auerbach Publications has also approached Alex to write a book on implementation of Quality Assurance Best Practices. Another book entitled "Testing: A-Z" is expected to be published in 2005.

**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 June 23, 2005

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

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