

APRIL DINNER MEETING

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Strategies for a Successful Systems Integration Test

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Systems Integration Testing presents many essential differences from the test of a single application. The first time a tester or test manager is faced with a big integration, it can seem like an overwhelming job. With multiple teams supporting many different applications interfaced across heterogeneous platforms, your test could be a logistical nightmare and a quality disaster. But it doesn't have to be. With some key strategies, you can craft a manageable and successful Systems Integration Test.

Drawing on experience managing several large integration tests in a variety of industries, Fiona Charles offers strategies in this presentation for addressing some of the key Systems Integration Test questions.

- With limited time and budget, what do you really need to focus on to succeed?
- Where do you start, and how do you approach developing a test strategy?
- How do you plan and staff the test, and then prepare test cases and get buy-in from all the interested parties?
- Is there a way to manage test execution without driving yourself and everyone else crazy?
- What useful information can you provide to keep management informed, and still allow yourself time to manage the testing?
- How do you satisfy Audit or your internal QA department?

Fiona Charles manages large systems integration tests for clients in retail, banking, financial services, and telecommunications. She builds the core test teams, strategies, and processes, promotes the vision to the client's management, and mobilizes people from disparate project teams and cultures to work together for an effective integrated test. With over 25 years experience in software development and integration projects, Fiona has been variously a technical writer, tester, QA manager, consultant, test manager, writer, workshop organizer and facilitator.

**Presentations are on the last Tuesday of the month at the Holiday Inn on King,
370 King St. West, between Widmer St. and Peter St.**

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You can also take the 504 or 508 streetcars on King Street, from St. Andrew station.

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

Please RSVP by noon on Thursday April 20, 2006

5:30 P.M. Networking

6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Presentation

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