



# ReleaseTEAM

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### IBM Technotes



To see the latest IBM Rational TechNotes

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Often this space highlights the amazing work being done by our business partners and other vendors in the DevOps and SCM space. This month we decided to turn inward as we celebrate our 15th year of operations and remind our readers about the capabilities of our deep, experienced team of consultants.

For example, did you know that our co-founders have an average of over 20 years of experience in SCM? They began working with ClearCase before the company was called Rational and long before it became an acquisition target by IBM.

From our small beginnings as a ClearCase shop (heck ClearQuest didn't even exist then!) we have grown in size and abilities. Today we manage environmental assessments, implementations, migrations, tool and admin mentoring, and software sales. Our team of consultants cover almost every tool with the DevOps and SCM space and we are partners with Perforce, Atlassian, GitLabs, IBM, Collabnet, A Better Solution, Electric Cloud, SmartBear, PacGenesis and WANdisco.

Thanks to our security clearances, we have worked with almost every defense contractor and branch of the US military. We have roamed the halls of major banks and other financial institutions, advised health care providers and fortune 500 manufacturers. We are still small and nimble enough to work with small development shops like gaming developers and internet of things start-ups.

Not bad for just 15 years of business by a small group of dedicated professionals. So please allow us this small "humble brag" in our monthly newsletter to pat ourselves on the back and salute all of the hard working people of the ReleaseTEAM. Now on to the next 15 years! Don't forget to give us a call with any problems you may be facing with your environments too!

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## ReleaseTEAM's Spotlight



### Peggy Graham- IBM Senior IT Specialist

It is my pleasure to shine our spotlight on Peggy Graham this month! Although Peggy has been with IBM for 12 years, I recently had the pleasure of meeting her for the 1<sup>st</sup> time during a pre-sales evaluation. I quickly realized she was very passionate about what she does and makes sure every prospect and client is completely satisfied not only prior to the software purchase but also after the purchase is complete. There was literally dozens and dozens of emails from the prospect; questions, issues and concerns. Within an hour of receiving each email, Peggy would respond with accurate, precise, professional answers. Even when the client was clearly upset, Peggy was on top of the issue and was able to put to rest the concerns that could have been a deal breaker. She was even responding to the client late at night and during the weekends!

Peggy has spent the last 12 years at IBM proactively supporting customers evaluating software, answering technical questions about the tools and how they should be implemented, and demonstrating the functionality of the software both over the phone and through the use of on-line web demonstrations. She loves helping others and it truly shows; her work ethics are phenomenal!

Prior to IBM, Peggy worked as a Sales Engineer and a Technical Support Engineer for Rational Software for 4 years. Prior to Rational, she spent the previous 10 years at 4 other companies holding similar positions. I am very confident Peggy was a rock star right out of the gate!

In her spare time, Peggy works with 4th graders - mentoring on math and internet skills. She encourages the "next generation" to go into technical fields involving math, sciences, computers and engineering. She is also very passionate about the environment, science, and technology.

As a client or prospect, one would be very lucky to have Peggy on your team! I can only hope to work with Peggy more often. Thank you Peggy for being a stellar IT Specialist!

## IBM InterConnect 2015



The first ever IBM InterConnect was a few weeks ago. It was the combination of Innovate (Rational), Pulse (WebSphere) and Impact (Tivoli) conferences. ReleaseTEAM was very proud to attend the weeklong event.

The conference coincided with the regrouping of the different IBM Software brands. As of the conference the new brands, or groups were; Cloud, Watson, Security, Analytics, Systems and Commerce. Most of ReleaseTEAM's focus on are in the three groups, Cloud, Systems and Analytics. Products were organized one or more of these groups. UrbanCode fell in with Cloud, ClearCase and ClearQuest into Systems and RTC was across Cloud and Systems. A lot of interesting happening at IBM.

The conference was slick and well produced, this was a must attend event.

[eWEEK offers highlights from the conference.](#)

### Upcoming User Groups



Our first ever Performce User Group is happening on **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, so clear your calendars. The event will take place at Dave and Busters on 2000 S Colorado Blvd. The speaker will be on at 6 o'clock talking everything you need to know about the all new Performce Helix, and we'll be serving food at 5:30.

[Please RSVP via meetup.com here](#)

The next Colorado Rational Users Group is coming soon too! We don't know the details quite yet, but mark down May 21<sup>st</sup> and [stay tuned on our website](#).

## Introducing Perforce's Helix



Early last month, Perforce introduced Helix, its long-awaited collaboration platform tool. Helix is designed to aid in project collaboration using a mixture of being cloud-based and covering the whole gamut of different disciplines, allowing artists, developers, designers and project leads to have a centralized workspace for efficient collaboration.

[Check out its introduction straight from Perforce](#)

and

[How to get started using it](#)

## IBM Connects “Internet of Things” to the Enterprise

IBM today announced that it will invest \$3 billion over the next four years to establish a new Internet of Things (IoT) unit, and that it is building a cloud-based open platform designed to help clients and ecosystem partners build IoT solutions.

IBM's pioneering work in Smarter Planet and Smarter Cities was based on practical applications of IoT in the enterprise and led to a broad set of solutions, ranging from water management to optimizing retail and customer loyalty to alleviating traffic congestion. IBM leads in enterprise IoT implementations that securely combine and analyze data from a wide variety of sources.

With new industry-specific cloud data services and developer tools, IBM will build on that expertise to help clients and partners integrate data from an unprecedented number of IoT and traditional sources. These resources will be made available on an open platform to provide manufacturers with the ability to design and produce a new generation of connected devices that are better optimized for the IoT, and to help business leaders across industries create systems that better fuse enterprise and IoT data to inform decision-making.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

## The Puzzler

The winner of March's puzzler was Sarah K.! Email us at [puzzler@releaseteam.com](mailto:puzzler@releaseteam.com) and let us know where to send your \$27 gift card!

Here is last month's question:

2 9 3 1 8 4 3 6 5 7

What is the next number in this sequence?

### **Solution:**

It is a combination of 2 sequences: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9, 18, 36, and the next would be 72, making the answer 2.

### **Now for this month's puzzler:**

I am an eight letter word that you use frequently while working on your respective computers.

The 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th letter when read, makes a weapon.

The 1st, 2nd and 8th letter form the end part of a basic computer typing software.

The 3rd and the 4th letters are same.

The first four letters can be understood as an outcome of any exam.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th letters make an animal.

### **What am I?**

Send us in your answers and we will randomly pick a winner from all the correct answers to win a \$27 ReleaseTEAM gift card. If you'd like to send us puzzlers of your own, feel free to do so!

Send your answers to [puzzler@releaseteam.com](mailto:puzzler@releaseteam.com).