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## Happy Holidays and Welcome to our December 2013 Newsletter!

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"Tis the season, or time of year to give". IBM has listened to the voice of their customers and is now offering a special "gift" to all new and existing clients!

Industry standards have shown that multiple SCM tools are becoming a common environment in many organizations. Rational has now combined all powerful SCM tools under one offer without paying extra (RTC, ClearCase, and Synergy). Now each individual group or team within your organization can select which Rational SCM tool works best for them!

Existing client? No worries, any customer that owns a Rational SCM solution can now upgrade to a "SuperPID" that gives them access to all three SCM products and the upgrade cost is minimal. Give ReleaseTEAM a call today for more details!

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### Quick Links

[ReleaseTEAM Website](#)

[IBM Rational Website](#)

[Colorado Rational Users Group](#)

[ReleaseTEAM's Rational Users Group Page](#)

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## Watson in the Cloud – IBM's Brilliant Opportunity

Supercomputing power on demand? IBM is making it possible by connecting its Watson technology to the cloud, contributor Tim Beyers says in the [following video](#).

### IBM Technotes



To see the latest IBM Rational TechNotes

[CLICK HERE](#)

For those who don't know, Watson is a supremely effective index of knowledge and information accessible via natural-language query. The technology has proven itself on Jeopardy! no less, and will soon be available to any developer that wants access to the system for creating beefed-up apps. It's a smart move, Tim says.

[Click here for the full article and video.](#)

## ReleaseTEAM's Spotlight

### Anthony Baer- IBM Certified Consulting IT Specialist

This month ReleaseTEAM would like to honor someone who does an outstanding job assisting IBM Business Partners in progressing deals with his technical skills as well as providing mentoring services for local resources, prospects, and clients; meet Anthony Baer!



*Anthony Baer*

Anthony is a product development professional with over 15 years of software industry experience in a variety of industries. He has been with IBM for 12 years, focusing on providing value through automation; allowing the company to grow and innovate into development areas. His expertise is his ability to communicate on all levels of the organization with the understanding of the issues that are motivating for them. When he joined the IBM Rational team it was his 1st venture as a sales engineer.

His experience in product development has created a rounded personality and has him always looking for ways to improve how to produce a quality product. He specializes in leading teams and excels in insuring projects are completed in a timely manner.

Prior IBM Anthony held positions as a Distributed Environment Manager, Quality Assurance Director, Release Manager, and QA Manager. His education is in Electrical Engineering with a Computer Science and Physics minor.

In his spare time Anthony loves spending time with his family, bicycling, motorcycling, running, table tennis, and golf. He also enjoys playing the guitar and is learning to play piano!

Please feel free to reach out to Anthony directly at [baera@us.ibm.com](mailto:baera@us.ibm.com).

## New Rational User Groups in Las Vegas and Salt Lake City

ReleaseTEAM is proud to announce the launch of two brand new Rational User Groups in both Las Vegas and Salt Lake City. Please join the user group member pages on the Global Rational User Community site to stay informed on our progress!



[Global Rational User  
Community's SLCRUG Page](#)



[Global Rational User  
Community's LVRUG Page](#)

## ReleaseTEAM Welcomes New Business Partner CollabNet



CollabNet provides an advanced Agile Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) platform and services to address three major trends disrupting the software industry: Agile, DevOps and hybrid cloud development. CollabNet TeamForge® ALM, ScrumWorks® Pro Agile project management and Subversion Edge and Enterprise Git source code management can be deployed separately or together, in the cloud or on-premises. Certified and Non-certified Agile Scrum training is also available at low-cost per student and per class rates.

CollabNet's TeamForge 7 and TeamForge Orchestrate include many major new capabilities for this open ALM platform. TeamForge 7 includes Adaptive Planning Boards for hybrid Agile-based project management and Lifecycle Dashboards for centralized visibility across projects and tools. TeamForge Orchestrate is a new add-on product that helps software organizations connect disparate tools and activities, and produce cross-functional associations and visual traceability throughout the application lifecycle.

Together, TeamForge 7 and TeamForge Orchestrate provide IT organizations with an open and extendable ALM platform for enterprise Agile and DevOps that greatly reduces cycle times – while providing the freedom and control to use a range of open source and commercial tools in unison.

In summary, see our ReleaseTEAM specialists about how CollabNet's TeamForge may help your organization with:

- Up to 80% Cost Reduction (10's of \$M's saved)
- 10% - 75% Improved Time to Market
- Up to 70% Increased Productivity
- Meet and Exceed Security, Reliability and Compliance Req's

## GRUC Event: Planes, Trains and Automobiles with Rational

A special event presented by the Global Rational User Community

**December 6th**

**8:00 am - 2:00 pm Pacific**

IBM Office, Foster City, CA

[Register now!](#)



All aboard for a great Community event coming to the Bay Area! Planes, Trains and Automobiles with Rational will reveal how Rational software is supporting some of the most innovative and extensive transportation initiatives in the world. Guest speakers will offer insights and application examples, and you'll learn how to leverage their techniques for your own software development projects.

Lunch is included, and the event is free for members of the Global Rational User Community members. Not yet a member? Sign up now.

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## Planning For the Future: Understanding Scalability Requirements

When organizations embark on any analytics, data warehousing, BI, or broader software project, much of the focus remains on how to meet current goals and challenges. Requirements gathering looks at current data requirements and business rules in order to support development for solutions that will be supported on the premise of current data volumes, number of end users, data sources, etc. And although many of these solutions are successful, the reality is that they are only successful in as much as they will also be able to support future requirements.

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

## IBM Cloud Innovation Aims to Boost Business Continuity

What if cloud computing could help enterprises avoid costly business disruptions? IBM and Marist College may soon make the "what if" a reality with a new cloud computing innovation that could keep voice and data communications services up and running in the wake of natural disasters.

When a major weather event occurs, such as last year's deadly and destructive Super Storm Sandy, data network operators may have a few hours or less to protect critical communications systems before disaster strikes. According to IBM, moving voice and data application and services to a safe location -- a process called re-provisioning -- typically takes days. But this cloud computing disaster-prevention invention that IBM and Marist are testing could slash re-provisioning time from days to minutes to help enterprises and other organizations avoid costly network disruptions and outages.

[To learn more and read the full article click here.](#)

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## The Puzzler

The winner of November's puzzler was Mike W., congratulations and enjoy your gift card! Here is last month's question:

*"ReleaseTEAM is expanding into new offices. CEO Shawn wants the new offices to be closer to his house, and he makes sure of that. Without realizing it, he has made the commute shorter for all his employees as well. The employees all live in differing directions including north, west, east, south, and everything in between. They don't live in a congregated area together and there are no large obstructions between them and the offices such as lakes or mountains. **How is it possible that the new offices are closer to everyone?"***

**Solution:** The new offices can be closer to everyone by being in the same building but on a lower floor.

Now for this month's puzzler:

Every year, ReleaseTEAM sends out their company Holiday letter to hundreds of people. Unfortunately, the post office has made buying stamps a lot more confusing for some reason. They now only sell stamps in 10 cent denominations, starting at 10¢ and going to 100¢(\$1). To add to this confusion, they now charge different rates to mail to different places and won't allow having multiples of the same denomination of stamp on a single envelope. Having to send mail to places all over the country would mean buying lots of different stamps. To save money, **which 4 stamps can be combined to make any of the other possible increments of 10, assuming you can only use each type of stamp once** (e.g. you can't have 3 30-cent stamps to make 90 cents).

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 [info@releaseteam.com](mailto:info@releaseteam.com).