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Welcome to our September 2013 Newsletter!

IBM has announced ClearCase v7.1 will no longer be supported as of April 30th, 2014. The good news is, that gives all of our clients plenty of time to determine which path they want to take. The even BETTER NEWS is ReleaseTEAM is here to help you along whichever path you select!

(Of course if you need assistance weighing the pros and cons of each avenue, as a neutral party, our Senior CLM Consultants can help you come up with the decision that best fits your organization's needs).

Option 1: Upgrade to ClearCase v 8.0 prior to April 2014.

Going from v7.1 to 8.0 is a major upgrade that could take a week or two, depending on your environment, the size of your VOBs, and several other factors. Why deal with the added stress when you can hire the experts (ReleaseTEAM) to perform the upgrade for you!

Option 2: Migrate over to RTC.

There are plenty of entry level offerings. As a Rational Premier partner we can seemlessly assist with the software purchase, installation, integration and training.

Give us a call today!

ReleaseTEAM's Spotlight

Matt Haggard

- IBM Rational Account Manager, Federal Team

Matt Haggard

This month ReleaseTEAM would like to spotlight Matt Haggard as he is extremely passionate about the IBM Rational portfolio and his commitment to his government clients.

Recently we have had the privilege of partnering with Matt on a few opportunities and have witnessed his ability of ensuring the client is well taken care of. It takes a special person to be successful in selling to the government and Matt truly has that special talent. Matt pays attention to detail, truly listens to the client's needs, does not attempt to oversell products that do not add value to the client's environment, and understands the government's sales cycle.

Although Matt has only been with the IBM Rational group for 1 year, he has over 8 years of experience in sales and or working with the Federal Government. He currently resides in DC and handles HHS, SSA, DOJ, State, US Courts, DIA and DODIIS. When asked what he loves most about selling the Rational tool set he had a hard time narrowing his answer down. Besides really enjoying the fact that he is continually learning new ALM tools, he loves getting in front of the clients, hearing their issues, and tailoring a solutions to address their needs.

Prior to joining IBM Matt held sales positions at Oracle and Vector Marketing. He also worked in the marketing department at First Research. The position that truly started peeking Matt's interest in working with the Government was his position at the White House where he was the Deputy Associate Director within the Executive Office of the President for 2 years.

Please feel free to reach out to Matt directly if you are a Federal Government employee who falls within his territory, matt.haggard@us.ibm.com.

ReleaseTEAM Welcomes New Business Partner: WANdisco

WANdisco (Wide Area Network Distributed Computing) is a provider of enterprise-ready, non-stop software solutions that enable globally distributed organizations to meet today's data challenges of secure storage, scalability and availability. WANdisco's products are differentiated by the company's patented, active-active data replication technology, serving crucial high availability (HA) requirements, including Hadoop Big Data, Subversion and Git.

Announcing Q3 Rational User Group Meeting Dates

Come and join us for a deep dive into IBM's Urban Code at Mile High Stadium with Urban Code's Denver Tech Rep, Eric Minick. Come and see how Urban Code product line of Anthillpro, uProvision, uBuild, uRelease, uDeploy and Terraform can increase your team's efficiency and productivity. Come join us for lunch at this half day event in the unique setting of a Sky Suite at Sport Authority at Mile High Stadium.

After the presentation stick around and mingle with friends and associates as we tour the Bronco's Owner's Suite, the Visitor's Locker Room, The Keg Room and field track.

Colorado Users Group (Denver/Ft. Collins)	**Colorado Springs Users Group**	**Salt Lake City Users Group**
Thursday, September 19	Friday, September 20	Thursday, October 10
Location: Sky Suite at Mile High Stadium	Location: The Airplane Restaurant	Location: TBD
Time: Noon – 4:00 Lunch and Presentation	Time: Noon – 4:00 Lunch and Presentation	Time: Noon – 3pm Topic: IBM's CLM Explained Speaker: Shawn Doyle
4:00 – 5:00 Social Networking	4:00 – 5:00 Social Networking	

Don't miss out! Register now to reserve your seat at CRUG (Denver/Ft. Collins), and CSRUG (Colorado Springs)

Shawn Doyle to Speak at Subversion and Git Live 2013

The Subversion and Git Live conference sponsored by WANdisco is having our own Shawn Doyle as a speaker in October. He will be giving a talk geared towards administrators who may be new to Git, while having some background in Subversion or other SCM systems.

This talk will include basic to intermediate Git administration, focus on areas differing from running and interfacing with other systems, and the different ways to create and share a "master" Git repository.

Find out more about Subversion and Git Live 2013 here.

Upcoming Rational Systems and Software Engineering Symposiums

Please join us for the Rational® Systems and Software Engineering Symposium. Learn how IBM Rational® is helping to lead the innovation agenda in product and systems development. Industry experts will discuss applying system engineering best practices with measurable benefits, and provide customer examples.

We will be speaking at the Symposiums being held at Lake Buena Vista, Tampa, San Diego, Dallas, and Washington DC.

Click here for more information and to register.

DA 101: The Disciplined Agile Experience Workshop

ReleaseTEAM Sponsors the Disciple Agile Consortium's DA 101 class. This 3 day course starts on 30 Sep 2013 and goes to 2nd October.

Disciplined Agile Delivery (DAD) is an IT process decision framework for delivering sophisticated agile solutions in the enterprise. It builds on the existing proven practices from agile methods such as Scrum, Extreme Programming (XP), Lean software development, Unified Process, and Agile Modeling to include other aspects necessary for success in the enterprise. DAD fills in the gaps left by mainstream methods by providing guidance on how to effectively plan and kickstart complex projects as well as how to apply a full lifecycle approach, with lightweight milestones, effective metrics, and agile governance.

Click here for more information and click here to register.

IBM Information OnDemand 2013

Join us in Las Vegas for an unrivalled blend of business, technical and leadership training, along with the deep insights into Business Analytics, Enterprise Content Management and Information Management. More than 13,000 Customers, Business Partners and IBMers are expected. Come and experience proven technologies and meaningful business insights that improve performance while reducing costs.

Click here to register and for more information

IBM, universities partner on 'big data' skills training

IBM is hoping to help create the next generation of "big data" specialists through a series of partnerships with universities around the world, as well as influence the curriculum.

Nine new agreements announced Wednesday involve Georgetown University, George Washington University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the University of Missouri and Northwestern University in the U.S. IBM is also beginning big data programs at Dublin City University, Mother Teresa Women's University in India, the National University of Singapore, and the Philippines' Commission on Higher Education.

They will result in a variety of programs, including a master of science degree in the business analytics track at George Washington University; an undergraduate course titled "Big Data Analytics" at the University of Missouri; and a center for business analytics at the National University of Singapore.

Big data refers to the massive amounts of structured and unstructured data being continuously generated by websites, social media, sensors, smart devices and other sources. A wide range of software, hardware and consulting companies have been bringing products and services to market that they say customers can use to derive valuable business insights from such information.

Click here for the entire article.

The Puzzler

Unfortunately there were no correct answers to our August puzzler. If you'll recall, last month's Puzzler involved Sarah and her terrible golfing abilities. She could only putt distances of 3, 4, 9 or 16 yards, and was 30 yards away. To get the ball in the hole with the fewest number of putts, she can putt at an angle, which allows her to only use two putts.

Now for this month's puzzler:

You have 5 bags of coins, each labeled 1-5, with 10 coins in each bag. The real coins weigh 1g a piece, and a fake coin weighs .8g. One of the bags is filled with fake coins. Using a scale that can only register up to 10g at a time, **what is the fewest number of measurements possible you can make to guarantee you will always find which bag contains the fake coins?**

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

Send your answers to info@releaseteam.com.