



**June, 2008**

## **JUNE 10, 2008 MEETING**

AQAA Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month, or as published. The meeting format is as follows:

- 6:30 – 7:00 Networking & Refreshments
- 7:00 – 7:15 Welcome and Job Announcements
- 7:15 – 8:15 Presentation. The last 15 minutes is for Q&A.
- 8:15 – 8:30 Networking
- 8:30 – 9:00 Board Meeting

Location: Dunwoody Library - 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338.  
See printed Directions at the end of this document.

## **Gear Up for Performance Testing with HP LoadRunner**

Performance testing is one of the most important phases of the application development lifecycle. Well planned testing can help you prevent costly performance problems in production by detecting bottlenecks before a new system or upgrade is deployed. ZAP's zSWAT best practices for performance testing planning for HP LoadRunner-based testing allow you to measure end-to-end performance, diagnose application and system bottlenecks, and tune for better performance—all from a single point of control. This helps reduce the costs and time required to test and deploy new applications and systems into your production environment.

Alex Chernyak is ZAPtechnologies.com CTO and co-founder. Alex is founder of the zSWAT.com and zapFARM.com lines of business and has over fifteen years experience in the Information Technology arena and over ten years experience as an HP-Mercury Product Expert. Alex is a Mercury Certified Product Consultant and Mercury Certified Instructor. He has wide expertise in providing solutions by implementing processes utilizing different sets of HP-Mercury Business Technology Optimization (BTO) technologies.

Alex is a long-term member of the HP-Mercury Professional Services Organization with a proven record of delivering successful engagements. He is the author of the ZAProcess Methodology of Software Test Practices utilizing HP-Mercury products, a speaker at nationwide Mercury User Group (MUG) meetings, a member of the HP Software product marketing advisory board, and has authored numerous articles and white papers on IT Quality Management and Test Automation utilizing HP Software products including the latest versions of Quality Center, Performance Center, LoadRunner, TestDirector, QuickTest Pro, WinRunner, Business Process Testing Tool, Diagnostics, SiteScope, and Business Availability Center.

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## **PURPOSE/MISSION OF AQAA**

The purpose of AQAA is to provide local interaction among organization members in the Atlanta area, to mutually support each other, and to supplement the exchange of information about Quality Assurance, Software Testing, and Total Quality Management. We host ten meetings per year. The meetings vary in format and usually include presentations by industry professionals.



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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

There is no July meeting. The next meeting will be held on August 12, 2008. If you have recommendations for speakers, please contact [vicepresident@aqaa.org](mailto:vicepresident@aqaa.org).

**AQAA ANNUAL CORPORATE SPONSORS**

We have three corporate sponsors this year. For details on becoming an annual or monthly corporate sponsor please see <http://www.aqaa.org/sponsors.html>.



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**2008 AQAA OFFICERS**

The officers for 2008 are as follows. You can meet with the officers after each monthly meeting starting at about 8:30 pm.

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**WHY BELONG TO AQAA?**



If you have a stake in Software Quality as an IT Manager, Software Tester, Software Quality Professional, or Software Developer, we invite you to take a look at what AQAA has to offer. The Atlanta Quality Assurance Association (AQAA) was founded in 1984 with the belief that no one company or individual can learn everything that is needed to assure a Quality Environment. AQAA is a not-for-profit organization, which is organized to share state-of-the-art

Quality Assurance methods, tools, and techniques among its members. Our membership is comprised of professionals working primarily in the information technology industry. For more information, go to <http://www.qaiworldwide.org/qai.html>.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Is your membership information current? You can help us do a better job of keeping in touch with you by making sure the information we have is correct. Please let us know anytime something changes, like your place of employment, e-mail address or phone number.

AQAA memberships are currently available for both individuals and Corporations with varying numbers of seats. The membership term runs from the date the application is accepted through the same date the following year. See below for individual membership or corporate membership forms. AQAA participation earns CPE credits toward CSQA and CSTE designation.

AQAA accepts credit cards via PayPal on the website. You can pay for new memberships or renew online, then either mail the application or bring it to the next meeting (we do request a completed membership application for renewals). We still accept checks at the meeting and in the mail so you also have that option. Please see <http://www.aqaa.org/memberships.html>.

If you have any questions about Membership please contact [memberships@aqaa.org](mailto:memberships@aqaa.org).

<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price</b>
Individual	Memberships purchased at the same time from a single corporation or person. These are individual memberships purchased for one individual and stay with the individual for the membership term.	\$60 each
Corporate	A corporation may purchase "seats" which allows them to send a finite number of people to an AQAA meeting, although different people may attend from month to month.	\$60 each
Student	This membership is available to any full time student.	\$25 each



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**POSITION OPPORTUNITIES**

AQAA recognizes a need for employment in the Atlanta area and receives notifications of job opportunities in the Atlanta market place. If you are a member who is seeking employment, contact the AQAA Director of Public Relations for specific opportunities at [publicrelations@aqaa.org](mailto:publicrelations@aqaa.org).

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CSQAs AND CSTEs**

The Common Body of Knowledge (CBOK) for CSQA and CSTE was updated in 2006. Some domain areas have been changed and others have been dropped. CPE recertification points received after January 1, 2006 must align with these new domain areas. An outline that includes information on the new domain areas is available on the Software Certification website, <http://www.softwarecertifications.org/>. Review this outline as you make your future training plans to ensure that your CPE credits can be applied to your recertification.



**WEBSITES – EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION**

The following table lists some websites of interest for education, training, and software testing information:

Name	URL
AQAA – Atlanta Quality Assurance Association	<a href="http://www.aqaa.org">http://www.aqaa.org</a>
ASQ – American Society for Quality	<a href="http://www.asq.org">http://www.asq.org</a>
ASQ Atlanta Section	<a href="http://www.ASQatlanta.org">http://www.ASQatlanta.org</a>
ASQ Recertification	<a href="http://www.asq.org/certification/recertification/">http://www.asq.org/certification/recertification/</a>
Baldrige Award at NIST	<a href="http://www.quality.nist.gov">http://www.quality.nist.gov</a>
Customer Supplier Division	<a href="http://www.asqcsd.org">http://www.asqcsd.org</a>
Georgia Oglethorpe Award	<a href="http://www.georgiaoglethorpe.org">http://www.georgiaoglethorpe.org</a>
IEEE Atlanta Section	<a href="http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r3/atlanta">http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r3/atlanta</a>
IIE – Institute of Industrial Engineers	<a href="http://www.iienet.org">http://www.iienet.org</a>
IIST – International Institute for Software Testing	<a href="http://www.iist.org/">http://www.iist.org/</a>
ISO – International Organization for Standardization	<a href="http://www.iso.ch">http://www.iso.ch</a>
Liberty Management Systems (Corporate Sponsor)	<a href="http://www.libertymanagementsystems.com/">http://www.libertymanagementsystems.com/</a>
MDI – Management Decisions, Inc. (Corporate Sponsor)	<a href="http://www.mdigroup.com">www.mdigroup.com</a>
MSQA – Master of Science Quality Assurance	<a href="http://www.msqa.edu">http://www.msqa.edu</a>
NIST – National Institute of Standards and Technology	<a href="http://www.nist.gov/">http://www.nist.gov/</a>
QAI – Quality Assurance Institute	<a href="http://www.qaiworldwide.org/qai.html">http://www.qaiworldwide.org/qai.html</a>
Quality Leadership Awards	<a href="http://www.qualityleadershipawards.com">www.qualityleadershipawards.com</a>
RAB – Registrar Accreditation Board	<a href="http://www.rabnet.com">http://www.rabnet.com</a>
SPSU Center for Quality Excellence	<a href="http://www.cqe.spsu.edu">http://www.cqe.spsu.edu</a>
The Intersect Group (Corporate Sponsor)	<a href="http://www.theintersectgroup.com/">http://www.theintersectgroup.com/</a>



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## 2008 SQE CONFERENCES

Software Quality Engineering introduces three of the best must-attend conferences of 2008.

### STARWEST 2008 Software Testing Analysis & Review

<http://www.sqe.com/StarWest/>

Sept 29-Oct 3, 2008

Anaheim, CA

#### **Conference Description:**

*Providing the largest and most advanced testing forum, STAR delivers the latest trends, technologies, and strategies in the industry today. Learn about new products, timely issues, and cutting-edge solutions from the best experts in the business. Now in its sixteenth year, STAR gives you the opportunity to network with colleagues, solution providers, and industry experts. Find answers to your questions about test management, automation, SOA testing, model-based testing, and many of the other hot-topics in the industry.*

*The Disneyland Hotel  
1150 Magic Way  
Anaheim, CA 92802*

### Agile Development Practices 2008

<http://www.sqe.com/agiledevpractices/>

Nov 10-13, 2008

Orlando, FL

#### **Conference Description:**

The Agile Development Practices conference is for anyone investigating or implementing agile development practices, processes, technologies, and leadership principles.

**Rosen Shingle Creek Resort  
9939 Universal Boulevard  
Orlando, FL 32819**

## DIRECTIONS TO THE DUNWOODY LIBRARY

#### **From MARTA:**

Take [Bus Route 150 Perimeter East / North River](#), which runs between Dunwoody (N9) and Dunwoody/Roswell. Get off at intersection of *Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.* and *Mount Vernon Rd.* and go South on *Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.* one block to Library.

#### **From I-285 Westbound:**

Take *North Peachtree Rd.* (Exit 30). At end of exit ramp continue straight on access road (*Cotillion Dr.*) At second light, turn **right** onto *North Shallowford Rd.* At first major intersection, *North Shallowford Rd.* becomes *Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.* Continue straight for about 1 1/2 mile. Library is on **right** just after light at *Womack Rd.*

#### **From I-285 Eastbound:**

Get off at *Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.* (Exit 30) and turn **left**. About 3/4 mile at intersection with *North Shallowford Rd.* and *Peeler Rd.* turn **left** to stay on *Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.* Library is on **right** about 1 1/2 mile, just after light at *Womack Rd.*

#### **From Perimeter Mall:**

Take *Ashford Dunwoody Road* until it dead-ends at *Mount Vernon Rd.* and turn **right**. At next intersection, turn **right** onto *Chamblee-Dunwoody Road.* Turn **left** into Library parking lot just before first light.

#### **From South (Chamblee):**

Take *Chamblee-Dunwoody Road* North. About 3/4 mile after crossing over I-285, at intersection with *North Shallowford Rd.* and *Peeler Rd.*, turn **left** to stay on *Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.* Library is on **right** about 1 1/2 miles, just after light at *Womack Rd.*