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RUP roadmap helps make sense of the process

North Florida Rational Users Group offers presentation for navigating RUP, Wednesday, May 9 at the University of North Florida

DURHAM, NC, May 3, 2006 – It's big and broad, yet undeniably beneficial. An iterative software development process, the IBM® Rational Unified Process® (RUP) offers an adaptable process framework for developing object oriented software, helping software developers successfully bypass common causes of failed software projects. On Wednesday, May 9, 2006, the North Florida Rational Users Group will get one step closer to learning how to effectively navigate RUP using its proven techniques. Geri Winters, Senior Instructor/Consultant, Island Training Solutions, will present, *Lost in Process? The RUP Roadmap*, at the University Center, University of North Florida at 6:30 p.m.

Because it can be used with any kind of software project, the RUP process library is extensive—no project requires use of all its parts—and often intimidating to browse and use. Based on Winters' experiences guiding RUP implementations at corporations throughout the United States, the presentation will introduce attendees to RUP along with three ways of viewing it. Winters will share how to compare RUP to a standard problem-solving process, focusing on the core elements of RUP needed to develop any project, use tools provided by IBM Rational, and look at patterns of projects and the parts of RUP that apply to them. At the conclusion of the two-hour presentation, attendees will benefit from a focused look at a tested RUP roadmap and leave with proven techniques for navigating the RUP.

While RUP can be applied to any kind of software development project of any size, Winters says its real strength is in larger projects. In terms of patterns of projects, the number is infinite, with often more than one pattern and software project, she said.

For more information about the North Florida Users Group or to RSVP for this event, visit <http://rational-ug.org/groups.php?groupid=8> or contact Richard.Saulsgiver at richard34695@yahoo.com.

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Speaker Bio:

Ms. Winters taught undergraduate programming classes for Northern Arizona University before joining Lockheed Missiles and Space in 1986 as a Senior Scientific Programming Analyst. She joined Rational Software in 1991, providing technical support for Rational's entire product line during the emergence of UML and RUP. She left Rational in 1997 and founded Wyyzzk to continue training and mentoring in UML and process. Since then, she has authored and taught software best practice, process, and tool courses for corporate clients and adult education programs. Wyyzzk teamed with Island Training in 2005.

Ms. Winters is co-author of many books and white papers covering the software development lifecycle, including the popular book, Applying Use Cases: A Practical Guide (Addison-Wesley). She holds an MS in Computer Science and is a member of IEEE and ACM.

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