November Meetings

Software Quality Group of New England (SQGNE)

**Topic:** Ask the Expert - Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Test Automation ...
**Speaker:** Brian LeSeur, Star Quality
**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2005  6 PM  Networking, 6:30 - 8:00 PM  Business Meeting & Presentation
**Location:** Sun Microsystems, Burlington, MA
**Details:** [http://www.sqadvice.com/SQGNE_Calendar.htm](http://www.sqadvice.com/SQGNE_Calendar.htm)

Boston SPIN

**Topic:** Coping with Litigation in IT Project Failures
**Speaker:** Ed Yourdon
**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2005  6 PM  Networking, 7:10 PM  Presentation
**Location:** The Mitre Corporation, S Building, Bedford, MA
**Details:** [http://www.boston-spin.org/meeting.html](http://www.boston-spin.org/meeting.html)

Southern New Hampshire University IT Seminar Series

Co-sponsored by the Software Association of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire chapters of the IEEE Computer Society, and ACM (Association for Computing Machinery)

**Topic:** Computer Games: Genre's and Genius
**Speaker:** Professor Tom Adamson
**Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 15, 2005  5-6 PM  Networking  6-7 PM
**Location:** Walker Auditorium, Robert Frost Hall
**Details:** [http://acadweb.snhu.edu/Isaak_James/ITseminars/ITSeminars05-06.htm](http://acadweb.snhu.edu/Isaak_James/ITseminars/ITSeminars05-06.htm)

Boston University Corporate Education Center

**Topic:** FREE Microsoft SQL Server and Visual Studio 2005 First Look
Free first look seminar on Microsoft’s next-generation data management and analysis software. Learn about the new features in SQL Server 2005 and Visual Studio 2005 and how the technologies’ shared language base provides you with end-to-end development tools. Discover how BUCEC’s Microsoft seminars and certification programs will keep you up-to-date and in demand as a Microsoft professional.
**Speaker:** Thom Robbins, Developer/Evangelist, Microsoft Corporation
**Date:** November 16, 2005  6 - 9 PM
**Location:** Microsoft Corporation 201 Jones Rd., Sixth Floor Waltham MA
**Details:** [http://www.butrain.com/misc/z100.asp#2028](http://www.butrain.com/misc/z100.asp#2028)

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The word Sudoku means “numbers singly” in Japanese. (This name is a registered trademark of puzzle publisher Nikoli Co. Ltd in Japan, and other Japanese publishers generally refer to it as “number place”.) The numerals in Sudoku puzzles are used for convenience; arithmetic relationships between numerals are absolutely irrelevant. Any set of distinct symbols will do; letters, shapes, or colours may be used without altering the rules. Dell Magazines, the puzzle’s originator, has been using numerals for Number Place in its magazines since they first published it over 25 years ago. Numerals are used throughout this article.

Sudoku puzzles are ranked in terms of difficulty. The difficulty of the puzzle depends upon how easy it is to logically determine subsequent numbers. Perhaps surprisingly, the number of givens has little or no bearing on a puzzle’s difficulty. Puzzles with a minimum number of givens can be very easy to solve, and puzzles with more than the average number of givens can still be extremely difficult to solve.

Below is an example of an easy puzzle. Try your luck. The solution will appear in a subsequent issue of the Real Times.
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- Assistant Treasurer to help Yona Carmichael
- Registrar roles to support future seminar programs, and much more.
GBC/ACM November 2005 Meeting
Introduction to Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

Speaker: Edward Leonard, IBM
Date/Time: Thursday, November 17, 2005, 7-9 PM
Location: IBM Innovation Center, Waltham, MA

This presentation will discuss Virtual Private Network (VPN) technology. The presentation will cover the following areas: historical reasons for the emergence and popularity of VPNs, different types of VPN architectures including examples of each, how they evolved, where they are going, implementation issues, the benefits from using each and an explanation of why different companies choose some of the different VPN technologies. The basics of symmetric and asymmetric encryption, and how they relate to VPN tunnels, will also be introduced.

Biography: Ed Leonard is a Senior Technical Consultant at the IBM Innovation Center (IIC) in Waltham. He manages the IIC’s network including its VPN servers, firewall, and router and switch infrastructure. He has been with IBM for 25 years, the last 15 of which have been in the networking and systems management fields. He has spent time in the IBM Northeast Area Systems Center, IBM Global Services and the last 6 years in his current position in the IIC. In his current role, the network infrastructure he manages is used by IBM’s Business Partners to enable their applications on IBM hardware and software technologies.

The IBM Innovation Center is located at 404 Wyman Street, Waltham. There is free parking in the garage at the north end of the building. To reach the meeting room, walk out the front of the garage and around to your right to the front door of the building. Directions to the room will be available when you sign in at the front desk.


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