

Our Recent Award Winners—Influencing Technical and User Communities

Jim Herron, Three-Time IBM® Champion

For the third year running, Jim Herron, Island Training's co-founder and CTO, was named an IBM Champion. The program recognizes innovative thought leaders in the technical community and rewards these contributors by amplifying their voice and increasing their sphere of influence.

With 30-plus years in the software industry, Jim has held a variety of positions, including development, support, sales, and consulting. In 1991, he joined startup Atria Software as part of the initial ClearCase® development team. Since co-founding Island Training in 1999, Jim has overseen the development of over sixty IBM Rational® tool courses and developed specialized curricula for highly customized environments in the United States and overseas. Jim is a frequent presenter at Rational User Groups and is an IBM business partner Jazz™ maestro and evangelist.

Beth Beese, Platinum Winner 2012-2013 GRUC Leader of the Year

Beth Beese, our Director of Sales and Marketing, was named the Platinum Winner for the 2012-2013 Global Rational User Community (GRUC) Leader of the Year. She is the inaugural winner of this new annual award. Her selection was based on her numerous contributions to the GRUC:

- Communications Director for the GRUC board
- Moderator of Colorado Rational User Group (CRUG)
- Sponsor of Fort Collins RUG (FCRUG)
- Moderator of Toronto RUG (TRUG)
- Sponsor of National Capital (Canada) RUG
- Moderator of RTP-RUG
- Sponsor of Greater Charlotte RUG (GCRUG)

"I love interacting with this community," said Beth. "I've had the chance to talk with literally hundreds of IBM Rational software users. These are complex tools, and I can't say enough about the value of sharing challenges and best practices with a community of knowledgeable and FUN users."

The GRUC is the largest online and offline organization of Rational professionals in the world—home to over 100+ local user groups and virtual/global groups from 29 countries—with more than 15,000+ members. The GRUC offers users blogs and forums for discussion and collaboration, access to the latest whitepapers, webinars, presentations and research for users, by users and the latest information on Rational products. Visit <http://www.rational-ug.org>.

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About Island Training

Island Training Solutions provides expert training, consulting, and mentoring focused exclusively on IBM Rational software tools. We offer the opposite of one-size-fits-all software training. Our unique modular training model lets clients configure a curriculum that precisely fits their specific needs. And we offer role-based training with a typical 80/20 lab/lecture mix so students get hands-on experiences with live, world-class instructors learning the specific tasks that will help them be more successful in their roles. Classes are offered anywhere@anytime via virtual classrooms that let us stretch across locales and time zones to consistently accommodate student needs.

