

Coverage - Polaris opens PACE lab in Sydney

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Polaris Sets Up PACE In Sydney

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Malaysia Sun

Tuesday 30th October, 2007

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"The quicker turnaround of application development is affecting quality [and] regulatory issues and pressure to meet customer demand can directly impact the testing effort, which is why software testing will become center stage," Iyengar said.

"A strong [software testing life-cycle] moves from testing the quality of software, to building quality into software, but this type of change is beyond most enterprises and most will need some form of third-party assistance.

"Software testing typically consumes about 25 percent of resources, including time frames and budgets, however most companies spend 45 to 50 percent in a typical testing life-cycle," he said.

News

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Polaris Software director in Sydney, Anil Verma, said the Sydney lab is a major step in continuous value creation for customers. Utilising PACE methodology, Verma said the lab will be able to reduce the process cycle time by over 50 per cent for customers in the region. The Sydney PACE Lab is Polaris's first Australian centre of excellence, with the company planning to open other facilities around the country and in New Zealand. Only recently, local market analysts warned that Australian businesses are wasting up to 50 per cent of software development budgets because they lack the resources, tools and knowledge to conduct efficient software testing.

Gartner application development analyst Partha Iyengar said shrinking time-to-market project deadlines and naivety about the benefits of software testing means that businesses are missing out on an opportunity to streamline and improve the quality of software development.



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Polaris and NSW Government Software Testing Centre Launch

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About PACE

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person-years of focused testing services. PACE has a dedicated team of 1100 professionals comprising of Subject Matter Experts, Technical Test Consultants and Test Automation Consultants, 75% of whom hold professional certifications such as PMP, CPC, CSQA, CSTE and CFPS.
