

Smart Bear Releases CodeCollaborator™ – A New Code Inspection Platform

Austin, TX – December, 12 2005– Smart Bear Inc., the leading provider of code review solutions, today announced the immediate availability of CodeCollaborator 1.0.

CodeCollaborator provides development organizations a platform to perform code inspections to minimize the number of bugs in their source code. Smart Bear estimates that for every hour of inspection using CodeCollaborator, development organizations can save approximately 20 hours of testing and Q&A.

CodeCollaborator is a web-based multi-platform peer code inspection workspace supporting multiple simultaneous reviewers across multiple departments and organizations.

“CodeCollaborator is a compilation of our customers’ feedback and feature requests from Code Reviewer,” said CEO Jason Cohen. “We had to create a new product using a new architecture to satisfy demands for complex, enforceable workflows and multi-platform support.” A major request was the ability to manage productivity and quality from off-shore development groups. “We heard this over and over again. It is very hard to manage, track and compare groups when they are in different countries and time zones. CodeCollaborator had to address these issues, and was designed specifically with these requirements in mind” added Cohen.

CodeCollaborator (www.codecollaborator.com) enforces peer code inspections by integrating with version control, issue tracking, reporting, and other external systems. The customizable workflow provides customers with a variety of options for code inspection. The workflow can range from formal inspections to casual “buddy pass-arounds.” CodeCollaborator’s reporting tools provide managers with metrics such as average defects per KLOC and defects per person-hour. One of the most popular features is a side-by-side diff viewer with an “IM style” audit trail that works equally well whether the participants are separated by an ocean or by just few offices.

“The audit trail and chat features allow development groups to comply with regulations such as Sarbanes-Oxley and with security audits” said Cohen. “Code inspections are also being used to train new developers on the techniques and styles of the development organization.”

About Smart Bear

Headquartered in Austin, Texas, Smart Bear provides tools for software developers to manage, review, and report code.

Smart Bear products are used by 12,000 people at over 500 companies worldwide. Customers represent a broad range of industries including software and game development, electronics, pharmaceutical, and financial services. Customers include Adobe, Electronic Arts, Pfizer, and Nationwide Insurance.

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