



The Northern Virginia Test Automation Interest Group holds periodic meetings at Herndon-Reston area facilities.

**Meeting format:**

6:30 - 7:00 Networking, pizza.  
7:00 - 7:15 Announcements, job openings or seeking, etc.  
7:15 - 8:00 Presentation or Discussion Topic  
8:00 - 8:30 Follow-on discussions

**The meetings are participatory and discussion-oriented:**

- Meetings often include informal discussion-oriented presentations.
- Meetings are technically oriented at times (and may include showing and discussing code). Example topics: unit testing, automation programming languages, tool specifics, vendor presentations, load testing, code coverage.
- Some meetings are less technical and more oriented to design/strategy/management subjects related to test automation. Topic examples: choosing a tool, when is a project ready for test automation, open source vs COTS, build vs buy, ROI, how to find a great automation engineer, automation estimation, etc.
- It is expected that attendees will contribute actively to the discussions and be willing to discuss (in general terms, or, if possible, specific terms) past or current automation experiences, challenges, and successes.

**NOVATAIG President: Rick Hower**

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**January 2017 Meeting** -- Co-sponsored by Appian, Lithespeed, & NOVA Software Quality Engineering and Automation Meetup

**Topic: "Grading Your Test Automation"** - presentation by Rick Hower

For many Agile projects, test automation is reflexively included as a standard part of the software development process, but often without a great deal of thought as to what the goals are. This can make it difficult to prioritize and focus on the highest-value automation work. We will discuss 10 questions you can use to assess and grade your test automation and to help maximize your test automation effectiveness.

**Bio:**

Rick has twenty years innovative experience in consulting, lead, & management roles in Software Testing, Test Automation, Process Improvement, Metrics, and Software Development. He has presented at many conferences and workshops in the U.S. and Europe on testing & automation topics, and is the author and maintainer of the SoftwareQATest.com software testing web site, a resource for more than 7 million worldwide site visitors since 1996.

**When: Tuesday Jan. 24, 2017 6:30 PM**

**Where: Appian, 11955 Democracy Drive,  
11th Floor, Reston, VA**

(note: parking will be validated)

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