



From the President's desk

Dear SPIN Members

I am happy to reach you through this fourth issue of SPINNacle. As you know, we have crossed many milestones successfully, and we have many more grand plans for SPIN Chennai.

As we embrace the dawn of a New Year, we need to see ourselves in a new light and set our eyes on achieving excellence in the areas we focus both in personal and professional life. I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New year 2011. My simple message for the New Year is **"Be Inspired and Aspire more!! Contribute for the Improvement Initiatives and move up in the value chain"**. SPIN Chennai has seen 2010 with lot of activities and we have completed many milestones successfully with your support. Some of the key talks of 2010 were,

Transition of Applications and its Total Cost of Ownership

Ambidexterity: Managing Process and Innovation

Operations Maturity in IT Infrastructure Services

SPIN Chennai has supported the following events apart from circulating the newsletters from the supporting organizations

- eWIT / CSI joint program on "Role of Stakeholders in Increasing the Share and Sustainability of Women from Tier-2, Tier-3 and Rural Areas in IT/ITES Industry"
- ITSME's " Business Breakfast meeting
- International Seminar on Usability Matters - UMO2010 - Chennai
- QAI's 5th International Colloquium on IT Service Management (ITSM 2010)

Technology , people and process are important for any organization , technology may give the cutting edge , people may execute but process should enable both people and technology

Process should be enabling in meeting the

Mission

Vision of CEO

Organization's objectives

And also process should delight the customer and able to meet stake holders which includes profitability , employee satisfaction and positive impact on the society (social responsibility)

We had a Best practices sharing session in memory of late Dr. Watts Humphrey in November 2010. SPIN Chennai had instituted an annual Watts Humphrey Software Quality Award to be given to the best paper on Software Quality and Process Improvement.

I'm happy to announce that SPICON 2011 plans have been kicked off and the theme for this year is 'Innovation in IT Processes - the Engine for Growth'.

I look forward to your active participation.

With Best regards

Chandrakumar Raman

Our Mission

Establish a leadership forum for open exchange of software process improvement experiences and ideas

Promote achieving higher levels of process maturity and software quality .

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FIRST Watts Humphrey Award' - 'My Practice' Session of SPIN Chennai

Dr. Watts Humphrey, one of the icons of software engineering and widely acknowledged as the "Father of Software Quality" had been a constant source of inspiration for us at SPIN, Chennai. We are privileged to be associated with Dr Humphrey for over a decade. It is quite natural that SPIN Chennai, chose to honor this Software Engineering guru who called upon the community to have conviction for "commitment to change the world of software engineering" by instituting an award in his name for the 'best practice' in the software industry. The steering committee opined that when member organizations shared their good practices, the software community at large would benefit. To ensure sustenance of this great initiative a corpus fund was created with significant contribution from some of the key steering committee members.

Watts Humphrey Best Practices session was held at Anna University on 27th November 2010. The participation in this event was overwhelming. This session was titled, 'My Practice' to stress the need for experience sharing, rather than didactic prescriptions. More than 25 papers were received from organizations like Aspire Systems, Cognizant, Birlasoft, TCS,HCL, Patni. Of these, 14 were shortlisted for presentation. The jury consisted of eminent industry experts from different areas: Mr. V. Sankaran HMLA from KPMG, Dr. Rajaram Former Director, Watts Humphrey Software Quality Institute, Mr. Gopalaswamy Ramesh, Consultant and Adjunct Professor and Mr. Gururaj Managuli HMLA from QAI. The sessions were interesting and triggered stimulating interaction of ideas on wide-ranging perspectives. Though the jury was quite impressed with the insights from all participants they had to the winners to the best three paper presentations.

The top position in the Best Practices session went to Mr Raghuram of Ramco Systems, closely followed by the runners up Elizabeth Koshy of iGATE and Manjusha Gupta of Cognizant Technology Solutions. Impressed by the success and value this session brought, SPIN Chennai has planned to invite the Winner to make a detailed presentation during the SPICON 2011. We would like to thank all the participants -from presenters to the audience - who made the session lively and a grand success. SPIN Chennai is glad that it has initiated one of its dream projects which only should grow bigger in the future!



Voice of the community

Taking Montessori to the underprivileged masses in villages

The high class educational system like the Montessori method that was initially started for poor, physically and mentally challenged children, is no longer affordable by them. Therefore, [Sri Sakthi Foundation](#) started the “Namma Veedu” Montessori school in the village of Sendurai (Dindugal Dist, Tamil Nadu) to educate poor children (below 6 years old).



It gives a strong emotional, intellectual and Spiritual foundation at the very young age. With this strong foundation, they can excel in higher studies. [Sri Sakthi Montessori School](#) is revolutionizing the quality of Education in economically challenged villages like Sendurai. Sakthi School also offers high quality Montessori training to rural women, and offer them employment at the school.

First of its kind, free or pay-as-capable, in Tamil Nadu, the school is running in a rental place with four teachers and two helpers. Currently 25 children ranging from 1 to 5 years of age are enrolled.

Teachers and assistants use unconditional love to nurture the children's growth and learning process.

The ratio of teachers and helpers at our school is 1:5, a significantly high number to give maximum care and attention to the children. Teachers feel that they are relieved of their personal stress, while working at the school. The children not only get exposed to various subjects, but also learn tradition and culture of many countries. They also develop communication skills in local language as well as in English. Through unconditional love & freedom shown by the teachers, children learn good manners without any corporal punishments. The emphasis is on "Personal transformation" based on Dr. Montessori philosophy and Sakthi Foundation's ideals.

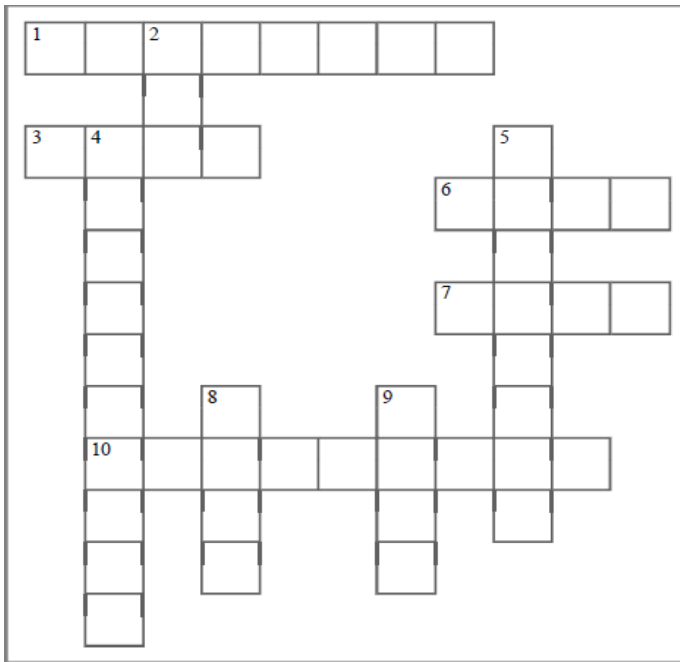
Sakthi Foundation focuses on the growth of the Body, Mind, Intelligence, Awareness and transcendence to Consciousness through their “five holographic principles.

Sakthi Foundation also organizes CCC [Connecting children to culture] and CAC [connecting adults to the culture]. These classes are getting conducted in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka to assist the young people to know the holistic view of the Indian way of living.

Sakthi Foundation also works with other organizations to continue its mission to help the humanity through “Join-Our-Humanity-Service-Team scheme”. In this project, they work with other non-profit organizations to undertake their own projects by sharing their established and successful tools, ideas and principle.



Relax and Rattle your brains



Across

1. Japanese term for Leveling the work load
3. If you know Genrich Altshuller, you should know this approach
6. 'T' in TSP
7. Fundamental aspect of any software.If any doubt check with Dan Brown !
10. If you love noodles, use this tool !

Down

2. SEI:CMMI:: _ _ _ : IT-CMF
4. You might have hated this in maths class, but in testing profession you can't give it a go..
5. Time to refresh physics , when you do measurement in agile.
8. German concept connected with music
9. GE:Six Sigma ::Toyota:

Mail your responses to secretary@spinchennai.org

with subject line as "SPIN 04-Crossword"

Gift vouchers would be given to the winners !

Name and organization of the winners would be featured in the next edition of newsletter

So , hurry up !

Last date to send your response: 10-April-2011

Answers to the SPINNacle Issue-3 "Relax and Rattle your brains"

International: Change

Cinema: Project Management

Sport: Variance

Business: Quality

CONGRATULATIONS ! Winner of SPINNacle Issue-3 "Relax and Rattle your brains"

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Comments

Please send us your comments and suggestions.

If you are interested in contributing something interesting for the newsletter we would like to hear from you

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