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Microsoft's New TFS 2010 Tool Set Compares Well against Quality Center according to BenchmarkQA senior consultant Steve Anderson

November 23, 2010, Minneapolis, MN . BenchmarkQA Senior Consultant Dr. Steven G. Anderson spoke on the topic of "Tools for Managing Quality" at BenchmarkQA's Software Quality Forum on November 11th. His presentation focused specifically on how Microsoft's *beta* Team Foundation Server 2010 (TFS) stacks up against Quality Center (QC), the predominant market leader in software development lifecycle management tools. Although there are components of Quality Center that outperform TFS, the high adoption by developers and ability to build intelligent automation makes TFS a solid competitor, winning out by a slight margin in Anderson's eyes.

During the presentation, Anderson shared his view of the comparisons between the two products and their associated modules across the software development lifecycle: project/requirements management, test case management, test execution, defect management, reporting, administration and automated testing. Anderson said, "Quality Center is a better tool than Microsoft Test Management (MTM), but the integration with Visual Studio and TFS make the Microsoft suite a better overall choice."

"Anderson has immersed himself in Quality Center for more than 12 years," says Molly Doyle Decklever, Senior Vice President of BenchmarkQA. "He is our resident QC guru, so we were a little surprised to see him take this turn to the dark side" as many of his peers call it, she jokingly continues. Anderson, a software quality assurance consultant with BenchmarkQA, is onsite at 3M, a *beta* site for the newest versions of Microsoft's test management suite of tools. Said Anderson, "I resisted TFS at first because Quality Center is so capable and robust . but I have to admit I am very pleased with what we have been able to accomplish with TFS and other Microsoft tools. They continue to evolve and really help drive a team approach to the testing processes, particularly within an agile environment."

The Quality Forum slide presentation is available for download on SlideShare at <http://www.slideshare.net/BenchmarkQA/tools-for-managing-quality-benchmark-qa-software-quality-forum-slideshare>.

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