Computer Validation:
- Leveraging Suppliers
- Computer Systems
Validation Master Class
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Qualify yourself as an expert for the validation of computerised systems

Highlights
- Regulatory Update
- Leveraging Suppliers
  - Managing Quality
  - Leveraging Test Activities
  - Supplier Assessment
- Good Validation Practices
- Scaleability of Validation
- Advanced Risk Management
- IT Governance
- Data Integrity
- Change Control Management
- Upcoming Challenges in IT
- Learning by doing: up to 10 Workshops
- Interactive sessions

Speakers

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Programme “Leveraging Suppliers”

Objective
- Learn what activities and deliverables you should expect to see from your IS/IT supplier to demonstrate Supplier Good Practice
- Learn how to verify your supplier’s capabilities so that there are “no surprises”.
- Learn how to plan validation (verification) activities, leveraging the expertise of your supplier
- Learn how to minimise duplication of effort between the supplier and your regulated company in order to achieve lean and effective processes throughout the system life cycle
- Learn how to work with your supplier in order to build a strong and lasting client-supplier relationship

Background
Recognising the potential savings available, regulated companies are increasingly withdrawing from ‘in-house’ developed solutions and looking to their external system suppliers to provide them with innovative and compliant products and services which fulfil their operational and business needs.

The EU-GMP Annex 11 on Computerised Systems states that ‘the competence and reliability of a supplier are key factors when selecting a product or service provider’; ‘Leveraging Supplier Involvement’ is also one of the 5 key concepts of the GAMP®5 guidance ‘A Risk-Based Approach to Compliant GxP Computerized Systems’.

This course aims to provide attendees with the knowledge and a chance to practice the skills required to achieve successful partnerships with their IS/IT suppliers in order to improve the efficiency of the validation (verification) process.

Target Audience
This ECA course is directed at employees from Production, Quality Control/Quality Assurance, Engineering and IS/IT, who have to assess, manage or work with computerised system or service providers.

The course will also be of value to representatives from supplier organisations that are working or seeking to work with Regulated Companies in the Life Sciences Sector.

Programme

Introduction – What the Participants Expect
An open session capturing the expectations of the delegates

Leveraging Suppliers Expertise: An Overview of Good Practice
- What is current Good Practice?
- Optimising Supplier involvement
- Integrating the supplier’s expertise and deliverables into your validation process
- How to do more with less

Performing a Supplier Assessment
- Why Assess the Supplier?
- The Overall Process
- Assessment Topics
- Types of Assessment
- Corrective Actions & Follow Up Audits

Workshop 1: Selecting a Supplier
Delegates will plan an assessment of a software supplier using GAMP®5 principles:
- What factors to take into account?
- How to focus the assessment?
- How to engage with the supplier?
- How to report and manage the findings?
- The regulatory expectation

Workshop 2: Quality Planning within a Supplier’s QMS - Developing a Quality Plan that Delivers
Delegates will follow a case study with practical exercises to identify how the Quality Plan can be modified to address weaknesses identified in the Supplier Assessment:
- Quality Management System
- Establishing Requirements
- Producing Specifications
- Testing and Release
- Support and Maintenance

Identifying Leveraging Opportunities
- Define the role of the supplier
- What must the supplier do?
- What must the regulated company do?

Workshop 3: Leveraging Supplier Testing
Delegates will consider what steps are required to ensure that the supplier’s testing results can be accepted without the need for re-execution:
- Test script development
- Test script execution
- Test script review and approval

Managing Quality within an Outsourced IS/IT Environment
- Making a Business Case
- Outsourced Supplier Specification and Selection
- Implementation
- Monitoring
- Contract Change and Exit
Programme “Computer Systems Validation Master Class”

Objectives
As a specialist for the validation of computerised systems, this event will provide you with
- Suggestions on how the current regulatory developments have to be put into practice
- Real-life examples of how the validation efforts can be controlled by means of risk analysis
- Answers to specific questions, like e.g. on source code review or on drawing up design specifications
- The opportunity to bring questions from your own practice up for discussion

The event is interactive and encourages the active participation of all attendees. Lectures alternate with workshops and discussion sessions.

Background
The V model has become a worldwide standard in the validation of computerised systems. Regulatory requirements as well as industry standards, like e.g. GAMP®, are orientated towards this model. In practice, you as a validation specialist will often wonder in how far this model can be applied to your own validation projects.

Target Audience
The Master Class is directed at employees from
- IT
- Production
- Engineering
- Quality Assurance
- Quality Control

The participants should already have experience in the validation of computerised systems and preferably have attended a basic CSV Course.

Programme
Introduction – Gain Understanding of Delegate Experience and Background

Workshop 1: What the Delegates expect
Working in groups delegates derive their requirements from the training event and share them with the tutors
- Capturing delegates expectations
- Sharing and reducing to key points in groups
- Sharing with all delegates and tutors

Roles, Responsibilities and Governance
- Activities for Effective Governance
- Process and System Ownership
- The role of Subject Matter Experts
- The role of QA

Workshop 2: Implications for your Organisation
How does the GAMP® 5 approach change the way we carry out and control our validation/verification activities? Who will be impacted by the changes?
- What is the role of
  - IT
  - Engineering
  - Subject matter experts
  - QA

Writing Requirements Documents
- What goes into a requirements document?
- What are the considerations for systems?
- Characteristics of good and bad requirements documents
- Sources of requirements information

Workshop 3: Writing a Requirement Specification
A short exercise to create a working URS and a review of the output
- Delegates will work on a simple requirements scenario
- Output will be discussed with the tutors
- The feedback will be combines and fed back to the delegates
- Lessons learned will be summarised

Practical Use of Scalability
- What do we mean by Scalability?
- How does it work in practice?
- How can we combine documents successfully?
- How much is enough?

Workshop 4: Scalability of Validation
Delegates will be asked to work out what is work a scaled approach to a multi-component system to minimise the cost and time required for validation
- How should the system be sub-divided?
- How can risk management be applied?
- What sub-projects are appropriate?
- Who is involved in each?
- What will the validation plan look like?

Making Use of Risk Information
- Generation a process risk register
- Using the risk register to:
  - Identify the range of risk-based controls necessary for the effective management of the process
  - Identify critical tests for qualification or verification
  - Help manage change, incidents, the focus for audits etc.
  - Identify the residual risks to be managed
  - Show embedding of risk management within the Quality Management System

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Workshop 5: Application of GAMP® Risk Management Methodology to a Computer System
Delegates will work on a different case study using risk management to reduce the validation effort.
- Assessment of risks
- Formulation of an approach
- Impact on the validation effort
- Feedback on the outcome of the case study

Design Review – A Critical Process
- When to perform a Design Review?
- Who should participate?
- How to document the Review
- How to manage the findings

Workshop 6: Design Review
The delegates will be presented with the typical findings from a Design Review and, in a team-based exercise, will develop a set of risk-based corrective actions to address the issues.

Upcoming Challenges in IT
- Open source software / Agil
- Global systems
- EBR / MES
- Cloud Computing / Virtualisation
- Infrastructure Qualification / ITIL

Interactive Session: Good Validation Practices
- Open session in which delegates score their CSV system themselves against 12 good validation practices
- Each good practice introduced
- Delegates score themselves
- Results consolidated and fed back
- Allows delegates to compare their CSV system against best practice and other practitioners

Change Control and Configuration Management
- Responsibilities
- Planned/unplanned changes
- Classification

Interactive Session: Change Control Examples
Delegates will work on a variety of change management scenarios
- Evaluating the magnitude and impact of the change
- Application of the principles of risk management
- Leveraging supplier and SME (Subject Matter Expert) expertise
- Minimising the workload whilst maintaining compliance

Validating Spreadsheets
- Why are spreadsheets high risks?
- Design considerations
- What is important (risk again)!
- How to document spreadsheet validation

Risk Management and Electronic Records
- A clear definition of electronic records with examples
- An overview of the principles of risk management applied to the classification of electronic records
- When is an audit trail needed
- Do we need to keep chromatographic (and other) raw data?
- Examples of the application of controls
- Impact of the approach on validation of e-record systems

Code Review
- Principles of code review
- Regulatory expectations of code review
- Carrying out code reviews
- Recording and documenting code reviews

Data Integrity – Formulating a Company Strategy
- Management accountability
- Incorporation of data governance in the Quality Management System
- Defining appropriate metrics
- Auditing the data integrity processes
- Reviewing progress

Workshop 7: Data Integrity
The delegates will be presented with an audit observation about deficiencies in the management of data. They will be asked to devise a programme to improve data integrity governance as part of the response to the regulatory observation.

Case Study – GAMP® 5 approach
A case study will be presented to illustrate how, using the principles in GAMP® 5, the cost of validation was more than halved
- The simplification of the validation system
- The leverage of supplier expertise
- The use of the risk-based approach
- The financial and other benefits of the GAMP® 5 approach

Handover – the Process and Package
- What is the handover process?
- Who is the system owner?
- What does the system owner have responsibility for?
- How can we persuade the system owners to accept responsibility?
Speakers

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Rob has had more than 30 year experience in Pharmaceutical and Personal products industries (Boots, Lilly, Unilever, Pfizer). As a long-standing member of the GAMP Europe Steering Committee Rob has contributed material to GAMP®5 and the ISPE GAMP Good Practice Guide on “A Risk-Based Approach to Operation of GxP Computerized Systems” for which he was co-leader. Rob now works as an independent IT Systems Validation Consultant.
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