



Computerised Systems Validation for Software Engineers

Become acquainted with your
customers expectations

10-11 March 2015, Berlin, Germany

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- The importance of software engineers in the GMP environment
- Relevant specifications for the software developer
 - GMP regulations
 - Requirements regarding the quality management system
 - Participation in validation
 - Requirements on testing
 - Documentation requirements
- What needs to be considered for risk management?
- Alternative software development methods in the GMP environment: What has to be taken into consideration?



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Learning Goals

- Learn about the requirements of the pharmaceutical industry on computerised systems validation (csv).
- Evaluate the expectations of the pharmaceutical industry on supplier's validation activities.
- Learn as a supplier how to establish and defend a quality management system complying with the GMP requirements
- Get a picture of the frequent observations and problems from a supplier as well as a customer point of view and how to overcome them.
- Learn about the GMP aspects to consider with regard to alternative software development methods.

Background

Regulatory requirements (on the validation) of computerized systems directly address the pharmaceutical industry only. Software engineers are rarely aware of them. While the pharmaceutical industry is regularly audited by GMP inspectors, suppliers of this industry aren't subject to any official GMP supervision.

However, the pharmaceutical industry has to assess the suppliers with regard to their quality. Appropriate evaluation (audit) reports are expected and also reviewed by the GMP inspectors. Indirectly and consequently, the software engineer has to know the regulations of its customers and understand them. The development of the software must be accordingly qualitative and documented. The course will decidedly address the aspects to consider.

Target Audience

This course is directed at software engineers working for system suppliers and also directed at internal IT employees in companies of the pharmaceutical and medical industry. The customer's and supplier's personnel in the quality assurance departments is also addressed. First experiences in CSV are recommended.

Programme

Software Development: From Good Software Engineering Practice to GxP Compliance

- Software development for GxP relevant applications
- Good (Software) Engineering Practice
- Quality expectations
- Roles and responsibilities
- Leveraging GAMP software categories

Requirements for the Quality System of the Supplier

- Annex II – Is there a direct impact for the supplier?
- Are Health Regulatory Bodies allowed to inspect Software companies?
- Essential parts of the Quality System – Hot Buttons
- Design of Service Level Agreements (SLA) and examples
- Customer complaints – Bugs
- Expectation for the management of subcontractors
- Support of inspectors

Programming Standards / Code Reviews

- Customer expectations
- Typical checkpoints in a code review
- When to do it and how to follow up
- Code review vs. design review
- General vs. home-made programming standards

Development Tools / OSS

- Risk assessment of development tools
- What you should consider when using open source software (OSS)

Risk Management / Change Control / Traceability Implemented by the Supplier

- Customer expectations
- Why do we need to do this at all?
- Risk management as an interdisciplinary process
- Impact analysis vs. risk assessment
- Which changes to take into account
- Traceability put into practice

Supplier Testing

- Testing – the most important quality assurance element?
- ISPE's Good Practice Guide "A Risk-Based Approach to Testing of GxP Systems, 2nd Edition"
- Test Automation in regulated industries: Tools, compliance, and ROI

Audit Findings from the Pharma Business Perspective

- Evaluation criteria of the pharmaceutical industry
- May audits be rejected?
- Dos and Don'ts – Recommendations
- Problem areas and trends
- Discussion of audit observations and corrective actions

Audits – A Supplier's View / Real-life Experiences

- Preparation of a supplier audit
- Understanding and achieving audit objectives
- How to handle an auditor
- Improvements – Corrective and preventive actions (CAPA)

Iterative Software Development & V-model

- What „iterative“ really means
- Requirements to an iteration
- Why iteration planning is crucial
- How to improve documentation efficiency

Scrum4LS

- Making Scrum work for the Life Sciences industry
- Resolving (potential) conflicts
- How to use an agile approach while still being compliant

Workshop: Software Engineering prejudice

- Engineers are not allowed to test
- Software Engineering always means “complete V-Model”
- Quality management = Quality assurance
- Agile = no specifications

Participants will discuss the pros and cons of various statements concerning Software Engineering

Regulatory management for software developers / Understanding the regulatory requirements

- Electronic Records
- Electronic Signatures
- 21 CFR Part 11
- EU GMP Guide Annex 11 functional requirements

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Mr Münch is Campus Quality Manager, leading the quality and test team of Rockwell Software Karlsruhe. He has more than 15 years of working experience in leadership roles in Life Sciences for MES applications. As an active member of ISPE GAMP DACH, he was a member of the SIG Open Source Software, is leading the SIG on Test Automation, and active member of the SIG on Raw Data. Furthermore, Mr. Muench co-authored several articles, contributed to the “Testing GPG”, and was a speaker and workshop lead at several ISPE conferences. He graduated in Computer Science at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany.



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Yves is founder of Kereon AG, Basel. He is member of GAMP Europe Steering Committees, chairman and co-founder of GAMP Francophone and edited the French version of GAMP 4 and GAMP 5. Within ISPE he was an active member of the working group “IT Infrastructure Compliance and Control”.



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Compliance requirements for cloud computing
- Inspectors' / regulators' expectations and findings during inspections
- Types of cloud computing
- Use of cloud computing in a GxP environment
- Outsourcing and cloud computing – what is important for contracts
- IT security and data protection requirements
- Pros and cons



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Objectives

- Get to know the different types of cloud computing, their technical basics and their validation approaches.
- What are the pharmaceutical authorities' requirements with regard to cloud computing and what regulations have to be observed? An inspector will present his perspective to these questions and the experience gained so far in audits and will further cover critical points.
- You can assess the use of cloud computing from the perspective of IT security and data protection rules, and based on that you can formulate requirements for cloud service providers.
- You can evaluate the opportunities and risks of cloud computing in the GxP environment.

Background

As well as in other sectors, the use of cloud computing is discussed in the pharmaceutical industry. For commercial reasons there is a lot speaking for the use.

However, is cloud computing an acceptable way in a GxP environment of the pharmaceutical industry? And, if yes, what has to be observed from the point of view of IT and quality assurance, as well as from the perspective of a pharmaceutical inspector?

From the points of view of the user and the pharmaceutical inspector this event gives you an overview of the current state of the technical possibilities. The speakers evaluate opportunities and risks of the use of cloud computing in the GxP environment and make recommendations for the pharmaceutical practice.

Target Audience

The event is aimed at employees who are entrusted with the planning and implementation of "cloud" projects in the GxP environment. The event also offers support for decision-making, whether cloud services are available as an alternative in the GxP environment.



Programme

Regulatory Background – important issues to consider from the point of view of an inspector

- Requirements for CSP (cloud service providers) resulting from Annex II
- To do's for regulated users with respect to chapter 7 of the EU GMP Guide
- German drug law – does the German drug law or European Law effect the business of CSP; enforcement of corrective actions

Definition and types of Cloud Computing

- Service models: Private Cloud, Public Cloud, Community Cloud, Hybrid Cloud
- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
- Software as a Service (SaaS)
- Cloud computing scenarios, reference architectures, examples

Cloud Computing: IT Security

- Examples of incidents
- Strategic planning and preparation for going to cloud services
- Security management and security architecture
- Security certifications (e.g. ISO 27001) and what they really mean
- Physical and logical security, encryption
- Incident prevention and response
- Professional security patch management
- Identity management, authentication, authorization
- Integration of cloud services with internal IT landscape

Workshop: Contracts with service providers

Participants will define in working groups the basic requirements for a contract and SLA

Contracts with cloud service providers

- Business & Technology Risks
- Intellectual Property
- Service Access / Service Quality KPIs
- Data Storage requirements
- Inspection & audit support
- Example Contract/SLA
- Lessons learnt

Cloud Computing: Use cases in a GxP environment

- Risk-based approach
- Specific responsibilities of the cloud service provider
- Specific responsibilities of the cloud customer
- Separation of GxP vs. non GxP
- Examples

Compliance requirements for the cloud infrastructure

- Regulatory requirements
- Qualification of the cloud
- Validation of the cloud

Inspections and Findings

- European Framework to conduct inspections
- Availability, data integrity and confidentiality of data
- Possibility to perform inspections of CSP
- State of the art defined by BSI, ENISA and NIST
- Inspections: experiences and findings

Inspections and audit experiences: The pharmaceutical industry perspective

- Inspection Trends EMA – Annex 11
- Inspection Trends FDA
- Inspection Trends other countries
- Hot Buttons

Cloud Computing: Data protection

- Data protection and privacy – legal requirements
- Responsibilities of the cloud service provider
- Responsibilities of the cloud customer

Workshop: Which types of data needs to be protected especially well?

Participants will define and discuss the critical data elements and their protection

Data classification

- Responsibility and integration in the IT project management framework
- Handling, processing, commissioned processing of data
- Forced disclosure
- Applicable regulations
- Examples and lessons learnt

Business continuity management

- Necessity for Sales/Patients/Annex 11?
- Assessing the Business Continuity Risk
- Buss. Cont. Plan – BCP
- Disaster Recovery - MTPD - RTO - RPO

Government agencies and cloud computing

- Objectives and capabilities of government agencies
- How and where do they hook in
- Internet surveillance and specific attacks
- Industry espionage
- Countermeasures and their limitations

Experiences with outsourcing and cloud computing

- QA involvement
- Pain points

Cloud computing: Pros and cons – includes closing discussion

- Opportunities and risks of cloud computing
- Rationale for using cloud services
- Rationale for not using cloud services
- Conclusions and recommendations

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After 5 years in the pharmaceutical industry he was from 1998 – 2003 in the Bezirksregierung Düsseldorf. Since 2003 he is inspector in the Bezirksregierung Münster. Arno Terhechte is member of the German expert group IT “computerised systems”.



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