

## Getting Started Guide for the Rational Unified Process

### Rational Software

This article provides the first stop on the road to getting started with RUP. In this article, we will introduce you to RUP and to the resources for lessening the learning curve to using the tool. We provide two roadmaps (one for those responsible for leading a RUP implementation effort and one for all other users). The roadmaps point to how-to articles, training and support tips. They are geared toward first-time users. As you get started with RUP, you may want to bookmark the Web page for the roadmap.

#### What is the RUP?

##### [RUP Product Information](#)

For a high-level introduction to Rational Unified Process (RUP), these pages describe the product and offer links to other resources.

##### [RUP Online Evaluation](#)

##### [RUP Demos](#)

#### How do I use the RUP?

##### [RUP User Roadmap](#)

A RUP User is any member of a software development team who will use RUP to get knowledge about the activities they perform and artifacts they consume or produce in the course of performing their work on the team's projects. RUP defines many different Roles, which may or may not correspond to the actual role of the RUP User. This roadmap provides a set of steps that a RUP User can follow in order to become proficient quickly.

##### [RUP Implementer Roadmap](#)

The RUP Implementer is the person responsible for leading the RUP adoption for a project or organization. This roadmap provides information to help you decide what type of RUP implementation you should do and point you toward a set of resources that will help you succeed.

#### What RUP training is available?

##### [PRJ110: Principles of Rational Unified Process](#)

This is an introductory Web-based training course and a great place to start.

##### [PRJ270: Essentials of the Rational Unified Process](#)

This is an introductory course to the Rational Unified Process (RUP). RUP is a knowledge base, containing software engineering practices that represent many of the best practices observed in successful software development. Get an introduction to iterative development and to the organization and content of this knowledge base. Emphasize the main principles of iterative software development: phases and their objectives and the mitigation of risks. Also, get an introduction to RUP tailoring choices.

#### [PRJ280: Essentials of Rational ProjectConsole](#)

Students learn the practical uses of the Rational (R) ProjectConsole. Rational ProjectConsole makes it easy to monitor the status of your development projects, and utilize objective metrics to improve project predictability. Rational ProjectConsole greatly simplifies the process of gathering metrics and reporting project status by creating a project metrics Web site based on data collected from your development environment. This Web site, which Rational ProjectConsole updates on demand or on schedule, gives all team members complete, up-to-date view of your project environment. Rational ProjectConsole collects metrics from your Rational Suite development platform and from third-party products, and presents the results graphically in a customizable format to help you accurately assess progress and quality.

#### [PRJ480: Mastering the Management of Iterative Development](#)

Focus on the changes needed to transition from traditional to iterative project management. Discuss the main issues faced by development teams and project managers practicing iterative development within the context of the four phases of the Rational Unified Process. Also, discuss what a project manager can do in order to improve the use of iterative development in future projects.

### **Where do I go for RUP support?**

[Support Page for RUP](#)