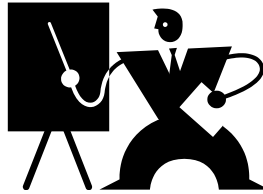


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**Real World Software Engineering:  
The Gap between Theory and Practice**

**October 23, 2013 (Wednesday), 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Science Hall East 5035**

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**Speaker:** Adam Platt, API Systems, Inc.

**Abstract:** Understanding the gap between theory and practice can help prepare students for what to expect when entering the working world. Using real world experience as a foundation, I will explore the way software engineering is actually applied by small and medium businesses. I will also discuss the role I play as a Software Engineer at API Systems and how that role differs from what my expectations would have been without the knowledge of my experience.

**Biography:** Adam Platt is a Software Engineer at API Systems, Inc. An alumnus of William Paterson University '07, he also holds a Master's degree in Software Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ. With over a decade of professional experience in the software industry, Adam combines his knowledge of Computer Science and Software Engineering with real world knowledge every day to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

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All are welcome.

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