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## Product Review

### Axosoft OnTime 2005

By Kent Gorham

Are you look for a inexpensive (read free) solution to help you track bugs and issues for your latest software project? Check this out: Axosoft OnTime 2005 for Windows. (single user license) ([www.axosoft.com](http://www.axosoft.com)).

OnTime 2005 uses Microsoft's MSDE 2000, or SQL Server 2000, if you already have it. MSDE is the SQL Server 2000 desktop engine. It also requires Microsoft .NET framework v1.1. The links for .NET and MSDE are both available at Axosoft's web site as well.

I've had zero problems with this product (v 5.0.1.145) since I began using it. I found everything fairly easy to use, and it provided all the basic features I was looking for, such as the ability to store attachments with issues, easy to use workflow steps, and the ability to record separate notes for an issue. I had briefly considered trying to write my own system before looking for free alternatives. This package fit the bill. The only downside I have experienced is the default reporting capabilities, which are somewhat limited. Export capabilities are supported, so if it really was important to me, I'm sure even that would not be a problem.

I've had experience with two other issue tracking systems, PRTracker ([www.prtracker.com](http://www.prtracker.com)) and PVCS Tracker (previously from Merant). Do I need to mention that this product also won the Jolt Productivity Award? So I'm not alone in my conclusions. Give OnTime a try!

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 18

### Speakers:

Jay Thrall & Dan Driscoll

### Topic:

Partnering opportunities  
in hosted IP telephony

### Axel's

in the Radisson Hotel  
2540 North Cleveland Ave.  
Roseville, MN

Mentoring 5:30PM

Dinner 6:30PM

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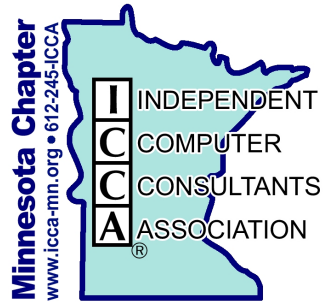
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## ICCA Calendar

Minnesota Chapter

When	What	Where
May 18	Speakers: Jay Thrall & Dan Driscoll Topic: Partnering opportunities in hosted IP telephony	Axel's Roseville Radisson Hotel
June 16	TBA	Microsoft
June 10-12	ICCA National Conference	Atlanta, GA
July 10	Third Annual ICCA Bastille Day Bash Time: 12:30 p.m.	TBA
August 16	TBA	Axel's Roseville Radisson Hotel