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### Test Design for Better Test Automation

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# Who is your speaker?

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- Silicon Valley and Vietnam
- Testing and test automation services:
  - consultancy, training
  - test development and automation services
  - "test integrated" development services
- Products:
  - TestArchitect<sup>™</sup>, TestArchitect for Visual Studio<sup>™</sup>
  - integrating test development with test management and automation

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- Dutch guy, in California since 2001
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# From The Netherlands (Holland)





# Zwolle (兹沃勒)





# We like to ride bikes

America



### Netherlands





# Often hard to keep up for QA

**SCRUM PROJECT** 



Cooperation in a team is important for QA. If that suffers QA will fall even further behind...



# Tests and their scalability

	Relation to code	Quality / depth	Automation	Scalability
Unit Testing	Close relationship with the code	Singular test scope, but deep into the code	Fully automated by nature	Scalable, grows with the code, easy to repeat
Functional Testing	Usually does not have a one-on-one relation with code	Quality and scope depends on test design	In particular UI based automation can be a challenge	Often a bottle- neck in scalability
Exploratory Testing	Human driven, not seeking a relation with code	Usually deep and thorough, good at finding problems	May or may not be automated afterwards	Not meant to be repeatable. Rather do a new session



## Don't just automate manual testing





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Good automated testing is not the same as automating good manual testing. . .



# Example Scripting (Selenium)

```
WebElement element = driver.findElement(By.name(name));
```

```
element.sendKeys("mystery magic");
element.submit();
```

```
(new WebDriverWait(driver, 10)).until(
    new ExpectedCondition<Boolean>() {
        public Boolean apply(WebDriver d) {
            return d.getTitle()
            .toLowerCase().startsWith("mystery");
        }
    }
    };
```



System.out.println(driver.getTitle());



# **Using Actions**

fragment from a test with actions



- Write the test as actions, in a spreadsheet
- Each action has a name and arguments
- Automate the actions, not the tests
- Each action is automated only once, easy to maintain



# Variables and expressions with keywords





- Use ">>" to assign a value to a <u>variable</u>
- Use "#" to start an <u>expression</u>



## Use existing actions to make new actions

- We use "enter", "click" and "check" to make a new action
- The new action is called "check balance"
- Arguments are used with "#"





# 3 ways to implement actions

- With action definitions
  - use existing actions to create new ones
  - see the previous slide
- Low level (UI, etc) actions can be built-in in the tool
  - like "click", "select menu item", etc
  - TestArchitect has 381 of such built-in actions
- Can program in a programming language
  - like C#, Python or Java



### Example action implementation in Python

Script for an action check sort order, to verify whether the rows in a table are sorted:





## Using the new action

- By keeping an action generic it can be applied for a variety of situations
- Some examples of using "check sort order":





"sweater" -- 毛线衣

# Behavior Driven Development (BDD)

- Uses natural language scenarios
- Tools like JBehave and Cucumber map these to code
- Structure is "Given-When-Then" (GWT)
- Example:



Given a customer previously bought a black sweater from me

And I currently have three black sweaters left in stock

When he returns the sweater for a refund

Then I should have four black sweaters in stock

(source: Wikipedia)



# BDD with actions (example 1)

GIVEN	A custome	r previously	bought a black sweater from me
	first	last	id
add client	John	Jones	>> client
AND	I currently	have three b	plack sweaters left in stock
	article	color	quantity
get stock	sweater	black	>> sweaters
WHEN	He returns	the sweater	for a refund
	customer	article	color
return article	# client	sweater	black
THEN	I should ha	ive four blac	k sweaters in stock
	article	color	quantity
check stock	sweaters	black	# sweaters + 1



# BDD with Actions (example 2)

Given a customer previously bought a black sweater from me

And I currently have three black sweaters left in stock

When he returns the sweater for a refund

Then I should have four black sweaters in stock





# Risks of keyword approaches

• Keywords are <u>not</u> a magic solution to all problems



• With many tests and keywords <u>maintenance</u> can still be hard

# The method I will show you today: "Action Based Testing"



### My statement on test automation . . .

Successful automation is not as

much a technical challenge, as it

is a test design challenge.





## Issues are not always obvious...





### Why Better Test Design?

# Quality will be better



# Automation will be easier



# Example of a Test

### is this a good test? is it good for automation?

Description	Expected
Open http://www.bigstore.com	The "BIG Store" main page is displayed, with a "sign in" link
Click on "Sign In", upper right corner	A sign in dialog shows, the "Sign in" button is disabled
Enter "johnd" in the user name field	The "Sign In" button is still disabled
Enter "bigtester" in the password field	Now the "Sign In" button is enabled
Click on the "Sign in" button	The page now shows "Hello John" in the upper right corner
Enter "acme watch" in the search field	The "Search" button is enabled
Click on the "Search" button	5 watches of Acme Corporation are displayed
Double click on "Acme Super Watch 2"	The details page of the Acme Super Watch 2 is displayed
Verify the picture of the watch	The picture should show a black Acme Super Watch 2
Select "red" in the "Color" dropdown list	The picture now shows a red Acme Super Watch 2
Type 2 in the "Order quantity" textbox	The price in the right shows "\$79.00 + Free Shipping"
Click on "Add to cart"	The status panel shows "Acme Super Watch 2" added
Click on "Check out"	The Cart Check Out open, with the 2 Acme Super Watches
etc	etc



# BDD scenario . . .

Given User turns off Password required option for Drive Test

And User has logged in by Traffic Applicant account

And User is at the Assessments Take a Test page

And User clicks the Traffic Test link

And User clicks the Next button

And User clicks the Sheet radio button in Mode page if displayed

And User clicks the Start button

And User waits for test start

And User clicks the Stop Test button

When User clicks the Confirm Stop Test button

And User enters the correct applicant password

And User clicks the Confirm Stop Test button

Then The Test is Over should be displayed in the Message label

And the value of the Message label should be The test is over

And The Welcome to Traffic Testing page should be displayed



# The Test Automation Design Paradox

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### Test design is important for automation

but . . .

many testers are not engineers





## **Test Module**

e total is calculated correctly per of currently available cars is up for message is displayed when use	dated after a rental reservation r tries to rent unavailable car
e total is calculated correctly ame car Compact/Toyota Prius	rental option Infant Seat (\$10.0/day)
harge	tions
number of currently available car	rs is updated
	c invoice total for a single reservati te total is calculated correctly ame car Compact/Toyota Prius charge ) c invoice total for multiple reservation c number of currently available car



### (1) Early in the project: identify the test modules



### (2) During the project: fit the tests into the modules

only use actions and checks that <u>fit the</u> <u>scope</u> of the module avoid unnecessary details, <u>hide</u> them in the actions but <u>don't hide too much</u>, info that is needed to understand a test should be visible

### **Overview Action Based Testing**







# Breakdown Criteria

- Common Criteria
  - <u>Functionality</u> (customers, finances, management information, UI, ...)
  - <u>Architecture</u> of the system under test (client, server, protocol, sub systems, components, modules, ...)
  - <u>Kind of test</u> (navigation flow, negative tests, response time, ...)
- Additional Criteria
  - <u>Stakeholders</u> (like "Accounting", "Compliance", "HR", ...)
  - <u>Complexity</u> of the test (put complex tests in separate modules)
  - Execution aspects (special hardware, multi-station, ...)
  - <u>Project planning</u> (availability of information, timelines, sprints, ...)
  - <u>Risks</u> involved (extra test modules for high risk areas)
  - <u>Ambition level</u> (smoke test, regression, aggressive, ...)

### For more information, and examples, see the articles on my website: www.happytester.com



# Eye on the ball, Scope



- Always know the <u>scope</u> of the test module
- The scope should be clear and <u>unambiguous</u>
- The scope <u>determines</u> many things:
  - what the test objectives are
  - which test cases to expect
  - what level of <u>actions</u> to use
  - what the <u>checks</u> are about and which events should generate a warning or error (if a "lower" functionality is wrong)



# Use the right level actions

Hide details if they don't matter (don't fit the scope of the test):

click tree item	window main		tree projects	tree item /Project/	path Drill Assembly
	window		list	item	
check list item exists	main		tasks	Plan of A	oproach
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	project		task		
check task in project	Drill Asse	mbly	Plan of App	roach	

however . . .

... <u>show</u> details if they do matter. This line for example is unclear:

	user name	old pw	short pw
check invalid userid pwd	johnson	abcdef99	abc





## Tip: have default values for arguments

ACTION DE	FINITION	login	
argument argument	<i>name</i> user password	<i>default value</i> tester testerpw	
enter enter	<i>window</i> login window login window	<i>control</i> user name password	<i>value</i> # user # password
click	<i>window</i> login window	<i>control</i> login	



### Sometimes explicit values are needed:

login	<i>user</i> tamaraj	password tj1234
check message	<i>text</i> Hello Tamara	

### Usually default values are good enough:

<	login			
		date	рауее	amount
	make payment	1/1/12	Gas Co.	85.00



# Non-UI

- Examples
  - web services (REST and SOAP)
  - application programming interfaces (API's)
  - embedded software
  - protocols
  - files, batches
  - databases, SQL
  - command line interfaces (CLI's)
  - multi-media
- Can be target of tests, and/or automation interfaces
- Non-UI automation can speed up functional tests that do not address the UI
  - but it can also complicate them



## Multiple System Access

Test Modules, driving either one or multiple interfaces







## Example approach: using an <u>agent</u>





# Multimedia: The "check picture" Approach

- Approach applicable for pictures like graphics or icons
- The tester will add a line "check picture", that includes a "question" as one of the arguments
- While the test is executed TA keeps the recorded pictures
- After execution the pictures are shown to a manual testing for approval
- Once approved unchanged same pictures won't be presented to the manual tester again in future runs





## Absolute and relative picture checks

- <u>Relative</u> picture checks are part of test module
- They depict images that are specific for that module
- Example a chart based on calculations. In another module the chart will typically be different (based on a different calculation)
- <u>Absolute</u> picture checks refer to pictures that occur in multiple tests, based on conditions, but always the same image
- Their names start with "/"
- Typical use: icons or pictograms:
  - as a tester you usually don't care about the design of an icon, but whether it appears when expected







# Data driven testing

TEST CASE	TC 03	Check stocks
use data set	data set /cars	
	car	available
get quantity	# car	>> quantity
	first name	last name car
rent car	# first	# last # car
	car	expected
check quantity	# car	# quantity - 1
repeat for data	set	

- The test lines will be repeated for each row in the data set
- The values represented by "car", "first" and "last" come from the selected row of the data set
- The data set can be static (in a table) or dynamic (generated at run time)



# "Lead Deputy" Testing

- For "multi station" testing, when multiple machines have to participate in a test in real-time
- For example if a supervisor needs to approve a withdrawal in a bank teller system
- Can be "sync" and "parallel" (with a rendezvous point)



# Takeaways

- Test design is a major contributor to automation success, often more than technical expertise
- Domain language approaches like Action Based Testing and BDD allow for efficient communication and driving of automation
- Test modules can help organize the tests, and focus their scopes
- Focusing tests, checks and actions on a clear and differentiated scope will make for better tests, but also better automation

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