What Project Teams Need to Know about *Successful* Test Automation

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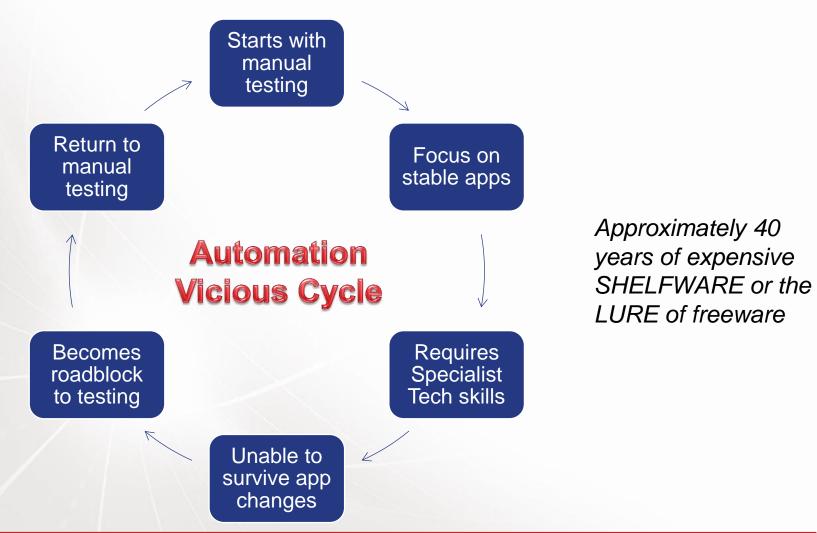
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Automation Antidote

Automation can fix the bottleneck, or be the bottleneck...



Key points to know about Test Automation

Differentiation from manual testing

Test Application Interaction

Accessibility

MyApplicationLogin IDPassword

ObjectName	TextBox1		
ObjectID	25		
InnerText	LoginID		

Test Case Development

Modularity

Traditional manual methods:

TC1: Create Work Order TC2: Update Work Order TC3 Delete Work Order

Automation methods:

TC1: Create Work Order

TC1.1: Login

TC1.2: Work Order data entry

TC1.3: Confirmation screen

TC1.4: Logout

Test Case Execution

Reliability

ISSUE

Application Under Test?

Automated Test Cases?

Breakout #1 – Project Team Contributions

Work in small groups

Select one key area for each function below that could be the most beneficial to test automation

Project Managers	Business Analysts
Developers	DBA's
System Testers	IT Management



Highlight of contributions

Key themes for each functional area

Project Managers

Scope, Time, Cost

Business Analysts

Technical Requirements for AUT's

Developers

Application Standardization

DBA's

Data & Database Integrity

System Testers

Sets Testing direction

IT Management

Initiative Champion

Project Managers

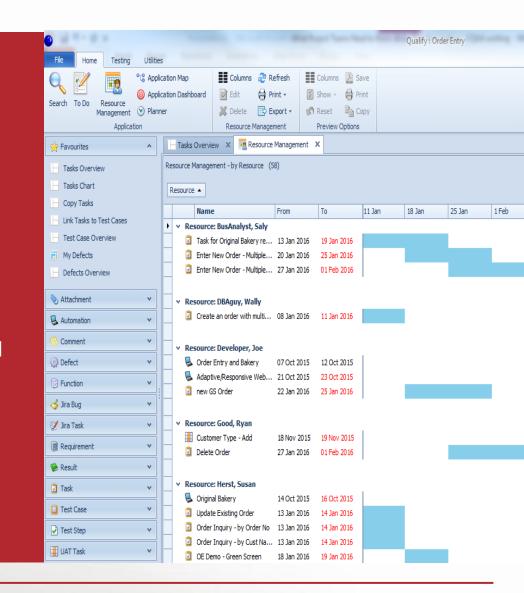
Scope, Time, Cost

Allocates Resources accordingly

Manages Schedules

Maintains Project Budget

Collaborates with Test Manager / Lead



Business Analysts

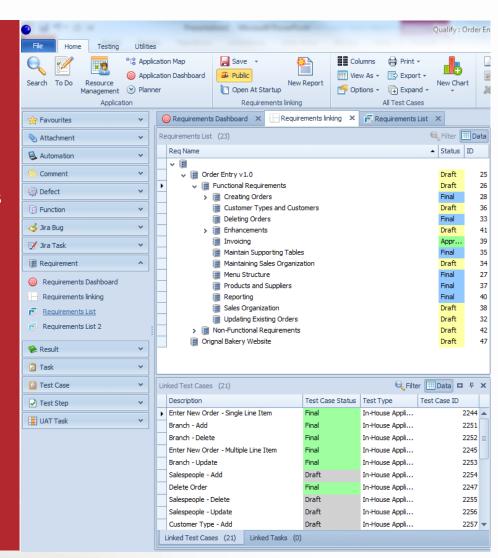
Technical Requirements: Application(s) Under Test

Leads Requirements Gathering Sessions

Documents Business Rules

Serves as Conduit to UAT

Knowledge of Integrated Systems / Data



Developers

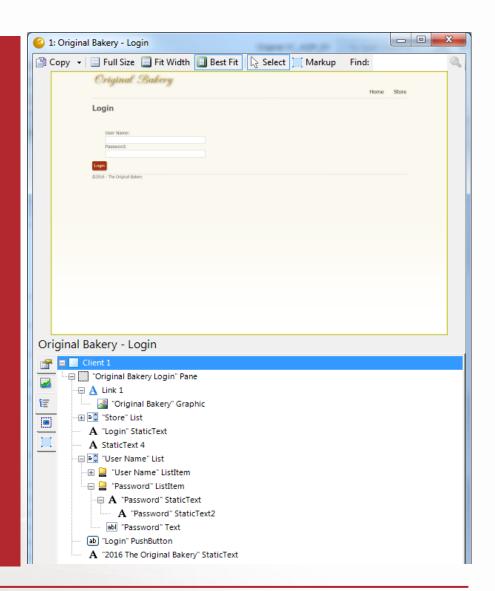
Application Standardization

Keeps Object Naming Conventions

Maintains Objects Accessibility

Debugs Test Cases

Diverts to Write Code Libraries



DBA's

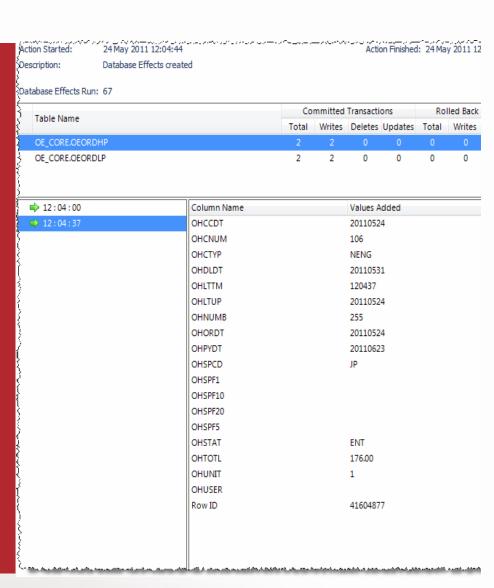
Data & Database Integrity

Maps Database Effects from Tests

Maintains Test Environments

Enables Data Privacy

Compares Tables & Data across DB's



System Testers

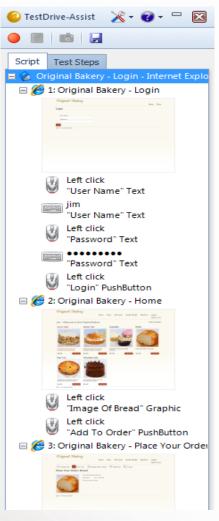
Sets Testing Direction

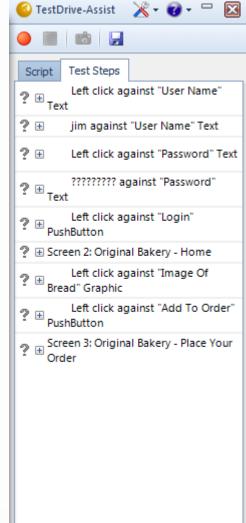
Provides Manual Test Cases to Automate

Identifies Validation Points in AUT

Captures Step-By-Step details

Documents End-To-End Test Scenarios





IT Management

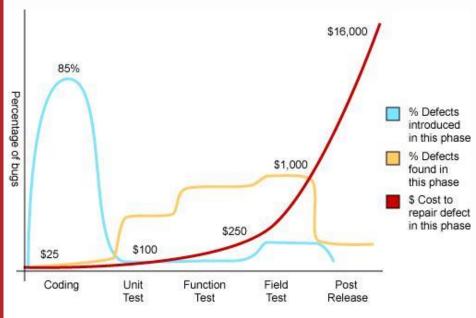
Initiative Champion

Promotes Initiative thru IT Organization

Secures Capital Funding

Understands related ROI & KPI's

Sets Multi-Year Vision Plan



Source: Applied Software Measurement, Capers Jones, 1996



Improving testing by phase

Better testing eliminates the testing chaos

Shift Right!

Automation Adoption

More Technical, More Specialists

Pro's	Con's
Cheaper or free software	Significant investment to implement
Better-known in market place	Requires specialized resources

Dev, DBA, QA Specialist

Project Team Goal:

Do Testing Better!

No Coding Skills Required

Pro's	Con's		
Increased utilization of automation	Higher entry point cost to buy or build		
Automation done earlier by everyone	Potentially longer to implement		

BA, Functional QA

Favorable impressions?

What reactions can we expect to with management?

System Testing Component Testing

- Predictable
- Dependable

Integration Testing
Story Testing

- Thoroughness
- Regularity

Acceptance Testing Release Testing

- Accountability
- Confidence

Breakout #2 – Individual notes submitted

Ranking Test Phases

Please rank the testing phase that could benefit the most from test automation, with 4 being the highest

Unit Testing

System Testing

Integration Testing (E2E)

User Acceptance Testing

Please rank your top 3 Goonies?

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Presentation Recap

Three key points to take away

- > Test Automation can clear the source of the problem or can be the source
- Test Automation demands a wide buy-in to ensure success
- > The effort invested can be distributed, saving time and money in the end

Thank you!

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