

MODULE 3

TEST EXECUTION





CHAPTER 8

Testing in Sessions

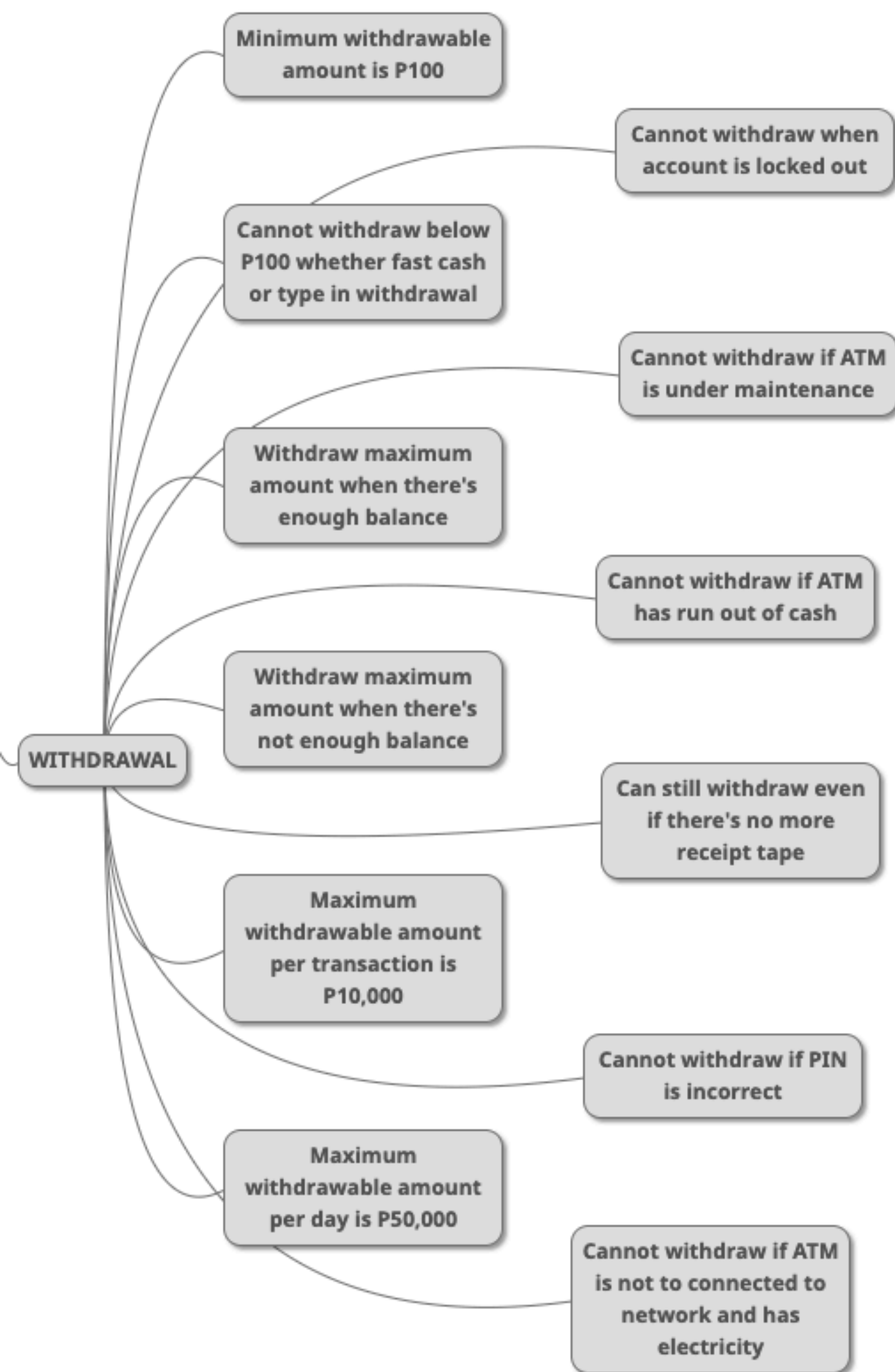
Focusing on the mission



Exploratory Testing



**Simultaneous LEARNING,
test DESIGN,
and test EXECUTION
– James Bach**



SESSION



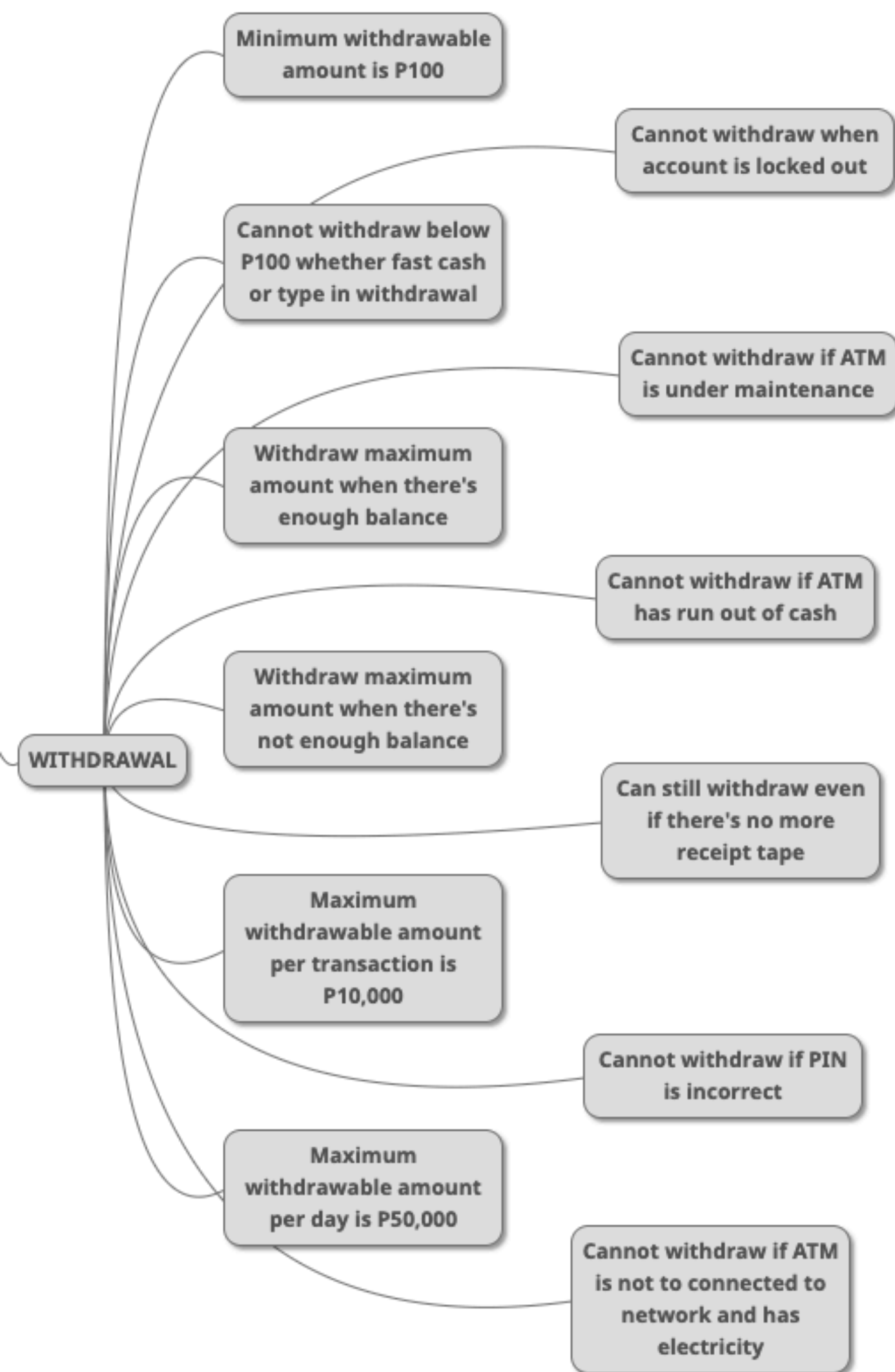
basic testing work unit
uninterrupted block of the chartered test
effort

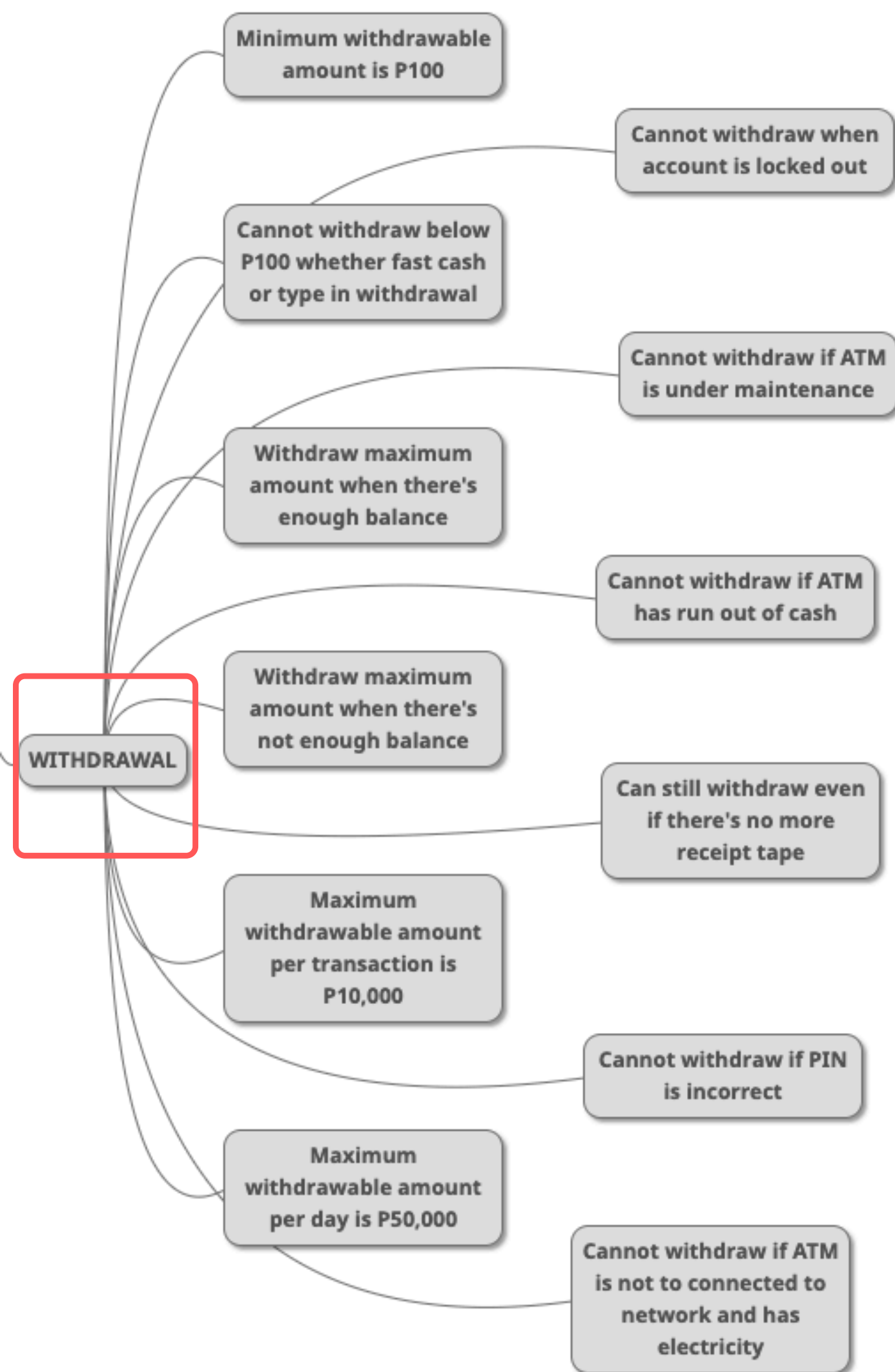
SESSION as a Mission



what are we testing (area)

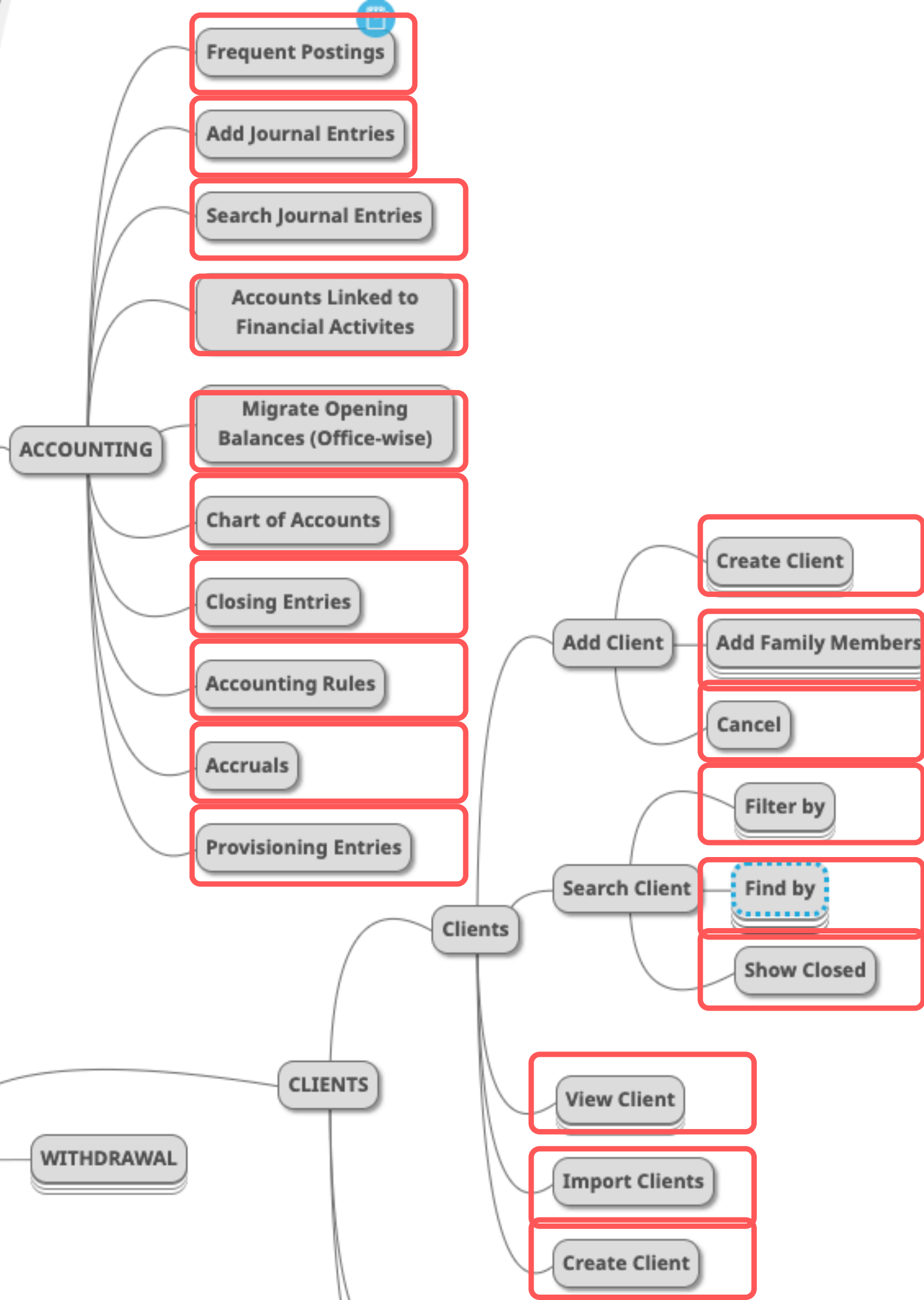
what **problems** (info) are we looking for





Test session for Withdrawal





Each **feature** can be a test session... depending on **size** and **complexity**



Test Session Durations



30 minutes

45 minutes

60 minutes

or even 90 - 120
minutes!

Test Session allows



planning

timebox

focus

quick feedback



CHAPTER 9

Anatomy of a Session-based Testing



Setting more structure



Elements of Session-based Testing



Mission - purpose of the session, helps focus on the session while exploring
- answers "what are we testing?" or "what problems are we looking for?"

Charter - agenda of the test session

Session - uninterrupted period of time spent testing

Session Report - records what happened in the test session

Debrief - short discussion between the manager and tester (or testers) about the session report (done at the end of the test sessions for the day)

Session Report



- **Task / Feature to be tested**
- **Tester name** - person in charge
- **Task Breakdown** - TBS
- **Date and time started**
- **Data files** - any files the tester used or created to support their testing like test data, files to be uploaded/imported
- **Notes** - test charters to add, challenges, blockers
- **Bugs** found during test session

Session Report

Task / Feature to be tested	Tester Name	Task Breakdown	Duration
Withdraw	Mitch	Session Setup: put money on ATM, replenish tape, ATM cards	15
		Test design and execution	45
		Bug investigation and reporting	15

Date and time started	Data files	Tester Notes	Bug
June 9, 2021 3:00 PM			
June 10, 2021 10:00 AM	<file name>	I need 5 ATM cards more	<bug summary with link>
June 10, 2021 10:00 AM			

Task Breakdown



Test design and execution

Bug investigation and reporting

Session Setup - prerequisites to execute tests,
including clearing all existing test data, fresh data
upload, registration, etc

Task Breakdown



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Bug investigation and reporting	15



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FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE



CHAPTER 10

Running Test Sessions

Execution time



PAIR TESTING



two team members work together,
one does the **testing** on the app and
updates the test charters,
*and the other **analyzes** or **reviews the***
***testing** (did we miss any tests? what should*
we add?)

POMODORO TECHNIQUE



- 25 Minutes heads-down testing, 5 minutes break
- What should we do in the 5 minutes “break”?
 - Update tests for missed test charters
 - File bugs
 - Bio break
- Better if done in pairs, after first 30 minutes, swap
- Proceed with next Test Charter

POMODORO TECHNIQUE



- Enhances focus
- Boosts motivation
- Refines estimation
- Improves work
- Achieves goals

When running test sessions...



- *do both the Pomodoro Technique as well as the pair testing*
- *after 25 minutes, get a 5-minute break to analyze what happened*
 - *what did we miss?*
 - *what should we add?*
 - *report bugs*
 - *update your test session report*



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Analyze your first session- based testing



what happened?

what can be improved?

was I able to do my task?

how about my pair?



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