

Introduction to Shift Left testing

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Introduction to 'Shift Left' Testing



Why Shift Left?

- Cost of Defect Fixing is high when defects are caught at the end of a big bang development
- Incremental testing enables faster delivery of business value
- Quality is '*built-in*' and not tailored at the end
- Increases delivery team confidence

'Shift Left' Testing - QA's role



Why should QA be in this phase?

- To understand customer landscape / business value of the functionality.
- Understand and provoke questions around integrations with different systems
- Technical know-how of Data migrations and DB structures
- Understanding and designing test scenarios as per Cross functional requirements.
- Planning right toolings for testing right systems
- Establishing collaboration with existing dev and QA teams

'Shift Left' Testing - QA's role



Why should QA be in this phase?

- Understands customer experience needs
- Understands user personas to include them in testing scenarios
- Exploring various needs of customer that design have to cater to like different browsers, usability factors into testing strategy
- Capturing all test scenarios at a story level including functional and design categories

'Shift Left' Testing - QA's role



Why should QA be in this phase?

- Communication / collaboration with the devs on the different edge cases to be covered for each story
- Collaborate with devs on the distribution of tests across multiple layers
- Build automated tests ready to pass in CI once the development is complete
- Aim to understand customer test data in required test environments

'Shift Left' Testing - QA's role



QA's during testing -

- Manual exploratory testing of all scenarios and edge cases in an integrated environment with customer relevant data setup
- Increase automated testing of edge cases when needed
- Cover cross functional aspects of testing at a story level scenario testing
- Collaborate in defect fixing

'Shift Left' Testing - QA's role



QA's during Release -

- Release testing is done in an end to end integrated environment with the actual configurations and existing data migrations for the required customer.
- Ideally all builds are release ready. This phase is mainly to make sure the end to end flows with production like setup works fine before saying 'Go-Live'
- User acceptance testing (UAT) is performed by Customer Product owners on this integrated UAT environment once the release testing is done by the QAs.

A day in a QA's life



- Stand-Ups
- Dev / Team Huddles
- Story Kick off
- Dev Box Testing
- Story Testing
 - ◆ Exploratory Testing
 - ◆ Integration Testing
 - ◆ DB Testing
 - ◆ Security scenarios
 - ◆ Test scenarios documentation
- Defect Management
- Automated Testing
 - ◆ Reports
 - ◆ Failure Analysis
 - ◆ New Tests
- Regression Testing
 - ◆ Bug Bashes
 - ◆ Nightly Regression
- Story Review in IPMs
- Showcases
- User Acceptance testing

Shift Left testing - Case study

BEFORE

- Long regression phase before release
- Production issues
- Fear to refactor code
- QA capacity issue
- Delayed quality feedback

AFTER

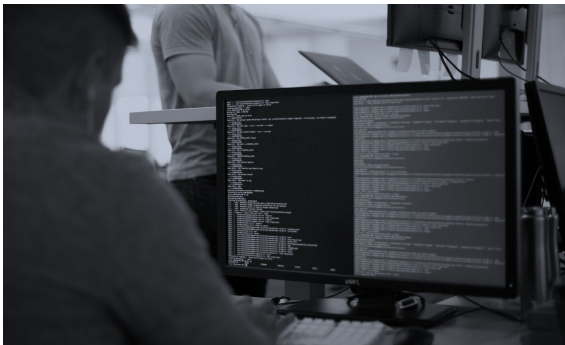
- Short regression phase
- Very minimal to no production issues
- Increased client trust
- Code refactored to fit in the latest technologies
- QA capacity issue disappeared
- Early feedback

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



CULTURE

- Frequent releases
- Did not manage tech debt



CODE

- Legacy code not unit testable
- Logic within sql
- No single code coverage report
- Code duplication
- Duplicate tests in various layers of test pyramid
- Redundant/Obsolete Tests



PROCESSES

- No TDD
- No estimation for test
- Branch based development
- Distorted test pyramid
- Conflict within team -who is responsible for quality

HOW WE TURNED THINGS AROUND

ITERATION PLANNING

- Estimated QA effort
- An iteration clearing the backlog
- 'Write API tests' as acceptance criteria

STORY KICKOFF

- Capture potential tests early

DEV & TESTING

- Run tests in devbox
- Collective Functional testing
- Introduced code coverage tool
- Maintain Code Quality
- Created automation backlog board

DEPLOY & TEST

- Beyond functional testing (Perf/Sec)
- Frequent Reports to all Stakeholders
- Bug Bash
- Remodel regression

SIGN OFF

- Automation signoff before feature signoff

INCLUDING QA EFFORT IN STORY & AUTOMATION ESTIMATES

ITERATION PLANNING

STEPS TAKEN

- Change in testing approach
- QAs pushed for inclusion in effort estimation efforts
- Huge impact by a small feature
- Effort to write tests
 - T-shirt sizing
- Additional data setup requirements

<u>Size</u>	<u>Points</u>
XS	1
S	2
M	3
L	5

How long will this testing take?

How much will it cost?

ADDED ITERATION TO CLEAR AUTOMATION BACKLOG

ITERATION PLANNING

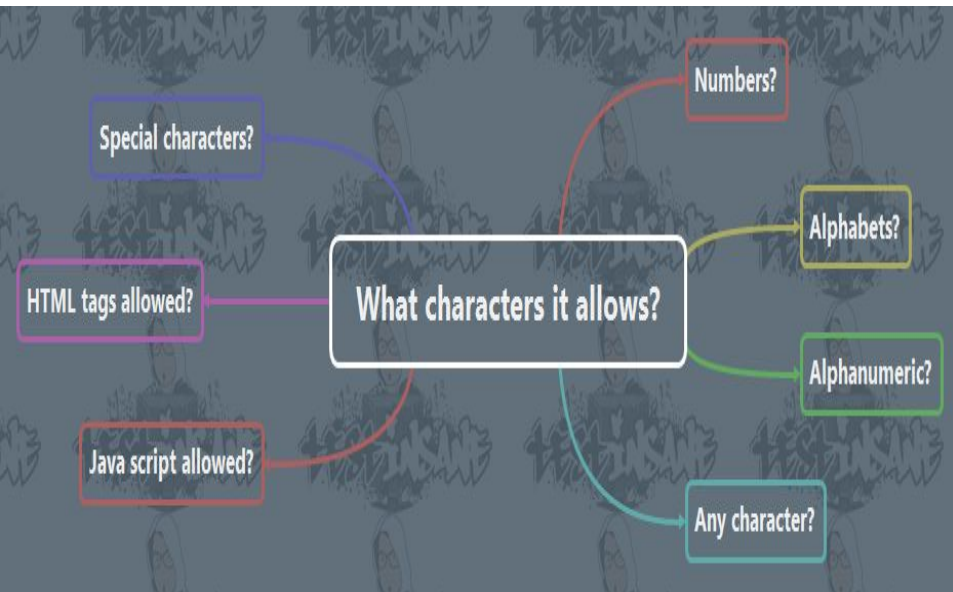
STEPS TAKEN

- Choose a certain number of backlog cards to automate per iteration.
- Prioritize of cards based on impact
- Track ROI of time saved while seeking approvals for clearing the existing backlog.



CAPTURE POTENTIAL TESTS EARLY

STORY
KICKOFF



Description

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Test Cases

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

STEPS TAKEN

- Guarantee that all functionalities are working fine
- Data setup done correctly
- Edge cases are covered
- Assertions are right.
- Discuss if the tests have been written in the appropriate layers of the test pyramid

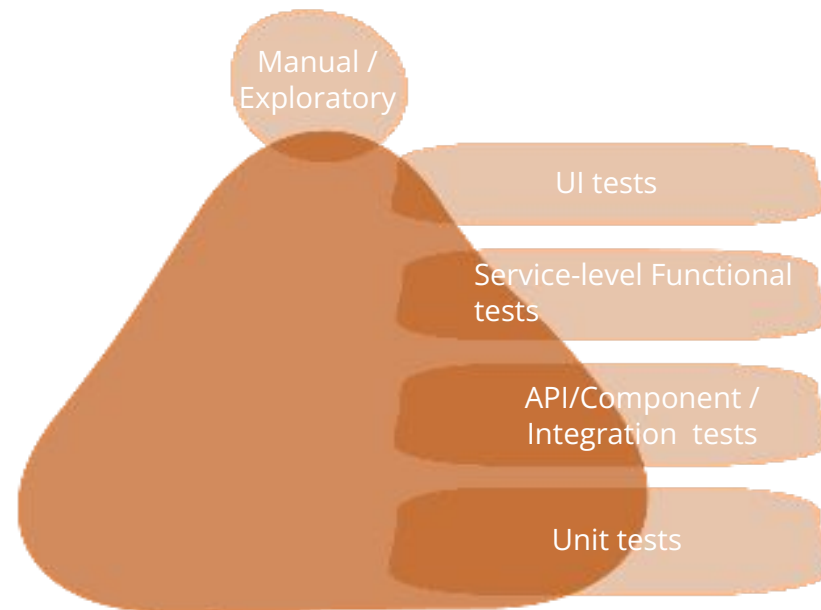


FUNCTIONAL TESTS – A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

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STEPS TAKEN

- Introduce the test pyramid
- Developers should write unit tests
- Developers should be encouraged to write API functional tests
- Follow BDD so that BAs can also write functional tests
- QAs can be trained to write unit tests
- Choose the right tool and technology
- Maintain the same tech stack across all layers
- QAs and Devs can pair to bring up the functional testing framework



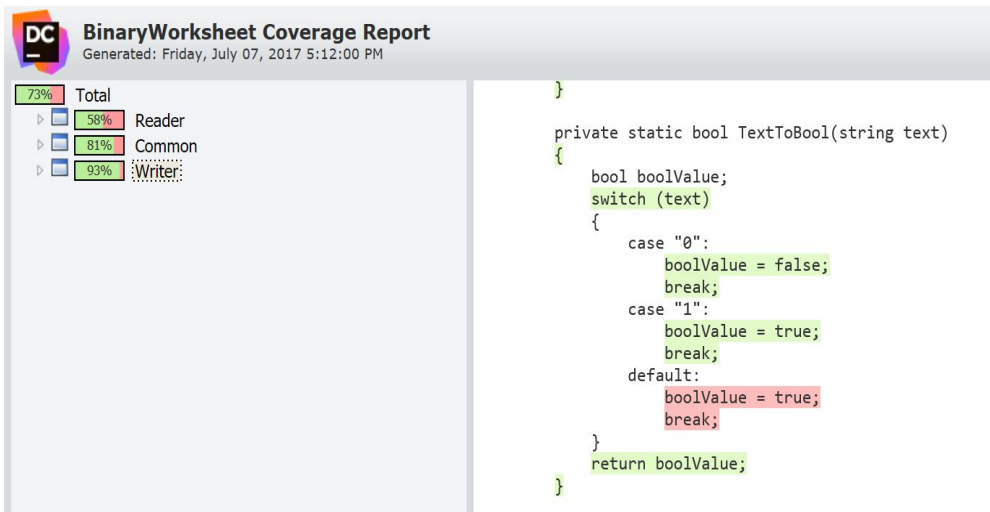
INTRODUCE A CODE COVERAGE TOOL

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STEPS TAKEN

- Publish the code coverage for all the test suites - unit, integration and functional tests
- Make it part of the build pipeline
- Set a benchmark
- Limit the scope of manual regression cycle

<u>Language</u>	<u>Code coverage tool</u>
<i>Dot net</i>	dotCover
<i>Java</i>	Cobertura, JaCoCo
<i>Ruby</i>	SimpleCov
<i>Javascript</i>	Istanbul
<i>Python</i>	Coverage.py

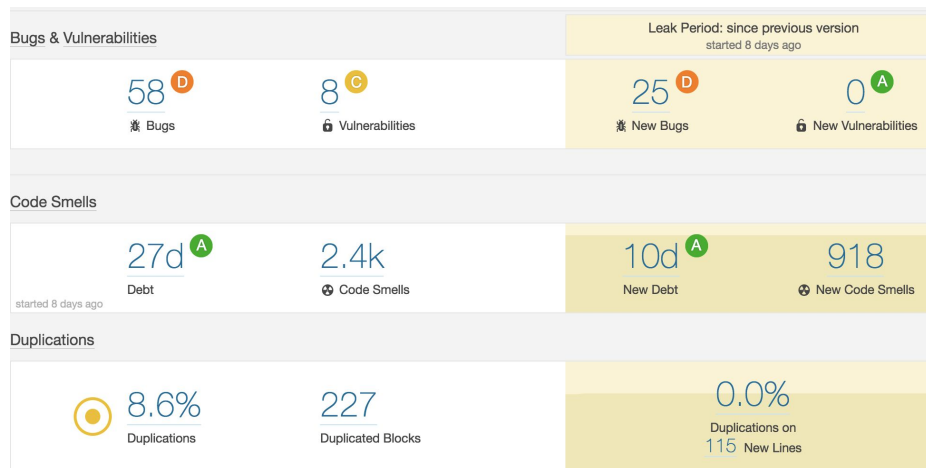


MAINTAIN CODE QUALITY

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STEPS TAKEN

- Introduce Code quality analysis tool
 - SonarQube etc
- Pair programming
- Code review
 - Code should be self explanatory - no comments should be required
- Testable code
- Run tests on each commit

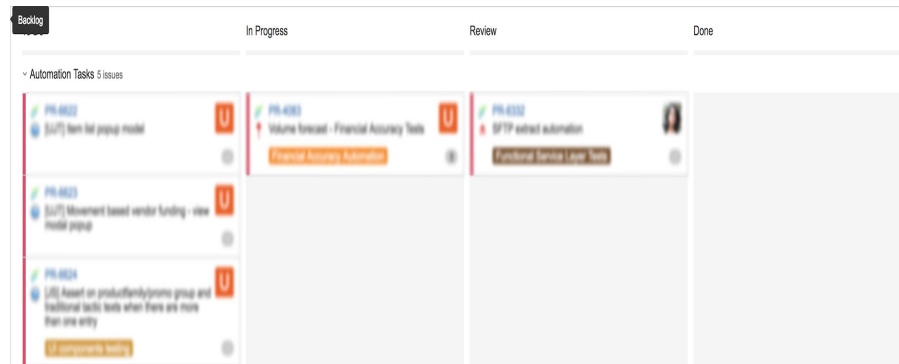


CREATE AN AUTOMATION BACKLOG BOARD

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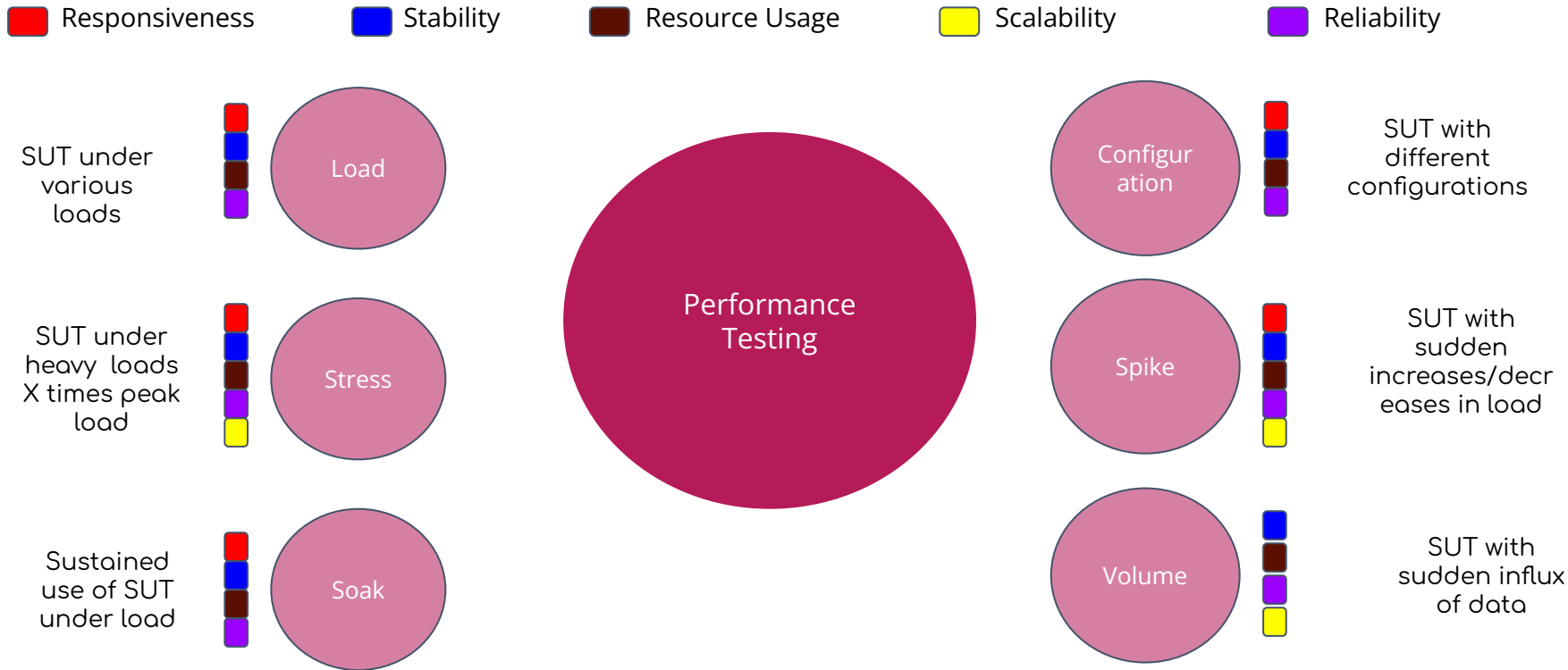
STEPS TAKEN

- Analyze corresponding functionalities from the code coverage report
- Visibility on the amount of work that needs to be done to ensure product quality



BEYOND FUNCTIONAL TESTING - PERFORMANCE

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BEYOND FUNCTIONAL TESTING - SECURITY

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Static AST

Dynamic AST

Risk
Assessment

Threat Model

Source Code
Analysis

Security
Auditing

Network
Analysis

Ethical
Hacking

Vulnerability
Scanning

Penetration
Testing

Requirem
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Design

Construct

Deploy

Maintain

DEPLOY & TEST



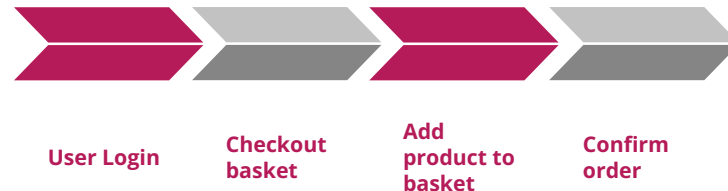


MANUAL REGRESSION TEST CASES TO USER STORIES

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STEPS TAKEN

- Separate out non automated test cases per feature
- Create meaningful user journeys from the test cases
- Reduce the number of manual regression cards
- Easy to plan and execute



AUTOMATION SIGNOFF BEFORE FEATURE SIGNOFF

SIGN OFF

STEPS TAKEN

- After regular manual testing
- Automation testing get a sense of importance
- Capacity issues might end up causing a card accumulation on the new lane and hinder delivery



Thank You