

ETA Week 6

The Session in Review

Well, almost unbelievably quickly, we have reached the halfway mark. Week 6 was, to pick up on a recent theme, arranged with some thought of agility. The final format of the session was confirmed about 72 hours before we all gathered.

Session 6 started as usual but then we had some significant changes for the second half of the night. We started by discussing the parking fee calculator (<http://adam.goucher.ca/parkcalc/>). We had some great discussion around this little piece of software. Some great analysis of charge rates per hour, large numbers where really long parking scenarios were tried. We extended that by looking at ways that input field might operate in ways we felt might be incorrect or inconsistent (that consistency heuristic popping up again). As a group, we found a few issues that would require further investigation and possible code changes. The one thing we didn't do, either as individuals, or a group, was to provide an answer to the question "Find out the maximum amount you can be charged for parking". That question was our testing mission. Important lesson, always understand your testing mission and fulfil the mission. We did lots of other valuable testing, found interesting things but never answered the stakeholders question.

After the parking calculator exercise and discussion, we spent some time talking about attributes of agility, scrum and testing in agile. While you do not have to memorise the attributes you do need to understand them and be able to talk about them (not deeply just yet, that will come as you learn more). Paul and Lee will make some reading material available on agility, scrum and testing in agile. These will be added to Github shortly.

At this point we took our break and then came back to a presentation from Zach Zaborny. Zach spoke about how EPIC Recruit Assist helps find people work and the support they provide on an on-going basis. Zach and William mentioned that you need to register to be considered. Please follow up on this and make sure you are registered so you get help to find work.

After Zach we had a talk from Robert Sabourin. Rob is a very experienced tester. He has years of experience testing a lot of different types of projects. I think we all saw his passion for testing. If you take one message away from Rob it should be that you need to spend time learning. Testing is a never-ending journey of discovery. Just as a little side note Lee and Paul had dinner with Rob after class finished. Rob spoke a lot about the class and the people in it. He's really impressed with what he saw and thanks you for allowing him to sit in. If you would like to reach out to Rob and ask him questions, please do.

Another great session. Keep up the good work, Paul and Lee are seeing skills improving in all of you.