

Welcome to
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and
Exploratory Testing Clinic!



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"the adventures of a space monkey"

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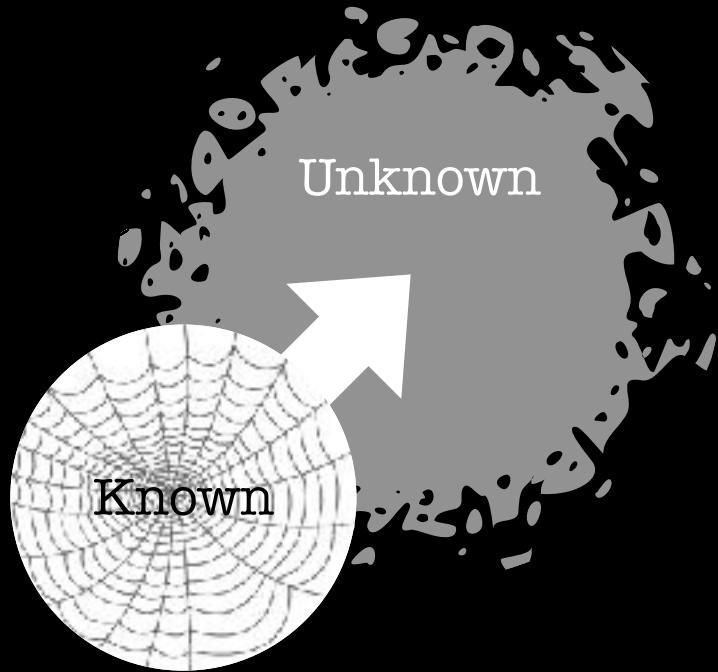


Task 1:

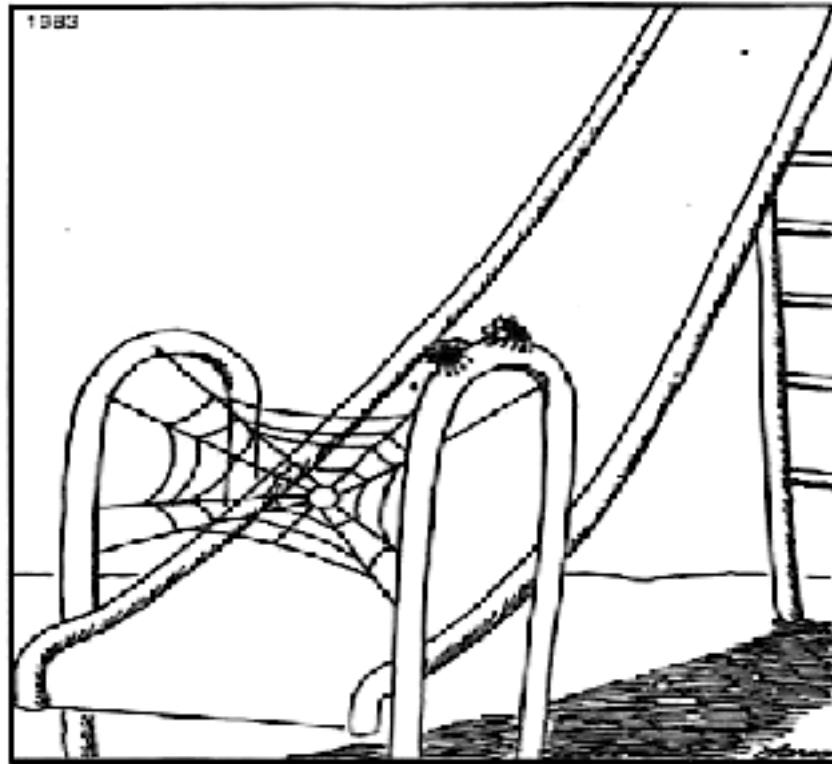
1. Pick a product
2. Adapt to following context:

“You’ve just arrived to an assignment. You know nothing about it or the product that is about to be released in just a few minutes. You are however responsible for testing it. So test it, and report. Good luck.”

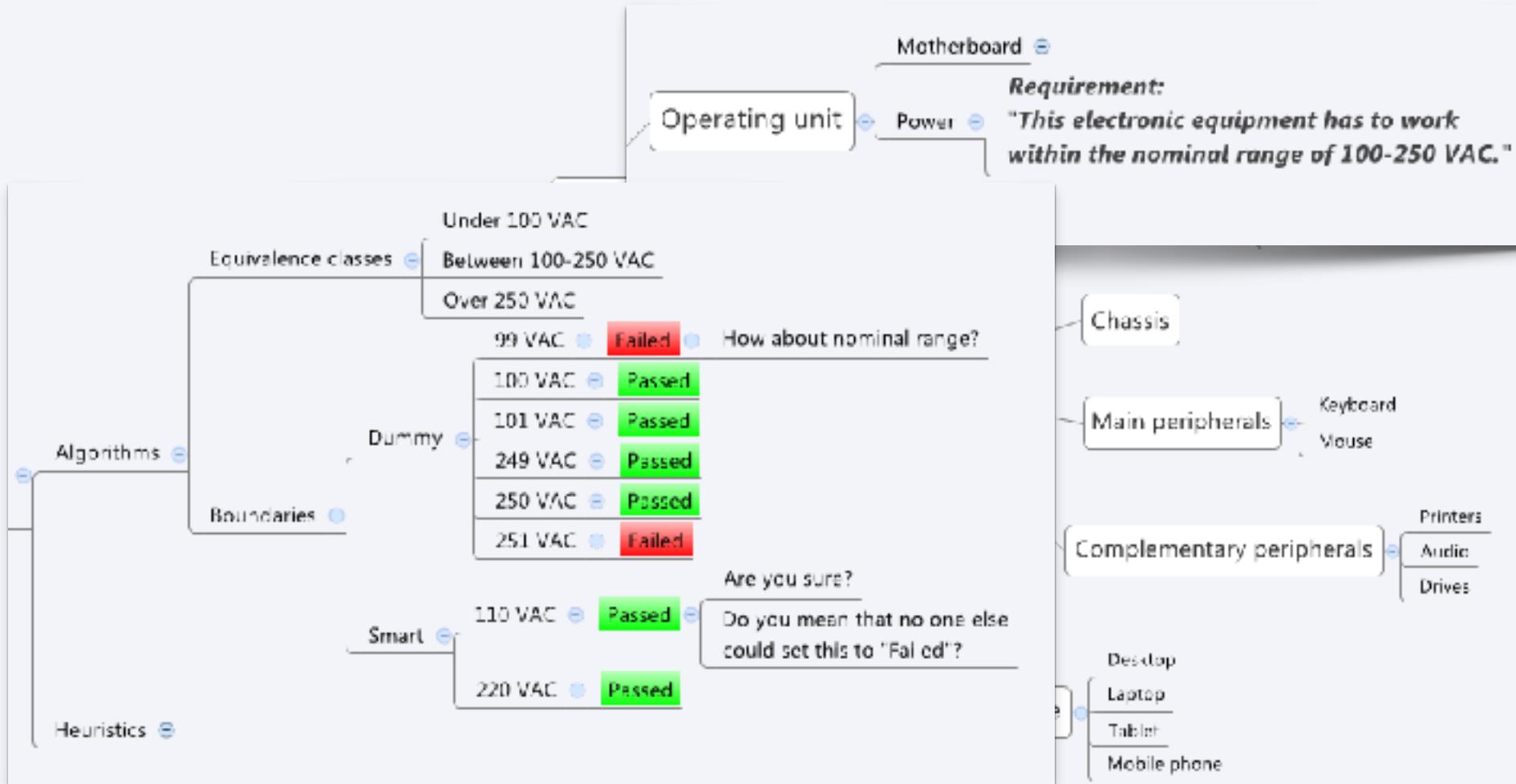
What is exploration?



1983



"If we pull this off, we'll eat like kings.



algorithm

noun

A process or **set of rules to be followed** in calculations or other problem-solving operations, especially **by a computer**.

heuristic

adjective

Enabling **a person to discover or learn something for themselves**.

source: Oxford Dictionaries



Algorithms

In what environment does this equipment has to operate?

To what market is this equipment released (domestic/international)? What kind of currents are there?

To what kind of usage it is exposed?

Is there specifics "or has to work", can it e.g. work partly?

Is hazardous operation allowed, and if so, in what terms?

What does "nominal" mean?

What does "VAC" mean?

How about DC?

Amps?

By whom it is used?

How long does it have to operate, and in what kind of stress?

Are there competing products?

Are other systems dependent on it?

Is it possible to maintain this equipment?

Is there operation and maintenance guide?

Do we have claims that have to be fulfilled?

Does it bring added value to this company?

Do we have anyone who knows about electronics?

Algorithms

Heuristics

Heuristics

has to work
100-250 VAC."

Keyboard
use

Printers
rals

Audio
Drives

Oracles

- A **heuristic** is a fallible method of solving a problem or making a decision. An **oracle** is a heuristic for recognizing a problem once it has manifested.
- Oracles can be written requirements, wishes from important people, laws of conformity, unwritten rules, etc.
- Oracles don't often produce information by default. You may have to dig for it, to **ask questions**.
- The information from oracles may also change, constantly even. Keep your friends close, and your oracles closer. ;)



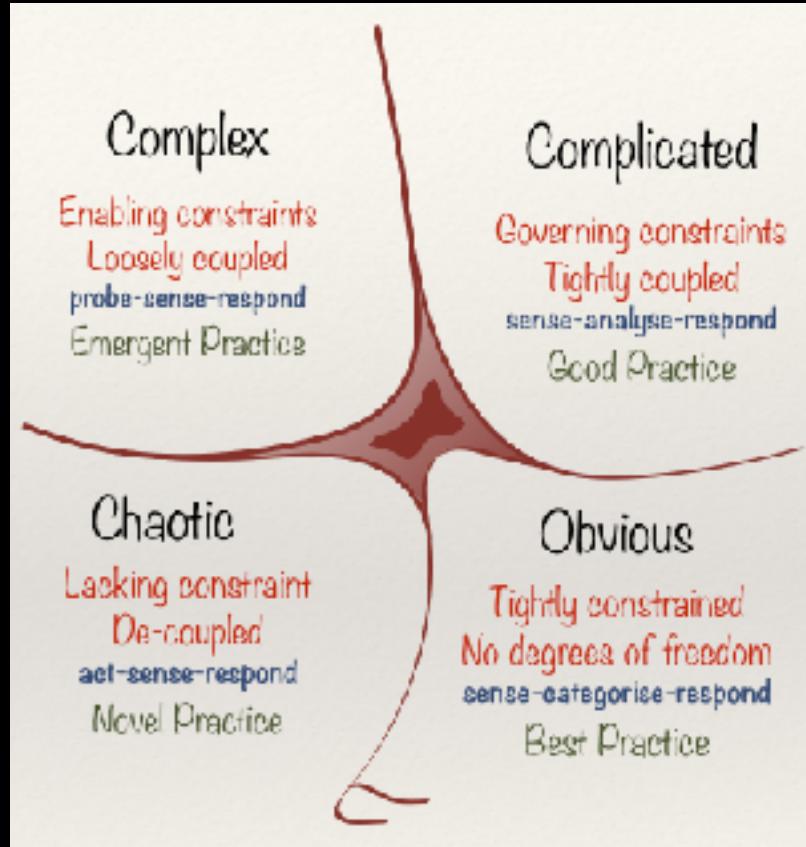


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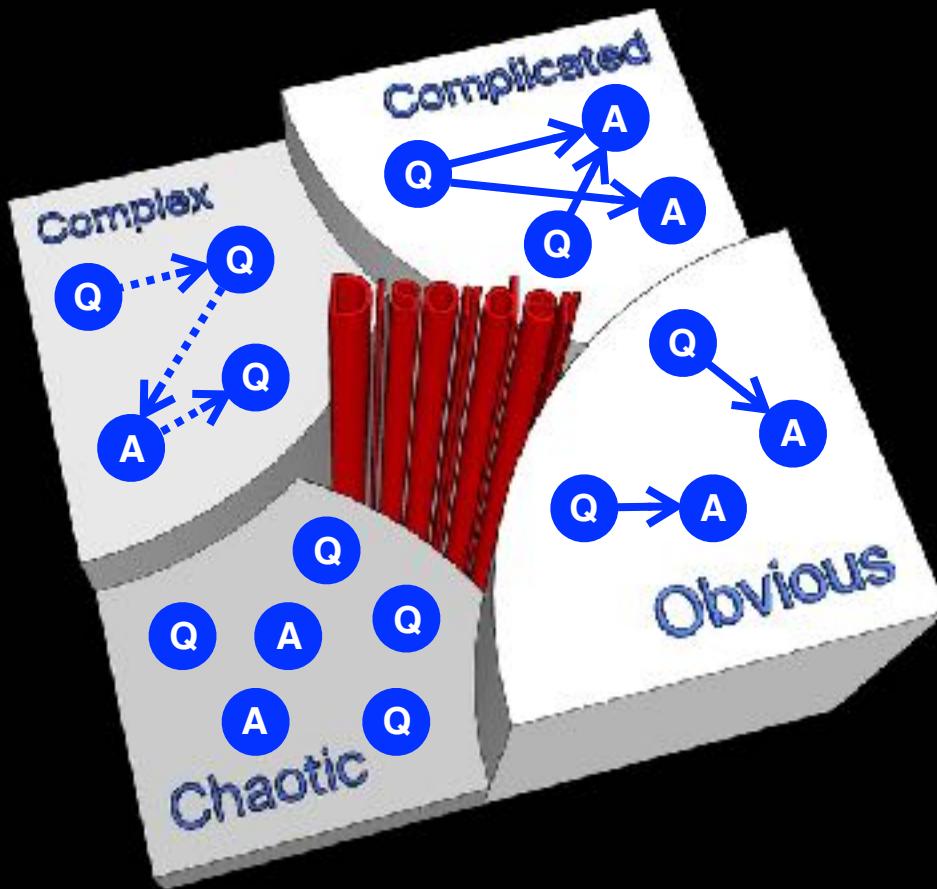


Freestyle





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20 ways to bringing structure into ET

- Stealth job
- Traditional retreat
- Off-Piste (Iron Script)
- Off-Piste (Marshmallow Script)
- Bug Hunt
- Set Aside Time
- Gambling
- Script-Substitute
- **Session-Based**
- Questioning
- Thread-Based
- Touring
- Scouting
- **Kanban**
- Following Lenfle
- Daily News
- R&D
- Testing Guru
- Video Reports
- Post-Partum Labelling
- The Summarizer
- GPS
- Cloudy
- The Inquiring Metricator

Source: James Lindsay, <http://workroomprds.blogspot.com/>

Session-Based Test Management (SBTM)

- A timeframe is given to tester or a group of testers. Within this **session** intensive and uninterrupted testing takes place.
- A **charter** gives focus area for testing session.
- After a session short **retrospective** takes place. It's about discussing session experiences, having a bug triage, setting focus for next session, etc.
- In retrospective you get an insight whether to continue with the same charter or to choose a new one.
- The nature of a charter dictates what kind of testing session is the wisest to choose.



Different session types

- **Intake.** Starting a dialogue with the software, getting to know the rough outlines what it does.
- **Survey.** Mapping the entirety of the software, seeking coverage.
- **Analysis.** Systematic approach e.g. listing the primary and complementary functions.
- **Setup.** Forming the environmental context e.g. installations, infra inspection, noticing end user need, etc.
- **Deep coverage.** Making an effort to understand the business and technical needs of the software, going beyond the obvious to find those hard-to-find bugs.
- **Closure.** Ending activities for the project and/or testing round e.g. forming handover documentation, reporting, retesting fixed bugs, regression testing, etc.



“Explore [target]
with [resources]
to discover [information].”

- Elisabeth Hendrickson

Task 2:

1. Form teams
2. Pick a product (or keep the same)
3. Adapt to following test case/scenario/
mission statement/whatnot:

Explore your product
with survey mode
to discover manipulation points.

Heuristic Test Strategy Model

TEST STRATEGY

I

what do we know?

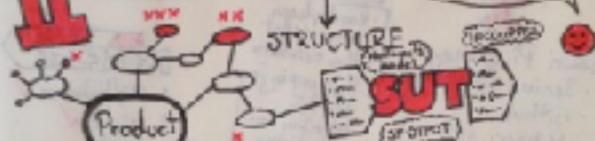
what do we want to know?



INFORMATION
OBJECTIVE

II

Where do we focus?



III

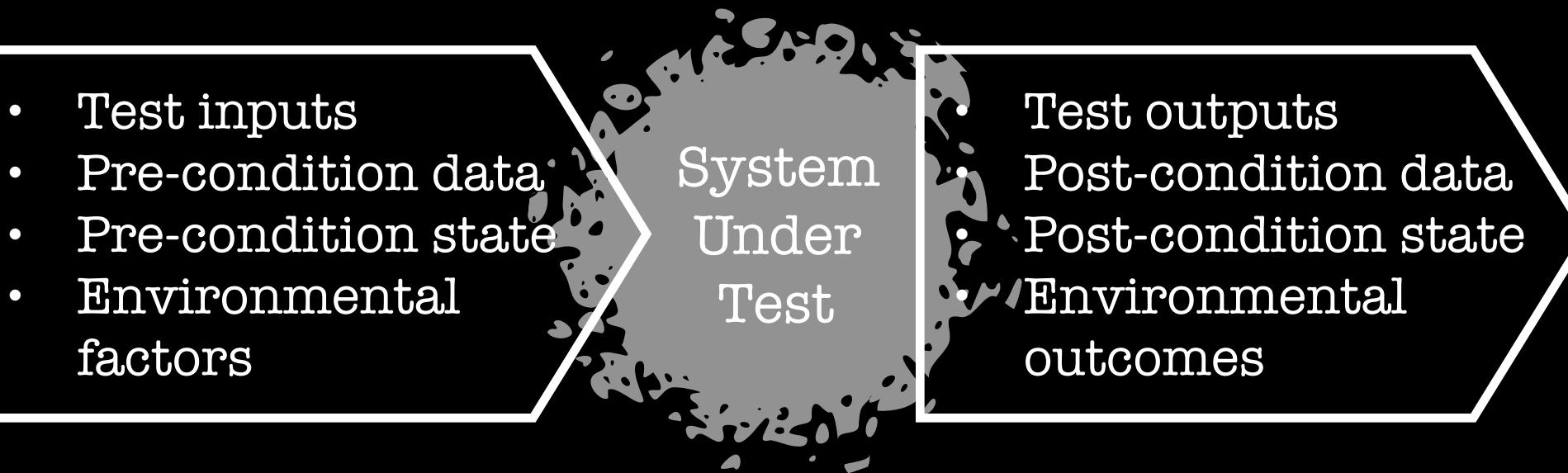
How do we work?



LEARN &
ADAPT

Extended Black Box Testing Model

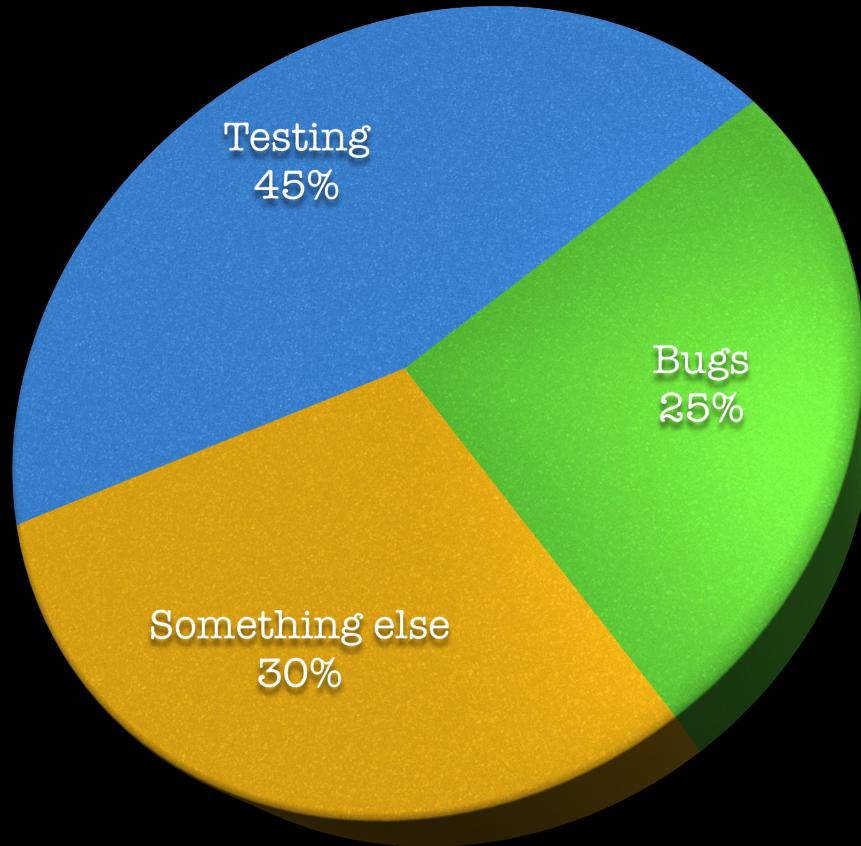
by Doug Hoffman



Task 3:

1. Keep your teams
2. Another mission statement
3. Focus on reporting

TBS metric

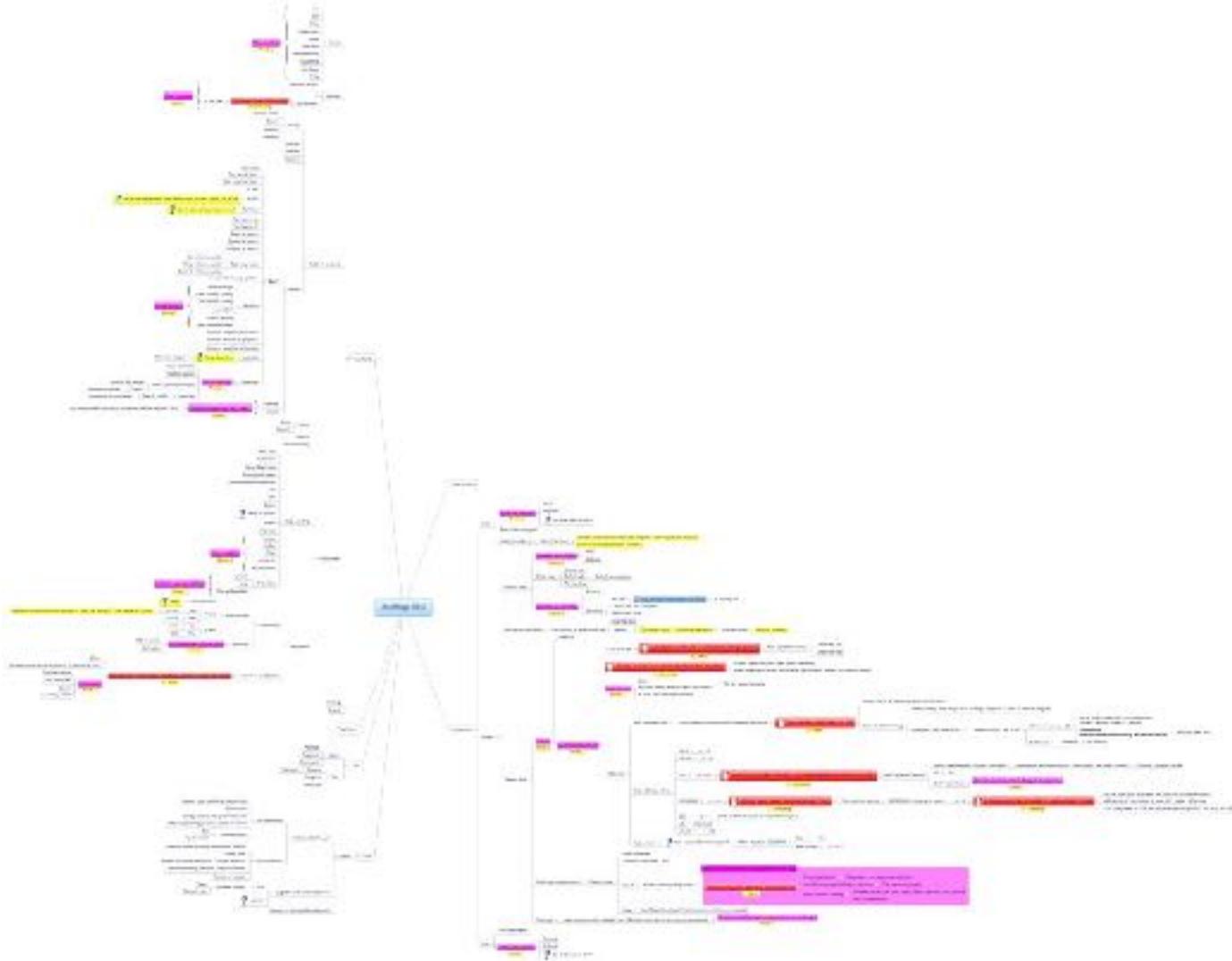


Testing Dashboard

Updated:
2/21

Build:
38

Area	Effort	C.	Q.	Comments
file/edit	high	1		
view	low	1+		1345, 1363, 1401
insert	low	2		
format	low	2+		automation broken
tools	blocked	1		crashes: 1406, 1407
slideshow	low	2		animation memory leak
online help	blocked	0		new files not delivered
clipart	none	1		need help to test...
converters	none	1		need help to test...
install	start 3/17	0		
compatibility	start 3/17	0		lab time is scheduled
general GUI	low	3		



Product
backlog

Sprint
backlog

In progress

Done



So, what did we learn today?

MB
Milton Bradley

Ages
8 to Adult

Sink all of
your opponent's
ships.

2 Players

Game instructions
English and Spanish
Instructions del juego
en inglés y español

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BATTLESHIP

Combine Strategy And Luck
In This Exciting Naval Action Game



SET UP
YOUR FLEET



CALL OUT THE SHOTS



MARK THE HITS



SINK YOUR
OPPONENT'S
FLEET





Thats all folks!

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A bonus. Huib Schoots has gathered a pretty awesome collection of resources (kudos, Huib!). I couldn't think of anything that isn't there, so here you go. :)

http://www.huibschoots.nl/wordpress/?page_id=441