

Tasting tests at Cookpad

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Hello, everyone.

I'm Kazu.

Now, I'm so excited to be able to talk for many Swift and iOS developers.

Today, I talk associated with "TEST" since I'm a test engineer.

"Tasting" used in my title means taste stuff because my company is regarding with food.



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Lang: / / /

maintainer: Ruby Appium binding

About me

At first, I introduce myself.

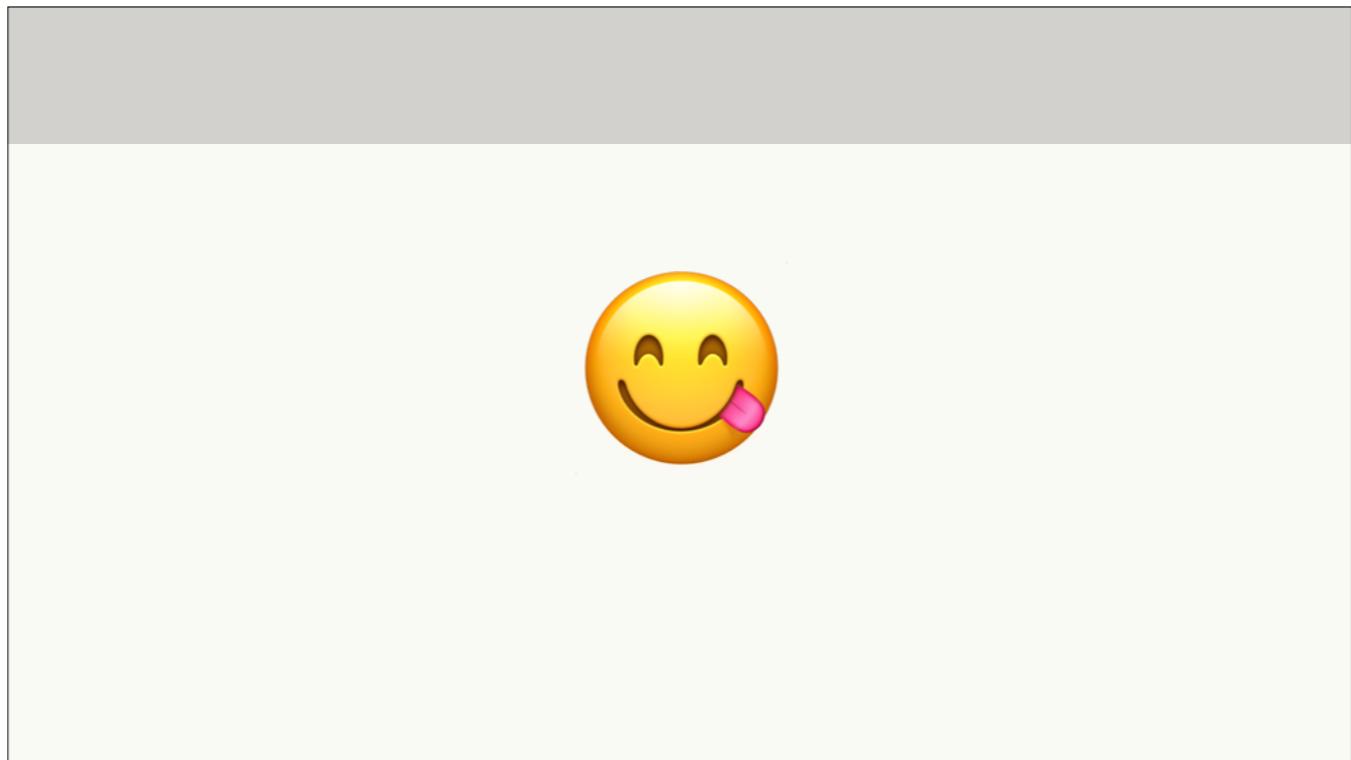
I'm Kazuaki Matsuo and working at Cookpad as a test engineer.

I've tried test automation for mobile and improved development processes and other many roles to improve several qualities for our services.

So, "Software Engineer in Quality" might be more suitable name to explain me in my company, I think.

I use some languages in my work such as swift, ruby, java for android and elixir.

Recently, I've maintained ruby appium binding.



go ahead

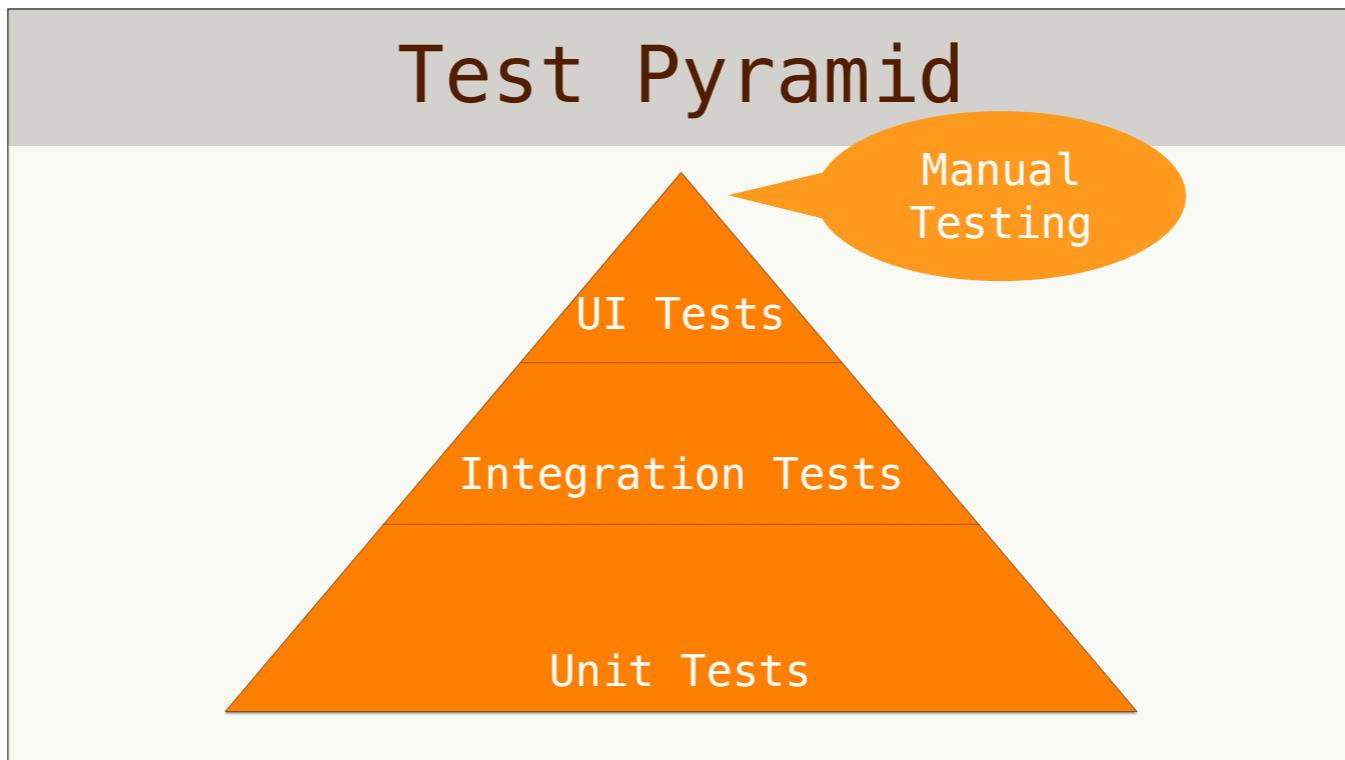
A bunch of themes in tests

Even we use the word "TEST", it has various meanings.

For example, the word has categories such as usability test and performance test and has test level such as unit test and integration test.

Today, I pick up test automation and a test pyramid which has three layers, unit test, integration test and UI test for automated test.

In addition the pyramid has manual test outside of the pyramid.



The pyramid is one of a famous diagram for test automation.

This shows ideal relationship and amount for unit tests, integration tests and UI tests in development.

Unit tests deal with testing logic in code level and UI tests focus on simulate user behaviours against the test target app.

Unit tests are small and fast but UI tests aren't.

(<http://www.utest.com/articles/mobile-test-pyramid>)

How UI Tests support our development

Today, I focus on UI tests and how the tests support our development. I don't talk about unit level tests today.
So, you can taste UI tests and our story.
I'm happy if anyone gets the motivation to try UI tests after my talk.

We should know about the test target

Before start talking tests, we should learn test target if we try to understand and taste some tests not only about tools but also strategies and so on. So, I'll explain about Cookpad and its iOS app at first to help you understand the following topics.



Cookpad is one of the famous recipe sharing service in the world.
We have two kinds of services, for Japan and for rest of the world right now.

<https://www.similarweb.com/top-websites/category/food-and-drink/cooking-and-recipes>

Top Websites

Top sites for Food And Drink > Cooking And Recipes in the world

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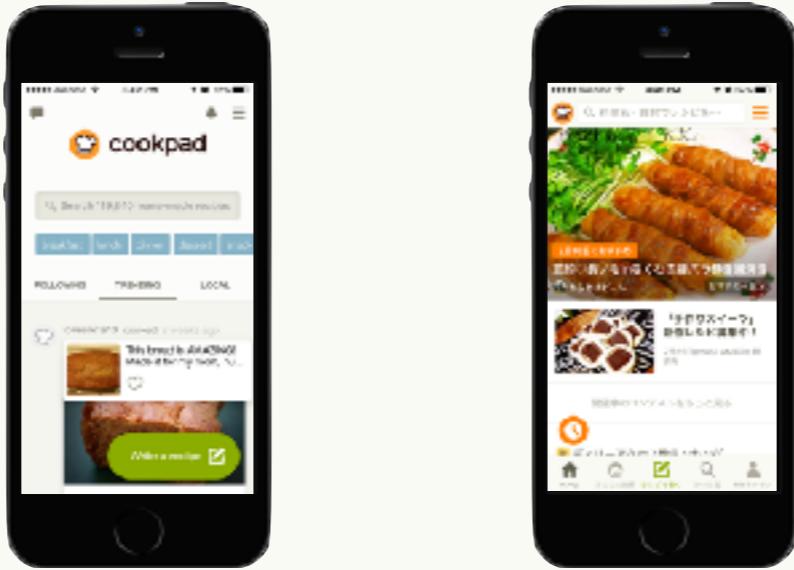
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<https://www.similarweb.com/top-websites/category/food-and-drink/cooking-and-recipes>

According to the similarweb.com, Cookpad is the largest site in the food category.

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Cookpad for iOS(Japan and Global)



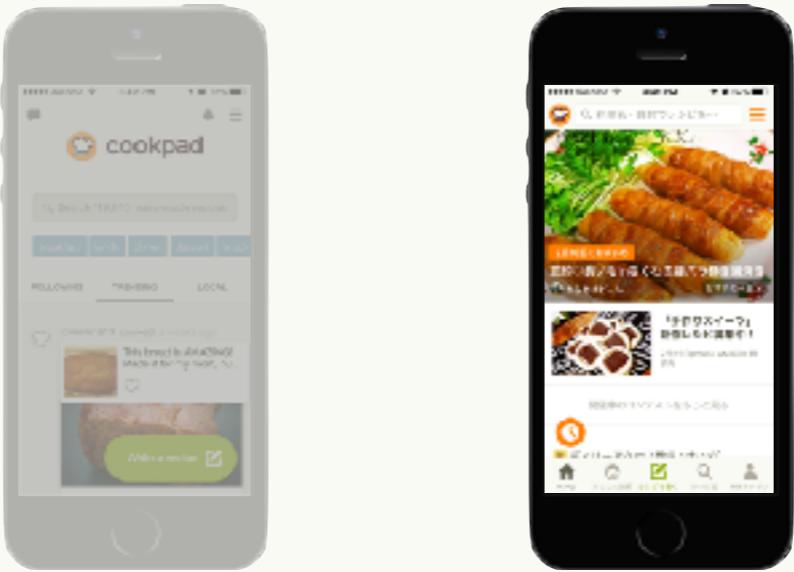
We also have two kinds of iOS applications for Cookpad.

One is for Japan and another is for rest of the world.

Their service growth level is difference, so we haven't merged them yet.

If anyone comes from out of Japan, you can see global app.

Cookpad for iOS(Japan)



Today's main target is Japan Edition.

A History for Cookpad iOS App



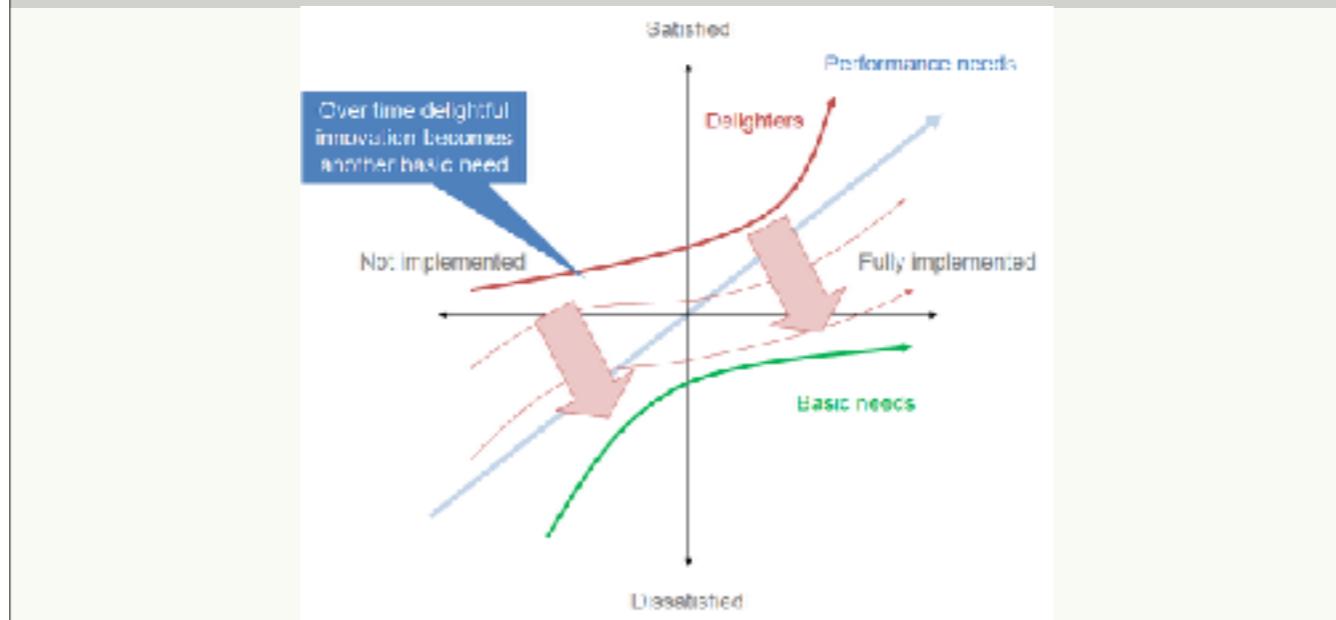
According to the google analytics, the cookpad app has grown for around 5 years.

I attached some screenshots to show the growth and the changes.

The app changed UI component, add or delete any features or re-write/refactor implementations during the period.

The production code also has grown and it is around 100 thousand lines except for comment, blank and new lines right now.

kano-model and Japan market



by the way, kano-model is one of the famous models to explain about quality.

There is two main quality. One is Must-be Quality and another is Attractive Quality.

must be qualityの説明を加える

Must-be quality in Japan is high because they require crash-free app as must-be quality in many cases.

It is not attractive for them.

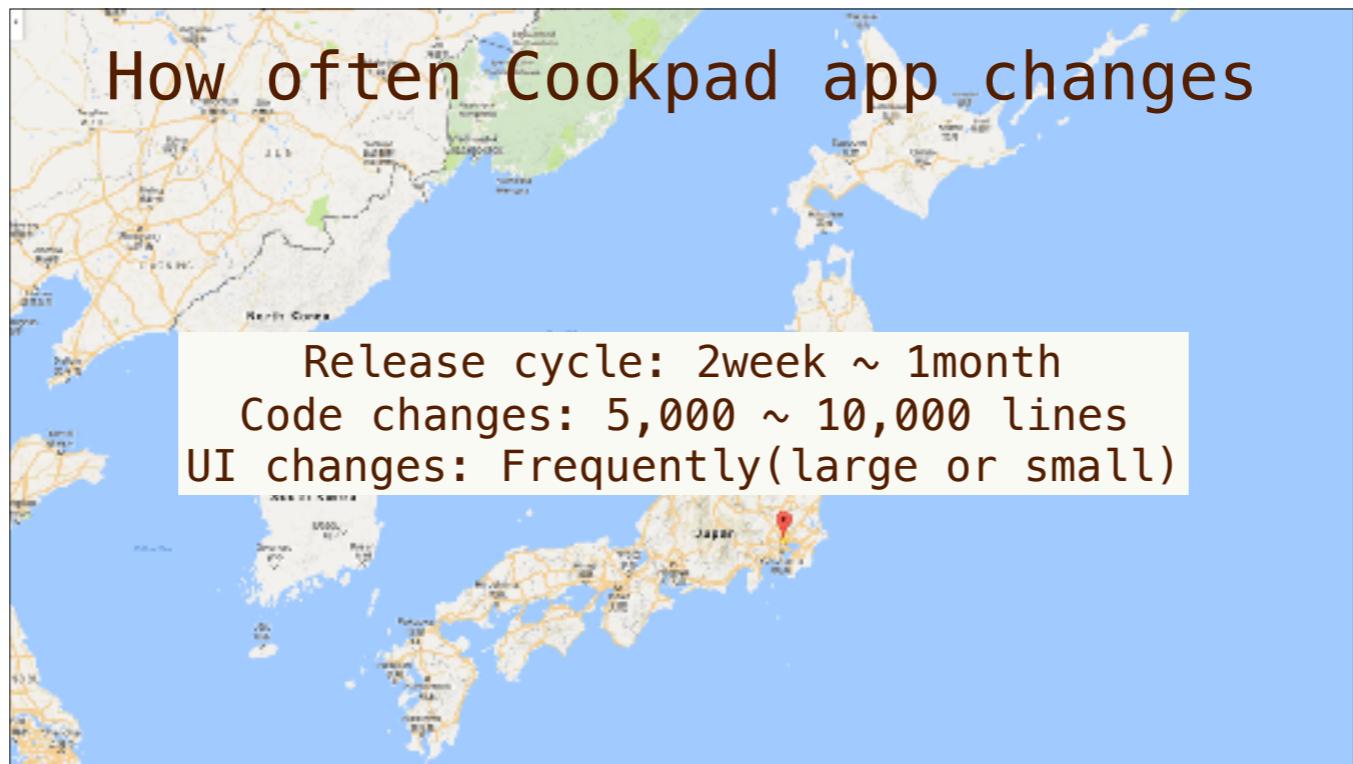
I heard this must-be quality is more rigid than other countries...

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kano_model)

Diachronic Quality for Mobile

Mobile app's environment changes frequently and OS version change every year.
UI and design also change in a few years cycle. Required quality by market also has changed.

Recently, I sometimes mention such movement as diachronic quality.
This word is influenced by linguistics.
diachronic quality include many meanings, but I just mention for frequent change environment in this time.



In this period, Cookpad also has changed to catch up with the cycle.

Release our app every two weeks or one month to improve our service and UIs for the end users.

Seldom, We change UI significantly.

Recently, we change source code around 5,000 ~ 10,000 lines per release.

take a break



I talked histories of Cookpad iOS app and its changes, and diachronic quality to explain quality model which changes frequently.

Tasting tests 😊

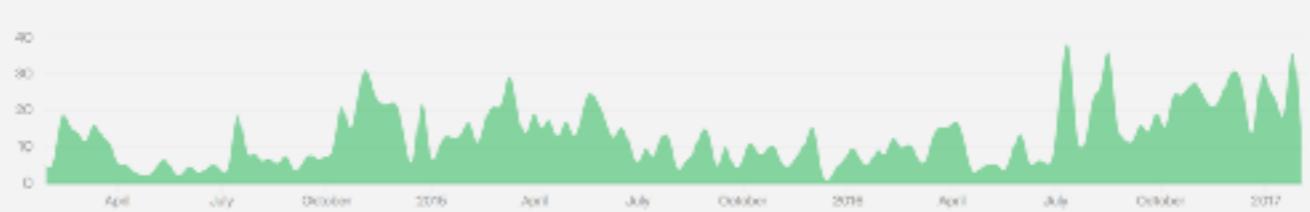
I start talking UI Test what I've challenged for the environment.

A History for UI Tests for Cookpad Apps

Feb 9, 2014 – Feb 16, 2017

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This repository shows a growth of UI tests I and we've implemented at Cookpad.
I've developed the environment since 2014.

Why have we implemented
this UI tests?🤔

We knew our service need to develop continuously and we should evolve apps in the future.
So, we should proceed re-engineering mobile apps.

Should we taste from?

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This sentence is quoted from "Re-Engineering Legacy Software".

It is true since we can't check behaviour without tests.

The most of the developers may agree with re-write/refactor features without tests lead unexpected broken stuff.

In addition, to make the target app testable, we should consider architecture for the app and other many things if target app isn't testable.

On the other hand, without CI environment, it is difficult to iterate development cycle quickly without tests.

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<https://www.manning.com/books/re-engineering-legacy-software>

Basic strategy

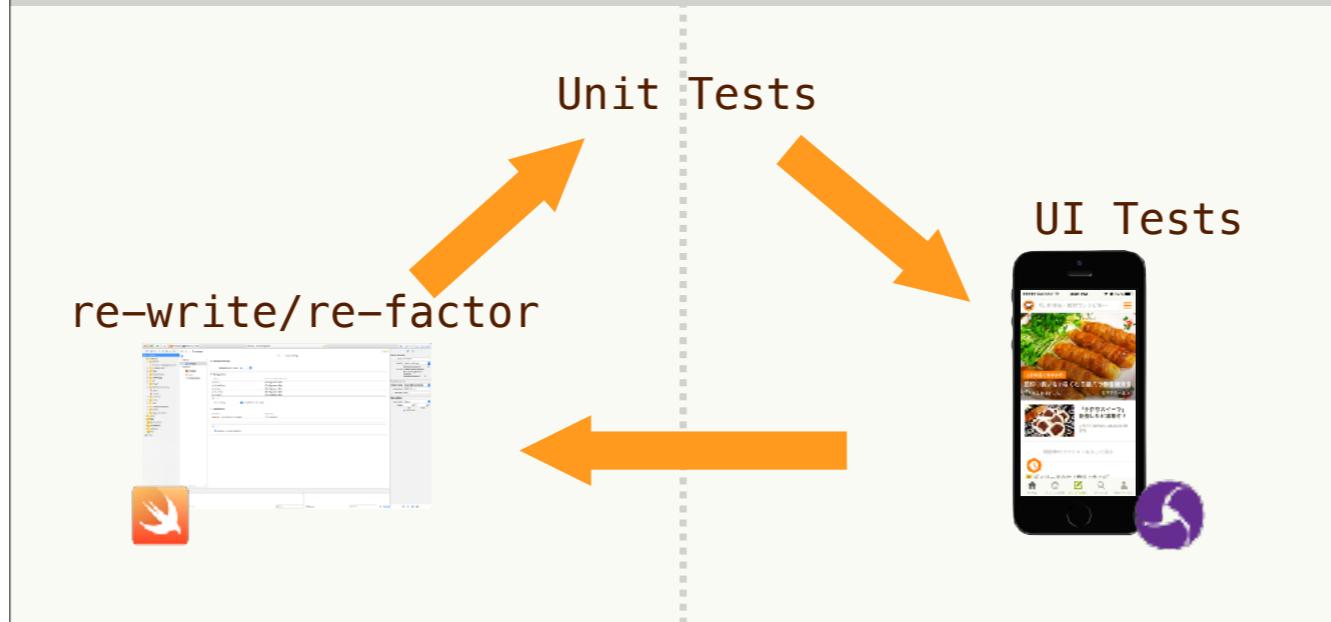


We approached to make the app testable from two aspects, internal and external.

"Internal" means production code side.

"External" means end-user and GUI side.

Make checkable from external to internal



Check if GUI/behaviour are broken from external.

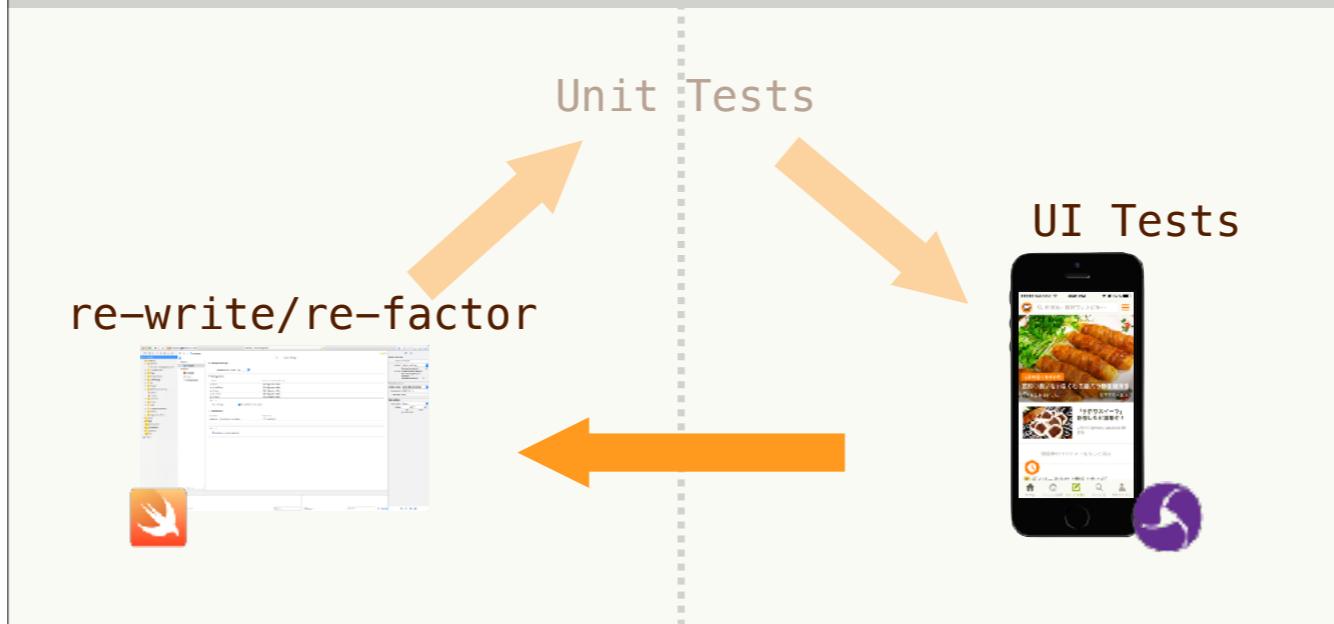
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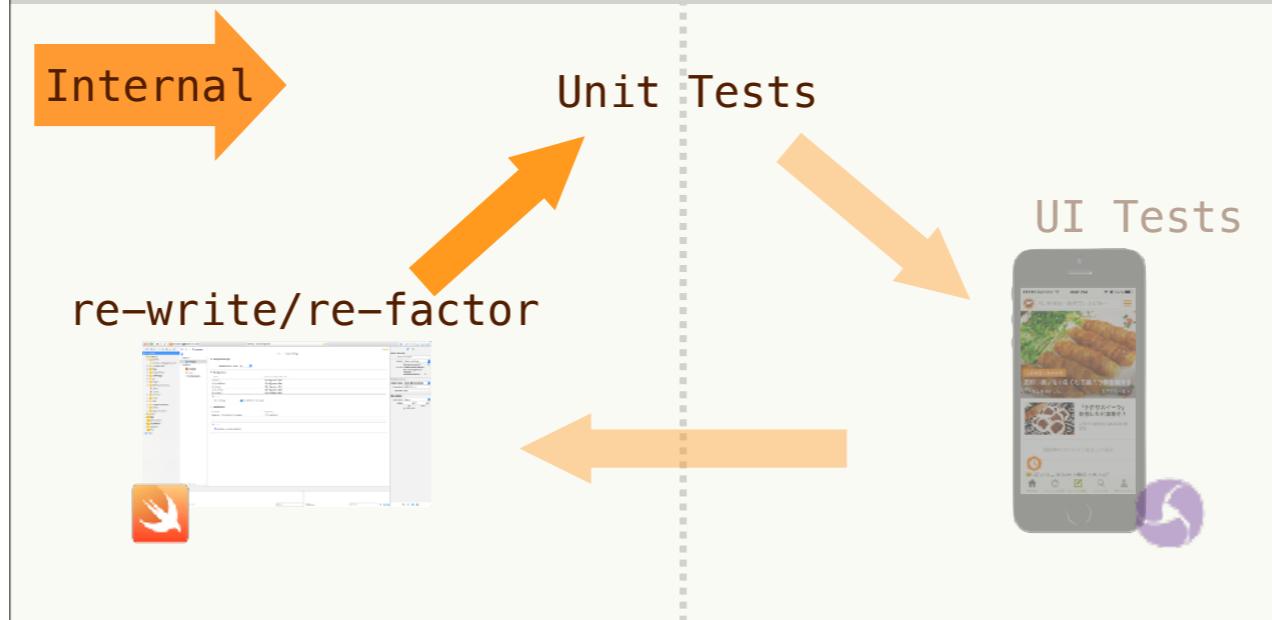
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Make checkable from external to internal



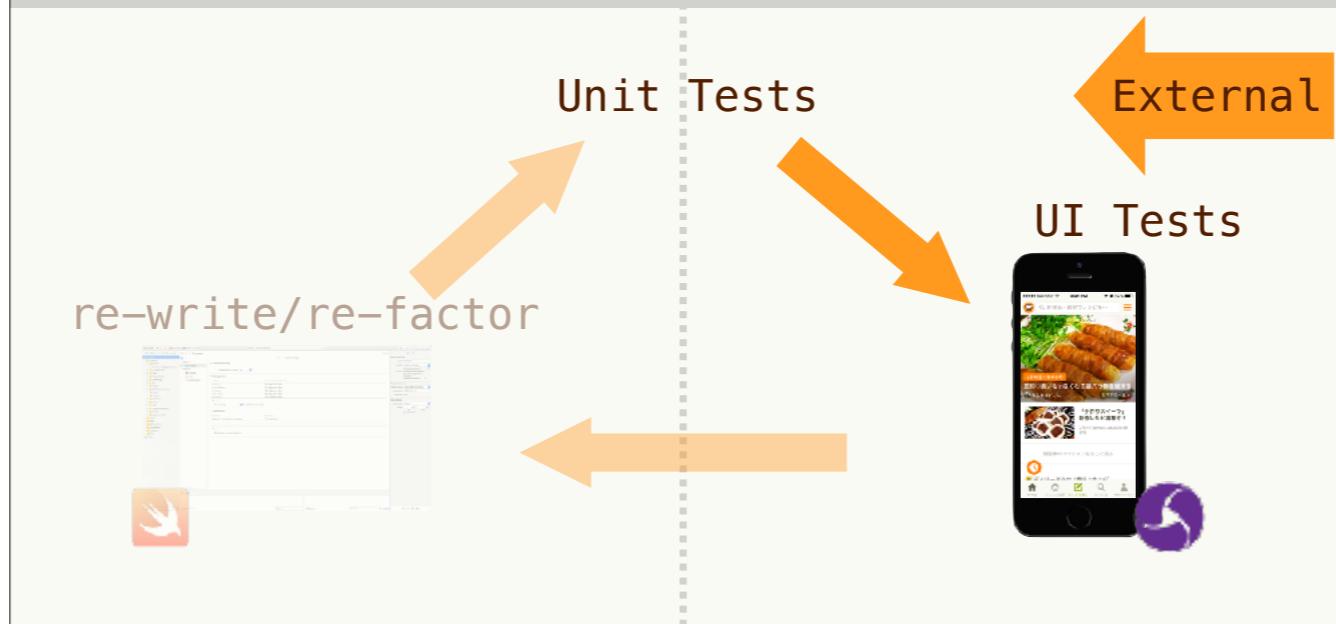
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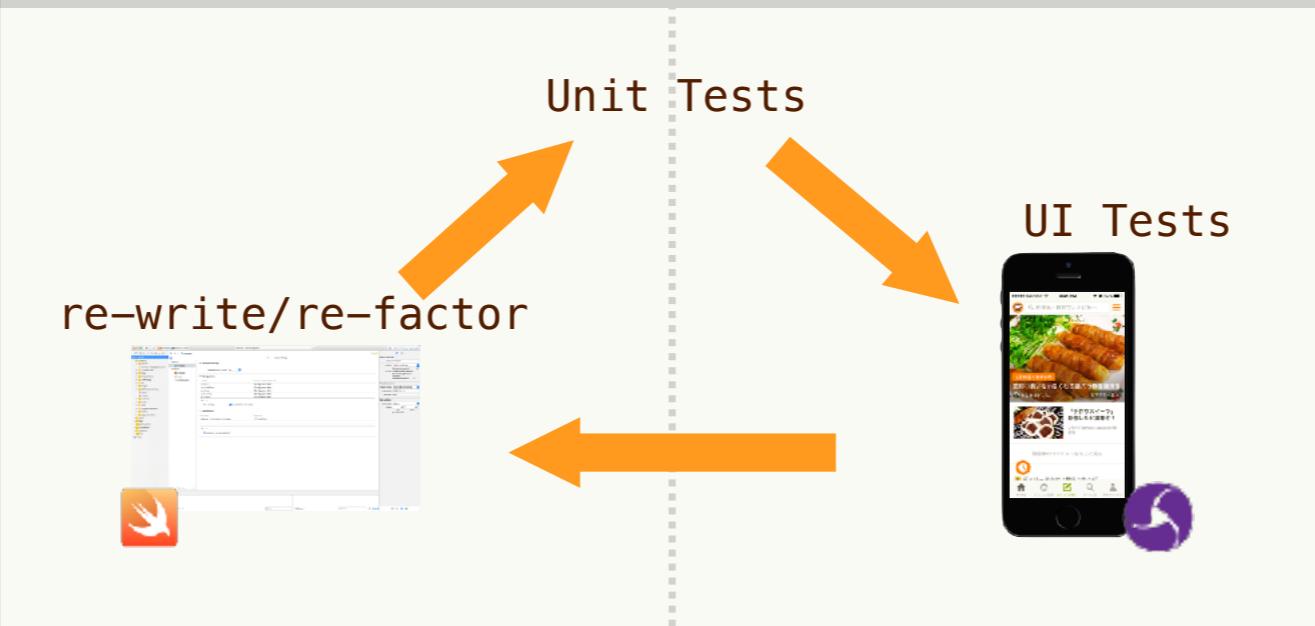
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Unit tests for Re-Engineering

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I think most of the developers agree with this.

Unit tests are not a silver bullet

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Certainly, implementing tests for integration layer and UI layer is difficult than unit layer.

UI Test should be automated

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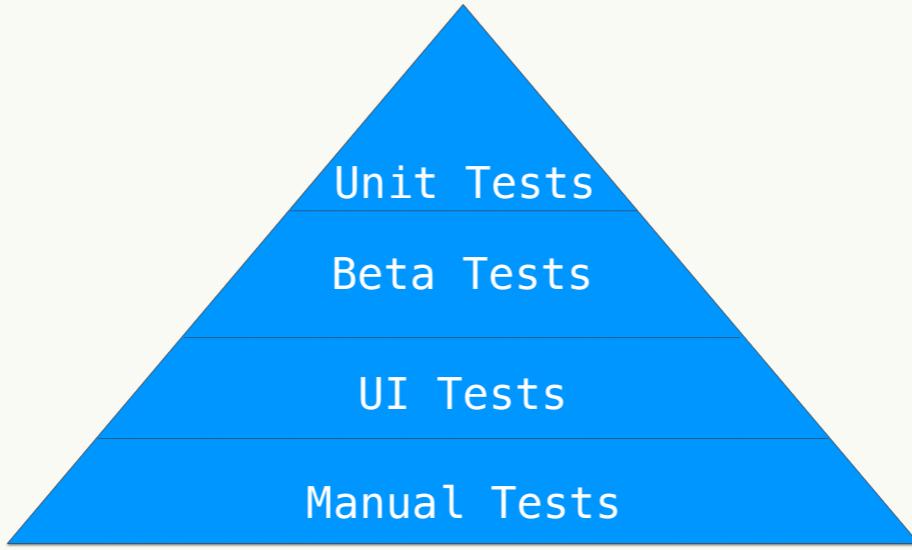
yes, automated UI testing is very important.

But...

In many cases, UI tests take too many times and too many human resources in mobile because test automation for mobile is difficult.

So, UI tests for mobile tend to conducted by manual.

Flipped pyramid make development cycle slow

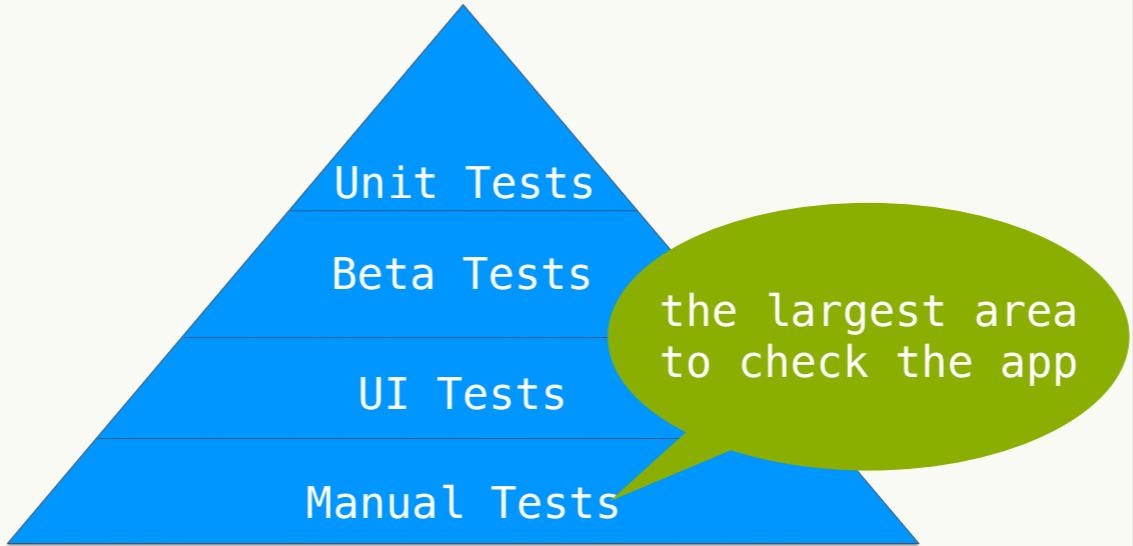


By the way, I talked ideal test pyramid for test automation before.

Unit tests is the biggest and UI tests are the smallest.

But in the mobile context, it is easy to make it flipped.

Flipped pyramid make development cycle slow



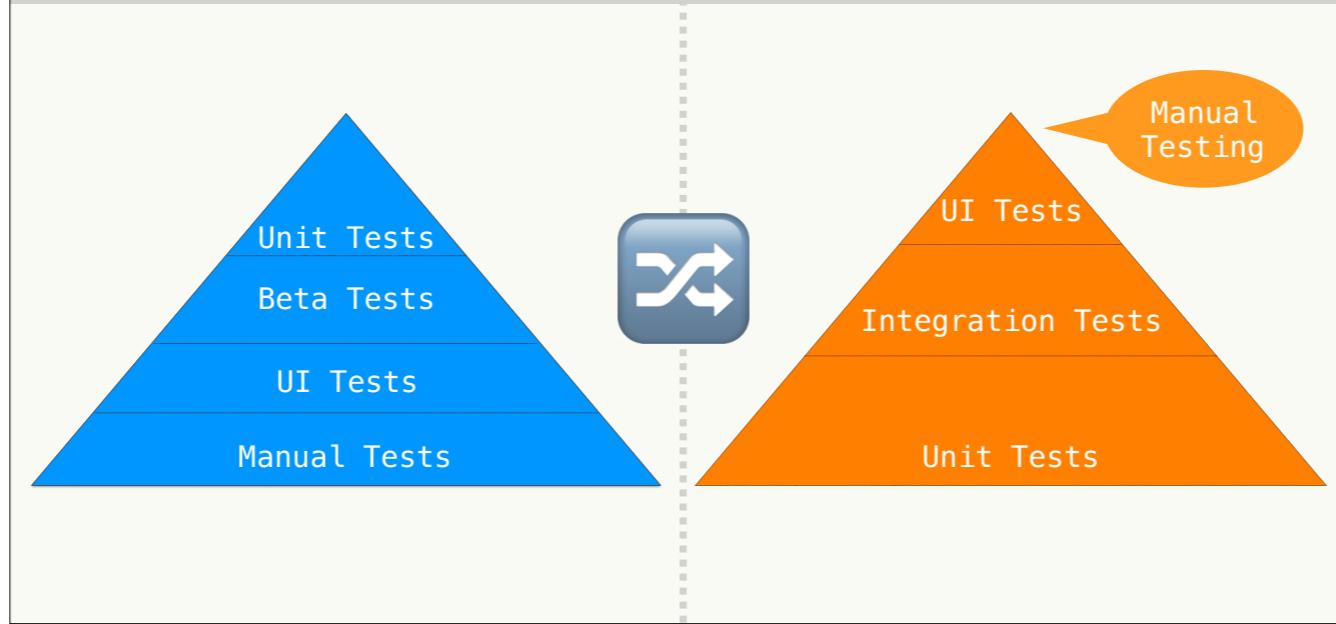
Checking UIs manually is easier than test automation.

But large manual tests take too many times and blocks swift development cycle in the future.

UI tests can support re-engineering frequently.

<http://www.utest.com/articles/mobile-test-pyramid>

Flipped again



So, automating UI test is very important.

You can check most of the layouts, screen transactions without crashes and so on automatically.

You can also check combinations of various OS versions and resolutions without additional human resources.

Certainly, designing test architecture for test automation is also important.

Don't convert all manual tests to dirty automated tests.

implement the strategy

Automated UI Test with Appium from 2014

I've tried to implement UI Test since 2014, I've joined cookpad.

While conducting manual tests, I've been working on test automation step by step.

I've implemented it with Ruby :p

UI Tests

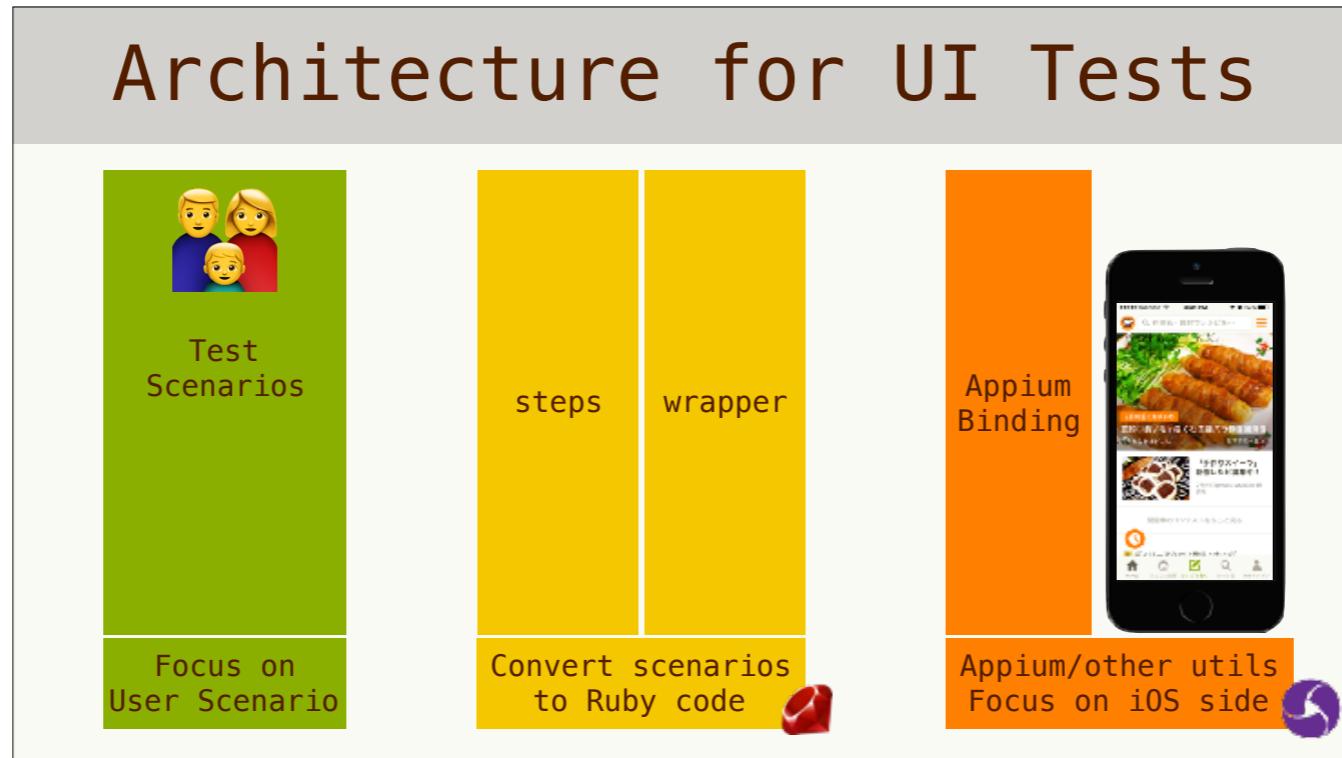
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Architecture for UI Tests



Our architecture for the automated test is like this.

We separate some layers to divide responsibilities for scenarios associated with end-users and product code associated with the iOS framework.

I'd like to independent scenarios from the iOS side and also independent implementations from user scenarios.

(iOS側の実装と、シナリオ側の実装を分離したい)

(こうすることで、iOS側が変化した時は、シナリオは変えず、internal librariesのところだけでiOSフレームワーク側の変更を吸収します)

Thus, we can decrease maintenance costs for scenarios side and iOS side.

The separation of responsibility is familiar to developers.

(<http://www.slideshare.net/KazuMatsu/20141018-selenium-appiumcookpad>)

Scenarios(英語にする)

feature: A user can search several words via search field

background:
given 'iPhone' で試験を行う

scenario_outline: ユーザは自分のログイン状態によって変化する検索結果を見ることができる
when <user_status> ユーザでログインする
when <search_words> と検索欄から検索する
then 私は '3' 回下側にスクロールする
then 画面に 'xxx' が表示されている

example:

user_status search_words
'ps' 'ヤシガニ'
'non-ps' '月食'
'guests' 'カワエビ'
'guest' 'テナガエビ'

This is an example to describe scenarios.

I implement scenarios with data-driven testing with Turnip.

Turnip is similar to Cucumber.

This scenario is close to end-user. So, I chose the national language to describe the scenarios.

This scenario is not equal to test case which conducted by manual.

Seasoning

I share some tips to season.

Reduce dependency from internal product code



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find_element :accessibility_id, "an arbitrary identifier"
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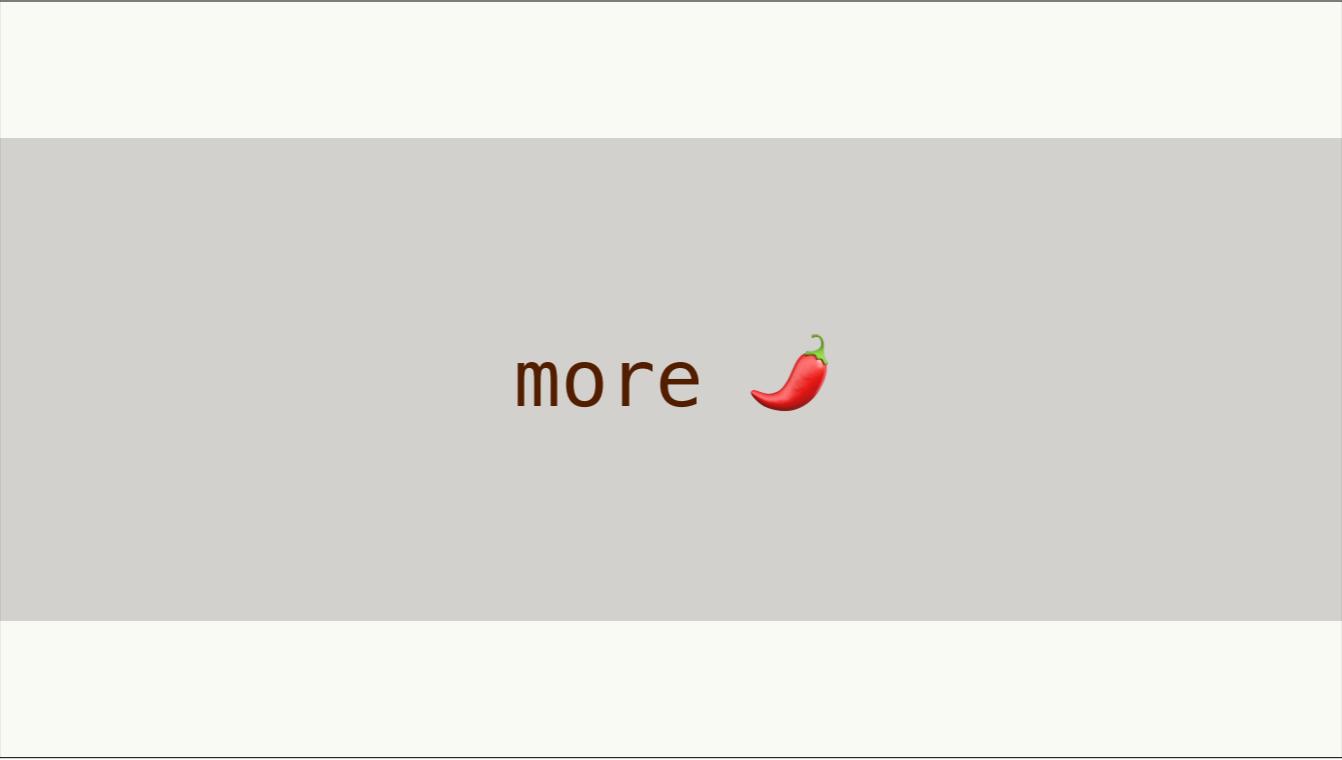
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Don't conduct tests for all boundaries

Test for all boundaries is better to implement in the unit test.

Because UI test is too slower than the unit test.

So, if you implement all boundaries in UI side, it is better to move test from UI to unit and remove it from UI tests in the future.



more 

More spice to extend basic scenario tests.

image diff



We also implement image diff to judge the results and feedback to designers.

Designers can know the differences between the previous version and new version easily. This helps their checking.

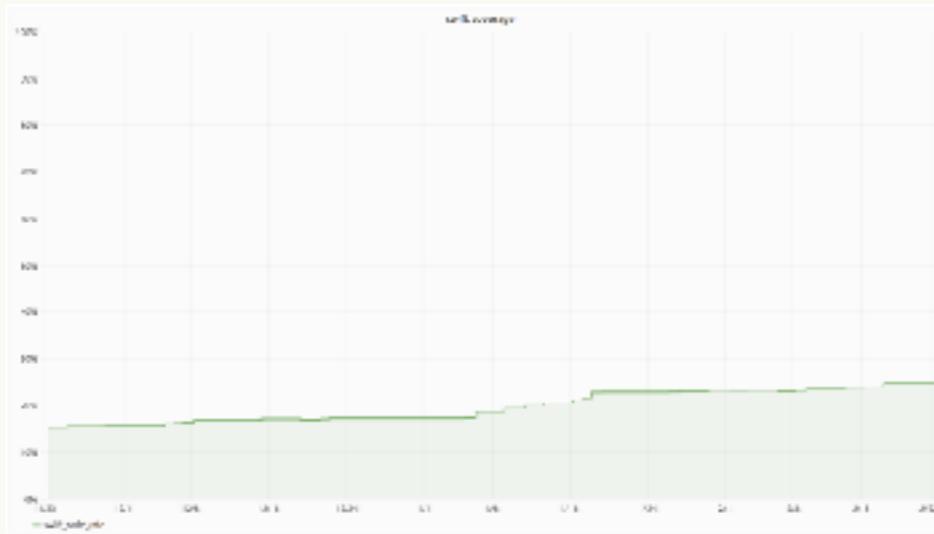
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And we also capture network traffic because we'd like to check logging requests.
Because the requests are very important for service development to collect data.

Re-Engineering re-write/re-factor without fear for developers

Keeping this kind of UI tests encourage developers re-write and refactor source code and introduce new tests in unit level.
If their changes broke some features, UI tests can uncover the errors because our tests cover around 80~90% screen transactions for now.

introduce Swift



We start to introducing Swift a few months ago.

Also in this case, UI tests help fearless changes for developers in UI level.



faster and more stable

Current UI tests are enough for current our development process for now.

But our team will become bigger than now in the future.

So, I'll introduce alternative tools such as XCUI Test or EarlGrey for UI tests partially. But we don't stop using Appium because their responsibility area is different.

Conclusion

Quality, Environment and Services change
frequently in Mobile

How automated UI Tests support re-engineering

I talked about histories of cookpad app and how we've tried to re-engineering the big app with UI tests.
UI tests need to separate responsibility from production code to catch up with some changes painless.

Do you get motivations
to implement
automated UI Tests?

Thanks

同僚のicons + Thanks

Thanks for listening my talk.
And our co-workers.