

Eurostar 2022 Copenhagen Denmark seen by me, Manu

EuroSTAR stands for **E**uropean **S**oftware **T**esting **A**nalysis & **R**eview.

Hi !,

What the heck would a "data guy" from the BI-team, go to a Software Testing Conference!?

Ps: I was accompanied by 4 Sfpd, "strangers" to me, but 4 days living together changed that! We rented a house at walk distance from the conference instead of having all our separate hotel room. <https://abnb.me/Lbppe6yKNqb>











Current link to the conference, 2023, in Antwerp, Belgium!

<https://conference.eurostarsoftwaretesting.com/>

I was a bit reluctant and skeptic but finally very pleased having had the privilege to assist at this wonderful community event.

I will try to share this excitement event by writing and drawing down some statements that I captured from the conference speakers that triggered my attention.

If you want, I am pleased to discuss these with you at any time.

Day 1

Developing Critical Thinking Skills for (Testers, ...)

We are all skilled in our expertise domain but how do we think critically about what and how we are doing our job. We are vulnerable to cognitive biases and thinking traps that can catch out even the most seasoned person.

One of the most common thinking traps we face is that we tend to think in ways that confirm our existing beliefs, rather than challenging those beliefs.

Another thinking trap is that we often spend too much time collecting additional data about a problem, when we would be better off using that time to generate alternate theories about the problem's cause.

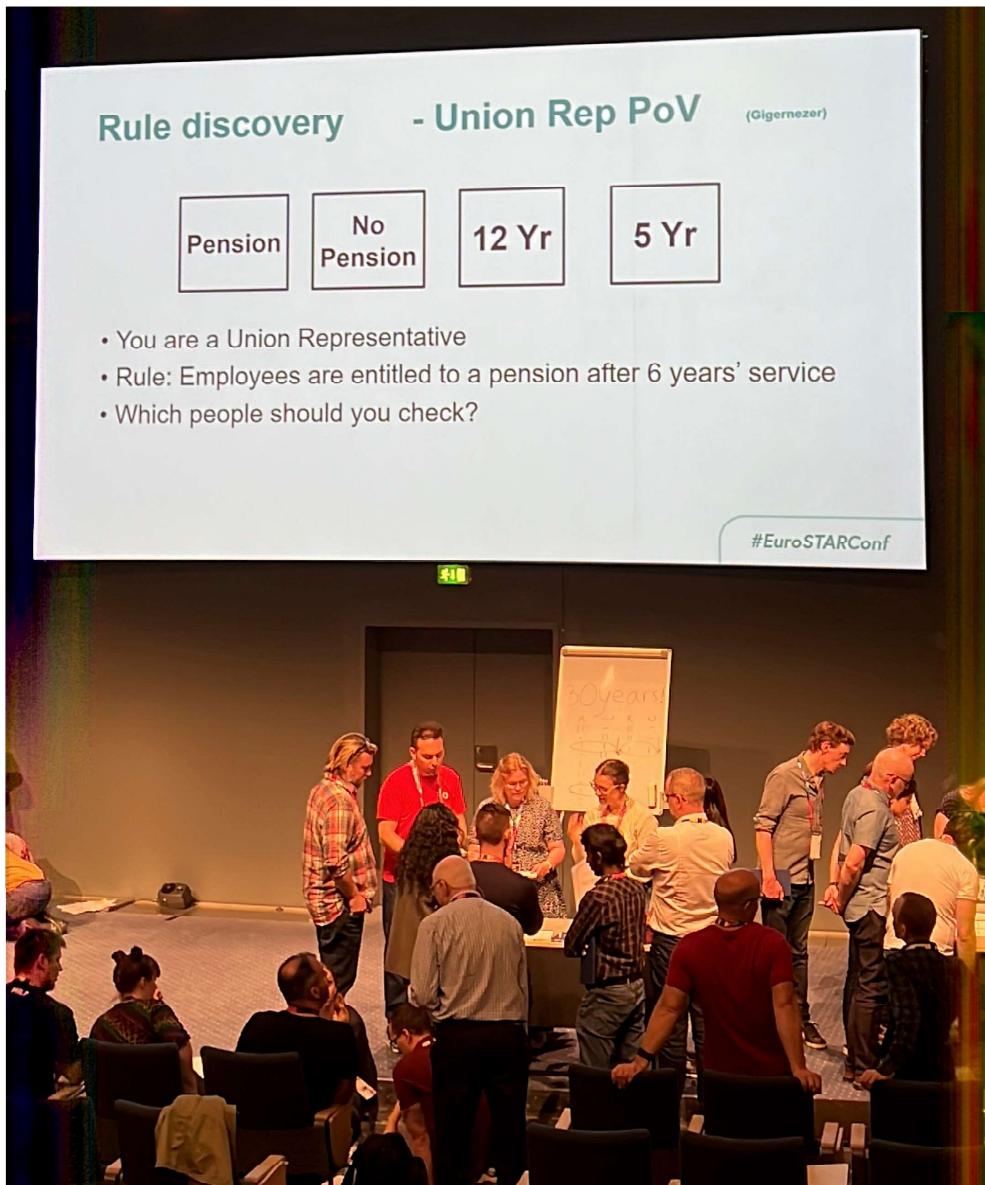
Rule discovery (From Wason)

The image shows four rectangular cards arranged horizontally. The first card on the left contains the letter 'A'. The second card contains the letter 'B'. The third card contains the number '4'. The fourth card contains the number '7'. All cards have a thin black border.

Card: Letter on one face, number on other

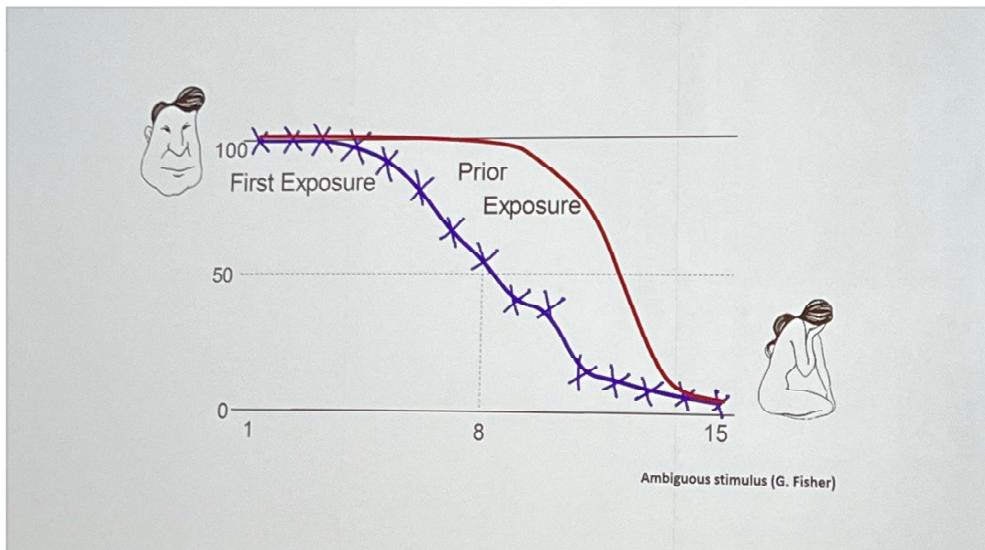
- Rule: If the card has a vowel on one side then it always has an even number on the other side.
- What card or cards should you turn over to determine the truth or falsity of the rule?

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We are vulnerable to EINSTELLUNG, or functional fixedness, where our minds solve problems using fixed patterns.

Einstellung is the development of a mechanized state of mind. Often called a problem solving set, Einstellung refers to a person's predisposition to solve a given problem in a specific manner even though better or more appropriate methods of solving the problem exist. [Wikipedia](#)



Day 2

Day 3

Day 4