



NEXTA 2018

1ST IEEE WORKSHOP ON NEXT LEVEL OF TEST AUTOMATION

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OBJECTIVE

Test automation has been an acknowledged software engineering best practice for years. However, the topic involves more than the repeated execution of test cases that often comes first to mind. Simply running test cases using a unit testing framework is no longer enough for test automation to keep up with the ever-shorter release cycles driven by continuous deployment and technological innovations such as micro-services and DevOps pipelines. Now test automation needs to rise to the next level by going beyond mere test execution. The NEXTA workshop will explore how to advance test automation to further contribute to software quality in the context of tomorrow's rapid release cycles. Take-aways for industry practitioners and academic researchers will encompass test case generation, automated test result analysis, test suite assessment and maintenance, and infrastructure for the future of test automation.

TOPICS

NEXTA solicits contributions targeting all aspects of test automation, from initial test design to automated verdict analysis. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

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| ✓ Test execution automation | ✓ Test tools, frameworks, and general support for test automation | ✓ Test automation maturity and experience reports on test automation |
| ✓ Test case generation | ✓ Testing in an agile and continuous integration context, and testing within DevOps | ✓ Automatic retrieval of test data and test preparation aspect |
| ✓ Automatic test design generation | ✓ Orchestration of test | ✓ Maintainability, monitoring and refactoring of automated test suites |
| ✓ Analytics, learning and big data in relation to test automation | ✓ Metrics, benchmarks, and estimation on any type of test automation | ✓ Training and education on automated testing |
| ✓ Automatic aspects management in test, progress, reporting, planning etc. | ✓ Any type of test technologies relying on automation of test | ✓ Automated test for product lines and high-variability systems |
| ✓ Visualization of test | ✓ Process improvements and assessments related to test automation | ✓ Test automation patterns |
| ✓ Evolution of test automation | | ✓ Automated test oracles |
| ✓ Test suite architecture and infrastructure | | |
| ✓ Test environment, simulation, and other contextual issues for automated testing | | |

SUBMISSION

NEXTA accepts the following types of original papers:

- ✓ **Technical Papers** (max. 8 pages in IEEE format). Full papers presenting research results or industrial practices related to the next generation of test automation.
- ✓ **Tool Papers** (max. 4 pages in IEEE format). Tool papers introduce tools that implement an approach to support the transition to the next generation of test automation. A tool paper submission must include either 1) a URL to a screencast of the tool in action, or 2) a runnable version of the tool for evaluation by the program committee.
- ✓ **Position and Experience Papers** (max. 4 pages in IEEE format). Short papers introducing challenges, visions, positions or preliminary results within the scope of the workshop. Experience reports and papers on open challenges in industry are especially welcome.
- ✓ **Abstracts w. Video submission** (Not exceeding more than 8 minutes) - These videos will be shown separate - and will not be included in the publications, but as a parallel source of information. The video submission must be linked and visible on open source tools, and can include a presentation, demo or experience on test automation.

ORGANIZATION

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