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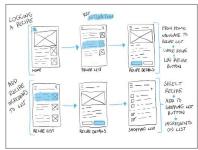
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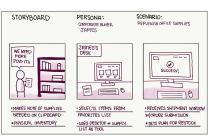
Module 7: Recap and Practice Problems

Module 7 Recap [Important Pointers for Quiz Revision & Cheat Sheet]

- BDD asks questions about the <u>behavior (validation)</u> of an application before and during development so that the stakeholders are less likely to miscommunicate.
- BDD's way of documenting functional requirements include user stories, low-fidelity wireframes and storyboarding.
 - <u>User stories</u> capture app behavior, user needs, and expected usage of the app. They follow the Connextra Format (Who is the stakeholder? What is their goal? What is their action?). They must be SMART.
 - Low-fidelity wireframes are low cost ways to explore the instantaneous state of user interface for a user story.
 - Storyboards capture the interaction between different pages depending on what the user does.
- How is BDD tested? Using Cucumber, a stylized, restricted form of English to describe a set of user stories, or scenarios, that collectively describe a feature story.







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- A feature is the new app behavior that we want to implement, typically embodied in a user story. Scenarios are the different ways a feature can be exercised (Happy and Sad paths). The steps of a Cucumber scenario use following the keywords:
 - Given to describe the current state
 - When to identify user actions
 - Then to describe the intended consequences of those actions.
 - And to suggest the continuation of any of the above three listed keywords
- Each scenario step is matched to a step definition using regular expressions.
- A typical step definition uses the browser simulator
 Capybara to simulate a user's actions corresponding to that step, or interrogates the app to check (or expect read documentation to learn more) if the desired consequences of the user's actions have occurred.

```
Feature: Write comments
 As a blog reader
 I want to be able to write a comment
 So that I tell the author my opinion / feedback
 Background: Login with author user
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 Scenario: Leave a comment with all info filled in
   Given that I select the post
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Other helpful syntax:

- **Productivity:** teams should be able to manage each iteration and predict how long they will take to implement new features
 - How? The team can assign points to rate difficulty of user stories and tracks the team's velocity (average points per iteration)
 - Using the following tools/techniques:
 - Planning Poker: Provides a service that helps team members simultaneously "vote" on the difficulty of a story and then discuss discrepancies, are a quick and practical way to estimate points while diffusing knowledge of the project throughout the team. Use persuasion/discussion or average points to reach a consensus
 - <u>Pivotal Tracker</u>: Provides a service that helps prioritize and keep track of user stories and their status throughout the software development pipeline (assigned, in progress, in review, deployed), calculates velocity, and predicts time spent during an iteration based on the team's sprint history.

Practice Problems

Question 1 & 2

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- Advantages:
 - Low cost
 - ii. Encourages trial and error / Easy to make changes
 - iii. Easy to involve non-technical customers
- Disadvantages
 - Availability of all stakeholders to do behavior driven testing
 - ii. Communication overhead: A team of developers dedicated to customer interaction / communication => Ask how much time is actually saved, if at all?
 - iii. Time overhead: Creating and maintaining the feature files and scenarios (costly for smaller projects)
 - iv. Unsuitable for P&D development processes as this requires flexibility and doesn't run on pre-set requirements
 - v. Data-driven testing is not straightforward / application depends on external data feed / unknown behavior (stub the Internet)

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Module 8: Test Driven Development

Introduction (More Next Week)

TDD: Test Driven Development

- Write tests before you write functional code. Starting from the acceptance and integration tests derived from User stories, write failing unit tests that test the nonexistent code you wish you had.
 - Write minimum code to pass the test
 - Code is always tested
 - Low chances of writing code that will be discarded
- An aspect of agile software development
- In agile development, unlike plan-and-document, the role of the Quality Assurance team (QA) team is not to implement all the tests.
- Testing is a shared responsibility of the whole team: developers write most of their own tests, with QA staff improving
 the testing environment and handling some kinds of testing that are hard to automate.
- Reasons for test-centric software development:
 - Software correctness
 - Readability
 - Maintainability

Which of the following are FALSE about testing in Agile and Plan-and-Document?

- A. There is no manual testing in agile development.
- B. In plan-and-document, testing is entirely done by the QA team.
- C. In agile development, there is a QA team whose role is to reproduce customer reported bugs.
- D. In plan-and-document, the development team, not the QA team, fixes bugs.

TDD FIRST Principle

- The FIRST principle in TDD lists a set of agreed upon features of a good test.
 - Fast: test cases should be easy and quick to run.
 - o **Independent**: The order in which we run tests should not interfere with the test results.
 - **Repeatable**: Test behavior should not be influenced by external factors such as today's date.
 - Self-checking: Test should automatically report whether they failed/passed and should not rely on manual verification.
 - Timely: Test creation/update should not be postponed. Instead write/update tests at the same time you write/update code.

All of the following are general features of good tests. Which one is NOT referred to in the FIRST principle?

- A. Tests should have short execution time.
- B. We should be able to run tests in any order.
- C. Tests should be easily readable.
- D. Tests should not require manual verification.

Red-Green-Refactor

- Red-Green-Refactor refers to the recommended sequence of steps for writing test in TDD
 - 1. Write test for the behavior you expect the code to have.
 - 2. Red step: Run the test and verify that it fails since the behavior has not yet been implemented.
 - 3. Green step: Write the simplest possible code that achieves expected behavior and passes the test.
 - 4. Refactor step: Refactor/optimize your code and your test while ensuring that tests are passing.

In which stage of the Red-Green-Refactor practice do we first write functional code for the behavior under test?

- A. Step 1
- B. Red step
- C. Green step
- D. Refactor step

System under Testings

- System under testing (SUT) is a term that refers to the object being tested. The object could be a single method, group of methods, entire class etc.
- A test suite refers to a collection of test cases where each test case checks a specific behavior of a system under testing. It is a full set of tests, which usually includes unit, integration, and perhaps other types of tests.
 - Example: A unit test is a fine-grained test case for which the SUT is a single method.
- More on SUTs next week

• In general, every test case follows the Arrange, Act, Assert (3A) structure. Knowledge of SUTs is fundamental to understanding the 3A testing structure.

3A Test Case Structure

- 1. **Arrange**: Set up necessary pre-conditions for the test case eg. dependency injection (ie setting up required variables).
- 2. Act: Exercise the SUT.
- 3. **Assert**: Verify the behavior matches expectation.

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RSpec

RSpec is a ruby testing framework.

- Describe block used to group together a suite of related test cases. We can have nested describe blocks. Think of this as a feature definition from Cucumber.
- Context block used to group together tests cases within a describe block that share the same state.
- *It* block used to specify a single test case. Think of this as a scenario from Cucumber.
- Before block is used to set up necessary pre-conditions. Think of this as the background block from Cucumber.

Next Week: More TDD

System under Testing, Seams & Doubles, Factories & Fixtures, Coverage, Integration and System Testing, More questions

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