SMART DATA (LAZY TESTER)

moar testing, moar better

LAZY IS GOOD!

"Laziness is the quality that makes you go to great effort to reduce overall energy expenditure"

-Larry Wall (creator of perl)

SMART DATA

test input that's deliberately and intentionally designed

does need:

(some) knowledge of the domain

(some) knowledge of what might go wrong

CRAFTING DATA ISN'T NEW...

```
edge cases
special inputs
fixing found bugs ...
```

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

patterns can expose problems
breadcrumbs ... where was I?
encoding success for fun and profit

WE INTERRUPT YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION...

PATTERNS

PATTERNS AS ORGANIZATION

what do you tend to forget across test scenarios?

intelligent defaults for username, password, address, account #'s ...

"uname1 has password uname1pw has address 111 Uname St" ...

WE ARE PATTERN MATCHING CREATURES

WHAT CAN PATTERNS HELP US SPOT?







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UTTERLY CONTRIVED EXAMPLE

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[timestamp], fredr, "123 Cherry Ln", "Boise, Id 83709", create
[timestamp], georgek, "777 N 777th Ave", "Williamsburg, VA", create
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PATTERNS CAN HELP IDENTIFY PROBLEMS

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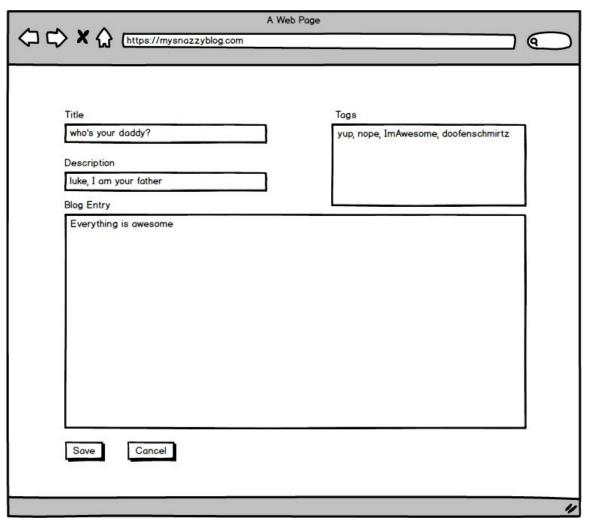
TEST DATA CAN HELP FIND OR HIDE BUGS...

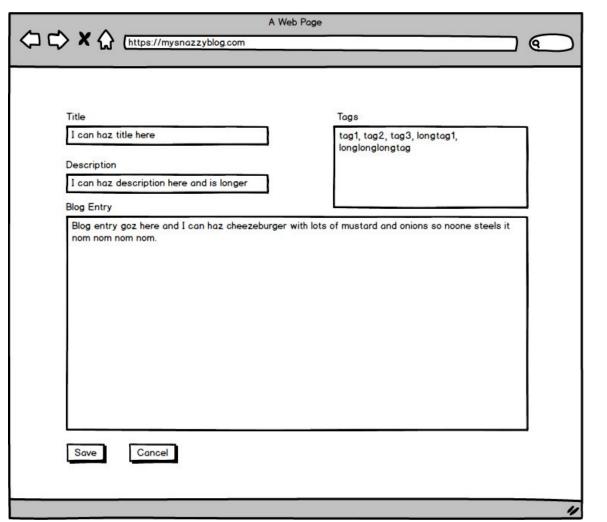
WHERE WAS 1?

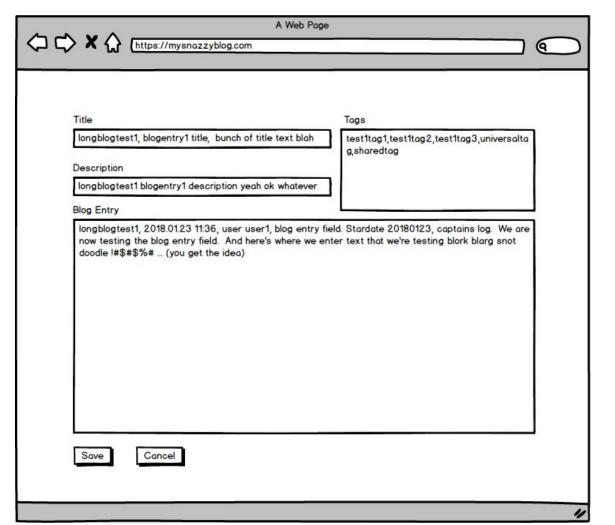
(OR: HOW TEST DATA CAN GET YOU THERE AND BACK AGAIN)

TRACK IT!

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text bodies, file names ...
include TEST NAMES, TIMESTAMPS ...
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ENCODING

HINTS IN THE DATA

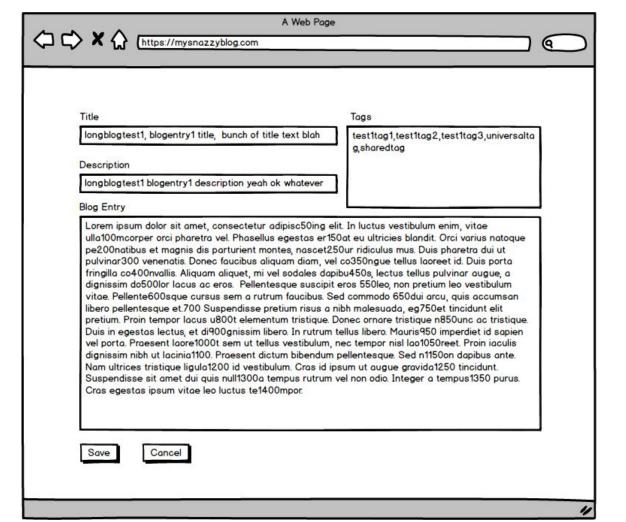
how can you tell...

what is the max length a textbox will hold? (beyond a few chars, it becomes hard)

does it accept the input, but silently truncate?

where does it truncate?

abcdefgh10ijklmno20pqrstuvw30and when40 it beco50mes nece60



(OVER) LOADING DATA

```
1,apples,1.00,produce
2,bananas,3.50,produce
3,cheetos,2.98,munchies
4,pringles,4.99,munchies
...
321,cards against humanity,19.99,game
```

Loaded 216 items.

Did it crash and then recover?

Crash and die?

(OVER) LOADING DATA

```
id, name, price, category
1, id1_cat1_lof3, 1.03, cat1
2, id2_cat1_2of3, 2.03, cat1
3, id3_cat1_3of3, 3.03, cat1
4, id4_cat2_lof5, 1.05, cat2
5, id5_cat2_2of5, 2.05, cat2
6, id6_cat2_3of5, 3.05, cat2
7, id7_cat2_4of5, 4.05, cat2
8, id8_cat2_5of5, 5.05, cat2
9, id9_cat3_lof4, 1.04, cat3
10, id10_cat3_2of4, 2.04, cat3
11, id11_cat3_3of4, 3.04, cat3
12, id12_cat3_4of4, 4.04, cat3
```

wait ... this is getting OLD ...

(OVER) LOADING DATA

data cross checks/duplication is OK give yourself multiple clues

TIME WAITS FOR NO-ONE

ALL TEH TIMESTAMPS!

uniqueTestId@<u>13.27.2019.09.14.com</u>

What does this tell me...?

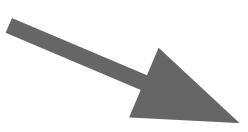
When the unique test was started...

Paired with a processing date (receiving timestamp in system) how long it took to get to that point.

BEYOND TEXT

super-resize me







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(WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?)







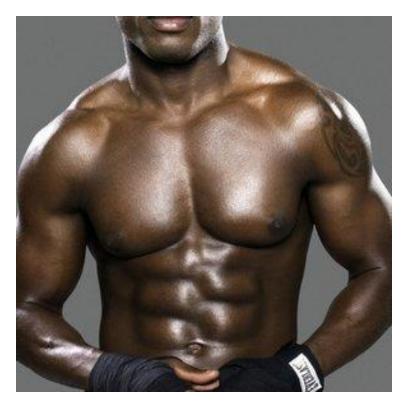




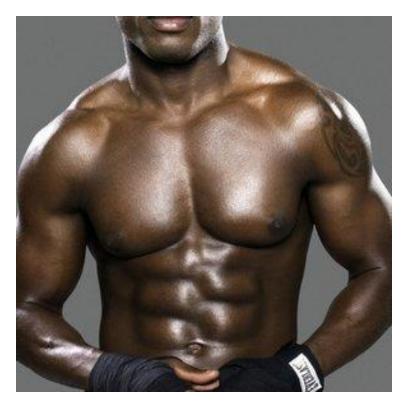
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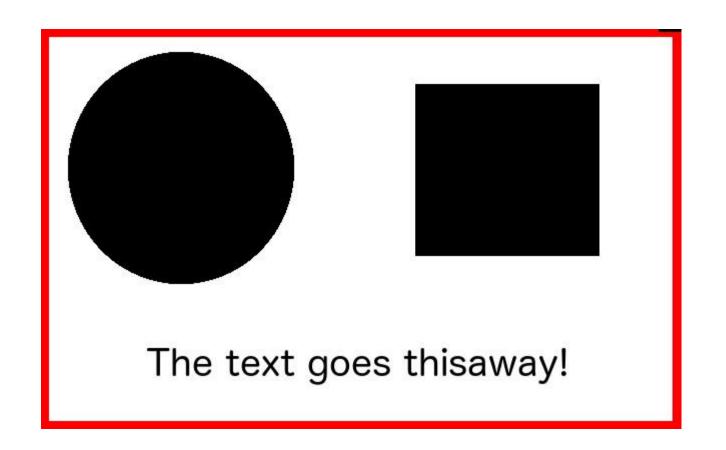


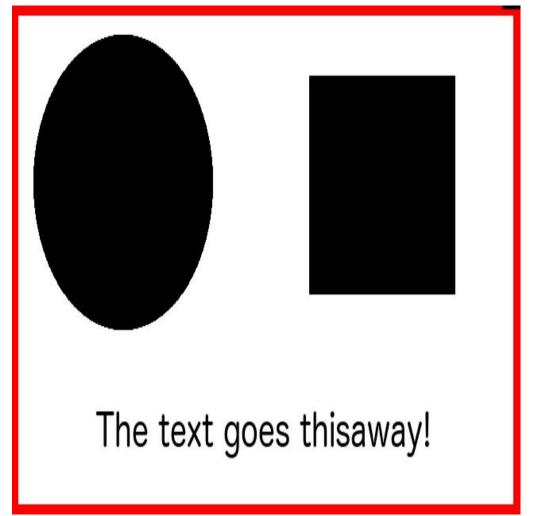






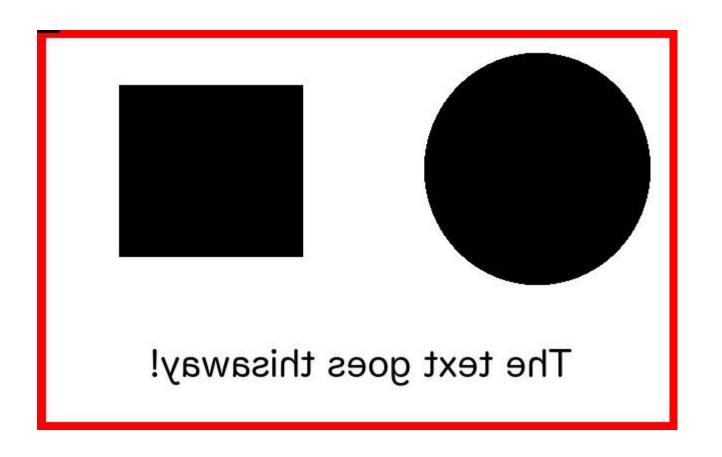
ENCODE *HINTS*..







The text goes thisaway



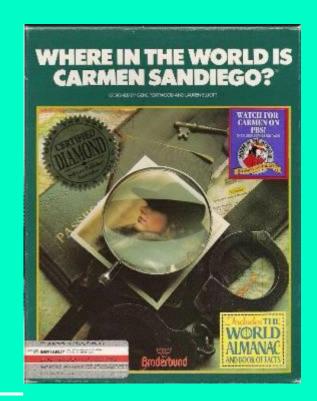


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ENCODE WHAT SUCCESS (AND FAILURE) LOOKS LIKE IN THE DATA

WHERE IN THE WORLD

is your data?



Shipping address:

Dunder Mifflin

1234 Cherry Tree Lane

Boise, ID 11333



Getting bulk valid address data is surprisingly tricky

For precise locations, google earth + business residences

Validating where these go...

Via Gaetano Abela, 3, 96100 Siracusa SR, Italy

Rosia Rd Gibraltar GX11 1AA Gibraltar

999F+MH Neah Bay, Washington

CONSTRUCTION

i can haz make?

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS

WHAT TENDS TO GO WRONG - TEXT

```
length / truncation
special/invisible characters
encoding (utf-8, ascii, utf-16/32)
```

(actually...what *doesn't* go wrong with text..??)

WHAT TENDS TO GO WRONG - IMAGES

aspect ratios
(re)compression artifacts
cropping
rotation/mirroring

WHAT TENDS TO GO WRONG - VIDEO

everything that goes wrong with images PLUS audio sync

buffering/catchup

motion artifacting

WHAT TENDS TO GO WRONG - DATA PERSISTENCE

off-by-1

encoding buggery

DATES AND TIMES

WHAT TENDS TO GO WRONG - LAYOUT

overlapping truncation alignment



WHAT TENDS TO GO WRONG - AUDIO

compression artifacts

speed

pitch

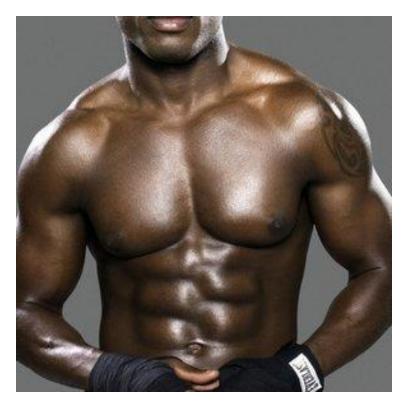
range

CAN I HIGHLIGHT IT?

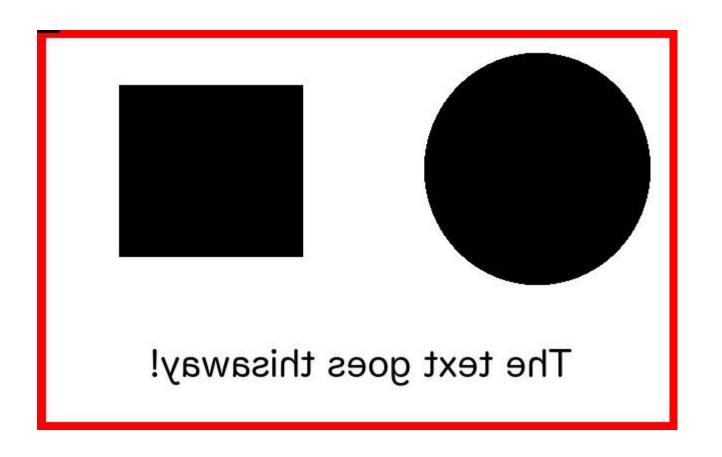
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WHAT ABOUT THE STUFF I DON'T KNOW THAT I DON'T KNOW?

MAKE A LIBRARY

SUMMARY

patterns, patterns, patterns

capture what you're doing and where you've been

encode success criteria