TESTING WEB APPLICATIONS

ASSESSING WEB QUALITY

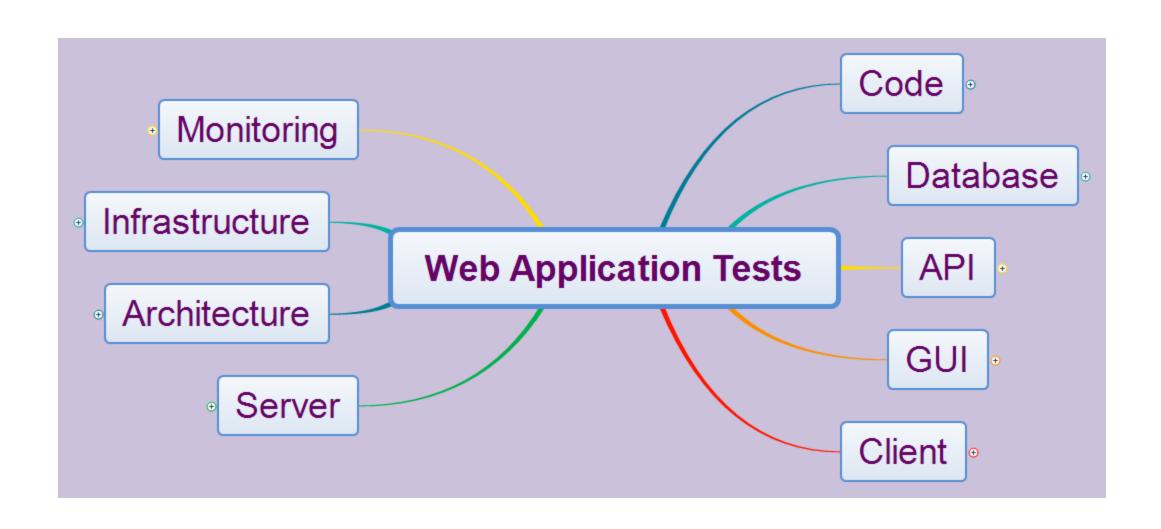
- CONTENT EVALUATED AT BOTH SYNTACTIC AND SEMANTIC LEVELS
- FUNCTION TESTED TO UNCOVER LACK OF CONFORMANCE TO REQUIREMENTS
- STRUCTURE IS ASSESSED TO ENSURE PROPER CONTENT AND FUNCTION ARE DELIVERED
- USABILITY IS TESTED TO ENSURE THAT EACH CATEGORY OF USER CAN BE SUPPORTED AS NEW CONTENT OR FUNCTIONALITY IS ADDED
- NAVIGABILITY IS TESTED TO ENSURE THAT ALL NAVIGATION SYNTAX AND SEMANTICS ARE EXERCISED

ASSESSING WEB QUALITY

- PERFORMANCE IS TESTED UNDER A VARIETY OF OPERATING CONDITIONS,
 CONFIGURATIONS, AND LOADING TO ENSURE A REASONABLE LEVEL OF USER RESPONSE
- COMPATIBILITY TESTED BY EXECUTING WEBAPP USING A VARIETY OF CLIENT AND SERVER CONFIGURATIONS
- INTEROPERABILITY TESTED TO ENSURE PROPER INTERFACES TO OTHER APPLICATIONS AND DATABASES
- SECURITY IS TESTED BY ASSESSING POTENTIAL VULNERABILITIES AND TRYING TO EXPLOIT EACH OF THEM

WEB ERROR CONCERNS

- MANY TYPES OF WEBAPP TESTS UNCOVER PROBLEMS EVIDENCED ON THE CLIENT SIDE USING AN SPECIFIC INTERFACE (E.G. MAY BE AN ERROR SYMPTOM, NOT THE ERROR ITSELF)
- IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO REPRODUCE ERRORS OUTSIDE OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE ERROR WAS ORIGINALLY ENCOUNTERED
- MANY ERRORS CAN BE TRACED TO THE WEBAPP CONFIGURATION, INCORRECT DESIGN, OR IMPROPER HTML
- IT IS HARD TO DETERMINE WHETHER ERRORS ARE CAUSED BY PROBLEMS WITH THE SERVER, THE CLIENT, OR THE NETWORK ITSELF
- SOME ERRORS ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO PROBLEMS IN THE STATIC OPERATING ENVIRONMENT AND SOME ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE DYNAMIC OPERATING ENVIRONMENT



TESTING WEB APPS

- WEBAPP CONTENT MODEL IS REVIEWED TO UNCOVER ERRORS.
- INTERFACE MODEL IS REVIEWED TO ENSURE ALL USE-CASES ARE ACCOMMODATED.
- DESIGN MODEL FOR WEBAPP IS REVIEWED TO UNCOVER NAVIGATION ERRORS.
- USER INTERFACE IS TESTED TO UNCOVER PRESENTATION ERRORS AND/OR NAVIGATION MECHANICS PROBLEMS.
- SELECTED FUNCTIONAL COMPONENTS ARE UNIT TESTED.

TESTING WEB APPS

- NAVIGATION THROUGHOUT THE ARCHITECTURE IS TESTED.
- WEBAPP IS IMPLEMENTED IN A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTAL CONFIGURATIONS AND THE *COMPATIBILITY* OF WEBAPP WITH EACH IS ASSESSED.
- SECURITY TESTS ARE CONDUCTED.
- PERFORMANCE TESTS ARE CONDUCTED.

TESTING WEB APPS

- WEBAPP IS TESTED BY A MONITORED GROUP OF SELECTED END-USERS LOOKING FOR
 - CONTENT ERRORS
 - NAVIGATION ERRORS
 - USABILITY CONCERNS
 - COMPATIBILITY ISSUES
 - PERFORMANCE

WEB APP TESTING PROCESS

- CONTENT TESTING
 - TRIES TO UNCOVER CONTENT ERRORS
- INTERFACE TESTING
 - EXERCISES INTERACTION MECHANISMS AND VALIDATES AESTHETIC ASPECTS OF UI
- NAVIGATION TESTING
 - USE-CASES BASIS FOR DESIGN OF TEST CASES THAT EXERCISE EACH USAGE SCENARIOS AGAINST THE NAVIGATION DESIGN (INTEGRATION TESTING)
- COMPONENT TESTING
 - EXERCISES THE WEBAPP CONTENT AND FUNCTIONAL UNITS (INTEGRATION TESTING)

WEB APP TESTING PROCESS

- CONFIGURATION TESTING
 - ATTEMPTS TO UNCOVER ERRORS TRACEABLE TO A SPECIFIC CLIENT OR SERVER ENVIRONMENT
 - CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE IS USEFUL
- PERFORMANCE TESTING TO ASSESS
 - WEBAPP RESPONSE TIME AND RELIABILITY UNDER VARYING SYSTEM LOADS
 - WHICH WEBAPP COMPONENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SYSTEM DEGRADATION
 - HOW PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION IMPACTS OVERALL WEBAPP REQUIREMENTS
- SECURITY TESTING
 - TESTS DESIGNED TO EXPLOIT WEBAPP OR ENVIRONMENT VULNERABILITIES.

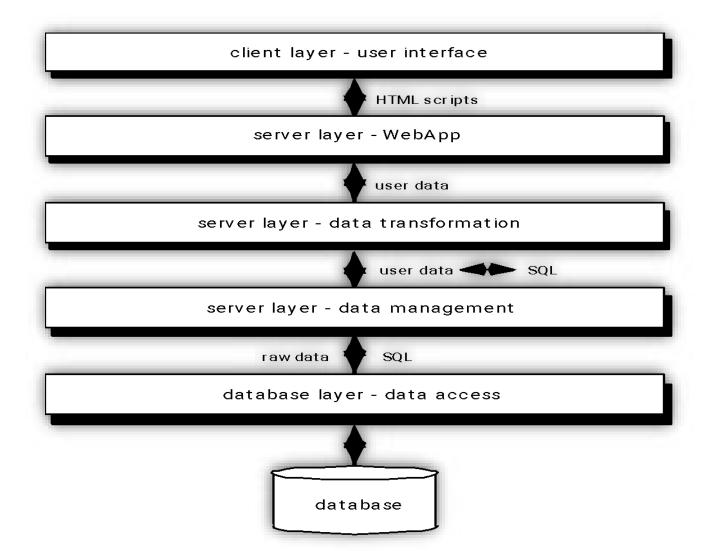
CONTENT TESTING OBJECTIVES

- UNCOVER SYNTACTIC ERRORS IN ALL MEDIA
 - (E.G. TYPOS)
- UNCOVER SEMANTIC ERRORS
 - (E.G. ERRORS IN COMPLETENESS OR ACCURACY)
- FIND ERRORS IN ORGANIZATION OR STRUCTURE OF CONTENT PRESENTED TO END-USER.

DATABASE TESTING

- THE ORIGINAL QUERY MUST BE CHECKED TO UNCOVER ERRORS IN TRANSLATING THE USER'S REQUEST TO SQL
- PROBLEMS IN COMMUNICATING BETWEEN THE WEBAPP SERVER AND DATABASE SERVER
 NEED TO BE TESTED.
- NEED TO DEMONSTRATE THE VALIDITY OF THE RAW DATA SENT FROM THE DATABASE TO THE WEBAPP AND THE VALIDITY OF THE TRANSFORMATIONS APPLIED TO THE RAW DATA.
- NEED TO TEST VALIDITY OF DYNAMIC CONTENT OBJECT FORMATS TRANSMITTED TO THE USER AND THE VALIDITY OF THE TRANSFORMATIONS TO MAKE THE DATA VISIBLE TO THE USER.

DATABASE



USER INTERFACE TESTING

- INTERFACE FEATURES ARE TESTED TO ENSURE THAT DESIGN RULES, AESTHETICS, AND RELATED
 VISUAL CONTENT IS AVAILABLE FOR USER WITHOUT ERROR.
- INDIVIDUAL INTERFACE MECHANISMS ARE TESTED USING UNIT TESTING STRATEGIES.
- EACH INTERFACE MECHANISM IS TESTED IN THE CONTEXT OF A USE-CASE OF NAVIGATION SEMANTIC UNIT (E.G. THREAD) FOR A SPECIFIC USER CATEGORY
- COMPLETE INTERFACE IS TESTED AGAINST SELECTED USE-CASES AND NAVIGATION SEMANTIC
 UNIT TO UNCOVER INTERFACE SEMANTIC ERRORS
- INTERFACE IS TESTED IN A VARIETY OF ENVIRONMENTS TO ENSURE COMPATIBILITY

TESTING INTERFACE MECHANISMS

- LINKS
 - EACH LINK IS LISTED AND TESTED
- FORMS
 - CHECK LABELS, FIELD NAVIGATION, DATA ENTRY, ERROR CHECKING, DATA TRANSMISSION, MEANINGFUL ERROR MESSAGES
- CLIENT-SIDE SCRIPTING
 - BLACK BOX TESTING AND COMPATIBILITY TESTS
- DYNAMIC HTML
 - CORRECTNESS OF GENERATED HTML
 - COMPATIBILITY TESTS

TESTING INTERFACE MECHANISMS

- CLIENT-SIDE POP-UP WINDOWS
 - PROPER SIZE AND PLACEMENT OF POP-UP
 - WORKING CONTROLS
 - CONSISTENT WITH APPEARANCE OF WEB PAGE
- STREAMING CONTENT (DEMONSTRATE EXISTENCE, ACCURACY, AND CONTROL OVER CONTENT DISPLAY)

TESTING INTERFACE MECHANISMS

- COOKIES
 - CHECK THAT SERVER CONSTRUCTS COOKIE CORRECTLY
 - COOKIE TRANSMITTED CORRECTLY
 - ENSURE PROPER LEVEL OF PERSISTENCE
 - CHECK TO SEE WEBAPP ATTACHES THE CORRECT COOKIES
- APPLICATION SPECIFIC INTERFACE MECHANISMS

USABILITY TESTING

- DEFINE SET OF USABILITY TESTING CATEGORIES AND IDENTIFY GOALS FOR EACH
- DESIGN TESTS THE WILL ENABLE EACH GOAL TO BE EVALUATED.
- SELECT PARTICIPANTS TO CONDUCT THE TESTS.
- INSTRUMENT PARTICIPANTS' INTERACTIONS WITH THE WEBAPP DURING TESTING
- DEVELOP METHOD FOR ASSESSING USABILITY OF THE WEBAPP

USABILITY TESTING GOALS

- INTERACTIVITY
 - INTERACTION MECHANISMS ARE EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND USE
- LAYOUT
 - NAVIGATION, CONTENT, AND FUNCTIONS ALLOWS USER TO FIND THEM QUICKLY
- READABILITY
 - CONTENT UNDERSTANDABLE
- AESTHETICS
 - GRAPHIC DESIGN SUPPORTS EASY OF USE

USABILITY TESTING GOALS

- DISPLAY CHARACTERISTICS
 - WEBAPP MAKES GOOD USE OF SCREEN SIZE AND RESOLUTION
- TIME SENSITIVITY
 - CONTENT AND FEATURES CAN BE ACQUIRED IN TIMELY MANNER
- PERSONALIZATION
 - ADAPTIVE INTERFACES
- ACCESSIBILITY
 - SPECIAL NEEDS USERS

COMPATIBILITY TESTING

- GOAL IS TO UNCOVER EXECUTION PROBLEMS THAT CAN BE TRACED TO CONFIGURATION DIFFERENCES
 - DEFINE A SET OF COMMONLY ENCOUNTERED CLIENT-SIDE COMPUTING CONFIGURATIONS AND THEIR VARIANTS
 - ORGANIZE THIS INFORMATION (COMPUTING PLATFORM, TYPICAL DISPLAY DEVICES, OPERATING SYSTEM, AVAILABLE BROWSERS, CONNECTION SPEEDS)
 - DERIVE COMPATIBILITY VALIDATION TEST SUITE FROM EXISTING INTERFACE TESTS, NAVIGATION TESTS,
 PERFORMANCE TESTS, AND SECURITY TESTS

COMPONENT LEVEL TESTING

- BLACK BOX AND WHITE BOX TESTING OF EACH WEBAPP FUNCTION
- USEFUL TEST CASE DESIGN METHODS
 - EQUIVALENCE PARTITIONING
 - BOUNDARY VALUE ANALYSIS (ESP. FORM FIELD VALUES)
 - PATH TESTING
 - FORCED ERROR TESTING

NAVIGATION TESTING

SYNTACTIC NAVIGATION TESTING

- **√**LINKS
- **✓** REDIRECTS
- **√**BOOKMARKS
- ✓ FRAMES AND FRAMESETS
- ✓ SITE MAPS
- ✓ INTERNAL SEARCH ENGINES

NAVIGATION TESTING

SEMANTIC NAVIGATION TESTING

- √ NAVIGATION SEMANTIC UNITS ARE DEFINED BY A SET OF PATHWAYS THAT CONNECT NAVIGATION NODES
- ✓ EACH NSU MUST ALLOWS A USER FROM A DEFINED USER CATEGORY ACHIEVE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS DEFINED BY A USE-CASE
- ✓ TESTING NEEDS TO ENSURE THAT EACH PATH IS EXECUTED IN ITS ENTITY WITHOUT ERROR
- ✓ EVERY RELEVANT PATH MUST BE TESTED
- ✓ USER MUST BE GIVEN GUIDANCE TO FOLLOW OR DISCONTINUE EACH PATH BASED ON CURRENT LOCATION IN SITE MAP

CONFIGURATION TESTING

CONFIGURATION TESTING SERVER-SIDE

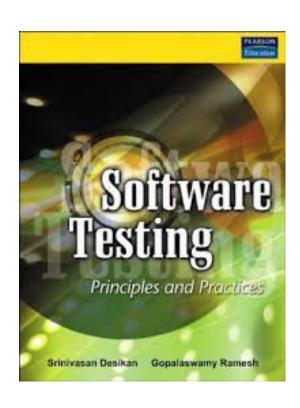
- ✓ COMPATIBILITY OF WEBAPP WITH SERVER OS
- √ CORRECT FILE AND DIRECTORY CREATION BY WEBAPP
- ✓ SYSTEM SECURITY MEASURES DO NOT DEGRADE USER SERVICE BY WEBAPP
- ▼ TESTING WEBAPP WITH DISTRIBUTED SERVER CONFIGURATION
- √ WEBAPP PROPERLY INTEGRATED WITH DATABASE SOFTWARE
- **✓** CORRECT EXECUTION OF WEBAPP SCRIPTS
- ✓ EXAMINATION SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION ERRORS FOR IMPACT ON WEBAPP
- **✓** ON-SITE TESTING OF PROXY SERVERS

CONFIGURATION TESTING

CONFIGURATION TESTING CLIENT-SIDE

- **√** HARDWARE
- **✓** OPERATING SYSTEMS
- **✓** BROWSER SOFTWARE
- **✓** USER INTERFACE COMPONENTS
- **✓** PLUG-INS
- **√** CONNECTIVITY

REFERENCES





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