

Weekend Testing Skilled Software Testing Unleashed

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Agenda

- Brief Introduction
- How do we conduct sessions
- Journey so far
- Chapter Initiators
- Challenges faced
- Benefits to community
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- Future Plans



Brief Introduction

- What is **Weekend Testing**?

An initiative started by four passionate software testers to improve their testing skills by practicing software testing.

- Why Weekends
- First Session
- A group with a difference
- Cost vs. Value



Mission and Vision

- What is your Mission statement?

A platform for software testers to collaborate, test various kinds of software, foster hope, gain peer recognition, and be of value to the community.

- What is your Vision statement?

To find people with similar synergy — towards testing software and learning from it and improve the craft of software testing.

How Do We Conduct Sessions

- Registration:
 - Emails, Events added in Forums.
 - Announcements on Website, Twitter, Blogs, SMS.
- Facilitation:
 - Skype Group chat, Give mission, Set time limit.
 - Provide adequate information.
- Testing Session:
 - Make sure testers do not divert from mission.
 - Time boxed session.
- Discussion Session:
 - Encourage questions, clear assumptions, de-brief.

Products Tested



TinyURL.com

Making long URLs usable! More than 300 million of them. Over 2 billion hits/month.



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Automated testing that doesn't hurt



Google calendar

Areca Backup

Google buzz



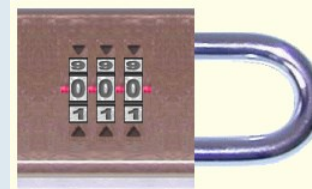
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Journey So Far (Part 1)

- More than 100 sessions.
- Over 2000 members.
- Chapters :
Asia, Europe, Australia & America.

- Skills focused:

Observation , Note Taking, Learning, Clearing Traps,
Questioning, Bug Hunting, Bug Investigation, Modeling,
Automation, Bug Advocacy, Presentation, Group Discussion,
Collaboration.



Journey So Far (Part 2)

- Over 10 Guest Facilitators.
- New repository of bugs and tester reports.
- Variety of products tested.
- Experience sharing, new test ideas.
- Fun weekends, New bloggers.



Guest Facilitators

- Anne-Marie Charrett
- Dr. Cem Kaner
- Eusebiu Blindu
- James Bach
- Jon Bach
- Matthew Heusser
- Dr. Meeta Prakash
- Michael Bolton
- Pradeep Soundararajan



Chapter Initiators

- **Chennai:** Bharath S
- **Europe:**
 - Anna Baik & Markus Gärtner
- **Hyderabad:** Sireesha Kolluri
- **Mumbai:**
 - Amit Kulkarni & Shaham Yusuf
- **Delhi:**
 - Mohit Verma & Shoryaa Bhatnagar
- **Australia & New Zealand:**
 - Marlena Compton & Oliver Erlewein
- **Americas:**
 - Michael Larsen, Lynn McKee & Joe Harter



Challenges Faced

- Poor response from testers during long weekends.
- Testers abandon tough testing sessions.
- Time zone difference.
- Busy schedule.
- Bugs in software.
- Power cuts.
- World Cups



Experiences

WT32 session			
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Allmas Mullah	hdus001	meeta prakash	sharath
Amit Kulkarni	im-gunjan	narasimhareddyit	Tejas Shah
Dhanasekar S	Jon Bach	ravisuriya	vijay kalkundri
Dhara Sapu	Markus Deibel	Richard R.	Weekend Testing

The screenshot shows the WordPress 3.0.1 admin dashboard. The top navigation bar includes 'New Post', 'Howdy, admin | Log Out', and a notification for 'WordPress 3.0.1 is available! Please update now.' The left sidebar contains a 'Dashboard' menu with 'Updates' (13) and a 'Posts' menu with 'Add New', 'Categories', 'Post Tags', 'Media', 'Library', 'Add New', 'Links', and 'Pages'. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and features a 'Right Now' widget showing statistics: 93 Posts, 21 Pages, 7 Categories, 178 Tags, 10,421 Comments, 158 Approved, 8,727 Pending, and 1,536 Spam. It also mentions the theme 'arras-theme' with 11 Widgets and that the user is using WordPress 3.0. The 'QuickPress' widget on the right allows for creating a new post with fields for Title, Content, and Tags, and buttons for 'Save Draft', 'Reset', and 'Publish'.

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Benefits To Software Community

- Tester community
 - More testers' interactions, Tester clubs, Practice and self-critique, independent and community based skill development
- Programmer community
 - Testers' opinion, better open source software
- Software community
 - Better testers, better software, happy customers

Achievements (Part 1)

- Testimonials from programmers.
- Emails and Comments from Testers
 - *I have improved a lot in my assignments at office after taking this session. Thanks everyone for making this activity a success.*
—Rajesh N Iyer
- ‘Better Software Magazine’ and ‘The Testing Planet’
- Nov 2009 STC Conference, Bangalore.
- Nov 2010 EuroSTAR Conference, Copenhagen.

Achievements (Part 2)

- *Future of Skilled Testing*
— Michael Bolton
- *It's a sapient testing insurgency!*
— James Bach
- *I liked this a lot, as normally I work alone, so I guess this is the closest I get to working in a team environment.*
— Anne-Marie Charrett



What have we learnt

- Fail faster and safer
- Appreciate diversity
- Uncover hidden talent
- Aware of traps
- Varied experience
- Contribute to open source
- Build unity in our field



Want to Initiate a Chapter?

- Traps
- Members
- Assistance
- Guidelines
- Access to website
- Finally, facilitation is also a skill



Want Beta Testers

- Testers
- Mission
- Test Reports
- Weekend Testing
- A new perspective



Future Plans



The Initiators

- Parimala Shankaraiah
 - Author of *Curious Tester* blog.
- Sharath Byregowda
 - Author of *Test to Tester* blog
- Ajay Balamurugadas
 - Author of *Enjoy Testing* blog
- Manoj M V
 - Author of *Testing Redefined* blog
- Santhosh Tuppad
 - Author of *Tuppad.com* blog





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