

The image features two cucumbers on a plain white background. One cucumber is dark green and positioned diagonally from the top left towards the bottom right. The other cucumber is lighter green with prominent yellowish-green stripes and is positioned horizontally below the first one. The text 'Outside-In Development with Cucumber' is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Outside-In Development with Cucumber

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Background

BDD

*“A second generation, outside-in,
pull based, multiple stakeholder,
multiple scale, high automation,
agile methodology”*

Dan North

Second Generation

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Lessons learned from previous Agile attempts, especially around documentation and testing

Outside-in

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Focused on expected outcomes in the form of concrete examples

Pull-based

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Specifications are created just in time, when they are needed, from user stories and use cases

Multiple-stakeholder

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More than one user. Who will be involved and what will be useful to them?

Multiple-scale

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Process is the same regardless of the level you are working on. Top level = examples of expected outcomes. Below = impact on functional modules. Below that = technical implementation of units.

Agile

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Works best with short iterations or flow-based work, where teams specify, implement and deliver relatively small chunks of functionality.

High automation

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Cucumber makes acceptance criteria executable on demand.

Some examples

User stories

Bad

Feature: Trading

In order to trade

As a trader

I want to enter a trade

Good

Feature: Trading

In order to reduce fraud

As a financial controller

I want the system to automatically send Chuck Norris to beat up suspected fraudsters.

In order to...

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Discuss the In order to... section long enough to get a good reason.

Protect revenue

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Ask “why” max five times until you get to one of these answers:

- Protect revenue
- Increase revenue
- Manage cost
- Increase brand value
- Make the product remarkable
- Provide more value to your customers

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Increase revenue

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Manage cost

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Increase brand value

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Make the product remarkable

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Provide more value to customers

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The “Why” Stack

in order to increase revenue

in order to sell the product

in order to build the product

in order to receive the part from the manufacturer

in order to fax the order to the manufacturer

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Scenarios

Bad

Scenario:

Given the event queue contains "INVALID_ACTION"

When I get a BFE

Then I should be in state 2313

Good

Scenario:

Given I am in a call

When someone tries to call me

Then they should receive a busy message

Another example

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NOT JUST FOR TESTING, ideally should drive development also

Additional Features

Internationalization

Tags

Profiles

Reporting

Variants

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Covers many languages on the JVM.

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C#

SpecFlow

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C# – Requires Visual Studio Professional

cukebins

Lettuce

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Python

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<http://cuke4ninja.com>

Utilities

- Online feature management

<http://demo.cucumber.fm/>

- Another online management tool

<http://21croissants.github.com/courgette/>

- Step management tool

<https://github.com/asterite/cukecooker>

- Regular expression tester

<http://rubular.com>

Resources

- https://github.com/cayblood/cucumber_presentation (this presentation)
- <http://cukes.info> (general Cucumber info)
- <https://github.com/aslakhellesoy/cuke4duke/wiki> (Java, JVM)
- <http://www.specflow.org> (C#)
- <https://github.com/paoloambrosio/cukebins> (C, C++)
- <https://github.com/gabrielfalcao/lettuce> (Python)
- <http://rubular.com> (regular expression tester)