

OpenBazaar - Test Report

The Fair Traders

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Abstract

This report contains the test results for the OpenBazaar redevelopment project, for McMaster University SFWR 3XA3.

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Introduction

1 Objective

The objective of this document is to report the test results of the OpenBazaar application, revision zero. Testing at this phase is used to demonstrate the application's usability and to improve the robustness of the product. Developing a test suite will ensure that changes in one section of code do not cause bugs in other sections. Further, if the secret of a module is changed for any reason (improved performance, new technology etc), a pre-defined test framework will ensure the application can function after the change.

2 Approach

Testing the OpenBazaar application had several main goals and spanned several testing domains. At the lowest level, unit testing was completed to ensure accuracy of the application's dataflow. It is important to ensure that testing includes both white box and black box tests. White box tests ensured that a module's secrets had been implemented adequately, and black box tests demonstrated that the modules as a whole operate correctly. Further, usability testing shows the application's functionality from the perspective of use cases. Finally, application security testing was performed as confidential and sensitive data can be stored and transmitted via the application.

3 Definitions

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| Black Box Testing | The process of testing a function or module without taking the internal implementation into account. |
| White Box Testing | The process of testing which takes the internal implementation into account, and ensures it's correctness. |
| Usability Testing | The process of evaluating a program by testing it on users. Provides direct input on how users will interact with the system. |
| Ricardian Contract | A contractual agreement for a trade which aims to be exact and unchangeable. Any contract is comprised of several modules which provide information about the interaction, as well as a hash of the data to ensure that the contract is not changed retroactively. Ricardian Contract's are human readable, as well as machine parsable. |
| Kademlia DHT | A distributed hash table for decentralized peer-to-peer networks. This is the infrastructure used in the OpenBazaar application. |

Test Results

4 Black Box Testing

Initialization Module Black box testing for the initialization module was performed by testing the `initialize_bazaar` method. This method should be called on the first execution of OpenBazaar. After this method call completes, the identity module should contain several files related to GPG keys and an identity pickle file. The node module should also contain a pickle file.

Identity Module

5 White Box Testing

Initialization Module White box testing for the initialization module was performed by

6 Usability Testing

Usability testing for OpenBazaar is one of the most important phases of development. Concurrently, it is also one of the most difficult to develop adequate metrics for. The goal of OpenBazaar is to develop a decentralized trade medium that can compete with centralized services already in use. [1] To determine if OpenBazaar could be considered a viable replacement for such a service, testers were asked to proceed through the process of adding an item for sale, attempting to buy an item and messaging users.

7 Performance Testing

Several components of the OpenBazaar application were tested for their performance and reliability.

8 Security Testing

Security testing of OpenBazaar is potentially the most important variety of testing due to the nature of the application. OpenBazaar must be secure in several different areas, specifically secure communication between network nodes and local data security. A person who wishes to perform an attack on the OpenBazaar could do so by intercepting communications between nodes (a man in the middle attack), hacking the locally stored user information, or spoofing the identity of a trusted user to gain access to privileged information.

Test Summary

Changes Derived from Tests

During unit testing several bugs were found and remedied.

- On testing of the RicardianContract module it was discovered that due to dynamic and duck typing, the `contract_hash` method was returning a full hash object, instead of the hexadecimal representation as desired. This test failure was fixed by forcing the object to return the value of `hexdigest` instead of `__str__`.
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References

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