Abstract

In a competitive and demanding market where web applications are fundamental

it is expectable that they quickly adapt to new requirements. It is paramount that

companies can evolve their web applications either to fulfill customers' require-

ments or adapt to internal changes allowing them to stay competitive.

With this goal in mind, OutSystems created the OutSystems Platform as a tool

to support web applications lifecycle. The OutSystems Platform not only allows

the creation of web applications in standard technologies (ASP.NET or J2EE) but

also streamlines the development process.

The need to change demands rapid validation of the performed changes, something

that traditional technologies can not keep up. Web applications testing techno-

logies (e.g. HttpUnit, WebDriver) are still operating at the page structure level

and offering no other options to interact with HTML elements in a browser. This

impacts the cost of developing and maintaining tests for applications that evolve

rapidly.

This thesis focuses on allowing rapid development and adaptation of web appli-

cation tests. By taking advantage of the visual models used by the OutSystems

Platform to generate web applications, and taking advantage of the Selenium

WebDriver framework, we present a solution that generates a test framework that

allows tests to be developed closer to the application domain.

Keywords: software testing, web applications, software quality, code generation

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