

# Agile Software Requirements

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## Chapter 10:

#### Acceptance Testing

#### **Agile Testing Overview**

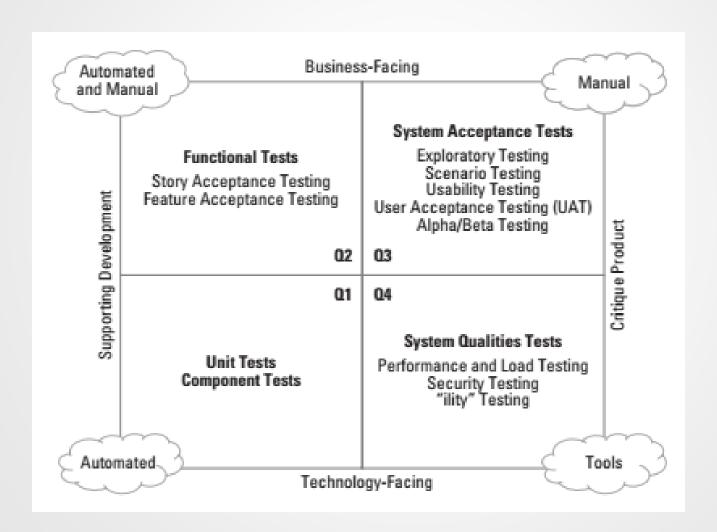
#### Two main categories of testing:

- 1) A **business-facing** test Is one you could describe to a business expert in terms that would (or should) interest her.
- 2) A **technology-facing** test
  Is one you describe with words drawn from the domain of the programmers.

#### He further categorizes tests

- 1) Tests that **support programming**The programmers use them as an integral part of programming
- 2) Tests that **critique the product**They look at a finished product with the intent of discovering inadequacies.

#### The agile testing matrix



#### Story Acceptance Tests (SAT)

- Stories are the workhorse of agile development.
- Story acceptance tests are the workhorse of agile test.
- Teams spend much time defining, refining, and negotiating the details of these tests.

#### Characteristics of good SATs (1)

- 1) They Test Good User Stories
  - An attribute of a good SAT is that it is associated with a good user story.
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- 2) They Are Relatively Unambiguous and Test All the Scenarios.
  - There can be little ambiguity about the details in the story acceptance test.
  - In addition, the acceptance test must test all the scenarios implied by the story.

#### Characteristics of good SATs (2)

- 3) They Persist
  - User stories can be safely thrown away after implementation.
  - But acceptance tests persist for the life of the application.

### An Example

- > As a consumer, I am always aware of my current energy costs.
- As a consumer, I always see current energy pricing reflected on my portal and on premise devices so that I know that my energy usage costs are accurate and reflect any utility pricing changes.
- 1) Verify the current pricing is always used and the calculated numbers are displayed correctly on the portal and each on premise device (see attachment for formats).
- 2) Verify the pricing and the calculated numbers are updated correctly when the price changes.
- 3) Verify the "current price" field itself is updated according to the scheduled time.
- 4) Verify the info/error messages when there is a fault in the pricing (see approved error messages attached)

## Acceptance test template

- 1) Story
- 2) Conditions of Satisfaction
- 3) Modules Impacted
- 4) Documents Impacted
- 5) Test Case Outline
- 6) Commutations

#### **Automated Acceptance Testing**

- 1) Database-driven tests
- 2) Web UI testing tool
- 3) Automated tools for record and playback
- 4) FIT
- 5) FitNesse