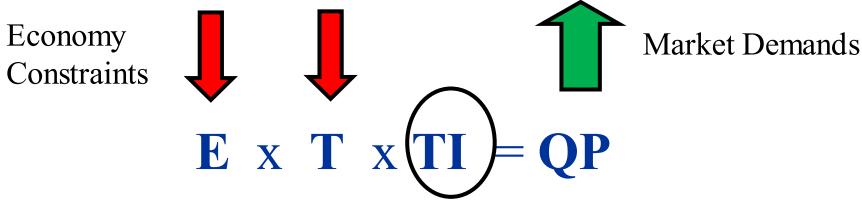


QA Tools to the rescue in crunch times

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Reality check (at least mine...)



Employees X Time X Test Infrastructure = Quality Products

To achieve a quantum leap in your performance and business results it is required to implement the right methods and tools for improvement



And now in QA words...



source: http://www.lucidcg.com/images/services.jpg



Automation approach - context

- Two major components determine whether product is ready for release:
 - Features testing (aka "Progression")
 - Regression testing
- Assumption: If one or both components can be fully automated great efficiency is achieved



Test automation Take 1



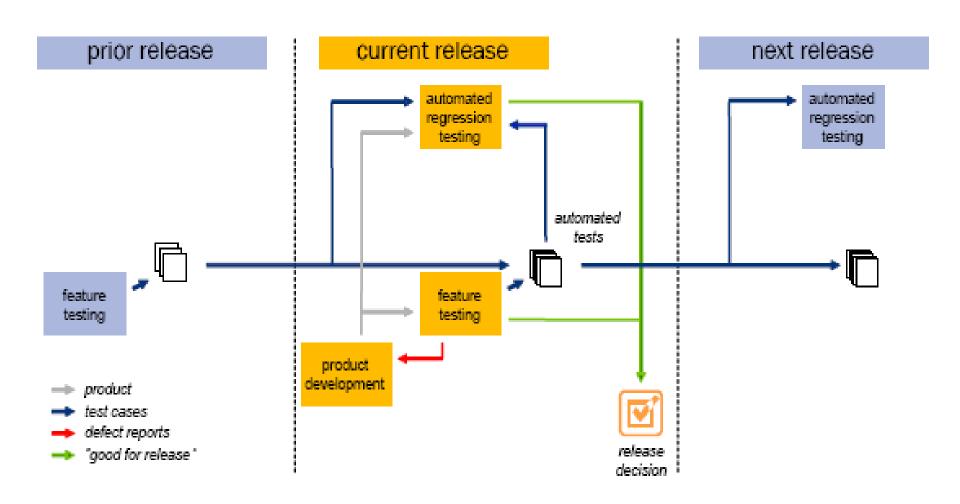


Initial automation status

- Feature testing
 - All manual
- ► Regression testing
 - Performance partial automation based on of the shelf tools
 - Functionality none



Desired view of release testing process



Source: FanfareSVT



EasyTester - The Revolution

- The Easy-Tester is a test framework composed by set of tools which create full functionality test solution
- This is actually single, unified platform that would allow a test engineer to execute test cases that exercises multiple interfaces simultaneously.
- By using simple scripting language, any test engineer can create a test and run it through the QC or manually

Test Automation Vision with EasyTester

- ► Feature testing process produces automated test cases rather than manual test cases
- The result is an overall testing process that is both simpler and more comprehensive:
 - Manual regression testing is eliminated
 - Higher coverage of regression testing is achieved
 - Bug fix verification is automated
 - Full regression testing becomes possible also for maintenance versions



How does it work?

- 1. Establish the sequence of actions
- 2. Record the actions
- 3. Define the timing of the actions
- 4. Schedule regular execution
- 5. Review the test results



Take 1 – end game results

- ▶ Performance
 - Full automation achieved based on EasyTester and of the shelf tools with DDT approach
- ▶ Functionality
 - Partial automation based on EasyTester
- ► Main challenges:
 - Limited development infrastructure (assembler like)
 - Hard to script with
 - Hard to maintain
 - Not reliable
 - Not scalable



Test automation Take 2





Redefine solution requirements

- Easy scripting and execution
- Fast conversion of manual tests to be automated
- Enables fast coverage
- Easy to maintain and update
- ► Reliable
- Scalable
- Enhance current tools



Solution - home made .NET API

- ► API infrastructure written by SQA developers and being used for scripting by SQA engineers on top of .NET API
- Advantages:
 - Enables full control and flexibility
 - Based on standard environment
 - Fast implementation



Achievements in 3 months

- Build verification testing
 - Test harness for all engineering groups for build verification testing to be executed every night
 - Tools involved: Quality Center, Clear Case, Build Forge, own grown call generator
 - High quality builds into QA and Field
 - Less regression bugs
- Automated sanity regression
 - Fully automated functional test suite for sanity testing



Challenges and next steps

- Main Challenges
 - Requires development knowledge
 - Turn good TE to developers
- Next steps
 - Assess similar off the shelf/turn key solutions to eliminate the above challenges (or continue to pay the price if ROI is shown)
 - Turn feature testing to be automated



DEMO



Thank You

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