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[6/12/2010 2:54:48 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Ajay Balamurugadas ***

[6/12/2010 2:54:50 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Alan Allerton ***

[6/12/2010 2:54:53 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Artyom Silivonchik ***

[6/12/2010 2:54:55 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Mahesh ***

[6/12/2010 2:55:40 PM] *** Weekend Testing added vivek joglekar ***

[6/12/2010 2:56:21 PM] *** Weekend Testing added vikasbadgujar ***

[6/12/2010 2:56:33 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Richard R ***

[6/12/2010 2:56:54 PM] Weekend Testing: Hello friends, :) Welcome to WT 38 session

[6/12/2010 2:57:12 PM] Weekend Testing: I'm Ajay Balamurugadas, facilitator for today.

[6/12/2010 2:57:36 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: Hi Ajay, Hi all :)

[6/12/2010 2:57:49 PM] Weekend Testing: Please introduce yourself...

[6/12/2010 2:57:59 PM] Richard R: Hi, Im Richard from Wellington, NZ. Working as a contractor, Banking. 5 years tester.

[6/12/2010 2:58:12 PM] vivek joglekar: Hi All

[6/12/2010 2:58:28 PM] vivek joglekar: Hi, Vivek from India & working as Sw test engg

[6/12/2010 2:58:36 PM] Mahesh: Hi all... I am Mahesh from Brisbane, Australia working as a QA Tester for 2.5 yrs now in a data warehouse organisation.

[6/12/2010 2:59:27 PM] Alan Allerton: hi im alan and im a student living in portugal

[6/12/2010 2:59:30 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: Hi all, I'm Artyom Silivonchik. Software tester from Belarus, Minsk. 1 year experience

Have been at WTs two times already :)

[6/12/2010 3:01:29 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Nice. Welcome everybody.

[6/12/2010 3:01:45 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Lets get started.

[6/12/2010 3:02:16 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: The link to the online puzzle is

[6/12/2010 3:03:43 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: no link? :)

[6/12/2010 3:03:48 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: www.Crea-soft.com/online-jigsaw-puzzle/jigsaw-puzzles-bridge_1_1.html

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[6/12/2010 3:04:16 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Due to power cut, typing from mobile. Sorry for delay.

[6/12/2010 3:04:56 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: mission is to solve the puzzle with help of a partner.

[6/12/2010 3:05:09 PM] Alan Allerton: partner?

[6/12/2010 3:05:48 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Pick any of the testers here. He or she will be ur partner for this session

[6/12/2010 3:05:59 PM] Richard R: Richard/Vivek

[6/12/2010 3:06:22 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: hmm... anyone? ^)

[6/12/2010 3:06:36 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Anyone with Alan?

[6/12/2010 3:07:06 PM] Alan Allerton: any offers?

[6/12/2010 3:07:17 PM] Mahesh: I am okay to join with Alan if its ok

[6/12/2010 3:07:35 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Ok cool. Who's left?

[6/12/2010 3:07:43 PM] vivek joglekar: @ Ajay How to work with partner

[6/12/2010 3:07:48 PM | Edited 3:07:55 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: I'm alone...

[6/12/2010 3:07:50 PM] vivek joglekar: what is process

[6/12/2010 3:07:53 PM] Alan Allerton: thanx mahesh

[6/12/2010 3:08:03 PM] Mahesh: My pleasure Alan

[6/12/2010 3:08:25 PM] Mahesh: So, whats the rule? how to solve the puzzle

[6/12/2010 3:08:40 PM] Richard R: So the mission is to complete the puzzle with 2 people?

[6/12/2010 3:08:45 PM] Richard R: Or for one to guide the other?

[6/12/2010 3:09:13 PM | Edited 3:09:35 PM] Richard R: Are there any acceptance criteria for this? eg shortest time taken?

[6/12/2010 3:09:33 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: I don't see how partner can help in solving the puzzle :S

[6/12/2010 3:09:54 PM] Alan Allerton: true, seems like a single player game

[6/12/2010 3:10:16 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Good questions. Once u finish, u'll have to describe ur approach to other team.

[6/12/2010 3:10:27 PM] Alan Allerton: ah, ok

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[6/12/2010 3:11:20 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: As a pair, u solve the puzzle, and then describe the approach to other team,

[6/12/2010 3:11:56 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Lets see what we achieve at end of 1hr 15min

[6/12/2010 3:12:23 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Any questions?

[6/12/2010 3:12:39 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: I left alone) so i'll try to do it on my own

[6/12/2010 3:13:09 PM] Richard R: Do we need to worry about anything outside of the immediate puzzle? eg lite and Pro versions, downloading, or any of the options for the puzzle?

[6/12/2010 3:13:29 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Ok Artyom, remember the 2nd part too... The approach part.

[6/12/2010 3:13:40 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: ok

[6/12/2010 3:13:41 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: No Richard.

[6/12/2010 3:13:57 PM] Richard R: Artyom, you can join the team with me and Vivek

[6/12/2010 3:14:01 PM] Richard R: Great, thanks Ajay

[6/12/2010 3:14:47 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: If I were part of team, I'd divide the board in 2 parts and take up one part and share screenshot or tips with partner

[6/12/2010 3:15:43 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: I have a question. Is this being typed from Ajay's account or weekendtesting?

[6/12/2010 3:15:55 PM | Edited 3:16:05 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: Ajay's

[6/12/2010 3:16:03 PM] *** Ajay Balamurugadas added meeta prakash ***

[6/12/2010 3:16:17 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Welcome Meeta.

[6/12/2010 3:16:31 PM] vivek joglekar: welcome meeta

[6/12/2010 3:16:44 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: anyone of you please paste the transcript till now to Meeta.

[6/12/2010 3:16:55 PM] meeta prakash: Hi :)

[6/12/2010 3:18:01 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Any other questions?

[6/12/2010 3:19:21 PM] meeta prakash: some onepls paste the transcript for me

[6/12/2010 3:19:25 PM] Mahesh: is there anyway that my partner & I can share the puzzle screen

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[6/12/2010 3:20:17 PM] Mahesh: Hi Meeta Prakash, we can have to form a team of 2 to solve the puzzle
www.Crea-soft.com/online-jigsaw-puzzle/jigsaw-puzzles-bridge_l_1.html

[6/12/2010 3:20:31 PM] Alan Allerton: its seems that we each have to solve our own or something.

[6/12/2010 3:20:36 PM] Mahesh: Once you solve the puzzle with your partner, you have to explain the strategy

[6/12/2010 3:21:22 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Any progress?

[6/12/2010 3:21:58 PM] meeta prakash: that was the mission Mahesh ?

[6/12/2010 3:23:00 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Yes Meeta. Solve the puzzle with help of partner

[6/12/2010 3:23:46 PM] Alan Allerton: it seems to work fine so far, just do teh edges first

[6/12/2010 3:24:12 PM] *** Ajay Balamurugadas added annabaik ***

[6/12/2010 3:24:24 PM] Alan Allerton: they make a good *KLUNK* when they fit

[6/12/2010 3:24:28 PM] meeta prakash: which design shud we pick up and which level ? Easy, hard ?Avg ?

[6/12/2010 3:24:48 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Welcome anna.

[6/12/2010 3:24:56 PM] annabaik: Hi :)

[6/12/2010 3:25:07 PM] Alan Allerton: hi anna

[6/12/2010 3:26:59 PM] annabaik: Hi Alan

[6/12/2010 3:28:22 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: 45 mins left

[6/12/2010 3:28:25 PM] annabaik: Is it possible for anyone to paste the mission for me? Not in the main chat here, but directly?

[6/12/2010 3:28:56 PM] meeta prakash: we can have to form a team of 2 to solve the puzzle
www.Crea-soft.com/online-jigsaw-puzzle/jigsaw-puzzles-bridge_l_1.html

[6/12/2010 3:29:11 PM] meeta prakash: Anna - that was for u

[6/12/2010 3:29:49 PM] annabaik: Thanks Meeta :)

[6/12/2010 3:34:00 PM] meeta prakash: :)

[6/12/2010 3:35:30 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Any team close to finish line?

[6/12/2010 3:36:06 PM] *** Ajay Balamurugadas added Santhosh S Tuppad ***

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[6/12/2010 3:37:03 PM] Alan Allerton: we've managed to complete one jigsaw, just trying it again with different backgrounds and with ghost image on

[6/12/2010 3:38:09 PM] Richard R: Our team has finished, discussed our approach, and are trying different puzzles to 'test' our approach

[6/12/2010 3:38:13 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Please take one screenshot of the completed picture

[6/12/2010 3:38:19 PM] *** Santhosh S Tuppad has changed the conversation topic to "WeekendTesting session 38" ***

[6/12/2010 3:39:35 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: cool. Alan's team and Richard's team... Good going.

[6/12/2010 3:40:42 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Last 30 min

[6/12/2010 3:40:55 PM] vivek joglekar: @ ajay

[6/12/2010 3:40:58 PM] vivek joglekar: its done

[6/12/2010 3:43:53 PM] vivek joglekar: Do we need to work on another puzzle ?

[6/12/2010 3:44:15 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Any other team done?

[6/12/2010 3:44:30 PM] Mahesh: Hi Ajay, I am done !

[6/12/2010 3:44:39 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: exchange your approach with other team...

[6/12/2010 3:45:15 PM] meeta prakash: I suggest all of u try the new puzzle http://www.crea-soft.com/online-jigsaw-puzzle/jigsaw-puzzles-fishbank_l_1.html

[6/12/2010 3:45:30 PM] meeta prakash: see how good your approach fits into this one

[6/12/2010 3:45:39 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: aha) it's more complex one

[6/12/2010 3:45:51 PM] meeta prakash: do u have to change your strategy to fix this ?

[6/12/2010 3:46:26 PM] Alan Allerton: ??????circular pieces????!

[6/12/2010 3:46:33 PM] Artyom Silivonchik:)))

[6/12/2010 3:46:40 PM] meeta prakash: yes:)

[6/12/2010 3:47:49 PM] annabaik: oh, that's tougher - need 3 pieces correct rather than 2 to build up the edges

[6/12/2010 3:48:17 PM] Alan Allerton: this is wierd... 8-|

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[6/12/2010 3:49:01 PM] Santhosh S Tuppada: Tip #1: While you see some error but that goes of quickly try using video capturing softwares. Example: Windows Media Encoder and many more. You can watch it frame by frame.

[6/12/2010 3:49:22 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: @santhosh :S

[6/12/2010 3:49:46 PM] Mahesh: I was 1st concentrating on the picture as I knew it seem to be a bridge... then my focus shifted while I worked my way thru the puzzle that I found all the flat edges and joined them. Then noticed the line seperating river (blue colour) and trees (green colour) which made it easy to arrange the pictures

[6/12/2010 3:50:00 PM] Santhosh S Tuppada: @Artyom - What happened?

[6/12/2010 3:50:27 PM] meeta prakash: is anyone trying the new fishbank puzzle ?

[6/12/2010 3:50:37 PM] meeta prakash: do u find any challenges ?

[6/12/2010 3:50:57 PM] Santhosh S Tuppada: Oh I wasn't aware it was Jigsaw puzzle. Let me try to find few tips *smiles*.

[6/12/2010 3:51:00 PM] Alan Allerton: with this fish one the shape is more important than the pattern as it is allmost the same throughtout

[6/12/2010 3:51:02 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: @santhosh we are solving puzzles right now :) your tip is a little bit out of scope

[6/12/2010 3:51:17 PM] Santhosh S Tuppada: @Artyom - Hehe you are correct. I apologize.

[6/12/2010 3:52:08 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Approach being applied?

[6/12/2010 3:52:22 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: To solve the next one?

[6/12/2010 3:55:54 PM] Alan Allerton: basically the same, get all the edges on their respective sides and try to find a similaraty

[6/12/2010 3:56:10 PM] meeta prakash: has anyone finished ?

[6/12/2010 3:56:14 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: aha

[6/12/2010 3:56:17 PM] Alan Allerton: not yet

[6/12/2010 3:56:30 PM] vivek joglekar: 4 parts need to connets

[6/12/2010 3:56:30 PM] Richard R: Yes, just finished.

[6/12/2010 3:56:50 PM] vivek joglekar: its done !!, hurry

[6/12/2010 3:56:50 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Good luck. Last 15 min...

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[6/12/2010 3:56:57 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: we can use even some Testing Techniques to solve puzzles)) it's very funny

[6/12/2010 3:57:12 PM] Richard R: Did borders first, got stuck looking for corners as there were 2 pieces per corner instead of one

[6/12/2010 3:57:25 PM] Richard R: Worked out that joining the round bits next works well

[6/12/2010 3:57:40 PM] vivek joglekar: Its done, hurray :)

[6/12/2010 3:57:40 PM] *** Santhosh S Tuppada added shailchuk ***

[6/12/2010 3:58:25 PM] Richard R: It was hard to concentrate on the mission, rather than just doing the puzzle

[6/12/2010 3:58:59 PM] Richard R: It was easy to be distracted by the puzzle, as it was a challenge and exciting. But then again the mission was a challenge also.

[6/12/2010 3:59:21 PM] Richard R: At times we found we did not communicate as readily, as we were engrossed in the puzzle

[6/12/2010 4:01:23 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Ok...

[6/12/2010 4:01:50 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: How are the other teams doing? Last eight mins...

[6/12/2010 4:02:24 PM] Richard R: Vivek, Artyom, Richard... Done (is this agile...haha)

[6/12/2010 4:03:12 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Alan, Mahesh, Anna

[6/12/2010 4:03:14 PM] vivek joglekar: @ kudos richard, Artyom

[6/12/2010 4:03:32 PM] Richard R: Team #1

[6/12/2010 4:03:46 PM] Richard R: ;)

[6/12/2010 4:04:07 PM] annabaik: On 12/06/2010, at 11:33, Ajay Balamurugadas wrote:

> Alan, Mahesh, Anna

Whoops - was I part of a team? I have been a very bad team member in that case

[6/12/2010 4:04:19 PM] Artyom Silivonchik:))

[6/12/2010 4:04:35 PM] shailchuk: Hi All!

[6/12/2010 4:04:49 PM] Mahesh: Don't worry Anna, we are here to learn and share

[6/12/2010 4:05:00 PM] Alan Allerton: ok, iv managed to finish the second puzzle at last

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[6/12/2010 4:05:08 PM] Mahesh: Gud on ya alan

[6/12/2010 4:05:09 PM] vivek joglekar: Alan, Mahesh, AnnaAll are good team player . Let give them time to solve

[6/12/2010 4:05:17 PM] Alan Allerton: the arrange button is really useful btw

[6/12/2010 4:05:36 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Anna is our facilitator for the Europe chapter of weekend testing.

[6/12/2010 4:05:37 PM] Alan Allerton: it just shoves the loose pieces out of the way

[6/12/2010 4:06:21 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Did anyone try the small picture button?

[6/12/2010 4:06:38 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Good one Alan.

[6/12/2010 4:07:24 PM] Mahesh: he small picture option is useful

[6/12/2010 4:07:28 PM] annabaik: On 12/06/2010, at 11:35, Alan Allerton wrote:

> the arrange button is really useful btw

oh, good tip!

[6/12/2010 4:07:29 PM] Mahesh: *the

[6/12/2010 4:07:37 PM] Alan Allerton: i personally found that the ghost image button is more useful

[6/12/2010 4:08:18 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Ok last minute. Then we discuss about the session.

[6/12/2010 4:08:29 PM] meeta prakash: finally i did the 2nd one !!

[6/12/2010 4:08:38 PM] Alan Allerton: congrats

[6/12/2010 4:08:43 PM] meeta prakash: multiple challenges, 1st one was very easy

[6/12/2010 4:08:50 PM] vivek joglekar: @meeta congarts

[6/12/2010 4:08:51 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: hurray :)

[6/12/2010 4:09:13 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: (y)

[6/12/2010 4:10:37 PM] meeta prakash: all done ?

[6/12/2010 4:10:41 PM] Alan Allerton: i am

[6/12/2010 4:11:18 PM] meeta prakash: Actually I felt this was a good session leading to reusability

[6/12/2010 4:11:49 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: done.

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[6/12/2010 4:13:05 PM] meeta prakash: i finished another fish one

[6/12/2010 4:13:10 PM] meeta prakash: only downside

[6/12/2010 4:13:14 PM] meeta prakash: i did not pair

[6/12/2010 4:13:16 PM] Weekend Testing: we can start the discussion :)

[6/12/2010 4:13:24 PM] Weekend Testing: good Meeta.

[6/12/2010 4:13:31 PM] annabaik: am looking forward to hearing team approaches

[6/12/2010 4:13:42 PM] Weekend Testing: The first team:

[6/12/2010 4:13:46 PM] meeta prakash: other fish one i tried was http://www.crea-soft.com/online-jigsaw-puzzle/jigsaw-puzzles-dolphins_s_1.html

[6/12/2010 4:14:10 PM] Weekend Testing: Richard, Artyom, Vivek

[6/12/2010 4:14:36 PM] Weekend Testing: how was your team work ?

[6/12/2010 4:14:51 PM] Weekend Testing: helped to achieve the mission?

[6/12/2010 4:15:07 PM] Richard R: Team work was good.

[6/12/2010 4:15:16 PM] Richard R: At first myself and Vivek discussed mission

[6/12/2010 4:15:23 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: we shared our thoughts on solving puzzles

[6/12/2010 4:15:28 PM] Richard R: Then took on Artyom, as he was without a partner

[6/12/2010 4:15:38 PM] Richard R: We asked each other questions

[6/12/2010 4:15:43 PM] Weekend Testing: like?

[6/12/2010 4:15:48 PM] Richard R: Then went ahead to gather ideas for solving the puzzle

[6/12/2010 4:16:01 PM] Weekend Testing: what kind of questions?

[6/12/2010 4:16:21 PM] Richard R: We discussed how we can approach the mission

[6/12/2010 4:16:31 PM] Weekend Testing: did you share notes? or an online group chat?

[6/12/2010 4:16:40 PM] Richard R: And decided to go ahead, and try the puzzle, then offer our thoughts as we had them

[6/12/2010 4:16:54 PM] Weekend Testing: nice.

[6/12/2010 4:17:01 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: we used skype group talk, and little typewith.me

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[6/12/2010 4:17:17 PM] Weekend Testing: please share the link of typewith.me

[6/12/2010 4:17:30 PM | Edited 4:47:29 PM] Richard R: Artyom was very helpful. He suggested typewithme

[6/12/2010 4:17:30 PM] Weekend Testing: the group might learn something new from the chat

[6/12/2010 4:17:52 PM] Weekend Testing: wow, WT 32 and 33 was all about typewith.me :)

[6/12/2010 4:17:56 PM] Weekend Testing: Thanks Artyom.

[6/12/2010 4:18:08 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: actually not so much info there
<http://typewith.me/sTmqPMYXyL>

[6/12/2010 4:18:40 PM] Richard R: It was useful for building our approach ideas, and would allow quick reference for the rest of the group, and for reporting

[6/12/2010 4:18:53 PM] Weekend Testing: very nice.

[6/12/2010 4:19:05 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: we tried to use EP even)

[6/12/2010 4:19:16 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: it was very helpful for different kinds of puzzles

[6/12/2010 4:19:18 PM] Weekend Testing: EP? equivalence partitioning ?

[6/12/2010 4:19:22 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: aha

[6/12/2010 4:19:27 PM] Weekend Testing: :)

[6/12/2010 4:19:38 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: for first one two kind of pieces came - borders and content

[6/12/2010 4:19:52 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: start with borders, continue with content

[6/12/2010 4:20:12 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: for secondd one Fish puzzle, were following partitions:
Round, Triangle, Square

[6/12/2010 4:20:43 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: start with Round, after matching all the rounds you'll get a "skeleton" of image to be completed with Triangles and Squares

[6/12/2010 4:21:14 PM] Weekend Testing: ok. has this exercise built your confidence of solving a jigsaw puzzle?

[6/12/2010 4:21:22 PM] Weekend Testing: was this session useful?

[6/12/2010 4:21:43 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: sure)

[6/12/2010 4:22:31 PM] Weekend Testing: do you feel there is a better approach than your approach?

[6/12/2010 4:22:37 PM] Weekend Testing: any mistakes you did?

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[6/12/2010 4:23:10 PM] Richard R: Yes, we made an assumption

[6/12/2010 4:23:17 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: mm... mistakes. maybe we solve puzzles the most time, rather than discuss

[6/12/2010 4:23:34 PM] Weekend Testing: assumption?

[6/12/2010 4:23:53 PM] Richard R: Yes, we assumed the mission was to work together 'to solve the puzzle as quickly as possible'

[6/12/2010 4:23:59 PM] Richard R: this may not have been correct

[6/12/2010 4:24:09 PM] Weekend Testing: hmmm.

[6/12/2010 4:24:23 PM] Weekend Testing: any learning in particular?

[6/12/2010 4:24:33 PM] Weekend Testing: take away from this session?

[6/12/2010 4:24:35 PM] Weekend Testing: :)

[6/12/2010 4:24:55 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: I learned that we can use something like EP in daily life)

[6/12/2010 4:25:21 PM] Richard R: I learned that there are many distractions to testing, and it helps to focus on the mission often during the exercise

[6/12/2010 4:25:42 PM] Richard R: ie the distraction was actually getting the puzzle done, but this was not necessarily important to the mission

[6/12/2010 4:25:53 PM] Weekend Testing: cool. Thanks Richard, Artyom, Vivek. Vivek seems to be offline.

[6/12/2010 4:26:01 PM] Weekend Testing: Next team: Alan and Mahesh

[6/12/2010 4:26:07 PM] Weekend Testing: how was this session?

[6/12/2010 4:26:51 PM] Weekend Testing: Alan, Mahesh , you there?

[6/12/2010 4:27:35 PM] Alan Allerton: yeah, were here

[6/12/2010 4:27:54 PM] Weekend Testing: cool, so how was this session:

[6/12/2010 4:27:56 PM] Mahesh: Yes, I've been very sluggish in solving the puzzle especially using the testing technique didn't strike my mind. this is the 1st time I am in weekend testing conference.

[6/12/2010 4:28:19 PM] Weekend Testing: Alan is a student and first timer for WeekendTesting sessions.

[6/12/2010 4:28:22 PM] Mahesh: So many things to learn within short time

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[6/12/2010 4:28:35 PM] Weekend Testing: Congrats Alan and Mahesh.

[6/12/2010 4:28:38 PM] Alan Allerton: same here, that second one was quite confusing until you got the hang of it

[6/12/2010 4:28:43 PM] Alan Allerton: thanx

[6/12/2010 4:28:55 PM] Weekend Testing: so what was your approach?

[6/12/2010 4:29:04 PM] Weekend Testing: did you work as a team?

[6/12/2010 4:30:47 PM] Mahesh: No. I was not communicating with Alan. Rather I was concentrating on solving the puzzle. I was finding it hard to communicate with Alan for this type of puzzle

[6/12/2010 4:31:26 PM] Weekend Testing: ok, so you both solved the puzzles individually>?

[6/12/2010 4:31:34 PM] Alan Allerton: mostly

[6/12/2010 4:31:39 PM] Mahesh: yeah

[6/12/2010 4:32:13 PM] Mahesh: I 1st looked at the picture. then shifted my focus to join the edges 1st.

[6/12/2010 4:32:22 PM] Weekend Testing: ok. lets hear it individually then. Mahesh.

[6/12/2010 4:32:26 PM] Weekend Testing: then Alan

[6/12/2010 4:33:09 PM] Weekend Testing: @Mahesh: do you think working alone helped u finish faster?

[6/12/2010 4:33:24 PM] Mahesh: I suppose.

[6/12/2010 4:33:40 PM] Richard R: Did u notice the commands down the bottom of th puzzle before you started?

[6/12/2010 4:34:21 PM] Mahesh: No. not until the 2nd puzzle when Ajay suggested to use 'arrange' and 'small picture'

[6/12/2010 4:34:44 PM] Weekend Testing: Alan highlighted the Arrange button. Not me :)

[6/12/2010 4:35:13 PM] annabaik: Yes, I didn't notice Arrange or Ghost image till he commented on them here - I found both very useful

[6/12/2010 4:35:29 PM] Weekend Testing: ok Mahesh: what skills came to use today?

[6/12/2010 4:35:47 PM] Mahesh: TESTER'S NEED TO THINK OUT OF THE BOX

[6/12/2010 4:35:48 PM] Weekend Testing: did you feel any particular skill was needed the most?

[6/12/2010 4:35:51 PM] Weekend Testing: :)

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[6/12/2010 4:36:08 PM] Weekend Testing: puzzle had to be completed within the box... (kidding)

[6/12/2010 4:36:37 PM] Mahesh: yeah... but the 'arrange' and other tools was handy

[6/12/2010 4:36:39 PM] Richard R: Actually the puzzle didnt have a box.... :P

[6/12/2010 4:36:45 PM] Richard R: just a screen

[6/12/2010 4:37:12 PM | Edited 4:37:38 PM] Weekend Testing: any particular thing you missed in this session? if given a chance, you'll do it in a different way?

[6/12/2010 4:37:28 PM] Weekend Testing: anything like that? @Mahesh

[6/12/2010 4:37:51 PM] Mahesh: hmmm... can't think of any at this moment

[6/12/2010 4:38:01 PM] Weekend Testing: ok any questions to mahesh?

[6/12/2010 4:38:09 PM] Mahesh: I would like to know what everyone learnt from today's session.

[6/12/2010 4:38:42 PM] Weekend Testing: sure after Alan, Anna, Meeta, we will go for a one line learning :)

[6/12/2010 4:38:54 PM] Weekend Testing: Alan: your turn:

[6/12/2010 4:39:09 PM] Weekend Testing: how was it participating in a weekendtesting session?

[6/12/2010 4:39:17 PM] Weekend Testing: how was the experience?

[6/12/2010 4:40:06 PM] Alan Allerton: i found it to be, well, fun

[6/12/2010 4:40:40 PM] Weekend Testing: nice, was it very easy? are you used to solving such puzzles?

[6/12/2010 4:41:17 PM] Mahesh: I was kind of nervous that I am new to weekend testing conference and that I am a graduate tester who will be one among experts in the field.

[6/12/2010 4:41:26 PM] Alan Allerton: i found the first puzzle to be rather easy as i had done several of those when i was young but i found the the second one rather confuzeing

[6/12/2010 4:41:47 PM] Weekend Testing: @Mahesh: we are here to learn and share :) so no worries.

[6/12/2010 4:42:16 PM] Weekend Testing: @Alan: good. we learn when we experience new things. any proud moment in this session?

[6/12/2010 4:43:35 PM] Alan Allerton: proud? ehh... not really, it did feel rather good to figure out the trick to put the circular puzzle together tho

[6/12/2010 4:43:45 PM] Weekend Testing: :)

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[6/12/2010 4:43:57 PM] Mahesh: again... 1st time testing conference was the proud moment, then solving the 1st puzzle and then chatting with you all

[6/12/2010 4:44:20 PM] Weekend Testing: any learning from team 1's discussion?

[6/12/2010 4:44:34 PM] Mahesh: EP

[6/12/2010 4:45:26 PM] Weekend Testing: Thanks Alan and Mahesh.

[6/12/2010 4:45:41 PM | Edited 4:45:55 PM] annabaik: Alan - What was your trick for the circular puzzle?

[6/12/2010 4:45:41 PM] Weekend Testing: Any questions to team 2?

[6/12/2010 4:46:11 PM] Alan Allerton: my trick was to do the circular pieces first as once you have them, it not too hard

[6/12/2010 4:46:52 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: i suppose all of use use some kind of "EP" but just doesn't notice it

[6/12/2010 4:46:54 PM] annabaik: ah - I used a different approach. Yep, I can see that would be a lot easier

[6/12/2010 4:47:22 PM] annabaik: I think I was still partially stuck in the approach for the first, I needed to change my thinking more

[6/12/2010 4:48:02 PM] Alan Allerton: possibly, the edges are harder to do in that one

[6/12/2010 4:48:29 PM] Weekend Testing: i suppose all of use use some kind of "EP" but just doesn't notice itI agree.

[6/12/2010 4:49:00 PM] annabaik: On 12/06/2010, at 12:18, Alan Allerton wrote:

> possibly, the edges are harder to do in that one

Yes, and I was still trying to do edges first, as that's what I'm used to doing with jigsaw puzzles

[6/12/2010 4:49:46 PM] Weekend Testing: it happens. and so good to try out such things here. a safe place to experiment and learn from each other.

[6/12/2010 4:50:01 PM] Richard R: @Alan - yes, it took me a while to notice the big round pieces were edges too!

[6/12/2010 4:50:10 PM] Weekend Testing: Anna and Meeta: how about you?

[6/12/2010 4:50:35 PM] Weekend Testing: @Alan - yes, it took me a while to notice the big round pieces were edges too!Limits of our thought process came to light?

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[6/12/2010 4:50:57 PM] meeta prakash: i was waiting for all to finish :)

[6/12/2010 4:51:07 PM] meeta prakash: did another puzzle in this time

[6/12/2010 4:51:19 PM] Richard R: Yes, I carried my approach to 'normal' jigsaw puzzles onto the 'round' one, and it was more difficult, and i had to adapt and change. to remove my frustration.

[6/12/2010 4:51:24 PM] Alan Allerton: were not computers - our brains take time to notice things like that

[6/12/2010 4:51:45 PM] annabaik: Meeta - would you mind if I go next?

[6/12/2010 4:52:06 PM] Weekend Testing: were not computers - our brains take time to notice things like that Good one. As long as we are aware that our approach might be fallible, we can refine any moment.

[6/12/2010 4:52:17 PM] Weekend Testing: Meeta/Anna: who's next?

[6/12/2010 4:52:32 PM] annabaik: I'll go next

[6/12/2010 4:52:35 PM] Weekend Testing: ok

[6/12/2010 4:52:41 PM] meeta prakash: I decided i will do this alone so that we can have a comparative if a paired approach here results in faster results or single person.

I first explored what all buttons were around

then started fixing the puzzle

the whole exercise was finished in 10 mins

I found all buttons very helpful except the arrange one. As it cluttered my small picture and took all unfixed pieces to the left.

disturbing the loose ones that i had placed on the pic also.

best was the auto fit as i could fit my pieces even beyond the pic

then i started looking for a tougher challenge as i felt first one was too straight forward

found the fish one

this took a little time as it hazed my eyes by similarity.

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approach had to changeearlier one ... i had first fixed corners and then filled in between

here i first put circles together and then fitted the rest of the pieces. While I was doing it realized that at places the circles also touched the edges and not only the triangles

tried a few more while discussion was on i tried my hands at other ones. The dolphin one was pretty straight forward. fixed it in 5 mins.

tried another one http://www.crea-soft.com/online-jigsaw-puzzle/jigsaw-puzzles-flower1_l_1.html

took 15 mins

approach had to change again..found arrange button helpful in this instance... as my pieces got lost over the ghost image many a times in this one

the shades of the two flowers were difficult to match as a best fit in 2. Then had to change approach and go by shape of flower rather than color

[6/12/2010 4:53:33 PM] meeta prakash: sorry, Anna, i was typing in the window and posted without realizing you wanted to go before me

[6/12/2010 4:53:42 PM] annabaik: No worries :)

[6/12/2010 4:53:58 PM] Weekend Testing: nice Meeta.

[6/12/2010 4:54:13 PM] Alan Allerton: :|

[6/12/2010 4:54:20 PM] Weekend Testing: so Paired or single? Which helps?

[6/12/2010 4:54:33 PM] annabaik: Interesting what you said about the Arrange tool - I found using this with Small Picture annoying as you said, but when I switched to Ghost image it worked better

[6/12/2010 4:54:43 PM] meeta prakash: i finished almost as good as paired groups

[6/12/2010 4:54:57 PM] meeta prakash: probably they lost more time in discussion and i was more focussed

[6/12/2010 4:55:05 PM] Weekend Testing: same buttons - different scenarios - different benefits. :)

[6/12/2010 4:55:19 PM] annabaik: I also worked alone, but as I started later I don't know how my time compared to the teams

[6/12/2010 4:55:28 PM] Weekend Testing: ok

[6/12/2010 4:55:59 PM] Weekend Testing: so any skill to be improved to solve such kinds of puzzles?

[6/12/2010 4:56:29 PM] Richard R: Use ET

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[6/12/2010 4:56:33 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: luck) lots of luck

[6/12/2010 4:56:37 PM] Richard R: ET will help to discover the approach

[6/12/2010 4:56:56 PM] Richard R: (exploratory testing)

[6/12/2010 4:57:00 PM] Alan Allerton: sort of, you have to know the right approach to the puzzle.

[6/12/2010 4:57:27 PM] Richard R: once you play a little with the pieces and buttons, you can quickly work out your technique/approach

[6/12/2010 4:58:13 PM] meeta prakash: for me ...reusability in approach was imp

[6/12/2010 4:58:18 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Am I connected?

[6/12/2010 4:58:34 PM] meeta prakash: it was only customization to fit it in after that

[6/12/2010 4:58:46 PM] annabaik: Ajay: yes

[6/12/2010 5:00:48 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Ok... how was this session?

[6/12/2010 5:00:53 PM] Richard R: I have a question for everyone - did everyone make good use of the ghost and small picture buttons to assist with delivery time? Or did you feel this was cheating?

[6/12/2010 5:01:00 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Fun? :)

[6/12/2010 5:01:27 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: really good) I was hesitating about the mission at first. but now i found it great)

[6/12/2010 5:01:45 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Cheating if it was not allowed?

[6/12/2010 5:02:03 PM] Richard R: I felt that the buttons made the puzzle 'too easy'.....

[6/12/2010 5:02:08 PM] Alan Allerton: i found the settion to be fun, yes. and yes i did think that the ghost image was cheating

[6/12/2010 5:02:17 PM] annabaik: On 12/06/2010, at 12:30, Richard R wrote:

> I have a question for everyone - did everyone make good use of the ghost and small picture buttons to assist with delivery time? Or did you feel this was cheating?

I hadn't seen anything telling me I shouldn't use them, so I felt free to (once I noticed them)

[6/12/2010 5:02:39 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Surprising that no one asked initially then?

[6/12/2010 5:02:57 PM] meeta prakash: @alan ...why did u feel using ghost image was cheating ?

[6/12/2010 5:02:58 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Agree with anna.

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[6/12/2010 5:03:15 PM] meeta prakash: why not conformance to requirement ?

[6/12/2010 5:03:35 PM] Richard R: I had more fun trying to solve the puzzle on my own, and not using the ghost

[6/12/2010 5:03:45 PM] annabaik: I guess it depends: in a puzzle approach, not using the tools makes the puzzle more challenging and possibly more fun. In a testing approach, use EVERYTHING, anything you can get your hands on

[6/12/2010 5:03:48 PM] Richard R: But was the mission about 'having fun'???

[6/12/2010 5:04:04 PM] Richard R: @anna - yes, i agree

[6/12/2010 5:05:45 PM | Edited 5:06:06 PM] annabaik: A thought: If things are more fun if they're at the right level (e.g. hard enough to make you think, not so hard you can't get anywhere), then the tools allow you to fine-tune how hard the puzzle is - so it's easier to get the right level for it to be fun *for you*. What do you think?

[6/12/2010 5:06:18 PM] Richard R: Yes, I think we all like a challenge, that is why we are testers :)

[6/12/2010 5:06:36 PM] Alan Allerton: true - if a games too easy its slog, if its too hard, its frustrating

[6/12/2010 5:06:39 PM] Richard R: I guess I understood the mission and puzzle very easily, so I enjoyed the extra challenge

[6/12/2010 5:06:58 PM] Richard R: I enjoyed the frustration, then excitement when I finished.

[6/12/2010 5:07:05 PM] Richard R: If it were too easy, I would be bored

[6/12/2010 5:07:22 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Point noted :)

[6/12/2010 5:08:11 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: If everyone had to put their learning in one line, what was it?

[6/12/2010 5:08:50 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: At first think about things you should do.

[6/12/2010 5:08:51 PM] Richard R: "Dont be afraid to have a play, before you decide how to approach something"

[6/12/2010 5:09:08 PM] Alan Allerton: "use the corect tactics for the current situation"

[6/12/2010 5:09:38 PM] Mahesh: ask questions in the begning to make sure if u have everything

[6/12/2010 5:10:09 PM] annabaik: Keep asking myself - should I try to approach this one as a completely new problem, or should I try to reuse learning from the last? Don't get trapped in one or the other, switch between those approaches.

[6/12/2010 5:10:28 PM] annabaik: oops, more than one line :)

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[6/12/2010 5:10:35 PM] Artyom Silivonchik:))

[6/12/2010 5:10:41 PM] Richard R: @Anna, thanks for this, its a great reminder

[6/12/2010 5:11:10 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Cool... It was a very great session. Learning, power cuts, pairing, :) very happy.

[6/12/2010 5:12:09 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Thanks everybody.

[6/12/2010 5:12:14 PM] Richard R: Well done Ajay, great facilitation dedication

[6/12/2010 5:12:20 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: Thanks all! It were great. One question) When EWT will start? (How many hours from now?)

[6/12/2010 5:12:31 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: C u in next session

[6/12/2010 5:12:40 PM] Mahesh: Thank you Ajay and everyone

[6/12/2010 5:12:44 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: 4 hrs

[6/12/2010 5:12:48 PM] annabaik: It's at 3.30pm GMT - so just under 4 hrs

[6/12/2010 5:12:56 PM] Richard R: See you then, with MB

[6/12/2010 5:13:04 PM] Alan Allerton: EWT?

[6/12/2010 5:13:17 PM] annabaik: Oh - useful to download the zip file of the audio first

[6/12/2010 5:13:18 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: European Weekend Testing

[6/12/2010 5:13:32 PM] Artyom Silivonchik: similar weekend testing but in other time zone

[6/12/2010 5:13:38 PM] annabaik: <http://bit.ly/aOL8q8>

[6/12/2010 5:14:20 PM] annabaik: @Alan - there are usually several sessions over the weekend, so you can pick what fits in with when you have free time

[6/12/2010 5:14:38 PM] Alan Allerton: ok, i understand

[6/12/2010 5:15:16 PM] Alan Allerton: well, i gtg and have my lunch

[6/12/2010 5:15:30 PM] annabaik: bye Alan - great to see you on here :)

[6/12/2010 5:15:58 PM] Alan Allerton: good 2 c u 2. ill c u next week then?

[6/12/2010 5:16:09 PM] annabaik: Yes :)

[6/12/2010 5:16:53 PM] Alan Allerton: right. c u guys nex week then

[6/12/2010 5:16:57 PM] Alan Allerton: chao

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[6/12/2010 5:17:02 PM] meeta prakash: bye

[6/12/2010 5:17:19 PM] annabaik: bye all, I'm also going to get lunch. Thanks for a great session :)

[6/12/2010 5:17:20 PM] Ajay Balamurugadas: Cool. Thanks :) happy weekend