

Saturday, July 31, 2010

**5:30:38 PM European Weekend Testers** hello everyone and welcome to EWT29

**5:30:49 PM Markus Gärtner** let me switch to my account

**5:31:25 PM Markus Gärtner** as always, I would like to start the session with a short introduction of yourself, so that everyone else knows with whom (s)he's speaking

**5:31:41 PM Markus Gärtner** let me start with my piece there: I'm Markus Gärtner, black-belt in the Miagi-Do school, cofounder EWT with Anna, Software Craftsman, blog: <http://blog.shino.de>

**5:30:56 PM Jassi** Hi

**5:31:17 PM Daniel Billing** hi

**5:31:20 PM eusebiu blindu** Hi

**5:33:42 PM Daniel Billing** I am Daniel Billing, freelance Software Tester, from Frome, Somerset. I am a Scout Leader and a fan of Doctor Who, a BBC Sci fi show. I like Swimming

**5:33:43 PM eusebiu blindu** I am Eusebiu Blindu, short Sebi, tester, self-employee, blog: <http://www.testalways.com>

**5:34:05 PM Jassi** Hi Everyone, I am Jaswinder Kaur Nagi, Software Tester from Mumbai, India & a Rookie Weekend Tester. Participating in EWT after almost one month

**5:34:25 PM Jassi** Hi Daniel, Eusebiu

**5:34:33 PM Daniel Billing** hey :)

**5:34:39 PM eusebiu blindu** Hi

**5:34:39 PM Jassi** :)

**5:34:52 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, let me gather today's mission

**5:35:05 PM Markus Gärtner** Product: Cohere (<http://cohere.open.ac.uk/register.php>)

Mission: Let's use this new tool together to describe Weekend Testing and ideas connected to it. The deliverable will be that the participants have built a network showing connections between people, websites, and ideas around Weekend Testing. <http://cohere.open.ac.uk/index.php#screencast>

**5:36:34 PM Markus Gärtner** questions so far? :)

**5:38:06 PM Jassi** So what is the scope r we to use only the People & groups tab? I guess we need to sign up first?

**5:38:41 PM Markus Gärtner** well, as the screencast shows, the product is about connecting ideas

**5:38:52 PM Markus Gärtner** let's find out what ideas are connected to weekend testing

- 5:39:20 PM eusebiu blindu** Feature request: Connect with Facebook :)
- 5:39:40 PM Markus Gärtner** nothing we'll achieve today
- 5:40:35 PM Daniel Billing** hold on, I need to grab some earphones so I dont disturb my wife
- 5:42:33 PM eusebiu blindu** Anyway bug: First I created an account but didn't enter captcha->Error-> Fill Form again-> The account wa valid
- 5:44:22 PM Markus Gärtner** as usual, please report any bugs to bug repository, though the main goal of the session is to have a connection of things and ideas connected WT
- 5:44:46 PM Stephen Hill** Sorry to join late. I'm Stephen and I'm based in Norwich in the UK. I blog at <http://pedantictester.wordpress.com> and am on Twitter: @Stephen\_J\_Hill
- 5:45:33 PM Markus Gärtner** This message has been removed.
- 5:45:35 PM Daniel Billing** well, from the point of view of ideas re software and WT it could be used to link thoughts and discoveries whilst testing, connecting findings, results, vulnerabilities,
- 5:45:39 PM Daniel Billing** hi stephen
- 5:46:01 PM eusebiu blindu** Hi Stephen
- 5:46:12 PM Daniel Billing** or maybe used as a planning tool for future testing projects
- 5:47:44 PM Stephen Hill** Hi folks. Just reading through the mission and looking at Cohere. I'll join the discussion in a few minutes...
- 5:48:54 PM Markus Gärtner** one of the worst things that could happen at an online meeting, is that the facilitator drops
- 5:48:58 PM Markus Gärtner** should be back now
- 5:49:11 PM Markus Gärtner** so, usually we have a two hour session, with the first hour spent on testing
- 5:49:15 PM Markus Gärtner** should we keep this for today?
- 5:49:47 PM Stephen Hill** Where do we log bugs? I just found one on sign-up?
- 5:50:24 PM Markus Gärtner** please file bugs to <http://bugrepository.com>
- 5:50:30 PM Markus Gärtner** use EWT29 as the project there
- 5:53:05 PM Markus Gärtner** any questions so far?
- 5:53:30 PM Daniel Billing** just trying to create a login for bug repository
- 5:55:37 PM eusebiu blindu** Stephen is it also by chance with not filling captcha, get error but next time find out its already created?

- 5:55:50 PM eusebiu blindu** Anyway I don't know how to use the app
- 5:56:09 PM eusebiu blindu** did anyone created anything related to "Weekend testing"
- 5:56:23 PM eusebiu blindu** and its possible to add something from someone else?
- 5:56:40 PM Markus Gärtner** did you view the screencast?
- 5:57:14 PM eusebiu blindu** yep
- 5:57:40 PM Markus Gärtner** that's one step closer :)
- 5:57:48 PM eusebiu blindu** :)
- 5:57:49 PM Markus Gärtner** now, let's get a net together
- 5:58:51 PM Markus Gärtner** anyone already got something put in there?
- 6:00:03 PM Daniel Billing** im not entirely certain what our objective is here Markus
- 6:00:23 PM Markus Gärtner** the objective is to create a net of connected things towards weekend testing
- 6:00:34 PM Veronica** im kind of confused as well sorry
- 6:01:02 PM Markus Gärtner** to see how the ideas merge together, where we came from, where we go, etc. in order generate new ideas and to see whethere cohere is usable
- 6:01:21 PM Stephen Hill** Sebi I filled in the captcha but I did not confirm my password. It let me sign up and then sign in afterwards!
- 6:01:44 PM eusebiu blindu** Ok. For me was captcha :)
- 6:02:18 PM eusebiu blindu** but anyway not sure how to create this stuff. The designers need to make the application more usable
- 6:03:02 PM Markus Gärtner** what are you looking for?
- 6:03:32 PM eusebiu blindu** Is there a "Weekend testing" item that we can link to?
- 6:04:12 PM Daniel Billing** yes, it appears so
- 6:04:20 PM Daniel Billing** nice search functionality
- 6:05:01 PM eusebiu blindu** Oh I see now
- 6:05:57 PM Stephen Hill** Is the "Connection loader" very slow for everyone? I do seem to have a particularly dire connection this afternoon so I'm not sure if it is just me :)
- 6:07:43 PM Veronica** its says my registration is successful, Unfortunately your image could not be uploaded because: ●This email address is already in use, please either login or select a different email address.

- 6:07:52 PM Veronica** is that common for everyone?
- 6:09:00 PM Markus Gärtner** finally got back online
- 6:09:02 PM eusebiu blindu** similar
- 6:09:03 PM Stephen Hill** That's what happened for me too Veronica
- 6:09:57 PM Stephen Hill** I've just created a connection after searching for Weekend Testing. Not sure if others have managed to do this or not. I set it as public so hopefully others can see it...
- 6:12:24 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, my isp seems to have serious trouble keeping my connection alive
- 6:12:40 PM Markus Gärtner** in case I keep on dropping, we'll have to find out how to deal with the discussion afterwards
- 6:12:55 PM Veronica** ok and it doesn't confirm your e-mail address..
- 6:13:32 PM Stephen Hill** That's right. Registration does seem quite flaky!
- 6:16:07 PM Veronica** also the youtube videos are not very clear e.g how to add an idea
- 6:17:08 PM eusebiu blindu** Yep its not an easy to use application
- 6:17:40 PM Daniel Billing** Im finding it quite hard to navigate, seeing how things link together
- 6:17:41 PM Veronica** i have to put my volume up on full blast just to hear it
- 6:17:50 PM Daniel Billing** Markus, I found your group
- 6:17:58 PM Veronica** so am i daniel, its all quite confusing
- 6:18:15 PM Daniel Billing** there is an app to find your position on the Earth, but it is not finding you in Germany
- 6:18:21 PM Daniel Billing** did you register your location?
- 6:18:26 PM Markus Gärtner** no
- 6:18:35 PM Daniel Billing** that explains that one
- 6:20:10 PM Stephen Hill** Markus I'm sure I saw you as a member of the European Weekend Testers group but I don't see it now? Am I imagining things?
- 6:20:27 PM Markus Gärtner** there's an EWT group? I don't think so
- 6:20:42 PM Markus Gärtner** I seem to have troubles here again connecting to the site
- 6:20:51 PM Markus Gärtner** seems to be very slow

- 6:21:49 PM Stephen Hill** Well I did a search for "Europe" and got a group for EWT. Unfortunately things I see one minute disappear the next... All very odd...
- 6:22:33 PM Markus Gärtner** hmmm, the application seems to work better for me
- 6:22:40 PM Markus Gärtner** which browsers are you using?
- 6:23:05 PM Stephen Hill** I'm using Firefox.
- 6:23:17 PM Daniel Billing** Chrome
- 6:26:03 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, these connection drops don't make any fun
- 6:26:28 PM Veronica** this website is not very straight forward
- 6:27:13 PM Markus Gärtner** are you sure you got the same website as me? I don't have many troubles there
- 6:27:15 PM Daniel Billing** it would be good if there was Context Sensitive Help
- 6:28:52 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, we got now the first hour over. How should we continue? Going into the discussion now, or leave some more time for testing, i.e. 15-20 minutes?
- 6:29:28 PM Stephen Hill** I'm happy with whatever others want to do.
- 6:30:53 PM Daniel Billing** discussion is good for me
- 6:31:07 PM Veronica** lets go to the discussion
- 6:31:15 PM Daniel Billing** I have a headache the size of a melon, so can't concentrate on testing
- 6:31:34 PM Daniel Billing** :(
- 6:33:01 PM Daniel Billing** I can certainly see how useful it is...one feature I do like is that you can create your own linkage types
- 6:33:42 PM Daniel Billing** for example, we could create an 'affiliated with' link from EWT to the 'Bath Scrum Users Group' of which Anna and I are followers
- 6:34:29 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, let's then bring together our views on the application and what we experienced over the course of the last hour
- 6:34:41 PM Markus Gärtner** let me start by picking daniel first
- 6:34:53 PM Daniel Billing** hey! :) happy to
- 6:35:05 PM Daniel Billing** well, I find the UI quite fiddly...
- 6:35:31 PM Daniel Billing** for example to expand the menu on the left, you need to click the icons, which are tiny, not the text which is larger

- 6:35:57 PM Daniel Billing** I did like the 'visualise as' feature
- 6:36:19 PM Daniel Billing** allowing different views based on your preference
- 6:37:01 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, what did you learn about your course how you tackled the application?
- 6:37:28 PM eusebiu blindu** Its hard to be a productive tester when you hate the app :)
- 6:37:47 PM Veronica** i second that eusebiu
- 6:37:47 PM Daniel Billing** I explored various options, but was still unsure how to start off until I saw some examples of other peoples work
- 6:38:43 PM Markus Gärtner** what would you do at work when assigned to an application that you hate, sebi?
- 6:39:17 PM Markus Gärtner** so, you learned from the examples from others, daniel?
- 6:39:38 PM eusebiu blindu** Well its difficult. Sometimes we need to cope with it I guess and make the most of it.
- 6:39:42 PM Daniel Billing** yes, I searched on yours and others to see how ideas, groups and websites were connected
- 6:40:15 PM Daniel Billing** I havent built my own yet, but looked at others to get a feel for the application, its purpose and 'coherence' if you'll pardon the pun
- 6:40:16 PM Markus Gärtner** is this something we might integrate into our daily testing work?
- 6:40:54 PM eusebiu blindu** But I cannot specify clearly what I hate about it so it can be used to describe things.
- 6:40:57 PM Daniel Billing** as long as we weren't testing confidential or sensitive data/applications, I would agree, yes
- 6:42:28 PM Stephen Hill** I have just been noting down some thoughts from my foray into this application which I can share at an appropriate point but I can see ways that we can use this for the good of the testing community at large and in our daily work.
- 6:42:29 PM Markus Gärtner** how, daniel? :)
- 6:43:54 PM Daniel Billing** well, it wouldn't be appropriate to put commercial in confidence or restricted information on a public website, but if it were generic in nature then I could see big potential...I would be interested in others views of course
- 6:44:26 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, anything others may want to add?

**6:44:42 PM Stephen Hill** I can see that there could be uses for this in the testing industry. In particular I think it could be a useful way of mind-mapping, drawing out cause/effect diagrams and perhaps helping to explain terminology. Unfortunately I think because of some problems with Firefox and my poor internet connection this afternoon I have been unable to get the best out of the software. I started out by watching the screencasts then played around with creating ideas and adding connections between them. There is a Firefox plugin which I installed in the hope that this would solve an applet problem but to no avail. I still cannot look at the 'connections network' view; only the connections list. Because I joined in late I did not have the chance to try other browsers. I suspect that the software may work much better with Internet Explorer. Sometimes going in 'blind' into a testing project can be a good thing when you are trying to learn an application but it is important that you have good oracles that you can turn to for advice. Very often when I am testing the help documentation is incomplete and so I have to go and talk to the developers. The assistance and advice of others is always a good starting point when stuck!

**6:46:29 PM eusebiu blindu** Maybe its good to use it when writing a book or encyclopaedia, if the app was slightly more usable. I think the app tries to emulate wikipedia and youtube related videos

**6:46:52 PM Markus Gärtner** nice write-up, stephen

**6:46:56 PM Veronica** I can see how this could be used to debate about different issues as in the example of gobal warming. I also agree with stephen, as I was late in to testing this software I didnt have enough time to test it properly

**6:48:10 PM Markus Gärtner** i think the common mental model was missing for most of you dealing with the application. What do you think?

**6:48:23 PM Daniel Billing** Usability..

**6:48:35 PM Markus Gärtner** usability, ok

**6:48:37 PM Stephen Hill** I was thinking about some of the discussions we have had at the BCS' SIGIST (British Computer Society's Special Interest Group in Software Testing) surrounding terminology and setting up a resource for others to use.

**6:48:55 PM eusebiu blindu** I think maybe Borg entity from Star Trek series use this application :)

**6:49:07 PM Daniel Billing** ha..assimilation?

**6:49:25 PM Stephen Hill** Markus I completely agree with you on the common mental model aspect of this.

**6:49:34 PM Stephen Hill** @Daniel Hexactly.

**6:49:36 PM Veronica** I thought the usability was ok, but I did not like the help features

**6:50:07 PM Veronica** the you tube videos were not clear and the sound quailty was very bad

- 6:50:13 PM Daniel Billing** I haven't been to SIGIST for a while Stephen, what new thoughts have come recently...I think it could be an extremely useful exploratory testing tool
- 6:50:40 PM Daniel Billing** tracking behaviours and thoughts as you perform a test against an app
- 6:50:48 PM Daniel Billing** rather than a traditional test script
- 6:51:01 PM Markus Gärtner** what would you track by then, daniel?
- 6:51:19 PM Markus Gärtner** as I understood ET, you build a mental model, which you then adapt based on the exploration you perform
- 6:51:37 PM Markus Gärtner** I found the adaptation part rather poor in the application itself
- 6:52:00 PM Stephen Hill** Well there was a lot of talk towards the end of last year about the fact that as testers sometimes even we cannot agree on what we mean by terms so how can we expect our businesses to understand what we are talking about. The Software Testing Club and the like helps with this but a tool like this could be an interesting way forward.
- 6:52:07 PM Daniel Billing** maybe a route throu a system, maybe identifying function points
- 6:52:29 PM Daniel Billing** yeah, I find STC a great resource...
- 6:53:01 PM Daniel Billing** Testing is a very critical function, we examine others work and whether we like it or not, have to pass some kind of judgement
- 6:54:19 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, so far on the technical side what I got from sebi, veronica, stephen, and daniel is that the usability of the application hindered your learning (and testing) ability
- 6:54:45 PM Markus Gärtner** but what did you do to overcome this? ignore the annoying aspects?
- 6:55:03 PM Daniel Billing** Oh, I just got stuck in and ignored the issues I found
- 6:55:41 PM Daniel Billing** finding minor issues shouldnt be a blocker to exploring the wider aspects of an application
- 6:56:22 PM eusebiu blindu** Well trying to play with it helped. I noticed Youtube video mentioned by Veronica. For known applications using internet resources is a good idea.
- 6:56:33 PM Veronica** well you just have to work with it, if you want to get to know the application.e.g putting the sound on full blast or putting the video on full screen
- 6:56:45 PM Stephen Hill** I used experience to overcome the usability obstacles.. Having identified that there seemed to be similarities between what the application was trying to do and mind mapping I was able to apply to principles that I have learned in the past.
- 6:57:15 PM Markus Gärtner** so, you found the application rather easy to use, stephen?

- 6:57:37 PM Markus Gärtner** I'm not sure on my part, as I experienced some connection drops which were more annoying to me :>
- 6:58:00 PM Stephen Hill** The application was not easy to use, but it was easy to see how the principles could be applied.
- 6:58:18 PM Markus Gärtner** principles of the app or principles of your testing?
- 6:58:45 PM Stephen Hill** What I took to be the principles of the application.
- 6:58:57 PM Markus Gärtner** so, your model at the time, ok
- 6:59:07 PM Stephen Hill** That's right.
- 6:59:40 PM Markus Gärtner** did you report the annoying things that you tried to ignore as bugs, or just leave them as they were?
- 7:00:24 PM Daniel Billing** left them
- 7:00:35 PM Stephen Hill** I've reported one of them as a bug in Bug Repository but I have not really got enough of a handle on the others to report properly.
- 7:00:41 PM Daniel Billing** just wanted to explore
- 7:01:21 PM Markus Gärtner** I don't dare asking further about it :)
- 7:01:35 PM Markus Gärtner** any further questions to the things from stephen and daniel?
- 7:02:08 PM Markus Gärtner** veronica, I think you mentioned you're not a tester right now. What were your experiences from the application?
- 7:02:30 PM Veronica** i found it very confusing
- 7:02:57 PM Markus Gärtner** what's the role/title you got right now?
- 7:03:27 PM Veronica** as im job role
- 7:03:32 PM Veronica** \*in
- 7:03:38 PM Markus Gärtner** yes
- 7:04:00 PM Veronica** well i work as a security officer for G4S
- 7:04:12 PM Markus Gärtner** ah, ok
- 7:04:20 PM Veronica** im looking to move in to testing
- 7:04:38 PM Stephen Hill** Well this is a great place to start Veronica!
- 7:04:38 PM Markus Gärtner** was this the first application you tested?
- 7:04:53 PM Veronica** today's one lol

- 7:04:56 PM Markus Gärtner** absolutely, we even got 12yo attending in that past :)
- 7:05:18 PM Markus Gärtner** ah, ok, so, your first experience with testing went how? :)
- 7:07:26 PM Veronica** i have tester my when applications when i was at university but we only touch on it a little. Today's experience was ok, i for the usually errors such as the registration one easy to spot, but I think if I started the same time as other people I would have got more from it
- 7:08:12 PM Markus Gärtner** yeah, that could be true
- 7:09:12 PM Stephen Hill** What about the job Cohere is trying to do? Do you have any experience with that sort of product, Veronica?
- 7:09:29 PM Veronica** I've never had to test something in such a limited amount of time before so I just felt it was all rushed
- 7:10:20 PM Markus Gärtner** I think when I recall my first WT session, testing felt a bit rushed back then as well
- 7:10:36 PM Veronica** No really, i think its more of a social networking site on a different scale
- 7:11:24 PM Daniel Billing** I have found my work/social networking has increased exponentially recently
- 7:11:28 PM Stephen Hill** So how did you go about doing the testing? I test things to very tight timescales all the time but somehow Weekend Testing seems far more intense and a slightly different approach is called for.
- 7:12:25 PM Stephen Hill** For example, you don't have time to sit reading documents and then think carefully about all the tests you are going to run, the order you are going to run them in and how they might affect each other.
- 7:12:59 PM eusebiu blindu** Its good to have this meetings BTW. We can learn common ideas, feelings for an application and stuff
- 7:13:14 PM Daniel Billing** I'd agree with that Sebi
- 7:13:15 PM Veronica** Well i didnt have test plan, i just tested as i went along, like a normal user would
- 7:13:24 PM eusebiu blindu** Maybe we can do audio to practice our voices? :)
- 7:13:41 PM Daniel Billing** User is king/queen really :)
- 7:13:44 PM Stephen Hill** Yes I agree too Sebi.
- 7:13:59 PM Markus Gärtner** do audio?
- 7:15:09 PM eusebiu blindu** Well maybe one session just for test

**7:15:31 PM Stephen Hill** Veronica although you did not have a written down test plan, I'll bet in your mind you were going through the sequence of the program. It is the same process; none of us would have thought of it as a test plan, but a plan it is!!! :-)

**7:16:37 PM Stephen Hill** It would be interesting actually Marcus to use audio but I sincerely hope my internet connection (and yours) holds up to it!!!

**7:16:42 PM Veronica** yes I guess so, I guess we all test without thinking

**7:17:11 PM Markus Gärtner** I hope not :)

**7:17:14 PM eusebiu blindu** :)

**7:17:24 PM Stephen Hill** :-)

**7:17:33 PM Markus Gärtner** I hope most testers actually think :)

**7:17:48 PM eusebiu blindu** Yes. I hope too :)

**7:18:23 PM Daniel Billing** yes, without thinking, we'd be robots or some other nasty creature

**7:18:24 PM Markus Gärtner** I think for a voice chat, we would need to investigate into skype plugins for voice recording

**7:18:40 PM Stephen Hill** I think this is where sometimes misunderstandings about what Exploratory Testing actually embodies come from.

**7:18:57 PM Daniel Billing** now im freelance Stephen, I hope to go to SIGIST more often

**7:18:59 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, sebi didn't report on his own, do you want to continue?

**7:19:08 PM Daniel Billing** ive only had one firm who has been willing to send me

**7:19:18 PM Veronica** what is SIGIST about?

**7:19:41 PM Daniel Billing** its a forum for testers to hear lectures, join in some workshops etc

**7:19:50 PM Stephen Hill** To an outsider or a very new tester it looks like chaos and as if we don't really think and plan what we are doing. Actually, of course, we are thinking very carefully about it.

**7:19:54 PM eusebiu blindu** @Markus Do you mean I should report my findings?

**7:20:45 PM Markus Gärtner** yes, please

**7:21:00 PM Veronica** @ stephen is it worth me having a look or is it just to confusing

**7:21:52 PM Stephen Hill** Veronica SIGIST is a conference which occurs quarterly at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in Regents Park, London. The next one is in October and topics cover all aspects of testing. Have a look at <http://www.bcs.org/server.php?show=nav.9262> for more info.

**7:22:18 PM Markus Gärtner** quarterly?

**7:22:19 PM eusebiu blindu** Well my focus went fast to the purpose of the application. I think it was created by some dev guys that wanted to hit another jackpot. It looked based on wiki pages principles, or youtube "Related Videos " principle.

**7:22:35 PM eusebiu blindu** At least it was what I though

**7:22:45 PM Markus Gärtner** hahaha

**7:22:46 PM Stephen Hill** Oops sorry "quarterly"...

**7:23:05 PM eusebiu blindu** and they failed to make it usable. although it was a pretty good try

**7:23:09 PM eusebiu blindu** and can be improved

**7:23:17 PM Markus Gärtner** yeah, right, but a quarterly conference on testing? how come we don't have something here? :)

**7:23:22 PM Daniel Billing** its a lot of fun, although ive found some workshops to be hit and miss

**7:23:38 PM Daniel Billing** last time I went, TCL did a great James Bond themed testing event

**7:23:49 PM Markus Gärtner** so, the idea seems to be good, sebi?

**7:23:51 PM Veronica** is it free

**7:24:03 PM Daniel Billing** sadly not, its about £100

**7:24:20 PM Stephen Hill** £115 for non BCS members but well worth the effort to go down.

**7:24:29 PM Veronica** oh :(

**7:24:29 PM eusebiu blindu** [7:21:51 PM] Stephen Hill: Veronica SIGIST is a conference which occurs quarterly at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in Regents Park, London. The next one is in October and topics cover all aspects of testing. Have a look at <http://www.bcs.org/server.php?show=nav.9262> for more info.

«< Are Obstretricians and Gynaecologysts some actual testers? :)

**7:24:40 PM Daniel Billing** LOL

**7:24:44 PM Veronica** lol

**7:24:53 PM eusebiu blindu** input and output testers i guess :P

**7:25:15 PM Veronica** lol

**7:25:15 PM Stephen Hill** Ha ha ha!!! There are lots of jokes about prodding and poking things.

- 7:25:54 PM Daniel Billing** i was surprised about the choice of location last time I went, but it is a great venue
- 7:26:10 PM Daniel Billing** chap called James Whittaker spoke there when I went last, very good speaker
- 7:26:21 PM eusebiu blindu** I can imagine its a great venue :)
- 7:26:48 PM Stephen Hill** James is excellent. I think he is going to be there in September actually.
- 7:26:58 PM Daniel Billing** well, then I shall be going
- 7:27:07 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, let me bring the discussion back on-topic, maybe :>
- 7:27:19 PM Daniel Billing** sorry Markus (blush)
- 7:27:22 PM Stephen Hill** Sorry Markus.
- 7:27:30 PM Markus Gärtner** so, we all experienced a bad application, but the idea is worthwhile or not?
- 7:27:40 PM Daniel Billing** yes :)
- 7:27:45 PM Stephen Hill** It is definitely worthwhile.
- 7:28:21 PM eusebiu blindu** Well I think so. Maybe we were used to "fun" applications till now and this looked more like our daily jobs type :)
- 7:28:55 PM eusebiu blindu** I think motivation in this case is an important factor
- 7:29:03 PM Veronica** it is all very serious
- 7:29:41 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, well intended, but poorly implemented
- 7:29:42 PM eusebiu blindu** probably being more people involved made it more to follow, because I wouldn't have spent time on my own if I found it by chance
- 7:30:18 PM Stephen Hill** Motivation is always an important factor in good testing.
- 7:30:36 PM eusebiu blindu** Yeah. Any good tips on motivation anyone? :)
- 7:30:59 PM Stephen Hill** Yes I think the implementation is poor though the idea is certainly sound.
- 7:31:00 PM Daniel Billing** Stephen, you have a point there, I hated testing an app I worked on at Capita...for Housing ...but I loved testing an app to do with Crime Scene Investigation!
- 7:31:07 PM Daniel Billing** for Northgate
- 7:31:33 PM Markus Gärtner** at this point, I might want to raise the topic that we publish the chat transcript later :)

- 7:31:35 PM Stephen Hill** And do you think you did a better job testing the Capita or CSI app?
- 7:31:44 PM Daniel Billing** yes
- 7:31:46 PM Markus Gärtner** so in case you want to edit or remove any message, go now :)
- 7:31:59 PM Daniel Billing** csi
- 7:32:00 PM Daniel Billing** sorry
- 7:32:03 PM eusebiu blindu** Daniel do you have clearance to mention that? :)
- 7:32:18 PM Daniel Billing** nothing sensitive mentioned...
- 7:33:13 PM Markus Gärtner** ok, taking a look on the clock, our time seems to be up.
- 7:33:31 PM Markus Gärtner** I hope you enjoyed the session, maybe not for the application, but more for the discussion
- 7:33:44 PM Daniel Billing** its been great Markus, thankyou
- 7:33:56 PM Stephen Hill** Sebi raises an interesting point about the fact we were testing as a group. I think group dynamics has a big part to play in all this.
- 7:33:58 PM eusebiu blindu** Yes it was good to have the meeting
- 7:34:20 PM Stephen Hill** Thank you Markus it has been a great session - and thank you everyone else too for a most enjoyable discussion.
- 7:34:32 PM Veronica** Yes I enjoyed it, hopefully I will be here next week on time
- 7:34:51 PM Markus Gärtner** please, feel free to spread the word about your experience and maybe get new participants in here
- 7:35:10 PM Markus Gärtner** so, feel free to blog about it, share among your colleagues, etc.
- 7:35:12 PM Daniel Billing** I will certainly do my best
- 7:35:21 PM Markus Gärtner** hope to see you all next week
- 7:35:50 PM Stephen Hill** I'll do a write-up in the usual place. Sorry, I won't be able to attend for the next couple of weekends as I'll be away.
- 7:36:52 PM Markus Gärtner** see you all
- 7:36:56 PM Daniel Billing** BYE
- 7:37:03 PM Veronica** bye
- 7:37:15 PM Stephen Hill** Bye!!!
- 7:37:25 PM eusebiu blindu** Thanks for meeting. Bye (wave)