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[12:55:01 AM] *** European Weekend Testers added Mike Scott ***

[12:55:06 AM] *** European Weekend Testers added Darren McMillan ***

[12:55:08 AM] *** European Weekend Testers added eusebiu blindu ***

[12:55:11 AM] *** European Weekend Testers added Erkan__Yilmaz ***

[12:55:18 AM] *** European Weekend Testers added Markus Gärtner ***

[12:55:31 AM] European Weekend Testers: Hello Everyone, Welcome

[12:55:45 AM] European Weekend Testers: to WeekNight Testing Session No. 02

[12:55:51 AM] eusebiu blindu: Hi All

[12:55:52 AM] European Weekend Testers: #WNTesting

[12:55:56 AM] Markus Gärtner: Hi everyone

[12:56:30 AM] European Weekend Testers: This is Ajay Balamurugadas, your co-facilitator. Mike Scott will lead the session.

[12:56:40 AM] European Weekend Testers: Hey Markus, Sebi.

[12:56:57 AM] *** European Weekend Testers added Anand Ramdeo ***

[12:57:03 AM] European Weekend Testers: Hi Anand.

[12:57:24 AM] European Weekend Testers: Welcome to WNTesting's second session

[12:57:24 AM] Mike Scott: Good evening and welcome to Week Night Testing session 2.

[12:58:30 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Hi Everyone.

[12:59:35 AM] Mike Scott: Hi everyone. Whose online?

[12:59:44 AM] Markus Gärtner: <-- !

[12:59:53 AM] eusebiu blindu: me

[12:59:54 AM] eusebiu blindu: :)

[12:59:57 AM] eusebiu blindu: eusebiu blindu

[1:00:11 AM] Mike Scott: Hi Markus still in hotels?

[1:00:12 AM] European Weekend Testers: and me too :) Ajay

[1:00:13 AM] Erkan__Yilmaz: Hi guys, sorry, but I won't participate today

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[1:00:21 AM] Markus Gärtner: Hotel works

[1:00:24 AM] Anand Ramdeo: And me :)

[1:00:32 AM] Mike Scott: Hi Anand

[1:00:39 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Will miss you Erkan.

[1:01:16 AM] Erkan__Yilmaz: well, don't bother about me, just start

[1:01:20 AM] Markus Gärtner: My name is Markus Gärtner, enjoy working for it-agile GmbH (<http://www.it-agile.de>), black-belt instructor in Miagi-do school, blog at <http://blog.shino.de>, Twitter: @mgaertne

[1:01:36 AM] Erkan__Yilmaz: Erkan__Yilmaz leaves chat

[1:03:13 AM] Anand Ramdeo: My name is Anand Ramdeo. Contracting with Channel-4 at the moment, but planning to work full time on my company Atlantis Software in near future. Write occasionally on my site TestingGeek.com and tweet as @testinggeek

[1:03:14 AM] European Weekend Testers: Ajay Balamurugadas, co-founder of WeekendTesting, brown belt student of Miagi-Do School of software testing, blog: www.enjoytesting.blogspot.com , twitter: @ajay184f

[1:03:37 AM] European Weekend Testers: Ah, testing geek

[1:03:40 AM] Markus Gärtner: no, you're European Weekend Testers, <http://www.weekendtesting.com>

[1:03:52 AM] European Weekend Testers: with the green default image

[1:04:02 AM] eusebiu blindu: My name is Eusebiu Blindu, working as a contractor, tester, have a blog at <http://www.testalways.com> , I tweet with @testalways

[1:04:05 AM] Mike Scott: Mike Scott mostly test automation with O/S tools. Also do some dev. Keep meaning to find MiagiDo school

Twitter: @MikeAScott

[1:04:30 AM] European Weekend Testers: So, I doubt if someone else would join us now. lets start

[1:04:47 AM] European Weekend Testers: this was quick, intro done in 4 mins :)

[1:04:58 AM] Mike Scott: OK we will be recording session and posting it so please keep it clean

[1:05:36 AM] Mike Scott: Its my first time facilitating so please be gentle with me :)

Fortunately for you Ajay will be in the background to help

[1:05:57 AM] European Weekend Testers: brb ;)

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[1:06:07 AM] Mike Scott: Mission for tonight (thanks Ajay)

[1:06:18 AM] Mike Scott: Site: www.text2mindmap.com

Mission: Test the site, make notes of your testing session in the form of a mindmap. Also note the bugs, issues found in your testing.

[1:07:47 AM] Mike Scott: Everyone OK with the mission

[1:08:02 AM] European Weekend Testers: how much time left?

[1:08:05 AM] Markus Gärtner: what happens if I say no now? :)

[1:08:13 AM] Markus Gärtner: where should I sent my notes?

[1:08:23 AM] eusebiu blindu: why should we send notes? :)

[1:08:33 AM] Mike Scott: Notes in the mind map see mission

[1:08:42 AM] Markus Gärtner: where do I put my map?

[1:08:48 AM] eusebiu blindu: and how about that raise you keep promising? When? :)

[1:09:13 AM] Anand Ramdeo: And what happened to the Keep it clean guys?

[1:09:15 AM] Anand Ramdeo: :)

[1:09:18 AM] Mike Scott: OK lets say you have 50 mins left OK

[1:09:33 AM] Markus Gärtner: what's the trap?

[1:09:55 AM] European Weekend Testers: Trap?

[1:10:02 AM | Edited 1:10:11 AM] European Weekend Testers: Do we have traps too?

[1:10:03 AM] Markus Gärtner: there's always a trap! :)

[1:10:28 AM] European Weekend Testers: Anyone pairing?

[1:10:42 AM] European Weekend Testers: What mindmap tools you use?

[1:10:51 AM] European Weekend Testers: i love freemind

[1:10:53 AM] Markus Gärtner: what's my mission? Shall I test the product, or try notestaking using mindmaps?

[1:11:16 AM] Mike Scott: Mission: Test the site, make notes of your testing session in the form of a mindmap. Also note the bugs, issues found in your testing.

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[1:11:59 AM | Edited 1:12:04 AM] European Weekend Testers: Anand, first time in weekendtesting session?

[1:12:00 AM] Markus Gärtner: any particular areas I should look deeper into?

[1:12:22 AM] European Weekend Testers: Markus, like?

[1:12:28 AM] Anand Ramdeo: No, I was in the last session as well and had fun exploring planitorium :)

[1:12:33 AM] European Weekend Testers: you mean quality criteria or feature set?

[1:12:42 AM] European Weekend Testers: Ah, ok.

[1:12:49 AM] Mike Scott: Is Darren on your being very quiet

[1:12:58 AM] European Weekend Testers: he's not in till now

[1:13:14 AM] European Weekend Testers: Sebi, you there?

[1:13:22 AM] eusebiu blindu: yes

[1:13:24 AM] European Weekend Testers: ok

[1:13:34 AM] Mike Scott: OK everyone started?

[1:15:34 AM] Markus Gärtner: are we interested in any particular area of Text2Mindmap?

[1:15:46 AM] Markus Gärtner: What's the format of the mindmap I shall deliver my notes in?

[1:16:20 AM] Anand Ramdeo: I have started - and using Freemind to create map of my testing session.

[1:16:27 AM] Mike Scott: Any format you like but may be good to use Text2MindMap to document testing?

[1:16:45 AM] Anand Ramdeo: I thought - but what if there is defect in that :)

[1:16:57 AM] European Weekend Testers: Ah, we will come to know

[1:17:15 AM] Markus Gärtner: not so good to make notes in text2mindmap

[1:17:23 AM] Markus Gärtner: To Do

Making it possible to save mind maps

[1:17:52 AM] European Weekend Testers: I think we can export as a png

[1:18:03 AM] Markus Gärtner: jpg, it seemed

[1:18:09 AM] European Weekend Testers: ah, ok

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[1:18:15 AM] Markus Gärtner: but copy&paste of the text also won't work, it seems

[1:18:21 AM] Markus Gärtner: another point on the to do list

[1:19:26 AM] European Weekend Testers: how much time left?

[1:20:03 AM] *** European Weekend Testers added annabaik ***

[1:20:09 AM] Mike Scott: 40 mins

[1:20:36 AM] Mike Scott: Hi Anna

[1:20:58 AM] European Weekend Testers: chat pasted in private

[1:21:14 AM] Mike Scott: Site: www.text2mindmap.com

Mission: Test the site, make notes of your testing session in the form of a mindmap. Also note the bugs, issues found in your testing.

[1:21:30 AM] eusebiu blindu: where do we store bugs?

[1:21:31 AM] annabaik: Hi folks, sorry, just got home

[1:21:38 AM] European Weekend Testers: mindmap

[1:21:55 AM] European Weekend Testers: Can we add links>?

[1:22:06 AM] European Weekend Testers: but then its just a jpg at the end

[1:22:59 AM] European Weekend Testers: Anand, any questions?

[1:23:09 AM] European Weekend Testers: Sebi, did I answer your question?

[1:23:27 AM] eusebiu blindu: nope

[1:23:53 AM] European Weekend Testers: [1:21 AM] eusebiu blindu:

<<< where do we store bugs? Mindmap created in www.text2mindmap.com

[1:24:13 AM] Markus Gärtner: interesting

[1:24:20 AM] eusebiu blindu: so we do a mindmap with info from testing mindmap?

[1:24:22 AM] Markus Gärtner: how do you solve the chicken & egg there? :)

[1:24:36 AM] European Weekend Testers: Eat your own dogfood style :)

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[1:24:45 AM] European Weekend Testers: yes Sebi.

[1:25:02 AM] Darren McMillan: hi all

[1:25:07 AM] Darren McMillan: sorry I'm a bit late

[1:25:15 AM] Mike Scott: Hi Anna you up and running??

[1:25:20 AM] eusebiu blindu: yeah I discovered a bug that crashes all instances

[1:25:25 AM] Mike Scott: Do you need the mission again

[1:25:27 AM] European Weekend Testers: mission pasted in private

[1:25:29 AM] eusebiu blindu: how do I deal with that?

[1:25:44 AM] eusebiu blindu: I will lose the mindmap :)

[1:25:47 AM] European Weekend Testers: multiple tabs - multiple instances :)

[1:25:55 AM] eusebiu blindu: yeah

[1:26:11 AM] eusebiu blindu: but the bug its crashing all the instances

[1:26:13 AM] European Weekend Testers: good tool, no signin required

[1:26:18 AM] eusebiu blindu: even my youtube videos

[1:26:23 AM] European Weekend Testers: nice

[1:26:47 AM] eusebiu blindu: perlclip 1 mil chars -> everything flash goes down

[1:27:10 AM] eusebiu blindu: on my machine

[1:27:24 AM] European Weekend Testers: Oh, So you are *the* tester my grandma warned of :)

[1:28:09 AM] European Weekend Testers: <http://cartoontester.blogspot.com/2010/01/how-to-spot-tester-in.html>

[1:28:11 AM] Darren McMillan: I gotta eat my dinner sadly as well :) So it'll be a 30min wonder session from me (no pressure on myself)

[1:28:34 AM] European Weekend Testers: you can do it Darren, mission is very simple ;)

[1:29:33 AM] Darren McMillan: I love mindmaps anyway so it should be fun

[1:29:35 AM] Mike Scott: You ok with the mission Darren?

[1:29:48 AM] Darren McMillan: more than ok Mike ;)

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[1:29:51 AM] annabaik: Do you want us to focus on any particular quality criteria Mike?

[1:30:09 AM] Mike Scott: Test the site, make notes of your testing session in the form of a mindmap. Also note the bugs, issues found in your testing.

[1:30:42 AM] Darren McMillan: first bug just from looking ;)

[1:30:42 AM] annabaik: Test the site for? Capability, reliability (Sebi's found a nice one there already :), usability?

[1:31:10 AM] eusebiu blindu: yeah but I also have the tool. but anyway...if you are Mike Scott then who is Andy Glover? And who is the guy from Star Trek? :)

[1:31:28 AM] European Weekend Testers:

http://thetesteye.com/posters/TheTestEye_SoftwareQualityCharacteristics.pdf

[1:31:35 AM] *** European Weekend Testers added Zeger Van Hese ***

[1:31:47 AM] European Weekend Testers: Sebi, its your turn to tease Zeger now

[1:31:58 AM] European Weekend Testers: 30 mins left

[1:32:02 AM] eusebiu blindu: I did today

[1:32:06 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Noooooooo

[1:32:13 AM | Edited 1:32:28 AM] eusebiu blindu: he doesn't work like before

[1:32:17 AM] Zeger Van Hese: ok guys, what do I have to test?

[1:32:19 AM] eusebiu blindu: when we hired him

[1:32:29 AM] Mike Scott: Hi Zeger glad you could make it

[1:33:04 AM] Mike Scott: Site: www.text2mindmap.com

Mission: Test the site, make notes of your testing session in the form of a mindmap. Also note the bugs, issues found in your testing.

[1:33:28 AM] Markus Gärtner: test

[1:33:52 AM | Edited 1:34:07 AM] eusebiu blindu: Zeger, you don't seem to have the same enthusiam as before and our company is cutting personel...so I have bad news...

[1:33:57 AM] Zeger Van Hese: "Test the site"?

[1:34:07 AM] Zeger Van Hese: can you be a little more specific?

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[1:34:19 AM] Darren McMillan: :)

[1:34:25 AM] Darren McMillan: just suck it up Zeger ;)

[1:34:41 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Hey, my enthousiasm is still soaring!

[1:35:12 AM] eusebiu blindu: ok then

[1:35:15 AM] Mike Scott: hOW WE ALL DOING?

[1:35:34 AM] annabaik: hmm, cut & paste doesn't seem to work too well for importing data

[1:35:34 AM] Mike Scott: Sorry keyboard not connected to brain

[1:36:02 AM] Mike Scott: Is that your bug report Anna?

[1:36:08 AM] European Weekend Testers: Anna, its a known issue - a to do task

[1:36:16 AM] eusebiu blindu: I thought is brain-finger failure

[1:36:40 AM] European Weekend Testers: *Beware of traps* & *focus on mission*

[1:36:47 AM] annabaik: Is it? "Better copy & paste" doesn't really tell me much about what's to do

[1:36:47 AM] eusebiu blindu: aha

[1:36:48 AM] Zeger Van Hese: so, do we look for bugs, specifically? Usability?... Or do we just explore the app and record our remarks?

[1:36:58 AM] Markus Gärtner: how am I doing on time?

[1:37:07 AM] European Weekend Testers: 23 mins left

[1:38:00 AM] European Weekend Testers: <http://www.satisfice.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/et-dynamics22.pdf>

[1:38:17 AM] European Weekend Testers: Anand - any questions?

[1:38:42 AM] European Weekend Testers: ok

[1:38:49 AM] European Weekend Testers: just wanted to make sure u r online

[1:39:08 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Noep.. Just a suggestion if you haven't spotted already - use colour by branch to organize your testing notes in this tool

[1:39:12 AM] Anand Ramdeo: nice feature

[1:40:01 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Hellooo? Can anybodya answer my mission questions before I even start testing? :)

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[1:40:55 AM] eusebiu blindu: I guess is about to you

[1:41:13 AM] Mike Scott: ok 20 MINS LEFT

[1:41:34 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Explore the app and record your finding in a mindmap is what I am doing :)

[1:42:07 AM] European Weekend Testers: any mindmap tool you are using Anand or text2mindmap itself

[1:44:24 AM] Anand Ramdeo: I started using freemind, but shifted to text2mindmap and I am bit affraid now

[1:44:40 AM] Anand Ramdeo: My map is freezed, my text is fine so making a copy to be on the safer side :)

[1:45:29 AM] eusebiu blindu: Full Screen functionality is not working for me

[1:46:54 AM] Mike Scott: OK 15 mins left (got caps lock figured now :))

[1:49:14 AM] Mike Scott: How we all doing?

[1:50:39 AM] Mike Scott: Is anyone there or have you all blown up by pasting 1 mill chars into mindmap?

[1:50:57 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Never expected to arrive home to bump into another deadline

[1:51:06 AM] Markus Gärtner: you can just copy the contents of this chat there

[1:51:38 AM] Anand Ramdeo: And it will freeze your map and convert it into something extremely complex artwork

[1:51:56 AM] European Weekend Testers: [1:50 AM] Zeger Van Hese:

<<< Never expected to arrive home to bump into another deadlinelol

[1:52:40 AM] Mike Scott: Just tried that Markus... not pretty

[1:52:40 AM] Markus Gärtner: there are deadlines and real deadlines

[1:53:16 AM] Zeger Van Hese: this feels real, MArkus

[1:53:24 AM] Zeger Van Hese: sweaty palms and all

[1:53:28 AM] Anand Ramdeo: I heard somewhere, you can always cross dead lines, they are dead anyways

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[1:53:38 AM] Zeger Van Hese: And Romanian guys giving me a hard time

[1:53:46 AM] eusebiu blindu: ha ha

[1:53:47 AM] eusebiu blindu: !

[1:55:08 AM] Markus Gärtner: I am sure I found at least one bug which noone of you will be aware of :)

[1:55:11 AM] Zeger Van Hese: ooooooh you can make conceptual art with this thing!

[1:55:32 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Markus! Have,'t you learned?

[1:55:35 AM] Zeger Van Hese: "I'm sure"

[1:55:39 AM] Zeger Van Hese: "Noone"

[1:55:55 AM] Zeger Van Hese: tsss

[1:55:59 AM] European Weekend Testers: The old battle continues ;)

[1:56:06 AM] Markus Gärtner: try the following: (this is not it) hold down your mouse, move the mindmap out of the window, release the mouse button, tap left-click into the window quickly, your map is gone

[1:56:10 AM] Mike Scott: 5 minutes

[1:56:30 AM] Markus Gärtner: oh, you can get it back through full screen

[1:56:47 AM] Markus Gärtner: let me rephrase that, zeger

[1:57:00 AM] Markus Gärtner: I bet none of you found the bug that I found

[1:57:54 AM] Zeger Van Hese: that's better :)

[1:59:08 AM] Markus Gärtner: and one million charcters won't buy you a insight

[1:59:14 AM] Markus Gärtner: try at least 2147483649 characters

[2:00:11 AM] Mike Scott: OK 2 mins to go time to start making those maps really pretty

[2:01:07 AM] Mike Scott: TIME UP

[2:01:09 AM] Markus Gärtner: for anyone having tracked their notes in text2mindmap, don't click on "What is this?" or "About"

[2:01:14 AM] Mike Scott: time to ship

[2:01:20 AM] eusebiu blindu: I did very poor mindmap

[2:01:23 AM] Markus Gärtner: how do you want it?

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[2:01:30 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Time to report - Not ship. It's already shipped

[2:01:37 AM] eusebiu blindu: but I saw some very good a WT session before

[2:01:44 AM] Mike Scott: ok please can you make notes offline for next couple of mins

[2:01:56 AM] Markus Gärtner: I can

[2:01:56 AM] European Weekend Testers: for discussion

[2:02:01 AM] Markus Gärtner: shall I? :)

[2:02:34 AM] Mike Scott: Markus you already with notes?

[2:02:48 AM] Darren McMillan: that was a very quick 30mins for me :P

[2:03:00 AM] Darren McMillan: felt under pressure a little

[2:03:28 AM] Mike Scott: Notes offline then paste please

[2:04:32 AM] Markus Gärtner: here's my result: <http://twitpic.com/3g8bt7>

[2:04:44 AM] Anand Ramdeo: My notes are in the mindmap - can we not share exported maps?

[2:05:40 AM] Darren McMillan: My map <http://bettertesting.co.uk/content/uploads/Text%20%20Mind%20Map.jpg>

[2:05:41 AM] Mike Scott: Can you send source text or twitpic image

[2:06:02 AM] Darren McMillan: or should I say results :)

[2:06:08 AM] eusebiu blindu: wow

[2:06:17 AM] Darren McMillan: 30 mins baby ;)

[2:06:40 AM] eusebiu blindu: I will not even show mine

[2:06:56 AM] eusebiu blindu: because the 2 mindmaps are intimidating

[2:07:07 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Good one... yes they are. :)

[2:07:09 AM] Darren McMillan: nice stuff Markus

[2:07:28 AM] Mike Scott: Did anyone notetake in Text2Map?

[2:07:29 AM | Edited 2:07:36 AM] European Weekend Testers: Sebi, yours must be definitely better than mine

[2:07:36 AM] eusebiu blindu: no

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[2:07:42 AM] Markus Gärtner: I'm glad I didn't, mike

[2:07:44 AM] Darren McMillan: I didn't

[2:07:47 AM] Anand Ramdeo: I did..

[2:07:54 AM] Markus Gärtner: otherwise when I clicked "About" it would have been gone

[2:08:25 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Testing Ideas

JS disabled

Depth of tree

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

Width of tree

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

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Combination of width & Depth

1

a

b

c

d

e

f

2

a

c

b

d

3

4

5

6

7

Diff combination of names

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jkjhjhgfhgkjhgkj

jkadhs hkdhsf kjhdslkhlk dfhgkhdlsk gkldhgkhdslkgfhkld gksdhgklshdlkghkfldhgk djhgksdhgkl
fhdkghldskhfgj

Same node name

a

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a

a

a

a

Defects

JS disabled mode is not working

Display is not proper - not all the nodes of the tree are visible

Full screen mode is not allowing me to edit map

From the indentation point of view, defects and test ideas are at the same level and should be treated as two roots, but defect is treated as child

Increasing font size is not increasing line and so distorting the map

Colour of the branch is confusing little bit - giving same colour to different branches

Okay on last operation, map is freezed - gave me an error message and messed my map because of bigger map size

[2:08:48 AM] European Weekend Testers: Interesting

[2:08:49 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Formatting is all gone from Skype :(

[2:09:03 AM] Markus Gärtner: the interesting thing I noticed, was, that when I entered umlats like ä the text field showed a promise sign

[2:09:13 AM] European Weekend Testers: upload on twitpic or blog

[2:09:20 AM] European Weekend Testers: or just share here

[2:09:21 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Will upload pics on twitpic

[2:09:25 AM] European Weekend Testers: ok

[2:10:29 AM] Mike Scott: Anna?

[2:10:32 AM] Markus Gärtner: didn't take a closer look on line depth, etc.

[2:10:37 AM] eusebiu blindu: <http://yfrog.com/h0f7mcj> from skype chat

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[2:10:53 AM] Markus Gärtner: when seeing Darren's, I maybe should have done so :)

[2:11:26 AM] Mike Scott: Yes Sebi I also tried that not pretty

[2:11:35 AM | Edited 2:11:52 AM] Darren McMillan: JS disabled I saw in the source some JS dependencies, good test Anand :) I'd have thought they'd present a warning page at least though

[2:11:39 AM] annabaik: Gah - just had a quick look at twitpic - I'll share here. Their front page is showing up at some massive default size, taking forever to scroll around for links

[2:12:09 AM] eusebiu blindu: How did you all got the nice stuff?

[2:12:35 AM] Markus Gärtner: nice for whom?

[2:12:39 AM] Anand Ramdeo: <http://twitpic.com/3g8dks> - My notes are not pretty :(

[2:13:11 AM] Darren McMillan: :)

[2:13:35 AM] eusebiu blindu: @Markus yours and Darren's

[2:14:04 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Couple of more images to come guys - mostly bad maps :)

[2:14:04 AM] Markus Gärtner: nice for whom? :)

[2:14:09 AM] Mike Scott: OK major bugs?

[2:14:11 AM] Darren McMillan: To be honest I used what was in my head, I felt really pressured coming in late & having 30mins to do this. If I did this again I would have took 5 mins out to consider a proper approach to testing this

[2:14:45 AM] Markus Gärtner: I started off with the feature tour to see what is there, and help me reach a mental model of the application

[2:14:56 AM] Markus Gärtner: then I did come up with some charters, which I then ran through

[2:15:13 AM] Markus Gärtner: the first one already struck me with stuff based upon foreign characters and umlauts, etc.

[2:15:14 AM] Anand Ramdeo: <http://twitpic.com/3g8ebt> - one more

[2:16:13 AM] Anand Ramdeo: And last one - <http://twitpic.com/3g8ejh>.

[2:17:03 AM | Edited by European Weekend Testers, 2:17:11 AM] Mike Scott: Thanks Anand.

[2:18:00 AM] Darren McMillan: Major bugs for me would be as follows:

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1. Flash is a major disadvantage to accessibility, they have a chance here to do something nice for accessible users with text to mind mapping.
2. Undo doesn't work. Imagine losing all your map by a simple mistake & then not being able to undo
3. Links don't open in new windows, losing all changes to your map
4. Doesn't handle depth, nodes lost or appearing as blanks

[2:18:05 AM] Markus Gärtner: alright, shall we go into a discussion?

[2:18:21 AM] Mike Scott: Ajay did you have anything?

[2:18:41 AM] Zeger Van Hese: i have some notes to share too (for my meagre 15 minutes o' test, that is

[2:18:44 AM] European Weekend Testers: No, I did not test

[2:18:51 AM] Markus Gärtner: depth? until which level did you try, darren?

[2:18:55 AM] Mike Scott: Yes please Zeger

[2:19:24 AM] annabaik: Hmm, I don't seem to be able to share a file here

[2:19:34 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Ok, came in way too late and got the mission.

I asked to clarify the mission a couple of times but there was no real reaction from the mission-giver :)

- Decided to go for exploring to learn about the application first,

see what it does without hunting for something specific or targeting specific areas

- I checked the about and what is this pages first, only to find that there was little information there

- I decided to first make regular use of the app and started making an indented text in notepad, without actually being aware that you could directly enter and indent things in the site

(don't know why I assumed it was a paste - or import site)

discovered that a text indented in notepad doesn't transfer well when pasting it into text2mindmap

indentation lost. I suspect this can be the case with texts from other applications too

- I then made text directly in the app and that was ok for me, for regular use, that is.

- moving the nodes by hand results in smoothly moving nodes all around - hard to track where other (not clicked) nodes are going to end up after move - they live a life on their own

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My - very small, 15 minute - mindmap: <http://imgur.com/7vahR.jpg>

Major take-away:

mission was not too clear - was focus on testing (and if yes, testing what and why) or on the notetaking in a mindmap?

was it a testing exercise or a mapping exercise?

Any way... i liked mapping in freemind while testing, haven't done that before

[2:19:40 AM] Darren McMillan: I did a quick test I'd have to retrace it, you can see on the screenshot in my map I pasted an image of a node appearing blank under a certain depth

[2:19:47 AM] Anand Ramdeo: One major issue for me was not able to recognize two root nodes.

[2:20:26 AM] European Weekend Testers: [2:19 AM] Zeger Van Hese:

<<< track where other (not clicked) nodes are going to end up after move - they live a life on their own there is the freeze option which takes care of this.

[2:20:45 AM] annabaik: I found issues with the freeze option

[2:21:10 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Yes, it was after certain number of nodes in the tree

[2:21:12 AM] annabaik: If you click to another workspace (to check the Skype chat!) and return, map no longer frozen

[2:21:45 AM] Mike Scott: OK comments on the mission?

[2:21:47 AM] European Weekend Testers: [2:21 AM] annabaik:

<<< If you click to another workspace (to check the Skype chat!) and return, map no longer frozen Nice

[2:22:09 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Another issue for me was the way line and font sizes were not related. Increasing size for one of them can potentially make your map unusable.

[2:22:12 AM] annabaik: You were very cagey about clarifying it more: was this a trap?

[2:22:28 AM] Zeger Van Hese: ho-ho, didn't even see the hints section!! Didn't see there was anything lower - goes to show that you should put away valuable info at the bottom of a scrollable web page :)

[2:22:50 AM] Mike Scott: Just wanted to give you maximum scope to test :)

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[2:23:29 AM] annabaik: :)

[2:23:37 AM] Zeger Van Hese: i had the impression you were ignoring my questions, Mike. Sniff.

[2:24:07 AM] Mike Scott: Sorry Zeger we clarified all that stuiff at the start :)

[2:24:36 AM] Zeger Van Hese: ... correction of previous line:

[2:22 AM] Zeger Van Hese:

<<< goes to show that you should put away valuable info at the bottom of a scrollable web page
SHOULDN'T

[2:24:47 AM] Mike Scott: OK 35 mins left for discussion

[2:24:58 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Also, changing colour option was also not perfect - I had many branches
ad changing colour scheme to branches resulted in duplicate colour for some branches.

[2:25:00 AM] Zeger Van Hese: ah ok Mike. No hard feelings then :)

[2:25:19 AM] eusebiu blindu: Its a little unpleasant to use it for me

[2:25:28 AM] eusebiu blindu: I don't know why really

[2:25:40 AM] eusebiu blindu: but its encouraging to see nice final products

[2:25:49 AM] European Weekend Testers: Sebi has the 'Blink' feeling here. :)

[2:25:52 AM] eusebiu blindu: like the mindmaps I saw

[2:25:56 AM] Mike Scott: OK first off was it useful to mindmap your session?

[2:25:56 AM] Darren McMillan: Zeger, right click on old messages in Skype lets you fix typos (server side)
so everyone gets your changes

[2:26:18 AM] eusebiu blindu: What is the "Blink" feeling? :) Is it the term from James Bach?

[2:26:39 AM] annabaik: Ah - here's my map: <http://www.softwaretestingclub.com/profiles/blogs/just-in-the-middle-of-my-first>

[2:27:06 AM] Zeger Van Hese: [2:25 AM] Darren McMillan:

<<< Zeger, right click on old messages in Skype lets you fix typos (server side) so everyone gets your
changesReally? Today I learned that you can edit your old skype message to fix typos (server side) #TIL

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[2:27:10 AM] Zeger Van Hese: thx!

[2:27:12 AM] Zeger Van Hese: :)

[2:27:14 AM] European Weekend Testers: Blink - book by Malcolm Gladwell

[2:27:21 AM] eusebiu blindu: aaah

[2:27:22 AM] eusebiu blindu: yeah

[2:27:36 AM] Mike Scott: Nice one Anna ()thats the best I've seen with Test2MindMap

[2:27:37 AM] annabaik: I did find it useful, but I found the app frustrating to use, each time you update, I had to rearrange the nodes so I could see what was happening. The point of a mindmap for me is the visual feedback. This really gets in the way of that for me. Enough so that I missed recording some bugs as I was struggling with the app.

[2:27:45 AM] Darren McMillan: Mike to be honest I find it much easier to work with mind maps for anything. Helps clarify my thoughts & is easy to retain information & coverage this way

[2:28:10 AM] Anand Ramdeo: I agree with Anna

[2:28:19 AM] eusebiu blindu: We should convince btw Malcolm Gladwell to become also a tester :)

[2:28:25 AM | Edited 2:28:36 AM] Darren McMillan: A clever person would have a testing mind map template with everything they would do in a generic session, I'll have to remeber & do that next time ;)

[2:28:45 AM] Markus Gärtner: from a usability point of view, I missed colapsing nodes

[2:28:46 AM | Edited 2:29:14 AM] annabaik: Darren - my cunning plan was to paste in the criteria from the HTSM

[2:28:53 AM] Zeger Van Hese: I think Malcolm is too busy being a popular science dude

[2:29:28 AM] Mike Scott: What about otherpeoples maps from a reporting point of view?

[2:29:29 AM] Markus Gärtner: htsm?

[2:29:39 AM] Darren McMillan: ahh nice idea Anna ;)

[2:29:43 AM] annabaik: ...but of course, cut & paste wasn't too great. Foiled!

[2:29:53 AM] Zeger Van Hese: heuristic test strategy model?

[2:30:06 AM] Markus Gärtner: ah, k

[2:30:13 AM] Darren McMillan: test eye have a nice one

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[2:30:43 AM] Anand Ramdeo: What advantage you have using map over normal textpad for taking notes?

[2:31:07 AM] annabaik: HTSM: <http://www.satisfice.com/tools/satisfice-tsm-4p.pdf>

[2:31:28 AM] Darren McMillan: To many to go into Anand.

I'd suggest reading this to see how powerful mindmapping can be
<http://www.bettertesting.co.uk/content/?p=253>

[2:31:53 AM] Darren McMillan: Another example of exploiting the power of mind maps
<http://www.bettertesting.co.uk/content/?p=385>

[2:32:10 AM] Markus Gärtner: they are great - in context :)

[2:32:12 AM] annabaik: I find the visual feedback very useful - I can see the whole of my testing at a glance, and see where I've gone into more depth, and where I haven't.

[2:32:18 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Darren is on a plugging spree :) But you're right - great examples!

[2:32:26 AM] Mike Scott: For recording mindmap vs rapidreporter ?

[2:32:37 AM] Markus Gärtner: bb test assist :)

[2:32:39 AM] Darren McMillan: Markus here is the HTSM from The Test Eye
http://thetesteye.com/posters/TheTestEye_SoftwareQualityCharacteristics.pdf

[2:32:42 AM] Darren McMillan: it's very good

[2:33:06 AM] Darren McMillan: thanks Zeger ;)

[2:33:13 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Thanks for the links :)

[2:34:04 AM] Markus Gärtner: i know that one :)

[2:34:24 AM] Markus Gärtner: just the abbr. was not something that popped directly into my head

[2:34:33 AM] Zeger Van Hese: As a potential drawback of mm vs RR, i can see the reporting part. Or are mindmaps well equipped for that too?

[2:35:20 AM] Anand Ramdeo: If we have option to colour code the node

[2:35:24 AM] Markus Gärtner: freemind let's you export to html as well

[2:36:42 AM] Markus Gärtner: so, what could be the advantage from text based reports like rapid reporter over mindmaps?

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[2:36:46 AM] Markus Gärtner: and vice versa?

[2:36:52 AM] annabaik: On 15/12/2010, at 21:03, Zeger Van Hese wrote:

> As a potential drawback of mm vs RR, i can see the reporting part. Or are mindmaps well equipped for that too?

I haven't used Rapid Reporter. Who would be looking at the reports, and what information would they want to get from them?

[2:36:55 AM] Darren McMillan: Albert Gareev would have really enjoyed this session, he's a huge fan of mind mapping as well.

[2:36:55 AM | Edited 2:36:58 AM] Markus Gärtner: what about session debriefs?

[2:36:58 AM] eusebiu blindu: I think its a tool for creative people in the first place

[2:37:14 AM] Zeger Van Hese: i think the reports are mainly for yourself to help the debrief?

[2:37:25 AM] Mike Scott: Anand you still there?

[2:37:43 AM | Edited 2:37:53 AM] Darren McMillan: I guess people like spreadsheets, management types more so

[2:37:50 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Yes.. I am :)

[2:37:55 AM] eusebiu blindu: If you are familiar with creating diagrams and power point presentations or similar, you would use it more effective, also you would say what the tool can do

[2:37:57 AM] European Weekend Testers: [2:36 AM] Markus Gärtner:

<<< what about session debriefs????

[2:38:10 AM] Mike Scott: Keep seeing your pencil then it stops

[2:38:22 AM] Markus Gärtner: is debriefing easier to do with a pile of paper or with a graphical representation?

[2:38:53 AM] Anand Ramdeo: What about the transferrability of these notes? Is it easier to transfer in RR or maps? What would you understand better?

[2:39:02 AM] Zeger Van Hese: [2:37 AM] Markus Gärtner:

<<< is debriefing easier to do with a pile of paper or with a graphical representation? Depends on your reporting style i guess

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[2:39:07 AM] European Weekend Testers: I love the graphical way. It helps to connect things easily and better retention.

[2:39:08 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Yes, I start reading instead of typing :)

[2:39:31 AM] Markus Gärtner: what strikes me at times is, that I start to see something new, and want to incorporate it into my map, and don't know where

[2:39:51 AM] European Weekend Testers: Miscellaneous

[2:40:17 AM] *** Markus Gärtner has changed the conversation topic to "WNT02 - Free your mind" ***

[2:40:34 AM] annabaik: Currently we record testing sessions using Session Tester - the benefit of that is that it's easy to search the directory the session files are in for key words if I want to find a previous session to see what we did last time. Strikes me that mindmaps are harder to search that way?

[2:40:45 AM] Zeger Van Hese: "free your text2mind"

[2:40:46 AM] Mike Scott: Is that a plug can we get this sessiing sponsersed?

[2:40:50 AM] Markus Gärtner: and the information when I ran which test is probably lost after the session in a mindmap

[2:41:19 AM] Anand Ramdeo: So using MM makes us think more when we are taking notes as opposed to text because you need to think where information should be added. Is it a drawback or can be useful?

[2:41:33 AM] Markus Gärtner: it's a title I just made up :)

[2:41:42 AM] annabaik: On 15/12/2010, at 21:08, Markus Gärtner wrote:

> what strikes me at times is, that I start to see something new, and want to incorporate it into my map, and don't know where

What do you do in that case? Put it somewhere and move it later? Make a decision and leave it there?

[2:41:42 AM] Mike Scott: Good point Anand. Comments anyone?

[2:41:46 AM] Zeger Van Hese: yes, "searchability" of mindmaps seems problematic

[2:42:12 AM] Markus Gärtner: but you could annotate that with pictures

[2:42:18 AM] Markus Gärtner: but then you still have to open all of them

[2:42:46 AM] eusebiu blindu: you mean searchability for your own map items?

[2:43:10 AM] Zeger Van Hese: searchability for terms, keywords, bugs

[2:43:20 AM] eusebiu blindu: or maps in twitpic?

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[2:43:23 AM] Markus Gärtner: did anyone find out, what "Replace current map" does?

[2:43:37 AM] Darren McMillan: Here is an example of the planning for our feature teams test phase tasks I did, took me 10-20mins to do.

Everyone who read it found it easy to understand & discuss.

If this was a word doc or spread sheet it would be harder to follow

Numbers on it are priorities based on risk

<http://bettertesting.co.uk/content/uploads/TP3.4.jpg>

[2:43:37 AM] eusebiu blindu: its a refresh

[2:43:38 AM] Anand Ramdeo: IMO MM are good for organizing ideas and forming strategy for what needs to be tested, but for session text based tools are probably better option.

[2:43:44 AM] eusebiu blindu: as far I can say

[2:43:51 AM] Markus Gärtner: searching by "annotated icon" is maybe faster, just saying :)

[2:44:14 AM] Markus Gärtner: well, I disabled that one, enabled it, but it didn't have much impact on what happened

[2:44:21 AM] European Weekend Testers: Darren, its ok to have that image here?

[2:44:38 AM] Darren McMillan: yeah it's fine ;) I'll take it down afterwards

[2:44:56 AM] eusebiu blindu: How did you create that Darren?

[2:45:03 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Darren, are the numbers representing priorities?

[2:45:14 AM] Zeger Van Hese: looks like xmind to me

[2:45:17 AM] Darren McMillan: I use Xmind it's pretty fast and powerful once you get used to it's features

[2:45:30 AM] Darren McMillan: they are Zeger based on risk

[2:46:20 AM] eusebiu blindu: xmind seems to do nicer maps, but its not online

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[2:46:40 AM] Mike Scott: 15 mins left

[2:46:41 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Interesting. Nice approach Darren. - So coming back to my uestion. Map is good for forming strategy - but do you use it for recosrding sessions as well?

[2:47:13 AM] Markus Gärtner: nice compared to what, sebi?

[2:47:19 AM] Mike Scott: What about the style of entry from the maps?

[2:47:40 AM | Edited 2:48:02 AM] Darren McMillan: If you think of TBTM a mind map can easily display threads, something like xmind lists task completion for nodes, so can show when a thread is complete or not

[2:47:47 AM] eusebiu blindu: @Markus compared to <http://www.text2mindmap.com/>

[2:47:50 AM] Markus Gärtner: anand: I just did for 1 hour sessions within WT, am still unsure about it's applicability for day-to-day work

[2:48:01 AM] Markus Gärtner: what about freemind vs. xmind? :)

[2:48:07 AM] Markus Gärtner: I see a new mission coming there

[2:48:30 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Markus, one of these days you are going to run out of "compared to what"s and "to whom"s :)

[2:48:35 AM] Markus Gärtner: I propose to call TBTM as MTBT just as SBTM should be called MTBS

[2:48:53 AM] Markus Gärtner: I was actually considering to write a meta-blog on that one

[2:48:53 AM] Darren McMillan: I've never used freemind so I can't comment

[2:49:16 AM] Markus Gärtner: you can comment that you have not used freemind - /until now/

[2:49:28 AM] Darren McMillan: you should markus, it does make sense

[2:49:32 AM] European Weekend Testers: TBTM?

[2:49:42 AM] Darren McMillan: Thread Based Test Management

[2:49:45 AM] Markus Gärtner: managing testing based on threads

[2:50:32 AM] Mike Scott: OK 10 mins left

[2:50:33 AM] Anand Ramdeo: It seems it will become a heuristic soom.. if management is the last word for any term, you can probably rephrase it :)

[2:50:41 AM] Zeger Van Hese: TBTM / MTBT - it's just a rephrasing to scare management a little less...

[2:50:50 AM] European Weekend Testers: [2:50 AM] Anand Ramdeo:

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<<< It seems it will become a heuristic soon.. if management is the last word for any term, you can probably rephrase it :) Brilliant

[2:51:03 AM] Mike Scott: summary points and then we need to sort out when next session

[2:51:19 AM] Zeger Van Hese: Ok Anand, rephrase "Test Management" :)

[2:51:31 AM] Markus Gärtner: Anand: What about Defect Management, Quality Management, Project Management? :)

[2:51:34 AM] European Weekend Testers: Manage Tests

[2:51:37 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Management of testing :)

[2:51:53 AM] European Weekend Testers: Manage Management ? ;)

[2:51:55 AM] Zeger Van Hese: well duh :)

[2:52:00 AM] Mike Scott: Enough with the TLA's & FLAs

[2:52:03 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Managing defects, managing quality, managing project.. they all become verbs that way

[2:52:21 AM] Mike Scott: One line takeaways from this session?

[2:52:22 AM] annabaik: Mike - summary points? You'd like us to summarise - or were you going to?

[2:52:26 AM] Darren McMillan: Mike I liked this session, I think people got to learn to use a new tool to aid testing & a lot of good thoughts were expressed, so good job ;)

Next time around I'd love to see more on learning & testing approach

[2:52:28 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Task and Verb - makes a difference.

[2:52:56 AM] Markus Gärtner: Don't try to use a two year old application before testing it.

[2:53:58 AM] annabaik: I enjoyed the session - good to play with mindmaps again, it's reminded me I want to make more use of them.

[2:54:02 AM | Edited 2:54:38 AM] Zeger Van Hese: "testing" is also using the application, imo

[2:54:34 AM] Mike Scott: Anand, Sebi

[2:55:08 AM] Anand Ramdeo: Liked the session, but I feel a bit more focus and discussion on individual approach might make it more useful.

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[2:55:38 AM] eusebiu blindu: I am little bit defocused these days since I look for new jobs for next year

[2:55:39 AM] Markus Gärtner: Zeger: sure, but I did not take my notes in text2mind for good (clicked on "About", and everything was lost)

[2:56:01 AM] Anand Ramdeo: It would be interesting to learn how everyone starts and forms their strategy.

[2:56:10 AM] Mike Scott: OK when should we have next session

[2:56:11 AM] eusebiu blindu: so it affects my focus in these sessions also

[2:56:25 AM] Mike Scott: OK thanks Sebi

[2:56:29 AM] eusebiu blindu: but definitely this application

[2:56:30 AM] Markus Gärtner: Anand: it's the right of my map where you can see it :)

[2:56:38 AM] eusebiu blindu: and the similar ones presented

[2:56:44 AM] eusebiu blindu: are great ideas

[2:56:52 AM] Markus Gärtner: in 2011, mike?

[2:56:58 AM] eusebiu blindu: to create a blog post, a presentation

[2:57:03 AM] Zeger Van Hese: yeah, 2011 will be the best bet I guess

[2:57:12 AM] Markus Gärtner: :)

[2:57:18 AM] Mike Scott: Yes 2011 can we be a little mor especific Markus?

[2:57:25 AM] annabaik: On 15/12/2010, at 21:24, Anand Ramdeo wrote:

> It would be interesting to learn how everyone starts and forms their strategy.

Maybe our takeaway should be: let's blog about that for Anand? :)

[2:57:29 AM] Zeger Van Hese: first semester of 2011?

[2:57:30 AM] Markus Gärtner: in two weeks is not good, I would propose first week in january