

WTA-80 #WTBlitz Twitter Chat: Agile Testing with Lisa Crispin and Janet Gregory

#WTBlitz Welcome to @WTAmericas session celebrating #IWD2017. A special welcome to @lisacrispin & @janetgregoryca authors on #AgileTesting

#WTBlitz I've heard both women speak at conferences and the pleasure of getting to know them. I'm thrilled they both are able to join us.

#WTBlitz At any time, please feel free to ask our special guests questions as they spend this hour with us. @WTAmericas

To join the conversation, please use **#WTBlitz** & a signal you're asking a new question by Q & # ex: Qx or responding w/ Ax to help tracking

#WTBlitz Q1: Can you describe what is meant by "Agile Testing" in 140 char or less? #AgileTesting

@lisacrispin **#WTBlitz** A1: Helping to build quality into valuable features delivered frequently at a sustainable pace, to borrow from @testobsessed

@janetgregoryca: A1: Testing in an agile context; working closely with your cross-functional team to give fast feedback & deliver a quality product. **#WTBlitz**

@janetgregoryca: @lisacrispin It is hard to define what we mean by agile testing in 140 char since we've written 2 (fat) books on the subject **#WTBlitz**

@JA_Harrison: **#WTBlitz** A1: I would say it's about #testing in a collaborative, respectful project team where testers work with Dev to find bugs to start.

@janetgregoryca: @JA_Harrison @lisacrispin **#WTBlitz** I would like to hear other's definitions as well.

@lisacrispin: Yes please - how do the rest of y'all define "agile testing"? (pls answer w 'A1' and '**#WTBlitz**')

@Agareev: **#WTBlitz** A1 As I answered on Quora, #agile #testing is what one makes it to be <http://automation-beyond.com/2017/02/28/agile-testing-is-what-you-make-it-to-be/>

@JA_Harrison: **#WTBlitz** A1: To continue; Testers should try 2 become part of Dev meetings to learn more about what code has changed or added & input ideas

@OlgicaNik: @lisacrispin @janetgregoryca **#WTBlitz** Hi! had you chance to work for a company which doesn't care much about software quality?

@OlgicaNik: **#WTBlitz** Is it acceptable in agile to freeze requirements for a week when your developers are bombarded with new requirements/changes?

@janetgregoryca: #WTBlitz A1 Not only dev mtgs. I'm not sure it is so important to know exactly what code has chg'd as much as knowing what the cust needs.

@lisacrispin: #WTBlitz @OlgicaNik self-organized team should set own boundaries. I might ask, "Are we doing too many stories at once?"

@janetgregoryca: @OlgicaNik A2:#WTBlitz That is a smell to me - that you feel the need to freeze requirements. Can you tell me more?

Lisacrispin: #WTBlitz @OlgicaNik My last team had to tell PO, once we start work on story, req'ts change needs new story for next iteration.

@JA_Harrison: Jean Ann Harrison Retweeted Janet Gregory

#WTBlitz A1 response Indeed Combining what testers need to be aware of customer needs as well, working with prod mgmt, & marketing

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@OlgicaNik: @JA_Harrison Hi! I am new on Twitter sessions. Is it enough to just write an question with the #WTBlitz or should I address you three gals?

@lisacrispin: @OlgicaNik @JA_Harrison Yes, please use the #WTBlitz hashtag so interested ppl can follow & participate in our conversation!

@JA_Harrison: Feel free to just use the #WTBlitz to ask the question. I'll be sure to retweet if needed.

@rebeccawb: @lisacrispin @OlgicaNik #WTBlitz So how long were your sprints? I presume short enough that redirection / rework was minimized?

@FahedSider: A1 agile tester is part of development team, collaborating with coders, product owner and have ownership of product quality #WTBlitz

@lisacrispin: #WTBlitz @rebeccawb @OlgicaNik 2 weeks. Mostly we needed to 'encourage' PO & stakeholders to decide on feature behavior by coding start

@lisacrispin: #WTBlitz @rebeccawb @OlgicaNik my current team is better able to accommodate changing req'ts, I think it depends on biz domain.

@janetgregoryca: @OlgicaNik #WTBlitz The problems may lie deeper than asking for code freeze. I would suggest a retrospective and ask why that is happening.

@lisacrispin: #WTBlitz @rebeccawb @OlgicaNik when stories involve high-risk, complicated algorithms, mid-coding changes are harder to accommodate IME.

@janetgregoryca: A2: #WTBlitz The tester doesn't control or have ownership of the quality (imo). The whole team should take responsibility.

@OlgicaNik: @janetgregoryca unfortunately I failed in my effort to freeze or to do any positive change in the direction to deliver quality software

@JA_Harrison: #WTBlitz Q2: What is 1 important skill or attribute you want for an Agile Team member?

@lisacrispin: #WTBlitz A2: attitude & mindset are more imp. to me than skills. Tech & thinking skills can be learned, if you're eager to learn.

@janetgregoryca: #WTBlitz A2: I'm thinking not so much a skill as an openness to try new things, to be willing to listen as well as contribute.

@lisacrispin: #WTBlitz A2: <2> willingness to collaborate, jump in on any activity to help the team, try experiments, plus plenty of courage.

@JA_Harrison: #WTBlitz Anyone else wish to weigh in on this answer Q2?

@janetgregoryca: @JA_Harrison I'd like to hear what people think is the most important skill for an agile team member - not only testers #WTBlitz

@OlgicaNik: @drunkcod @lisacrispin that was only one of e options, but what to do when the environment is not prone to change? #WTBlitz

@janetgregoryca: #WTBlitz A2: I'm thinking not so much a skill as an openness to try new things, to be willing to listen as well as contribute.

@JA_Harrison: #WTBlitz A2.2 Openness to change for me is a key factor for any team not just testers. Inclusion of all project stakeholders is important.

@OlgicaNik: #WTBlitz @rebeccawb @lisacrispin our sprints should last a week, but it was all lost somehow, because of a lot of projects and no respect to scrum

@janetgregoryca: @JA_Harrison #WTBlitz I agree. I first heard the term "beginner's mindset" years ago from 2 good friends in the agile world. #1

@FahedSider: A2 I like @lisacrispin A. agile team member william to help in any activity or task to get things done before starting something new #WTBlitz

@AGareev: #WTBlitz A2. Relationship skill. How to collaborate, influence, and negotiate while maintaining healthy relationships / team environment.

@mpkhosla: @janetgregoryca @JA_Harrison communication is top of my list of skills for any team member #WTBlitz

@JA_Harrison: @AGareev #WTBlitz A2: Keywords "Collaborate, Negotiate, Openness to change as attributes or skills for #AgileTeamMember

@lisacrispin: #WTBlitz @OlgicaNik sounds like there are bigger problems than changing req'ts. I find _More Fearless Change_ patterns help / @rebeccawb

@janetgregoryca: @AGareev: #WTBlitz A2 Develop relationships but also being congruent in those relationships. people try to "influence" without seeing the whole.

@neil_killick: OlgicaNik This is what happens in Scrum. No PBI's can be added to sprint once in flight. New reqs added to product backlog. #WTBlitz

@olgicaNik: [@neil_klick](#) [#WTBlitz](#) Thanks! Obviously in my former company Scrum was not fully respected... :) IShouldGiveTheBestToRepresentThe good change

@JA_Harrison: [@mpkhosla](#) [#WTBlitz](#) A2 I agree with you. Open Communication is a major part of being part of an [#AgileTeam](#) in my opinion.

@FahedSider: A2 also a good agile team member skill is Trust [#WTBlitz](#)

@neil_killick: [@OlgicaNik](#) PS nothing is "unacceptable in #agile". Inspect and adapt practices and processes based on values, principles and context. [#WTBlitz](#)

@OlgicaNik: [@neil_killick](#) [@lisacrispin](#) [@janetgregoryca](#) [#WTBlitz](#) This also a good point!

@janetgregoryca: @FahedSider A2: Trust is very important on an agile team. The basis for good working relationships. +1

@lisacrispin: [@FahedSider](#) A2. Agreed, though I think the skill is, knowing how to build trust & nurture a culture of safety and learning. [#WTBlitz](#)

@j19sch: [@JA_Harrison](#) Self-awareness. [#WTBlitz](#)

@JA_Harrison: [@j19sch](#) A2: This response might be a good inclusion to our conversation. [@janetgregoryca](#) [@lisacrispin](#) thoughts? [#WTBlitz](#)

@olgicaNik: [@lisacrispin](#) [@rebeccawb](#) [#WTBlitz](#) there were , but it was good experience. Thanks for the great advice! I will use that one for sure!

@FahedSider: [@lisacrispin](#) agree on building the skill [#WTBlitz](#)

@janetgregoryca: [#WTBlitz](#) A2: self-awareness is part of congruence - yourself, the other, and your context. So, yes, it is important

@lisacrispin: [@janetgregoryca](#) I think it's a hard one to master, too! [#WTBlitz](#)

@janetgregoryca: I think it's a hard one to master, too! [#WTBlitz](#)

@mpkhosla: Learn from Johari window model en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johari_wi... There are 56 ajectives to learn for openness & team work [#WTBlitz](#)

@FahedSider: [@janetgregoryca](#) [@lisacrispin](#) thank you for this conversation I am big fan of your work [@JA_Harrison](#) [#WTBlitz](#)

@OlgicaNik: [@janetgregoryca](#) [@JA_Harrison](#) [@janetgregoryca](#) I thinkImportantIsWill toImproveyourself,theTechniques,things whichNotWorkWell [#WTBlitz](#)

@OlgicaNik: [@janetgregoryca](#) [@JA_Harrison](#) Good agile team member should not fear the change [#WTBlitz](#)

@JA_Harrison: [@j19sch](#) You're most welcome. If you want to see the entire Twitter Chat conversation w/Janet & Lisa Crispin just search today's [#WTBlitz](#)

@JA_Harrison: [#WTBlitz](#) Thank you all for joining us today & a very special THANK YOU to our guests [@janetgregoryca](#) & [@lisacrispin](#) for sharing their views

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