

Weekend Testing Session No.53

Testers: Akansha Talwar; Balu; Del Dewar; Eusebiu Blindu; Jaswinder Singh; Katya Kameneva;

Markus Diebel; Meeta Prakash; Mohinder Khosla; Narasimha Reddy; Oliver V; Phil Khirkham;

Rakesh Reddy; Richard R; Rupinder; Sandeep; Shrini Kulkarni; Subramanya; Vamshi

Guest Facilitator: Jon Bach

[3:48:23 PM] phil kirkham: can I join please?

[3:49:39 PM] Weekend Testing: yes, of course

[3:49:56 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Markus Deibel ***

[3:49:59 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Mohinder Khosla ***

[3:50:01 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Rupinder ***

[3:50:02 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Rakesh Reddy ***

[3:50:10 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Jassi ***

[3:50:15 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Jon Bach ***

[3:50:34 PM] Weekend Testing: Hello Everyone. Welcome to Weekend Testing Session No. 53

[3:50:36 PM] Weekend Testing: :)

[3:50:59 PM] Weekend Testing: I am Ajay Balamurugadas, facilitator for today and we have Jon Bach amongst us :)

[3:51:08 PM] Weekend Testing: Welcome All!

[3:51:25 PM] Jon Bach: hiya

[3:51:26 PM] Rakesh Reddy: Hello Good Evening folks in india and Morning all from Europe ((wave))

[3:51:30 PM] Rupinder: hi all

[3:51:48 PM] Weekend Testing: We have few more mins left to start the session.

[3:51:58 PM] Weekend Testing: while you folks network, let me add few more members.

[3:52:15 PM] Weekend Testing: This will be a chat based session, no conference calls please :)

[3:52:33 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Del Dewar ***

[3:52:35 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Hi, Jon

[3:53:11 PM] *** Weekend Testing added narasimhareddyit ***

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[3:53:18 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Oliver V. ***

[3:53:27 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Hi evryone

[3:53:32 PM] phil kirkham: Hi Jon - Ebay was on the news this morning, they wouldn't let someone sell a Harrier jump jet

[3:53:41 PM] Weekend Testing: Welcome once again to all testers. Feel free to network. We have few more mins left to start

[3:53:55 PM] Oliver V.: Hello everyone

[3:54:02 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Katya Kameneva ***

[3:54:24 PM] Weekend Testing: As expected # of testers increasing by the minute

[3:54:29 PM] Jon Bach: really, Phil? I hadn't heard that!

[3:54:40 PM] Markus Deibel: aww that might see ebay socks drop from the 15% + since Jon started ;)

[3:54:44 PM] Katya Kameneva: hi everybody

[3:54:47 PM] Markus Deibel: stocks

[3:55:08 PM] Oliver V.: that's old news actually... I think I saw it middle of the week here...

[3:55:13 PM] Del Dewar: It was probably broken.

[3:55:29 PM] Oliver V.: actually it wasn't broken... only engine and weapons were removed

[3:55:33 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @Del Harrier jump jet didn't had an engine

[3:55:43 PM] Del Dewar: lol

[3:56:10 PM] *** Weekend Testing added shrinik ***

[3:56:26 PM] narasimhareddyit: Hi everyone

[3:56:43 PM] Weekend Testing: So, all set? please introduce yourself - a brief intro .

[3:56:59 PM] shrinik: hi .. this is Shrini kulkarni

[3:57:06 PM] shrinik: Hi Jon

[3:57:18 PM] narasimhareddyit: Hi this is Narasimha reddy, from Chennai

[3:57:20 PM] Weekend Testing: Ajay Balamurugadas - @ajay184f www.enjoytesting.blogspot.com

[3:57:41 PM] Rupinder: Rupinder Kohli...Delhi

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[3:57:44 PM] shrinik: Shrini Kulkarni @shrinik shrinik.blogspot.com

[3:57:46 PM] *** Weekend Testing added manyabs ***

[3:57:47 PM] phil kirkham: Phil Kirkham, moderator of STC, test consultant, blog at <http://expectedresults.blogspot.com>

[3:57:58 PM] Jon Bach: Shrini!

[3:57:58 PM] Oliver V.: I am Oliver Vilson. Context-driven tester and testlead from Estonia.

[3:58:09 PM] Jon Bach: Hi, Oliver!

[3:58:19 PM] Del Dewar: Del Dewar, Scotland, @deefex, <http://taoofst.wordpress.com/>

[3:58:20 PM] manyabs: I am Subramanya from Bangalore...

[3:58:33 PM] Markus Deibel: Markus Deibel, from Germany, currently in software dev, have attended several WT sessions in 2009/10 but not for the last 8 months or so

[3:58:41 PM] Markus Deibel: good to be back

[3:58:52 PM] manyabs: This is my first WT

[3:59:05 PM] Rakesh Reddy: Hi all, I am Rakesh, Qualification - WeekNight Tester, blogs @ rakeshloki.wordpress.com, today here to test with Weekend Tester - few ppl with whom i worked before

[3:59:09 PM] Mohinder Khosla: I am Mohinder from London, Test Analyst and blogs at <http://agileage.blogspot.com/> and www.sqablogs.com/holyman . Follow me on twitter @mpkhosla

[3:59:09 PM] manyabs: I am in ST for last 6+ years....

[3:59:11 PM] Weekend Testing: Cool, welcome everyone. nice to see everyone online on time :)

[3:59:20 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Akanksha talwar ***

[4:00:02 PM] Weekend Testing: Welcome to WeekendTesting Session No.53

For first timers, let me tell you in brief how a WeekendTesting session is conducted:

We will have an hour of testing session followed by an hour of discussion session.

Testing Session:

A mission would be provided and you are left on your own to work towards the mission.

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You may use any tools or any techniques. You are responsible for your testing. You can ask questions in this chat or ping me in private if you do not want to disturb others.

Please feel free to ask any questions. You can pair up with any tester or wish to work solo.

In the discussion session, we will discuss on how you approached the mission, learning, mistakes and any other interesting experience.

And finally we are here to learn, share knowledge in a fail safe environment. So, feel free and don't hesitate.

Lets get started.

Jon , stage is yours.

[4:00:13 PM] Jon Bach: Hi, everyone!

[4:00:27 PM] Jon Bach: As a Quality Engineering Director at eBay (San Jose), I am in charge of leading teams devoted to testing front-end Search on the eBay site.

One of the things I am experiment with is Open-Book Testing -- a question-driven, exam-like way to get testers engaged quickly.

It goes like this...

I have four mini-charters. You can pick any one and change to another one at any time during the session.

- a) What search can you type in that leads to the most items being found?
- b) What search strong can you type in that causes you to find the most bizarre item for sale?
- c) How would you find the most expensive item?

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d) eBay whack: what search strings can you think of that only return 1 single item -- for example: "bono field"

That's it!

I want an hour of testing, and then we'll talk about it for an additional hour.

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[4:00:54 PM] Jon Bach: I want you to record your best ideas and results here:

[4:01:10 PM] Jon Bach: <http://typewith.me/abmJrE3cwk>

[4:01:18 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Richard R ***

[4:01:21 PM] Jon Bach: but you can also use chat

[4:01:49 PM] Jon Bach: The link I sent is to a free tool called typewith.me that shows your typing to all involved in real-time -- no need to hit Enter

[4:01:51 PM] shrink: A question on a)

[4:01:59 PM] Markus Deibel: Question: search strong == search phrase?

[4:02:05 PM] phil kirkham: Ho Jon - congrats on the new gig. Sounds like a good mission

[4:02:11 PM] Jon Bach: search "string" -- sorry

[4:02:19 PM | Edited 4:04:20 PM] Markus Deibel: should we concentrate on ebay.com or are other countries part of your request

[4:02:29 PM] *** Weekend Testing added eusebiu blindu ***

[4:02:37 PM] Jon Bach: Thanks, Phil! It's cool so far.

[4:02:38 PM] shrink: Most items - should search aim at getting max results? how about relevance?

[4:03:02 PM] Jon Bach: I want to challenge my testers with these missions, but wanted you guys to try it first -- then I can see how well they did compared to your ideas

[4:03:23 PM] eusebiu blindu: Hi all

[4:03:53 PM] Jon Bach: Hi, Eusebiu!

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[4:04:11 PM] phil kirkham: most bizarre item - that's pretty relative. Some things that are bizarre to me might be commonplace to others

[4:04:11 PM] Weekend Testing: Richard & Sebi, welcome. hope you got the chat in private

[4:04:22 PM | Edited 4:13:06 PM] Markus Deibel: using 'e': "Your query matches a large number of items. Please try searching within one of our categories."

[4:04:26 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Mission seems simple and challenging

[4:04:32 PM] Weekend Testing: yes, markus

[4:04:32 PM] Jon Bach: Phil -- > Understood -- whatever in YOUR mind is weird is good enough

[4:04:38 PM] Del Dewar: i think we may have already found the bizarre - harrier jump jet

[4:05:02 PM] Jon Bach: I also can put it to a vote from the group on what is most bizarre

[4:05:04 PM] phil kirkham: @Jon Now giving me a charter like that is very dangerous :)

[4:05:18 PM] Oliver V.: how would you define bizzare?

[4:05:20 PM] Weekend Testing: [4:02 PM] Markus Deibel:

<<< should we concentrate on ebay.com or are other countries part of your requestebay.com should be fine. no restriction on the site.

[4:05:26 PM] Jon Bach: phil -- > I'm hoping so!

[4:05:39 PM] *** Weekend Testing added vamshi ***

[4:06:19 PM] Jon Bach: You can test other ebay nationalities if you want, but my focus is .com

[4:06:37 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @Jon, is this mission specific to simple search? can we use advanced search

[4:06:40 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Balu ***

[4:06:59 PM] Oliver V.: @Jon Would you define bizarre? My definition isn't probably the same as yours?

[4:07:15 PM] Jon Bach: You can pick any mission and start at any time, just log your strings and your finds here: <http://typewith.me/abmJrE3cwk>

[4:07:41 PM] Jon Bach: Oliver: no problem. It's ok it's subjective. Consider me a collector of definitions.

[4:08:02 PM] Jon Bach: Anything in your mind that is "bizarre" or "bizarre" to a reasonable person.

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[4:08:08 PM] eusebiu blindu: I only used ebay once :) the search reffers to main page, like www.ebay.com?

[4:08:16 PM] Jon Bach: right

[4:08:29 PM] Jon Bach: The long search text box on ebay home page

[4:08:44 PM] vamshi: ebay.com or ebay.in

(as I am from india) ?

[4:09:14 PM] Jon Bach: G: -- > I prefer .com, but .in is ok, too -- just note that

[4:10:01 PM] Jon Bach: If you use http://typewith.me/abmJrE3cwk -- make sure to log your name -- it assigns you a text color

[4:10:35 PM] Jon Bach: Also make sure to note which mission you choose to accept -- A, B, C, or D

[4:11:19 PM] Jon Bach: We have our first datapoint for mission A at 4.83 million hits

[4:11:26 PM] phil kirkham: liking this mission - thanks Jon. Currently trying A

[4:11:49 PM] vamshi: starting with A

[4:12:10 PM] Jon Bach: You can stick with one mission the whoile hour, or move around to other missions -- it is up to you

[4:12:16 PM] phil kirkham: now at 18,552,676 - now need to work out a strategy

[4:12:39 PM] Jon Bach: Mainly, I want us to compare test techniques and results (findings, literally)

[4:12:41 PM] Weekend Testing: Any questions, first timers, feel free to ping me in private if you are struck or lost

[4:12:50 PM] Weekend Testing: or any help required, feel free to ping me

[4:12:51 PM] Jon Bach: Right on, Phil!

[4:13:22 PM] Weekend Testing: You can ask Jon or other testers here or ping me in private too. Up to you :)

[4:13:54 PM] Jon Bach: NOTE: **** For mission D -- the search has to contain real words

[4:14:02 PM] manyabs: So far so good no pblm as of now

[4:14:20 PM] Weekend Testing: Cool

[4:14:44 PM] Jon Bach: manyabs -- don't forget to record your notes -- or be preaped to share them next hour if you want

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[4:14:45 PM] shrinik: Dog 1145932 hits

[4:14:57 PM] Rupinder: I got a good search now...2,177,481 results found for b *

[4:15:21 PM] Jon Bach: Don't forget to go to <http://typewith.me/abmJrE3cwk> to see others' results and build off their ideas if you get stuck and need inspiration

[4:15:30 PM] Weekend Testing: [4:15 PM] Jon Bach:

<<< Don't forget to go to <http://typewith.me/abmJrE3cwk> to see others' results and build off their ideas if you get stuck and need inspiration

[4:15:45 PM] Jon Bach: Oliver still holds the record for A at 4.83 million hits

[4:15:56 PM] Weekend Testing: here i come Oliver ;)

[4:16:02 PM] Jon Bach: oh sorry

[4:16:05 PM] Jon Bach: 18 million hits

[4:16:22 PM] Del Dewar: Hmm. got "Your query matches a large number of items. Please try searching within one of our categories" - does that beat Phil's 18 million items? :)

[4:16:38 PM] Katya Kameneva: it's infinity)

[4:17:08 PM] Jon Bach: Del -- hmmm -- I forgot about that. Thanks for finding that.

[4:17:36 PM] Jon Bach: So I have an idea from Del's find -- what is the threshold where that error message starts appearing?

[4:17:51 PM] Jon Bach: I honestly don't know, but it would be fun to find out the boundary.

[4:18:10 PM] Weekend Testing: Who's on charter B, C, D?

[4:18:33 PM] Markus Deibel: i used 'e' as search string and got the same as Del

[4:19:28 PM] Jon Bach: Markus -- then try to find the boundary -- my suspicion is that the max might be 21 million

[4:19:30 PM] eusebiu blindu: yeah the part with "too many results to display"

[4:20:05 PM] Jon Bach: when I try to find the most expensive, 21 million is a common amount for some reason

[4:21:20 PM] eusebiu blindu: 2147483647

[4:21:25 PM] eusebiu blindu: to be exact :)

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[4:21:51 PM] eusebiu blindu: one mom :)

[4:22:15 PM] Markus Deibel: just found that u can't start the string with an asterisk

[4:22:33 PM] Jon Bach: Hey Eusebiu -- you just gave me an idea!

[4:22:42 PM] Weekend Testing: [4:18 PM] Markus Deibel:

<<< i used 'e' as search string and got the same as Dell tried e* and it wanted min 2 chars before * :|

[4:22:54 PM] *** Weekend Testing added Sandeep ***

[4:23:03 PM] Jon Bach: I bet I see 21 million as a limit because it's on the long int boundary!

[4:23:12 PM] Markus Deibel: i just used the plain e

[4:23:16 PM] Markus Deibel: no *

[4:23:35 PM] vamshi: i got diamond ring for 21,000,000.00 as highest price

[4:24:02 PM] Markus Deibel: darn, that beats my jet plane for 17 000 000

[4:24:03 PM] Jon Bach: Good, job, G -- I heard someone found a yacht for 168 mil recently

[4:24:16 PM] phil kirkham: @vamshii - great minds, I just moved onto that mission and tried diamond as first search

[4:25:17 PM] Oliver V.: usability issue...

[4:25:31 PM] shrink: Tried \$ it just showed "Buy" All categories

[4:25:33 PM] Jon Bach: @Oliver -- go

[4:25:47 PM] Oliver V.: after advanced search gives failure, then it clears out all data within

[4:25:55 PM] Oliver V.: bad-bad... have to insert everything again

[4:26:00 PM] Akanksha talwar: @Jon - can I use advance search to get the most expensive item

[4:26:01 PM] phil kirkham: Disney doman for sale at 21 million

[4:26:09 PM] Jon Bach: Thanks, Oliver! I will note that issue

[4:26:10 PM] vamshi: found planes at 17,000,000.00

[4:26:29 PM] shrink: How many of you got display of categories when searched for a phrase ?

[4:26:29 PM] Jon Bach: @Akanksha Yes!

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[4:26:32 PM] Oliver V.: question is How would you find the most expensive item?

[4:26:37 PM] Oliver V.: not what is most expensive

[4:26:42 PM] phil kirkham: most bizarre AND most expensive - Huge Dinosaur T-Rex Robot Statue 1 Ton Recycled Metal for 21 million

[4:26:49 PM] Oliver V.: that means that I actually don't have to find most expensive item

[4:26:58 PM] Oliver V.: I have to figure out HOW to find it

[4:27:04 PM] Jon Bach: @Phil -- cool one

[4:27:11 PM] Weekend Testing: [4:26 PM] Oliver V.:

<<< that means that I actually don't have to find most expensive item

I have to figure out HOW to find it :)

[4:27:26 PM] Oliver V.: no other limits in that mission

[4:27:26 PM] Jon Bach: @Oliver -- good interpretation -- I'll allow that if you show me your approach

[4:27:27 PM] vamshi: what's bizarre?

[4:27:34 PM] eusebiu blindu: Typing "sex" gives me 21 mil as maximum item

[4:27:35 PM] eusebiu blindu: :)

[4:27:58 PM] Jon Bach: @g_vamshi1 -- hwoever the group defines it to a vote

[4:28:44 PM] Jon Bach: @Eusebiu -- you got it to return 21 million items?

[4:29:04 PM] Weekend Testing: Anyone hit this : <http://pages.ebay.com/help/search/advanced-search.html?fromFeature=SearchResults&fromFeature=SearchResults> ?

[4:29:11 PM] phil kirkham: now I want 21 million so I can buy the T-rex, it looks cool :(

[4:29:23 PM] eusebiu blindu: @Jon no, it was for the most expensive item

[4:29:46 PM] eusebiu blindu: for D) I have "island colani" that returns 1 item

[4:29:59 PM] Richard R: Got 16m items, then sorted by price to get Photo.US domain for \$21m

[4:30:22 PM] Jon Bach: @Eusebiu -- what's a colani? Is that an English word?

[4:30:23 PM] shrinik: @Eusebiu -- "sex" phrase give only 107153 hits for me

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[4:30:26 PM] shrinik: any issues

[4:30:38 PM] Weekend Testing: diff sites Shrini & Sebi?

[4:30:44 PM] phil kirkham: is 21 million the max price allowed by Ebay ?

[4:31:04 PM] shrinik: I am on shop.ebay.com

[4:31:05 PM] Jon Bach: @Phil -- it's some kind of boundary, but I did see a yacht for 168 mil once

[4:31:52 PM] phil kirkham: OK, I see a lot of items that are at 21 million - eg condoms ! - which seems to suggest there is a limit

[4:32:18 PM] Richard R: @Phil/Jon - why not try to list an item for over 21m?

[4:32:26 PM] eusebiu blindu: @Jon I search "island" then from the results given, I selected one. Then I searched that item. Since islands are usually unicate in name its probable to get one result per search, if explicit

[4:32:26 PM] Jon Bach: @Richard The nest so far is 18 million items returned in a search set

[4:32:28 PM] vamshi: @phil observed the same but don't want to type it :)

[4:32:36 PM] Weekend Testing: canon seals replacement - Only 1 result found.

[4:32:41 PM] shrinik: zero results for "sex" in ebay.in - cultural effect?

[4:32:52 PM] eusebiu blindu: @shrinik it was the most expensive item, not number of items

[4:32:58 PM] phil kirkham: villa in spain for 28 million

[4:33:02 PM] Jon Bach: @Richard Good idea.

[4:33:06 PM] Weekend Testing: it should be 2 words :(

[4:33:19 PM] Jon Bach: Phil now has the record for most expensive!

[4:33:23 PM] narasimhareddyit: @shrinik for % , & and ^ also displaying "Buy" all categorie

[4:33:24 PM] Balu: i hit 7,572,579 results

[4:34:21 PM] Jon Bach: @balajiponnada -- the record is 18 million records so far

[4:34:36 PM] shrinik: "http://shop.ebay.com/i.html?_nkw=dog&_sacat=0&_odkw=sex&_osacat=0&_trksid=p3286.c0.m270.l1313"

[4:34:46 PM] vamshi: typed ebay got highest price 21,000,000.00. seems this is the highest amount

[4:34:57 PM] Rakesh Reddy: search for "villa" cost 28 million

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[4:35:14 PM] Weekend Testing: Any one pairing? 2 minds attack better?

[4:35:22 PM] shrinik: observed that url has old and new text (two consecutive search texts) - something fishy?

[4:35:28 PM] Jon Bach: @Shrini -- want is that link meant to show me?

[4:35:31 PM] Weekend Testing: [4:32 PM] shrinik:

<<< zero results for "sex" in ebay.in - cultural effect? Could be

[4:35:49 PM] shrinik: I did a search for ebay.in

[4:35:57 PM] Rupinder: max price +shipping - \$21,000,000.00

+\$14.95 shipping

[4:36:14 PM] shrinik: then change the url (with the result) to ebay.com

[4:36:19 PM] shrinik: I will try again

[4:36:24 PM] Jon Bach: @Rupinder Good catch, but the record is the villa for 28 mil

[4:36:35 PM] Oliver V.: max price 28 Million

[4:36:40 PM] Oliver V.: yeah

[4:36:46 PM] Rupinder: another one - house* \$3,500,000.00

Pickup only: Free

[4:36:49 PM] Rupinder: with 70 results

[4:37:07 PM | Edited 4:37:17 PM] Katya Kameneva: searching for bizarre things is rather hard. the more I search the less weird everything seems to me

[4:37:39 PM] Jon Bach: @Katya -- tell me more about your ideas in the debrief, ok?

[4:37:49 PM] Weekend Testing: 25 more mins.

[4:38:06 PM] shrinik: When searching - watch out URL -- what goes out there?

[4:38:21 PM] shrinik: Tamper URL and see what happens

[4:38:39 PM] Katya Kameneva: I pick some category and try to search for something out of it. e.g. photography 'spoon' - but i get some useful things

[4:38:52 PM] phil kirkham: 31 million - Italian 5 * hotel

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[4:38:53 PM] Oliver V.: @Jon

[4:38:55 PM] Oliver V.: you're right

[4:38:55 PM] shrinik: It seems that when I changed shop.ebay.in to shop.ebay.com - something wierd happend. my internet is slow

[4:39:01 PM] Oliver V.: most expensive item was a yacht

[4:39:06 PM] shrinik: hence running slow

[4:39:08 PM] Oliver V.: at 168 Million

[4:39:36 PM] Katya Kameneva: or pet supplies and 'bicycle' - there are vehicles for dogs attaching to bicycle)

[4:39:47 PM] Jon Bach: Oliver found the yacht at 168 mil.

[4:39:54 PM] Oliver V.: well

[4:39:54 PM] Oliver V.: not really

[4:40:00 PM] Oliver V.: I found that there was a yacht

[4:40:03 PM] Richard R: 41m search results

[4:40:04 PM] Oliver V.: it's not there anymore

[4:40:22 PM] Oliver V.: Roman Abramovich bought it 2006

[4:40:49 PM] Oliver V.: I needed ideas of most expensive items

[4:40:50 PM] Oliver V.: so I googled

[4:41:00 PM] Oliver V.: defocus for getting ideas

[4:41:47 PM] Jon Bach: @Richard How did you get such a large return set?

[4:42:03 PM] Jon Bach: @Oliver Nice!

[4:43:17 PM] *** Weekend Testing added meeta prakash ***

[4:43:30 PM | Edited 4:43:40 PM] Richard R: @Jon - I read somewhere that the search includes the auction number. So did a search on 00*, assuming that the entire auction number would be searched on, including the leading zeros.

[4:44:10 PM] Jon Bach: @Richard Hmmm... any interesting results?

[4:44:33 PM] Oliver V.: searching 00* gives me only 2,8 Million results

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[4:45:03 PM] Richard R: I will upload the screen shot later

[4:45:12 PM] Jon Bach: @Richard Great idea!

[4:45:19 PM] Richard R: @Jon - quite a few items for 21m, thats for sure

[4:45:27 PM] Jon Bach: My team will love that idea

[4:45:33 PM] Richard R: Looks to be a limit, at least for the non-classified's

[4:45:57 PM] Jon Bach: @Richard, I suspect it has something do with a long int boundary perhaps in a previous build of the site's item logic

[4:46:10 PM] Jon Bach: Just a conjecture, though

[4:47:52 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @Jon, i search for iPhone and Ipad it asks me did you mean Iphone and Ipod when my search term is valid !!

[4:48:16 PM] Jon Bach: @Rakesh Good find!

[4:48:25 PM] Jon Bach: Is that on ..com or .in?

[4:48:35 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @Jon on .com

[4:48:37 PM] Markus Deibel: @Jon is there a buy it now limit at 21,000,000.00? I've seen a lot of items in he art sector with this prize.

[4:49:18 PM] Jon Bach: @Markus -- I see that too

[4:49:20 PM] phil kirkham: co* gives me 22 million results

[4:49:25 PM] Weekend Testing: Anyone tried with registering and searching? Or most of us searching without registering?

[4:49:58 PM] phil kirkham: @weekend testing - no time to register but thats a good point, will a registered user get different results...

[4:50:12 PM] Oliver V.: it's not limit, there is stuff more expensive than 21 Million

[4:50:17 PM] Jon Bach: Good context thought, Ajay.

[4:50:36 PM] Jon Bach: @Oliver But maybe they are not BuyItNow items

[4:50:46 PM] Oliver V.: good point

[4:51:21 PM] Richard R: Found how to return one result too

[4:51:28 PM] Richard R: But its not pretty

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[4:51:28 PM] vamshi: real estate @ 31,000,000.00 Time left:

[4:51:37 PM] manyabs: interesting...when u search for "Automation testing" you will fin only oneresult

[4:51:38 PM] Del Dewar: I don't suppose it's possible to search on items that have already been sold oin order to widen the scope for 'most expensive item' ? (There doesn't seem to be a way to do that, but you could argue why would a consumer want to for any reason other than curiosity)

[4:51:44 PM] Katya Kameneva: I'm getting istracted by popup to enter my location on every search hit

[4:52:43 PM] meeta prakash: 1,709 results found for low cost; 42 results found for most expensive

[4:52:55 PM] Jon Bach: @Del Consumers do that for research (search on sold items)

[4:53:00 PM] meeta prakash: interesting huh !!

[4:53:05 PM] shrinik: did any one noted time taken for search? What is the slowest?

[4:53:15 PM] eusebiu blindu: why is always that enter zip code message?

[4:53:30 PM] Weekend Testing: [4:53 PM] shrinik:

<<< did any one noted time taken for search? What is the slowest?out of scope or it indicates something about the number of results !

[4:53:39 PM] Jon Bach: @Katya Thanks for that issue

[4:53:55 PM] Katya Kameneva: found as weird - security badge)

[4:54:15 PM] Weekend Testing: [4:51 PM] manyabs:

<<< interesting...when u search for "Automation testing" you will fin only oneresultJon Something for you !!! :)

[4:55:07 PM] Weekend Testing: does that qualify as a whack? @jon

[4:55:40 PM] manyabs: WHen you search with a String then a space and astrix , then astrix will be removed automatically and we get to see the message "Your search must have at least two characters before the asterisk ((*)). We have removed the wildcard term from your original search"

[4:56:21 PM] Weekend Testing: so, we continue testing for 20 more minutes!!!

[4:56:59 PM] Weekend Testing: keep those points coming! Jon is loving them. :)

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[4:57:02 PM] phil kirkham: easy to get a whack - do a general search and then take the full title of one of the items - eg 'ADMIRALS COVE HOME ON WATER'

[4:57:07 PM] Jon Bach: "Automation testing" counts as a whack

[4:57:16 PM] meeta prakash: 4,854 results found for one dollar; 212 results found for one rupee; 9,249 results found for % testing % 9,250 results found for testing

[4:58:00 PM] Jon Bach: a whack can only be two words

[4:58:45 PM] Del Dewar: OK, Wierdest thing - Jon Bach autograph for \$2.99 - this does *Not* look like your twitter profile pic, Jon... :)

[4:59:00 PM] Del Dewar: oops - the link - <http://bit.ly/fCLOIG>

[4:59:26 PM] *** Rakesh Reddy sent WET.png ***

[4:59:28 PM] Jon Bach: @Del haha

[4:59:28 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @Jon - its not my fault i didn't typed 'C' -

[4:59:41 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @jon screenshot

[4:59:44 PM] phil kirkham: @jon the mission didnt state 2 words but if thats the strict definition I'll try again :)

[4:59:48 PM] Jon Bach: There is a copy of my book for sale

[4:59:48 PM] eusebiu blindu: paste image in chat

[4:59:55 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @jon accept screenshot please

[5:00:03 PM] Jon Bach: And a signed one of my Jonathan Seagull for \$2000!

[5:01:01 PM] Rupinder: 1 result returned on "surinder johar"

[5:01:21 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Jon, Pad is full only 16 people are allowed to write at one time. Some of them have to drop out so others can type their findings

[5:01:21 PM] Markus Deibel: you can actually find "love" on ebay - OK maybe just related items ;)

[5:01:27 PM] shrink: A boundary -- for advance find with price range - for limit of 10000000000000 \$ -- search page does not show the price range on the result

[5:01:38 PM] Katya Kameneva: I found stolen toilet paper for \$250 000

[5:01:49 PM] shrink: but does for 999999999999 \$

[5:02:11 PM] Jon Bach: @Katya love it!

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[5:02:14 PM] Akanksha talwar: If you give that much price It is not working

[5:02:49 PM] Akanksha talwar: Max limit in price tag is - 9999999999999999999999

[5:03:15 PM] Weekend Testing: [5:01 PM] Katya Kameneva:

<<< I found stolen toilet paper for \$250 000 :D

[5:03:50 PM] meeta prakash: 0 results found for richard bach ; james bach ; jon bach; weinberg / 0 results found for richard bach james bach jon bach weinberg/ 1,014 results found for weinberg

[5:04:08 PM | Edited 5:04:16 PM] Weekend Testing: [5:03 PM] meeta prakash:

<<< 0 results found for richard bach ; james bach ; jon bach; weinberg / 0 results found for richard bach james bach jon bach weinberg/ 1,014 results found for weinbergWeird, Bizarre :)

[5:04:30 PM | Edited 5:04:37 PM] Weekend Testing: No, its not @ Meeta

[5:04:45 PM | Edited 5:04:58 PM] Weekend Testing: you searched for all names in one string?

[5:04:47 PM] Jon Bach: @Meeta: what site are you on? I get hits for those

[5:04:55 PM] Mohinder Khosla: I did not try anything complicated but used the text from a,b,c,d to get to the answer and it did return amazing answers

[5:05:19 PM] shrinik: ebay does not like search string "Shrini" - hence without asking "searches" for "Shrine"

[5:05:21 PM] Jon Bach: @Mohinder You copied the text from the charters?

[5:05:22 PM] meeta prakash: ebay.com

[5:05:36 PM] meeta prakash: yes, i used a single sentence

[5:05:41 PM] Mohinder Khosla: I stick my search to ebay and google to keep things simple.

[5:05:45 PM] Jon Bach: @Meeta I see

[5:07:05 PM] shrinik: India ebay site produces 1 result for "Shrini"

[5:07:18 PM] Weekend Testing: Just in case <http://www.jimloy.com/math/billion.htm> if someone hits a big boundary! ;)

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[5:07:21 PM] Mohinder Khosla: ~Jon such as most expensive, single best, rare, bizzare and pick something from the list and picked up unique characters and run th search again. It was more like iterative search

[5:07:33 PM] meeta prakash: 0 results found for cost between 30 to 50 / 0 results found for cost between 30\$ to 50\$ / 54 results found for cost 30\$.....hmmmseems I cant search for a range of price

[5:08:08 PM] shrinik: So "shrini" is a whack text for indian ebay

[5:08:15 PM] Weekend Testing: 2 words?

[5:08:17 PM] Oliver V.: what if someone hits googol boundry?

[5:08:29 PM] phil kirkham: Advanced search using \$2,100.00 - \$5,000,000,000.00 as price gives a top price of 56,000 so misses out a lot of the really expensive stuff

[5:08:47 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Just entering expensive items on ebay.com brings up 3 results but 2 items displayed. There is bug tat needs fixing

[5:09:03 PM | Edited 5:09:11 PM] Weekend Testing: I don't deal with millions, can someone help me find the least expensive item on ebay? ;)

[5:09:35 PM] Oliver V.: then I would recommend you to change some other site with cheaper currency

[5:10:07 PM] vamshi: paper displays 0 result

[5:10:09 PM] Weekend Testing: Good point! So, what's expensive on one site is still the most expensive on other site right?

[5:10:15 PM | Edited 5:10:25 PM] Katya Kameneva: there're few for 1 cent on 'cheapest'

[5:10:44 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @weekend try this one for free, http://shop.ebay.com/i.html?_nkw=a&_in_kw=1&_ex_kw=&_sacat=See-All-Categories&_okw=a&_oexkw=&_adv=1&_mPrRngCbx=1&_udlo=0&_udhi=0&_ftrt=901&_ftrv=1&_sabdlo=&_sabdhi=&_samilow=0&_samihl=&_sadis=200&_fpos=Zip+code&_fsct=&LH_SALE_CURRENCY=0&_sop=3&_dmd=1&_ipg=50

[5:10:47 PM] Balu: i found lowest price to be 0.01\$

[5:10:59 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Can't post my results on typewithme due to its limit of 16 users.

[5:11:08 PM | Removed 5:11:45 PM] vamshi: This message has been removed.

[5:11:24 PM] Weekend Testing: <http://typewith.me/pHgmbXIHqi> @Mohinder

[5:11:29 PM] Weekend Testing: please type

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[5:11:35 PM] Del Dewar: Some research showed that Roman Abramovich (Russian oligarch) sold a yacht for \$168,000,000 in 2006

[5:11:35 PM] eusebiu blindu: i think ebay should list also by space

[5:11:36 PM] vamshi: sort by option not displaying price: lowest instead it has price+ shipping value

[5:11:43 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Bizzare item that I found for auction was a burnt toast for a bid price of \$.99

[5:11:52 PM] Weekend Testing: @Rakesh, 0 result is not least expensive :)

[5:12:35 PM] phil kirkham: "69 sheraton" gets a whack

[5:12:51 PM] Mohinder Khosla: The most expensive item sold on ebay was a 405-foot, steel mega-yacht (marketed as a Gigayacht) auctioned by the Fort. Lauderdale, FL based company

[5:13:30 PM] meeta prakash: 520,509 results found for roses

[5:13:38 PM] vamshi: searched for pin got 0.01 lowest price

[5:13:51 PM] Weekend Testing: [5:13 PM] vamshi:

<<< searched for pin got 0.01 lowest priceINR?

[5:14:01 PM] vamshi: no in \$

[5:14:11 PM] Weekend Testing: let me try in ebay.in

[5:14:37 PM] meeta prakash: more interesting I tried searching for meeta and I get "0 results found for meeta, so we searched for meet."153 results found for meet, \$30.00 - \$50.00..... Also my advanced search set for one earlier search was not cleared off

[5:15:20 PM] Weekend Testing: AWESOME!!!

[5:15:37 PM] vamshi: ebay asking forzipcode while searching

[5:15:41 PM] Weekend Testing: Where were you all these days ? :) AMAZING testing session

[5:16:06 PM] Weekend Testing: Lets start the discussion session in few mins from now.

[5:16:28 PM] Weekend Testing: Please take 2-3 mins to note down your experiences in an offline editor

[5:16:33 PM] meeta prakash: when I manually go and clear the advanced search options and again search for meeta ...I get ...3 results found for meeta

[5:16:47 PM] Weekend Testing: Lets not have the moving pencils here...

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[5:16:58 PM] Weekend Testing: Offline editor :) c u all in 3 mins from now

[5:17:19 PM] Jon Bach: I got 30000 items for "meeta"

[5:18:09 PM] meeta prakash: @Jon ...pls check....if it is for Meeta or meet

[5:18:16 PM] meeta prakash: :)

[5:18:29 PM] shrinik: try typing 0.999 \$ in price max range .. it does some wierd thing such as 0.9,999 then shows the result. Something going wrong in code

[5:18:39 PM] vamshi: meet results mismatching

[5:18:42 PM] Jon Bach: "meeta"

[5:18:46 PM] manyabs: i got 3 items for "meeta"

[5:18:59 PM] Jon Bach: oh wait

[5:19:01 PM] Jon Bach: no 3

[5:19:02 PM] Jon Bach: you're right

[5:19:15 PM] Weekend Testing: last 1 min :)

[5:19:34 PM] shrinik: what is this cost? \$ 0.99,999,999,999

[5:19:50 PM] Weekend Testing: All set for de-brief?

[5:20:00 PM] phil kirkham: all set

[5:20:08 PM] manyabs: s

[5:20:20 PM] Weekend Testing: Who else? Thanks Phil, @manyabs

[5:20:26 PM] shrinik: yes

[5:20:43 PM] vamshi: when searched for meeta it displayed: meet? (30744 items) and clicked on meet displayed 30,741

[5:20:54 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Which link we are going to use for offline editor?

[5:21:00 PM] Weekend Testing: So, we are done with the testing session - amazing & variety of results.

[5:21:10 PM] Weekend Testing: Lets hear it from the expert Jon Bach

[5:21:18 PM] Jon Bach: Thanks, Ajay

[5:21:22 PM] Jon Bach: I loved this session

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[5:21:24 PM] Jon Bach: Tons of great ideas

[5:21:36 PM] Jon Bach: I will go back to my team and give them the same exercises

[5:21:43 PM] Jon Bach: But won't reveal the answers until after they test

[5:22:10 PM] Jon Bach: But what would be helpful to me in this debrief is...

[5:23:18 PM] Jon Bach: What other tester game charters do you think would be fun and productive to yield good ideas?

[5:23:27 PM] Jon Bach: (other than my 4)

[5:23:54 PM] Jon Bach: I will time box this question to 5 minutes.

[5:24:11 PM] shrinik: limited to search?

[5:24:14 PM] Jon Bach: yes

[5:24:27 PM] Markus Deibel: Find the most items with the same price

[5:24:33 PM] Rupinder: may be number of characters in the search string....use of the wildcard chars apart from *

[5:24:43 PM] Katya Kameneva: something about that when user types valid request and gets corrected so he'll get not what he asked for

[5:24:44 PM] Akanksha talwar: compare the price and products

[5:24:50 PM] phil kirkham: Find the most popular category

[5:24:59 PM] shrinik: Show and search

[5:25:02 PM | Edited 5:25:33 PM] eusebiu blindu: Find the item with the longest description(although this is possible to check easily)

[5:25:05 PM] Weekend Testing: Search Diff sites - for same product!

[5:25:16 PM] Del Dewar: A couple of ideas - items that sold the quickest, and those that took the longest to sell (or are *still* on sale..

[5:25:17 PM] shrinik: can I point to something and search items similar to this?

[5:25:23 PM] Rakesh Reddy: how search functionality is correcting spelling mistakes?

[5:26:00 PM] shrinik: Items for seasonal demand

[5:26:03 PM] Rupinder: suggestions list when user types.... minimum and maximum suggestions

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- [5:26:08 PM] Markus Deibel: Following Eusebiu: Find the item with the shortest description
- [5:26:11 PM] eusebiu blindu: Find the user who sold the most :)
- [5:26:26 PM] Katya Kameneva: the heaviest item for sale)
- [5:26:30 PM] shrinik: Search for emergency help - life/death situation?
- [5:26:30 PM] manyabs: Find Maximum Top Rated for the searched category
- [5:26:49 PM] Mohinder Khosla: I strt with simple search character, click couple of links, select unique characters, build the string to narrow down the search and repeat till I get the result I expect
- [5:27:00 PM] Del Dewar: - Someone that's charging the most extortionate P&P?
- [5:27:01 PM] shrinik: perishabe items?
- [5:27:13 PM] Weekend Testing: Can ebay recognize me when I re-visit? i am not sure if this is a game charter !
- [5:27:29 PM] vamshi: observed corrected spelling result in did you mean not matching with actual result
- [5:27:32 PM] Jon Bach: Ajay: yes -- iuf you have cookies
- [5:27:39 PM] Richard R: how about the item which has the most stable pricing over time?
- [5:27:45 PM] Weekend Testing: ok
- [5:27:55 PM] Balu: quickest sale?
- [5:27:58 PM] manyabs: Can E-Bay suggest me based o my previous search
- [5:28:00 PM] Weekend Testing: Then, can It recognize my prev purchases
- [5:28:02 PM] shrinik: Search for physically challenged
- [5:28:07 PM] Katya Kameneva: Is this all about user experience scenarios or how to train testers?
- [5:28:09 PM] Weekend Testing: Ah, @manyabs :)
- [5:28:17 PM] shrinik: Speech enabled search
- [5:28:23 PM] Del Dewar: Looking for items from sellers with only 100% ratings
- [5:28:29 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Sometime it is helpful to pick the whole search string from one of the results and run the search again till you hit the jackpot
- [5:28:36 PM] Richard R: the lowest ranked seller
- [5:28:48 PM] Markus Deibel: Find the longest and shortest item title

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[5:29:10 PM] narasimhareddyit: find the items which does not sold for the user

[5:29:11 PM] shrinik: latest item on the search

[5:29:20 PM] Weekend Testing: next question? @Jon

[5:29:25 PM] manyabs: Does the itle and the product matvches

[5:29:27 PM] Jon Bach: Time's up -- thank you for such great thoughts!

[5:29:32 PM] shrinik: items to sold only for govt?

[5:29:33 PM] Jon Bach: Next question:

[5:29:43 PM | Removed 5:30:07 PM] Richard R: This message has been removed.

[5:30:55 PM] Jon Bach: Did the search function meet your expectations?

[5:31:11 PM] Richard R: Performance was an issue for me

[5:31:38 PM] manyabs: Could not search with selected price rang

[5:31:38 PM] Del Dewar: IN some cases but not in others - e.g. trying to begin with a wildcard wasunexpectedly refused

[5:31:44 PM] shrinik: probably I would rephrase the question "how well did search meet your expectations"?

[5:31:57 PM] Jon Bach: @Shrinik -- ok

[5:32:00 PM] shrinik: I am sure you would be expecting "binary" yes/now

[5:32:06 PM] shrinik: yes/no

[5:32:16 PM] eusebiu blindu: performace drops a lot with adding a separate item in a list to be searched with "any of these words"

[5:32:18 PM] Weekend Testing: 1-2 lines should be ok I think @Shrini

[5:32:21 PM] Oliver V.: actually it was possible to search within price range, you just had to add another variable

[5:32:30 PM] Katya Kameneva: I'd like not to hit Search again when I change category. Something like live-search in google would be cool

[5:32:37 PM] Weekend Testing: Yes, i liked because

No, i did not like xxxxx because

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[5:32:53 PM] Weekend Testing: [5:32 PM] Katya Kameneva:

<<< I'd like not to hit Search again when I change category. Something like live-search in google would be cool

[5:33:20 PM | Edited 5:33:33 PM] Richard R: It needs a category called 'most bizarre items' ;)

[5:33:24 PM] Markus Deibel: Expectations met, but I think wildcards should be allowed at the start of the string, too.

[5:34:23 PM] Del Dewar: Also whitespaces were not allowed as leading characters but then that was me simply trying another variation of *

[5:34:25 PM] phil kirkham: No I did not like as there was not an option to search for Most Expensive Item or Most Popular Item - which shows my expectations were different from a normal ebay user as I had a specific mission to meet

[5:34:26 PM] manyabs: Yes , wildcards should be allowed...

[5:34:29 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Google would return results irrespective of string but specialises sites such as eBay either return results or none at all. It should bring up results from one of the string or part of the string just like google does. It should have recommendations if no results are possible

[5:34:48 PM] Rakesh Reddy: Most of the times searched returned me what i expected (no bizarre results), however the post code popup was a bit annoying... i love the fact that when i search with a xss attack `<script>alert("hey ebay");</script>`, this is actually parsed and converted to keyword alert("hey ebay");

[5:34:56 PM] Balu: Basic expectation met. Few issues with the search and advanced search - prompts for zipcode

[5:35:18 PM] shrinik: Advanced search is counter intuitive

[5:35:21 PM] Katya Kameneva: I feel lack of parameters with simple search and I don't like a very long page for advanced Search

[5:35:26 PM] Akanksha talwar: I feel In search some few things are missing like

wildcard search is not happening,

It only search for words

The general tip for ebay is not so informative

It is not searching for the price tag and the category . Need to put string to search.

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[5:35:41 PM] Del Dewar: Checked ebay for popular items top of list was yu-gi-oh

- yu-gi-oh only returned 114,000 items

- yu-gi-oh* bizarrely returned only 34,000 items (wildcard makes it worse?) - possible bug?

[5:35:46 PM] shrinik: rejects certain phrases like "Shrini" (or Meeta?) without offering suggestions

[5:36:05 PM] Jon Bach: Good one, Del

[5:36:18 PM] Del Dewar: Also tried

[5:36:19 PM] Del Dewar: - yu returns 47k items

- yu* returns 285k items

[5:36:27 PM] Jon Bach: OK... next question

[5:36:34 PM] Del Dewar: perhaps the - character threw the search off a bit?

[5:36:58 PM] Mohinder Khosla: @phil if you input expensive item on ebay it brings up 2 results but not with most expensive item. You have to google to give you that results which I did to find the most expensive yacht sold on eBay

[5:37:08 PM] Jon Bach: Was there a new technique for search (text box) that you tried or learned today?

[5:37:16 PM] Akanksha talwar: @Jon - I search for yu-gi-oh* It is giving me 37,829 result

[5:37:31 PM] Oliver V.: yes

[5:37:32 PM] Richard R: Yes. 'edit search' link beside search box.

[5:37:33 PM] Oliver V.: mathematical

[5:37:36 PM] Richard R: Had no idea that was there

[5:37:37 PM] meeta prakash: options set on advance searches have to be manually cleared

[5:37:44 PM] Oliver V.: I tried to use most-used letters in english

[5:37:50 PM] Oliver V.: and most common words

[5:38:03 PM] Weekend Testing: [5:37 PM] Oliver V.:

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[5:38:06 PM] Del Dewar: [5:37 PM] Akanksha talwar:

<<< @Jon - I search for yu-gi-oh* It is giving me 37,829 result Perhaps 3,000 items were added between searches :)

[5:38:24 PM] Balu: I tried unique items in the world to accomplish mission D

[5:38:50 PM] Richard R: I didnt know you can search on auction# also. That was new, as its not well publicised on the site.

[5:39:02 PM] eusebiu blindu: maybe Jon should give us access to ebay database. it will be easier :)

[5:39:03 PM] Weekend Testing: [5:38 PM] Richard R:

<<< I didnt know you can search on auction# also. That was new, as its not well publicised on the site.

[5:39:34 PM] Del Dewar: it certainly me think about regular expressions but also how that could fit in with the restrictions i had already discovered with the search field.

[5:39:38 PM] Markus Deibel: I think Del made it pretty clear that wildcards mus be tested in any part of the string. start, middle and end

[5:39:59 PM] narasimhareddyit: typing serach box with integer addition text 99,999,999,999 displaying for search

[5:40:31 PM] Del Dewar: but perhaps I'm too UNIX biased, so what I'd normally use as part of an awk script shouldn't/couldn't work in an ebay search field - perhaps have a search field for UNIX geeks? :)

[5:40:41 PM] eusebiu blindu: % works as replacing any char i guess

[5:41:12 PM] narasimhareddyit: typed 2 search box the following result dispalying 9,556,923 results found for 2, 99,999,999,999

[5:41:24 PM] manyabs: when I searched with ... it takes us to Home>Buy page, not sure if this serves the purpose

[5:41:35 PM] meeta prakash: I searched with random selected words that I assumed might not be usual searches

[5:41:50 PM] Mohinder Khosla: I was not able to find a string that returned one item from google search, ebay reurned at least 2 items with a fine search from the list of items I was looking for

[5:42:03 PM] shrinkin: We are responding to Jon question "what technique" we learned today. right?

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[5:42:10 PM] Markus Deibel: @eusebiu: as an IT person would you prefer to be allowed using % and * or just one of the two?

[5:42:50 PM] shrink: I learnt some generic line of attack (or patterns) for search related features

[5:43:00 PM] Mohinder Khosla: I did not used wild cards because in real life situations you type the item name plus associated text to find the best match

[5:43:13 PM] eusebiu blindu: @Markus I was not sure what % does replace. But the more the merrier for me

[5:43:19 PM] Jon Bach: Ok, cool. Next question...

[5:43:24 PM] shrink: boundaries, wild cards (and their positions), bazzre stuff etc

[5:43:32 PM] Jon Bach: Question: I limited you to charters. But ignoring the mission of the charters for a moment, what searches would likely find bugs, in your opinion?

[5:43:44 PM] Jon Bach: (if anything goes)

[5:44:00 PM] Oliver V.: what kind of bugs are you referring to?

[5:44:13 PM] Oliver V.: or what kind of issues would you like me to find?

[5:44:31 PM] Jon Bach: Oliver: the latter

[5:44:32 PM] meeta prakash: I was more focussed on usability kind of issues

[5:45:05 PM] Del Dewar: non alphanumeric character, control, alt, function, etc.

[5:45:10 PM] shrink: I would look for issues where search would give "Wrong" results

[5:45:13 PM | Edited 5:45:36 PM] Richard R: Teh msispelling faecture was itneresting. If I am looking up a word that is unique, it might be misinterpreted as a misspelled word, perhaps. And be corrected, and not return my intended results.

[5:45:25 PM] shrink: but I must have a way to check the validity of results

[5:45:33 PM] Oliver V.: depending of history of the product... I would assume performance issues, but since the limit of results, it might not be that bad

[5:45:57 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Real used would not attempt words with wildcard only IT geeks would such a thing. Search engine should accept it. Unless until you have option to specify choose or/and option the search would bring up all matches from the input string.

[5:46:06 PM] Oliver V.: also differing number of search results with similar parameters

[5:46:13 PM] shrink: I would use diff persona's - soap opera testing

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[5:46:55 PM] Rakesh Reddy: From user prespecieve, my context would be to search for a product then ebay suggests me other products !! (for example, Iphone and Ipad)

[5:46:56 PM] shrinik: kid, person in hurry, greedy one, misor, charity, govt

[5:47:17 PM] meeta prakash: I was more focussed on usability kind of issues....I found 3 main ones

(1) did not clear advanced search, though searched for new words

(2) Forced replaced string search on me

(3) when I tried giving range in general search 30\$ to 50\$ without using advanced search option, it did not give me any results

[5:47:19 PM] Del Dewar: brb - my 3 year old is demanding a sandwich...

[5:47:24 PM] Jon Bach: I'm partial to flow or scenario testing as well

[5:47:29 PM] Markus Deibel: @Jon: Abit offtopic but, Richard's misspelling point triggers the following question for me. Is there a spellcheck for at least the item titles offering a correction in comparisson with existing articles?

[5:47:36 PM] shrinik: a lover, father, teacher, politician

[5:48:15 PM] Weekend Testing: A TESTER @Shrini ;)

[5:48:23 PM] Markus Deibel: that is for the item seller

[5:48:39 PM] meeta prakash: when I gave a complex string in search, it did not give me any result

[5:48:41 PM] Jon Bach: @MARKUS -- it's called Autosuggest, but not correction

[5:49:09 PM] Mohinder Khosla: @jon On ebay itself typing string expensive item results in 3 but no of items displayed 2 surely it is a bug in my opinion.

[5:49:15 PM] Jon Bach: Ok ine more minute and I want to summarize my thoughts...

[5:49:16 PM] Oliver V.: autocorrection is damn dangerous thing to use

[5:49:36 PM] shrinik: handling misspelled searches for famous names - Gandhi, Hitler, Obama

[5:49:42 PM] Markus Deibel: suggest was what i meant :)

justt missed the correct word

[5:50:37 PM] Richard R: I think there will be regional issues with search. In some countries, it might be defaulted to world search, and others it might be local country search. But there is no way of knowing, perhaps.

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[5:50:38 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @Jon for autocomplete, bugs related to business rule, number of letters matching the search keyword

[5:51:03 PM | Edited 5:51:09 PM] eusebiu blindu: the 31mil star hotel is in "real-estate " cat

[5:51:10 PM] Jon Bach: Summary: what you went through is something I call Open-Book Testing, much like taking an open-book exam where knowing the answer matters much less than how you FIND the answer.

[5:51:12 PM] Rupinder: results are repetitive...I search for "lean" and got multiple results of Summertime 1955 DVD SEALED David Lean Katharine Hepburn

[5:51:16 PM] Richard R: Some items are clearly only available in particular countries, and should be widened to such a search in this scenario.

[5:51:25 PM] Weekend Testing: lets hear what Jon has to say :)

[5:51:26 PM] eusebiu blindu: but when i sort items there i can't find it

[5:51:41 PM] Jon Bach: Imagine mini-sessions

[5:51:43 PM] Jon Bach: 5 minute sessions

[5:52:01 PM] Jon Bach: no report needed, but in aggregate they can form a full session

[5:52:13 PM] Jon Bach: imagine a new hire on your team who needs to get started right away

[5:52:21 PM] Jon Bach: give them a list of 30 small questions to answer on their own

[5:52:37 PM] Jon Bach: and watch HOW they came up with the answers

[5:52:40 PM] shrinik: what kind of questions?

[5:52:43 PM] shrinik: example?

[5:52:49 PM] Jon Bach: (like the 4 charters)

[5:53:19 PM] Oliver V.: well... I've used similar technique already... it works

[5:53:25 PM] Jon Bach: Google Open-Book Testing and it's the 3rd link

[5:53:28 PM] Oliver V.: but it works only when closely observed

[5:53:33 PM] shrinik: it would be a good interview tactic as well

[5:53:39 PM] Jon Bach: Exactly!

[5:53:40 PM] phil kirkham: would also be good for an interview screen before they become a new hire

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- [5:53:45 PM] Oliver V.: meaning if the new guy is left alone in the corner then it's wasted time
- [5:53:54 PM] phil kirkham: @shrini - great minds :)
- [5:54:07 PM] Jon Bach: @Oliver Not if you have a debriefing session then give them another set
- [5:54:11 PM] shrinik: @phil :)
- [5:54:13 PM] vamshi: "include description" option not working
- [5:54:24 PM] Mohinder Khosla: All four questions are open ended. Would you give new starter the opportunity to clarifications just like you did here?
- [5:54:25 PM] Oliver V.: well... if she/he is new AND rookie
- [5:54:57 PM] eusebiu blindu: I also forget that is an open session, not a dig-alone one :)
- [5:54:59 PM] Jon Bach: @Mohinder Yes and no -- it depends on your mood -- either is useful -- letting them clarify and letting them struggle and assume for the time being
- [5:55:16 PM] phil kirkham: @mohinder If the starter asks for clarifications then wouldn't that give them another tick and show they are thinking the right way ?
- [5:55:31 PM] Richard R: Last week, I put a chair on the table, and asked the new hire to 'test this'. Such techniques work well.
- [5:55:32 PM] shrinik: if they question - then it indicates ... they are right ones you are looking at ...
- [5:55:48 PM] Oliver V.: "test this and explain why" works better :P
- [5:55:50 PM] Jon Bach: What I did on my new team at eBay is have them each give me 3 questions about their feature areas for ME to answer
- [5:56:03 PM] Jon Bach: I will book a conference room and show them in real time how I go about my exploration
- [5:56:07 PM] phil kirkham: @shrini we did it again :)
- [5:56:16 PM] Jon Bach: It's good to be vulnerable in front of people you are trying to win respect from
- [5:56:28 PM] Weekend Testing: :)
- [5:57:00 PM] shrinik: "vulnerable"?
- [5:57:01 PM] Richard R: @Jon - Agree. Like playing the dice-game with a newbie, then getting them to play it with you.
- [5:57:08 PM] shrinik: can you explain?

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[5:57:16 PM] Rakesh Reddy: This something i can implement right away with my team, i've a new starter in my team

[5:57:19 PM] Jon Bach: @Richard Exactly.

[5:57:32 PM] shrinik: or you wanted to say "open minded"?

[5:57:41 PM] Del Dewar: Will be interviewing for testers real soon - this is really useful information.

[5:57:55 PM] Jon Bach: @Shrini Letting them see you struggle if you don't know the answer right away -- letting them see you ignorant or working it out

[5:58:00 PM] Weekend Testing: remember the lock game Jon played with ... Jon what's the boy's name!

[5:58:05 PM] Jon Bach: Steven

[5:58:10 PM] Jon Bach: Danw Cannan's son

[5:58:13 PM] Jon Bach: Dawn

[5:58:36 PM] Jon Bach: I call it Reverse OBT -- when you elt your team give *you* questions

[5:58:53 PM] Jon Bach: Everyone winds up learning even when they know the answer, they see new ways to FIND the answers

[5:59:17 PM] Weekend Testing: [5:58 PM] Weekend Testing:

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<http://jonbox.wordpress.com/2010/06/>

[5:59:44 PM] Jon Bach: And with that, I want to thank everyone for your precious ideas and intellect!

[5:59:50 PM] Jon Bach: I feel wealthy now

[5:59:52 PM] Weekend Testing: Thanks to all the testers who participated, shared so many great ideas and special thanks to Jon Bach (@jbttestpilot on twitter).

Special thanks for this exercise Jon!!! Amazing isn't it? Just have a look at what can be achieved in 2 hrs when there's passion, enthusiastic testers & Jon Bach leading the exercise :)

So, Thank you once again. :) Feel free to blog/tweet your thoughts. Any questions, you can always email at weekendtesting@gmail.com. We will help you get the answers.

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-Happy facilitator :)

[5:59:57 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @Jon When you said Reverse OBT, you mean go to team and say give me 4 questions i don't know and i'll come up with answers

[6:00:01 PM] shrinik: 5 min session is like Testing T20 (following cricket)

[6:00:14 PM] Jon Bach: @Rakesh Exactly.

[6:00:38 PM] shrinik: what does OBT stand for?

[6:00:41 PM] phil kirkham: @Jon Thanks for the session - 1 question though - do you know the answers ? what is the most expensive and what search gives the most answers ?

[6:00:44 PM] Jon Bach: "I'll show you how I would approach the answer..."

[6:00:49 PM] Rupinder: looking forward to the next session now:) really amazing....

[6:00:57 PM] Jon Bach: Open-Book Testing

[6:01:37 PM] Richard R: Thanks Jon and all - nothing like staying up to 130am on your Saturday night doing testing puzzles :)

[6:01:45 PM] Weekend Testing: Its 4.30 am for Jon!

[6:01:59 PM] Katya Kameneva: the site is live. it's updating to the search results are

[6:02:03 PM] Richard R: :x - trumped!

[6:02:05 PM] Jon Bach: It's 4:30 am here in San Jose and I am energized! Better than coffee!

[6:02:07 PM] shrinik: thanks Jon.. it was a nice session

[6:02:07 PM] Del Dewar: excellent session - thanks guys

[6:02:12 PM] narasimhareddyit: its great learning experience

[6:02:28 PM] manyabs: Thanks Jon.....Had a good experience...lot learnt

[6:02:30 PM] Mohinder Khosla: It has been an interesting open-book testing session. Thanks Jon for opening a new chapter. Hope the above 4 leading questions works for your team

[6:02:31 PM] Rakesh Reddy: @ Thanks, Jon - i've few things which i am taking out which can help my team from this session - Open book testing is my to do list :) - thanks again WeekEndTEsting

[6:02:43 PM] Markus Deibel: Thanks to everyone, I guess I'll join the WT crowd more often again :)

[6:02:57 PM] Weekend Testing: So, we officially close the session here. Feel free to chat here if you want! Signing off. Thank you - Ajay. Over & out.

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[6:02:58 PM] Katya Kameneva: tanks to everyone. having a realyy good time in here

[6:03:00 PM] eusebiu blindu: ok, good session. for next ones i will try to show more live my findings than hidding in a corner :)

[6:03:00 PM] narasimhareddyit: thanks weekendtesting

[6:03:05 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Thanks everyone for the company, it's been great

[6:03:10 PM] Balu: Thanks all! I learnt how to search now!

[6:03:12 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Bye for now

[6:03:18 PM] eusebiu blindu: thanks Jon

[6:03:24 PM] eusebiu blindu: thanks all!

[6:03:24 PM] vamshi: Thanks John for having here.

[6:03:26 PM] eusebiu blindu: bye

[6:03:27 PM] Jon Bach: Thanks, Ajay, for hosting! 53 is officially in the record books.

[6:03:29 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Thanks again JOn

[6:03:39 PM] Rakesh Reddy: See you folks in next WeekNight Session - Thanks Ajay...

[6:03:47 PM] Richard R: Is there anyone from NZ or Australia, or anywhere else, who would like to attend WTANZ on Sunday nights?

[6:03:47 PM] narasimhareddyit: Thanks everyone

[6:03:55 PM] Jon Bach: Thanks, all. Fun fun fun and great data for me and me new team

[6:03:57 PM] vamshi: hope we will see you in coming sessions