

[11:01:56 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Welcome to Weekend Testing Americas on this fine summer day :).

[11:02:18 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: This is session #14, held on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

[11:02:37 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: It is 11:00 AM Pacific Time for me. Your time zones may of course vary.

[11:03:03 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Since we have a number of first timers here, we would like for everyone to start with Introductions.

[11:04:21 AM] Michael Larsen: Hi everyone, I'm Michael Larsen, and I'm the primary facilitator for WTA. That means all the messages from the WTA account that you receive come from me. Exciting, huh :)?

[11:04:38 AM] Justin Byers: Hi, my name is Justin Byers and I live in Victoria, BC Canada. I work as both a Test Team Lead and Tester on Windows applications, Web apps and iPhone apps.

Twitter: @justincbyers

[11:04:49 AM] Albert Gareev: Hi, read about me on my blog <http://automation-beyond.com/about/>

[11:05:35 AM] Michael Larsen: I'm a 17 year veteran of software testing, a lone tester, brown belt in the Miagi-do School of Software testing, instructor with the Association for Software Testing, and spend a lot of time trying to come up with fun challenges to present here during these sessions. I'm on Twitter at @mkltesthead and blog at <http://mkl-testhead.blogspot.com>

[11:05:46 AM] Rajesh P: Hi every one, I am Rajesh from Bangalore, India. I am working as software tester in a product company.

[11:05:48 AM] L R Koblenz: Howdy - Lisa Koblenz - tester in Iowa City

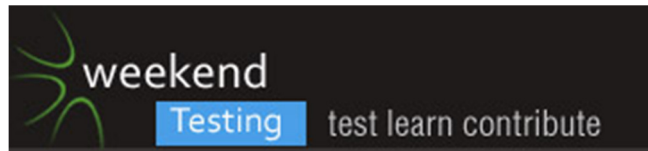
[11:05:58 AM] Lalitkumar S. Bhamare: Hi All, am Lalit. Passionate Software Tester who also happens to be Co-Founder, Editor of teatimewithtesters.com

[11:06:57 AM] Ben Simo: Hi, I am Ben Simo; @QualityFrog on Twitter. I'm a context-driven cyborg software tester.

[11:07:06 AM] Jeremy Wenisch: How goes it, folks. I'm Jeremy Wenisch, in southwest Virginia. I test online collaboration tools for a small IT/program management consulting company.

@jereminate on Twitter

[11:08:39 AM] Michael Larsen: Oh, note for today on my end, since I have two computers, and since all of my stuff for PC is set up on the system with the WTA stuff, a lot of my comments will be from the WTA account today. just know if you see general commentary from @WTA, that's me ;).



[11:09:00 AM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 10:57 AM] Weekend Testers Americas:

<<< For starters though, please make sure you have this app installed, as it's the main point of our session today.

\Weekend Testing Americas session (#14) will be held at 11:00 AM PDT, and we will be focusing on a tool called "Regular Expression Designer"

<http://www.radsoftware.com.au/regexdesigner/>

Note: This requires a download, is Windows specific, and requires .NET 1.1/2.0

[11:10:29 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Before we get started on the mission, let's get a quick poll. Would there be anyone who would have issues with downloading and installing this application? Be it for location or work system reasons?

[11:10:59 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: It's not a "no go" if you can't install it, but it will make the practical aspects of testing for today's sessions a little more challenging.

[11:11:15 AM | Edited 11:11:23 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: So show of hands, who would have a problem installing this app?

[11:14:05 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Anyone? Anyone? Bueller? Bueller?!

[11:15:02 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: OK, I'll take the deafening silence to indicate that there are no issues or you've already spoken up about it :).

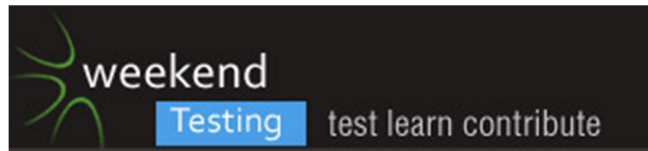
[11:15:29 AM | Edited 11:15:50 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Albert, the floor is yours. Please introduce the charter and mission for today's session.

[11:16:15 AM] Albert Gareev: Today's mission is: Learning About The Product.

[11:17:03 AM] Albert Gareev: We will use SFDPOT heuristic to guide the exploratory learning process and mindmap to document findings

[11:17:40 AM] Albert Gareev: Quick reference on SFDPOT:
<http://www.satisfice.com/articles/sfdpo.shtml>

[11:18:39 AM] Albert Gareev: Since we're building a single map in collaboration, I'll be taking notes with XMind.



[11:19:14 AM] Ben Simo: The T was added to SFDPOT after that article. The T is "Time" - how the product is affected by time

[11:19:24 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: So first step with installing the app... (again, this is Michael taking notes as WTA).

[11:19:44 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: How many people here are familiar with regular expressions and creating them?

[11:19:45 AM] Albert Gareev: I suggest to begin first loop of exploration with "P" - platform.

[11:19:59 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Myself, I am fairly novice to low intermediate.

[11:20:15 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: I use them, but hardly to the level where I'd consider myself proficient.

[11:20:42 AM] Albert Gareev: #Platform What is the platform this application can run on? (claimed, to begin with)

[11:20:57 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Our platform for this specific app is windows, and more specifically .NET 1.2/2.0.

[11:21:17 AM] L R Koblenz: Very basic understanding of regex - I started learning for a project and haven't used them much since

[11:21:23 AM] Albert Gareev: #Platform What libraries this app requires to be installed?

[11:21:34 AM] Jeremy Wenisch: I'd consider myself novice to low with regex... just learned about them while learning Ruby recently

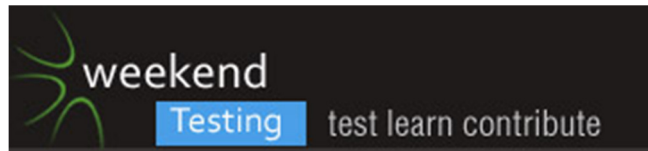
[11:21:41 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: what advantages/ limitations does that provide us with?

[11:22:12 AM] Rajesh P: I am novice about regular expressions

[11:22:42 AM] Justin Byers: I've spent a decent amount of time in the company of regex, but not recently and it seems to be knowledge that quickly fades with time... so I'm probably in a low intermediate category.

[11:23:32 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: having a prerequisite of the .NET platform is needed. Testing in virtual machines can be done on other platforms such as Mac or Linux, but this app limits us to windows. Ben posted some web based regex options, so those could expand the potential learning options, but for the sake of today's session, let's limit the scope to the actual application.

[11:23:43 AM] Justin Byers: Certainly a limitation seems to be that the link to download the .NET framework doesn't work in Chrome.



[11:24:01 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Ouch. Good point.

[11:24:23 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: so preferred browser can become a limitation just in our initial setup phase.

[11:24:46 AM] Albert Gareev: #Platform nodes: Platform\MS Windows\DotNet2\Magic UI Lib

[11:25:03 AM] Justin Byers: You said 1.2 / 2.0, did you mean .NET 1.1?

[11:25:35 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Note: Albert is creating a mind map of the steps and limitations we discover and discuss as part of the session today.

[11:25:44 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Whoops, yes.

[11:25:53 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Sorry @Justin, typo on my part.

[11:26:00 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Yes, I meant .NET 1.1

[11:26:06 AM] Albert Gareev: If with that we don't have more platform-specific questions, let's get to the easy :) part - exploring and mapping GUI #Structure

[11:26:35 AM] Ben Simo: oh, you want ideas from us now?

[11:26:45 AM] Justin Byers: #Issue: I can't find anywhere on the site that outlines which versions of Windows this program is supported on

[11:26:53 AM] Justin Byers: which vastly increases our testing scope

[11:27:14 AM] Ben Simo: P: Windows: what versions? display sizes? multi-monitor? no mouse?

[11:27:24 AM | Edited 11:27:50 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: #Area: I'm testing on windows 7 enterprise, so we can include that as part of our matrix. Note, that's implied, I see the same thing Justin does (or does not) which is a supported platform list.

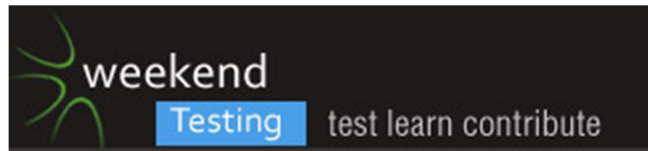
[11:27:48 AM] Ben Simo: P: Windows: .Net: 1.2/2.0: .net not installed? other versions of .net

[11:27:59 AM] Albert Gareev: @Ben Yes, I'd like you to ask and answer questions about the product.. and write them back here, so I can map it

[11:28:23 AM] Ben Simo: @Albert. k. i started mapping on my own. :)

[11:28:30 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: So let's do a quick informal poll. which Windows version have you installed the app on?

[11:28:48 AM] Justin Byers: XP SP 3



[11:28:57 AM] Ben Simo: Win 3.1 on a 386. ;)

[11:29:02 AM] Justin Byers: LOL

[11:29:13 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Michael L: Windows 7 Enterprise, .NET 1.1/2.0/3.5

[11:29:14 AM] L R Koblenz: Win XP SP3

[11:29:22 AM] Rajesh P: windows XP SP2

[11:29:41 AM] Jeremy Wenisch: XP SP3, .NET 1.1/2.0SP2/3.0SP2/3.5SP1

[11:30:37 AM] Ben Simo: Seriously, Win XP 2002 Home SP3. on a netbook with 1024x600 display

[11:30:53 AM] Albert Gareev: Please report node-like: "Windows XP SP3 \ DotNet 3.5"

[11:31:16 AM | Edited 11:31:38 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: ah yes, display: 1280 x 800 for Michael L.

[11:31:33 AM] Albert Gareev: @Ben What dot net on Win3.1 ?

[11:32:24 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Michael L: Windows 7 Enterprise \ DotNET 3.5 \ 1024 x 600 Display

[11:32:39 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: @Albert, I think Ben was teasing ;).

[11:33:17 AM] Rajesh P: windows XP Sp2\Dotnet 2.0

[11:33:45 AM] Ben Simo: to see what versions of .net are installed, look in the registry at HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\.NETFramework

[11:33:47 AM] Justin Byers: Windows XP SP3 \ DotNet 2.0, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 \ 1680 x 1050

[11:35:04 AM] Jeremy Wenisch: Windows XP SP3 \ DotNET 1.1, 2.0, 3.0, 3.5 \ 1280 x 800

[11:35:34 AM] Albert Gareev: Time check (o) let's move on to #Structure

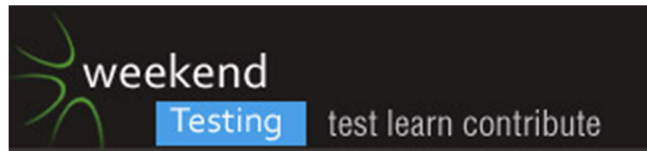
[11:35:48 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Michael L: Windows 7 Enterprise \ DotNET 2.0, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 \ 1024 x 600

[11:36:00 AM] L R Koblenz: Windows XP SP3 \ DotNet 1.1, 2.0 SP2, 3.0 SP2, 3.5 SP1 \ 1280 x 1024

[11:36:06 AM] Albert Gareev: Structure\GUI\Main Window - what do we have here?

[11:36:39 AM] Rajesh P: Rajesh: windows XP SP2\Dot Net 2.0\1280x800

[11:36:44 AM] Albert Gareev: Structure\GUI\Main Window\ "Input Text" area



[11:36:54 AM] Justin Byers: There's seven windows, each with labels

[11:37:08 AM] Albert Gareev: Structure\GUI\Main Window\Main menu

[11:37:10 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: standard GUI interface for windows application with little in the way of explanation on the surface.

[11:37:15 AM] Albert Gareev: Structure\GUI\Main Window\Toolbar

[11:37:17 AM] Justin Byers: As well as some timing data at the bottom and some help information

[11:37:21 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: My first reaction is "whoa, where do I start?"

[11:37:53 AM] Justin Byers: Yah, it's difficult to map out without first understanding how the heck this works

[11:38:23 AM | Edited 11:38:32 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: So the help gives us "About", and that's it.

[11:38:30 AM] Ben Simo: i want to go look at docs and/or marketing material to better understand what's on my screen. Then come back and play with it to discover

[11:39:19 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: OK, if we click on the link that brings us to the site, we get a link to product features.

[11:39:28 AM] Justin Byers: It seems the first time I loaded it, it had a sample regex, but that's gone now

[11:39:46 AM] Albert Gareev: Structure\GUI\Main Window\ "Options" area

[11:39:51 AM] Jeremy Wenisch: And at the bottom of the site, there is a 7-step "getting started" help note

[11:40:05 AM] Albert Gareev: Structure\GUI\Main Window\ "Match Results" area

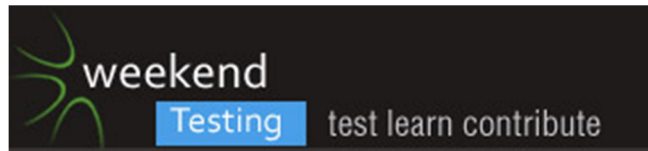
[11:40:10 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: It also indicates that it uses the Magic User interface library with link.

[11:40:33 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Potentially relevant for testing and understanding the internal logic of the app from a gray box perspective.

[11:40:37 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: I would think ;).

[11:42:00 AM] Jeremy Wenisch: Interesting: if I follow the link to the Magic User Interface (from About), I get "The DotNetMagic product has now been discontinued "

[11:42:39 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: well, that's a bit of a downer.



[11:44:24 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Hey gang, let's keep focused. We're scoping testing based on SFDPOT (that note is to me, too, btw :).

[11:44:36 AM | Edited 11:44:47 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Albert's busy mapping, so I have to play mall cop ;).

[11:45:23 AM] Justin Byers: The 7 step guide suggests "Arrange the windows by dragging a window by its title to the edge of the screen or on top of another window title"

I don't recommend anyone actually does this, as my user interface is now a complete mess

[11:45:27 AM | Edited 11:45:59 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Let's think about the structure of the app as we are currently seeing it and hold off on poking and prodding... just for a bit. We'll get time to poke and prod, I promise :).

[11:45:55 AM] Justin Byers: I think it's very possible to map out the interface without knowing what it does, but I think we're losing a lot by doing that

[11:46:16 AM] Ben Simo: i find it difficult to get too much logical from a black box perspective structure info without moving on to better understand OPERATIONS. I need context of operations to understand structure and context of structure to understand operation...

[11:46:42 AM] Albert Gareev: @Ben that's why we're exploring in loops

[11:47:17 AM] Albert Gareev: @Ben if you want to log your finding on #Function or #Operations - please do that.

[11:47:32 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: For some, SFDPOT is not something they have used, so we're trying to explore that first to give people a chance to consider it and comment on it.

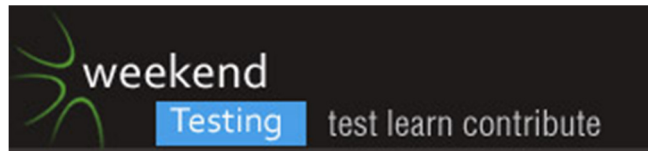
[11:47:56 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Yes, good point, any oddities or comments, please use the hash options (should have mentioned that earlier).

[11:47:57 AM] Albert Gareev: #Ben if you want to link node from #Operations to #Structure - again, share your finding

[11:48:05 AM] Ben Simo: all the parts of SFDPOT are interrelated. Discovery is cyclical and requires cycling through looking at the item under test from many perspectives; using what is learned to guide the next view

[11:48:13 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: #[Keyword] for how you want to associate your comments, such as:

[11:48:16 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: #Issue



[11:48:17 AM] Justin Byers: Ok so when mapping this out, I think we want to identify the seven main windows first, which I assume Albert has done already or is in the process of doing

[11:48:18 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: #Bug

[11:48:22 AM | Edited 11:48:29 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: #Structure

[11:48:36 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: #Operations

[11:48:38 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: #Area

[11:48:41 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: etc.

[11:49:16 AM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 11:48 AM] Ben Simo:

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Ben, as an ET veteran, show the example, please :)

[11:49:45 AM] Justin Byers: @Albert if you right click on the match results window, you get some additional options

[11:50:27 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: weird... totally unrelated to the charter, but Albert, your quote just put the date as yesterday.

[11:50:39 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Sorry for the nerdy observation, please continue.

[11:51:03 AM] Albert Gareev: @Justin noted

[11:52:23 AM] Justin Byers: The text under Language Elements changes based on which element you have selected. It provides a more in depth description of the element

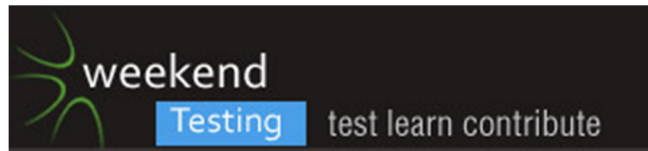
[11:52:25 AM] Albert Gareev: @Justin #Structure GUI\Main window\ "Match Results" area\pop-up menu

[11:53:15 AM] Justin Byers: Associated with Match Results is a timing field which presumably will tell the user how long the current set of results took to generate

[11:53:29 AM] Albert Gareev: @Justin noted

[11:54:47 AM] Ben Simo: windows within the main window can be dragged off the window. they can also be closed individually but not re-opened individually

[11:55:06 AM] Justin Byers: Under Match Results, selecting a Match will highlight it in the Input text field



[11:55:21 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Now this is interesting, and this could come down to my own expectation, but when we click new Expression, it clears everything. I type in a URL as an example and then click new expression, and I get a message saying I need to create a regular expression.

[11:56:00 AM] Justin Byers: If you right-click on the input labels, you get a variety of show/hide options

[11:56:09 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Bear with me, but my expectation would be that, with this app, I would want to enter is an example text, and then be guided as to potential regular expression ideas and examples.

[11:56:41 AM] Ben Simo: ah. Right click allows individual opening of windows. not in toolbar or menu bar

[11:56:59 AM] Albert Gareev: #Operations Mouse\Left-click Mouse\Right-click Mouse\Drag

[11:57:48 AM] Jeremy Wenisch: @Michael that was my initial expectation too; it seems that it just lets you try out regular expressions, not help you create them

[11:58:31 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Yep. Bummer. But again, this comes down to another heuristic, HICCUPS (which we aren't covering for this session ;)).

[11:58:37 AM] Ben Simo: It helps create to the extent that the Language Elements section lists a variety of matches that can be selected and inserted into a regex

[11:59:14 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: @ben, true, but then again, that seems a little misleading by the title of the app.

[11:59:16 AM] Ben Simo: so, in exploring structure, we're discovering some Operations items. data too

[11:59:29 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Or again, it's my own expectation in what I'd hope the app would do.

[11:59:53 AM] Weekend Testers Americas: Perception != Reality ;)

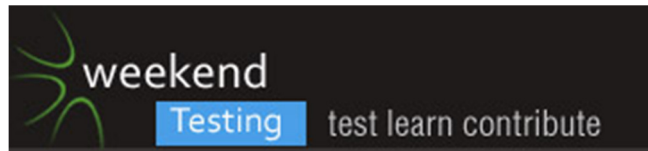
[12:00:08 PM] Ben Simo: but context defines reality :)

[12:00:18 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Yes, indeed it does.

[12:00:38 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Anyway, I'm drifting off point so let's get back to where we need to be.

[12:00:47 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Albert, how are we doing?

[12:01:35 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Note to participants, we are trying something different with this session.



[12:02:27 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Normally, we would already be done with testing and go to debrief, but today we are looking to explore the options of learning about the product in greater depth, so we're going to keep going until our mapper tells us we've met the objective.

[12:02:44 PM | Edited 12:02:50 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: [Albert, that's a sign to come up for air and let us know if we are missing anything ;)].

[12:03:25 PM] Albert Gareev: I keep mapping the findings

[12:03:51 PM] Albert Gareev: Each node itself might be a charter mission for the future testing

[12:04:07 PM] Ben Simo: double click language element inserts item into regex window at cursor location

[12:04:22 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Ah, cool :).

[12:04:31 PM] Albert Gareev: @Ben noted

[12:04:33 PM] Ben Simo: running expression puts matches in Match Results window.

[12:04:58 PM] Ben Simo: match results just lists an item for each match. doesn't show where

[12:05:14 PM] Justin Byers: @Albert Have you got the menu items covered? Expression, Edit, View and Help?

[12:05:24 PM] Ben Simo: however, clicking on an item in results highlights it in the input text

[12:05:40 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: #Function GUI\Main window\sub-areas\rearrange\exit app - the rearrangement is remembered when I re-open

(in other words, I wasn't able to reset the mess I've created...)

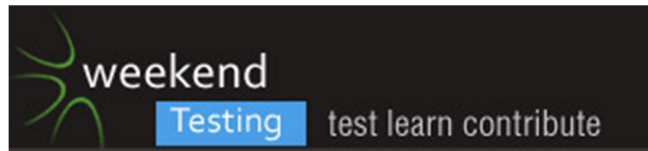
[12:06:35 PM] Ben Simo: options don't change regex, but change how matching is performed

[12:06:41 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: So the onus of this app is still on the user to know their RegEx. It acts as a reminder, but will not automatically construct "good regex".

[12:06:57 PM | Edited 12:07:17 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: At least how I see it.

[12:07:11 PM] Ben Simo: @michael yes. although the language elements could be helpful for one learning regex

[12:07:50 PM] Albert Gareev: @Justin I'm only mapping what you report.. part of it, actually :) doing my best keeping up with the pace



[12:08:09 PM] Ben Simo: it also allows creation and testing of regular expressions. useful in both learning to write regex and testing regex under development

[12:09:12 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: @Ben, yes, agreed. I'm just looking again at the inherent expectation of the product and how to apply it. Upon further review, it is doing what its name implies. It has a reference structure, and allows the user to construct and test out any number of regex options.

[12:09:43 PM] Albert Gareev: @Ben mapping: #Function (RegEx Design) (RegEx Help) (Test RegEx)

[12:09:56 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: It's not a regex wizard, which means it will not automatically create whiz-bang regex just based on a test string and a few mouse clicks.

[12:10:37 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: I'd argue that the current and intended design is actually better for the long term learning of the tester/developer that uses it.

[12:11:04 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: And again, I'm getting distracted off the main point, so I'll stop now ;).

[12:11:48 PM] Albert Gareev: #Function\RegEx Design\Insert expression linked with #Structure\GUI\Main window\Language Elements" area\Treeview\Element via #Operation/Mouse/Double-click

[12:12:36 PM] Ben Simo: #platform what impact does the app have on the platform - eg resource usage

[12:13:20 PM] Justin Byers: Ok continuing with structure then, there's all the menu items...

Expression > New

Expression > Match

Expression > Cancel

Expression > Open...

Expression > Save As...

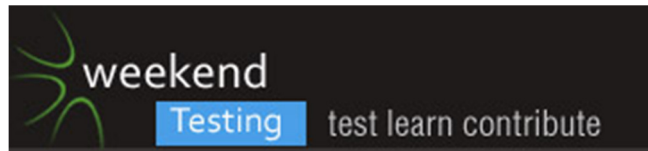
Expression > Exit

[12:13:45 PM] Albert Gareev: @Ben can you specify #Platform/Resources RAM, HD,.. ?

[12:13:58 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: #Data how much input text can it handle, what's allowed to be pasted in

[12:14:06 PM] Justin Byers: In addition, you can using the following keyboard inputs

CTRL-N - New



F5 - Match

[12:14:49 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Find ctrl-F

[12:15:36 PM] Justin Byers: When running New via the menu item, keyboard or button, you are given a dialog asking if you want to continue and erase the current regex with two buttons:

Yes

No

or you can use keyboard

Y

N

[12:15:42 PM] Albert Gareev: @Justin - capturing...

[12:17:11 PM] *** Weekend Testers Americas removed Ben Simo from this conversation. ***

[12:17:15 PM] *** Weekend Testers Americas added Ben Simo ***

[12:17:48 PM] Ben Simo: Computer froze after repeated copy/paste into input text

[12:17:54 PM] Ben Simo: Rebooting now

[12:21:43 PM] Justin Byers: Edit > Find

Within the find dialog

Search For - Input

Match Case - Checkbox

Regular Expression - Checkbox

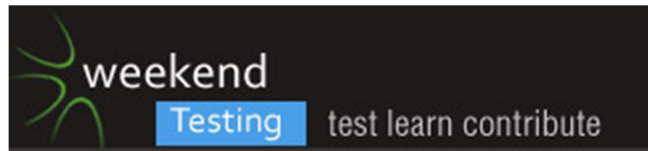
Find - button

Cancel - button

Result - output window

[12:22:27 PM] Albert Gareev: @Justin - mapping

[12:23:02 PM] Ben Simo: after crash, i lost my regex and input data.



[12:23:08 PM] Justin Byers: Unfortunately I can only give you the structure, I can't determine the point of having a Find unless you're writing a seriously epic regex

[12:24:14 PM] Justin Byers: In the Find result window, selecting a result will highlight it in the regular expression window

[12:25:30 PM] Albert Gareev: #Data #Time nodes - don't have anything for them yet

[12:26:34 PM] Justin Byers: Menu items:

View > Show All

Help > About

Within the About dialog:

Links

Email Address

Ok Button

[12:26:57 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: #Time, Executing expression will give an approximation as to how long it will take to run.

[12:27:49 PM] Justin Byers: for data there's four main categories I see:

Input Text

Regular Expression

Replace Expression

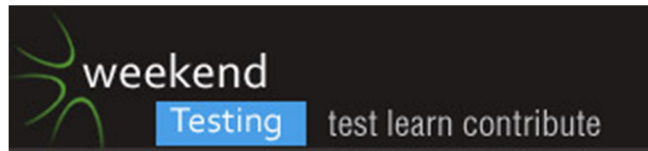
Open / Save As (regex file)

[12:28:16 PM] Rajesh P: In match results window, based on our selection from right click menu, results will be displayed as expanded or collapsed.

[12:28:41 PM | Edited 12:28:52 PM] Albert Gareev: @Justin mapping #Data\File\Regex #Data\Input\

[12:28:46 PM] Ben Simo: hmm.... it display Execute time of 718 ms for match that took nearly a minute to complete

[12:29:04 PM] Ben Simo: perhaps it match quickly but then spent much more time generating results tree



[12:29:56 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: #Data Replace Results area has text output that can be copied

[12:30:00 PM] Albert Gareev: @Ben I'd note your idea as a charter for testing

[12:31:04 PM] Albert Gareev: @Jeremy mapping your finding to all #Data #Structure #Operation

[12:31:09 PM] Ben Simo: or maybe that match still isn't done; now several minutes later. i wasn't trying to break it

[12:31:40 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Interesting. Ben, what match are you trying to see happen (example?).

[12:32:10 PM] Ben Simo: 0% cpu usage but it still shows everything grey as if match is still running. i have cancel match button

[12:32:26 PM] Ben Simo: cancel match doesn't do anything

[12:32:32 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Ah, so that's something we haven't mentioned yet.

[12:32:48 PM] Albert Gareev: Huh, #bug with "Replace Results" - "Paste" option in pop-up menu is available but doesn't paste

[12:32:50 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: If the match is actively running, does the cancel button stop the search?

[12:33:12 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 12:33 PM] Weekend Testers Americas:

<<< If the match is actively running, does the cancel button stop the search?

That's charter! Keep 'em coming! :)

[12:33:15 PM | Edited 12:34:09 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Can't tell, not of my matches have taken more than a couple of ms

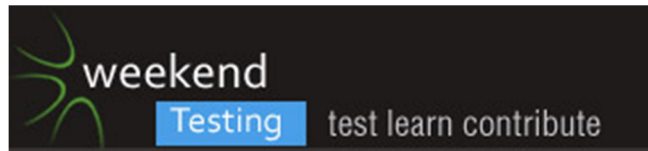
[12:33:17 PM] Ben Simo: using defaults displayed when app launched, i added a blank line to end of input text. then selected all, copied, and pasted many times. then ran regex

[12:33:59 PM] Ben Simo: i wasn't trying to break it. just wanted to see something with more results.

[12:35:43 PM] Justin Byers: For Data, save and then opening those regex:

File with neither regular expression or replace expression

File with just regular expression input



File with just replace expression input

Files with small amounts of data

Files with large amounts of data (thousands of lines)

Files with special characters

Files with xml characters

Opening files with invalid xml

[12:35:58 PM] Ben Simo: i closed app. the ui went away, but the exe is now using 50% cpu instead of 0%.

[12:36:22 PM] Ben Simo: now, finally the exe went away.

[12:36:34 PM] Ben Simo: I'm easily distracted by bugs. ;)

[12:37:16 PM] Ben Simo: this time, my input data and regex are still there after i shut down and restarted the app

[12:37:29 PM] Ben Simo: that high cpu usage after the ui went away may have been it saving the data

[12:39:11 PM] Ben Simo: [12:35 PM] Justin Byers:

<<< For Data, save and then opening those regex:files containing UTF8

[12:39:14 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Hey gang, here's where, in radio parlance, we "pause for station identification" ;).

[12:40:11 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: So for those who are newcomers to weekend testing, what we are doing right now is the active testing component, and the active testing today is focused on using SFDPOT to help us learn the product and what we can be testing and how effectively we can test it.

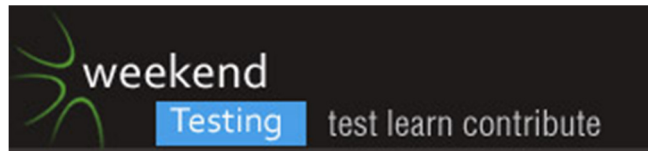
[12:40:21 PM] Ben Simo: #Data: input: text, regular expression, replace expression,

[12:40:34 PM] Albert Gareev: I'm now mapping some charters as well

[12:40:47 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: truth be told, this could go on for hours with complex applications (and this one's really not super simple either).

[12:41:12 PM] Ben Simo: #Data: output: match results, replace results ... although these are also structural classifications

[12:41:13 PM] Justin Byers: #Data:



variety of simple regular expressions

variety of complex regular expressions

variety of replace regular expressions

[12:41:18 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: but the purpose of today's mission and focus is to give everyone a chance to consider the product and mapping ideas with the SFDPOT heuristic.

[12:41:59 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: if you have had a chance to see this in action and understand what you are seeing, awesome. If not, please do not hesitate to speak up or offer additional insights, questions, etc.

[12:42:23 PM] Ben Simo: #Operations: finds text using regular expressions

[12:43:07 PM] Ben Simo: #Operations: assist users in identifying and using appropriate regex syntax

[12:43:27 PM] Ben Simo: #Operations: performs regex-based search and replace

[12:43:34 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 12:42 PM] Ben Simo:

<<< #Operations: finds text using regular expressions#Function ?

[12:44:14 PM] Ben Simo: yeah. function and operations overlap. that one is probably function

[12:44:31 PM] Ben Simo: i tend to think of function and technical perspective and operations as user problem-solving perspective

[12:44:44 PM] Ben Simo: function as* technical perspective

[12:45:12 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 12:42 PM] Ben Simo:

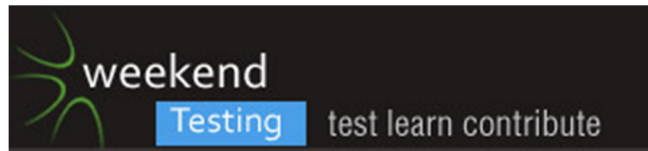
<<< #Operations: finds text using regular expressions@Ben and this is also a collateral value of the product, imo

[12:46:15 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Clicking options RightToLeft and ECMAScript individually or together give Error in regular expression , 'specified argument was out of valid values' Parameter name:options

[12:48:10 PM] Justin Byers: #Time

Leaving the application running for long periods of time

Running really quick regular expressions



Running really complicated and time consuming regular expressions

Running regular expressions that result in MANY matches (the match tree could be very slow)

[12:48:31 PM] Ben Simo: clicking new expression while a match is in progress clears all data but still leaves everything greyed out as if match is still in progress #bug

[12:48:36 PM] *** Weekend Testers Americas added Pradeep Soundararajan ***

[12:48:47 PM | Edited 12:49:00 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Late arrival. Welcome Pradeep :).

[12:48:54 PM] Ben Simo: hi Pradeep

[12:49:28 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: \Weekend Testing Americas session (#14) will be held at 11:00 AM PDT, and we will be focusing on a tool called "Regular Expression Designer"

<http://www.radsoftware.com.au/regexdesigner/>

[12:49:43 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: hey folks, sorry for joining you all late, I promise not to hinder the progress (much) :)

[12:50:19 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Today's mission is: Learning About The Product.

We will use SFDPOT heuristic to guide the exploratory learning process and mindmap to document findings

Quick reference on SFDPOT: <http://www.satisfice.com/articles/sfdpo.shtml>

Since we're building a single map in collaboration, I'll be taking notes with XMind.

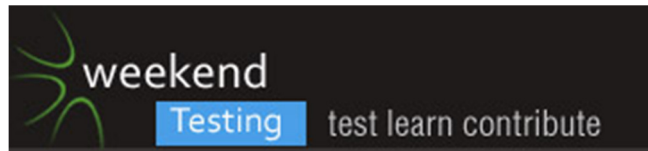
[12:50:23 PM] Ben Simo: [12:49 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan:

<<< I promise not to hinder the progress (much) hey, that's my job. ;) now back to our regularly scheduled programming...

[12:50:31 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: Thanks for those update

[12:51:41 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Pradeep, not sure how much of the "back chat" you can see if any, but we've been primarily focused on looking at the application and considering all of the options for testing and mapping them using SFDPOT as our guide. Albert has been scribbling furiously much of this time :).

[12:51:55 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: ok



[12:52:12 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: please continue, I shall join if I have something to pitch in

[12:52:55 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: cool, then back to our regularly scheduled session :).

[12:53:27 PM] Albert Gareev: By the way, have got some charters for #Time, but none product features. Give me not test ideas about time, but about time-related product features

[12:53:56 PM] Ben Simo: time related features? as in speed?

[12:54:04 PM] Ben Simo: or data retention?

[12:54:06 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: On the T part of SFDPOT : I notice that I install and launch the app, without entering anything click on Match Expression, for a moment the Cancel Match enables and disables. I don't know of any human who could cancel that match that fast.

[12:54:09 PM] Ben Simo: stability over time?

[12:54:20 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: #time: Execution of pattern match and processing of regex is listed in ms at the bottom

[12:54:40 PM] Albert Gareev: speed, history, backward compatibility, different generations of RegEx syntax... eh?

[12:55:14 PM | Edited 12:55:23 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: hmmm... limitation and question on my end... what oracle could we use to verify the regex options being referenced?

[12:55:20 PM] Ben Simo: the cancel match and new expression stay enabled while performing a match. cancel hasn't worked for me. does nothing. new during match clears data but leaves app in state new regex and data can't be entered

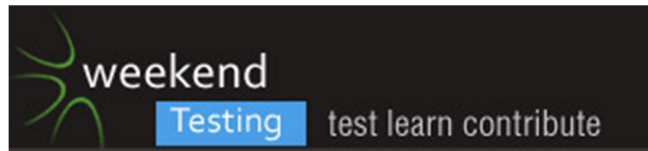
[12:55:44 PM] Ben Simo: also, i've noticed that clicking new asks if i want to clear the regex. it also clears the input data but doesn't warn of that

[12:55:52 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 12:55 PM] Ben Simo:

<<< the cancel match and new expression stay enabled while performing a match. cancel hasn't worked for me. does nothing. new during match clears data but leaves app in state new regex and data can't be entered

Can you give me that as a node path?

[12:56:01 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: @Ben, yeah I noticed that, too. Rather frustrating.



[12:56:12 PM] Ben Simo: function: match: cancel?

[12:56:22 PM] Ben Simo: function: match: new

[12:56:32 PM] Ben Simo: with match being a match in progress

[12:56:33 PM] Justin Byers: @WTA Good question on the oracles. I'm thinking using a few online regular expression tools

[12:56:38 PM] Ben Simo: they are also timing related

[12:56:52 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 12:56 PM] Ben Simo:

<<< function: match: cancel?

function: match: new

Ah, ok. Couldn't associate that with #Time

[12:56:52 PM] Justin Byers: And also running a variety of sample regex from tutorials found online

[12:57:02 PM] Justin Byers: to cover all the major types of regular expressions that people use

[12:57:07 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: #time there's indication of progress when processing a large search/return

[12:57:16 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: there's no * indication, that is

[12:57:23 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: #Time: Input text: Regular Expression: replace expression: Match Expression; Execute [x]ms

[12:57:46 PM] Ben Simo: as far as #function, we could get detailed in mapping each of the various regex meta characters and match classifications

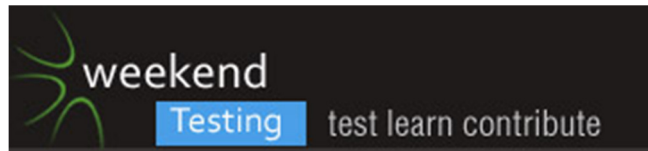
[12:58:33 PM] Ben Simo: such detail could be helpful in generating test data ideas. however, we'd not only want to test them individually. we'd want combinations

[12:59:17 PM | Edited 12:59:25 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: It seems to me that the combinations of regex characters could easily stretch into the realm of impossible to complete.

[12:59:31 PM] Ben Simo: yes, impossible for complete testing.

[12:59:51 PM] Ben Simo: but matches could be classified into something manageable

[1:00:21 PM] Ben Simo: with special care about potentially *greedy* meta-characters like * and +



[1:00:21 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: @Ben If you hover over the New Expression button, it says "Clears the Regular Expression and Input Text." that seems to be the only indication though...

[1:00:33 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: So with that in mind, how could we get a handle on the potential range of tests that would be "reasonable" if not "exhaustive"?

[1:01:13 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Yeah, I'm considering the true wildcard characters in their own scope, because there's way too much ambiguity as to whether or not they are behaving as expected.

[1:01:26 PM] Ben Simo: first verify each match type works on its own

[1:01:55 PM] Ben Simo: however, even there is infinite input possibilities in regex and text to match

[1:02:43 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: Are we discussing on T :)

[1:02:43 PM] Ben Simo: i'm thinking start with each match classification. the "language elements" classification could be used for that.

[1:03:01 PM] Albert Gareev: #issue I find annoying absence of Undo

[1:03:19 PM] Ben Simo: test some of each with a variety of text. then combine text and classifications.

[1:03:31 PM | Edited 1:03:37 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: @Pradeep, well *I* am :).

[1:03:48 PM] Ben Simo: this could be a good candidate for some model-based test generation that combines input text and regex variations

[1:03:53 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 1:02 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan:

<<< Are we discussing on T :)@Pradeep, I'm putting "requests" out here, but mapping what I've got :)

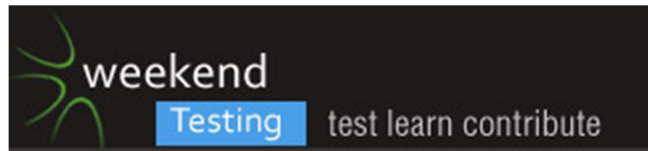
[1:04:03 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: again due to special configuration needs, WTA == Michael Larsen for the virtue of this discussion today ;).

[1:04:08 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: @Albert : Got it

[1:04:29 PM] Ben Simo: that would, of course, require the test generation automation also implement the matches in order product expected results

[1:05:14 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: (o)

[1:06:29 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: We are now two hours in, and as stated earlier, this is more of a deep dive approach than we have traditionally done. The question is... how are you all holding up?



[1:07:06 PM] Albert Gareev: To me, it seems like "Exploring Product Phase" went into "Generating Test Ideas".

[1:07:09 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: So, I did this test. Created a text file and got it to be test.regex and tried opening the file. It appeared to take a while (about 4 seconds) and then threw an Unhandled exception error - XML error

[1:07:22 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: We may want to consider time related scenarios associated to file opening

[1:07:23 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: We've generated a lot of ideas, and we've covered the heuristic pretty well in my estimation (Albert is the one keeping notes, so he may have a different opinion).

[1:07:26 PM] Albert Gareev: @WTAmericas IMO, today's mission is accomplished

[1:07:53 PM] Mohinder Khosla: I separated all the frames from the GUI and they are broken and can't put them back together. Is there a hope?

[1:08:22 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: So here's my next question... this was an experiment with a much more in depth analysis of testing ideas and generating test charters.

[1:08:22 PM] Albert Gareev: @Pradeep mapping..

[1:08:28 PM] Ben Simo: @Mohinder. you have to drag them to an edge of the main window

[1:08:37 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 1:07 PM] Albert Gareev:

<<< @WTAmericas IMO, today's mission is accomplished- successfully :)

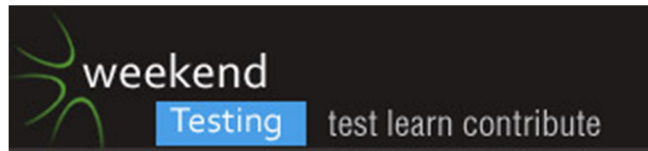
[1:08:53 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: @Mohinder - kind of like a slide puzzle... slide them to the edge in the order you want

[1:09:02 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: It took a considerable amount of energy and focus, and took us out of the normal zone of WT sessions.

[1:09:08 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: @mohinder I think the window might have to be maximized though

[1:09:17 PM | Edited 1:09:24 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Note, we haven't even touched on debrief of any kind yet :).

[1:09:23 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: Wish I could have joined much earlier. Looking forward to see what Albert has compiled.



[1:09:43 PM] Mohinder Khosla: They are not on the screen just the icon at the bottom which can be individually displaced but not all together as they were when I installed the app

[1:09:47 PM] Justin Byers: @WTA I thought the experiment was a good one and certainly led to more hands on testing work than some previous WTA. I thought it was good, although it would have been nice if we could have viewed the progress @Albert was making on the mind map

[1:10:03 PM] Ben Simo: debrief now?

[1:10:29 PM] Albert Gareev: @Pradeep, and everybody - let me know - I can email the actual XMind mindmap I've got. And we'll post the images along with the experience reports

[1:10:48 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: the question... Albert and I have been talking about making "Deep Dive Sessions" for awhile now. Today was our first "test run" of such a session, with the idea that the test ideas generated could be utilized for future follow-on sessions.

[1:11:12 PM] Ben Simo: one issue I'm having with a 3rd lone party gathering info and generating the mind map is that i can't see it as it is built to help guide new exploration. However, I've also found that sometimes having someone else take the notes and then sharing is very useful in ensuring all are communicating well

[1:11:19 PM] Mohinder Khosla: @albert you can email me the map [email address removed]

[1:11:28 PM] Ben Simo: I'd like to see what @Albert has created

[1:11:33 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: The mindmap you have created could also be used for testing other software with similar options in it

[1:11:38 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: So I'm trying to gauge... how did you all fare with this.

[1:11:45 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Did we lose anyone?

[1:11:59 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: If you're still here and actively engaged raise a hand :).

[1:12:14 PM] Ben Simo: (y)

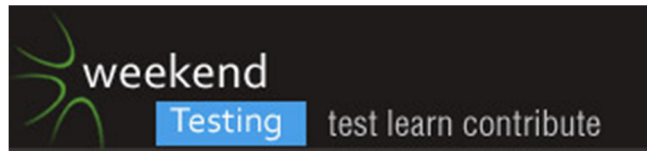
[1:12:17 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: (y)

[1:12:17 PM] Mohinder Khosla: (y)

[1:12:21 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: (flex)

[1:12:23 PM] Justin Byers: (y)

[1:12:23 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: (y)



[1:12:31 PM] Mohinder Khosla: (y)

[1:12:33 PM] Rajesh P: (y)

[1:12:42 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: (y)

[1:12:54 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: @albert I'd like to see the map as [email address removed]

[1:12:55 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: I've never created a mind map myself and would like to see how today's discussion translated to one

[1:13:00 PM] Albert Gareev: #Debrief I think, today's mission is a live example that Exploratory Testing is not an 'ad-hoc' testing, but is a structured, systematic approach to testing, which can be scaled well, documented, and performed even by a distributed team

[1:13:14 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: #Debrief I think, today's mission is a live example that Exploratory Testing is not an 'ad-hoc' testing, but is a structured, systematic approach to testing, which can be scaled well, documented, and performed even by a distributed team

[1:13:17 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Time for a (beer)

[1:13:26 PM] L R Koblenz: I really liked this session, but have never really used these methods. So was content to try to keep up with what everyone else was doing and then try some things on my own

[1:13:38 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 1:12 PM] Weekend Testers Americas:

<<< If you're still here and actively engaged raise a hand

Ha-ha (clap)

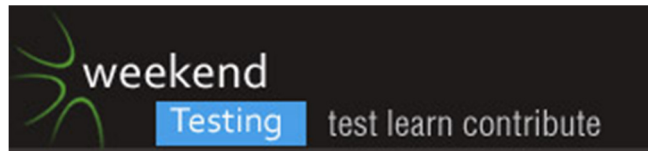
[1:13:50 PM | Edited 1:13:54 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: OK, good :).

[1:14:00 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Looks like most everyone then.

[1:15:04 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: which confirms something we had been wondering... would people be willing to commit to more in depth "deep dive" sessions if announced as such.

[1:15:16 PM] Albert Gareev: #Debrief Today's session emphasizes the importance of note-taking and testing-story-telling skill

[1:15:50 PM] L R Koblenz: I would like to see the resulting mind map also. I've tried using mind mapping, but was not able to find a good systematic way to do it on a project that turned out to be actually useful in my testing. This seemed like a good method for me to try next...



[1:16:01 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Albert, would you like to explain a little more about "Project Sherwood" or should I :)?

[1:16:30 PM] Ben Simo: #Debrief: One thing i've noticed is that we somewhat fell into a trap that I find common with black-box testers: much of our investigation focused on the big complex UI that stared us in the face. it wasn't until we were close to running out of time that thinking turned much towards actually performing the core functions properly - matching regular expressions

[1:16:42 PM] Albert Gareev: #Debrief Actually, was so enjoyable, I quickly lost track of time... and pace, I couldn't map everything reported here, but did my best creating SFDPOT and Charters maps

[1:16:45 PM] Mohinder Khosla: You got more stories to tell, let me grab something to eat>

[1:16:52 PM] L R Koblenz: I wish I would have seen this a couple weeks ago. It would have really helped the programmer and I untangle our last "simple" project... that we just finished after 3 weeks...

[1:17:05 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 1:16 PM] Weekend Testers Americas:

<<< Albert, would you like to explain a little more about "Project Sherwood" or should I :)?

You go, I'll add :)

[1:17:17 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: OK, here goes...

[1:17:40 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Much of the Weekend Testing process is deliberately focused on single sessions, with a set time limit.

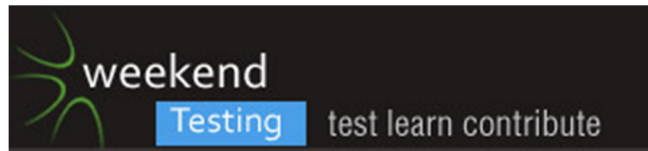
[1:18:22 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: that's been part of the design from the beginning, to allow testers to get in, practice their craft, and raise their skill level without having to make a long time commitment or otherwise have to string many sessions together.

[1:18:54 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: there's a definite benefit to that, but there are skills that need a longer and more focused approach, as well as more sessions to become proficient.

[1:19:45 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Could we split the session so we can cover wider area of the app?

[1:20:07 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: we've looked at this idea much the way that "militias" and "archers" develop their skills. Militias can come together quickly, work on a mission, and then disband. Archers, however, have to work together and hone their craft over time, and in concert with one another to become effective.

[1:20:18 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Mohinder, that's exactly the point :).



[1:20:55 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: Excellent

[1:21:04 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: We've wanted to see how we could approach these "lengthier topics" and do justice to them, so that those who wanted to participate could do so.

[1:21:44 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Through this, we thought it would be interesting to try a pilot idea we've called "Project Sherwood" (for Sherwood Forest of "Robin Hood" fame ;)).

[1:22:09 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: +1 for Project Sherwood

[1:22:22 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 1:20 PM] Weekend Testers Americas:

<<< Archers, however, have to work together and hone their craft over time, and in concert with one another to become effective.

Who wants to be Yeoman tester? (history: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yeoman>)

[1:22:52 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: the idea is that we don't want to change the character of Weekend Testing entirely, but we do want to make for opportunities where testers who might want to bite into much bigger topics can.

[1:23:48 PM] Ben Simo: chomp!

[1:24:00 PM] Albert Gareev: "The term yeoman nowadays suggests someone upright, sturdy, honest and trustworthy, qualities attributed to the Yeomen of the Crown; and in the 13th century the Yeomen of the Chamber were described as virtuous, cunning, skillful, courteous, and experts in archery chosen out of every great noble's house in England."

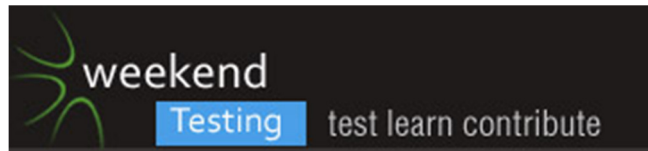
[1:24:14 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: So today, we tried a "Project Sherwood" idea and warned that it would be a longer session, more than the traditional two hours.

[1:25:10 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: so far, you've all performed gamely and I think it was one of our most in-depth sessions WTA has done to date... and we could keep going, and the charters we developed could keep us busy and learning for weeks!

[1:25:17 PM] Albert Gareev: upright, sturdy, honest and trustworthy,...virtuous, cunning, skillful, courteous.. doesn't it speak for exploratory testing craft?

[1:26:35 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Here's the challenge, though, it means that those who are more used to a "militia" kind of approach to WT, meaning the standalone initiatives, could potentially get lost in these deeper dives and these longer missions that might stretch out over weeks, or months.

[1:26:36 PM] Mohinder Khosla: [1:25 PM] Albert Gareev:



<<< upright, sturdy, honest and trustworthy,...virtuous, cunning, skillful, courteous.

Not everyone can have all these qualities at once

[1:26:49 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: So here's our proposal...

[1:28:09 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Going forward, there will be two kinds of WTA sessions (of course, if other chapters want to do it, we're certainly game to have them run with the idea, too)... when you see #WTA by itself, it's a standalone session, and will be announced as it has been traditionally through Twitter, the WT site, etc.

[1:29:24 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: when you see #Sherwood, that's going to be a sign that this will be more in depth and may be a multi-part session. This gives people a choice. They can go for the standard sessions and know that they will be standalone, or they can participate in more complex and ongoing #Sherwood sessions.

[1:29:52 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: the goal is to bring up our game in as many areas as we can. Session based testing can be taught in single sessions.

[1:30:10 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: automation techniques can't, at least not very well.

[1:30:18 PM] Justin Byers: I think it's a great idea. Would we be tackling the same application over the course of a set of Sherwood sessions?

[1:30:23 PM] Ben Simo: Sounds great. Do we get to wear funny hats?

[1:30:33 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: we would also schedule #Sherwood sessions much further in advance.

[1:30:51 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: Funny hats are required, I assume

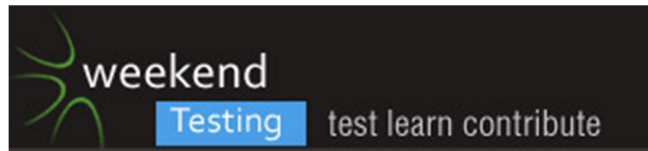
[1:30:52 PM] Rajesh P: Good idea.

[1:30:59 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: In short, we're asking people to make a commitment when we announce a Sherwood project.

[1:31:18 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 1:30 PM] Ben Simo:

<<< sounds great. do we get to wear funny hats?

Or at least a distinguishable pic on your web-site :)



[1:31:23 PM] Mohinder Khosla: @Ben We would need two uniforms one for the WTA and other for Sherwood

[1:31:34 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: It deserves appropriate attention both from the participants as well as the organizers.

[1:32:57 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: yeah, actually, I think it would be cool to have an avatar that represents someone as a regular 'Sherwood' contributor. Granted, this is a crazy idea that Albert and I have been discussing for months. We're happy that there are others who are willing to be crazy along with us :D.

[1:32:58 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: I would think that you run #Sherwood as a part of WTA and it adds value to people joining in to that specific session when the mission for that session is independent of a person joining in or not. It also adds value to #Sherwood when people who might not be biased (from last week session) give the ongoing testers a fresh perspective each week. One, like how Albert did today, could keep putting in those ideas together with others who are regulars for #Sherwood.

[1:33:20 PM] Mohinder Khosla: To run Sherwood types of sessions, do we have enough committers

[1:33:27 PM] Albert Gareev: We're aiming not only for skill development type sessions, but bringing out results of testing products using session-based exploratory testing approach, making people and businesses aware.

[1:33:46 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: <<< We're aiming not only for skill development type sessions, but bringing out results of testing products using session-based exploratory testing approach, making people and businesses aware.

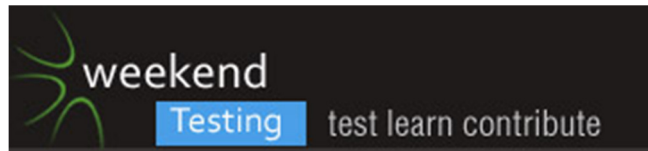
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[1:35:43 PM | Edited 1:35:57 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Seriously, this is my hope for WT, that we not only give people an opportunity to improve their testing game, but that people on the outside see that WT contributors are some of the best testers out there. I firmly believe that, just by my interaction with everyone each week. I know how dedicated everyone is here. Wouldn't it be cool to parlay that into the rest of the marketplace, where WT and, yes, Sherwood become synonymous with "kick-ass test ninja skills" :)?

[1:36:24 PM] Justin Byers: kick ass test ninja skill... is that a skill that people look for on a resume?

[1:36:52 PM | Edited 1:37:04 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Justin, I sort of hope that practitioners won't need resumes... we'll be that good ;).

[1:37:06 PM] Justin Byers: Nice!



[1:37:22 PM] Albert Gareev: @Justin next time you're hiring send out candidates to one of WT missions :)

[1:38:10 PM] Ben Simo: (ninja)

[1:38:11 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Manager take note WT missions

[1:38:11 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: <<< @Justin next time you're hiring send out candidates to one of WT missions

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[1:39:00 PM] Justin Byers: @Albert Ha that's a great idea

[1:39:39 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 1:35 PM] Weekend Testers Americas:

<<< Seriously, this is my hope for WT, that we not only give people an opportunity to improve their testing game, but that people on the outside see that WT contributors are some of the best testers out there.

I see it realistic to find that #Sherwood customers would be willing to express gratitude as, for example, LinkedIn recommendation, and, who knows, might decide to improve their own testing process by hiring instructors

[1:40:03 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Don't go crazy(dance). It will happen over a period of time when WT certification is the only piece of paper you would need

[1:40:06 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Seriously, though, this is a chance to go way beyond certification or any "scheme" to demonstrate competence. This is a way to develop a true "artists collective"... or "special forces" crew, or "black ops" team... whatever metaphor works for you all :).

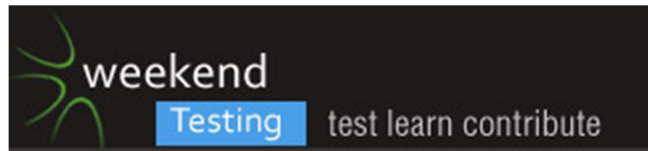
[1:40:53 PM] Justin Byers: Well I'm definitely on board for this. What's the next step?

[1:41:36 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: "band of merry testers"?

[1:41:49 PM] Albert Gareev: [Friday, July 15, 2011 1:40 PM] Mohinder Khosla:

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Certification by experience and peer recognition is a right type of 'certification'

[1:42:11 PM] Ben Simo: i'm in



[1:42:18 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: I'm going to be sending out a message to all of the testers that have been regular contributors to WTA. I'd like to encourage the facilitators of the other chapters to do the same thing. In short, those who are already the most active are our most likely recruits.

[1:43:03 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Thinking x my (h)

[1:44:05 PM] Albert Gareev: @Ben (a side note) as we go with Medieval names, you won't be a 'testing cyborg' :) I'm thinking 'beastmaster' or 'werewolf' :)

[1:45:07 PM] Ben Simo: no, i'm the troll under the bridge; eating unsuspecting billy goats. ;)

[1:45:14 PM] Mohinder Khosla: If you insist I am in

[1:45:27 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: from there, we make special Sherwood sessions, and give plenty of notice, with the expectation that it's a regular training cadre of participants. It should be open to all, but there's a good chance that first timers might feel a little lost if we are dealing with longer term things like, well, writing Regex patterns effectively or expanding on automation ideas.

[1:45:35 PM | Edited 1:46:05 PM] Albert Gareev: I have so far Jeremy and Mohinder willing to get an XMind mindmap. Anybody else? Please give your emails. We can remove them later from the chat transcript.

[1:45:48 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Albert, me of course :).

[1:45:58 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: me == Michael Larsen , that is ;).

[1:46:22 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: OK folks, you may have to excuse me. It's way too late for me. I may have to drop out now. Thanks for allowing me in. I couldn't be of much value but I learned about Sherwood and am happy.

[1:46:40 PM] Rajesh P: Albert I, too want mind maps [email address removed]

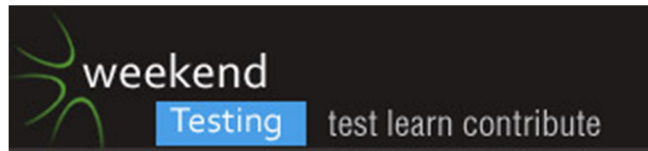
[1:46:50 PM | Edited 1:46:59 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: thanks for stopping by Pradeep... expect a letter explaining more these plans shortly :).

[1:47:09 PM] Mohinder Khosla: [1:45 PM] Weekend Testers Americas:

<<< writing Regex patterns effectively or expanding on automation ideas.

Don't test my Java/Ruby/Selenium skills please?

[1:47:20 PM] Pradeep Soundararajan: thanks, bye all



[1:47:22 PM] Albert Gareev: Bye, Pradeep! Thanks for attending! :)

[1:47:26 PM] Ben Simo: i'd like to see the mindmap too. [email address removed]

[1:47:52 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Bye Pradeep!

[1:48:46 PM] L R Koblenz: I would also like to see the mind map: [email address removed]

[1:49:03 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Mohinder, we're not thinking specific tools unless it makes sense. We're after the bigger picture and letting people implement the things that will make the most sense for them. I use Ruby, others many use Java, others may use .NET, but we can all learn how to accomplish our objectives better irrespective of the specific tool.

[1:49:22 PM] Mohinder Khosla: So this was our first Sherwood session. Rest of such sessions would be of same length or longer

[1:49:51 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Hard to say. It's possible some might be shorter just due to familiarity.

[1:49:56 PM] Justin Byers: yes, mindmap me... [email address removed]

[1:50:12 PM] Albert Gareev: sent out the map

[1:50:12 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: It's possible some could be even longer than this.

[1:50:27 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Length of time isn't really the point.

[1:50:29 PM] Albert Gareev: Whoops, @Justin, you missed it :)

[1:50:51 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: (thanks, Albert!)

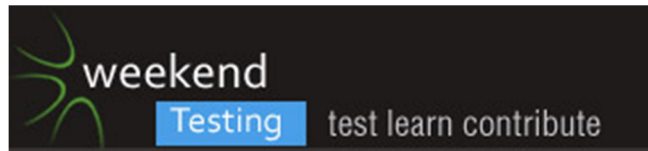
[1:50:56 PM] Justin Byers: oops sorry I was a bit late responding

[1:51:06 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: It's the depth and level of focus needed, and the idea that some concepts will just take longer to cover effectively, whether in single or multiple session formats.

[1:51:21 PM] Rajesh P: thanks Albert

[1:51:32 PM] Mohinder Khosla: For me session length is no problem, it's joining at the right time is which happened today, I missed 1 hour of it.

[1:52:11 PM | Edited 1:52:31 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: We will try to give an estimation, though. We'd hope no single session would ever go beyond 4 hours (as there's a lot of pre and post ops needed for each of these sessions and that lengthens our days, too).



[1:53:23 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: In any event, these would be planned in greater detail and announced with much more lead time (perhaps even multiple weeks in advance).

[1:53:29 PM] Albert Gareev: We may also experiment with time zones. It depends on participants as much as facilitators!

[1:53:58 PM] Justin Byers: Can we get t-shirts made up in time to wear at CAST 2011? ;)

[1:54:07 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Heh Heh ;).

[1:54:21 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: that may be a stretch... but I'd love it, personally :D

[1:54:36 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: I'd wear one ;).

[1:55:47 PM] Mohinder Khosla: We should agree on a logo if we want some printed

[1:58:01 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: OK, so more to the point, our follow on to our first #Sherwood session.

[1:58:22 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: I'd like to propose next Saturday, 7/23/2011.

[1:58:41 PM] Rajesh P: Same time?

[1:58:43 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: I'd need a little later start time, though.

[1:58:55 PM] Justin Byers: works for me

[1:59:04 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: that's if *I* were to be the facilitator.

[1:59:24 PM] Mohinder Khosla: half an hour later would work in my favor

[1:59:31 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: If someone else wanted to take it on and continue running with it, then we could aim for the same time.

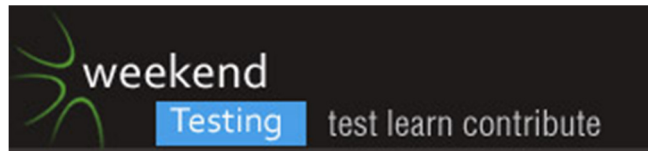
[1:59:54 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: For me, I'd need to propose a start time of 2:30 or 3:00 PM PDT... that's if we did it next week.

[2:01:21 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: we could also go earlier.

[2:01:37 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: It would be harder for me, but it would be earlier in the day for European and Indian attendees.

[2:01:59 PM] Mohinder Khosla: 11-11:30 PDT is ideal if the sessions are going to be longer in future.

[2:02:25 PM] Justin Byers: @WTA wouldn't you want to be around for the first official Sherwood? As opposed to getting someone else to facilitate?



[2:03:41 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: well, in this case, we'd have Albert facilitate, and I'd join on when I can.

[2:04:38 PM] Albert Gareev: @Justin, in our experience, we've learnt that a session needs two facilitators to run smoothly, so the question is who will volunteer to help me, if I start before Michael?

[2:04:39 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: I'll be helping develop the charters and the missions, as well as the underlying ideas of what we cover, so I'll be there even if I'm not there ;).

[2:05:17 PM | Edited 2:05:50 PM] Albert Gareev: IOW, I need a volunteer yeoman! - At least for the next mission. Good to have: hands-on mind mapping skills

[2:05:34 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: but yes, inherent to Sherwood membership is the idea that any of us could facilitate if necessary.

[2:05:41 PM] Justin Byers: I'd be up for volunteering

[2:05:41 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Truth be told, it's not that hard. You get better with practice :).

[2:06:17 PM] Justin Byers: Just tell me what I have to do and I'll make it so

[2:06:35 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: So let's see... do we want to commit to next Saturday? With the idea I will announce it immediately after we close up shop here :)?

[2:06:49 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: we need an official date and start time.

[2:06:54 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: What's it going to be?

[2:07:26 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: And in this case, announcing charters ahead of time is totally cool :))!!

[2:08:20 PM] Mohinder Khosla: [2:07 PM] Weekend Testers Americas:

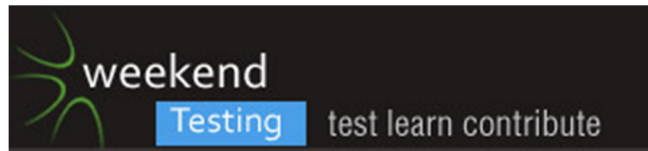
<<< announcing charters ahead of time is totally cool.

This will give us preparation time and less time wasting in the session

[2:08:38 PM] Justin Byers: I like the earlier start as it makes it easier for folks in Europe and Asia to participate

[2:09:14 PM] Albert Gareev: I'm fine to start as early as 9am EDT, which is 6am PDT

[2:09:29 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Believe it or not... I can handle that :).



[2:10:11 PM] Mohinder Khosla: @Albert Baby still keeping you up or it's the feeding time

[2:11:21 PM] Albert Gareev: @Mohinder My daughter is 6+ months old now. Some relief :)

[2:12:09 PM] Albert Gareev: @Michael, if 6am PDT is the start, till what time then?

[2:12:16 PM] Rajesh P: 6am PDT is fine

[2:12:21 PM | Edited 2:12:52 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: So we're now 3:15 into today's session. I have some place I need to be, so I do need to close up shop for today. But are we agreed to a 9:00 AM EDT start time next Saturday?

[2:12:46 PM] Ben Simo: 6am PDT is awfully early, but doable. :)

[2:12:48 PM] Justin Byers: I can handle 6am. Do we have any other west coasters here who aren't as insane as Michael and I?

[2:13:06 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: the morning time sounds great for me on the east coast

[2:13:14 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: OK, let's try it out.

[2:13:36 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: And let's aim for 3 hr session (may be less but let's set the expectation correctly ;)).

[2:14:19 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: please make sure WTAmericas@gmail.com is not in your SPAM filter :).

[2:14:31 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Go for it Michael. If we make it you will see us or think we lost our way

[2:14:32 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: And expect a message from me in an hour or two.

[2:14:48 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: As it is, i have to go pick up my son, but I'll follow on later.

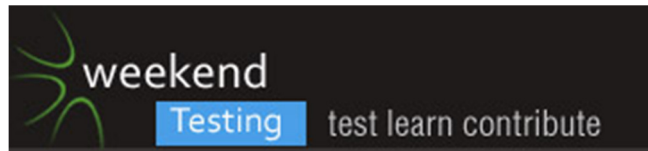
[2:15:05 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: Michael and Albert, thanks so much for putting together today's session... I had a great first experience with WTA.

[2:15:12 PM] Ben Simo: as long as i drink coffee and eat cap'n crunch as we go, 6am will work. ;) however, there's a chance I'll be traveling next weekend.

[2:15:16 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Thanks everyone for helping test out this crazy idea of Albert's and mine.

[2:15:25 PM] Albert Gareev: Thank you, Jeremy!

[2:15:31 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: We'll see where it goes from here.



[2:15:35 PM] Justin Byers: I got a new puppy so I'll be up at 6am anyway

[2:15:53 PM] L R Koblenz: Thanks everyone!

[2:15:55 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: I'll leave the session to run for a bit so y'all can say your goodbyes, but really, I have to run now :).

[2:15:55 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Thank you all for a great company

[2:16:04 PM] Weekend Testers Americas: Have a great weekend everyone!

[2:16:06 PM] Rajesh P: Thanks every one

[2:16:22 PM] Justin Byers: Thanks, this was really great!

[2:16:23 PM] Mohinder Khosla: Bye for now!

[2:16:28 PM] Jeremy Wenisch: Thanks, folks... have a good one!

[2:16:34 PM] Ben Simo: tschüs

[2:18:17 PM] Albert Gareev: Bye-bye! Thank you!