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Jyoti R

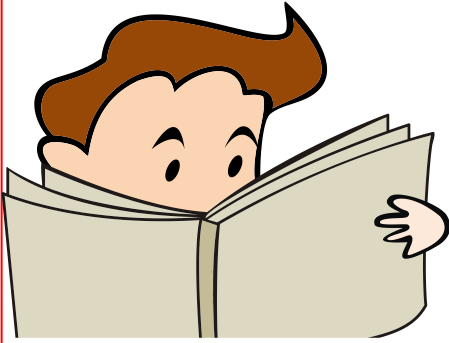
How We Kill It?

"Did you see Interstellar?". Goes the favorite question amongst my movie-buff friends nowadays as I reply with a guilty "No". Everyone's been raving about Christopher Nolan's latest masterpiece. The man's already been hailed as a "Legend" AND to think that this is only his third big ticket film, almost qualifies him to the tag of a "Genius". At a gathering last week, consisting mostly of cinema-lovers, everyone who had seen all three of his last movies were talking with awe how he takes story-telling to another level each time, not just visually but emotionally as well while here we are, still stuck in a time-warp with our "Happy New Years", barring a stray indie like "The Lunchbox" or "Margarita with a Straw". Why is it that most of the times, Hollywood manages to deliver on the hype but we don't? And our bad run is not just limited to cinema. It stretches to most of the fields. While helping my daughter with a school project on Nobel Laureates, I realized that almost all of them came from Europe or the US. Even the few names that came up from the Asian Continent, were mostly from Japan. The Indians were a very tiny tribe on the list. Mars Mission apart, what could be the reason for us being the under-achievers on most of the counts despite being the second most populous country on the planet? I started examining the reasons & found the biggest one in my own behavior with my children. My younger daughter, artistically inclined, totally engrossed in her favorite hobby of sketching & coloring, was told by me to concentrate on her homework & textbooks instead. She came up to me to show her creations made with clay, I took a short glance, mechanically mouthed a few words of appreciation & told her to start preparing for the recitation competition. Been giving both my girls very safe options of being an engineer/doctor/architect/lawyer whenever they ask me what should they become when they grow up? Telling them not to get their hands & clothes dirty when they go out to play. Unwittingly insisting they do things my way, think my thoughts, choose my choices. I am, basically, killing their inherent creativity & independent thought process with my controlling behavior & as I look around & realize, most of the Indian parents around me are doing the same. Only teaching them to follow the trodden path, pick the one that's tried & tested, think what's been thought for generations & yields desired results, leaving zero scope for any experiment that might yield different AND better results. How can we then match the results of a parenting that lays maximum emphasis on individuality in every sphere of life? Be it the clothes they wear or the hobbies they pick or the thoughts they think. Every child is allowed to make a choice for themselves & instilled enough confidence to follow their dreams later in life whereas we kill it with our very long list of "do's" & "don'ts". How can we ever expect to produce something as path-breaking as an "Avatar" or even "Jurassic Park" while curtailing their creative freedom? I strongly feel that even our current Indian Prime Minister managed to become what he did because he left home very early on & was able to do what HE wanted to do in life, away from any parental control & pressure & look where it got him! Its time we started trusting our children's talents & intelligence. Its time we started freeing them from our own selfish expectations, to allow them to realize their potential. Its time we stopped seeking absolute ownership over them & impose our own narrow ideas in the guise of terms like "guiding them" or "for their welfare". Give them wings, they'll come out with "flying" colors. Am letting go...Would you?

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Has anything to share - We are all ears!!! Please send in your articles to: qualitimes@qualitreeinc.com



Testing Challenges

A Real Experience



Rajnish M

We all work in testing aspect of SDLC and face enormous challenges almost everyday. I have also seen this question asked by almost all interviewers about the testing challenges we faced. There cannot be one-liner answer for this question. we face testing challenges almost in every phase of SDLC and throughout the project lifecycle. Challenges could be testing challenges to resource management challenges or test environment challenges, they all impact our ability to deliver on time with planned quality.

I am writing this article to address some of the issue i have faced during testing and also want my readers to be think big when answering this question " Tell me the challenges you have faced in testing". This question is so vast and we need to be specific while answering this question by asking the question like "challenges at what level and which phase of testing". If we do not ask this question, chance are there that we may not answer it to the point.

In this article i am trying to summarize some of the high level challenges (but not limited to) i have seen. this always helps me to be prepared for the testing task and ask some proactive questions.

I am categorizing the challenges in major three categories and will try to highlight challenges in bulleted points. Each points can be elaborated further but for this article i would like to keep it at high level. In this article i will not focus of quality process (QA) challenges but a practical day to day testing challenges

- Test Planning Challenges
- Test Preparation Challenges
- Test execution challenges

Test Planning challenges

Identifying the scope of work - Although it is described at high level in project charter but it is still a daunting task to come up with the scope of testing for complex IT implementation. Until the Technical solution architecture is ready, it is very difficult to come

Building Test ORG structure & team - In some client it is PMO task but in others it is a task of test verticle. Once the project is outlined it becomes necessary for test manager to define the test ORG structure and lay down the resource on board-ing process, ramp up and ramp down plan. Depends upon the technology, timeline, budget, it is a challenging task to build a high performance team to to deliver the project on time with high quality. recently i was involved in one the implementation where technology was new and not many expert resource avail be in the market> it became so difficult for the team that we had to hire contactors and train them before we could use their expertise in testing.

PMO & Stakeholder buy-in - Getting the PMO/stakeholders buy-in on test strategy, test schedule and test budget may become challenging. specially when test team eel tat about testing some of the impacted application/process and others do not feel the same. it is a different story that the section that are OOS for testing and we feel that it should shave been tested, we put them as risk. but challenges remains the same that we keep raising concern on test scope and trying to convince team.

Test environment - Test environment planning is a extreme challenge for may work place. not every client have adequete budget for test environment hardware. Test team always have to raise request or associated risk for test environment needed for comprehensive testing. There are not may place where we have adequate test environment available for testing. Test team always have to face challenges while managing test environment.



Birthday Selfies



Qualitimes wishes Sreekanth M and Rajendra B a very happy birthday, may they god fulfil all your dreams.

Punches, pulls and bumps!!

- Dec 08 - Gursimran S
- Dec 09 - Harpreet M
- Dec 10 - Sunil G
- Dec 10 - Gurmeet S
- Dec 12 - Rakhee S
- Dec 15 - Mitesh K
- Dec 15 - Ravichandra K
- Dec 20 - Nathan C
- Dec 30 - Suneel K

QUIZ TIMES

1. In recent defence deal, India will buy anti-tank spike missiles from which country.
2. Which state in India has won the (CAPAM) award for 2014?
3. According to RBI regulations, what is the minimum age a children must have completed to open and operate savings bank accounts independently?
4. Jude Felix is a famous Indian player in which of the fields?
5. The Indian to beat the computers in mathematical wizardry is?

Participate and win; the first correct entry wins a gift of \$10.00*.

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Answers to last month's Quiz:

1. Empowering Adolescent girls: Ending the cycle of violence.
2. Pranab Mukherjee
3. Gaurdian of the sky
4. Liar's Dice
5. 6th August

Last Month's Winner:
Srabjit K.

Other correct entries:
Adarsh B.R.

Answers to last month's Extravaganza:

1. Bhanu Athaiya
2. Devika Rani
3. Indra Sabha
4. Sholey
5. 1959

Last month's winner:
Srabjit K.

Other correct entries:
Oops...no correct entries.

BUZZ OF THE MONTH

- As a part of "Giving back to the community effort", Qualifiers from Delaware teamed up with members of various faiths and communities and participated in annual Thanksgiving service.
- Thick talks in progress with a large retail bank in the west coast of the United States to provide software test automation services. The services will primarily be onsite at first and eventually be an onsite - offshore model.
- Qualitree further strengthens its ties with an existing large mortgage client based out of the east coast of the United States by engaging functional and performance software test engineers.

EXTRAVAGANZA

1. Who has been awarded the Kishore Kumar award 2012-13?
2. First 3D animated film from India is?
3. Doordarshan founded in the year?
4. Total number of best actor nomination for Amitabh Bachan in filmfare award?
5. Who is the first Indian movie star to be featured on the cover on the time magazine?

*Send in your entries to "qualitimes@qualitreeinc.com" with the subject "Word Puzzle"
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