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Editor's Choice...

THE ROAD TO OBLIVION

Editorial Panel

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Geeta S

Let me start by wishing you all a very happy Raksha- Bandhan. A string so symbolic and strong like no other. May you be blessed with loving sisters and brothers.

THE ROAD TO OBLIVION...of the most endangered species-MAN!

When primitive man looked up at the sky, he could only gasp in wonder at the awesome display before him. Tiny specks of light flying slowly past every night; an enormous red hot ball sailing by every day. Then Albert Einstein writes on the back of an envelope, $E=MC^2$ and describes the tune to which all the heavenly bodies dance. The apparent chaos of the skies became a single harmonious ballet.

When modern man opens his morning newspaper, he is faced with an equally awesome (read awful) array of events. A Malaysian aircraft disappears with all aboard into thin air (Arabian Nights or what?) with no trace left behind, while a family is setting fire to their daughter-in-law in India. The Uzbeks shoot down a passenger aircraft and all aboard are killed...or shall I say Murdered? Muslims and Hindus are killing each other in one country, Christians of different sects killing each other in yet another. Indian Jats murder lower caste Shudras in one country, while white skinheads attack them both in another country. Every now and then, this senseless tribalism gets highly organized and 9/11 plus 26/11 plus 7/11 are effected...the nude dance of devastation from U.S. to Afghanistan; Jerusalem, then Palestine, Gaza...

No wonder our reader rapidly turns to the other page, only to find a six year old raped by a GURU at school, even before she could understand the machinations of her body. The reader hurriedly turns again to the sports page- Ness Wadia molests and abuses Ex-girlfriend Priety, a celeb herself who says he used to throw burning cigarettes at her and voices of dissent shouting at her...Don't wash your linen in PUBLIC just BEAR, SHRUG and MOVE ON. Drug abuse or a rape by sporting champions not with-standing.

When we try and make sense of all this, we find five main causes of all this BARBARIANISM: National, Religious, Ethnic/caste, Racial and Gender rivalry.

Is this conditioning? If yes then WHY? Why are we so insecure of each other in our little self created cocoons?

Let's imagine two new born babies (read boys) lying next to each other in a maternity hospital in Jerusalem. One the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Levi from Tel Aviv, and the other, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham of Hebron. Two Semitic boys. A slight clerical error and the boy due to head off to his Muslim-Palestinian family in Hebron is lovingly carried off to Tel Aviv by his adoring non-parents. As they grow up to be the nice sons in their respective homes, their taste in music, food, clothes; belief in what shape God is: ideas about how men and women interact; ideas about who they choose to marry; which country to die for; which religion to kill for- in short almost everything about their lives will be dependent on the label of their respective cots! Meanwhile, the real child of Mr. and Mrs. Levy grows up to throw stones at Israeli soldiers and may even be delighted to kill his OWN real parents, perhaps during a tour of the West Bank. Everything from attitudes, beliefs and mindsets being dictated by the label on the cots...Why is gender on the list of causes?

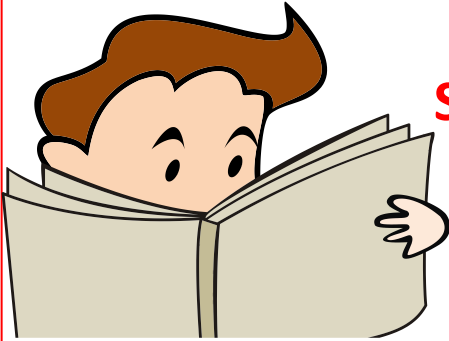
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Software Defects Preventions Technique



Rajnish M

During SDLC, there are 3 major activities slated for Test team.

1. Planning
2. Preparation
3. Execution

Planning

Defect can be prevented at this phase while defining test strategy. In earlier article, I explained on technique and details of defining test strategy. Clear test approach is the first step to prevent defect. In my recent experience, I found that defect escaped to E2E and UAT due to inadequate test boundary defined by projects within a program. Projects in the program did not define appropriate boundary where data flow among the application should have been tested. Their test strategy stopped right after sending data to other system/application. No confirmation/receipt test approach was defined. Sounds like a very easy catch, but a real Gap.

Appropriate test approach, test scope, test boundary are key to stop slippage of defects.

Preparation

This is the phase where most of defect can be prevented if planned well. Quality is not only the responsibility of test team. It is a collected effort of entire project team. 25 - 37% of defects can be caught during requirement phase.

Understanding business requirement gathering process is very important. Operations/Business users team provides requirements to business analyst. Business analyst writes requirements and use cases. Review and Feedback cycles are extremely important to catch defect in requirement. In my experience in some of the work place this step was missing, result was that product was meeting the business requirement but not the customer expectation. This review process is a responsibility of Business Analyst team.

Next step is to define test scenario on the use cases that have been created by business analyst. When test scenarios are created, it is important that those scenarios are reviewed by business users and business analyst. This is another step to catch defect in business requirement. At this phase also process flow can be validated by users. At this stage if there are any missing requirements that can be added, this is usually a frequent happening scenario across the industry. This step prevents high number of defects flowing into UAT phase. This step must happen irrespective of development methodology, Agile or Waterfall.

To be continued -

Recent research by NGO's has revealed that there are now perhaps more than one hundred million- yes, 100,000,000 –females missing from the planet! Everything from infanticide to the attitude that “ the boy is sick fetch a doctor...the girl is sick, let's wait and see how she is in the morning” have combined to create this unbelievable genocide worldwide.

Hence through this childhood labeling process, we are filling the minds of our children, generation after generation- with the best of intentions, of course(pun intended) –with the very attitudes that ensure that these barbaric internecine rivalries continue. This conditioning process is a brainwashing system on such a large scale that we can hardly recognize it- like fish failing to notice the water. We are shedding the blood of fellow human beings for generations without end over divisions of nations, religion, ethnicity, race, gender and we also bear the crippling brunt of being divided within. We are not only at war with others but constantly at war with ourselves, our own natures. Racism is clearly learned then presumably it can be unlearned as well.

If all the time and energy currently consumed in these matters – the hundreds of billions of dollars spent each year on weapons for example- were diverted for creative purposes, everybody in the world could probably have two square meals a day, a toilet and clean drinking water. Not to mention cleaning up the air, protecting the forests and oceans...our constant involvement in the numerous self destructive activities is actually sabotaging the chances of gaining what we all say we want...while sitting in our living rooms sipping coffee : a peaceful, cooperative world where we can live in harmony with our environment.

Instead, we force poverty and degradation onto the children who will be the next generation, we provoke a population explosion by refusing proper birth control facilities and allow the more aggressive half of the population to run the show! The Martian audience must be laughing and wondering at how such a smart species could act so DUMB For no other species kills members of its own species!

The growing ecological disasters are prompting Scientific opinion to seriously question whether man can survive. It is unscientific and unintelligent to fail to discover a way of rectifying the current slide into catastrophe simply because we refused to look or looked too late!

Utopian? What is the alternative as we look at the state of our dying planet and its endangered species? When we examine the daily barbarity of our news bulletins, it seems we are looking at a million madnesses, all randomly related to YOU and ME. We appear to be caught in some hypnotic irrationality which expresses itself in hatred of ourselves, our neighbour and our environment. This situation is the Discourse of humanity today created by various power equations at work both within and without. Can we not deprogram ourselves?

My fourth grader daughter studying history, innocently asked today,“ We don't fight wars anymore mamma, do we?” Will she carry the discourse further I fear? and answer her with my SILENCE...

Happy Birthday!!!



- Punches, pulls and bumps!!*
- August 3 - Anitapriya V.**
 - August 8 - Ishita S.**
 - August 11 - Pritu P**
 - August 15 - Ramesh**
 - August 15 - Rajendra B.**
 - August 21 - Sreekanth M.**
 - August 22 - Mandar J.**
 - August 26 - Brinderjit S.**
 - August 28 - GiriRaja M.**

Qualitimes wishes Sarabjit K. a very Happy Birthday. May your life be filled with good, sweet and happy times.

RIDDLE

- 1.Ripped from my ancestors home, beaten and burned, I become a bloodthirsty killer. What am I?
- 2.You have two books. One of them is upside-down and the other is rotated so the top of the b o o k i s f a c i n g y o u . What is the sum of the first page in each book?
- 3.A dad and his son were riding their bikes and crashed. Two ambulances came and took them to different hospitals. The man's son was in the operating room and the doctor said: "I c a n ' t o p e r a t e o n y o u . Y o u ' r e m y s o n . " How is that possible?
- 4.If a blue house is made out of blue bricks, a yellow house is made out of yellow bricks and a pink house is made out of pink bricks, what is a green house made of?
- 5.No matter how terrible things get for the people of the Arctic, they will not eat a penguin. Why not?

Participate and win; the first correct entry wins a gift of \$10.00*. Send in your completed entries to:

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BUZZ OF THE MONTH

- Qualitree successfully provides a set of Software Quality Assurance and Test Engineers to a large retail bank headquartered in the East Coast of the United States, thereby, strengthening its already existing presence.
- A financial institution, providing mortgage services on the East Coast of United States inks a pact with Qualitree to provide Software Test Automation Engineers for their newly developed mortgage engine.
- Qualitree, DE participates in "Giving back to the community efforts" by volunteering for their 'Feed the Homeless Food Drive'. Any one wishing to contribute for the effort is invited.



Qualifiers volunteering at "Giving Back to the Community Efforts"

Word Puzzle

In the following word puzzles, a word starts and ends with the same letter. Figure out the words and win*

1	_GOR_	
2	_AI_	
3	_ARDIA_	
4	_PECIOU_	
5	_EUTRO_	

* Send in your entries to "qualitimes@qualitreeinc.com" with the subject "Word Puzzle"
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Answers to last month's Riddle:

- RUG/CARPET
- LETTER 'B'
- A CHERRY
- A KEY
- WORD 'OR'

Last Month's Winner:
Adarsh B.R

Other correct entries:
Sarabjit K.

Answers to last month's Word Puzzle:

- TRUCULENT
- DIVED
- RAVER
- GAG
- CRYOGENIC

Last month's winner:
Oops no correct entries...

Other correct entries: