

# Leveraging Traditional Software Validation Methods in an Agile World

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## Agenda

- **Brief overview of Interwoven**
- Role of QA @ Interwoven
- Test execution challenges in an agile world
- Solving these challenges with:
  - **Test case automation**
  - Virtualization



#### **About Interwoven**

#### Global leader in content management solutions

#### **Interwoven Products**

- Web content management
- Document & e-mail management solution for the legal and financial industries

## **Major Development locations**

- San Jose, CA
- Chicago, IL
- Bangalore, India

#### Interwoven Customers

- 9 of BusinessWeek 's top 10 global brands
- 27 of the 30 Dow Jones Industrials
- 67 of the Forbes Global 100
- 75% of Global Top 100 law firms
- 73% of AmLaw 100 law firms
- 67% UK law firms



## About Interwoven Chicago

### **Enterprise document & e-mail management products**

- Used by legal and financial industries
- Desktop solution highly integrated with Microsoft Office products
- Web solution standalone or integrates with Microsoft's Sharepoint
- "Google on steroids" search product

### Globally diverse engineering team

- ~50% Chicago, IL
- ~50% Bangalore, India

### **Functional decomposition**

- 20% QA Team
  - 70% Team OffShore
  - US Team: Product experts
- 5% Documentation/Localization



## Role of Quality Assurance @ Interwoven

#### Plays the role of the customer (end user)

- Looks at the application from an end user perspective
- Users do not care whether an application is FORTRAN or JAVA/.Net
- Users care whether the functionality delivered by the application meets their "needs"

#### Independent "eyes" and "ears"

- Determines whether the product is ready for "prime time"
- Provides objective data to make informed project decisions

#### **Quality Assurance is more than testing**

- Testing is one method to ensure that "stated" functionality is being delivered
- Requirement and design reviews and code inspections are other methods used to verify product quality

#### Project quality is everyone's job

- Can't test in quality
- Developers are expected to unit test their applications



## Test Case Execution Challenges in an Agile World

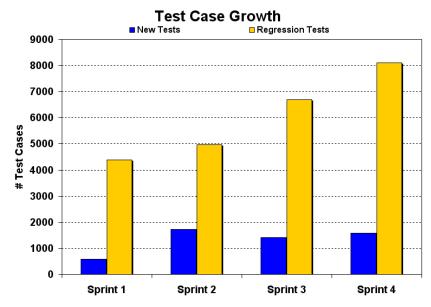
- "Need for Speed"
  - Small short development iterations means short test execution cycles
- **Constantly expanding test suite** 
  - Test cases executed in prior iterations become regression suite
  - Not to mention existing regression test suite
- Must be repeatable
  - Executing the same use cases (test steps) with the same test data
  - Requirement for regression testing
  - Sidebar: Repeatability is a pillar of quality

**Cannot Achieve Project Milestones using a Manual Testing Approach!** 

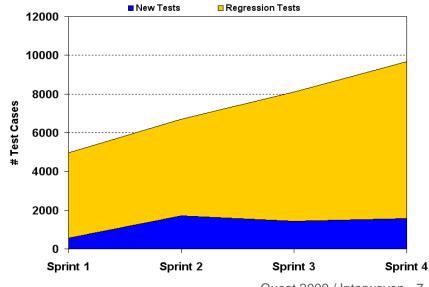


## **Ever Expanding Test Suite**

- **Test cases from sprint n-1** incorporated into the next regression test cycle
- **Every month the amount of** tests to executed increases by 18%
- Within 5 sprints, test case execution effort doubles!
- Need an effective method of executing the ever growing test suite



#### **Cummulative Test Case Growth**



Independent of the agile method used, test case automation and test environment virtualization is critical to the success of the QA team and ultimately the project team



## Most automation testing initiatives fail!

- Why (Industry View)?
  - No plan or framework in place to effectively use automation tool
    - What type of framework to use
    - Which applications to automate
    - How are automated test scripts are maintained
  - Lack of detailed test cases
    - Need Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to automate test cases
    - SME were not automation tool experts
  - Unplanned resource demand for test script maintenance
  - All or nothing approach use
- Companies successful at automation programs either:
  - Never completely realize benefits (cost and cycle time reduction) from test automation
  - Require several attempts to implement the right automation strategy



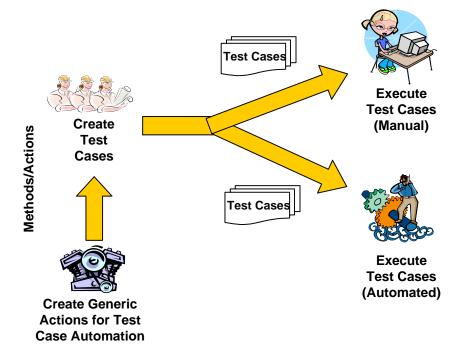
## Automation Goals & Objectives @ Interwoven

- Low tool knowledge required to be successful at automating
- Easy to automate test cases
- Minimize redundant work
- Able to create automated test cases prior to application availability
- Automation approach must be portable among applications
- Low entry cost and more importantly low maintenance cost for:
  - Test Scripts
  - Test Automation tool



## Automation @ Interwoven

- Test cases <u>are</u> the automated test scripts
- **Benefits:** 
  - Not tied to a specific automation tool
  - Focuses team on writing test cases which reduces the cost and time of test case design and execution
  - Non-technical testers and business analysts can develop executable test automation
  - **Test cases (automation scripts)** created from wireframes



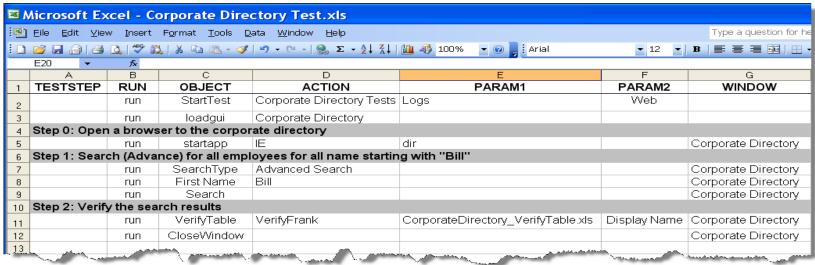


## Sample Automated Test Case @ Interwoven

**Application:** 



Test case:





## **Automation Summary**

- Need adaptable approach to react to GUI changes
- Must be easy to use
- Must eliminate redundant work
  - Automated and manual test cases are the same
  - Share functionality across multiple applications
- Should be tool independent
  - Minimize rework to due to changing technology



#### What is Virtualization?

- Enables multiple virtual machines to run on a single physical machine
  - Resources of a single computer shared across multiple environments
  - Different operating systems and applications on the same physical computer
- Fundamentally changes the way engineering organizations use their hardware resources
  - Reduces hardware and operating costs by as much as 50%
  - Reduces energy costs by 80%
  - Reduces the time it takes to provision new servers by up to 70%
- 100% of the Fortune 100 companies utilized virtualization



#### Virtualization Benefits

- Consistent test environment
  - Eliminates issues with reproducing defects
- **Portability of environment**

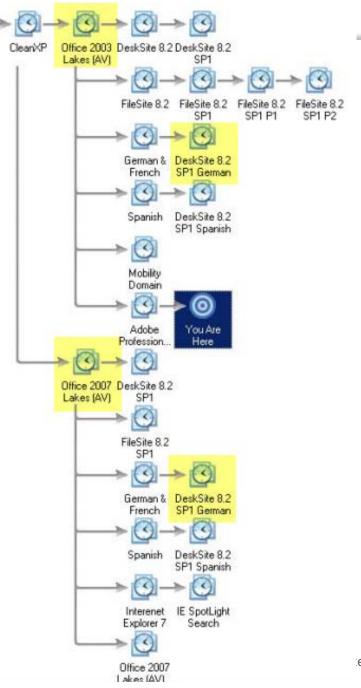


- Sharing environments not possible due to HW resource contention
- **Ability to restore environment** 
  - Configuration and setup can take over 50% of the test execution time
  - Misconfigured test environment can cause false negatives
- Time lost to provision, tear-down, and re-provision systems
  - Eliminations "ghosting" system



## **Virtualization Example:**

- Language testing for different versions of MS-Office
- Takes only seconds to switch from testing an application in Office 2003 SP1 to Office 2007 SP1
- Test environment is shared with others by a simply copying ("cloning") the image





## Virtualization Maturity Timeline











**VMware** Workstation's





**VMware Player** 





**VMware Server** 













**VMware Workstation's** 





Lab Manager

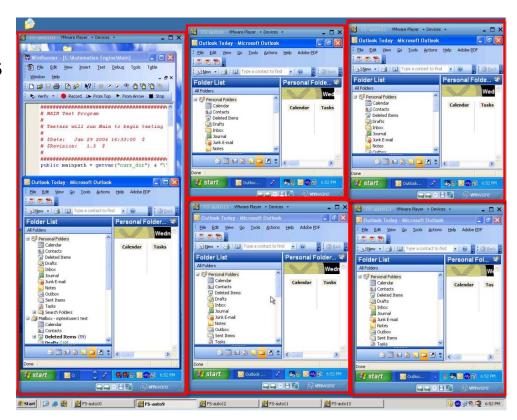


**VMware ESX** Server's



## Leveraging Automation with Virtualization

- Combining the capability of running multiple VMs with automation greatly improves team productivity with minimum cost
  - Test execution is *monitored* by a junior engineer
  - Can run 8 clients on a <\$2K dual core server with 8 GB RAM
  - Time to execute complete test suite dependent on number of VMs configured
  - Typically achieve a 8:1 productivity improvement





## Summary

- Test case execution in an Agile world is a challenge
- Having adaptable, tool independent automation approach is not enough
- Leveraging prior virtualization with automation techniques meets this challenge