# Fostering the Diversity of Exploratory Testing

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# **Exploratory Testing**

#### Sessions:

- Finding anomalies or usability issues.
- No scripted test cases.
- A group of human testers.
- A sub-part of the application.
- A fixed period of time.







# **Problem**

As a tester, how do I know if my exploration is helping to improve the coverage of the session ?

- Another tester may have already done this exploration.
- I may have forgotten to do an important test.
- I may have already done this test but I don't remember.

# Recording Explorations

# Identify the business actions:

- Make research
- Add a product to the basket
- Open the basket
- Select the quantity
- Confirm the order

## Define the granularity:

- Is the name of the product important?
- Is the quantity value important?







#### Session

### Make the knowledge available to all the participants.

We record the actions made by the testers, and make a contextualized prediction for the next action.

Warm color = High probability



# Prediction

Colors indicate the probability that the tester will make this action.

- Click on blue : Add diversity.
- Click on red : Follow the main path.

**Goal**: Assist the tester, pointing out how he or she can add diversity.

# Validation

# **Controlled Study**

- 39 participants in 13 groups.
- Ordering a product on cdiscount (30 actions).
- 10min assisted / 10min not assisted.

# Case Study

- 8 testers from CIS Valley.
- An application estimated for a cost of 3000 man/days.
- A 15 min test session.

# Results

Width: Number of different sequences.

Depth: Average size of

the traces.

