

Agile Testing Survival Guide

How to build in quality & efficiency right from the start?

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"Without **data** you're just another person with an opinion." W. Edwards Deming



















% average **redundancy** level in enterprise test case portfolios







 Maximum risk coverage.

 Equals exhaustive testing, and so leads to combinatorial explosion.

 Exponential growth in test cases.

 Time, resource & cost intensive.

Antieconomical approach.

Test case count grows exponentially faster than risk coverage.

Test Objective is unknown. Practical significance only for small scale testing missions.

Root cause analysis is a herculean task. Test objective is the entire test case portfolio.



All **Possible** Combinations



Masters combinatorial explosion.

Logarithmic growth in attributes & quadratic growth in instances.

Manifold test objective.

Multiple pairs covered in a test case, i.e. no unique test goal.

Numerous meaningless test cases.

Manual clean-up without decrease in risk coverage is virtually impossible.

All pairs are equally important.

Testing not focused around most important criteria.

Root cause analysis is a herculean task.

Test cases are highly condensed, and so hard to maintain.

Good Bad Bad Bad Bad

All Pairwise Combinations





Each Choice Coverage Chienon

"Nothing is perfect, life is messy, outcomes are uncertain, people are irrational, **relationships** are complex"



Creates only **slightly more** test cases.

Linear increase in test case count up to about 95% risk coverage.

Assigns a unique & well-defined test objective.

Strongly supports changeability, maintainability & understandability.

Enables to derive **risk contribution**.

Best to apply risk-based approach on test case level.

Makes **root cause analysis** an easy task. Test smarter, not harder and keep it simplistic instead of complex.

Assumes attribute independence.

About 20% interdependent attributes, and so the logic partly breaks down.



Linear Expansion

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Would you **believe** in what I have just presented?

Risk Coverage Optimization

Optimize Testing	Projects Analyzed	208			
Right Way	Project Lifetime On Average	8 Months	Financial Consumer Energy Telecommunications Industrials Healthcare		
	Test Cases On Average	1712			
	Automation Level On Average	86%			
	Distinct Sectors	7	 Materials 		
	Risk Coverage Optimization				

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Testers	Optimize 🛧	Automate 💣	Integrate 🕲	
11	Value Based Test Cases	Model Based Continuous Automation		
Tests				
A755	1102			
4/33	1195	Automation	Distributed	Automation Level
Redundancy 75%		Level	Smoke Testing	Smoke Testing

Remodeling traditional approaches for greater agility.

