

Testing as a Service - TaaS

TaaS is an "Outtasking Model" where companies outsource parts of their testing activities to service providers on an on-demand and per activity pricing-approach.



What about...

With our Testing as a Service approach we try to address following challenges of our customer:

Driver

- Increasing technological complexities, costs, and security issues
- Effective tests of applications require extensive automation
- Customer focus on developing innovative products
- Increase the speed of test execution

Model

Outtasking of testing activities like regression testing, performance testing, load and stress tests, including the reporting, analyze and management of the results

Advantages

- Very short test execution cycle
- Less spending's due to On Demand execution
- Access to specialized skills to solve complex problems
- Cost savings trough automation

About the Insight.

A short overview about the content

- Test Planning & Consulting
- 2. Static Test & Analysis
- 3. Dynamic Tests
- 4. The test process in practice
- 5. Automation as part of the test cycle

Test Planning & Consulting.



If you wish, we are happy to discuss and advice on the topics

- test requirements
- risk analysis
- test procedures
- test objectives
- test environment
- how to test
- test tools
- how to align to time & budget and the reporting you would like to have.

As result of the discussion it might turn out as well to go one step before starting "tests with the application" itself.

In certain cases it makes sense e.g. during early development stages, to analyze the services or applications in detail before.

Static Testing and Analysis.

We can support you with Static Testing techniques, like formal & informal reviews like walkthroughs, technical reviews or inspection. Static Analysis tools are available as well e.g. Lint or CodeRush.



Dynamic tests.



To verify the services and functionality of your network components we are able to provide following test scenarios for

- Policy tests
- Load scenarios
- Stress scenarios
- Stability failure resilience
- Scaling tests
- Interoperability
- Usability
- Conformance
- Interoperability and final regression test.

Dynamic tests..

Equipment

CISCO, rtBrick, f5, IBM, IXIA, Spirent, NIKSUN, Juniper, NOKIA incl. Alcatel-Lucent, Infinera, Huawei, Fortinet, RAD, metaswitch, and so on....

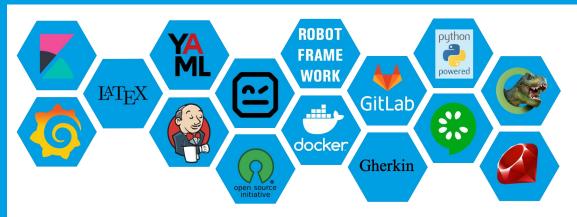
Testing areas

IPTV, OSS, BSS, Security, Aggregation Networks, SD WAN, Controller, Backbone, Firewalls, Loadbalancer, Optic (e.g. SFPs, CFPs,..), DOCSIS, NFV, and so on.....

Services

Man in the Middle, QoS Tests, BGP (sessions, runtimes, flaps,...), Layer 2 & 3 BSA, EVPL, L2X (VLAN, Frames Sizes, etc.), DCIP, Dial in Services, PPPoE, IPv6 conformance, Layer 2 Tunneling, ISIS function, and so on.....

The test process in practice - Agile & Automated.

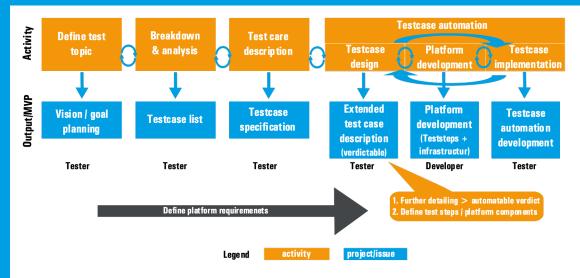


Although we are guided by the fundamental test process according to ISTQB in most cases we enhanced the process for two issues:

- The agile way of working is reaching the network world as well, doesn't matter for NFV reasons or Network Disaggregation
- Without automation it is impossible to execute the test within the sprint or release cycles

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Overview process



Minimum Viable Product (MVP) Important, we align the test process including the automation to the development cycle for services and applications of our customer.

Following this, the results for test and automation are aligned with the expectations for

- Time & schedule
- Budget

No unnecessary wasted resources and the learning curve is shared on both sides!

Automation as part of the test cycle.

Typically we automate the test execution during the test cycle. The goal is always to reduce the efforts for manual regression as far possible.

Benefit for the customer are

- faster execution within the next sprint or release test
- difficult test scenarios are easier to execute and the knowledge about "how to" remains within the customer department

Its final leads to cost reductions (OPEX) or the opportunity to capitalize investments during the test phase.

Customer case TaaS - Broadband Network Gateway.

Context

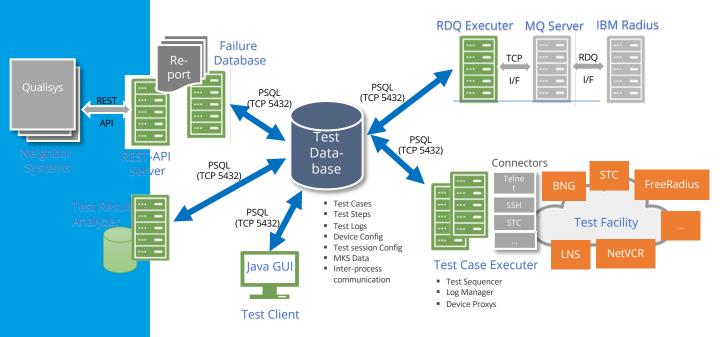
Operator prepares migration towards an efficient, harmonized production environment in network and IT for residential and business services.

As part of it the separation of network and services happens, with independent life cycles. The services are fully parameterized and dynamically configured during runtime via Radius protocol.

The approach is a flat network topology with the BNG to integrate Aggregation, BRAS, Video Edge and MPLS Edge Router into a centralized point for service creation.

Overview

System architecture



Challenge

The customer is facing a high demand to verify new releases of the BNG with very short cycles. Within these cycles additional the substitution of former network services and the test of new services were urgent and beyond the resource's capabilities of the customer.

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Work done

Testing

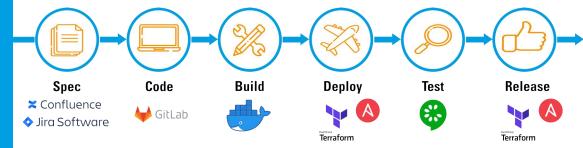
- Define and document test cases
- Implementation of the test bed setup
- Coordinate test equipment resourcing
- Execution of test cases
- Document, present and communicate test results

Automation

- Drive automation platform development
- Automation of test cases as part of the delivery

Processes

 Introduction of an Agile Way of working within the test center to deliver results on automatization, documentation and test results



All this executed with out of the delivery center with up to 12 FTEs with different profiles and backgrounds.

Results and client benefits

- Solid test infrastructure and well documented test results prepare BNG market rollout at minimized risks
- Establishment of a Delivery Center to secure knowhow for the customer
- Delivery of testcases, test descriptions and automatization in an Agile Way
- Successful introduction of an DevOps Tool Chain

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