



Exploratory Testing

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Exploratory Testing has gained credence over the last few years, although attitudes to its use are still split. Some love its spontaneity, creativity and flexibility; others mistakenly believe it's just an excuse for sloppy work. Exploratory Testing is a valuable test approach and can be applied regardless of the development method in use.

This practical workshop shows you how and when to use Exploratory Testing and how it complements other testing approaches.

Course Overview

This course provides you with the knowledge you'll need to implement Exploratory Testing as part of your testing approach. Its workshop style gives you practice exercises, building confidence to enable you to successfully take this technique back into your team.

Upon completion of this course you will know:

- What Exploratory Testing is
- How Exploratory Testing relates to traditional techniques
- When Exploratory Testing should be used
- How to manage exploratory testing sessions.

You will Learn

- The nature of exploration:
 - Curiosity and testing
 - Chains of exploration
 - Lone v pair testing
 - Learning by exploring
- Testing techniques and exploration
 - Exploratory test charters and sessions
 - How to create and use test models
 - Scripted v non-scripted tests
 - Heuristic techniques and fault models
- When to use Exploratory Testing
 - Testing tours approach
 - Bug hunts, parties and fests
 - Goal and risk-driven exploration
 - Including exploration in your plans
 - Documenting exploration
 - Exploring to find faults in requirements

Course materials include all slides and exercise handouts. We'll test a real web application so you will need a wireless enabled laptop with a modern browser.



Who Should Attend?

This workshop will be useful for any practitioner or manager having an interest in applying Exploratory Testing to their testing approach:

- Project managers
- Test managers
- Test practitioners
- Developers

As an individual you can attend our public one day courses. A schedule for 2013 will be published shortly. As a team, you can learn together and build your own Exploratory Testing Approach.

Course Fees

This is a one day course

The fee includes the course materials (slides and handouts).

Public courses (1 day):	£550 per person plus VAT.
In-House courses (1 day):	Price on application.

Dates

The public course dates available for booking in 2013 are:

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Tutor

This course is delivered by Paul Gerrard.

Paul Gerrard is a consultant, teacher, author, webmaster, programmer, tester, conference speaker, rowing coach and a publisher. He has conducted consulting assignments in all aspects of software testing and quality assurance, specialising in test assurance. He has presented keynote talks and tutorials at testing conferences across Europe, the USA, Australia, South Africa and occasionally won awards for them.

Educated at the universities of Oxford and Imperial College London, in 2010, Paul won the Eurostar European Testing excellence Award. In 2012, with Susan Windsor, Paul recently co-authored "The Business Story Pocketbook".

He is Principal of Gerrard Consulting Limited and is the host of the UK Test Management Forum and the UK Business Analysis Forum.