

Lessons Learned from Automated Acceptance Testing



Datex-Ohmeda Output Protocols

- Ohmeda Com 1.0 Serial Protocol
- 7800 Serial Protocol
- INOvent Line-Printer Output
- Modulus CD Computer Output

Version 1.5

Last Updated: 14 August 2001

Common to All Cases

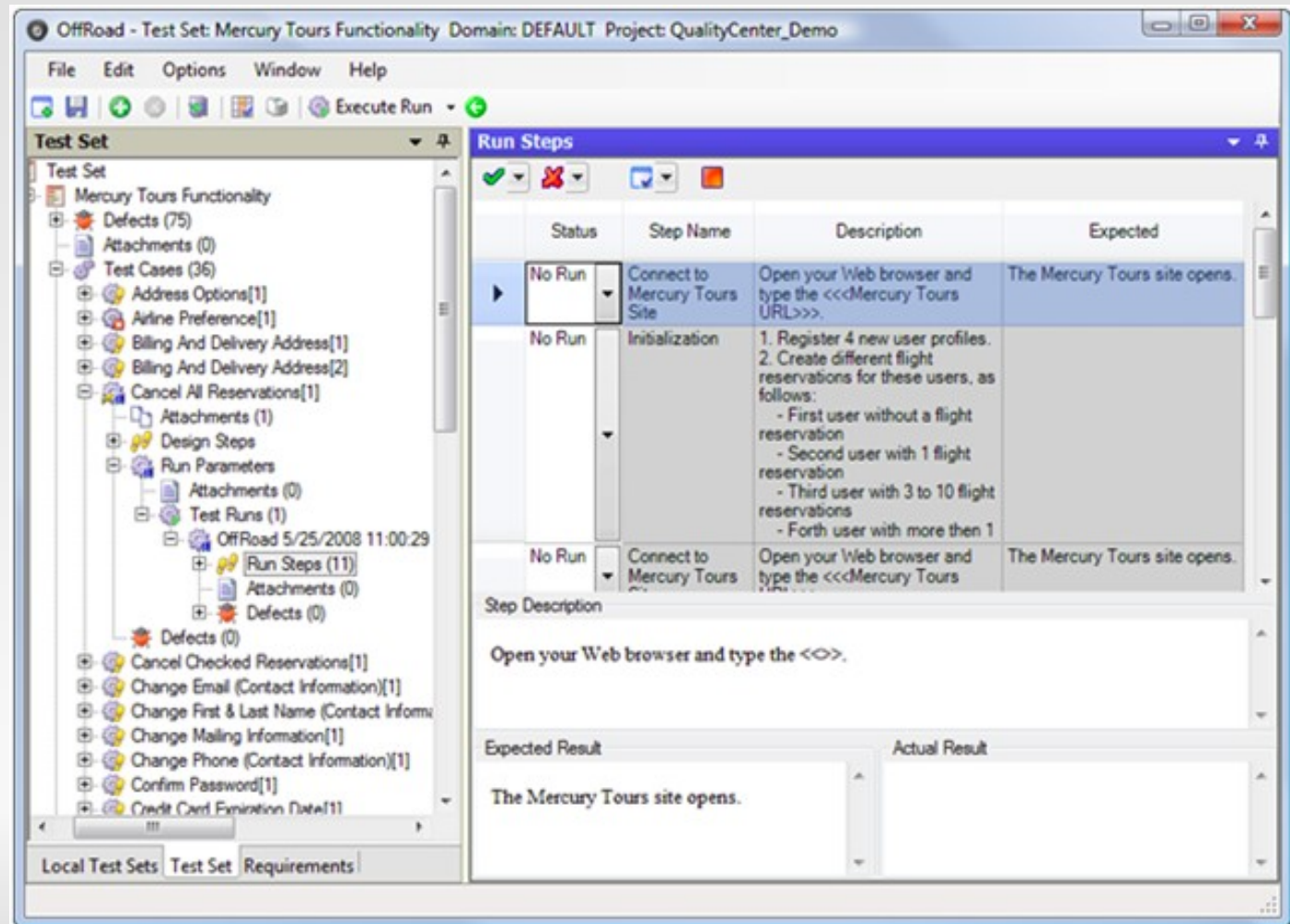
Scrum

Performance

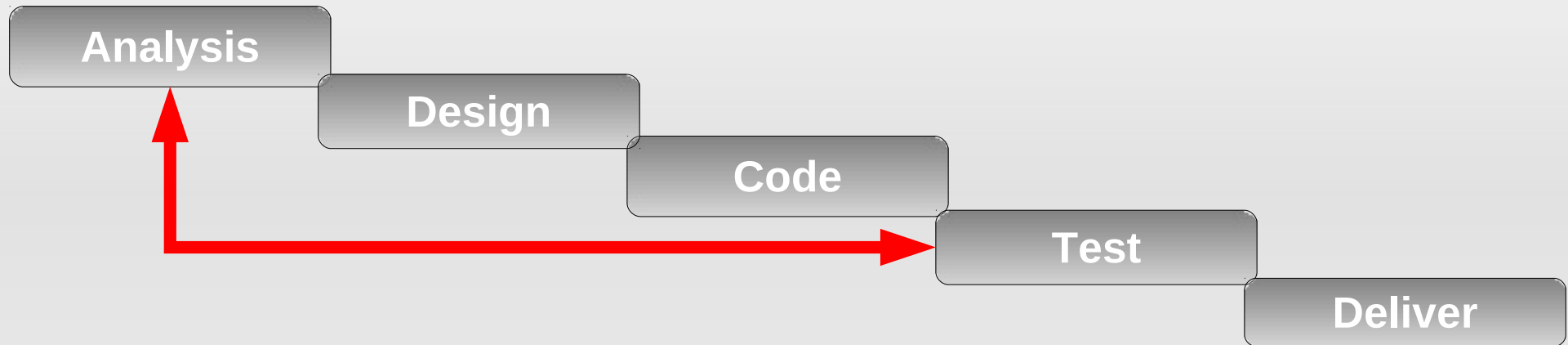
Big products 100 – 1000 people involved

Case 1: Browsing Gateway 2004

Weekly manual build and manual testing

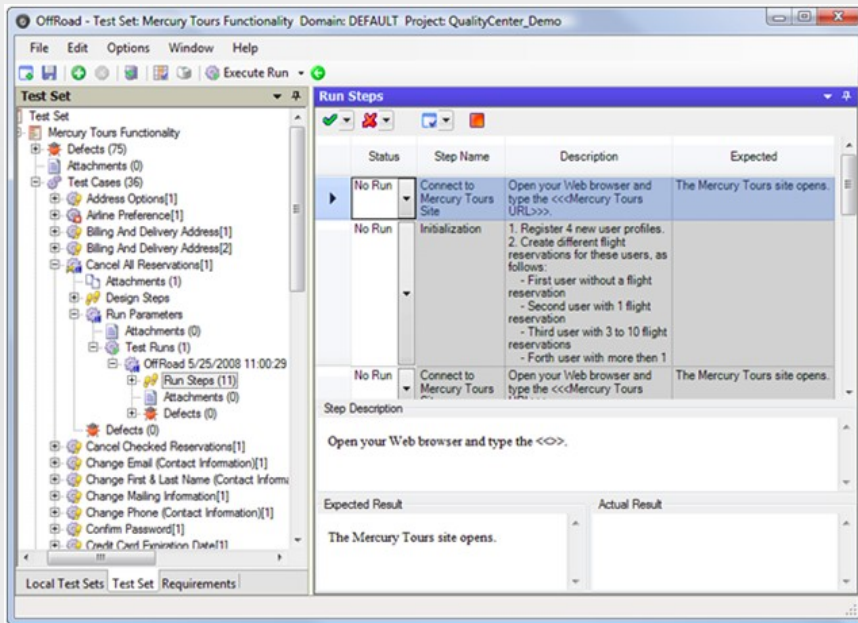


Case 1: Process Change

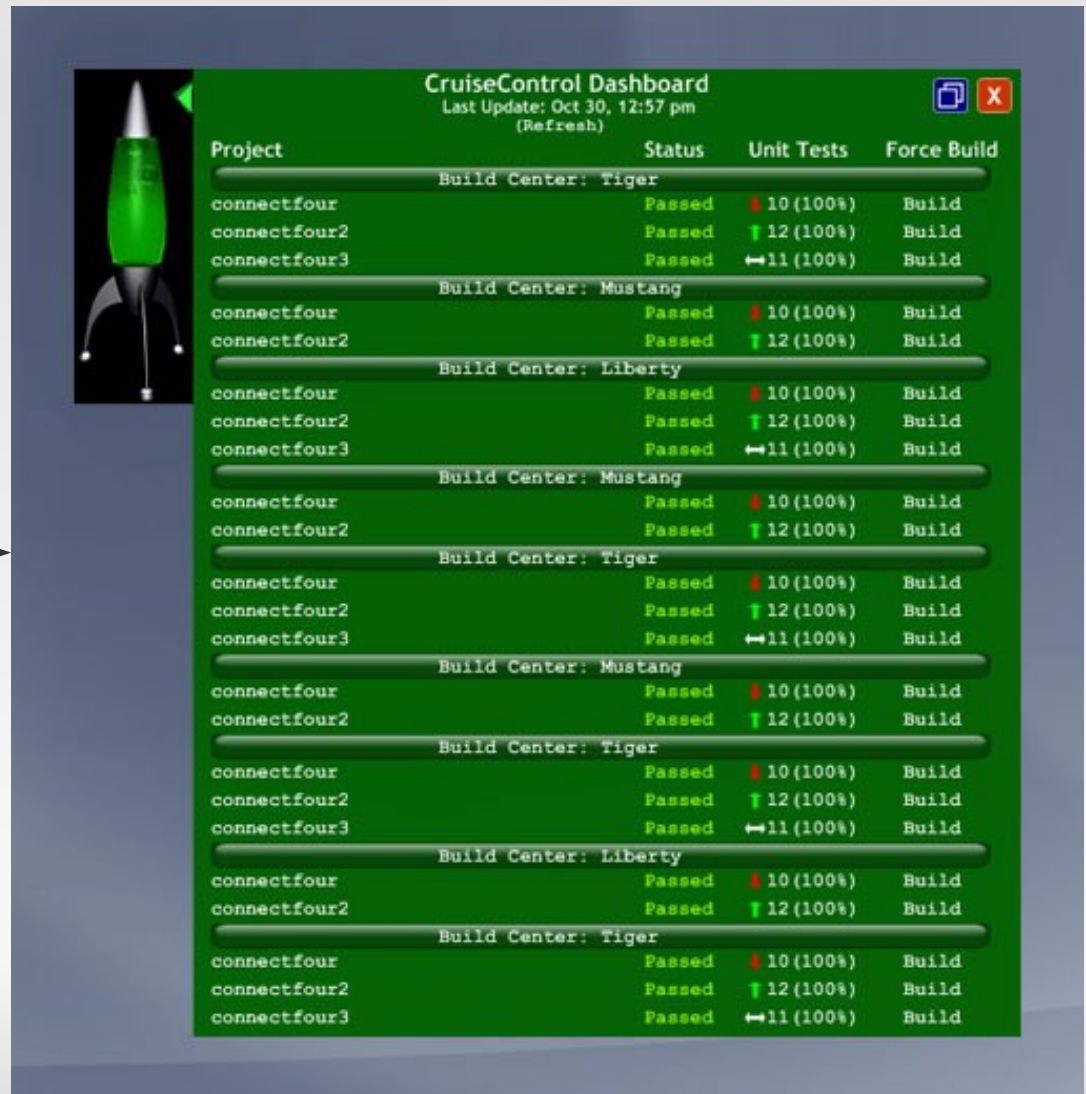


Rannicon

Case 1: Automation Approach



Offshore
subcontractor



Case 1: Results

100% test automation

In version 2.0 we learned the new method

Version 2.1 of product launched on schedule
first time in products history

Automated tests keep the product in release
shape during the development

Case 1: Learnings

Automated acceptance testing delivers

Sell to managers to avoid double work

Performance and stability tests; Essential

Do not outsource automating test cases

Do not write your own testing framework

Team level workshops work well

Test help troubleshoot customer problems

Case 2: Flexi Network Gateway

Greenfield product From Day 1

- Unit testing
- Continuous Integration
- Automated Acceptance Tests

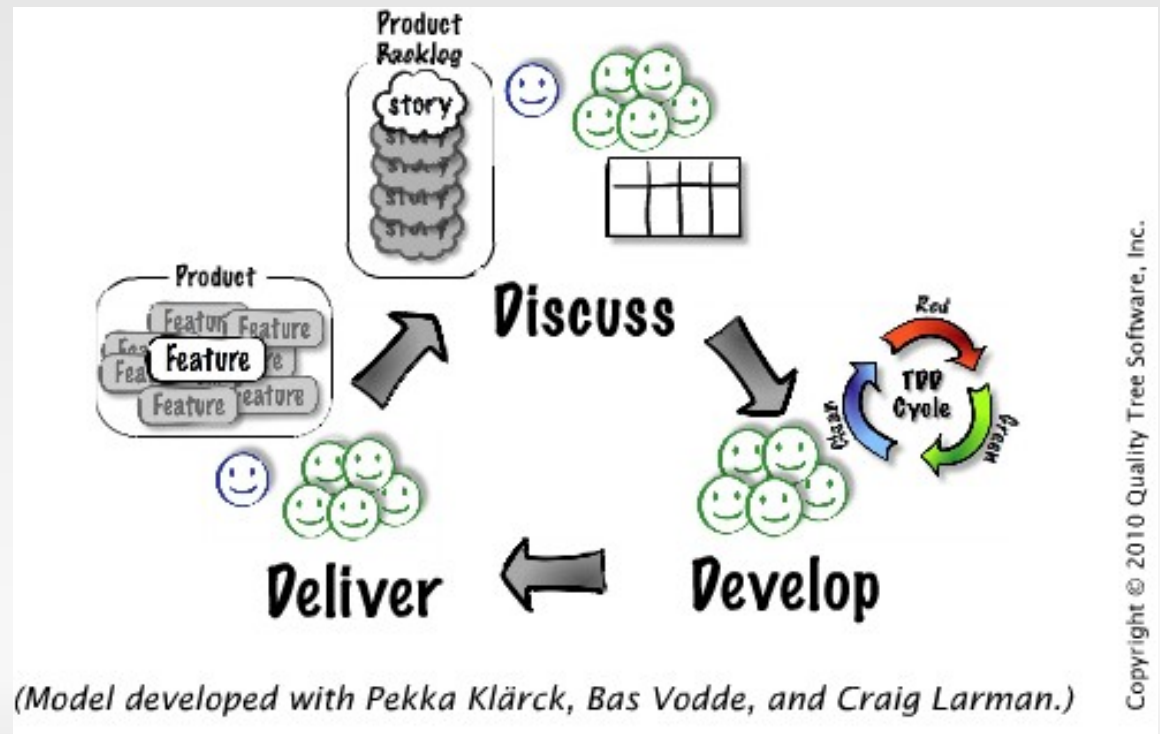
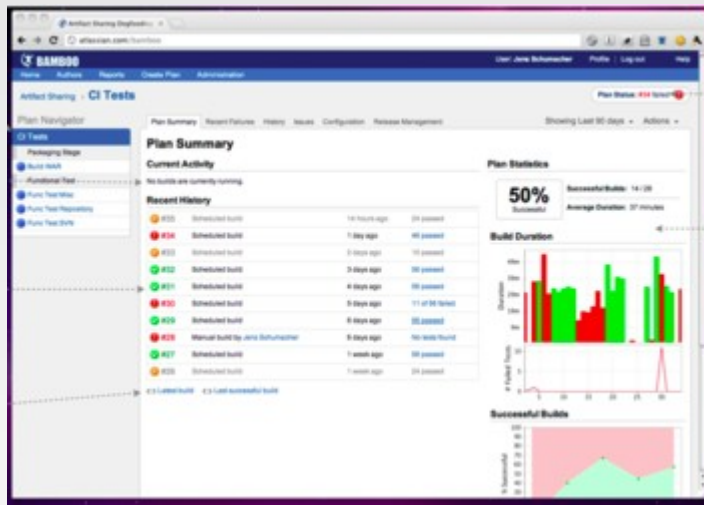


Rannicon

Case 2: Automation Approach

RobotFramework.org

Test Case	Steps
User can change password	Given a user has a valid account
	when she changes her password
	then she can log in with the new password
	and she cannot use the old password anymore

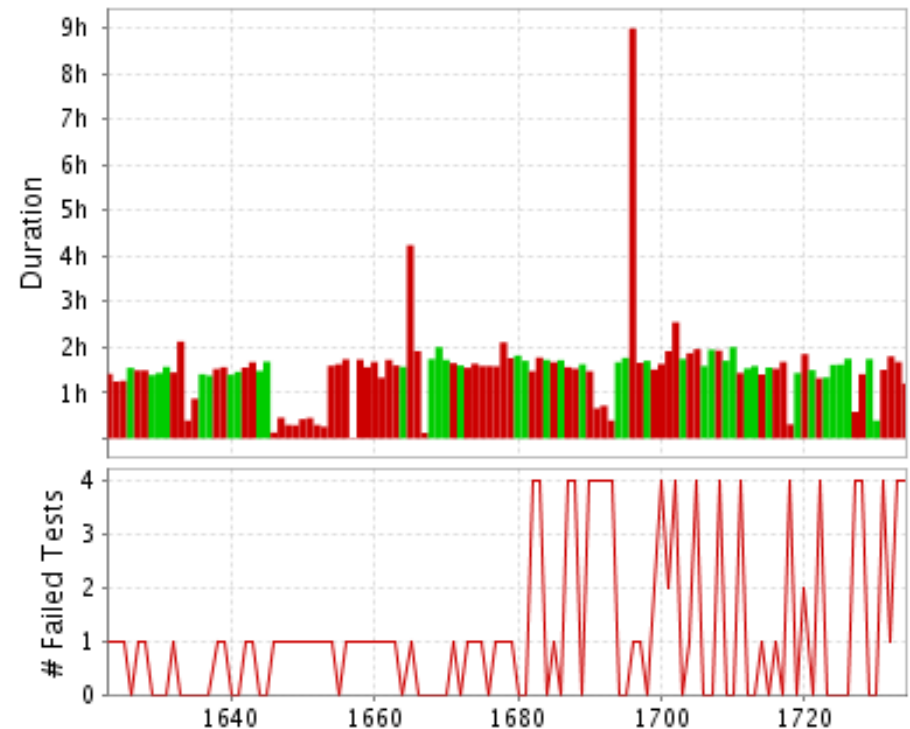
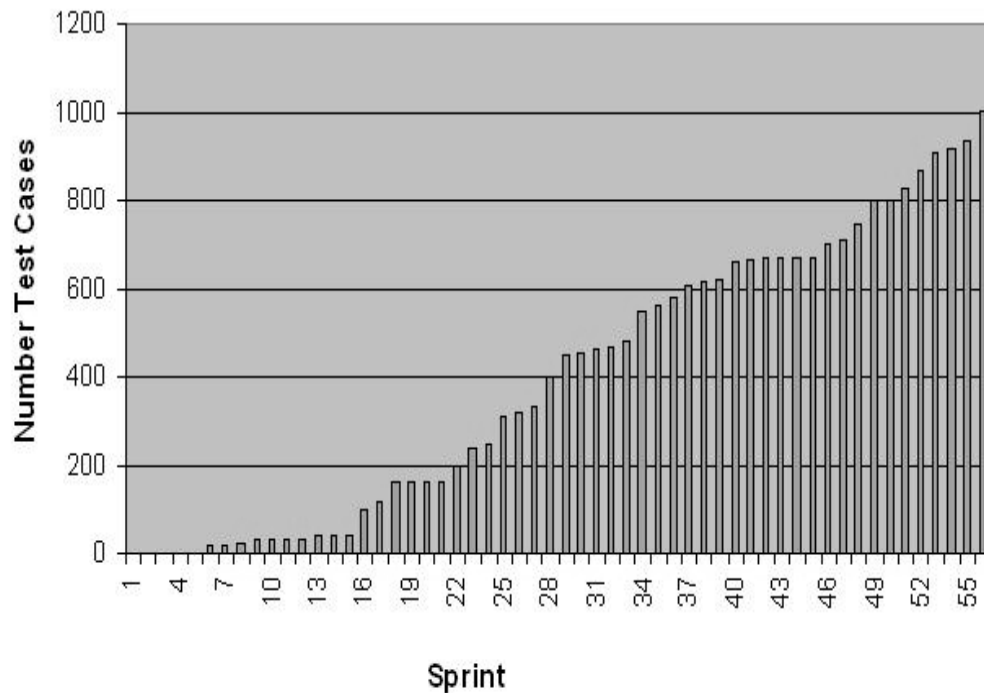


(Model developed with Pekka Klärck, Bas Vodde, and Craig Larman.)

Rannicon

Case 2: Some Statistics

Acceptance Test Case Regression



Case 2: Results

100 % test automation from day one

Release capability after every sprint

Close customer collaboration

Only running tests as test documentation

Case 2: Learnings

Avoid making acceptance test too low level

Commercial driver lock in

Resistance to new tools and techniques should not be underestimated

Automated tests helps distributing work

- Still distribution slows down work

Case 3: Big UX project 2010

UX centric greenfield project

No common rules on test automation

Many tries to find right UX



Rannicon

Case 3: Automation Approach

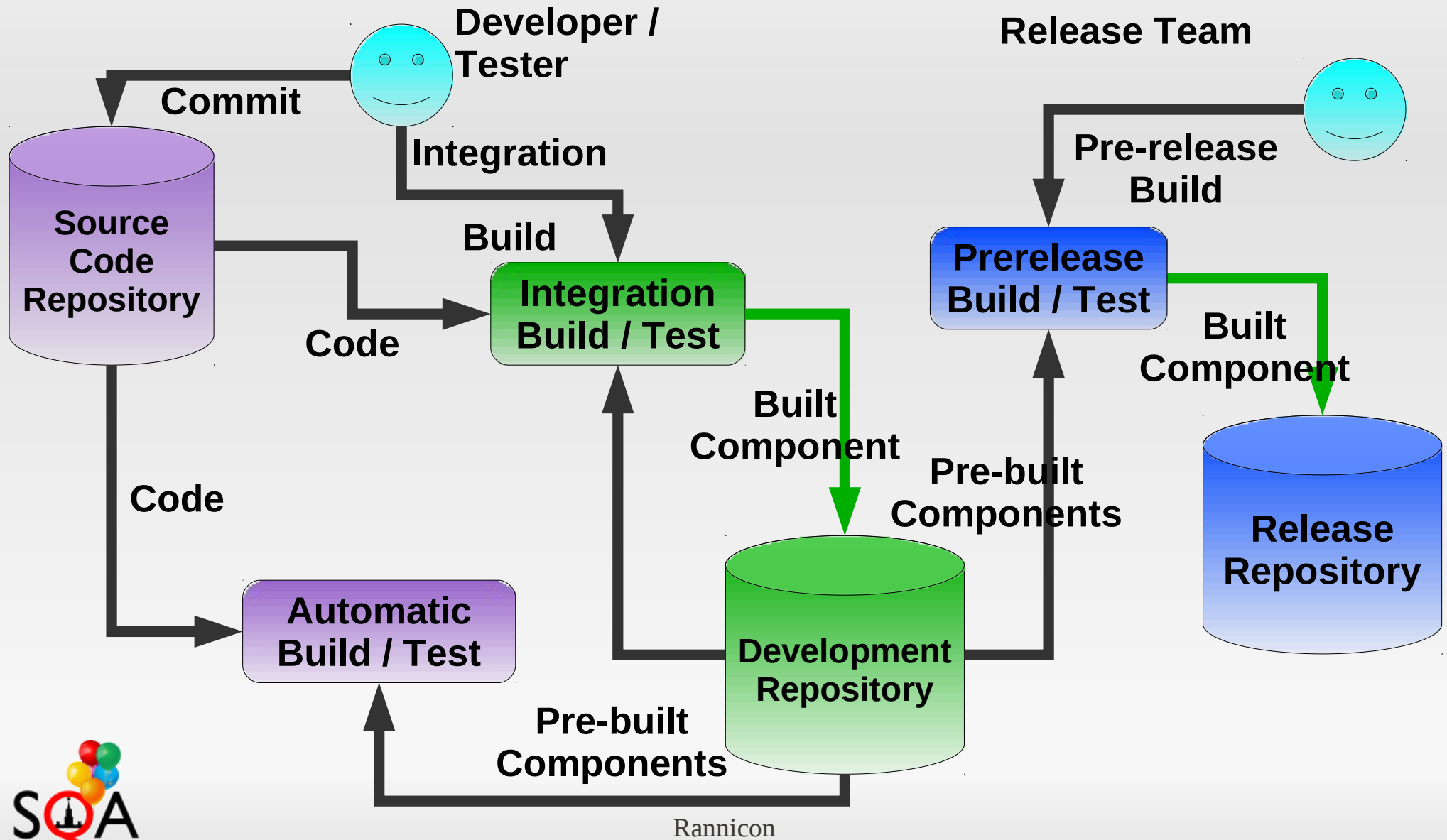
Building own test library to interact with applications UI

Test scripts written in scripting language

Cucumber integration possible but not used

Separate TA tools, Integration and Build organizations

Complex Integration



Case 3: Results

Workshops with specification by example pay off

Daily product builds

Lot's of manual testing

Long feedback cycles

Case 3: Learnings

Automates tests with scripting language
become unmaintainable

Common approach to test automation essential

Investment to simple CI

Do not underestimate organizational
challenges

Automated as much as possible below UI

Summary of Learnings

Automated testing enables agility

Automated testing speeds learning

Automated testing is for whole product

Invest to automated CI system

Building automation tools is time wasted

Commercial tools lock you in

Automated testing is not all you need

Thank You



Ran Nyman

email:

ran@rannicon.com

web: <http://rannicon.com>

twitter: [@ran_nyman](https://twitter.com/ran_nyman)