

Large-Scale Integration Testing at Microsoft

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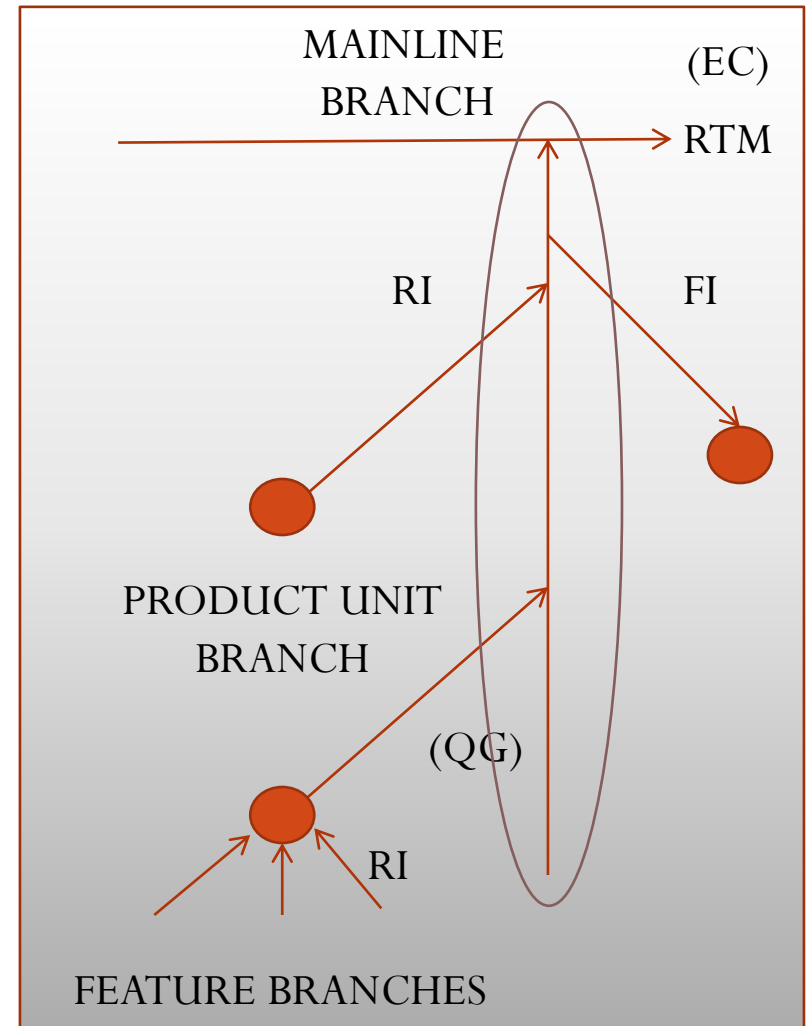
Agenda

- Integration Testing @ Microsoft
- Definition thru Deployment
- Enhancing Tools and Infrastructure
- Benefits and Challenges
- Conclusions and Future Work



Integration Testing : Terms

- Builds
 - Feature Branches (FB's)
 - Product Unit (PU) Branches
 - Mainline Branch (Visual Studio)
- Integrations
 - Reverse Integrations (RI's)
 - Forward Integrations (FI's)
- Testing
 - Quality Gates (QG)
 - Exit Criteria (EC)
- Feature Crews



Integration Testing : Code Flow

- Large number of PU branches with complex dependencies
- *Breaking changes* quickly propagate across build tree
- Debugging becomes a nightmare, randomizing teams
- Often cripples PU and mainline builds for days
- Teams become grid-locked and begin to isolate themselves
- Huge effort required to unblock and produce stable mainline build for major milestones, e.g. CTPs, Betas and RTM
- Want to get to a “**fearless FI**” scenario!



Integration Testing: Test Perspective

- PU branches often not at *self-host* quality before RI
- Only informal (*non-blocking*) testing at RI time
- Central validation suite available, but:
 - Not focused, too large and included legacy tests
 - Run too late (against mainline branch after RI's)
 - Tests written against various automation frameworks
 - Tests required difficult-to-reproduce installs/set-ups
 - Most tests were UI-based, often unstable
 - No standardized logging for easy debugging of test issues

Defining a New Suite: Criteria

- Strike balance between *efficiency* and *effectiveness*
- Apply more stringent test selection criteria from the onset
- Well-defined update process to evolve it alongside product
- Efficiency criteria
 - Tests execute in a two hour timeframe (excl. setup)
 - Tests are reliable, consistent and easy to debug
- Effectiveness criteria
 - Tests exercise key product integration points
 - Tests reflect customer success scenarios ('happy paths')
- Result- Two-tiered test set (RI Tests)



Defining a New Suite: RI Tests

- Primary – Developer Division RITs (DDRITs)
 - Testing major integration points coinciding with top customer success scenarios
 - Failure of this suite during RI means blocking bugs (P0)
 - Quick turnaround for fixes needed
 - Currently, tens of test cases
- Secondary – Product Unit-specific RITs (PURITs)
 - Testing unique integration points between specific PU's
 - Failure of this suite during RI does not block integration (P1)
 - Turnaround time dictated by SLA (service level agreement)
 - Currently, tens of test cases

Defining a New Suite: Review



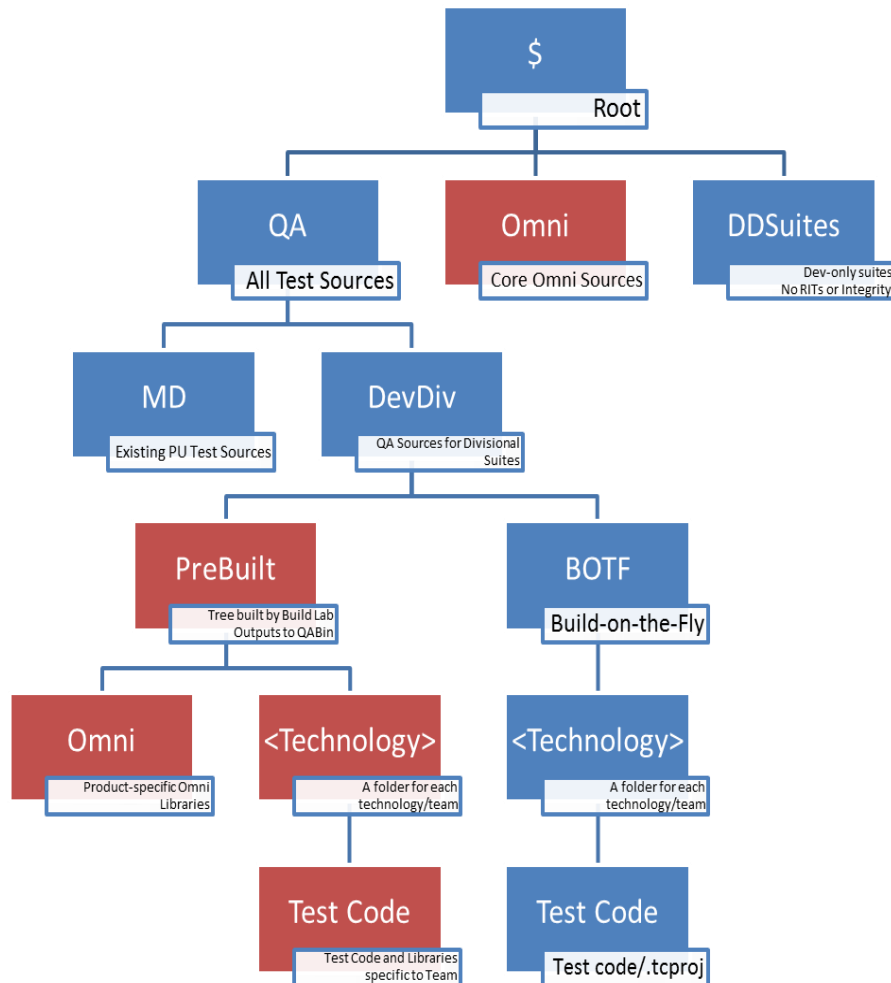
- DDRITs
 - *Divisional* review committee established (development and test managers, senior technical staff)
 - Review and approve proposed tests, ensure strict adherence to selection criteria
 - Considered functional and key non-functional (performance) tests (within time constraints)
- PURITs
 - Review committee comprised of staff from the partnering, dependent teams only
 - Test purpose and content were captured in SLAs
- Reviews form integral part of new integration testing process
- Critical in helping teams define new RITs, update existing ones and deprecating old tests

Defining a New Suite: Resolution

- Goal - minimize randomization during issue resolution
- Requires good inter- and intra-team communications
- Resolution task needs to have an owner per team – *PU RI Rep*
- Job description
 - Initial triaging (investigation) and assignment of resulting bugs
 - Collaborating and liaising with:
 - Developers and testers within own team,
 - Dependent partner and central tooling teams to resolve bugs
 - Updating of SLA agreements, if applicable
- Later on, I'll show the workflow...



Implementing the New Test Suite



- Implementing with efficiency and effectiveness in mind
- Balanced portfolio of UI- and API-based tests
- Standardized on two automation frameworks (UI and API)
- Tests stored in central location (build tree)
- Core tooling and product-specific tooling libraries logically separated
- Tests were 'purified'
- Ensuring tests were TRA-compliant (Test Run By Anyone)

Deploying the Test Suite

- Consolidating our existing, team-specific testing lab resources
- Moving to new cloud infrastructure at a geographically remote site
- RIT are executed using Virtual Machines (VMs), enabling quick re-imaging of machines using canned VM images (VHDs)
- Test case management system streamlines test run queue by holding VMs for similar test configurations
- As failures occur, images are reserved for later remote debugging
- RITs executed by our central engineering team (DES)

Results Reporting for New Test Suite

DEV1V << HIDE NAVIGATION

DASHBOARDS

GET STARTED

WELCOME

INTEGRATION STATUS

TEST RESULTS FOR MAIN

FEATURE TEAM STATUS



BUILDS

Check the [status of a build](#)
 Access the [web service](#) for builds
 Get an [official build](#) of Main
 What are the [build lab names](#)? Who owns them?

INTEGRATING CHANGES (RI-FI)

Check on [recent RI and FI](#) activity
 Access the [web service](#) for integrations
 Submit [RI](#) to Lopez, build & test it (What's [Lopez?](#))
 Get started with [One True Gauntlet \(OTG\)](#)
 Track a [changeset](#) and see what branches it's in now

TEST RESULTS (MADDOG)

Look for [recent MadDog](#) results
 Check on the status of [test case purification](#)
 Connect to a [BVT machine](#)
 Compare [performance](#) of builds (RPS)
 View [results](#) produced by MadDog per branch

BUGS

Look up a [bug](#)
 View [bugs](#) found by MadDog per branch

STATUS & SCHEDULE

Dev11 Primary SharePoint Site
 MQ SharePoint Site
 How are we doing on [MQ Criteria?](#)
 How are we doing on [MQ Scenarios?](#) (TeamStats)
 What's the [overall Test Pass](#) schedule?

PROJECT DEV11

INTEGRATIONS

WINDOWS 8 - FUNDAMENTALS - CLOUD

Integration Status

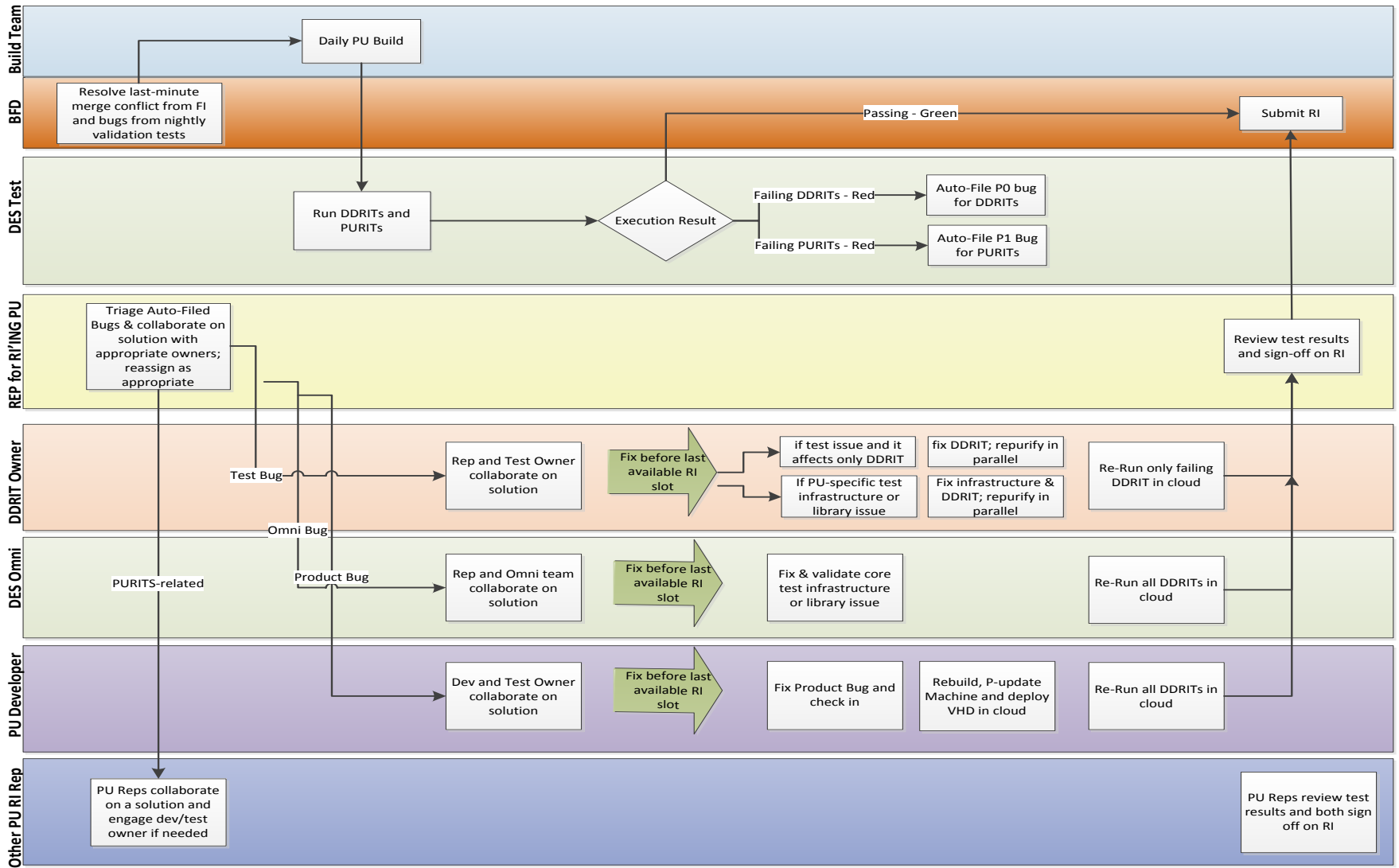
Main	DDRIT 31014.00	PLOC 31013.00.00
	Passed 6	Passed 12
	Failed 3	Failed 3
	Pending 24	
Test History		

The purpose of this page is to determine if a PU branch is ready to integrate into Main. To be ready, all DDRITs must pass in the PU branch, and [an RI Work Item must be created](#). The PURITs do not need to be 100% passing, but an exception must be granted in that case. If your PU branch folder is green, you are ready to RI to Main!

Not seeing what you expected? Check the [Troubleshooting Guide and FAQ](#)

ALM	CLR	Design	MQTestPass	VSPRO	WinC	WPF
Next RI Last RI 30915.00 Last FI 31008.00 Test History	Next RI 10/14/2010 Last RI Last FI CLR.31014.00 Test History	Next RI Last RI Last FI 31011.01 Test History	Next RI Last RI Last FI 30810.00 Test History	Next RI 10/20/2010 Last RI Last FI Test History	Next RI Last RI Last FI Test History	Next RI 10/8/2010 Last RI Last FI Test History
DDRIT 31008.05 Passed 19 Failed 14	DDRIT 31014.00 Passed 21 Failed 2 Pending 25	DDRIT 31011.02 Passed 0 Failed 0 Pending 29	DDRIT 31014.00 Passed 6 Failed 0	DDRIT 31011.01 Passed 22 Failed 9 Pending 2	INTEG 31012.00 Passed 92 Failed 7	DDRIT 31014.00 Passed 29 Failed 0 Pending 4
PLOC 31008.04.00 Passed 5 Failed 10 Pending		PLOC 31011.01.00 Passed 7 Failed 8 Pending 3	PLOC 31014.00.00 Passed 1 Failed 1			PLOC 31014.00.00 Passed 8 Failed 10

Deploying the Test Suite: Workflow



Enhancing Tools and Infrastructure

- New API-based test automation framework
 - Evaluated and consolidated existing frameworks
 - Implemented common logging framework
 - Adapted product interfaces to improve testability
 - Part of Omni (UI-/API-based) automation infrastructure
- Test purification and portability (TRA)
 - Providing tool support to ensure test reliability and stability
 - Enhancing test cases (and management system) to capture test case metadata
- Dependency analysis, code coverage and churn tools
 - Providing better intelligence on RIT coverage, public API churn and integration order during RI's
 - Goal is to evolve the integration test suites alongside the product, ensuring effectiveness

Benefits and Challenges

- Increased code velocity throughout the build tree (RI/FI)
 - Earlier defect detection to prevent major breaking changes
 - Faster and more reliable test execution, easier failure analysis
 - Reduced effort to meet quality goals for major milestones
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- Defining, socializing and executing on this concept
 - Introducing the API-based testing concept/product changes
 - Establishing new cloud-based infrastructure to execute tests
 - Restructuring the build tree to ease test case management, execution and maintenance

Conclusions and Future Work

- Gave insight into existing integration test issues @ Microsoft
- Discussed our new integration test strategy to ensure more rapid code flow
- Highlighted our process and tool improvements, deliverables and deployment issues

- Comparing fault detection (between old/new test suites)
- Refining processes and tools, e.g. contention for same machine for debugging test failures
- Investing in tools to track test suite adequacy (with results being fed back into process)