

Event Guide

TESTING, AGILE, DEVOPS AND LOW CODE SHOWCASE: METHODS AND TOOLS

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Programme

Conference Chair: *Keith Watson, Director of DevOps, ADP UK*

08:15 - 08:45	Registration and Coffee
08:45 - 08:50	UNICOM's Welcome
08:50 - 09:00	Introduction to Sponsors and Supporting Bodies & Chairman's Introduction
09:00 - 09:30	DevOps Imagining - The Promised Land of an Integrated Continuous Delivery Supply Chain <i>Keith Watson, Director of DevOps, ADP UK</i>
09:32 - 10:02	The Rise of Low Code - What It Means for QA Teams <i>Rukmangada Kandiyala (KR), Founder & CEO, testsigma</i>
10:04 - 10:34	Why Site Reliability Engineering is Important? <i>Aruna Potteti, Programme Release, Test and Governance Lead, Senior Vice President, Deutsche Bank</i>
10:36 - 11:06	Deliver Real Business Impact with Value Stream Management <i>Carlos Gutiérrez, Application Delivery Product Group Leader, Micro Focus</i>
11:06 - 11:36	Tea / Coffee Break & Networking
11:36 - 12:06	The Dark Arts of UAT <i>Bill Watson, Test Manager, BBC</i>
12:08 - 12:38	Evolutive Test Design and Execution - Leveraging Tests to Validate the Unexpected <i>Baubak Gandomi, Test Automation Architect, Adobe, France</i>
12:38 - 13:08	Round Table Session
	<p>Table One: Professionalism in Testing - What is It and How Do We Get There? <i>Paul Gerrard, Principal, Gerrard Consulting</i></p> <p>Table Two: Mental Health in Testing <i>Andy Shaw, BCS Specialist Interest Group in Software Testing (SIGIST)</i></p> <p>Table Three: XP Practice of Test Driven Development : What to Do and What Definitely "Not" to Do <i>Jeewan Bhatt, Principal Consultant, Infosys</i></p> <p>Table Four: Build Your Own Test Automation Framework or Go The Low-Code Way for Scalable Test Automation? <i>Rukmangada Kandiyala (KR), Founder & CEO, testsigma</i></p>
13:08 - 14:08	Lunch Break & Networking
14:10 - 14:40	Behind the Chair to Behind the Keyboard: How Hairdressing Prepared Me for Developer Advocacy <i>Stuart Clark, Senior Developer Advocate, AWS</i>
14:42 - 15:12	Ways of Modelling or Re-Modelling Team Structures Using Simple Venn Diagrams <i>Jeewan Bhatt, Principal Consultant, Infosys</i>
15:12 - 15:32	Tea / Coffee Break & Networking
15:32 - 16:00	Pack Broader Testing into Your DevOps Pipeline <i>Krista King, Product Manager, mabl</i>
16:02 - 16:32	Why Do We Queue? Stop Embracing the Waste <i>Colin Deady, Agile Lead, PPS</i>
16:34 - 17:04	Go with the Flow! Postman Flows for API Low Code Workflow Testing <i>Beth Marshall, Coders Guild</i>
17:05 - 17:10	Chair's summing up and end of conference.
17:10	Drinks Reception

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Speakers' Profiles



JEEWAN BHATT, Principal Consultant, Infosys

Jeewan is an Enterprise Agile Coach leading organizational Transformation. He is highly experienced and passionate in coaching leadership and team members. He also trains and coaches people of extreme programming practices like TDD, BDD. He is a certified SAFe consultant, expert in Scrum, Kanban and lean ways of working. He has used his experience to work with multiple clients across globe and domains. He has coached , trained and mentored many people across different levels and have been involved in setting up many teams.



STUART CLARK, Senior Developer Advocate, AWS

Stuart Clark is a Developer Advocate, author for Press and a Cisco Certified DevNet Expert #20220005. Stuart started his career as a hairdresser in 1990, and in 2008 he changed careers to become a network engineer. After cutting his teeth in network operations he joined Cisco DevNet as a Developer Advocate for network automation. Stuart contributed to the DevNet exams and was one of the SME teams that created, designed, and built the Cisco Certified DevNet Expert. Stuart has presented at over fifty external conferences and is a multi-time Cisco Live Distinguished Speaker covering topics on network automation and methodologies. Stuart can be found on Twitter @bigevilbeard



COLIN DEADY, Agile Lead, PPS

Colin is Agile Lead for PPS, a leading processor issuer and driving force in Fintech, and applies his knowledge of Agile product delivery to enable teams to discover and iterate their Ways of Working. Previously Colin was Head of Agile Development for Capita Digital Development Centre UK & Ireland. With wide-ranging experience across both public and private sectors Colin supports the Agile value of people over process over tools by adopting a context-driven application of Agile drawing in large part on Better Value Sooner Safer Happier, the Cynefin Sense-Making Framework and Real Options to guide the creation of maximum options and opportunities for learning-supported value delivery for minimal effort and risk.



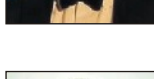
BAUBAK GANDOMI, Test Automation Architect, Adobe

Baubak has more than 20 years' experience in the software industry and has specialized in the management of software quality and life-cycle. He enjoys getting projects with no Continuous Integration / Deploy up and running. He also has a passion for the un-testable, so if you want to discuss projects he would be glad to discuss such problems with you. Having studied in Sweden and Germany, he graduated from the university of Stockholm. He has worked mainly in Sweden and in France and has been at Adobe for the last 9 years as a test automation architect.



PAUL GERRARD, Principal, Gerrard Consulting

Paul Gerrard is an internationally renowned, award-winning software engineering consultant, author and coach. Paul is a consultant, coach/mentor, author, webmaster, programmer, tester, conference speaker, rowing coach and publisher. He has conducted consulting assignments in all aspects of software testing and QA, specialising in test strategy and assurance. He also writes poetry from time to time. Specialties: Test Assurance, Test Strategy, Open Source Implementation, Test Automation, Shift-Left approaches (Behaviour-Driven Development, Test-Driven Development etc.) and helping testers to become more business-aware and/or more technical.



CARLOS GUTIÉRREZ, Application Delivery Product Group Leader, Micro Focus

Carlos Gutiérrez, Application Delivery Product Group Leader, Micro Focus Carlos has been in the IT business for over 28 years and currently helps Micro Focus convey the ADM value proposition to market. He has held roles in development, analysis, project management and sales / pre-sales – so you can expect a wide vision and a deep understanding of the IT business dynamics.



RUKMANGADA KANDYALA (KR), Founder & CEO of Testsigma.

Over 15 years of experience building enterprise products for various companies. Passionate about SaaS and startups.



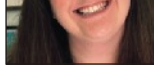
KRISTA KING, Product Manager, mabl

Krista King (she/her) is a Product Manager at mabl, where she's empowering quality teams to build faster with confidence. She's passionate about building products with purpose, harnessing a diverse background in quality engineering, design, and software development to create people-centered test automation solutions. Outside of work, Krista is a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and can be found helping children build interpersonal skills and self-confidence.



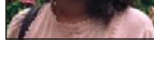
BETH MARSHALL, Coders Guild

Beth Marshall has worked in Quality Engineering for the past 15 years. Beth loves to learn, train and collaborate, and is a Technical Tutor for the Coders Guild as well as a Test Automation University instructor.



ARUNA POTTETI, Programme Release, Test and Governance Lead, Senior Vice President, Deutsche Bank

Aruna Potteti has 20+ years of experience with DevOps, DORA, Release Management, QA Engineering and Test Management. She brings the expertise from various industry sectors - Financial, Ministry of Defence, Air Cargo, Logistics and Investment Banking. Site Reliability Engineering, in short SRE, is growing discipline widely used not necessarily for Cloud Based solutions but OnPrem Solutions too. SRE enables the teams to reduce toil, improve automation, design reliable and resilient systems hence improving customer satisfaction. Please come and join in discussion to understand why SRE is important and what difference it makes to engineers lives.



ANDY SHAW, BCS Specialist Interest Group in Software Testing (SIGIST)

Andy Shaw developed a career as a tester, after initially wanting to be a software developer after graduating from university, because of the creativity and potential career path that he could shape, which testing offered him. Andy continually seeks to develop his knowledge and experience of testing, including mobile, database, cross browser and exploratory testing (which he is an advocate of). He also does public speaking on a range of subjects, including testing, career development and mental health. Andy is also passionate about promoting mental health awareness and learning more about reducing the stigma of mental health.



KEITH WATSON, Director of DevOps, ADP UK

Keith has worked in IT for over 30 years leading various software development, DevOps and operations teams at IBM, ADP and Ordnance Survey. In his previous role he led a project in Ordnance Survey which transformed the way environments were provisioned using a combination of culture change, DevOps, open source tools and changes to business processes. Keith is now Director of DevOps for ADP UK for the iHCM product and is responsible for promoting continuous delivery and DevOps principles as well as changing the patterns and tools used for build and deployment within development and operations teams. He has also spoken at and chaired various DevOps conferences and user groups.



BILL WATSON, Test Manager, BBC

My first foray into software came with a Dragon 32 computer in the early 1980s. Having a computer with a less than popular OS meant adapting programmes from a ZX Spectrum magazine and lengthy debugging sessions! After diversions into a number of non-tech fields, I returned to the fold and now have two decades experience in the IT industry. I've worked in both contract and permanent roles in Europe and Africa ranging in scale from multinationals, to being the first tester in the door at small companies. I'm currently a Test Manager in the BBC, testing outsourced IT projects.

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