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# The 'Bruce Lee' Tester

"Be water my friend!"

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# Bruce Lee in a 'Nutshell'

- Studied Wing Chun
- Once mastered determined formal techniques were too rigid for practical use
- Developed "the style of no style" or Jeet Kune Do
- Continued learning from others and incorporating learnings
- Proceeded to conquer the world.

# Learning a Language in a 'Nutshell'

- Highly structured
- Focus on technical correctness (pronunciation, sentence structure etc.)
- Ability to adapt is limited
- Once technically proficient, you start to break some rules, adopt slang – you become highly adaptable.

# Testing Career in a 'Nutshell'

- You're taught to do things a certain way (e.g. notation, templates etc.)
- As you encounter different projects, you discover that **no 'Once Size Fits All'**
- You pick up tools, tips and tricks along the way (probably a few knocks also!)
- You subconsciously **develop your own way** of doing things
- You develop the ability **adapt to any situation** – you become a 'Bruce Lee' of testing!!!

# Bottling it up!

- How do you maintain level of consistency to your madness?
- Start with your building blocks – the Terms (What) & Roles (Who)
- Personal **definition of commonly used terms** in Testing?  
(e.g. Test Plan vs. Test Script vs. Test Case)  
How do they relate to one another?  
Do other Testers think of those terms the same way?
- Building blocks for developing your **Personal Practice Architecture** – How, When, Why, Where & Business Rules.

# Architectural Snippet

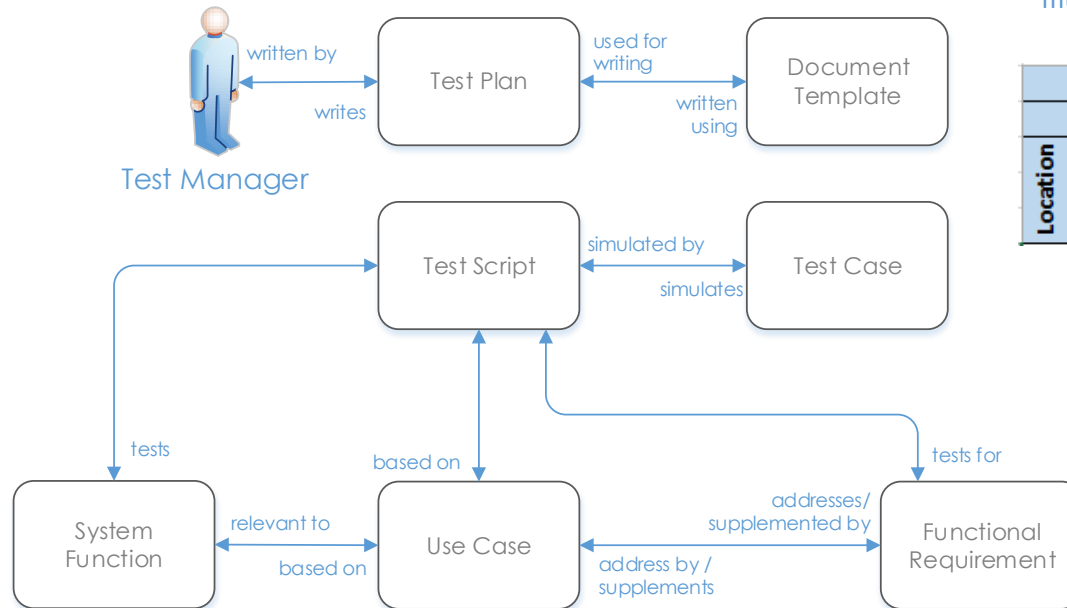
“A Test Plan must be written by a Test Manager”

“The Test Manager responsible for writing a Test Plan must be in accordance to Table 2.”

		Project Type	
		Agile	Waterfall
Location	Office A	JS	CY
	Office B	AC	AC
	Office C	AC	TB

“The Document Template used for writing a Test Plan must be in accordance to Table 1 below.”

		Project Type	
		Agile	Waterfall
Location	Office A	X	Z
	Office B	X	Z
	Office C	Y	Z



# First Impressions

- “We are Testers. We come in peace.”
- Business Stakeholders are not who the BAs and Programmers fear most. Why?
- First things first – building relationships
  - The value of shooting the breeze – be genuinely interested in things you’re not interested in
  - Demonstrating an understanding of their business
  - Map their architectural components to yours to adapt.



# Testers – The most annoying participants of the SDLC!

- ...and so you should be!
- Good Testers – Blessings in disguise



- You are the gatekeepers to the real world!

# Wrap Up...

- **Be an expert at your art** – Expertise is measured by your ability to adapt to new situations
- **Bottle up your expertise** - Systematise “your way” in the form of Personal Practice Architecture (PPA)
- **Continue to learn and improve** – Evolve your bottled expertise
- **Build relationships** – Annoy without offending!

**Keep up the good work!!!**  
**Any questions?**

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