



## Creating an Automated Software Testing Center of Excellence

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"AST: Practices that Yield Positive Results"

### Agenda:



- About IDT
- Automated Testing Center of Excellence
- Demo
- Q&A
- Closing Notes

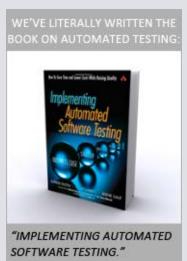
## About IDT



- Information technology business headquartered in Arlington, Virginia
   Our primary objective is to enable new software capabilities to be
   deployed with higher quality, faster and more affordably.
- We provide:

Integrated automated testing solution – Automated Test and Re-test
 (ATRT) – also DOD approved

- Automated testing strategies
- Help improve your test program
- ATRT Solutions Training
- Other ATRT related services
- For more about IDT go to <a href="www.idtus.com">www.idtus.com</a>





# Automated Software Testing Center of Excellence



# Use Efficient Automated Testing Solutions

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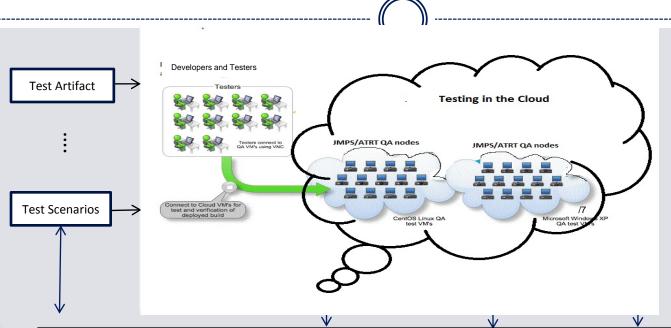
#### **ATRT's solution:**

 ATRT can handle distributed and concurrent testing over a network: Automated tests can be executed concurrently over a network for the test case where various GUI- or message-based outputs are dependent on each other over a network or have to run in parallel.



## ATRT Solutions (cont)





#### Test Results

Pass/Fail per Requirement

Performanc e Reports

> Problem Trouble Reports

#### **ATRT Product Suite**

#### **Test Dashboard**



- Test Planning
- Dynamic Test Configuration
- Req. Coverage/Perf. Metrics
- Trend Analysis

#### **Test Manager**



- Test Conduct / Scenario Cntl.
- Message Gen.& Receive
- GUI Capture and Playback

#### **Analysis Manager**



- Event Reconstruction
- Requirements Verification
- Performance Analysis

### Information Security Manager

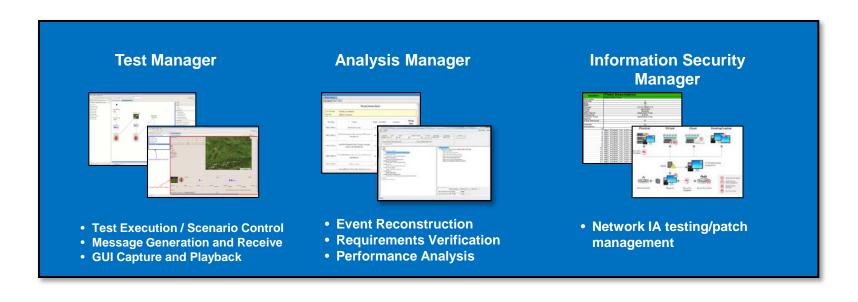


- · Security Gap Remediation
- Reporting/Metrics
- Performance Analysis

## ATRT Solutions: Understanding your testing problem before choosing a tool



- Unit testing and code coverage
- Functional GUI testing
- Data Analysis
- Information Assurance
- Performance Testing
- Others, such as security testing, etc.





## ATRT Solutions: Keep it simple

- Testers often are subject matter experts but not necessarily software developers who could use an automated testing tool efficiently.
- Non-developers generally don't want to be bothered with developing automated testing scripts; they want to be able to use the tool with the simple click of a button.
- Organizations don't want their expensive developer staff spending time developing automated test cases when they can develop features
- If tool is not usable it can become shelfware

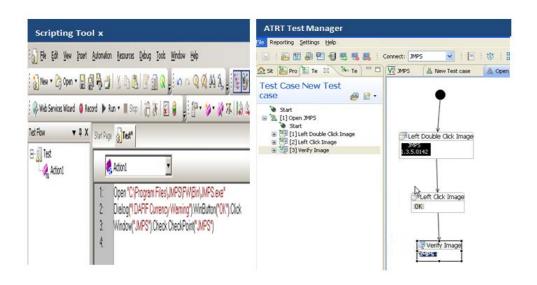
Your Automated Testing Effort can't become another Development Effort

## ATRT Solutions: Scriptless Automation



#### **ATRT's solution:**

- Image based approach to developing automated testing.
  - Allows the testers to drag the action they want to take on a "canvas" to develop their automated tests in a test flow form
- No scripting is involved









OS and Platform independence: Since various VNC or RDP versions exist for most OSs, ATRT meets the "OS independent" requirement

GUI technology independence: Via VNC and RDP we can interact with all GUI elements of the SUT as images, independent of the GUI technology used.

Handles display and non-display centric automation (ATRT currently supports different protocols such as TCP/IP, User Datagram Protocol [UDP], Common Object Request Broker Architecture [CORBA], DDS, SOAP over http.)



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## Implementing the Automated Test Program

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There is never time

# Implementing the Automated Test Program



- Start with a pilot that lends itself to automation
- Assess lessons learned
- Assess ROI
- Make "moving forward" decision



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# DEFINE AUTOMATED TESTING STRATEGY

## Roles and Responsibilities



#### Dedicated Resources

- Don't treat as side activity
- Divide and conquer: Each person owns a feature's automated tests
   (familiarization) and is responsible for maintaining across build releases
- Section Lead responsible for Common Functions.
  - Leads are experienced capturers that enforce best practices

## Understand and communicate best practices specific to tool

### Unit Testing

- Use unit testing tool such as junit or nunit
- Executed nightly along with functional automated tests



## AST TEST DESIGN



## Strategic

- Not everything needs to be automated
- Reuse, reuse, reuse
- Assistive tool approach
- Detailed automation plan

Analyze procedures to determine best candidates for automation.



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Designing tests for maintenance is a large portion of any automation effort.



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If a procedure is not well-suited for automation as a whole, consider using ATRT-TM as an assistive tool for redundant / tedious sections.

(It's not an "all or nothing" approach.)



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Separate problems of automation approach from challenges of learning tools such as ATRT TM.



#### **Tactical**

- Start and Stop States
- Keeping it modular
- Use Naming Conventions
  - SUBSYSTEM\_verb[Adjective]Noun optional values are in brackets

**Use Source Control** 



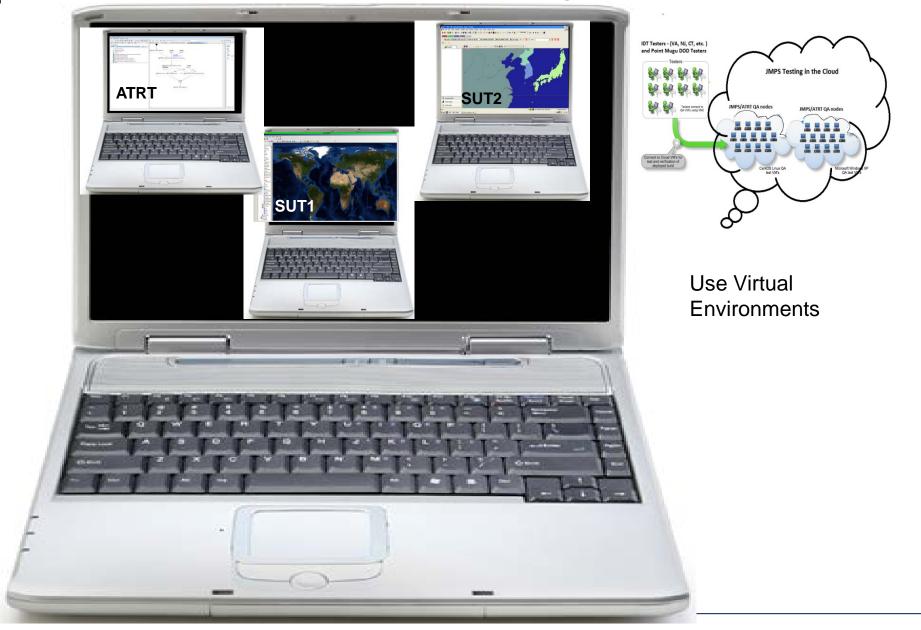
## Continuous Integration

CONTINUOUS AUTOMATED TESTING – INTEGRATED WITH DEVELOPMENT



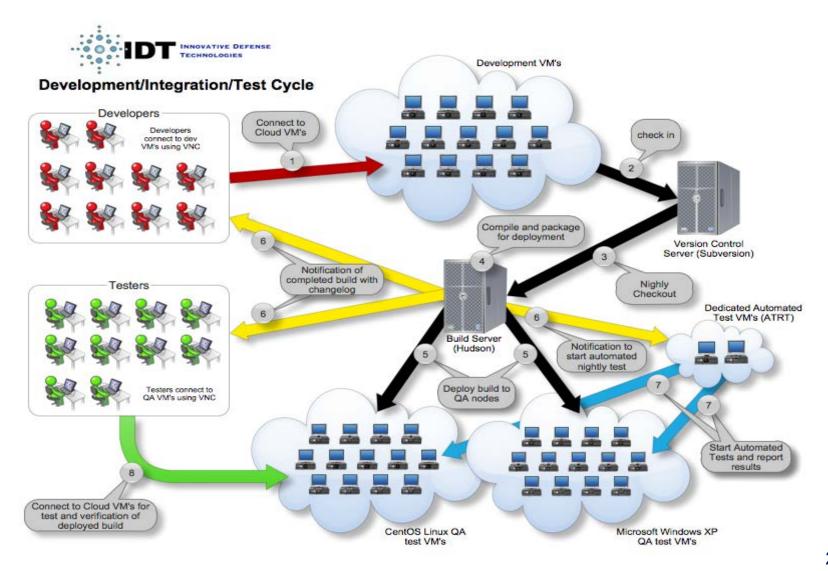
## Virtualized Environment

## Systems of Systems Testing: GUI and message based automated testing combined





### Continuous Integration Setup Example





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Q&A

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## IN NOVATIVE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGIES

## Summary

- Scriptless, technology agnostic and easy of maintenance are important solutions to the automated testing challenge
- Our goal with ATRT is to provide solutions to these challenges
- Please go to our website http://idtus.com/products/atrt-test-manager/
  - For evaluation copies
  - Access to our customer portal (training videos, etc.)
  - For training requests
  - Other inquiries
- We do provide additional training
- Send email to edustin@idtus.com for other questions