

QASIG Lightning Talks

A series of 5-minute presentations

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We are made of code



Our code has strengths

```
while($on_a_date = true) {  
  
  compliment_their_appearance();  
  
}
```

```
Keep_your_mouth_shut;
```

Our code has weaknesses

```
while($buying_a_round_of_drinks = true) {  
    ask_everyone_to_chip_in_when_bill_comes();  
}  
  
skip_out_on_the_tab;
```

Each is hidden within us

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en" lang="en">
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
//<![CDATA[
var page={};var
onCondition=function(D,C,A,B){D=D;A=A?Math.min(A,5):5;B=B||100;if(D()){C()}else{if(A>1)
{setTimeout(function(){onCondition(D,C,A-1,B)},B)}}};
//]]>
while($on_a_date = true) {

compliment_her_appearance();

}

Keep_your_mouth_shut;
</script>
<meta content="text/html; charset=utf-8" http-equiv="Content-Type" />
<meta content="en-us" http-equiv="Content-Language" />
```

A lot of our code is untested

```
while($straining_your_replacement = true) {  
  
    ??????????????();  
  
}  
  
????????????????;
```

So, we are tested, to know...



1) Who we are



2) Who we can be



Do you have...

1) *Sufficient value to some person?*

2) *No critical flaws?*

3) *Benefits that outweigh your flaws?*

Criterion #1 – Sufficient Benefits

Your code helps you solve problems or meet needs:

You're charitable

You're patient

You're considerate

You're understanding

You're sympathetic

Criterion #2 – No Critical Flaws

You don't yell at traffic cones

You don't cry at seeing purple

You're not afraid of triangles

You don't sit backwards in theaters

You're not jealous of jelly beans

Criterion #3 – Benefits Outweigh Flaws

People don't notice (or forgive) your flaws

Your flaws are low severity

Your good features are obvious

You have a unique talent in the market

You make up for your flaws in other ways

Criterion #4 -- Improvement is costly

In order to improve,

...you'll lose money

...you'll lose safety

...you'll lose sanity

...you'll lose others' respect

...you'll lose your self-respect

In software...

Testing is...

an infinite process

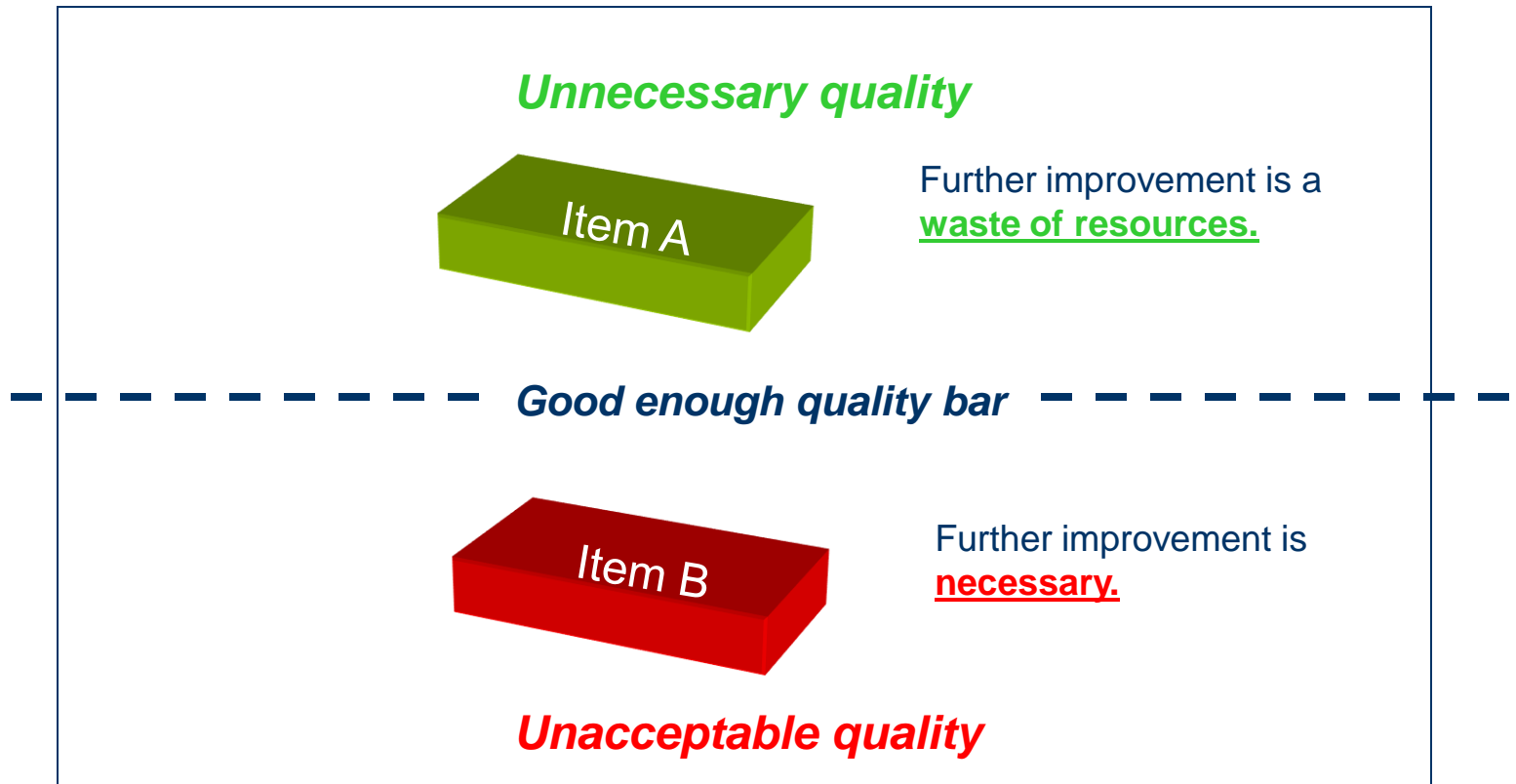
of comparing the invisible

to the ambiguous

in order to avoid the unthinkable

happening to the anonymous.

We test to evaluate



If...

- you are able to get important things done
- you are seen learning things on your own
- you are seen trying to do things even though you don't know how
- you don't hide your ignorance, but also don't rest on it
- you share freely the things that you know
- you honor what other people know
- you know more often than not how to find out what you don't know
- you know how to ask for help
- you offer help to people **ON THEIR OWN TERMS**

Then...

- no one will care whether you succeed by learning or succeed by already knowing
- no one will care if you mess up occasionally because they assume you learn from it
- no one will care if you forget (or don't know) any given fact or method at any given time
- you will be treated as if you're smart or useful, even though everyone knows you have a lot to learn