

Achieving Duck Creek Test Automation using Hexaware's Intelligent Test Automation platform

Digital disruption is changing business dynamics, and P&C insurers have been implementing packaged products like Duck Creek OnDemand to accelerate their digital journeys. Insurance organizations are also competing with aggressive timelines and high-quality standards for rollouts of the Duck Creek suite of products. These new rollouts and continuous changes to products mandate an assurance model that enables enterprises to deliver a defect-free product at a significant pace. Therefore, insurance software testing is of immense importance. The journey, however, has its own set of obstacles.

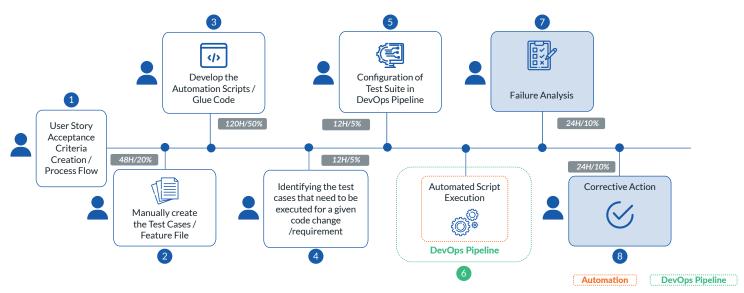
Typical Issues in Testing for the Duck Creek Suite of Products

- Multiple manual testing cycles and lack of automation in test design, leading to increased test cycle time and delays in go-to-market
- Test coverage is not adequately defined due to frequent changes, leading to bugs in the production
- Test automation development effort falls behind the Duck Creek development/customization effort leading to zero continuous testing in the DevOps pipeline and increased release cycle time
- Automation is rather partial. It misses covering validation interoperability of the Duck Creek suite and its integration with existing applications within the organization and external interfaces
- Testing environmental challenges such as unavailability of environment for time travel testing and integration services impede the end-to-end testing

Hence, the need of the hour is an autonomous testing system that can achieve Testing Singularity, learning from human actions and independently deploying learning outcomes across the entire system in real time.

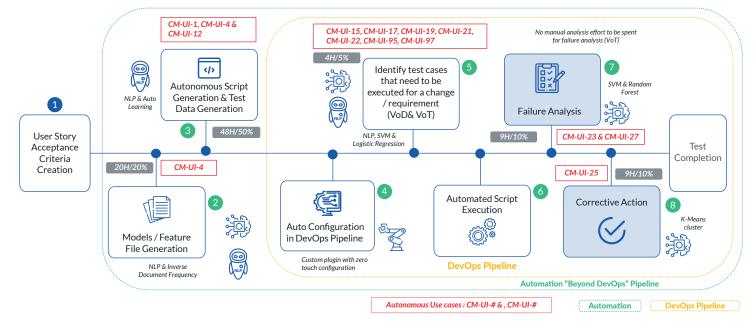
Hexaware's Intelligent Test Automation Platform for Duck Creek, is an integrated platform powered by artificial intelligence, machine learning, deep learning and NLP to make both functional and non-functional testing autonomous across all phases of the testing lifecycle and all layers of an application (UI, service and data). It drastically improves quality and reduces time and effort incurred for testing activities. The vision is to enable transcendence from automation to autonomy.

Through the Intelligent Test Automation platform, Hexaware has reimagined the way testing is performed and a day in life of a tester, resulting in reduced manual intervention in testing activities. The below picture depicts the typical day in the life of a Duck Creek application tester. The activities start from Analysis, Test Design, Test Data Setup, Automation Test Design and Execution, Failure Analysis and Corrective Action.



Out of all the activities, only the Test Execution is automated, and most of the actual testing activities are manually performed. With our platform, most of these testing activities can be automated, and the whole feedback cycle can be improved.

A Day in the Life of a Duck Creek tester with Hexaware's Intelligent Test Automation Platform



The above picture depicts the various use cases and the indicative AI/ML solutions adopted by Hexaware's test automation platform to autonomously perform the below activities:

- Autonomous test generation from acceptance criteria leveraging the Models/Feature files NLP technologies
- Autonomous test data provisioning through smart integration and intelligent insights from production usage
- Autonomous test script generation through the adoption of NLP technology
- Autonomous and dynamic test selection and configuration in DevOps Pipeline using AI/ML algorithms
- Autonomous and Just-in-time test infrastructure provisioning before test execution leveraging AI/ML and smart integrations with cloud platforms

- Self-Healing and intelligent test execution to reduce the execution cycle time leveraging AI/ML algorithms and clustering techniques
- Autonomous root cause analysis and corrective actions leveraging Analytics and AI/ML algorithms

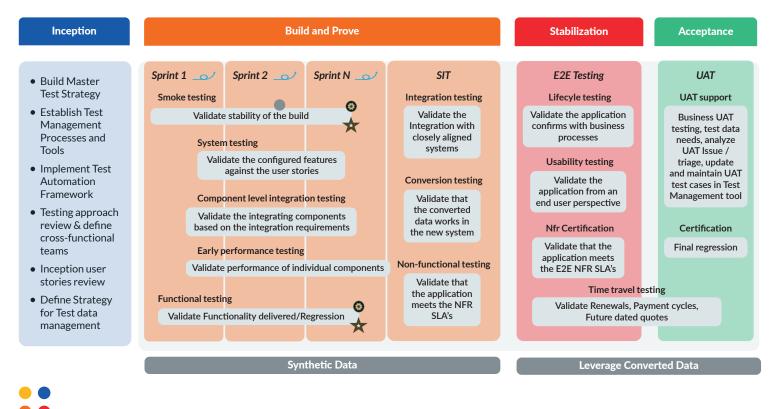
While our vision is to deliver Autonomous Testing to all Duck Creek customers, we understand that an insurer's testing organization may be at different levels of test automation maturity (i.e. No Automation or Partial Automation to Full Automation). For insurers with a low or medium level of automation maturity, we recommend customers adapt an automation-first approach for testing of Duck Creek suite. Automation first approach for the end-to-end testing of Duck Creek implementations will help organizations to reach a high automation state, which is vital for orchestrating Autonomous Testing innovations.

Automation-First Approach for Duck Creek Testing

Our automation-first approach for the Duck Creek suite drives continuous testing and ensures automation adoption, early feedback, metrics-based measurement, and business agility based on the following elements:

- LOB level strategy-identification of critical regression pack, end-to-end testing, non-functional testing with metrics-based governance
- Model-driven testing leveraging our test repository for Duck Creek suite- Business process models and automated generation of test cases
- Automation across the Duck Creek testing lifecycle with a combination of commercial, open-source and in-house built tools and accelerators, including Duck Creek's TAC tool
- Well established testing approach within and outside the sprint, including non-functional testing
- Continuous testing and AI/ML-based solutions to identify potential improvement

The types of testing needed across various phases of Duck Creek suite implementation is depicted in the picture below. Hexaware has developed solutions to address each of these testing needs, which is detailed in the section below.



Our automation-first approach expands the reach of automation outside of test execution to other phases of testing like test case design, test data preparation, environment provisioning and reporting. This is achieved by leveraging a combination of commercial, open-source, TAC-Duck Creek's automation framework and in-house automation solutions for testing across the Duck Creek testing lifecycle in the UI, data, and API layers. A brief summary of our automation testing solutions for the Duck Creek suite is described in the picture below:



Why Hexaware?

Hexaware's Testing Value Proposition for Duck Creek

Reduces overall cost of testing by 40%



Saves 50% on testing efforts



Eliminates 90% of manual efforts

Reduces time-to-market



Accelerates cycle time by 4X





Improves test coverage with more than 99% defect removal efficiency



Reduces 30% of the DevOps cycle time



About Hexaware

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