

What I learned from juggling as a tester

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Meeting the peers



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Introduction (informal)

- ▶ Han Toan Lim
 - ▶ Since 1990 leisure juggler
 - ▶ Performer
 - ▶ Workshopleader juggling
 - ▶ Guinness Book World Recordholder in juggling
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- ▶ #Hand21
 - ▶ @MindfulTester

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Introduction

- ▶ Ir. Han Toan Lim
- ▶ Senior test engineer
- ▶ Since 1996 testing
- ▶ Former board member TestNet, Dutch SIGIST
- ▶ Former board member of Belgium and Netherlands Testing Qualifications Board (BNTQB) affiliated with ISTQB



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Purpose

- ▶ To tell you about my lessons learned in juggling, which I applied in testing

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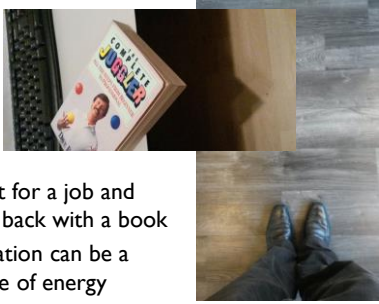
Road map

- ▶ Part 1
 - ▶ My first year
 - ▶ Small tricks lead to nice combinations
 - ▶ Create a flow
 - ▶ Learning by teaching
 - ▶ Find your own style
 - ▶ Have an open mind
- ▶ Part 2
 - ▶ Who's juggling there?

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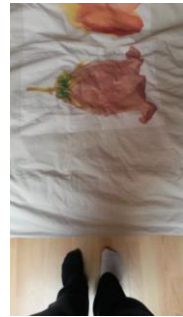
Part 1: The Hunt For Read Job Offer



- ▶ I went for a job and came back with a book
- ▶ Frustration can be a source of energy

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WWW: What Went Wrong?



- ▶ FAQ
- ▶ Adopt a framework to correct errors

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Connecting jugglers



- ▶ Find a peer group
- ▶ If the level amazes a lot, then you can learn a lot

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How I got my act together

- ▶ Don't fear your peer
- ▶ Dutch Juggling Convention 1992



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Small tricks

Lead
to
nice combinations

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Did I need something?



- ▶ Martial arts
- ▶ The Fool

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Time 2 Teach

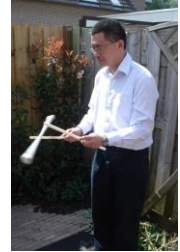
- ▶ If your level amazes a lot, you can teach a lot
- ▶ If your level is high enough, you can teach some stuff
- ▶ If your level is somewhat higher, you can be a teacher, not a liar

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Stating The Unobvious

- ▶ European Juggling Convention in Leeds
- ▶ Learning by teaching
 - ▶ Determining the states
 - ▶ Connecting the states



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What was I doing?

- ▶ Workshop leader
- ▶ Writing manual procedures
- ▶ Badge control
- ▶ Following workshops
- ▶ Having a beer
- ▶ Talk with a peer
- ▶ **Performing for 3,000 people**
- ▶ Answering phone calls
- ▶ Making maps
- ▶ Information desk
- ▶ Ticket control
- ▶ Moving fences
- ▶ Collecting litter
- ▶ Driving hire trucks
- ▶ Collecting supermarket carts



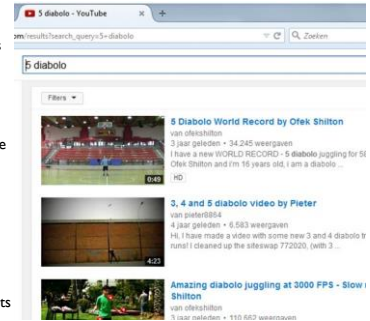
- ▶ Create a flow
 - ▶ Connecting combinations
 - ▶ Using rhythm

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What was blocking me?



- ▶ Have an open mind

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FAQ for juggling

- ▶ General
 - ▶ Do you juggle with fire?
 - ▶ How many balls can you juggle?
 - ▶ Is it high enough?
 - ▶ **Can you show me some magic?**
- ▶ Devilstick
 - ▶ Do you use glue?
 - ▶ Is there a string attached to it?
 - ▶ Do you use magnets?

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Tester Book List Mania

- ▶ Joe Rainsberger
- ▶ Intermediair
- ▶ Huib Schoots
- ▶ Joris Meerts

- ▶ Off the list



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Find Your Own Style

- ▶ Francis Brunn
- ▶ Michael Moschen
- ▶ Me



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Wrapping up part I

- ▶ Small tricks lead to nice combinations
- ▶ Create a flow
- ▶ Learning by teaching
- ▶ Find your own style
- ▶ Have an open mind

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To be continued



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Part 2: Safety first



- ▶ Take care of a safe environment

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Wrapping up part 2

I am a Manual Tester , but being a Manual i am not satisfied with the job. Is it so that for job satisfaction i need to switch for Automation. But I hate coding....

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Testing inside the comfort zone is safe and simple, but it can become boring. My way to avoid it is to look for new ways for testing: read books and blogs, go to test conferences, and experiment. Testing outside the comfort zone can be terrifying. One thing is sure: it is not boring.

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Part 3: Bonus Material aka Things 4 Study

- ▶ Book lists
- ▶ References to book lists
- ▶ Juggling stuff
- ▶ Other resources on the web to watch
- ▶ Miscellaneous

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Book List Joe Rainsberger

- ▶ Fit for Developing Software: Framework for Integrated Tests; Rick Mugridge and Ward Cunningham
- ▶ Slack: Getting Past Burnout, Busywork, and the Myth of Total Efficiency; Tom DeMarco
- ▶ Implementing Lean Software Development: From Concept to Cash; Mary and Tom Poppendieck
- ▶ The Goal: A Process of Ongoing Improvement; Eliyahu Goldratt
- ▶ Agile Retrospectives: Making Good Teams Great; Esther Derby and Diana Larsen
- ▶ The Art of Agile Development; James Shore and Shane Warden
- ▶ The Five Dysfunctions of a Team; Patrick Lencioni

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Intermediar Book List

- ▶ The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People; Stephen R. Covey (1989)
- ▶ Purple Cow; Seth Godin (2003)
- ▶ Liberating the Corporate Soul; Richard Barrett (1998)
- ▶ Mastering the Rockefeller Habits; Verne Harnish (2002)

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Other Book lists

- ▶ Book list of Joris Meerts
http://www.testingreferences.com/software_testing_bookstore.php
- ▶ List of book lists (Huib Schoots)
<http://www.huibschoots.nl/downloads/Best%20Books%20for%20Testers.pdf>

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Book and magazine for jugglers

- ▶ The Complete Juggler; Dave Finnigan
- ▶ Kaskade
<http://www.kaskade.de/en/home/>

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Watch This?

- ▶ Francis Brunn
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jj6Jcly8W0o>
- ▶ Michael Moschen (Triangle)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjHoedoSUXY>
- ▶ Michael Moschen (Contact juggling)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OTb8tga-yg>
- ▶ Michael Moschen (The right arm of David Bowie)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3U8fTAHxjdo>

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Miscellaneous

- ▶ A Tool
 - ▶ Twine (www.twinery.org)
- ▶ The Fool (Franki Anderson; Act of life)

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