

### Title of Paper

## ET by Example: An Exploratory Testing Experience (workshop)

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### Presenter/Company

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### Instructional Skill Level

Introductory     Intermediate     Advanced

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### Target Group

Test practitioners

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### Key Points

- See the power of exploratory testing on real applications
  - Get a better understanding of exploratory testing from a hands on viewpoint
  - Understand how to implement effective ET for teams
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### Abstract

Most experts agree that exploratory testing (ET) has value on all software projects, particularly agile ones. Erik Petersen will give you an experience of ET, using interesting interactive shockwave applications found on the Net. With audience participation, we'll explore applications for both quality and bugs. We'll introduce software attacks, quicktests, session based testing and other techniques. We'll also be looking at the types of bugs that ET is best at finding, even with great unit testing. After this session, you'll be ready to write better tests, or prepped for explorations on your own projects. You'll get to hear some of the latest ideas, and probably pick up some new testing tricks as well.

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### Biography

Erik Petersen has been involved in software development since the 1980s, now focussing on testing and quality. He has presented at more than twenty national and international conferences, winning several awards. He mixes industry experience with powerful ideas and a passion for quality, and has influenced the testing habits of hundreds of testers and developers across the world.

Erik's been heavily involved in the ET community since before he even knew what it was called, proposing the idea of paired ET independently of Kaner and Bach in 2001. He has also proposed an exploratory testing framework, in an article in Nov 2007 Better Software magazine, and is pushing forward with research on ET and other agile methods.

Check out Erik's link site at [www.testingspot.net](http://www.testingspot.net) for references and other information.

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