

# Exploratory Testing Resources

*I have placed these in relative order of importance according to my opinion. These relative rankings are based solely upon my experience and I wish to thank the four authors of the works cited here for their scholarship and innovative thinking.*

- *Exploratory Testing Explained, First Published:* as a chapter in *The Test Practitioner*, 2002. James Bach (This is the **latest and greatest** he has to offer on the topic- according to him.) <http://www.satisfice.com/articles/et-article.pdf>
- *Session-Based Test Management*, an article on how to manage this methodology was written by Jonathan Bach. It can be found here: <http://www.satisfice.com/articles/sbtm.pdf>
- *Exploratory Testing in Pairs*, presentation at STAR East, 4/01. James Bach and Cem Kaner. <http://www.kaner.com/pdfs/exptest.pdf>
- *Adventures in Session-Based Testing*, by James Lyndsay, principle technologist for Workroom Productions. This article (updated in 2003) adds another perspective to the one given by Jon Bach in his *Session-Based Test Management* article. The link is here: <http://www.workroom-productions.com/papers/AiSBTV1.2.pdf>
- *Getting the Most Out of Exploratory Testing-* A presentation given by James Bach, *First presented:* STAR '00 West, 10/00. He says "I've been talking about exploratory testing for years. In this talk, I present my best ideas about the topic, as of October 2000." The .pdf is here: <http://www.satisfice.com/presentations/gtmoet.pdf>
- *Testing in Session: How to Measure Exploratory Testing*, a presentation given by Jonathan Bach to the Seattle Area Software Quality Assurance Group (SASQAG), June 17, 2004. Here is the link to the presentation: [http://www.sasqag.org/pastmeetings/ExploratoryTesting\\_SessionBasedTestManagement.pdf](http://www.sasqag.org/pastmeetings/ExploratoryTesting_SessionBasedTestManagement.pdf)
- "What is Exploratory Testing?", article in StickyMinds.com, 1/29/01 James Bach. [http://www.satisfice.com/articles/what\\_is\\_et.htm](http://www.satisfice.com/articles/what_is_et.htm)
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