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Extend functionality for test management by building integration with Rational RQM



Where we're at now







PROBLEM: With fully automated tests, how do we Populate RQM with test results?





Approach #1:

Programmatic interaction through RQM Reportable REST API





RQM Reportable REST API

- Available since RQM 2.0
- "Object-based" REST API
- Can interact and create most entities in RQM

BUT:

- Highly convoluted XML messages (15+ schemas in most messages)
- Threadbare (and sometimes incorrect) documentation (https://jazz.net/wiki/bin/view/Main/RqmApi)





What we want to do:







What we've done at FK IT

- Java library that connects to the RQM Reportable REST API
- Small Java-based UI to explore the API and test the library
- Open source, available at GitHub: https://github.com/jonasohrnell/rqmconnect.git
- Full implementation of the object model
- A small subset of tasks implemented in a programmer-friendly way

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Approach #2:

Scheduling tests from within RQM





Isn't this part of RQM already?

- Well... kind of.

BUT:

- No generic adapter pooling mechanism
- We're looking at 1000+ test suites per night -> binding of test runs to specific clients is highly impractical

- We would like to build our own adapter which pools and distributes requests for execution



RQM Test Automation Adapter API

- Available since RQM 4.0.1
- "Resource-based" API conformant to OSLC version 2
- Contains necessary functionality to implement a custom automation adapter that RQM users can connect their test runs to

BUT:

- Uses RDF resources (not obsolete, but who else uses it?)
- Specification intermingled with OSLC v2 -> somewhat opaque
- Threadbare (and sometimes incorrect) documentation (https://jazz.net/wiki/bin/view/Main/RQMTestAutomationAdapterAPI)
- Reference sample (Eclipse Lyo) consists of 14 interdependent Eclipse projects 300+ classes











Actually, it's more like this:







What we've done at FK IT

- Extended the RQMConnect library with Test Automation functionality
- Web application serves as work pool and UI
- Developed custom test runners due to security and networking constraints
- Still work in progress. Registration and handshake works; uploading of results still not bug free. Will update GitHub continuously.





Reflections and wishes

- The API:s seem to be feature complete, which is nice
- We will be able to harness the powerful reporting and statistics capabilites of RQM, as well as workflow and audit functionality
- Documentation is substandard and sometimes outright wrong I wish that the guys working on RQM would find the time to expand the documentation
- Unfortunate choices of information carrier (multi-schema XML and RDF)
- We would like to get in touch with other organizations that face the same challenges so that we can share the workload





Thank you

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