

BUSINESS AS USUAL

THE TUESDAY TEST

If a control only becomes legible during assessment week, the assessment may be operating the control instead of validating it.

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**ASSESSMENT WEEK IS A TERRIBLE PLACE TO
DISCOVER HOW A CONTROL NORMALLY
WORKS.**

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**TUESDAY IS BETTER. NOBODY SHOULD BE
STAGING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR AN
AUDIENCE.**

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**START WITH THE POPULATION, PERFORMER,
SYSTEM OF RECORD, TIMING, AND EXCEPTION
PATH.**

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**EVIDENCE IS STRONGEST WHEN IT IS THE
DURABLE TRACE LEFT BY WORK THAT HAD TO
HAPPEN ANYWAY.**

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BUSINESS AS USUAL INCLUDES FAILURE. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER FAILURE BECOMES VISIBLE AND OWNED.

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A GREEN DASHBOARD SHOWS A STATE. AN OWNED EXCEPTION RECORD EXPLAINS OPERATION.

**IF THE ASSESSMENT REQUEST CREATES THE
PROCESS, THE ASSESSMENT HAS BECOME
PART OF THE CONTROL.**

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**RUN THE TUESDAY TEST BEFORE ANYONE
ASKS FOR EVIDENCE.**

ONE MOVE TO MAKE NOW

Choose one recurring control, open its latest ordinary operating cycle, and trace the population, decision, exception, and evidence before asking for an assessment package.

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