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A rather old book by tech standards but full of practical testing advise still applicable today. The recap list of testing strategies at the end of each chapter is a good cheatsheet to keep around.

It's a shame that is not available in digital format.

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great, very efficient approach especially for UI testing.

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