

# Satellite Shade Analysis

## Testing Artifacts

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### Introduction:

This brief document contains a few examples relating to the testing we've performed on the project. This includes the unit testing outputs we received based on given input, some examples of the integration testing we've performed with different component interactions, and documents relating to the formal usability testing we performed.

This by no means contains all of the testing we have done for our project, just a few different artifacts and charts detailing some of the more important and formalized tests we performed on our system, and the different components it contained.

## Example Unit Testing Inputs and Outputs:

The following tests were done to see if the preparation that the shade calculator algorithm performs on the data it receives is correct.

### Test 0:



Console Output:

Test 0

Generated coordinates (given headings and distances):

Tree at (6,7)

Tree at (6,1)

Tree at (6,16)

Module at (12,7)

### Test 1:



Console Output:

Test 1

Generated coordinates (given headings and distances):

Tree at (28,26)

Tree at (28,15)

Tree at (17,19)

Tree at (10,6)

Tree at (-25,31)

Module at (13,25)

# Example Integration Testing:

Integration was performed primarily by performing certain functionality of different parts of the system that interact, and checking the Google App Engine database to ensure everything works as intended. This chart lists a few of these tests.

Test Number	What's Being Tested	Expected Output	Actual Output	Pass/Fail	Mitigation (If Fail)
1	Saving/Loading Projects In Shade Calculator with Average Number of Obstructions	6 trees, 2 obstructions, and 5 modules at given coordinates	6 trees, 2 obstructions, and 5 modules at given coordinates	Pass	N/A
1.1	Shade Calculation with Test 1's Project Information	Shade percentage given for each month and an overall year	Shade percentage given for each month and an overall year	Pass	N/A
2	Saving/Loading Projects In Shade Calculator with Minimal Obstructions	3 trees, 0 obstructions, and 3 modules at given coordinates	3 trees, 0 obstructions, and 3 modules at given coordinates	Pass	N/A
2.1	Shade Calculation with Test 2's Project Information	Shade percentage given for each month and an overall year	Shade percentage given for each month and an overall year	Pass	N/A
3	Calculating the Shade Percentage with an Excessive Amount of Modules.	4 trees, 2 obstructions, and 14 modules at given coordinates	4 trees, 2 obstructions, and 14 modules at given coordinates	Pass	N/A
3.1	Shade Calculation with Test 3's Project Information	Shade percentage given for each month and an overall year	Failure with <code>calculate.py</code> , error given in console. No shade percentage given.	Fail	Perform specific unit testing on <code>calculate.py</code> to figure why it doesn't complete when there is too many modules
4	Google Account Login, Load A Project, and Perform Shade Calculaion on saved project data	Successful login, Accurate loading of obstuctions/modules, and successful calculation with no errors	Successful login, Accurate loading of obstuctions/modules, and successful calculation with no errors	Pass	N/A

## Integration Test #1 Output:

### Edit Entity: Project

Decoded entity key: [User: name=rkp32@nau.edu](#) > [Project: id=5629499534213120](#)

Entity key: ag1zfnNzYS10ZXN0aW5ncisLEgRvc2Vylg1ya3AzMkBuYXUuZWR1DAsSB1Byb2plY3QYglCAglCAgAoM

Enter information for the entity below. If you'd like to change a property's type, set it to Null, save the entity, edit the entity again, and change the type.

Showing full fields. [See clipped data.](#)

#### address

value: 2112 S Huffer Ln, Flagstaff AZ 86011  
type: text

#### clientname

value:   
type:

#### data

value: {"map\_center":{"lng":-111.65707943753854,"lat":35.17714354884351},"map\_zoom":20,"circles":[{"lng":-111.65739208459854,"lat":35.17714592263737,"height":18,"radius":8.546232478962484}, {"lng":-111.6572941839695,"lat":35.17709878666977,"height":17,"radius":6.540684707595233}, {"lng":-111.65717884898186,"lat":35.17697930235041,"height":15,"radius":4.063701437175899}, {"lng":-111.65718019008636,"lat":35.1769233967829,"height":15,"radius":5.05147847685821}], "polygons":{"points":[{"lng":-111.65709167718887,"lat":35.17727965711102}, {"lng":-111.65708765387535,"lat":35.17726102199497}, {"lng":-111.65705412626266,"lat":35.177265406728544}, {"lng":-111.65705546736717,"lat":35.17728733039285}], "height":27}, {"points":[{"lng":-111.65716007351875,"lat":35.17723471358857}, {"lng":-111.65715739130974,"lat":35.17721717464623}, {"lng":-111.65711849927902,"lat":35.17722375175006}, {"lng":-111.65712118148804,"lat":35.17724238687464}], "height":27}], "markers":[{"lng":-111.65685161948204,"lat":35.176942031993065,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65689587593079,"lat":35.17724567542562,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65700316429138,"lat":35.17723909832356,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65711849927902,"lat":35.177150307393866,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65708765387535,"lat":35.176912434919124,"height":20}]}  
type: text

#### date YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS

value:   
type:

#### extrainfo

value: NAU's Engineering Building  
type: text

#### name

value:   
type:

## Integration Test #2 Output:

### Edit Entity: Project

Decoded entity key: [User: name=bij26@nau.edu](#) > [Project: id=5629499534213120](#)

Entity key: ag1zfnNzYS10ZXN0aW5ncisLEgRVc2Vylg1idGoyNkBuYXUuZWWR1DAsSB1Byb2plY3QYglCAgICAgAoM

Enter information for the entity below. If you'd like to change a property's type, set it to Null, save the entity, edit the entity again, and change the type.

#### address

value: 7250 W Donald Dr Glendale, AZ 85310  
type: text

#### clientname

value:   
type:

#### data

value: {"map\_center":{"lng":-112.21295134110449,"lat":33.68787852316033},"map\_zoom":20,"circles":[{"lng":-112.21291445195675,"lat":33.68777729485495,"height":20,"radius":1.846677832433194}, {"lng":-112.21284739673138,"lat":33.68778399023148,"height":20,"radius":2.333900439634715}, {"lng":-112.21278838813305,"lat":33.68783755322511,"height":23,"radius":4.151655660789054}], "polygons":[], "markers":[{"lng":-112.21298821270466,"lat":33.68785987112927,"height":15}, {"lng":-112.21290774643421,"lat":33.68787772544841,"height":15}, {"lng":-112.21283800899982,"lat":33.6878853671188,"height":15}]  
type: text

#### date YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS

value:   
type:

#### extrainfo

value: Its me  
type: text

#### name

value:   
type:

## Integration Test #3 Output:

**Decoded entity key:** [User: name=rkp32@nau.edu](#) > [Project: id=5629499534213120](#)

**Entity key:** ag1zfnNzYS10ZXN0aW5ncisLEgRVc2Vylg1ya3AzMkBuYXUuZWRR1DAsSB1B2pY3QYglCAglCAgAoM

Enter information for the entity below. If you'd like to change a property's type, set it to Null, save the entity, edit the entity again, and change the type.

Showing full fields. [See clipped data.](#)

### address

value: 2112 S Huffer Ln, Flagstaff AZ 86011

type: text

### clientname

value:

type:

### data

value: {"map\_center":{"lng":-111.65711698846475,"lat":35.17717020440344},"map\_zoom":20,"circles":[{"lng":-111.65739208459854,"lat":35.17714592263737,"height":18,"radius":8.546232478962484}, {"lng":-111.6572941839695,"lat":35.17709878666977,"height":17,"radius":6.540684707595233}, {"lng":-111.65717884898186,"lat":35.17697930235041,"height":15,"radius":4.063701437175899}, {"lng":-111.65718019008636,"lat":35.1769233967829,"height":15,"radius":5.05147847685821}], "polygons":[{"points":[{"lng":-111.65709167718887,"lat":35.17727965711102}, {"lng":-111.65708765387535,"lat":35.17726102199497}, {"lng":-111.65705412626266,"lat":35.177265406728544}, {"lng":-111.65705546736717,"lat":35.17728733039285}], "height":27}, {"points":[{"lng":-111.65716007351875,"lat":35.17723471358857}, {"lng":-111.65715739130974,"lat":35.17721717464623}, {"lng":-111.65711849927902,"lat":35.17722375175006}, {"lng":-111.65712118148804,"lat":35.17724238687464}], "height":27}], "markers":[{"lng":-111.65685161948204,"lat":35.176942031993065,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65695488452911,"lat":35.1769639557446,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65688514709473,"lat":35.177033015523264,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.6569696366787,"lat":35.177063708739404,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65688648819923,"lat":35.17713715317381,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65697902441025,"lat":35.17717332727385,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65689587593079,"lat":35.17724567542562,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65699645876884,"lat":35.17727198382846,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.6570420563221,"lat":35.176955186244705,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65705144405365,"lat":35.17705274687782,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65708228945732,"lat":35.177145922654084,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65711984038353,"lat":35.17713057606298,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65711179375648,"lat":35.17706699729758,"height":20}, {"lng":-111.65708765387535,"lat":35.176912434919124,"height":20}]}

type: text

### date YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS

value:

type:

### extrainfo

value: NAU's Engineering Building

type: text

### name

value:

type:

## Integration Test #4 Output:

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Last record searched: 04-16 05:16PM 45.098

2014-04-16 17:17:42.206 /api/calculate 200 53250ms 0kb Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.7; rv:13.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/13.0 module=default version=1
134.114.9.174 - rkp32 [16/Apr/2014:17:17:42 -0700] "POST /api/calculate HTTP/1.1" 200 222 "http://ssa-testing.appspot.com/p/edit-project/index.html?projectId=MyProject" "Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.7; rv:13.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/13.0" "ssa-testing.appspot.com" ms=53251 cpu_ms=40408 cpm_usd=0.000025 app_engine_release=1.9.3 instance=00c61b117cf298c2a3ce0a75c4ea2e3c8017

2014-04-16 17:16:45.895 /api/getProjectData 200 5475ms 0kb Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.7; rv:13.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/13.0 module=default version=1
134.114.9.174 - rkp32 [16/Apr/2014:17:16:45 -0700] "POST /api/getProjectData HTTP/1.1" 200 555 "http://ssa-testing.appspot.com/p/edit-project/index.html?projectId=MyProject" "Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.7; rv:13.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/13.0" "ssa-testing.appspot.com" ms=5475 cpu_ms=498 cpm_usd=0.000062 pending_ms=4678 app_engine_release=1.9.3 instance=00c61b117cf298c2a3ce0a75c4ea2e3c8017

2014-04-16 17:16:45.098 /api/userStatus 200 4685ms 0kb Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.7; rv:13.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/13.0 module=default version=1
134.114.9.174 - rkp32 [16/Apr/2014:17:16:45 -0700] "GET /api/userStatus HTTP/1.1" 200 264 "http://ssa-testing.appspot.com/p/edit-project/index.html?projectId=MyProject" "Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.7; rv:13.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/13.0" "ssa-testing.appspot.com" ms=4685 cpu_ms=172 cpm_usd=0.000030 loading_request=1 pending_ms=4385 app_engine_release=1.9.3 instance=00c61b117cf298c2a3ce0a75c4ea2e3c8017

2014-04-16 17:16:45.098
This request caused a new process to be started for your application, and thus caused your application code to be loaded for the first time. This request may thus take longer and use more CPU than a typical request for your application.
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## Example Usability Testing:

Usability testing was performed at Rooftop Solar very informally when we met up with them to show off the product. Because of time restraints, we were unable to perform any formal testing.

However, we created a usability testing document that we used to perform testing on people of various experience and knowledge of our system. This encompassed three parts of our project including logging in, creating a project and performing the shade analysis given specific information. The results of this testing can be found on the following three scanned usability documents.

- The first attached test document was performed by a grad student with minimal knowledge of our project or system
- The second attached test document was performed by a student with minimal knowledge of our system and how to perform it
- The third attached test document was performed by a student with extensive knowledge of our system and how to perform it.

These tests, although fairly last minute, gave a good indication on specific improvements that could be made on the project, or more clear for the inexperienced.

# Satellite Shade Analysis Tool Usability Testing Form

Name of Tester: Michael McCormick

Date of Testing: 4-29-14

## Overview:

The Satellite Shade Analysis Tool we've created deals with the inefficiencies with initial shade analysis for solar companies. Right now, most solar companies have to go to a potential client's location and use a SunEye device, which takes fish-eye lens photos upward to check for obstructions at potential locations for solar paneling to get an initial sun access estimate.

What our application aims to do is perform this initial analysis using a web application of our creation. We want to make this application as user friendly as possible, so the tool is easy to learn and use without issue for new users and solar companies in general.

## Tasks:

Begin by going to <http://ssa-testing.appspot.com/> and follow the steps in order below. If you do not feel like using your personal Google Account required in order to test this, one can be provided for you. If there are any troubles or confusion use the space provided to explain the issue.

For this testing, use the following information to complete an initial shade analysis. Feel free to detach this sheet for reference if needed.

**Client:** Ben Johnson

**Address:** 7250 W. Donald Dr. Glendale, AZ 85310 (USA).

**Shade Information:** 1 palm tree in front yard 25ft, 1 other tree right side of house 30ft. 2 solar panels on front-middle of roof, located 18ft from the ground.



**1) Log into the website using your Google Account.**

Difficulty (circle selection):

Very Easy Easy Medium Hard Extremely Hard Impossible

Problems/Comments:

Should indicate why login is necessary?  
Why is Google the only option?

**2) Create a new project based on the client information provided and select it.**

Difficulty (circle selection):

Very Easy Easy Medium Hard Extremely Hard Impossible

Problems/Comments:

Should use non-expandable text boxes  
drop down menu for state selection  
What is extra info for?

**3) Place the obstructions and solar modules listed in the client information and calculate the shade**

Difficulty (circle selection):

Very Easy Easy Medium Hard Extremely Hard Impossible

Problems/Comments:

Hard to use the tools - tutorial may be helpful  
Map went to wrong house to begin with  
Would be nice to be able to zoom in slightly more  
without going to street view

## Post Use Analysis (circle selection): Ability Testing Form

Name of Tester: Michael McCormick

Ease of Use: Date of Testing: 4-29-14

Very Easy Easy  Medium Hard Extremely Hard Impossible

General Look:

Very Good  Good Alright Bad Extremely Bad Terrible

Shade Analysis Process:

Very Good Good  Alright Bad Extremely Bad Terrible

Overall Rating:

Very Good Good  Alright Bad Extremely Bad Terrible

General Comments/Suggestions for Application:

The site looks pretty good

May want to:

resize some of the buttons

add a tutorial w/ picture examples

show what the shade results mean in terms of

cost & whether or not it makes sense to get one

non-expandable text boxes

add one more zoom option (may not be possible

w/ Google Maps)

Client: Ben Johnson

Address: 7751 W. Donald Dr. Glendale AZ 85310 (USA)

Shade Information: 1 palm tree in front yard 25ft, 1 other tree right side of

house 30ft. 2 solar panels on front-middle of roof, located 18ft from the

**Thanks a lot for helping us test our application! Hand the form back to Ben,  
and have a great day!**

# Satellite Shade Analysis Tool Usability Testing Form

Difficulty (circle selection):  
Very Easy Easy Medium Hard Extremely Hard Impossible

Name of Tester: Olen Cooke

Date of Testing: 4/22/14

## Overview:

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**1) Log into the website using your Google Account.**

Difficulty (circle selection):

Very Easy Easy Medium Hard Extremely Hard Impossible

Problems/Comments:

easy to find

**2) Create a new project based on the client information provided and select it.**

Difficulty (circle selection):

Very Easy Easy Medium Hard Extremely Hard Impossible

Problems/Comments:

W- ind when Project Name is long  
Bug found: Project Name can't have ' or it  
breaks, other special characters might break it too.

**3) Place the obstructions and solar modules listed in the client information  
and calculate the shade**

Difficulty (circle selection):

Very Easy Easy Medium Hard Extremely Hard Impossible

Problems/Comments:

wish it was able to edit shape of  
zone

## Post Use Analysis (circle selection):

Ease of Use:

Very Easy   Easy   **Medium**   Hard   Extremely Hard   Impossible

General Look:

Very Good   **Good**   Alright   Bad   Extremely Bad   Terrible

Shade Analysis Process:

Very Good   **Good**   Alright   Bad   Extremely Bad   Terrible

Overall Rating:

Very Good   **Good**   Alright   Bad   Extremely Bad   Terrible

General Comments/Suggestions for Application:

Help link does nothing

logout logged me out of google  
now I cry.

TEN OUTA TEN

Thanks a lot for helping us test our application! Hand the form back to Ben,  
and have a great day!

# Satellite Shade Analysis Tool Usability Testing Form

Name of Tester: C. Nakai McCarty

Date of Testing: 28 April 2014

## Overview:

The Satellite Shade Analysis Tool we've created deals with the inefficiencies with initial shade analysis for solar companies. Right now, most solar companies have to go to a potential client's location and use a SunEye device, which takes fish-eye lens photos upward to check for obstructions at potential locations for solar paneling to get an initial sun access estimate.

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**1) Log into the website using your Google Account.**

Difficulty (circle selection):

Very Easy    Easy    Medium    Hard    Extremely Hard    Impossible

Problems/Comments:

Log-in button is easy to see and intuitively placed.

**2) Create a new project based on the client information provided and select it.**

Difficulty (circle selection):

Very Easy    Easy    Medium    Hard    Extremely Hard    Impossible

Problems/Comments:

**3) Place the obstructions and solar modules listed in the client information and calculate the shade**

Difficulty (circle selection):

Very Easy    Easy    Medium    Hard    Extremely Hard    Impossible

Problems/Comments:

The process was easy, but I was unsure I was looking at the correct property.

**Post Use Analysis (circle selection):**

Ease of Use:

Very Easy     Easy     Medium     Hard     Extremely Hard     Impossible

General Look:

Very Good     Good     Alright     Bad     Extremely Bad     Terrible

Shade Analysis Process:

Very Good     Good     Alright     Bad     Extremely Bad     Terrible

Overall Rating:

Very Good     Good     Alright     Bad     Extremely Bad     Terrible

General Comments/Suggestions for Application:

N/A

Tell the person to use street-view, because I didn't think to!

**Thanks a lot for helping us test our application! Hand the form back to Ben,  
and have a great day!**