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## HISTORY OF QUICKTEST PROFESSIONAL

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## *Mercury to HP ... History of QuickTest Professional*

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### It might surprise you!

I hope it would be interesting to know the history of the tool you work with

Most of the QTP lovers may think that QTP is a new name given to Mercury's functional testing tool i.e. WinRunner, However it might be surprising fact that these were two different tools. Mercury (formerly **Mercury Interactive Corporation**) was one of the renowned companies in late 1990's and used to offer software for application management, application delivery/change/configuration management, service-oriented architecture, change request and quality assurance. From 2000 until its HP acquisition in 2006, Mercury had the ownership of six other companies Freshwater Software, Appilog, Systinet, Kintana Inc., Conduct Software Technologies Inc. and Performant Inc.

On 25<sup>th</sup> Jul 2006, Hewlett-Packard announced that it may pay approximately \$4.5 billion to acquire Mercury Interactive and on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006, Mercury Interactive formally became part of HP. Talking about the WinRunner tool, ever since the existence of the tool in the market it was leading the market, but as it is always said "**need is a mother of inventions**". There were some loose ends in the tool which lead Mercury to reinvent the wheels. The biggest disappointment with WinRunner was that a tester must learn a new language i.e. TSL (Test Script Language) to work with the tool. As WinRunner already had good hold of the market, Mercury kept a very similar UI design, features and method of implementation for both the tools, which also gave a comfort level to those who were migrating from WinRunner to QuickTest.

QuickTest was developed in chunks and teen integrated. Astra was the tool which was only working for Web applications used through a browser and "QuickTest for SAP/R3" was only for SAP apps. The Idea of having a tool like WinRunner that supports numerous other technologies landed to the integration of Astra and QuickTest. Mercury Interactive then decided to eliminate WinRunner, because they wouldn't have liked the idea of having two tools doing the same thing. But due to some significant resistance from customers replacement of WinRunner took longer than expected time.

## Evolution of the Product

<b>Mercury QuickTest Professional 1.0</b>	<b>Released in May 1998 and it was known as Astra QuickTest.</b>
<b>Mercury QuickTest Professional 2.0</b>	<b>Never Released</b>
<b>Mercury QuickTest Professional 3.0</b>	<b>Not Known</b>
<b>Mercury QuickTest Professional 4.0</b>	<b>Not Known</b>
<b>Mercury QuickTest Professional 5.0</b>	<b>Not Known</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 5.5</b>	<b>Released in 2001</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 6.0</b>	<b>Released in 2002</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 6.5</b>	<b>Released in 2003</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 7.0</b>	<b>Never released.</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 8.0</b>	<b>Released in 2004</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 8.2</b>	<b>Released in 2005</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 9.0</b>	<b>Released in 2006</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 9.1</b>	<b>Released in 2007</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 9.2</b>	<b>Released in 2007</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 9.5</b>	<b>Released in 2008</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 10.0</b>	<b>Released in 2009</b>
<b>HP QuickTest Professional 11.0</b>	<b>Released in 2010</b>