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BRIDGING THE GAP:
OPTIMIZING YOUR
TESTING STRATEGY
WITH SEALIGHTS'
USER STORY CODE
COVERAGE
ANALYSIS

WHITEPAPER



INTRODUCTION

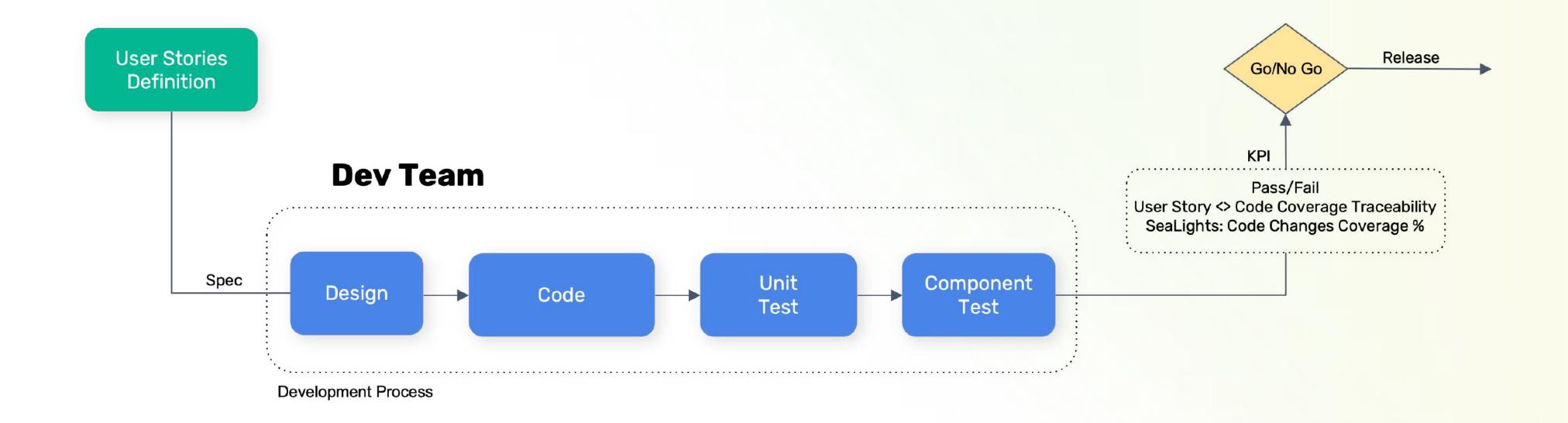
In today's software development landscape, ensuring thorough testing and code coverage is paramount for delivering high-quality applications. Manual proof of testing has been a long-standing challenge, requiring significant effort to demonstrate compliance, and software quality. However, a groundbreaking solution called the User Story Code Coverage Report is set to revolutionize this process, automating proof of testing and providing comprehensive insights into code coverage. Developed by Sealights, this innovative tool addresses the limitations of traditional testing methodologies by integrating code coverage analysis into user stories.

In a typical software release cycle, two parallel processes unfold based on this user story definition. This white paper aims to elucidate these processes, highlighting the significant challenges encountered and how SeaLights' User Story Code Coverage Analysis helps bridge the prevalent gaps.



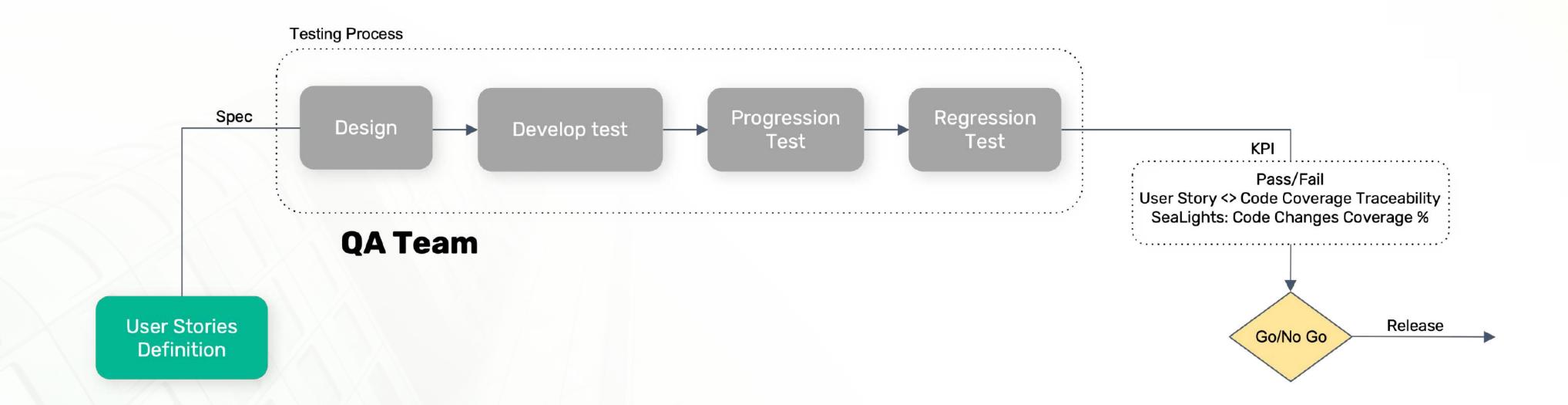
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

In the first of the two processes, the development team takes the user story, performs a detailed-level specification, proceeds to design and code, and finally, runs various types of tests (unit, component, and integration) in the development environment. These tests serve as essential performance indicators for the go/no-go decision.



QA PROCESS

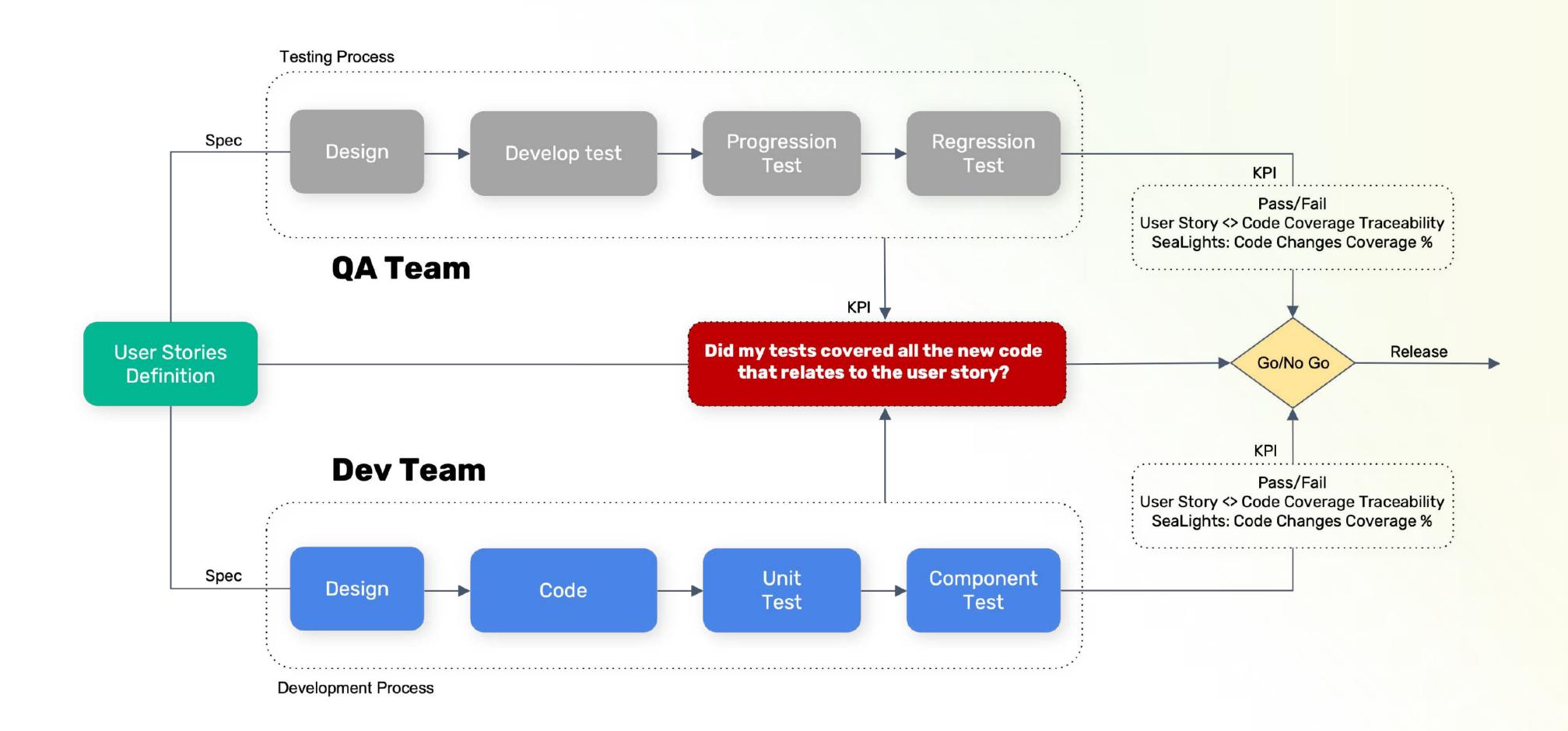
In parallel, the QA team starts with the same user stories, performs their own design, develops tests based on each user story, and then runs regression tests. Initially, these tests are manually conducted, but once they pass, they are incorporated into the regression suite as automated tests.





THE CHALLENGE

Despite the parallelism and interdependence, a significant challenge arises from this process. The QA team's status updates often confirm that they've covered the specifications provided by the product team but do not necessarily encompass the changed and newly added code. There is frequently a disconnect between what they test and the extent of coverage for a particular user story changed, and newly added code. This coverage gap leads to potential quality issues as they do not cover all test cases related to the user story.

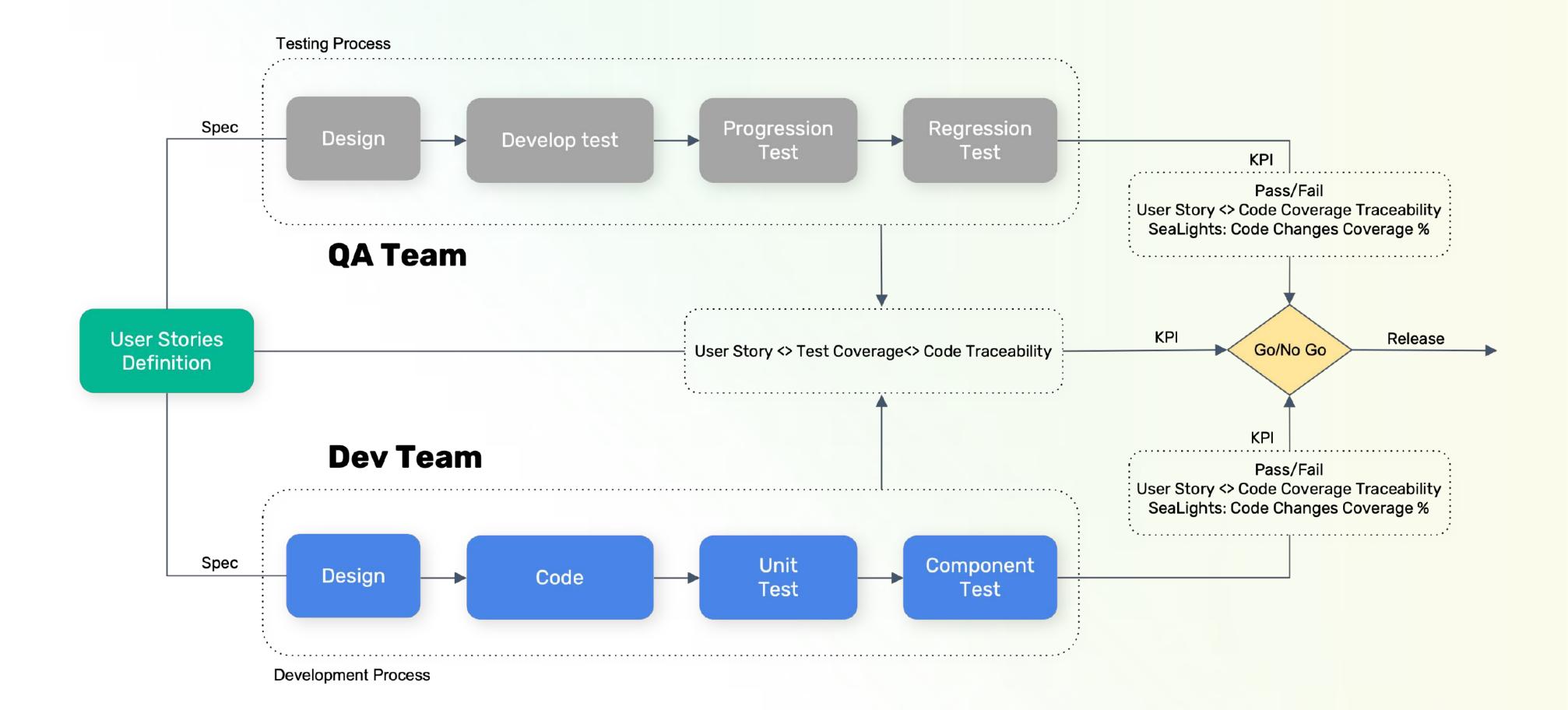


THE SOLUTION: SEALIGHTS' USER STORY CODE COVERAGE ANALYSIS

Connecting the Triangle: User Stories + Code Coverage + Tests

The User Story Code Coverage Report addresses a critical realization in software testing: traditional testing methods often fail to provide a comprehensive visualization of code coverage. While they can validate feature correctness, there remains a gap in understanding the extent to which code changes are tested. The User Story Code Coverage Report serves as a bridge, enabling development teams to close this gap and ensure thorough testing of both features and their associated code changes.





Customizable and Comprehensive Reports

One of the report's notable features is its customizability. Users can create tailored reports, filtering data by various parameters such as time, application, and test stage. The report offers insights into different test stages, including unit tests, component, E2E, Manual and other test stages relevant to the project. This flexibility allows development and QA teams to focus on specific areas that require attention and ensures comprehensive code coverage across the codebase.

Integration with JIRA and Test Management Systems

Addressing the needs of customers, SeaLights has integrated the User Story Code Coverage Report with popular test management systems, including JIRA. This integration streamlines the entire testing process, enabling users to view code coverage information directly within their existing workflow. By binding testing data to user stories, development, and QA teams can seamlessly synchronize data, enhance collaboration, and streamline processes.

Aligning User Stories and Code Coverage Metrics

The report also enables the alignment of user stories with code coverage metrics, addressing a key pain point for development teams. It provides a breakdown of code coverage for each user story, empowering teams to make informed decisions regarding readiness for production. This integration promotes a comprehensive approach to testing, ensuring that both functional requirements and code integrity are met before release.



Enhancing Collaboration and Efficiency

The User Story Code Coverage Report generates detailed reports that can be shared through platforms like Confluence. These reports provide a breakdown of code changes, coverage information, and links to relevant files and methods. By sharing comprehensive reports, development teams can enhance collaboration, facilitate informed decision-making, and ensure transparency throughout the development process.

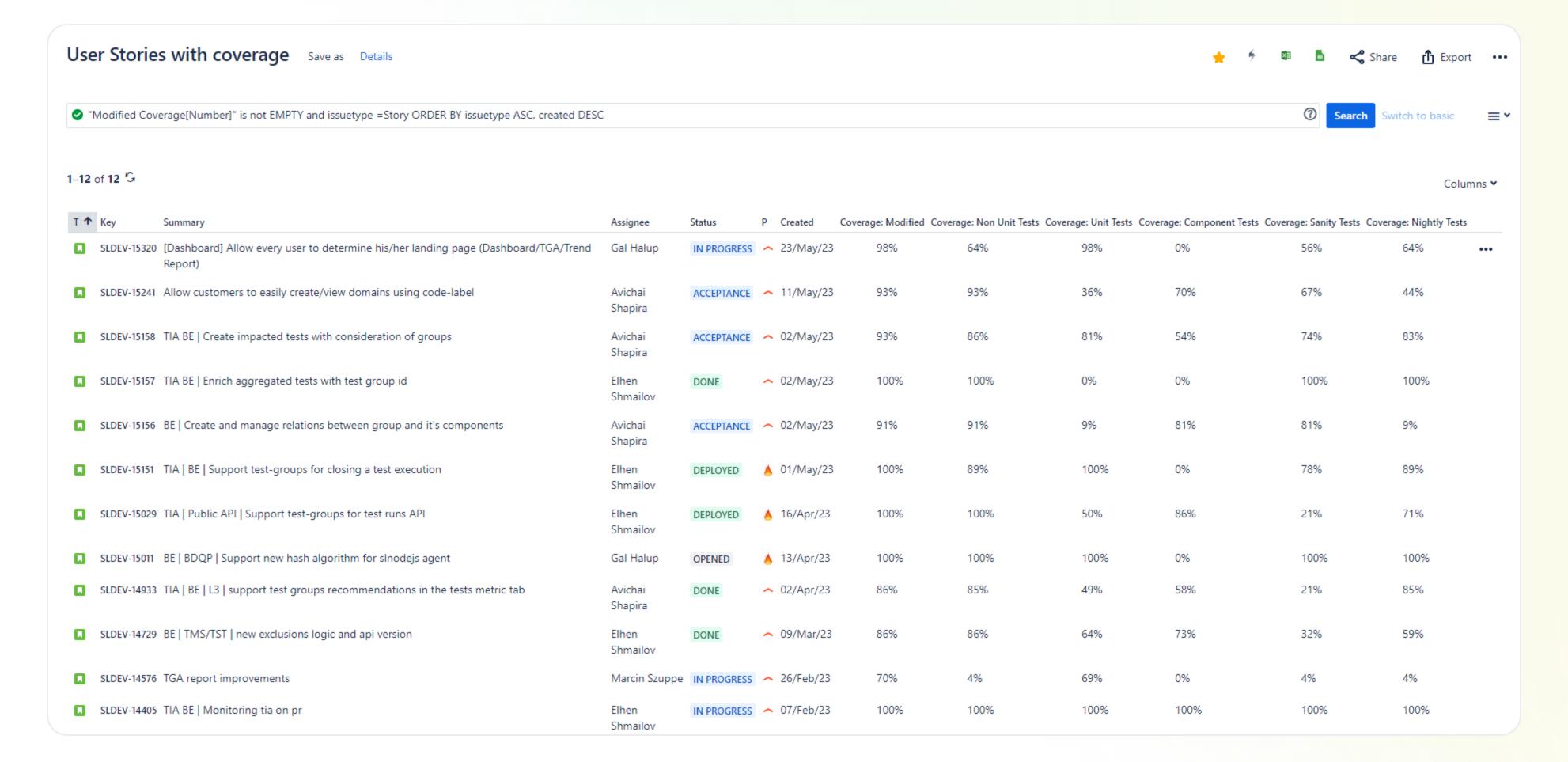
SeaLights User Story Code Coverage Analysis provides targeted insights into your untested code changes at the user-story level, accommodating all test types. It addresses the aforementioned challenge and offers the following benefits:

- **Detailed User Story Code Coverage:** It provides a comprehensive view of your code coverage on a per-user-story basis, allowing you to see exactly which parts of your user story's code have been tested and which have not.
- **Insights on All Test Types:** The tool extends beyond just unit tests and provides coverage insights for a variety of testing types, including End-to-End (E2E), Regression, Integration, and System tests.
- Continuous Code and Ticket Mapping: SeaLights consistently maps code commits, Jira
 tickets, and related tests to ensure accurate user story code coverage, enabling you to stay on
 top of any changes in your codebase.
- Increased Testing Efficiency & Effectiveness: By highlighting the untested areas of each user story, you can direct your testing efforts where they're most needed, saving time, and ensuring a thorough testing process.
- **Improved Product Quality:** With accurate analysis of untested code changes, your team can work to eliminate potential weaknesses, maintain high-quality standards, and deliver an improved end product.



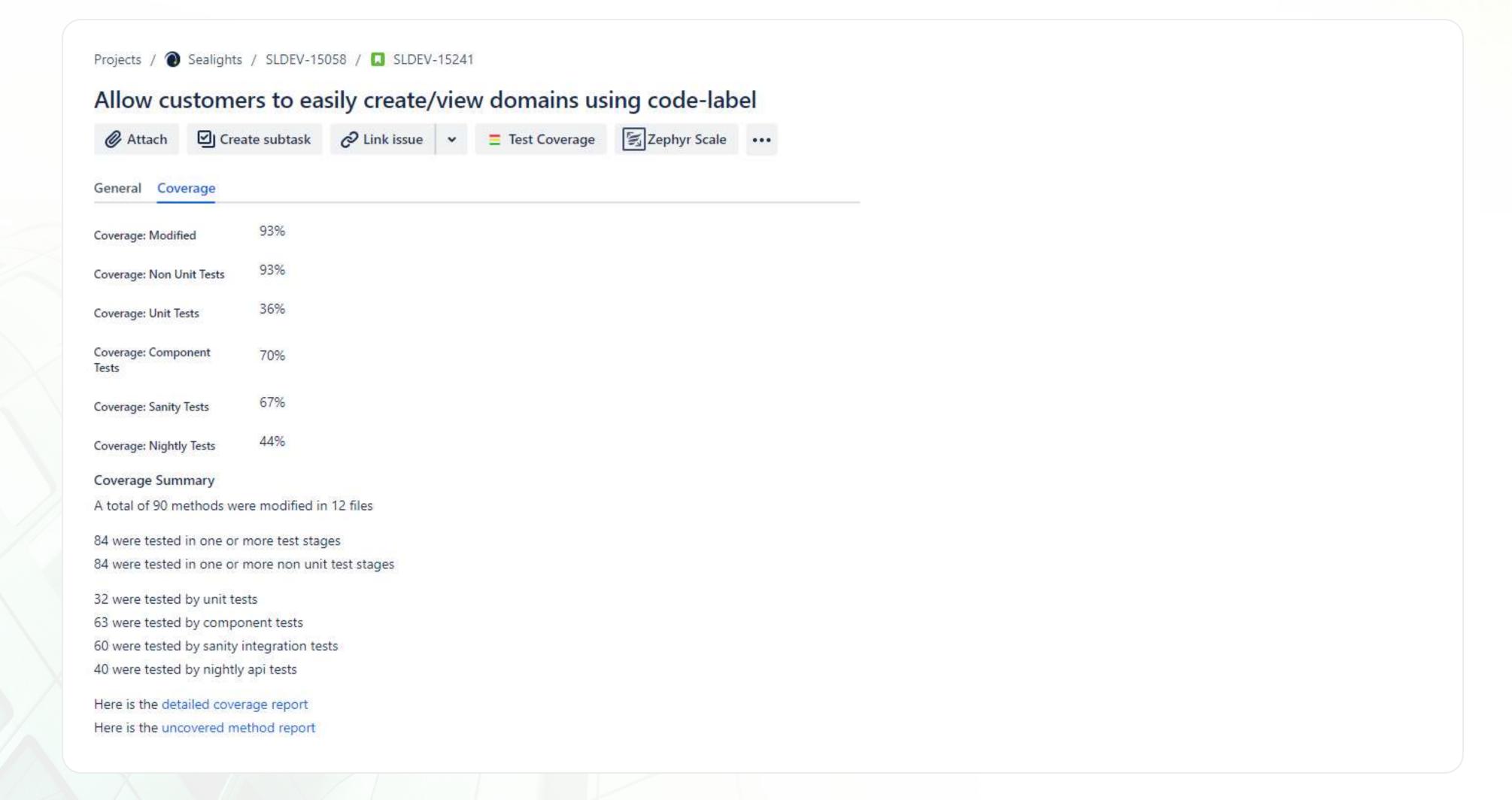
Comprehensive User Story Report

SeaLights User Story Code Coverage report presents an exhaustive analysis of diverse user stories, accompanied by their corresponding code coverage metrics across a spectrum of test categories. The ensuing data encapsulates the modifications undertaken within the project and its associated sub-tasks.



Code Coverage Overview: Test Variation for User Story Modifications

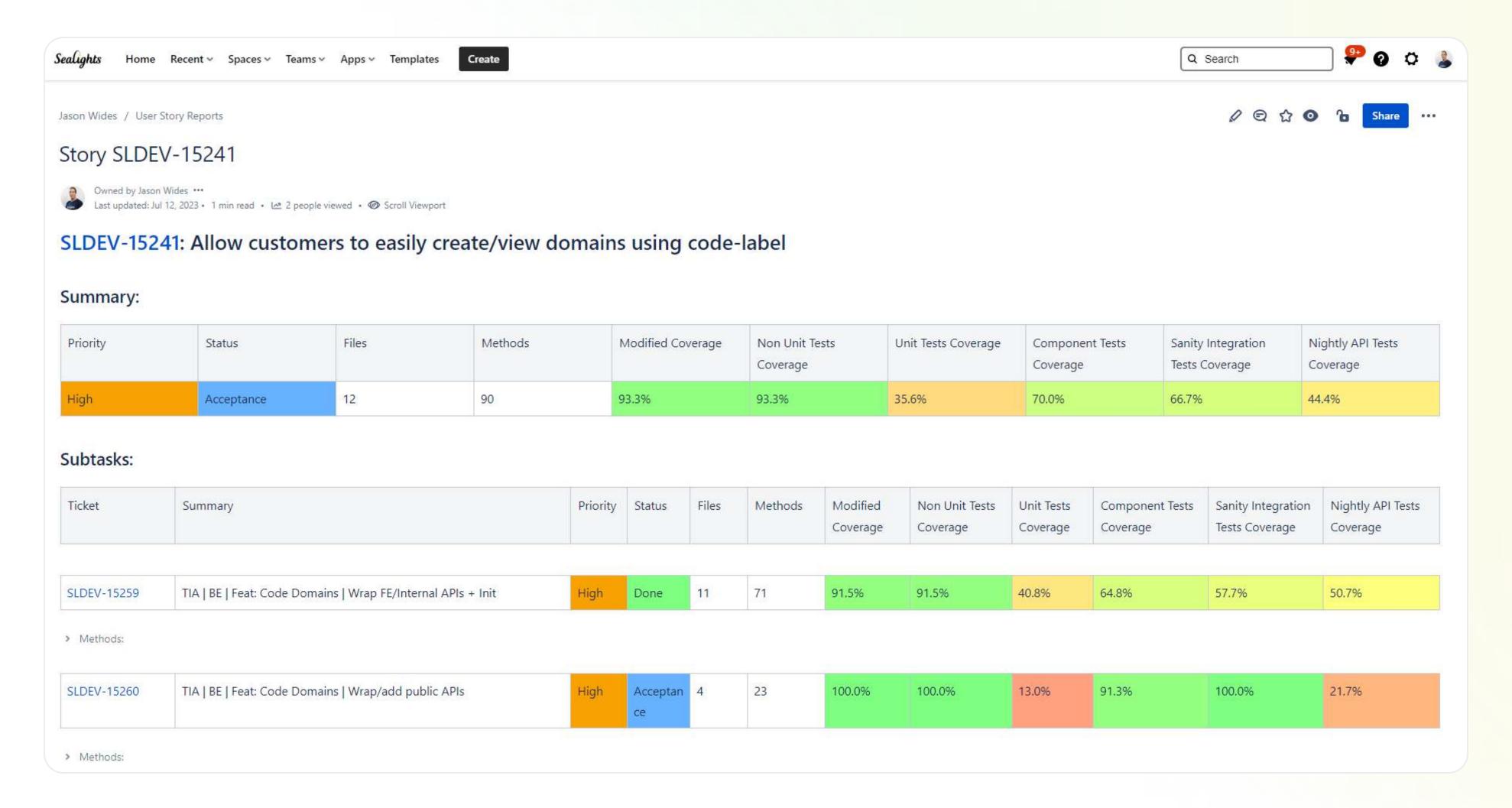
Displayed below is a concise summary delineating the code coverage outcomes from a range of testing methodologies. These metrics pertain to alterations made within the user story and its corresponding sub-tasks.

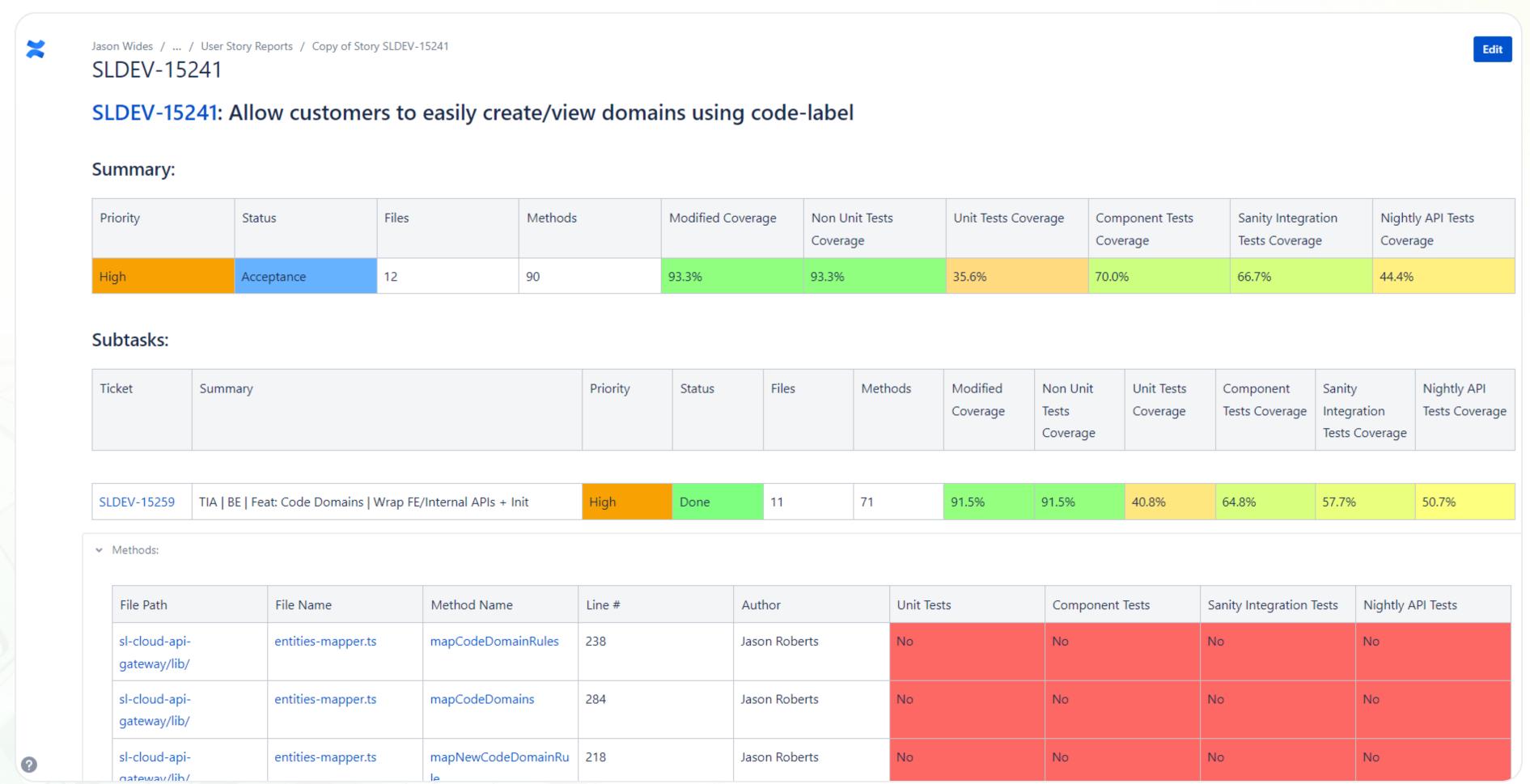




User Story Coverage Analysis: Comprehensive Test Type Code Coverage

Contained herein is the user story coverage report, detailing the comprehensive code coverage across diverse test categories. The metrics presented herein pertain to alterations executed within the user story and its associated sub-tasks.









CONCLUSION

In a rapidly evolving software development landscape, maintaining code quality is paramount. By integrating SeaLights' User Story Code Coverage Analysis into your software development process, you can bridge the gap between QA and development, optimize your testing approach, and elevate your product quality, ensuring customer satisfaction and market success.



