

Title of Paper

Is Testing on a Kamikaze Course?

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Level

Intermediate

Target Group

Test Managers & Test Practitioners

Key Points

Testing is the victim of its own success

How to increase the number of testers

The added value of testers

How to convince people to become testers

Abstract

As testers, we introduce our methodologies and techniques, based on our professional experience. We educate people in the fine art of testing. We always leave some knowledge behind. While we enhance the general understanding of testing, our added value is fading away. After some time, our presence might become superfluous.

Testing has grown rapidly. Are we becoming the victims of our own success? We might, if we don't find solutions fast. How can we increase the number of testers? We have seen clients try to transform blue-collar workers into testers. This might work for easy tasks, such as test execution, but requires extensive training.

Promoting the education of testers could help. Our IT students are almost pushed into developer profiles, and hardly come into contact with software testing before they start their career. Only one way to go: specialisation. Motivate your people to become experts in one specific area.

Biography

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