

Part 1 - Theory

1. Why traceability matters for release confidence and UAT readiness

Traceability links requirements, design, test cases, and defects. This link gives full visibility of what you built and what you tested.

You gain release confidence because you see clear proof of coverage.

Key benefits.

- You confirm each requirement has a test case. No gaps remain.
- You track defect impact fast. You know which requirement fails.
- You verify change impact. You update only affected tests.
- You show audit evidence. Stakeholders trust the release.
- You support UAT readiness. Users test approved and verified scope.

Example.

If a system has 120 requirements and traceability shows 120 mapped tests, you know coverage equals 100 percent. This gives clear release confidence.

2. Problems when requirements are not linked to test cases

Missing links create risk and confusion.

Common problems.

- Test gaps appear. Some requirements never get tested.
- Duplicate testing happens. Teams waste effort on the same area.
- Defect tracking becomes slow. Teams struggle to find root cause.
- Change management fails. Teams miss affected tests.
- UAT delays occur. Users face unclear test scope.

Example.

A payment feature changes tax logic. No trace link exists. Testers miss tax validation tests. Users find the issue during UAT. Release gets delayed.

3. Why AI generated artifacts need human quality gates

AI produces tests, code, and websites fast. Speed does not guarantee accuracy. Human review ensures correctness and business alignment.

Human quality gates verify three areas.

Accuracy.

Reviewers check whether outputs match requirements and rules.

Completeness.

Reviewers confirm coverage of edge cases, error handling, and workflows.

Compliance.

Reviewers ensure security, data privacy, and company standards.

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Practical validation steps.

- Compare AI outputs with requirement documents.
- Run manual review sessions with domain experts.
- Execute sample test runs before approval.
- Apply a checklist based quality review.
- Approve only after stakeholder sign off.

Example.

AI generates 50 test cases for a login system. Human review finds missing tests for password reset and account lock rules. Review prevents release risk.

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