



Differences Between Black Box Testing and White Box Testing

The Differences Between Black Box Testing (<http://softwaretestingfundamentals.com/black-box-testing/>) and White Box Testing (<http://softwaretestingfundamentals.com/white-box-testing/>) are listed below.

Criteria	Black Box Testing	White Box Testing
<i>Definition</i>	Black Box Testing is a software testing method in which the internal structure/ design/ implementation of the item being tested is NOT known to the tester	White Box Testing is a software testing method in which the internal structure/ design/ implementation of the item being tested is known to the tester.
<i>Levels Applicable To</i>	Mainly applicable to higher levels of testing: Acceptance Testing (http://softwaretestingfundamentals.com/acceptance-testing/) System Testing (http://softwaretestingfundamentals.com/system-testing/)	Mainly applicable to lower levels of testing: Unit Testing (http://softwaretestingfundamentals.com/unit-testing/) Integration Testing (http://softwaretestingfundamentals.com/integration-testing/)
<i>Responsibility</i>	Generally, independent Software Testers	Generally, Software Developers
<i>Programming Knowledge</i>	Not Required	Required
<i>Implementation Knowledge</i>	Not Required	Required

Basis for Test Cases	Requirement Specifications	Detail Design
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For a combination of the two testing methods, see Gray Box Testing (<http://softwaretestingfundamentals.com/gray-box-testing/>).

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