The author of the article “News of the Weird: Testers Are Your Friends” tells us about the benefits of collaboration with QA and his own experience in that.

The programmers complain about the testers very often. “They’re too picky” say ones. “They want everything perfect” say others. Is it really so badly that someone wants you to write perfect code and create good working apps?

The author says that programmers often have an adversarial relationship with people who test their software. And I’m completely agreed with him. As a rule, people don’t like when somebody sees any of their mistake and point on it. They can pretend that all is good and they are glad to work on it and fix it, but they don’t like this situation deep in their mind. And the programmers aren’t an exception.

The testers can make you look bad by reporting trivial issues. But you will look great when customers weren’t bothered by all those things. Needless to say, many small bugs can spoil the impression of the great project like “groundbreaking artificial intelligence algorithms to find and fix concurrency problems” and make questions about the competency of the programmers.

In my opinion the testers are our allies and friends. Steve McConnell in his book “Code Complete” said that the price of the programming error depends on its detection time. The earlier we will find it, the lower it will cost. And the testers help us to find and fix most errors before the release of the project.