



Figure 6-1 Agile Testing Quadrants

The order in which we've numbered these quadrants has no relationship to when the different types of testing are done. For example, agile development starts with customer tests, which tell the team what to code. The timing of the various types of tests depends on the risks of each project, the customers' goals for the product, whether the team is working with legacy code or on a greenfield project, and when resources are available to do the testing.

Tests that Support the Team

The quadrants on the left include tests that support the team as it develops the product. This concept of testing to help the programmers is new to many testers and is the biggest difference between testing on a traditional project and testing on an agile project. The testing done in Quadrants 1 and 2 are more requirements specification and design aids than what we typically think of as testing.