

# Testing & AI Agents Course

A comprehensive programme covering the fundamentals of IT and AI, manual testing methodologies, automation frameworks, API testing strategies, Python programming, SQL databases, and cutting-edge Generative AI and Agentic AI technologies. This course equips learners with industry-relevant skills across seven interconnected modules designed for modern software testing and AI-driven development.

## Fundamentals of IT & AI

Application lifecycle, Agile frameworks, cloud computing, and AI foundations

## Manual Testing

SDLC models, testing levels, techniques, and comprehensive documentation

## Automation Testing

Selenium, Playwright, AI-powered testing, and modern frameworks

## API Testing

REST, GraphQL, Postman, automation, and security testing

## Python Programming

Core concepts, data structures, OOP, and advanced techniques

## SQL Databases

PostgreSQL, query optimization, database design, and programming

## GenAI & Agentic AI

LLMs, LangChain, RAG pipelines, and production deployment

## Digital Edify

India's First **AI-Native** Training Institute

## Learn AI. Build Agents. Lead Future.

# About Digital Edify

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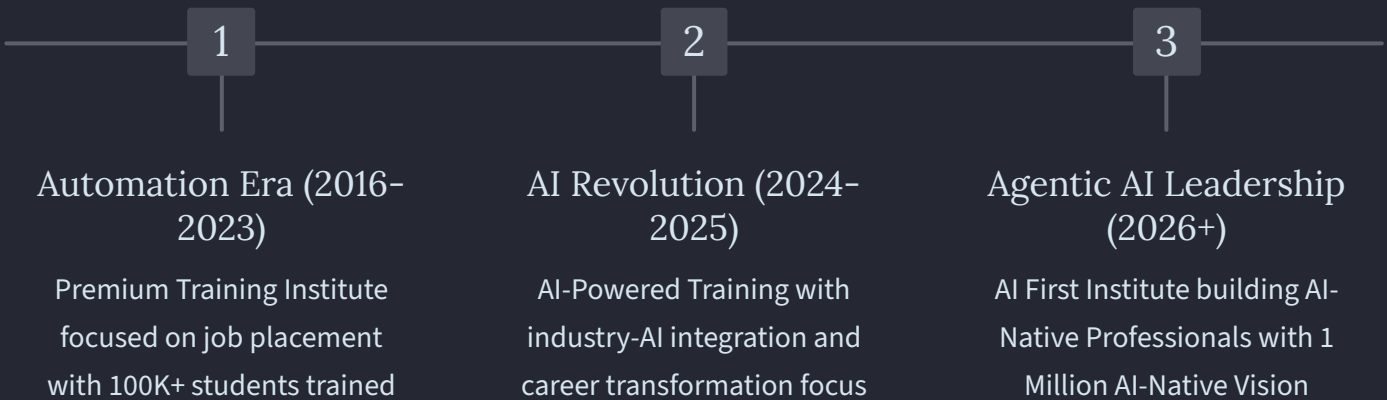
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Reach: Global (Online + Offline)

## The Transformation Narrative

Digital Edify has evolved from a premium training institute in the Automation Era to an AI-first organisation leading the Agentic AI revolution. Since 2016, we've transformed over 100,000 professionals and built partnerships with more than 1,000 industry leaders. Our journey reflects the technological evolution of our time—from traditional job placement to career transformation, and now to building AI-native professionals who will shape the future of work.



"We started in the Automation Era. We evolved through the AI Revolution. Now, we're leading the Agentic AI Future—with 100,000+ professionals already transformed and 1,000+ industry partners trusting our graduates."

## Vision & Mission

### Vision

"To Create 1 Million AI-Native Professionals Who Will Build the Agentic Future of Work"

### Mission

"We transform learners into AI-native professionals through industry-aligned programmes that integrate Agentic AI into every discipline—from development to data science to enterprise platforms."

# Course Highlights

## Section 1: Fundamentals of IT & AI

Build a strong foundation in application development, Agile practices, cloud computing, and core AI concepts with real-world business use cases.

## Section 2: Manual Testing

Master end-to-end manual testing concepts including SDLC, test levels, functional and non-functional testing, test design techniques, Agile testing, and industry tools.

## Section 3: Automation Testing

Learn modern test automation using Selenium, Playwright, AI-powered testing, CI/CD pipelines, and real-world automation frameworks.

## Section 4: API Testing

Gain hands-on expertise in API testing with Postman and Python automation, covering REST, GraphQL, security, performance, and CI/CD integration.

## Section 5: Python for AI & Testing

Develop strong Python programming skills for automation, data handling, testing frameworks, and AI-driven testing workflows.

## Section 6: SQL for AI & Testing

Understand database fundamentals, advanced SQL querying, optimization, and database validation techniques for testing and analytics.

## Section 7: Generative AI & Agentic AI

Design, build, and deploy intelligent AI systems using LLMs, prompt engineering, RAG pipelines, agentic workflows, and production-grade AI architectures.

# Application Life Cycle Management

Understanding applications forms the foundation of effective testing. This module explores application types, web technologies, and the complete Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC), providing essential context for testing professionals to comprehend how software is built and maintained.

01	02	03
Planning	Analysis	Design
Define project scope, objectives, and resource requirements	Gather and document detailed requirements from stakeholders	Create system architecture and technical specifications
04	05	06
Implementation	Testing	Deployment
Develop code following design specifications and standards	Verify functionality, performance, and quality standards	Release software to production environments
07		
Maintenance		
Provide ongoing support, updates, and enhancements		

## Frontend Technologies

- HTML for structure
- CSS for styling
- JavaScript for interactivity
- React for modern interfaces

## Backend Technologies

- Python for versatile development
- Java for enterprise solutions
- Node.js for scalable services

### SQL Databases

MySQL and PostgreSQL for structured, relational data storage

### NoSQL Databases

MongoDB for flexible, document-based data management

# Module 2: Agile & Scrum Framework

Modern software development demands flexibility and iterative approaches. This module contrasts traditional Waterfall methodology with Agile principles, diving deep into the Scrum framework that has become the industry standard for managing complex projects through collaboration, transparency, and continuous improvement.



## Sprint Planning

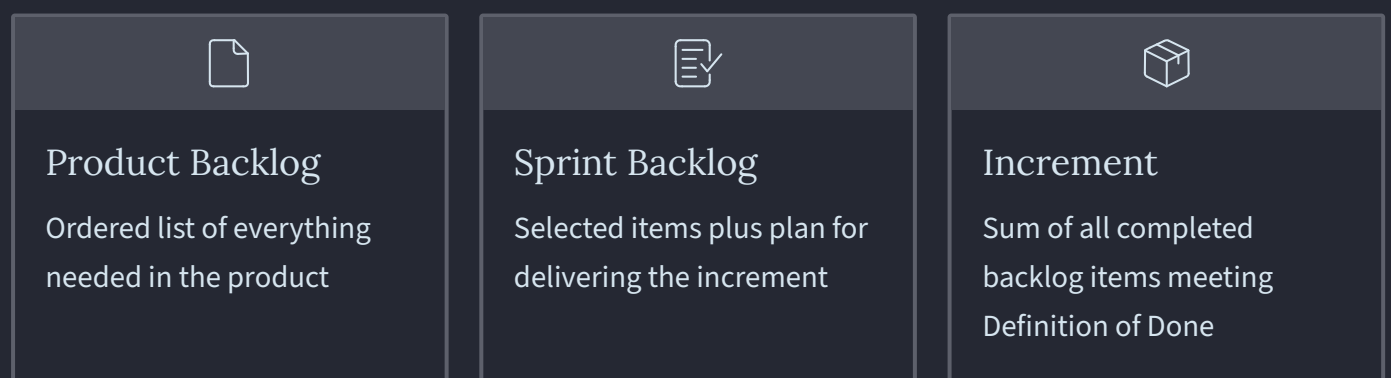
Team selects work from product backlog for the upcoming sprint

## Daily Scrum

15-minute synchronisation meeting to plan the day's work

## Sprint Review

Demonstrate completed work to stakeholders for feedback



- 📄 **User Stories** capture requirements from an end-user perspective, typically following the format: "As a [user type], I want [goal] so that [benefit]." Acceptance criteria define when a story is complete, whilst epics group related stories into larger initiatives.

# Module 3: Computing & Data Foundations

Computing power and cloud infrastructure underpin modern applications. Understanding CPU and GPU capabilities, alongside cloud service models, enables testers to comprehend performance requirements and deployment architectures that influence testing strategies and environments.



## CPU Architecture

Central Processing Units handle general-purpose computing tasks, executing sequential operations with high single-thread performance for traditional application logic.



## GPU Computing

Graphics Processing Units excel at parallel processing, accelerating AI workloads, machine learning training, and data-intensive computations through thousands of simultaneous operations.



## Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Virtualised computing resources including servers, storage, and networking infrastructure managed by cloud providers



## Platform as a Service (PaaS)

Development and deployment platforms with built-in tools, databases, and middleware for application creation



## Software as a Service (SaaS)

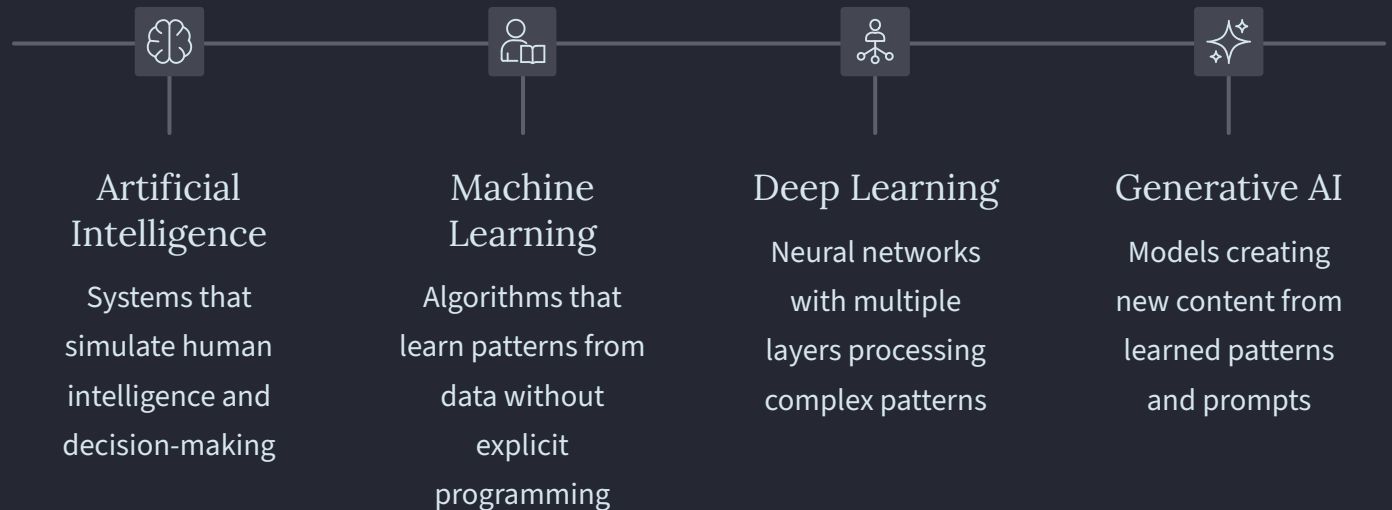
Complete applications delivered over the internet, accessible through browsers without local installation

## Cloud Computing Benefits

- Scalability on demand
- Reduced infrastructure costs
- Global accessibility
- Automatic updates and maintenance
- Enhanced collaboration capabilities



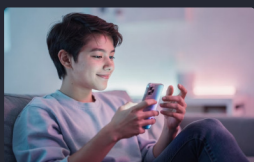
# Module 4: Introduction to AI Technologies



## Large Language Models

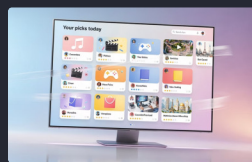
LLMs like GPT, Claude, and Gemini process and generate human-like text, understanding context, answering questions, and assisting with complex reasoning tasks across multiple domains.

- Natural language understanding
- Text generation and completion
- Translation and summarisation
- Code generation and debugging



## Personal Assistants

Voice-activated AI helps with scheduling, reminders, and information retrieval



## Recommendations

Personalised content and product suggestions based on user behaviour



## Autonomous Systems

Self-driving vehicles and robotics powered by computer vision and ML

# Module 5: Real-World Applications

Enterprise applications solve specific business challenges across industries. Understanding CRM, HRMS, retail, e-commerce, and healthcare systems provides testers with domain knowledge essential for effective test planning, scenario creation, and quality assurance in specialised environments.



## Customer Relationship Management

CRM systems manage customer interactions, sales pipelines, marketing campaigns, and service requests, centralising customer data to improve relationships and drive revenue growth.



## Human Resource Management

HRMS platforms handle recruitment, employee records, payroll, performance reviews, and benefits administration, streamlining HR processes and workforce management.

## Retail & E-Commerce

Digital commerce platforms enable online shopping, inventory management, payment processing, and order fulfilment. Key features include:

- Product catalogues and search
- Shopping cart and checkout
- Payment gateway integration
- Order tracking and delivery
- Customer reviews and ratings
- Personalised recommendations

## Healthcare Applications

Medical systems manage patient records, appointments, prescriptions, and clinical workflows whilst ensuring regulatory compliance. Critical components:

- Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- Appointment scheduling
- Prescription management
- Laboratory information systems
- Telemedicine platforms
- HIPAA compliance features

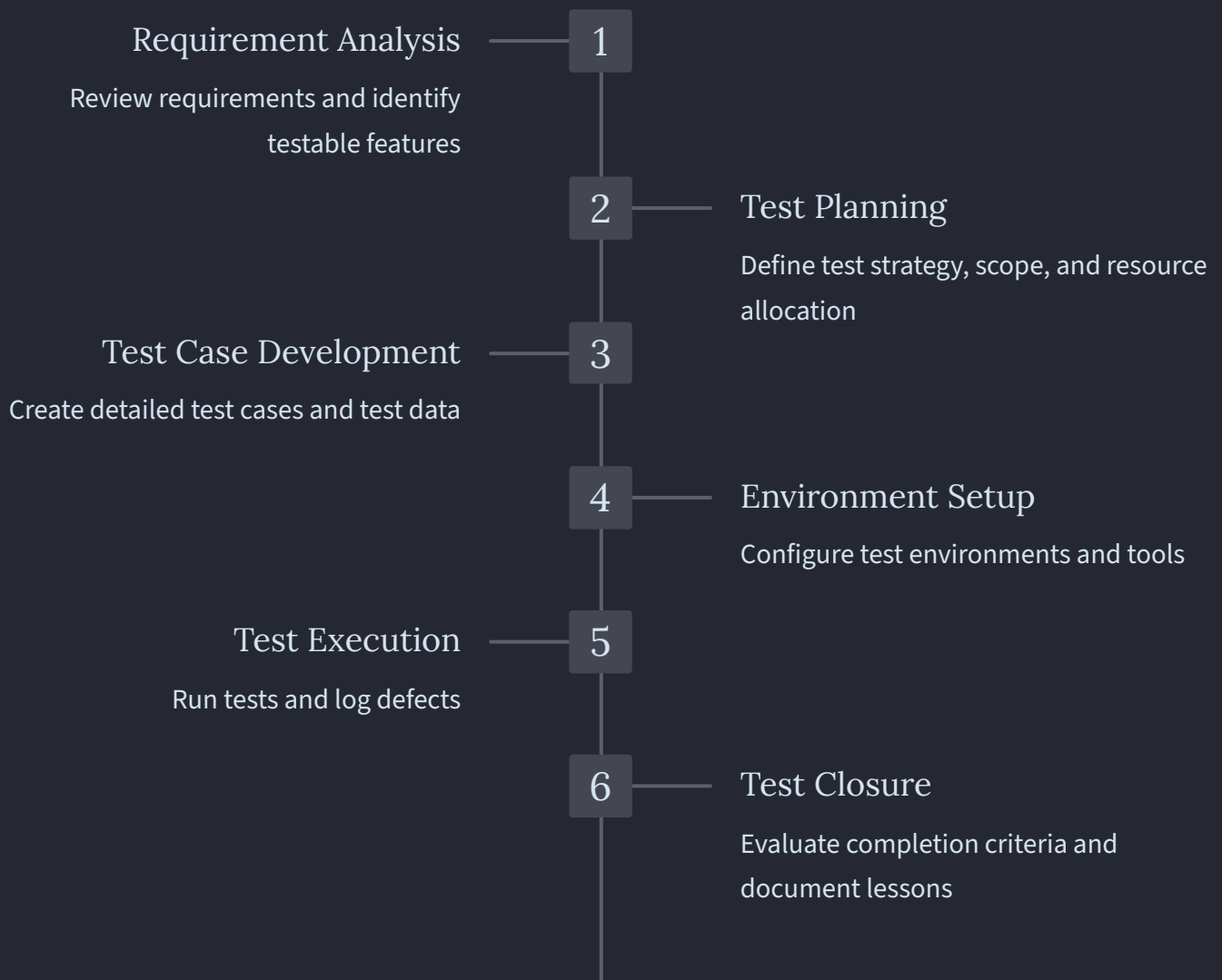


# Software Testing Fundamentals



## Quality Assurance vs Quality Control

## Errors, Bugs, Defects & Failures



# Module 2: SDLC Models & Testing Approaches

Different development methodologies require tailored testing strategies. This module examines Waterfall and V-Model approaches, exploring verification and validation phases, static testing techniques, and the distinctions between white box, black box, and grey box testing methodologies.

## Waterfall Model

Sequential phases with testing after development completion. Best for stable requirements but inflexible to changes.

## V-Model

Verification and validation at each development stage. Testing activities parallel development phases.

## Verification Activities

- **BRS:** Business Requirements Specification
- **SRS:** Software Requirements Specification
- **HLD:** High-Level Design documents
- **LLD:** Low-Level Design documents

## Static Testing Techniques

- **Review:** Informal examination of documents
- **Walkthrough:** Author-led presentation to team
- **Inspection:** Formal, structured defect detection

## White Box Testing

Internal structure testing with code visibility. Testers examine logic, paths, and conditions. Requires programming knowledge. Used for unit and integration testing.

## Black Box Testing

Functional testing without code knowledge. Focus on inputs, outputs, and behaviour. Tests against specifications. Most common approach for system testing.

## Grey Box Testing

Hybrid approach with partial code knowledge. Combines functional and structural testing. Useful for integration and security testing scenarios.

# Module 3: Testing Levels: Unit & Integration

## Unit Testing Fundamentals

Developers test individual functions, methods, or classes in isolation.

Automated unit tests provide rapid feedback, catch regressions early, and document expected behaviour through executable specifications.

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## Unit Testing Techniques

- **Basis Path Testing:** Cover all independent paths through code
- **Conditional Coverage:** Test all boolean conditions
- **Loop Coverage:** Verify loop boundaries and iterations

## JUnit (Java)

Industry-standard framework for Java unit testing with annotations and assertions

## NUnit (.NET)

Comprehensive testing framework for .NET applications and C# code

## pytest (Python)

Powerful, flexible Python testing framework with fixture support

## Top-Down Integration

Test from top-level modules downward, using stubs for lower modules

## Big Bang Integration

Test all modules together at once, faster but harder to debug



## Bottom-Up Integration

Test from lowest modules upward, using drivers for higher modules

## Sandwich Integration

Hybrid approach testing top and bottom simultaneously, meeting in middle

❏ **Stubs** are dummy modules simulating lower-level components not yet developed. **Drivers** are temporary modules calling components under test when higher-level modules aren't ready. Both enable testing before complete system integration.

# Module 4: Testing Levels: System & Acceptance



## Functional Testing

Verify features work according to specifications



## Non-Functional Testing

Assess performance, security, and usability

## GUI Testing

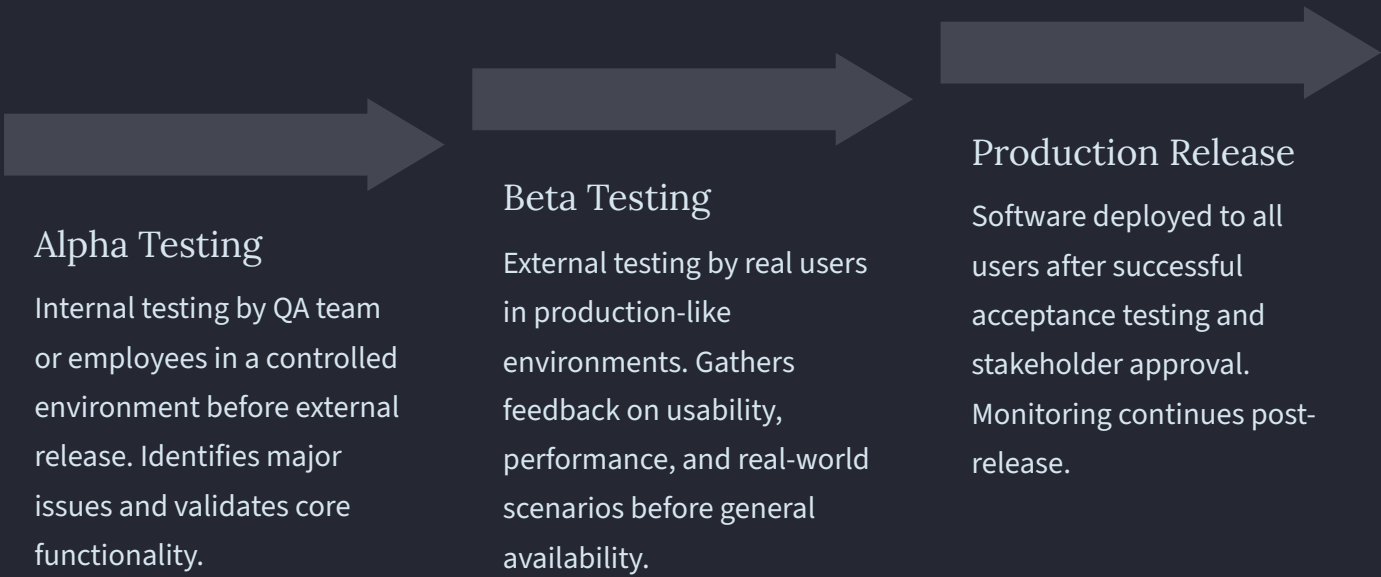
Comprehensive verification of user interface elements:

- Visual design consistency and branding
- Button, link, and form functionality
- Navigation flow and menu structure
- Content accuracy and spelling
- Responsive design across devices
- Accessibility compliance (WCAG)

## Usability Testing

Evaluate user experience and satisfaction:

- Intuitive navigation and workflows
- Clear labelling and instructions
- Efficient task completion
- Error message clarity
- Learning curve assessment
- User satisfaction metrics



# Module 5: Functional Testing Deep Dive

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## Object Properties Testing

Verify UI element attributes including size, position, colour, font, visibility, enabled/disabled state, and default values match specifications.

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## Database Testing

Validate CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete), data integrity constraints, referential integrity, transaction handling, and data consistency across tables.

3

## Error Handling Testing

Confirm appropriate error messages for invalid inputs, graceful degradation, exception handling, user-friendly messaging, and proper logging of errors.

4

## Calculations Testing

Verify mathematical operations, formula accuracy, rounding behaviour, boundary values, and computational logic across various scenarios and edge cases.

## Links Testing

- **Internal Links:** Navigate within application
- **External Links:** Open external websites
- **Anchor Links:** Jump to page sections
- **Email Links:** Launch email clients
- Verify correct URLs and targets
- Check broken link detection

## Cookie & Session Testing

- Cookie creation and expiration
- Session persistence across pages
- Session timeout behaviour
- Cookie deletion and clearing
- Secure cookie attributes
- Session hijacking prevention

# Module 6: Non-Functional Testing



## Security Testing

- **Authentication:** Verify user identity mechanisms
- **Authorisation:** Validate access controls and permissions
- **Encryption:** Ensure data protection in transit and at rest
- SQL injection prevention
- Cross-site scripting (XSS) protection
- Session management security

## Compatibility Testing

- **Hardware:** Different devices and configurations
- **Operating Systems:** Windows, macOS, Linux, mobile OS
- **Browsers:** Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge
- Screen resolutions and orientations
- Network conditions and bandwidth
- Third-party software integration

01

### Fresh Installation

Clean install on new system

02

### Upgrade Installation

Update from previous version

03

### Uninstall Testing

Complete removal verification

04

### Reinstall Testing

Install after uninstallation

# Module 7: Testing Types & Techniques

## Regression Testing

Re-test existing functionality after changes to ensure no new defects introduced. Types include unit regression, regional regression, and full regression testing.

## Retesting

Verify specific defects are fixed. Focused on previously failed test cases, confirming bug resolution without broader scope.

## Smoke Testing

Build Verification Testing (BVT) checks critical functionality before detailed testing. Quick validation that basic features work, determining if build is stable enough for further testing.

## Sanity Testing

Narrow, focused testing after minor changes. Verifies specific functionality or bug fixes work correctly without comprehensive testing of entire application.

## Exploratory Testing

Simultaneous learning, test design, and execution. Testers explore application without predefined scripts, using creativity and domain knowledge to find defects.

## Ad-Hoc Testing

Informal, unstructured testing without planning or documentation. Random testing based on tester's intuition and experience, often revealing unexpected issues.

## Monkey Testing

Random, chaotic input testing simulating unpredictable user behaviour. Provides invalid, unexpected data to assess system stability and error handling.

## Positive vs Negative Testing

**Positive Testing** validates expected behaviour with valid inputs. **Negative Testing** ensures proper handling of invalid inputs, edge cases, and error conditions.

## Globalisation vs Localisation

**Globalisation Testing** ensures application works across cultures and regions. **Localisation Testing** verifies adaptation to specific locales (language, currency, formats).

# Module 8: Test Design Techniques

## Equivalence Class Partitioning

Divide input domain into valid and invalid equivalence classes. Test one value from each class, reducing test cases whilst maintaining coverage. Example: Age field (0-17 invalid, 18-65 valid, 66+ invalid).

## Boundary Value Analysis

Test values at boundaries between equivalence classes. Focus on minimum, maximum, just below minimum, and just above maximum values where defects commonly occur.

## Decision Table Testing

Represent complex business logic with conditions, actions, and rules. Each column represents a test case combining different condition values, ensuring all combinations are tested.

## State Transition Testing

Model system behaviour through states, events, and transitions. Test all valid transitions and verify invalid transitions are rejected.

- Identify all possible states
- Define triggering events
- Map valid transitions
- Test invalid transition handling

## Error Guessing

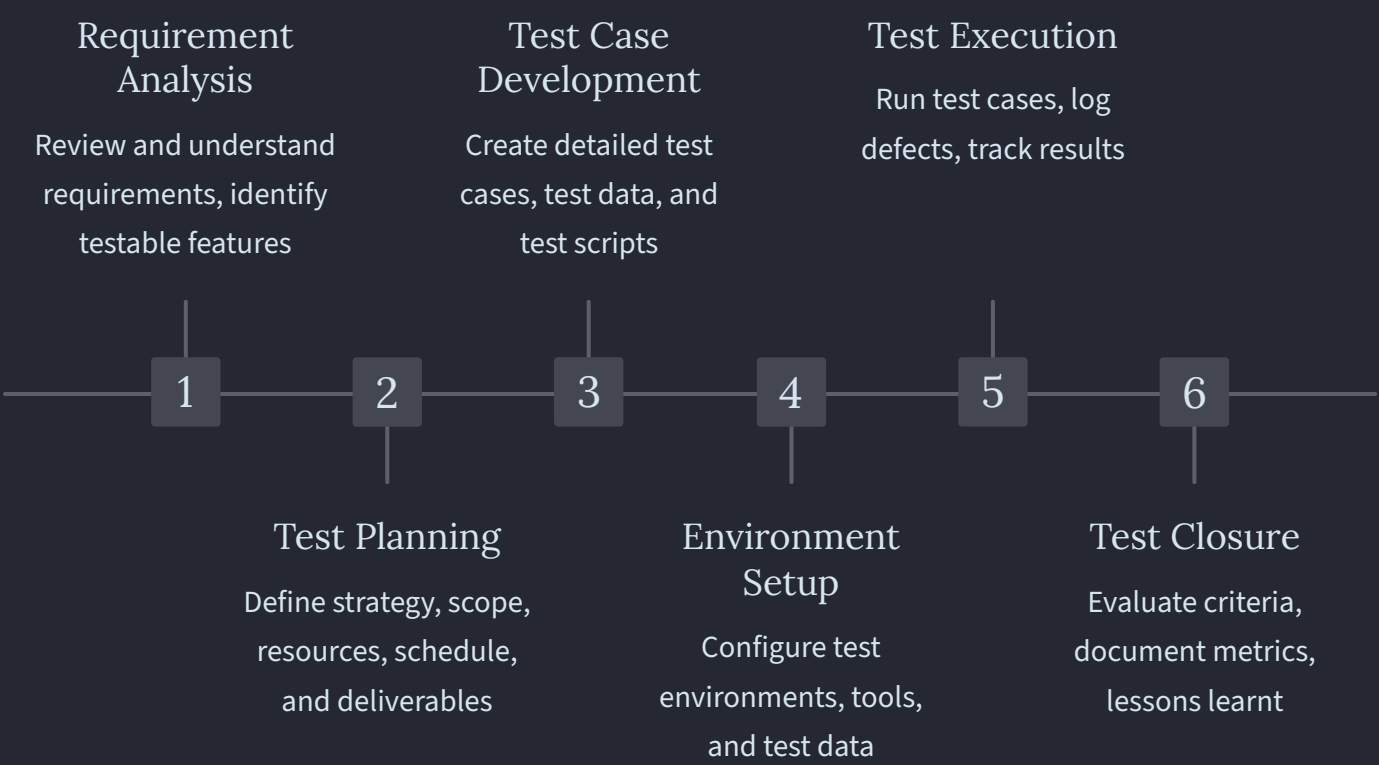
Based on past failures, common mistakes, and domain expertise to identify likely problem areas.

- Analyse historical defects
- Consider common error patterns
- Apply domain knowledge
- Test intuitive failure points

Technique	Best For	Coverage	Effort
ECP	Large input domains	Moderate	Low
BVA	Numeric ranges	High at boundaries	Low
Decision Table	Complex logic	Complete combinations	Medium
State Transition	Sequential systems	All transitions	Medium
Error Guessing	Supplementary testing	Targeted	Low



# Module 9: Test Documentation & Management



Test Case ID	Test Scenario	Test Steps	Expected Result	Status
TC_001	Valid login	1. Enter valid username 2. Enter valid password 3. Click Login	User logged in successfully, dashboard displayed	Pass
TC_002	Invalid password	1. Enter valid username 2. Enter invalid password 3. Click Login	Error message: "Invalid credentials"	Pass

The **Defect Life Cycle** tracks bugs from discovery through resolution: New → Assigned → Open → Fixed → Retest → Verified → Closed. Defects may be Rejected, Deferred, or Reopened based on validation and priority.

# Module 10: Agile Testing & Tools



## Testing in Agile

- Continuous testing throughout sprint
- Test-driven development (TDD)
- Behaviour-driven development (BDD)
- Automated regression testing
- Exploratory testing sessions
- Collaboration with developers
- Definition of Done includes testing

## JIRA for Test Management

- Create and organise test cases
- Link tests to user stories
- Track test execution status
- Log and manage defects
- Generate test reports
- Sprint burndown charts
- Traceability and metrics

01

### Version Control Basics

Git fundamentals: clone, commit, push, pull, branching

02

### GitHub Collaboration

Repository management, pull requests, code reviews

03

### Real Project Execution

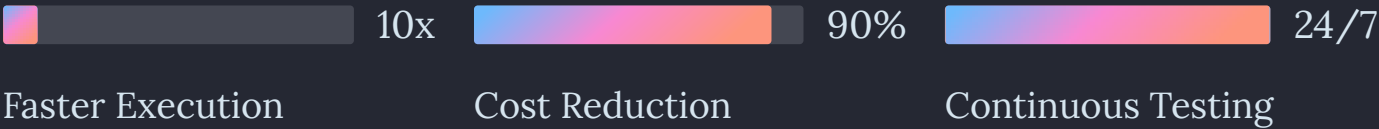
Apply testing skills to actual project scenarios

04

### Interview Preparation

Resume building, common questions, technical assessments

# Selenium Fundamentals



## When to Automate

- Repetitive test cases
- Regression testing
- Data-driven scenarios
- Cross-browser testing
- Performance testing
- Stable functionality

## When Manual Testing is Better

- Exploratory testing
- Usability testing
- Ad-hoc testing
- Frequently changing features
- One-time test scenarios
- Visual design verification

E2E Tests	Integration Tests	Unit Tests
Few, slow, expensive	Moderate quantity and speed	Many, fast, cheap

Locator	Syntax	Use Case
ID	driver.find_element(By.ID, "username")	Fastest, most reliable if unique
Name	driver.find_element(By.NAME, "email")	Good for form elements
CSS Selector	driver.find_element(By.CSS_SELECTOR, ".btn-primary")	Flexible, faster than XPath
XPath	driver.find_element(By.XPATH, "//button[@type='submit']")	Complex navigation, text-based
Link Text	driver.find_element(By.LINK_TEXT, "Sign Up")	Exact link text matching

# Module 2: Advanced Selenium & Frameworks

## Implicit Wait

Global wait applied to all elements. Polls DOM for specified time before throwing exception. Simple but less flexible.

## Explicit Wait

Wait for specific conditions on particular elements. More control and reliability. Use `WebDriverWait` with expected conditions.

## Fluent Wait

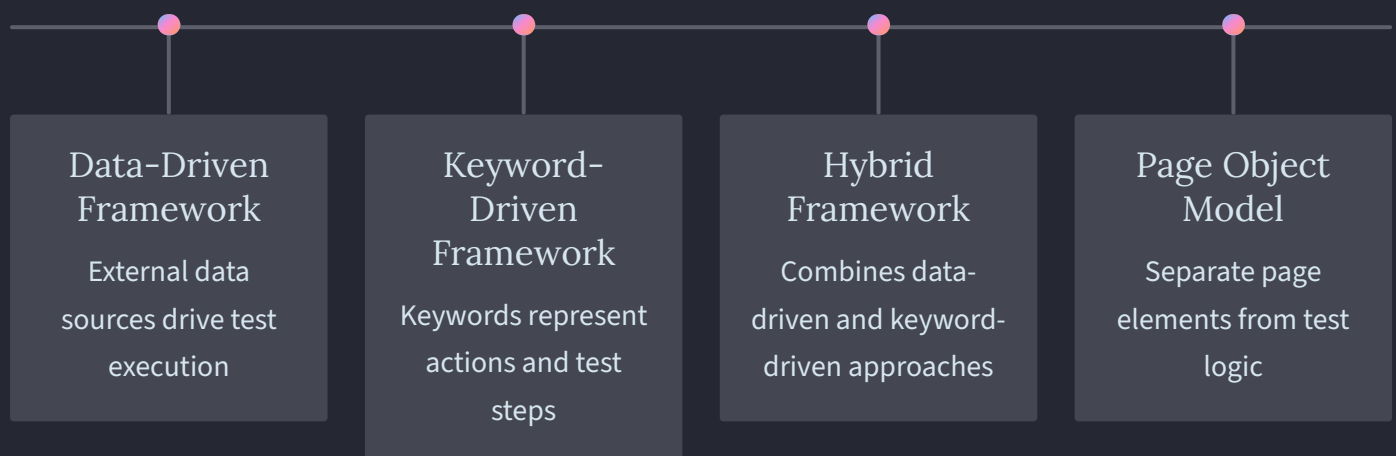
Custom polling interval and ignore specific exceptions. Maximum flexibility for complex scenarios with dynamic elements.

## Handling Complex Elements

- **Alerts:** `accept()`, `dismiss()`, `getText()`, `sendKeys()`
- **Windows:** `getWindowHandles()`, `switchTo().window()`
- **iFrames:** `switchTo().frame()`, `defaultContent()`
- **Shadow DOM:** JavaScript executor for shadow roots
- **Dynamic Elements:** Explicit waits with custom conditions

## Actions Class Operations

- **Mouse:** `moveToElement()`, `clickAndHold()`, `dragAndDrop()`
- **Context Menu:** `contextClick()` for right-click
- **Double Click:** `doubleClick()` for special interactions
- **Keyboard:** `keyDown()`, `keyUp()`, `sendKeys()`
- **Hover:** `moveToElement()` for dropdown menus



- ❏ **Page Object Model (POM)** design pattern creates object repositories for web pages. Each page class contains locators and methods for that page, improving maintainability and reducing code duplication. Page Factory pattern further simplifies element initialisation using annotations.

# Module 3: Playwright Modern Automation

<b>Auto-Waiting</b> Intelligent waits eliminate flaky tests without explicit waits		<b>Multi-Browser</b> Chromium, Firefox, WebKit support with single API
<b>Network Control</b> Intercept, mock, and modify network requests		<b>AI-Powered</b> Self-healing locators adapt to UI changes

## Playwright vs Selenium

Feature	Playwright	Selenium
Speed	Faster	Slower
Auto-waiting	Built-in	Manual
Network mocking	Native	External tools
Debugging	Excellent	Basic
Mobile	Emulation	Appium needed

## Smart Locators

- **getByRole:** Accessibility-first selection
- **getByText:** Find by visible text
- **getByLabel:** Form label association
- **getByTestId:** Stable test identifiers
- **Chaining:** Combine locators for precision
- **Auto-Retry:** Automatic retries on failure



### Codegen

Record browser interactions and generate test code automatically. Accelerates test creation and provides learning examples for new users.



### Playwright Inspector

Step through tests, inspect locators, and debug failures interactively. Essential tool for troubleshooting complex test scenarios.



### Trace Viewer

Detailed execution traces with screenshots, network logs, and DOM snapshots. Powerful post-mortem debugging for CI/CD failures.

# Module 4: AI-Powered Testing & Cloud Platforms



## Headless vs Headed Execution

### Headless Mode:

- Faster execution without GUI
- Lower resource consumption
- Ideal for CI/CD pipelines
- Docker container compatibility

### Headed Mode:

- Visual debugging capability
- Development and troubleshooting
- Demo and presentation purposes

## Cloud Testing Platforms

**BrowserStack:** 3000+ real devices and browsers

**Sauce Labs:** Comprehensive test orchestration

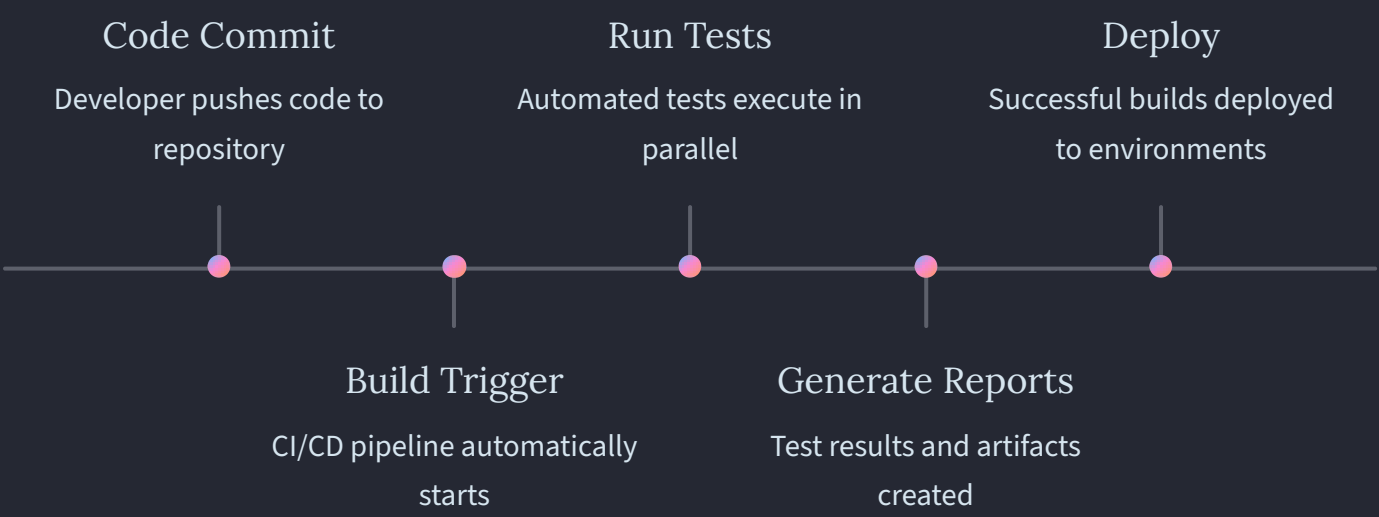
**LambdaTest:** Cost-effective parallel testing

### Benefits:

- No infrastructure maintenance
- Instant scalability
- Real device testing
- Parallel execution
- Detailed analytics

<b>Capture Baseline</b> Take reference screenshots of correct UI state	<b>Run Tests</b> Execute tests and capture current screenshots	<b>Compare Images</b> Pixel-by-pixel comparison identifies differences
<b>Review Changes</b> Approve intentional changes or report bugs		

# Module 5: CI/CD Integration & Best Practices



### Test Design Principles

Independent, repeatable tests with clear assertions. Single responsibility per test. Avoid test interdependencies.

### Code Reusability

Utility classes, helper methods, and Page Object Model. DRY principle reduces maintenance burden.

### Avoiding Flakiness

Proper waits, stable locators, isolated test data. Retry mechanisms for transient failures. Deterministic test execution.

### Test Data Management

Separate test data from code. Use data builders and factories. Clean up after tests. Environment-specific configurations.

Challenge	Solution
Flaky Tests	Implement proper waits, use stable locators, isolate test data, add retry logic
StaleElementReference	Re-locate elements, use explicit waits, avoid storing WebElement references
TimeoutException	Increase wait times, verify element visibility, check network conditions
Dynamic Locators	Use relative XPath, CSS selectors, or AI-powered self-healing locators
Slow Execution	Parallel execution, headless mode, optimise waits, reduce unnecessary steps

# API Testing Fundamentals

## 10x

### Faster Execution

API tests run significantly faster than UI tests

## 95%

### Higher Coverage

Test business logic directly without UI dependencies

## Early

### Defect Detection

Find issues before UI development completes

#### GET

Retrieve data from server. Idempotent and safe. No request body. Parameters in URL.

#### POST

Create new resources. Not idempotent. Request body contains data. Returns created resource.

#### PUT

Update/replace entire resource. Idempotent. Request body contains complete data.

#### PATCH

Partial resource update. Request body contains only changed fields.

#### DELETE

Remove resources. Idempotent. May include request body for complex deletions.

## HTTP Status Codes

- **2xx Success:** 200 OK, 201 Created, 204 No Content
- **3xx Redirection:** 301 Moved Permanently, 302 Found
- **4xx Client Errors:** 400 Bad Request, 401 Unauthorised, 403 Forbidden, 404 Not Found
- **5xx Server Errors:** 500 Internal Server Error, 502 Bad Gateway, 503 Service Unavailable

## Request Components

- **URL/URI:** Endpoint address and path
- **Headers:** Content-Type, Authorization, Accept
- **Query Parameters:** ?key=value&filter=active
- **Path Parameters:** /users/{id}/orders
- **Request Body:** JSON, XML, or form data



**JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)** is the standard data format for modern APIs. It uses key-value pairs, supports objects and arrays, and is human-readable. JSONPath expressions enable querying nested data structures for validation and extraction.



# Module 2: Postman API Testing Tool

01	02	03
Install Postman	Create Workspace	Build Requests
Download desktop app or use web version	Organise APIs by project or team	Configure method, URL, headers, body
04	05	
Write Tests	Run Collections	
Add assertions and validations	Execute multiple requests sequentially	

## Variables in Postman

Type	Scope	Use Case
Global	All workspaces	Common values
Environment	Selected environment	Dev/QA/Prod URLs
Collection	Specific collection	Collection-specific data
Local	Single request	Temporary values
Dynamic	Runtime generation	\$guid, \$timestamp

<h3>API Key Authentication</h3> <p>Simple key-based authentication passed in headers or query parameters. Easy to implement but less secure.</p>	<h3>Bearer Token</h3> <p>Token-based authentication using JWT or OAuth tokens in Authorization header. Industry standard for modern APIs.</p>	<h3>OAuth 2.0</h3> <p>Delegated authorization framework. Secure, token-based access without sharing credentials. Complex but powerful.</p>
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**Data-Driven Testing:** Use CSV or JSON files to run the same request with different data sets. Collection Runner iterates through data, enabling comprehensive test coverage with minimal effort.

# Module 3: API Automation with Python

Requests Library Basics

Pytest API Testing



## Project Structure

Organise tests, utilities, config, and test data in logical folders



## Configuration Management

Environment-specific settings in config files or environment variables



## Utility Functions

Reusable helpers for authentication, data generation, and assertions




## Test Data Management

External data files (JSON, CSV) for data-driven testing



## Logging & Reporting

Comprehensive logs and HTML reports for test results

 **Session Objects** persist parameters across requests, improving performance and simplifying authentication. Sessions maintain cookies, connection pooling, and default headers throughout multiple API calls.

# Module 4: Advanced API Testing & GraphQL

## API Chaining

Extract data from one response to use in subsequent requests

## Database Validation

Verify API changes reflect correctly in database

## Performance Testing

Measure response times, throughput, and scalability

## OWASP API Security Top 10

1. Broken Object Level Authorization
2. Broken User Authentication
3. Excessive Data Exposure
4. Lack of Resources & Rate Limiting
5. Broken Function Level Authorization
6. Mass Assignment
7. Security Misconfiguration
8. Injection
9. Improper Assets Management
10. Insufficient Logging & Monitoring

## GraphQL vs REST

Aspect	GraphQL	REST
Endpoints	Single endpoint	Multiple endpoints
Data fetching	Request exactly what you need	Fixed response structure
Over-fetching	Eliminated	Common issue
Versioning	Not required	Version in URL

## GraphQL Queries

Fetch data with precise field selection. Reduces over-fetching and under-fetching.

## GraphQL Mutations

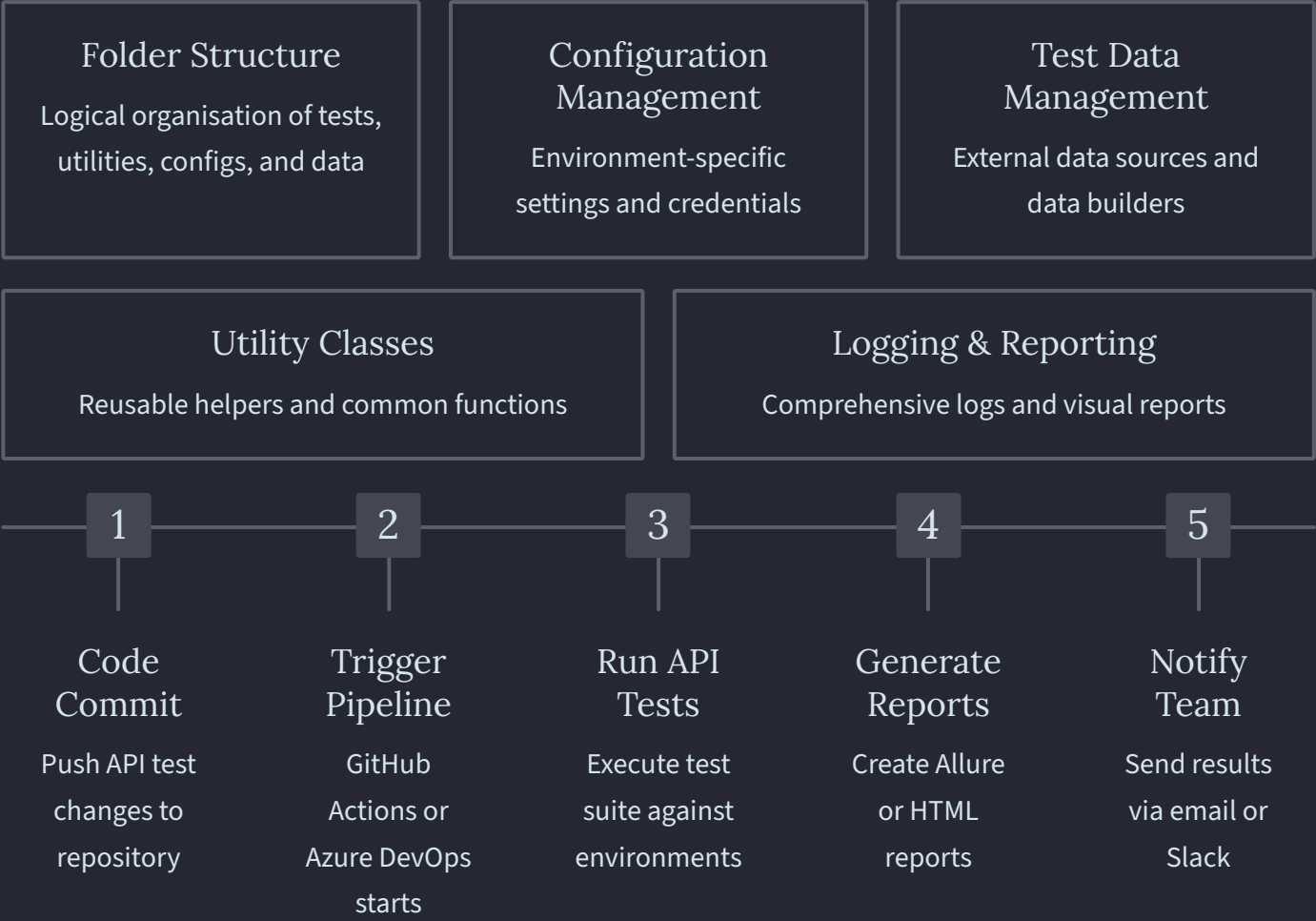
Modify server-side data. Create, update, or delete operations.

## GraphQL Subscriptions

Real-time data updates via WebSocket. Server pushes changes to clients.

📄 **Contract Testing** ensures API providers and consumers agree on interface specifications. Pact framework enables consumer-driven contracts, catching integration issues early without requiring full integration environments.

# Module 5: API Testing Best Practices & CI/CD



Challenge	Solution
Authentication Issues	Use environment variables for credentials, implement token refresh logic
Data Dependencies	Create test data programmatically, use database seeding, implement cleanup
Environment Differences	Configuration files per environment, feature flags, environment detection
API Versioning	Test multiple versions, maintain backward compatibility tests
Response Time Variations	Set reasonable timeouts, implement retry logic, monitor performance trends

# Python Fundamentals

1st

Most Popular

Top language for AI, testing, and data science

35

Keywords

Reserved words defining Python syntax and structure

Easy

Learning Curve

Readable syntax resembling natural language

## Data Types

- **Simple:** int, float, bool, str
- **Complex:** list, tuple, dict, set
- **Type Conversion:** int(), float(), str(), bool()
- **Type Casting:** Explicit conversion between types

## Operators

- **Arithmetic:** +, -, \*, /, //, %, \*\*
- **Comparison:** ==, !=, >, <, >=, <=
- **Logical:** and, or, not
- **Assignment:** =, +=, -=, \*=, /=
- **Membership:** in, not in
- **Identity:** is, is not

<p>if Statement</p> <p>Execute code block if condition is True</p>	<p>elif Statement</p> <p>Check additional conditions if previous conditions are False</p>
<p>else Statement</p> <p>Execute code block if all conditions are False</p>	<p>match-case</p> <p>Pattern matching for multiple conditions (Python 3.10+)</p>

## while Loop

Repeats whilst condition is True. Use break to exit early, continue to skip iteration.

## for Loop

Iterates over sequences. range() generates number sequences efficiently.

# Module 2: String Manipulation

## String Indexing & Slicing

## String Formatting

### Case Conversion

upper(), lower(), capitalize(), title(), swapcase() methods transform string case for normalisation and comparison.

### Search Methods

find(), index(), count() locate substrings. find() returns -1 if not found, index() raises exception.

### Checking Methods

isalpha(), isdigit(), isalnum(), isspace(), isupper(), islower() validate string content and format.

## Trimming & Replacement

## Split & Join

📌 **String Immutability:** Strings cannot be modified after creation. Operations like replace() or upper() return new strings rather than modifying the original. This ensures data integrity but requires awareness when processing large strings.

# Module 3: Lists & Tuples

## List Operations

## List Methods

Lists and tuples store collections of data. This module covers list creation, indexing, slicing, operations, methods for adding (append, insert, extend), removing (remove, pop, clear), searching (index, count), sorting, reversing, list comprehensions, tuple creation, immutability, packing and unpacking, and comparing lists versus tuples.

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### Lists: Mutable & Dynamic

Lists can be modified after creation. Add, remove, or change elements. Use square brackets []. Slower than tuples but more flexible. Ideal for collections that change.

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### Tuples: Immutable & Fixed

Tuples cannot be modified after creation. Use parentheses (). Faster and more memory-efficient than lists. Ideal for fixed collections and function returns.

## Tuple Operations

```
# Creating tuples
coordinates = (10, 20)
single = (42,) # Note the comma
```

```
# Accessing elements
x = coordinates[0]
y = coordinates[1]
```

```
# Tuple packing
point = 10, 20, 30
```

```
# Tuple unpacking
x, y, z = point
```

## When to Use Each

Use Lists When:	Use Tuples When:
Data changes frequently	Data is constant
Need to add/remove items	Returning multiple values
Order may change	Dictionary keys
Single type of data	Heterogeneous data

# Module 4: Dictionaries & Sets

Dictionaries and sets provide powerful data structures. This module covers dictionary creation, key-value access, operations, methods (keys, values, items), dictionary comprehensions, nested dictionaries, set creation, properties (unique, unordered, unchangeable), set operations (union, intersection, difference), mathematical set operations, subset and superset checks, and frozen sets.

## Dictionary Operations

## Dictionary Methods

**Unique Elements**  
Sets automatically remove duplicates



### Unordered


No guaranteed order of elements

### Unchangeable Items

Elements cannot be modified, only added/removed

## Set Operations

## Set Methods

 **Frozen Sets** are immutable versions of sets. Created with `frozenset()`, they can be used as dictionary keys or elements of other sets. Useful when you need set operations but require immutability.



# Module 5: Advanced Collections & Iterators

Advanced Python collections enhance functionality. This module explores the collections module (namedtuple, Counter, defaultdict, deque), iterators and iteration protocol, custom iterators, generators with yield statement, generator expressions, memory efficiency concepts, lambda functions, higher-order functions (map, filter, reduce), functional programming, and generator pipelines.



## namedtuple

Tuple subclass with named fields.  
Readable and self-documenting.  
Immutable like tuples but accessible by name.



## Counter

Dict subclass for counting hashable objects. Convenient for frequency analysis and statistics.



## defaultdict

Dict with default values for missing keys.  
Eliminates KeyError exceptions and simplifies code.



## deque

Double-ended queue with fast appends and pops from both ends. Efficient for queues and stacks.

## Generators

Generators produce values on-demand, saving memory for large datasets.

## Lambda & Higher-Order Functions

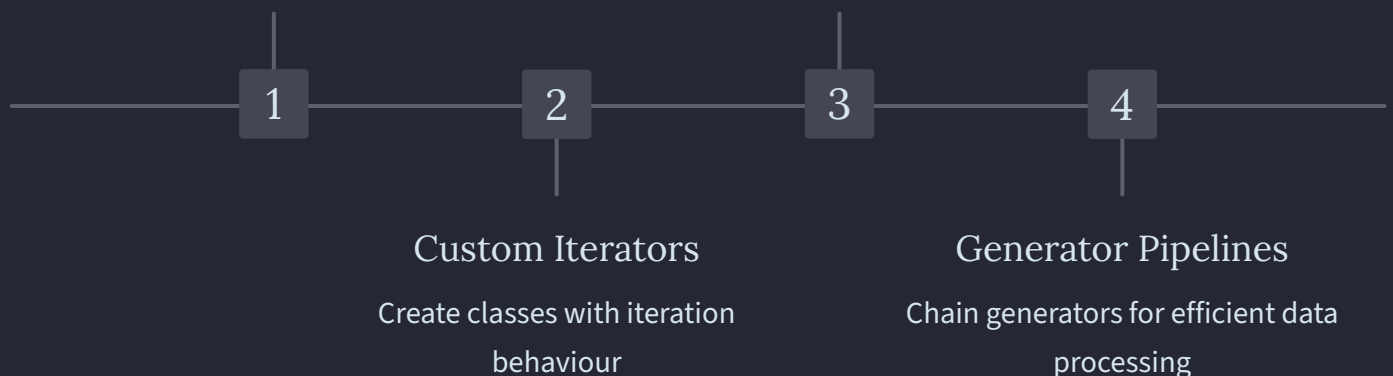
Lambda functions are concise, anonymous functions for simple operations.

### Iterator Protocol

Objects implementing `__iter__()`  
and `__next__()`

### Generator Functions

Use `yield` to create iterators simply



# Module 6: Functions & Scope

Functions enable code reusability and organisation. This module covers function definition and calling, parameters and arguments (positional, keyword, default), arbitrary arguments (\*args, \*\*kwargs), return statements, multiple return values, local and global scope, global keyword, built-in and user-defined functions, lambda functions, docstrings, and recursive functions.

## Function Basics

A Function is reusable block of code that performs a specific task and runs when called.

## Argument Types

Functions accept inputs as positional, keyword, default, or variable-length arguments to handle different use cases.

### Local Scope

Variables defined inside functions. Only accessible within that function.

Created when function is called, destroyed when function returns.

### Global Scope

Variables defined outside functions. Accessible throughout the module.

Use global keyword to modify global variables inside functions.

### Enclosing Scope

Variables in outer functions accessible to nested functions. Enables closures and function factories. Use nonlocal keyword to modify.

## Lambda Functions

Short, anonymous functions written in a single line, mainly used for simple operations and functional programming.

## Recursive Functions

Functions that call themselves to solve a problem by breaking it into smaller, repeatable steps.

# Module 7: Modules & Packages



## Built-in Modules

Standard library modules included with Python



## User-Defined Modules

Custom modules created for specific projects



## External Packages

Third-party modules installed via pip

## Importing Techniques

Different ways to access modules in Python, such as importing entire modules or specific components for better code organisation.

## Common Built-in Modules

- **math:** Mathematical functions and constants
- **random:** Random number generation
- **datetime:** Date and time manipulation
- **os:** Operating system interface
- **sys:** System-specific parameters
- **json:** JSON encoding and decoding
- **re:** Regular expressions

### Create Package Directory

Folder containing `__init__.py` and module files

### Add `__init__.py`

Marks directory as Python package, can contain initialisation code

### Create Module Files

Python files (.py) containing functions and classes

## pip Package Manager

A tool used to install, update, and manage external python libraries required for development

## Popular External Packages

- **requests:** HTTP library for API calls
- **pandas:** Data analysis and manipulation
- **numpy:** Numerical computing
- **pytest:** Testing framework
- **selenium:** Web automation
- **beautifulsoup4:** Web scraping
- **flask:** Web framework

# Module 8: Working with Data Formats

File operations and data formats are essential for testing. This module covers file operations basics (CRUD), open() function and modes, reading files (read, readline, readlines), writing and appending, file paths, directory management (os, shutil), CSV file operations (reader, writer, DictReader, DictWriter), JSON operations (dump, dumps, load, loads), and data serialization.

## File Operations

Reading, Writing, and Updating files to store and manage data efficiently.

## File Modes

Mode	Description
'r'	Read (default)
'w'	Write (overwrites)
'a'	Append
'r+'	Read and write
'rb'	Read binary
'wb'	Write binary

CSV Reader

CSV Writer

CSV DictReader

## JSON Operations

Handling structured data by converting between JSON format and Python objects

## Directory Management

Creating, navigating, and organizing folders and files using system utilities.

# Module 9: Advanced Python Concepts

## Exception Handling

Managing runtime errors gracefully using try-except block to prevent program crashes

## Custom Exceptions

Creating user-defined error types to handle specific application scenarios clearly.



## Function Decorators

Modify or enhance function behaviour without changing function code. Wrap functions with additional functionality.



## Timing Decorator

Measure execution time of functions. Useful for performance testing and optimization.



## Logging Decorator

Automatically log function calls, arguments, and return values for debugging and monitoring.



## Retry Decorator

Automatically retry failed operations with configurable attempts and delays.

## Decorator

Enhancing function behaviour dynamically without modifying the original code

## Context Managers

Managing resources safely using automatic setup and cleanup mechanisms

# Object-Oriented Programming

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MODULE 10

OOP enables modular, maintainable code. This module covers OOP fundamentals, classes and objects, attributes (instance and class variables), `__init__` constructor, `self` parameter, instance methods, class methods, static methods, and the four pillars: Encapsulation (access modifiers), Inheritance (single, multi-level, multiple), Abstraction (abstract classes and methods), and Polymorphism (method overriding, duck typing).

## Classes & Objects

Blueprints and Instances used to structure data and behaviour in programs

## Encapsulation

Protecting data by controlling access through methods and access levels

### Encapsulation

Bundle data and methods, control access



### Inheritance

Derive classes from existing classes



### Polymorphism

Same interface, different implementations



### Abstraction

Hide complexity, show essential features



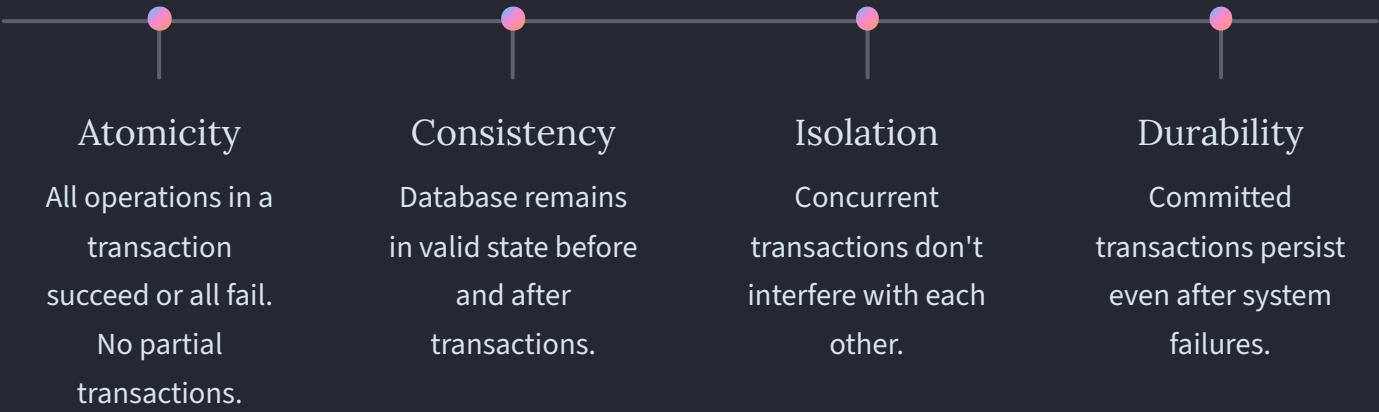
## Inheritance

Reusing and extending existing classes to build hierarchical relationships

## Abstraction & Polymorphism

Simplifying complex systems and enabling different behaviours through a common interfaces

# PostgreSQL Foundations



## Data Types

Category	Types
Numeric	INTEGER, BIGINT, DECIMAL, NUMERIC, REAL, DOUBLE PRECISION
Character	CHAR, VARCHAR, TEXT
Date/Time	DATE, TIME, TIMESTAMP, INTERVAL
Boolean	BOOLEAN (TRUE/FALSE)
Special	JSON, JSONB, ARRAY, UUID

## Constraints

- **PRIMARY KEY:** Unique identifier for rows
- **FOREIGN KEY:** References another table's primary key
- **UNIQUE:** Ensures column values are unique
- **NOT NULL:** Prevents null values
- **CHECK:** Validates data against conditions
- **DEFAULT:** Provides default values

## Creating Tables

Creating tables is the process of defining the structure of a database table by specifying column names, data types, and rules for storing data.

## Inserting Data

Inserting data is the process of adding new records (rows) into a database table.

# Module 2: Querying & Analyzing Data

Querying retrieves and analyzes data. This module covers SELECT statement basics, column aliases, WHERE clause filtering, comparison and logical operators, BETWEEN, IN, LIKE operators, NULL handling, ORDER BY sorting, DISTINCT, LIMIT and OFFSET pagination, string/numeric/date functions, aggregate functions (COUNT, SUM, AVG, MIN, MAX), GROUP BY, HAVING, window functions, and JOIN operations.

## SELECT & Filtering

Select retrieves specific data from a table, while filtering restricts the results based on given conditions.

## Sorting & Limiting

Sorting arranges query results in a specific order, and limiting controls the number of records displayed.

### String Functions

UPPER(), LOWER(),  
CONCAT(), SUBSTRING(),  
LENGTH(), TRIM(), REPLACE()  
manipulate text data.

### Numeric Functions

ROUND(), CEIL(), FLOOR(),  
ABS(), POWER(), SQRT()  
perform mathematical  
operations.

### Date Functions

CURRENT\_DATE, EXTRACT(),  
DATE\_TRUNC(), AGE() handle  
date and time calculations.

## Aggregate Functions

Aggregate functions perform calculations on a set of values and return a single summarized result.

## JOIN Operations

Join operations combine data from two or more tables based on a related column.



# Module 3: Advanced Queries & Data Manipulation

Advanced SQL techniques handle complex scenarios. This module covers subqueries in WHERE, SELECT, and FROM clauses, correlated subqueries, EXISTS and NOT EXISTS, IN and NOT IN with subqueries, Common Table Expressions (CTEs), recursive CTEs for hierarchical data, set operators (UNION, INTERSECT, EXCEPT), UPDATE statements, DELETE operations, TRUNCATE, and transaction management.

## Subqueries

A subquery is a query nested inside another query to supply data to the main query.

## Common Table Expressions

A Common Table Expression is a temporary named result set that improves query readability and organization.

### UNION

Combine results, remove duplicates

### UNION ALL

Combine results, keep duplicates

### INTERSECT

Return common rows from both queries

### EXCEPT

Return rows in first query but not second

## UPDATE & DELETE

Update modifies existing data in a table, while Delete removes records from a table.

## Transaction Management

Transaction management controls a sequence of database operations to ensure data consistency, integrity, and reliability.

# Module 4: Database Programming & Automation

## ALTER TABLE & Indexes

ALTER TABLE modifies the structure of an existing table, while indexes improve data retrieval speed by optimizing searches.

## Views & Materialized Views

A view is a virtual table based on a query, whereas a materialized view stores the query result physically for faster access.



### Stored Functions

Reusable SQL logic returning values. Can be called in queries and expressions.



### Stored Procedures

Execute complex operations without returning values. Support transaction control.



### Triggers

Automatically execute functions in response to data changes (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).



### Audit Logging

Track data changes automatically using triggers for compliance and debugging.

## PL/pgSQL Function

A PL/pgSQL function is a reusable block of procedural code in PostgreSQL used to perform complex operations and return results.

## Trigger

A trigger automatically executes an action when a specified event occurs on a table, such as updating a log when a record is inserted.

# Module 5: Database Design & Optimization

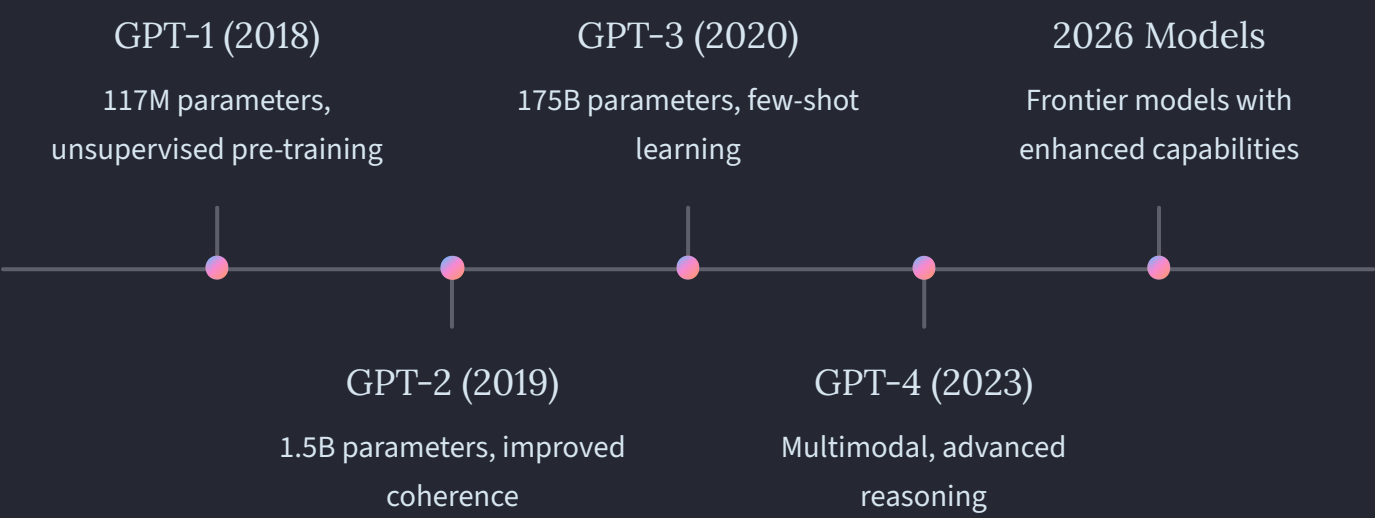


## Performance Tuning

Indexes, Statistics, VACUUM, Connection Pooling, Partitioning, Caching, Query Rewriting

Best Practice	Description
Naming Conventions	Use lowercase with underscores (snake_case), descriptive names, plural for tables
Data Type Selection	Choose appropriate types, avoid VARCHAR(MAX), use TIMESTAMP for dates
Primary Keys	Use SERIAL or UUID, ensure uniqueness, index automatically created
Foreign Keys	Enforce referential integrity, index foreign key columns for joins
Normalization	Normalize to 3NF, denormalize strategically for performance

# Foundations of Generative AI



## Transformer Architecture

- **Self-Attention, Multi-Head Attention, Positional Encoding, Feed-Forward Networks, Layer Normalization, Residual Connections**

## Tokenization

Breaking text into tokens (words, subwords, characters) for model processing. Different models use different tokenization strategies: **Byte-Pair Encoding (BPE), WordPiece, SentencePiece**.

Model	Provider	Strengths	Context Window	Best For
GPT-4	OpenAI	Reasoning, coding	128K tokens	Complex tasks
Claude 3	Anthropic	Safety, analysis	200K tokens	Long documents
Gemini	Google	Multimodal, search	1M tokens	Research, integration
DeepSeek	DeepSeek	Cost-effective	64K tokens	Budget-conscious

# Modules 2, 3, & 4: Prompt Engineering & RAG

Effective prompts and retrieval systems maximize LLM capabilities. This module covers advanced prompt engineering, context design, reasoning mode optimization, reducing hallucinations, zero-shot and few-shot prompting, chain-of-thought, multimodal prompting, LLM APIs (OpenAI, Anthropic, Google, DeepSeek), LangChain 1.0, vector databases (ChromaDB, Pinecone, Qdrant), and production RAG pipelines.



## Clear Instructions

Provide explicit, detailed instructions with context and constraints



## Few-Shot Examples

Include examples demonstrating desired output format and style



## Chain-of-Thought

Request step-by-step reasoning for complex problems



## Role Assignment

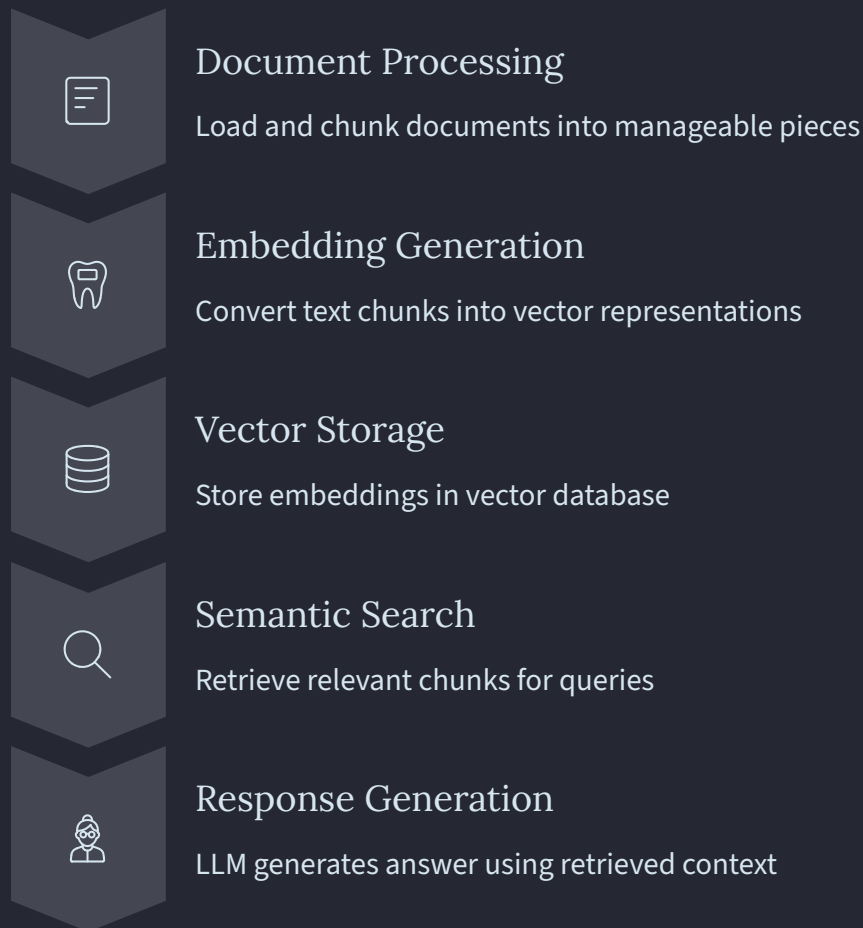
Define model's role and expertise for better responses

## Reducing Hallucinations

- Provide relevant context and facts
- Request citations and sources
- Use retrieval-augmented generation (RAG)
- Ask model to acknowledge uncertainty
- Verify outputs against ground truth
- Use temperature parameter wisely
- Implement fact-checking pipelines

## LangChain 1.0 Features

- **create\_agent:** Simplified agent creation
- **Middleware:** Customization and control
- **Multi-Provider:** Support for multiple LLMs
- **Streaming:** Real-time response generation
- **Function Calling:** Structured outputs
- **Cost Optimization:** Efficient token usage



## ChromaDB


Open-source, embedded vector database. Easy setup, Python-native, ideal for prototyping and small-scale applications.

## Pinecone

Managed vector database service. Scalable, fast, enterprise-ready with advanced filtering and hybrid search.

## Qdrant

High-performance vector search engine. Self-hosted or cloud, supports filtering, and offers excellent performance.

 **Agentic RAG** enhances traditional RAG with self-improving retrieval. Agents analyze queries, select optimal retrieval strategies, evaluate result quality, and iteratively refine searches for better accuracy and relevance.

# Modules 5 & 6: Production Deployment & Agentic AI

## Streamlit

Python framework for rapid AI app development. Simple syntax, interactive widgets, automatic reloading. Ideal for prototypes and internal tools.

## Gradio

Create ML interfaces with minimal code. Supports various input/output types, shareable links, and easy deployment. Perfect for demos and testing.

## LangGraph Platform

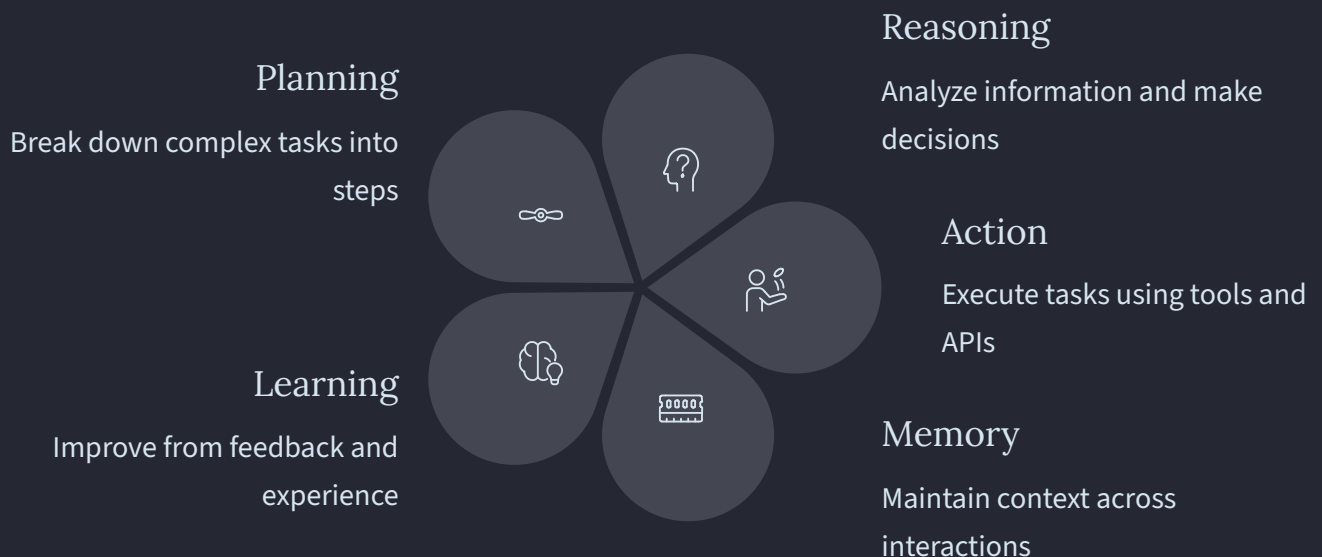
Production-grade deployment for LangGraph applications. Managed infrastructure, scaling, monitoring, and enterprise features.

## Cost Optimization Strategies

Use the right model size for each task, optimize prompts, and batch or cache repeated queries. Stream long responses, monitor token usage, and leverage fine-tuned models for specific domains.

## AI Governance & Compliance

The EU AI Act enforces risk-based AI regulation, ensuring GDPR-compliant data use, transparent and explainable decisions, and fair outputs.



## Monitoring & Observability

Monitor API latency, response times, and token usage while logging all requests and responses. Track output quality, alert on errors or anomalies, and analyze user feedback.

## Enterprise Integration

Enable secure access with SSO and RBAC, integrate with tools like Slack or Teams, and use API gateways for rate limiting.

# Modules 7 & 8: LangGraph Workflows & Patterns

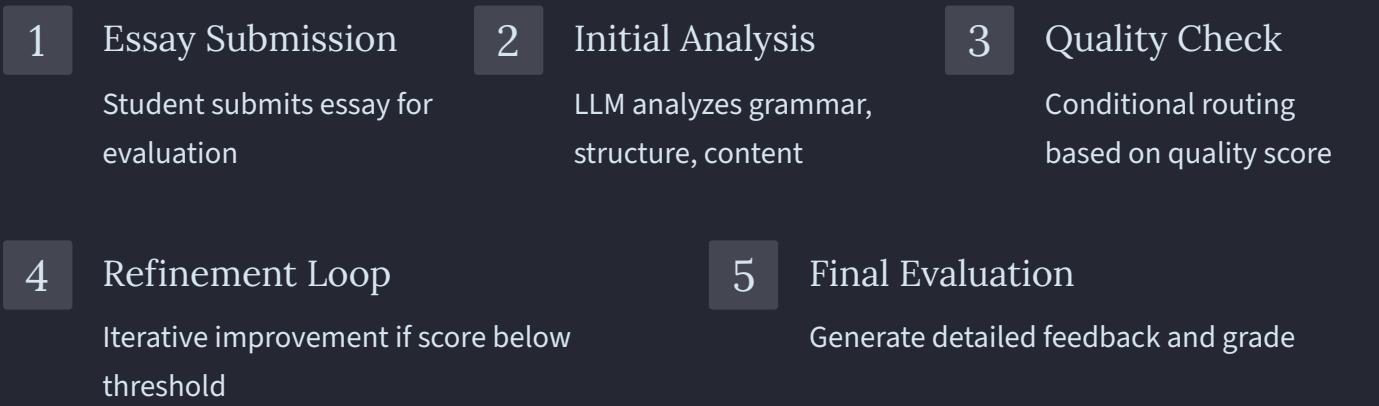



## LangGraph 1.0 Features

**Node Caching, Pre/Post Hooks, Type Safety, Streaming, Parallel Execution, Conditional Routine, Iterative Loops**

## Advanced Workflow Patterns

**Decision Trees, Refinement Loops, Quality Gates, Multi-Stage Approval, Parallel Analysis, Error Recovery, Human-in-the-Loop**



 **Customer Feedback Routing:** LangGraph workflows analyze customer feedback sentiment, classify issues by category, route to appropriate departments, prioritize based on urgency, and track resolution status—all automated with conditional logic and parallel processing.



# Modules 9, & 10: Production Agentic Systems

## Durable State Management

Persist workflow state across sessions and failures. Enable long-running processes, resume after interruptions, and maintain context for multi-day workflows. PostgreSQL and Redis provide reliable storage.

## Human-in-the-Loop (HITL)

Integrate human decision points in automated workflows. Pause for approval, gather feedback, handle exceptions, and ensure compliance. Essential for high-stakes decisions and regulatory requirements.

## Multi-Agent System Design

Specialized Agents, Coordination, Communication, Task Decomposition, Result Aggregation, Conflict Resolution

## Google A2A Protocol

Standardize agent communication for seamless interoperability, secure access, capability discovery, task delegation, result sharing, and reliable error recovery.

## LangSmith Observability

Comprehensive monitoring and debugging. Trace every LLM call, visualize workflow execution, analyze costs, identify bottlenecks, and optimize performance.

## MCP Security Model

Model Context Protocol security ensures safe tool access. Sandboxed execution, permission management, audit logging, and threat detection protect systems.

## Prompt Injection Prevention

Defend against malicious prompts attempting to manipulate agent behaviour. Input validation, output filtering, and context isolation prevent attacks.

## Agent Guardrails & Safety

Ensure safe and reliable operation through input validation, content filtering, rate limits, sensitive data detection, bias mitigation.

## Compliance & Audit Trails

Track all agent actions, data changes, and version history, while generating compliance reports, supporting audits.

99.9%

Uptime

<100ms

Latency

100%

Audit Coverage