**“uTest” Basic Knowledge**

**What is Software Testing?**

Software testing is the process in which the features and functionalities of a product are evaluated with the intent of locating all defects and errors within the product.

**Why is Software Testing important?**

Software testing helps to identify the defects and errors that were made during the development phases of a product. Software testing enables developers to produce high quality products for their users that are free from defects in the features, functionalities and process flows of the product.

**What is a Software Tester?**

A software tester is a person that uses and evaluates a product to identify the defects and errors within the product.

**Crowd testing** is when a group of people test the same product in real world scenarios to provide insights (информацию) and feedback about the product.

**The Projects page**

is the central location for all your Test Cycles, Test Cases, and Bug activity. Where you will operate and earn for your work.  
The Projects page can be opened by clicking on the Projects dropdown itself.

In the top right corner, there is the pending payment information: the amount of payment and the date when it is transferred to your wallet if you have set up your payment method.

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In the middle, you can see the Test Cycles section. It has the following tabs:

**Invited** - Test cycles list you are invited to, but not accepted yet by you.

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**Pending** (в ожидании) - Test cycles list which are not active at the moment, but they are scheduled to start later at some point. During Pending Activation status, testers can read all available information but Issues/ Test Cases cannot be submitted.

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**Active** - Test cycles accepted by you in which you can participate currently.

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**Locked** - Test cycles that are locked where you cannot report bugs or submit test cases, but you can edit your bug reports, test cases, or communicate in the chats.

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On the left side under the test cycles list there are recently opened paid projects you can apply for. You can view the list of all the open paid projects by clicking on the **View All Projects** button.

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On the right side you will see **test cycles and surveys you are invited to.** Note that the test cycles you are invited to will appear here and in the Invited tab.

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In case you have any unsubmitted test cases or there is any info requested or new messages on your test cases or issue reports, they will also appear here as a reminder until you do the needful

Notice the reminder to keep your devices up to date in the bottom-right corner.

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**Test Cycles**

This page lists all the test cycles you participated in and were invited to, as long as the cycles you were invited to are still in active or locked status. The test cycles list can be filtered by their status, searched by the cycle names or ID, and can be sorted according to table headers (e.g. ID, Test Cycle, Planned Start) whether in ascending or descending order. And you can view each test cycle in detail by clicking on them.

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**Issues**

Visit this page to view all issues reported in the test cycles you participated in. You can filter issues by their status, search by their title or ID, and sort them according to the table headers (e.g. ID, Value). Apart from that, you can also tick the checkboxes to search using only the issues’ titles, include the list of issues from the closed cycles, filter only to see the issues you reported, and include the issues which are either resolved or fixed. And you can open the issue in detail by clicking on the issue link.

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**Test Cases**

This page lists all the test cases you claimed and can be filtered by their status, searched by the test case names or ID, and can be sorted according to different table headers. You can open the test case page by clicking on the test case link.

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**Projects Board**

The Projects Board page shows only a small fraction of the paid project opportunities uTest has to offer. By default, you will see the projects that are best appropriate for you as per your tester profile. You can click the other tabs to filter the projects by urgent or to show all projects. You can also filter them according to the Country and Operating Systems. We recommend keeping your Tester Profile complete and up-to-date to increase your chance of being matched with paid project opportunities.

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