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With the rise of automation testing, it's easy to assume that manual testing is obsolete—but that's far from the truth. Manual testing remains a critical part of the software development lifecycle, complementing automation rather than competing with it. Here's why:

The Human Touch Matters

- **Exploratory Testing:** Automation can't replicate human intuition to uncover edge cases and unexpected bugs.
- **Usability and UX:** Evaluating user experience and design requires human judgment that no script can replace.
- **Ad-hoc Testing:** Quick, impromptu testing is often more efficient with manual methods.

Why Automation Alone Isn't Enough

- Automation shines in **repetitive, predictable tasks**, but it's less effective in dynamic or rapidly evolving projects.
- It requires **significant investment** in setup, maintenance, and predefined scenarios.

The Balance

Manual testing is ideal for early-stage validation, small projects, and usability insights. Automation excels in regression testing and scalability. Together, they create a robust testing strategy that ensures quality at every level.

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