Automation frame work is nothing but, a plan for automation testing of an application, like what should be automated, how it can be automated, including creation of compile modules, what are the scenarios that can be automated in the application.... what are all the test cases ....so before starting automation testing of any application we prepare automation frame work and depending on that we write scripts and perform automation testing.  
  
There are five kind of framework for any automation tools.

1. Test Modularity
2. Test Library Architecture
3. Keyword Driven framework
4. Data Driven framework (We generally use this framework with above mentioned three framework)
5. Hybrid Test Automation Framework.

The best one is 'Test Library Architecture'.   
In this you can maintain Application Library, Database Library, Error Handling, and General Library....etc.

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According to my knowledge, Frame work is nothing but, Making your automation process more user-friendly.  
  
For example:   
  
1. Create "Script" folder to place all the QTP script files.  
2. Create the "Data" folder to place the parameter content for the QTP script files.  
3. Create the "Output" folder, where the QTP should generate the each action output.  
  
With the above folders u can, instruct the QTP to run the scripts at run time.

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Any framework main aim is steps for automating process, this is mainly used for Automate any test cases i.e.: smoke, functional, integration....  
  
Eg: If we are doing automation with recoding process.  
  
First we need to Records the steps with respect to test case Requirement.  
Need to enhance the script and save the scripts specific location   
now go for execution   
analyzing the Results file.  
  
These are the main steps in Automation Frame work with respect to Automation tool few changes needs to do.

Framework means providing the communication between all resources for executing all test scripts.

**Find the QTP Framework:**   
  
**Linear Modularity QTP Framework:**  
  
Linear scripting approach is a **simple record and playback method** to automate a test flow / navigation of test cases.   
 **Structured**  
  
Structured scripting use control structures for the scripts. These control structures controls the flow of the test script / test case using 4GL Language.   
 **Shared**  
  
During the process of testing, there may be certain actions which need to be performed repeatedly. This type of action is particularly useful for testing a function or method. By pulling out common code into reusable functions and methods, and sharing them will improve productivity and the maintainability of the test scripts.   
  
**Keyword driven**  
  
The Keyword driven technique is used to create scripts in such a way so as to execute a particular test based on the keywords in the external data table rather than the code. The whole test set is driven by the Driver script and calls the corresponding intermediate level Script based on the keywords.