## Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) Waterfall QA Methodology

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### What is SDLC?

• The systems development life cycle (SDLC), also referred to as the Software development life-cycle, is a term used in information systems and software engineering to describe a process for planning, creating, testing, and deploying an information system.

Maintenance

Analysis

Planning

Design

Implementation

system.

## 6 Basic SDLC Methodolo



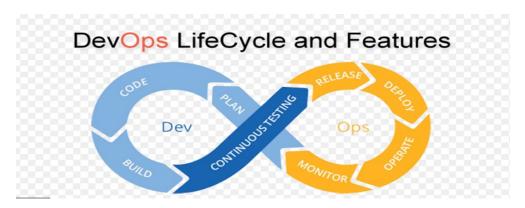
- 1. Waterfall: It is widely considered the oldest of the structured SDLC methodologies. It's also a very straightforward approach: finish one phase, then move on to the next. No going back.
  - Each stage relies on information from the previous stage and has its own project plan.
- 2. Agile: The Agile model has been around for about a decade. But lately, it has become a major driving force behind software development in many organizations.
  - Some businesses value the Agile methodology so much that they are now applying it to other types of projects, including **non-tech initiatives**

## 6 Basic SDLC Methodologies (Continued)

- 3. DevOps: The DevOps methodology is the newcomer to the SDLC scene. It emerged from two trends:
  - The application of Agile and Lean practices to operations work
  - The general shift in business toward seeing the value of collaboration between development and operations staff at all stages of the SDLC process

### More on the DevOps Model...

- The high pace of code builds per day delivering stability and reliability.
- The DevOps model is to:
  - 1. Development writes the code
  - 2. Development **Automatically deploys** the code into the Automated Test environment
  - 3. Test **team execute Automated** Tests
  - 4. **Deploys into the production** environment

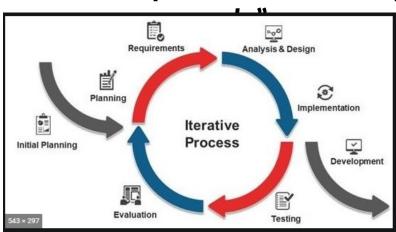


## Top 6 Basic SDLC Methodologies (Continued)

- 4. Lean: The Lean model for software development is inspired by lean manufacturing practices and principles.
  - The seven Lean principles are:
    - Eliminate waste
    - Amplify learning
    - Decide as late possible
    - Deliver as fast as possible
    - Empower the team
    - Build integrity in
    - and see the whole

## Top 6 Basic SDLC Methodologies (Continued)

- 5. Iterative: The Iterative model is repetition incarnate. Instead of starting with fully known requirements, project teams implement a set of software requirements, then test, evaluate and pinpoint further requirements.
- "A new version of the software is produced with each phase, or iteration. Rinse and repeat until the complete system is



# Top 6 Basic SDLC Methodologies (Continued)

- 6. Spiral: One of the most flexible SDLC methodologies, the Spiral model takes a cue from the Iterative model and its repetition; the project passes through four phases:
  - Planning
  - Risk Analysis
  - Engineering
  - Evaluation

over and over in a "spiral" until completed, allowing for multiple rounds of refinement.

 Spiral Model is a combination of a waterfall model and iterative model.



# The Definition of the Business Requirements

 Business requirements describe the characteristics of the proposed system from the viewpoint of end user like a Concept of Operations.

• Business Requirements define what the system should do from the Business (end user) perspective.



For Example:

As a Product Owner, I would like to let our customers know about our promotions once they purchase any of our B2B Services.

## The Definition of the Functional Requirements

- A functional requirement, in software and systems engineering, is a declaration of the intended function of a system and its components.
- Based on functional requirements, an engineer determines
  the behavior (output) that a device or software is expected
  to exhibit in the case of a certain input.



# More on Functional Requirements...

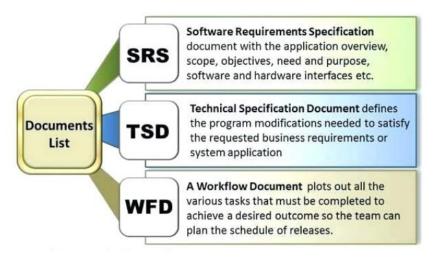
- Functional Requirements describe how the features of a product must behave.
- A Developer can implement the functional requirements to enable the user to accomplish his/her tasks.
- Example:

After the user confirms the purchase of the eService, prompt the user with a list of top 10 of our products in an alphabetical order.



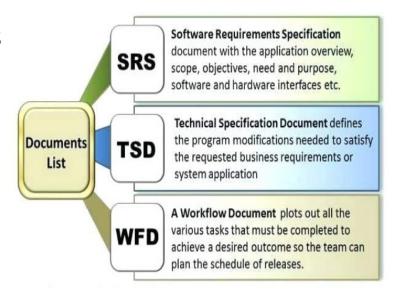
# Technical Specification Document (TSD)

- A **technical specification document** defines the requirements for a project, product, or system.
- A specification is the information on technical design, development, and procedures related to the requirements it outlines.



## Technical Specification Document (TSD)

- It describes the
  - System Architecture
  - System Design Considerations Inputs/Outputs
  - Database Design
  - APIs
  - Communications Protocols
  - Security Architecture
  - Data Formatting
  - Choice of the Technology
  - and etc.



# **Example of System Architecture Diagram**

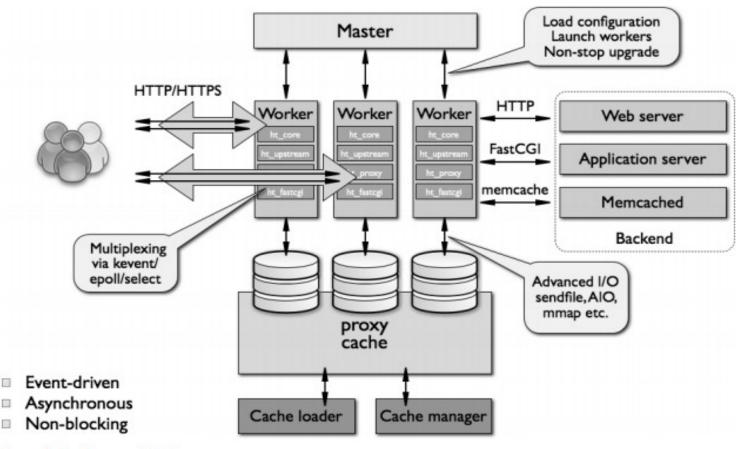
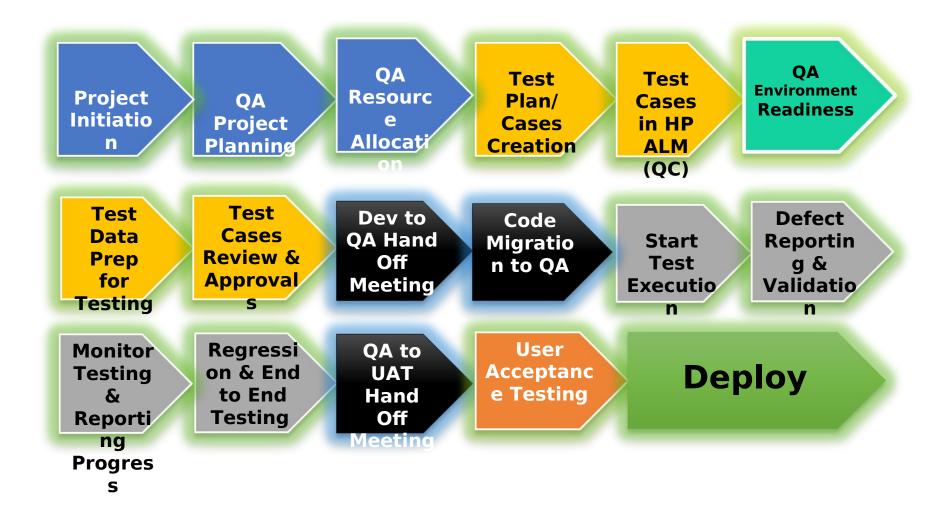


Figure 4: Hardware architecture

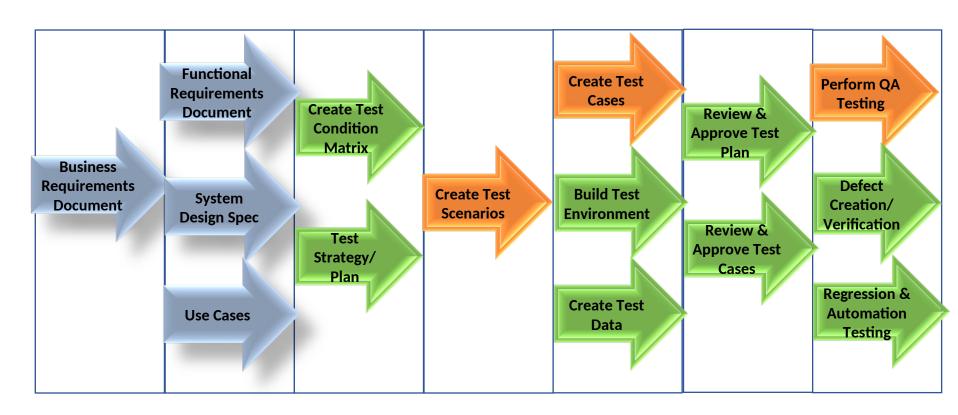
Table 4: Systems descriptions

## A Simplistic QA Workflow (Waterfall)



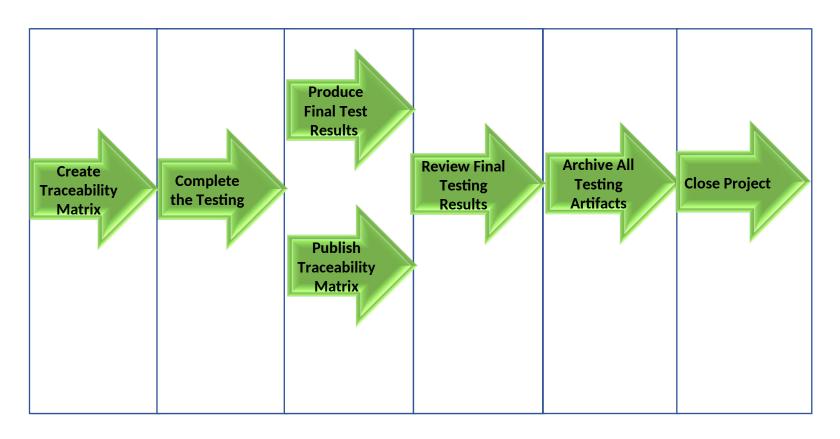
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### **QA Testing during different phases**



### **Test Creation/Project Closure**

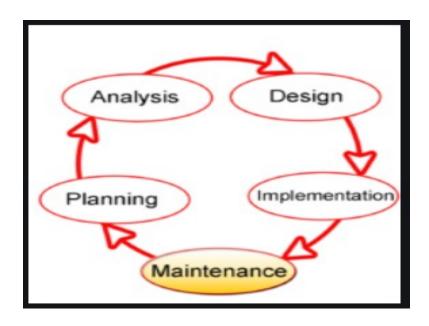
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### Waterfall Methodology Stages

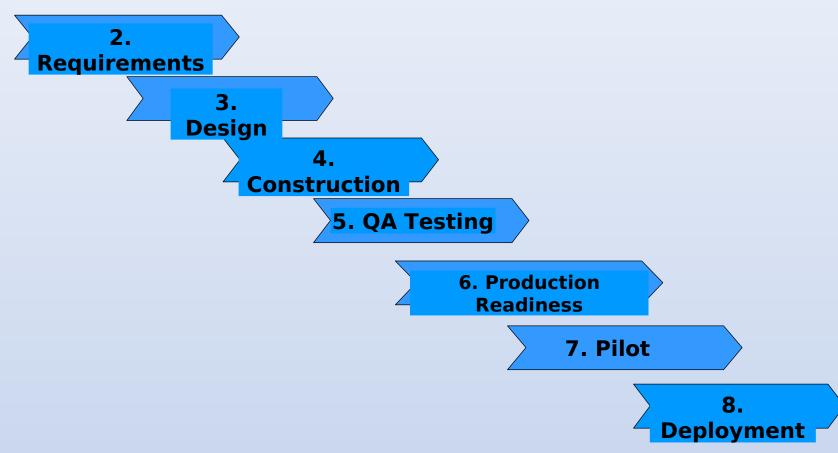
### **Sample Phases:**

- 1.Initiation
- 2. Requirements gathering
- 3.Design
- 4.Implementation (Construction)
- 5.QA Testing
- **6.Production Readiness**
- 7.Pilot
- 8.Deployment
- 9. Maintenance

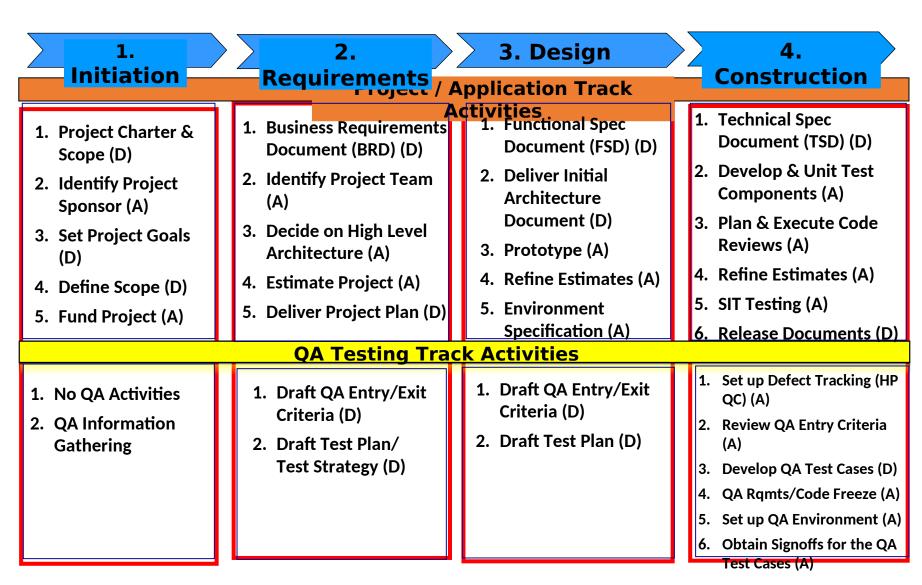


# Software Development Life Cycle at a Glance

#### 1. Initiation



### SDLC- "Waterfall" Methodology



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#### 5. QA Testing 6. Production 8. 7. Pilot **Readiness Deployment Project/Application Track Activities** 1. Perform Testing (A) 1. Deploy Application 1. Fvaluate 1. Develop Cutover (A) Application (A) 2. Triage, Fix, Regress Checklist (A) Bugs (A) 2. Deploy Training 2. Evaluate Training 2. Create Install Plan Materials (A) Materials (A) 3. Develop Cutover (A) Plan (A) 3. End-User Training 3. Evaluate End-User 3. Design Deployment (A) Training (A) 4. Develop Pilot Plan Strategy (A) 4. Fstablish Feedback 4. Evaluate Process 4. Determine Pilot Loop (A) Changes (A) 5. Review QA Exit facilities (A) Criteria (A) **QA Testing Track Activities** 1. Execute 1. Provide QA 1. Provide QA 1. Develop a - Functional Testing (A) **Support Support Production Sanity** - QA Interface Testing (A) Check 2. Perform a 2. Perform a - End-End Testing (A) **Production Sanity Production** - Performance Testing (A) **Sanity Check** Check - UAT Testing (A) 1. Document QA Test Results (D, A) Log/Verify Defects in the **Test Management Tool**

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# What is a Test Plan or a Test Strategy Document?

- **Test Plan is a dynamic document**. The success of a testing project depends upon a well-written Test Plan document that is current at all times.
- Test Plan is more or less like a blueprint of how the testing activity is going to take place in a project.
- The Test Plan is shared with the Business Analysts, Project Managers, Dev team and the other teams. This helps to enhance the <u>level of transparency</u> of the QA team's work to the external teams.
- It is documented by the QA lead based on the inputs from the QA team members.
- The more detailed and comprehensive the plan is, the more successful will be the testing activity.



### **The Test Plan Sections**

**□Defect Severities/Processes** 

☐Test Plan/ Test Strategy is a document that outlines the ☐Scope of testing ☐Testing Schedules □Roles and Responsibilities WHERE A Test Plan ☐Testing Phases WHY □ Features to be Tested (in scope ☐Features not to be tested (out · Test Planning at Each Phase of SDLC · What is Included in a Test Plan WHAT **□QA Entrance Criteria** · Sample Test Plan Document **□QA Exist Criteria** ww.SoftwareTestingHelp.com **□**Dependencies □ Risks

Developed by the Lead QA, reviewed by all members on the project team. Approved by the managers.

### **Testing Phases**

#### \*Unit Testing

Testing performed at the module level in the Development environment by the developers

### Systems Integration Testing (SIT)

Interface testing performed in the Development environment by the Business Systems Analysts and the developers

#### \*QA Functional Testing

• QA testing of the application functionality

#### •QA Interface Testing

Testing of the interfaces using the applications as the end points

### QA End to End Testing

Complete functional and Interface testing using business processes

#### \*User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

 User Acceptance Testing using business processes (performed by the UAT team)

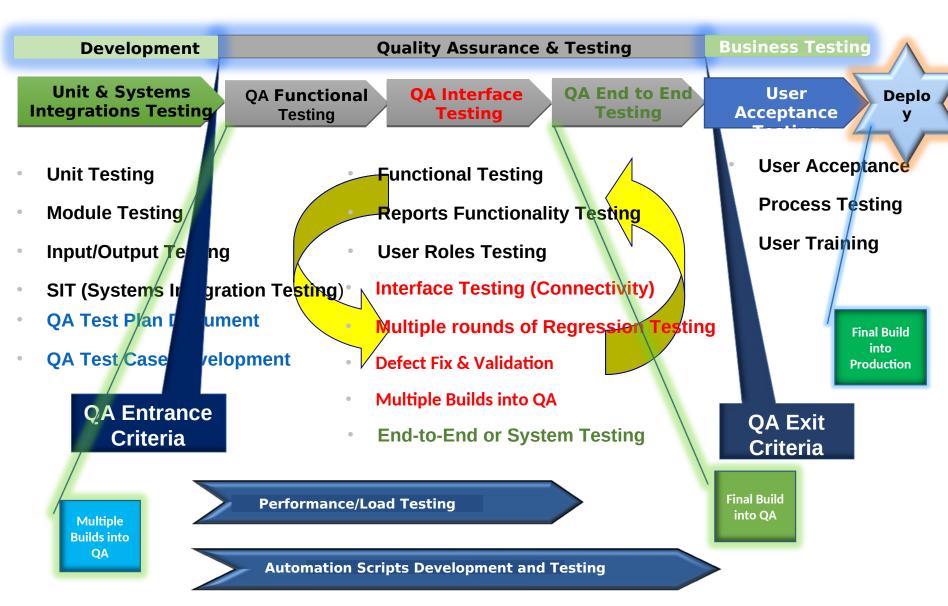
## More Testing Related Definitions...

- Smoke Testing is a type of software testing that comprises of a non-exhaustive set of tests that aim at ensuring that the most important functions work. A.K.A "Build Verification Testing".
  - The term 'smoke testing' is from a similar type of hardware testing, in which the device passes the test if it does not catch fire (or smoke) the first time it is turned on.

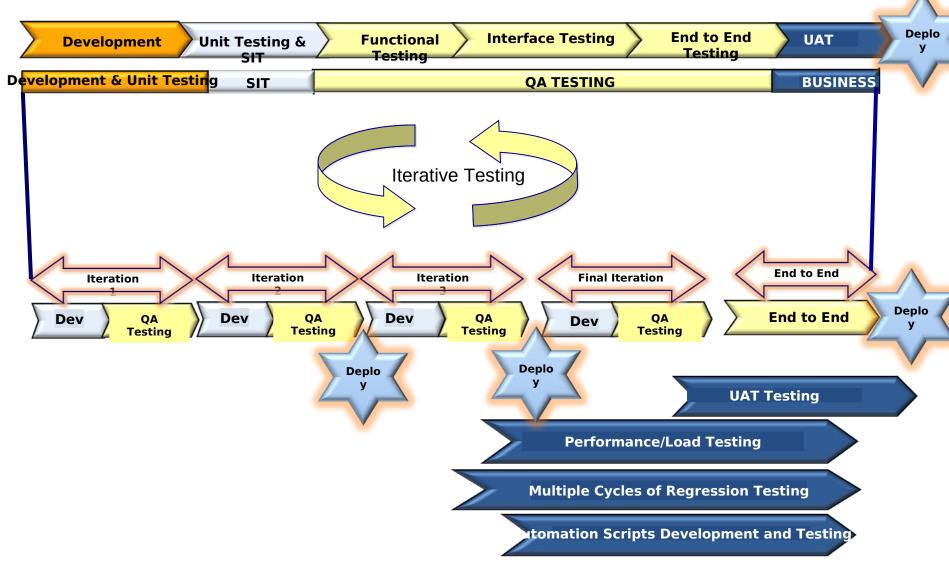


- **REGRESSION TESING** is to ensures any changes made to a **Build** did not negatively impact any of the functionality of the site or an application.
  - It is a much deeper level testing, and it is usually primed for test automation.
- A Build is a versioned release of a software that has been built and is being delivered to QA for testing. All Builds have specific release numbers for identification purposes (e.g., Release 5.1)

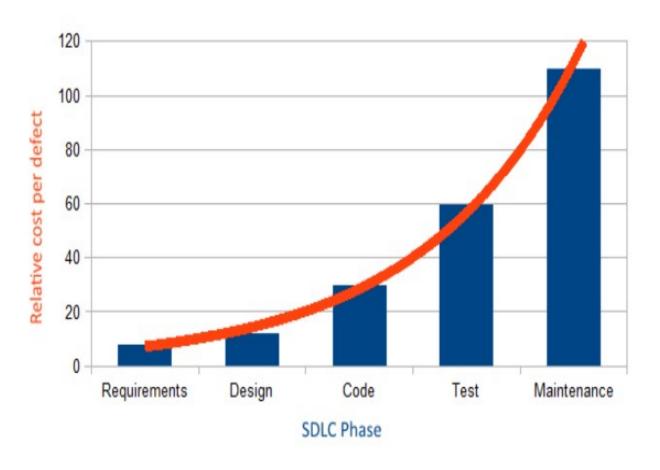
### Waterfall Testing Methodology



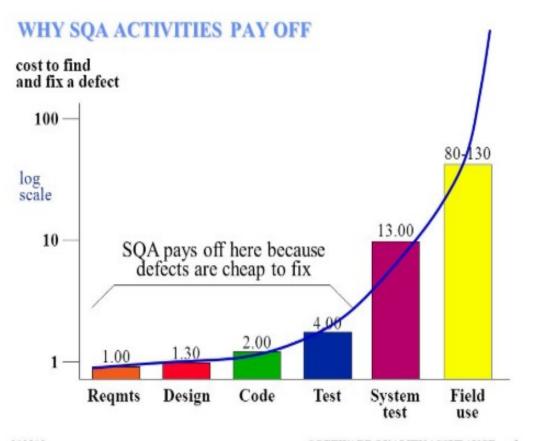
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Cost of Defects



#### Cost of Defects -Another View



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### **Traceability Matrix**

#### Purpose:

• The purpose of the Requirements **Traceability Matrix** is to ensure that all requirements defined for a system are tested in the test protocols.

#### • Why is it Important?

- 1.To ensure that All of the requirements have been mapped to the test cases for a complete testing coverage.
- 2. When requirements change midway through a project, a **traceability matrix** allows you to identify all of the impacted workflows, test cases, training materials, software code, etc.

#### What does it Map?:

**Business Requirements -> Functional Requirements -> Test Cases -> Defects** 

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## **Traceability Matrix**

	REQUIREMENTS TRACEABILITY MATRIX  Test Case  Project Name: Online Flight Booking Application  ID #										
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Business Requirement ID	Susiness Use case		Functional Requirement / Use Case	Priority	Test ase ID#						
BR_1	Reservation Module	FR_1	One Way Ticket booking	High	TC#001 TC#002						
		FR_2	Round Way Ticket		TC#003 TC#004						
		FR_3	Multicity Ticket booking	Hir	TC#005 TC#006						
BR_2	Payment Modu	FR_4	By Credit Card		TC#007 TC#008						
One B	usiness Requirement	FR_5	One Function		TC#009						
	<u>Many</u> Functional rements Relationship	FR_6	By Re Requirement to Test Cases Relat		TC#010 TC#011						

### RACI chart

- **RACI chart** shows the roles of the resources on a project. It is a Project Management task:
  - R = Responsible Those who do the work to complete the task. There is at least one role with a participation type of responsible, although others can be delegated to assist in the work required.
  - A = Accountable The one ultimately accountable for the correct and thorough completion of the deliverable or task. An accountable must sign off (approve) work that responsible provides.
  - C = Consulted Those whose opinions are sought, typically subject matter experts (SME); and with whom there is two-way communication.
  - I = Informed Those who are kept up-to-date on progress, often only on completion of the task or deliverable; and with whom there is just one-way communication.

### Responsibility Assignment Matrix - RACI Chart

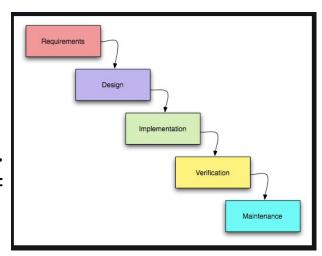
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Risk Management		1	1	Q						A								R		
Quality Management			R	C						R								2 1		A
Procurement				R		Q				R								R		A
1. Specifications Listing								A		R								R		R
2. Site Requirements		C	Α	R	Q						R									
3. Call for Tenders				Q	Α	R	C				R							R		
4. Budget Approval				Α	Q					R							R			R
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<sup>\*</sup> R - Responsible (works on), A - Accountable, C - Consulted, I - Informed, Q - Quality Reviewer

# Pros and Cons of Waterfall Methodology

#### • Pros:

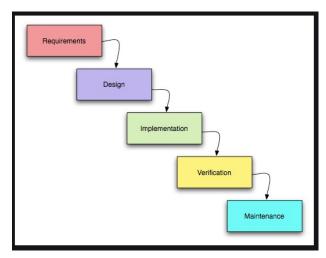
- Everyone understands the objectives through the technical documentation.
- Timelines are more achievable due to the "phased" development.
- Costs can be estimated more accurately once the requirements have been defined.
- The **testing is easier** due to the creation of the various documentation.
- The **outcome** is very **clear**.
- The documentation **drives the testing**, and the planning can be done more accurately.



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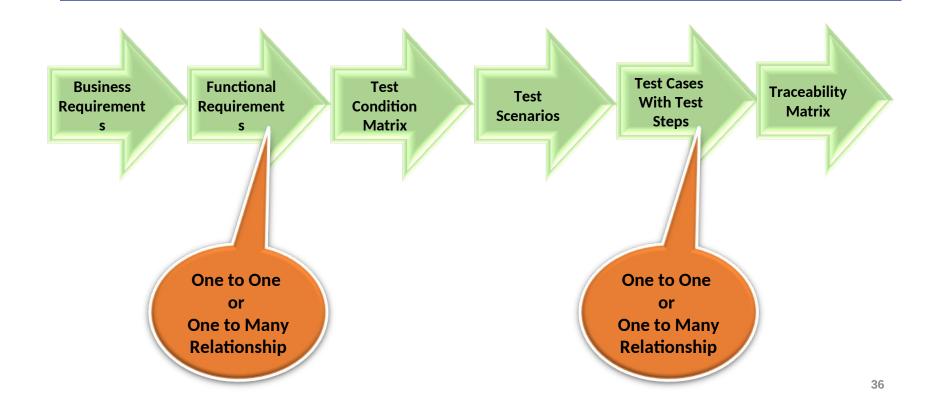
#### • Cons:

- No flexibility. Everything is locked down.
- Difficult to make changes to the requirements.
- Longer delivery time.
- **Dependency** of each phase on another phase.
- The user's **involvement is very minimal** in the process.
- The users' needs may have changed since the beginning of the project.



# A Summary of the Testing Artifacts

To create Test Cases for a project a QA tester needs the Functional Requirements document



# What is a Test Management Tool?

- Test Management Tools are used to store information on how testing is to be done, plan testing activities and report the status of quality assurance activities.
- The tools have <u>different approaches</u> to testing and thus have different sets of features.
- A Test Management tool for testing is <u>Mandatory</u>.



#### Two Examples:

- Quality Center ALM
- Jira
- TestRail

### **Test Management**



#### Why Needed?

- To create and store the Business and Functional Requirements.
- To create and store the test cases based on the requirements.
- Allows <u>mapping</u> of the **Requirements to Test Cases** (Traceability Matrix).
- Allows the execution of the manual or automated test cases.
- Allows the storage of the test results/test snapshots.
- Create reports on the testing progress.
- Management of the Defect Workflow.
- **To store** the Testing Artifacts (Actual Results, Screen Shots, Defects and etc.)

## **Quality Tools**

#### **HP ALM (Formerly QC)**

- Ability to create re-usable test cases and execute manual or automated tests
- Ability to manage defects and trace defects to tasks, tests and requirements
- Sprinter to run the test cases more efficiently

Aicro Focus Application ife Cycle Management Converting to TestRail

#### **HP Performance Center (Load Runner)**

- Allows integration with ALM (QC)
- Allows flexibility with 2 controllers running with 1800 Vusers
- Allows centralization of the load testing
- Currently using Performance Center for a number of projects in the IT
- 1800 Web Virtual User Licenses
- 500 Flash Virtual User Licenses

Micro Focus Unified

Functional Testing

#### **HP UFT (Formerly QTP)**

- •Automate testing of multi-layer test scenarios, including GUI and API testing
- •Easy conversion of manual tests to automated tests
- •Framework definition for better test management with tight integration to HP Business Process Testing and HP Application Lifecycle Management

Micro Focus
Performance Center
(HP PC 11.5)

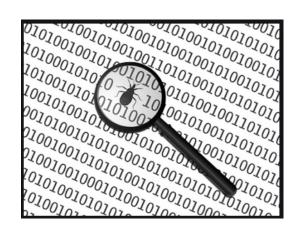
### What is a defect?



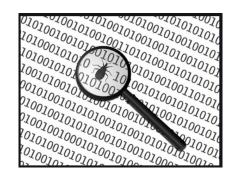
- A **defect** is an **error in coding or logic** that causes a program to malfunction or to produce incorrect/unexpected results.
- Defects are found during different cycles of testing, especially in the QA cycle.
- A Defect can be found in many different situations:
  - When the <u>Actual Results deviate from the Expected Results</u> of a test case.
  - When an <u>error message</u> in a program or a system is displayed on the screen.
  - When the <u>performance of a function</u> is not within the SLA (Service Level Agreement)
  - A "crash" during the execution of a function.
  - And more....

# **Defect Life Cycle and the Defect Fields**

- Defect ID The unique identification number
- Reported Date The Date when the bug is reported
- Reported By The details of the tester who reported the bug like Name and ID
- Status The Status of the defect like <u>New</u>,
   <u>Assigned</u>, <u>Open</u>, <u>Retest</u>, <u>Verification</u>,
   <u>Closed</u>, <u>Failed</u>, <u>Deferred</u>, etc.
- **Version Found In** The product version of the application in which the defect is found.



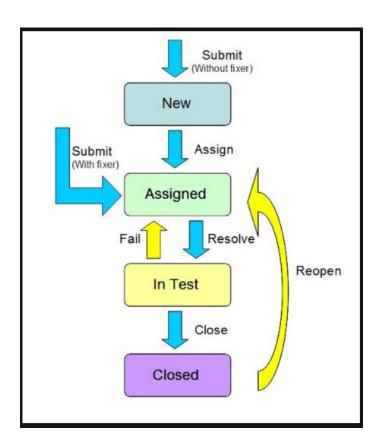
### **Defect Fields...**



- **Defect Description** The <u>abstract of the issue</u>. This includes the detailed steps of the issue with the screenshots attached so that developers can recreate it.
- Fixed by The details of the developer who fixed it like Name and ID
- Date Closed The Date when the bug is closed
- **Severity** Shows the impact of the defect or bug in the software application. <u>Critical</u>, <u>Major or Minor</u>.
- **Priority** The order of fixing the defect can be made. <u>High</u>, <u>Medium and Low</u>.

# **Defect Severity vs. Defect Priority**

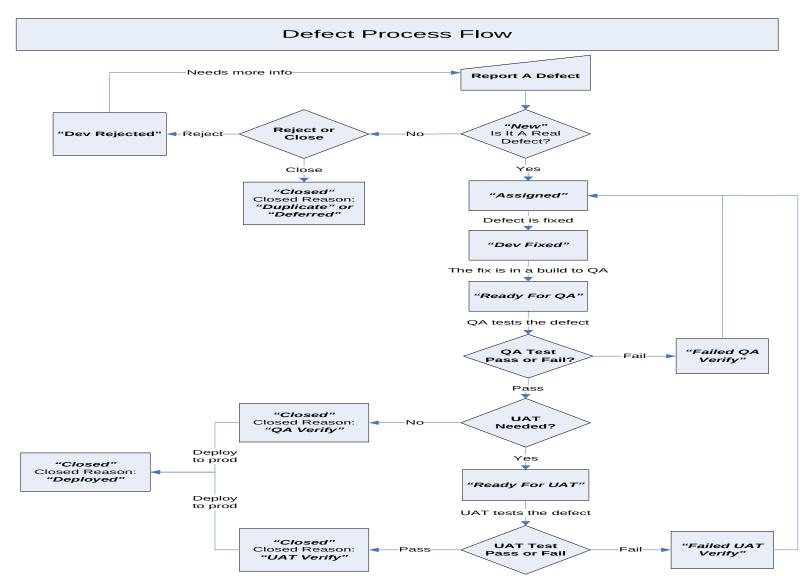
- Defect Severity is the degree of impact that a defect has on the system; whereas, Bug Priority is the order of severity which has impacted the system.
- The QA Tester may set up the Defect Impact/Severity:
  - Critical
  - Major
  - Minor
  - Low
- The **Product Manager** may set up the Defect Priority:
  - Severe
  - High
  - Medium
  - Low



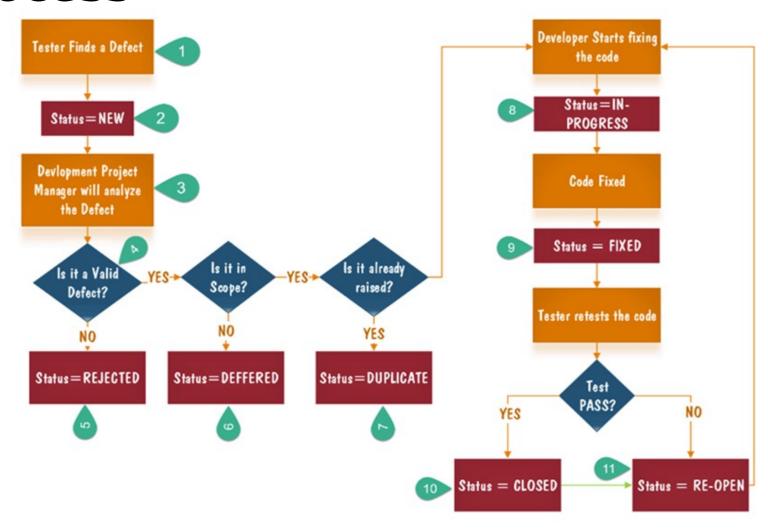
### **Defect Process & Statuses**

Status	Description
New	This defect has been discovered and reported
Assigned	This defect has been <b>Assigned</b> to a development resource for investigation
Dev Fixed	A development resource has solved the issue but the defect is not yet associated with a build
Dev Rejected	The Developer has rejected the defect because either he/she did not understand the steps and requires more information, or was not able to reproduce the problem.
Ready For QA	The fix for this defect has been introduced into a build and is pending verification by QA tester.
Closed	This defect has been <b>Closed</b> by QA to remove it from process consideration (The Closed Reason must be filled out)
Closed Reason: Deferred Documentation Duplicate Not a Bug QA Verified	The reason for the defect closure. Mandatory field
Failed QA Verify	The fix for this defect has been tested but has Failed Verificationit is still a defect.

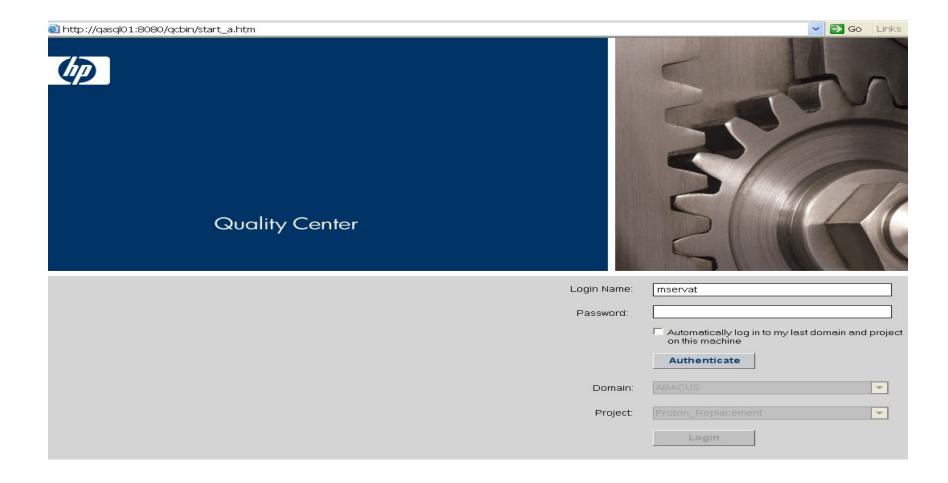
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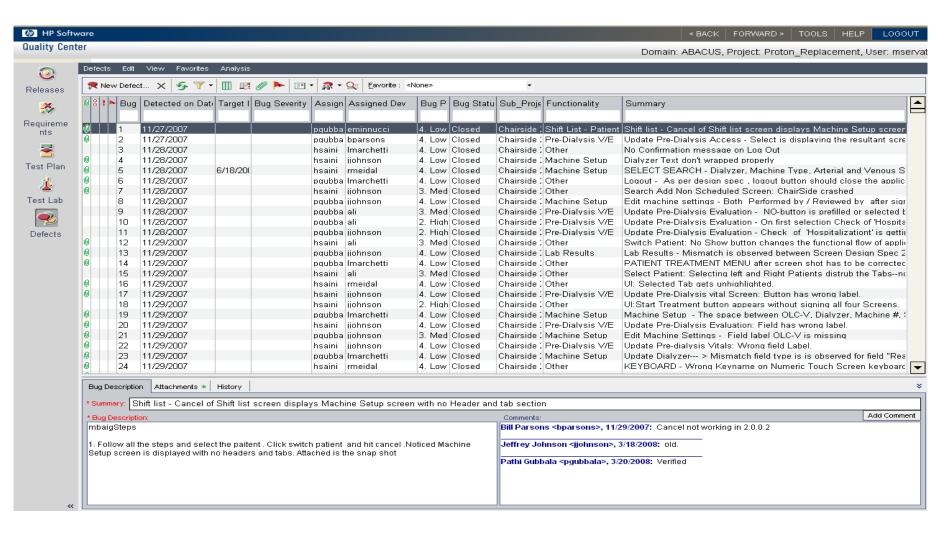
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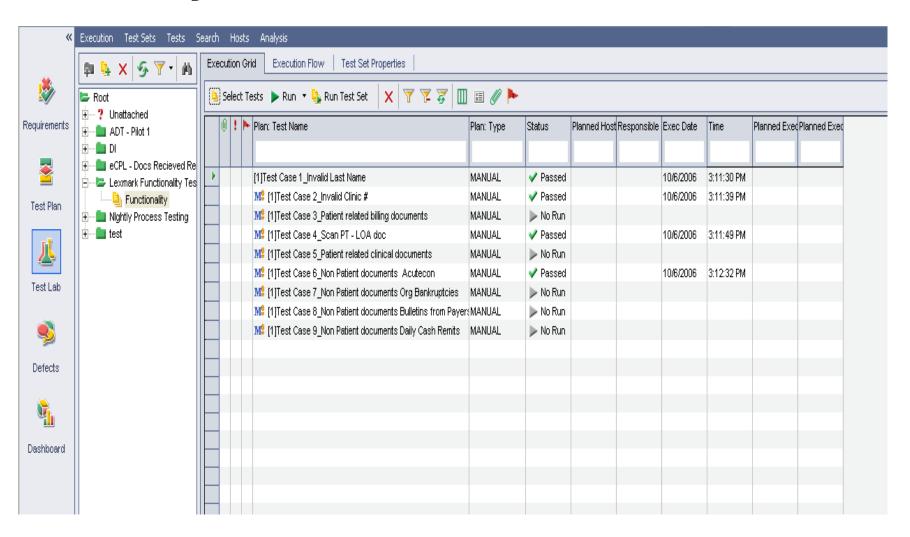
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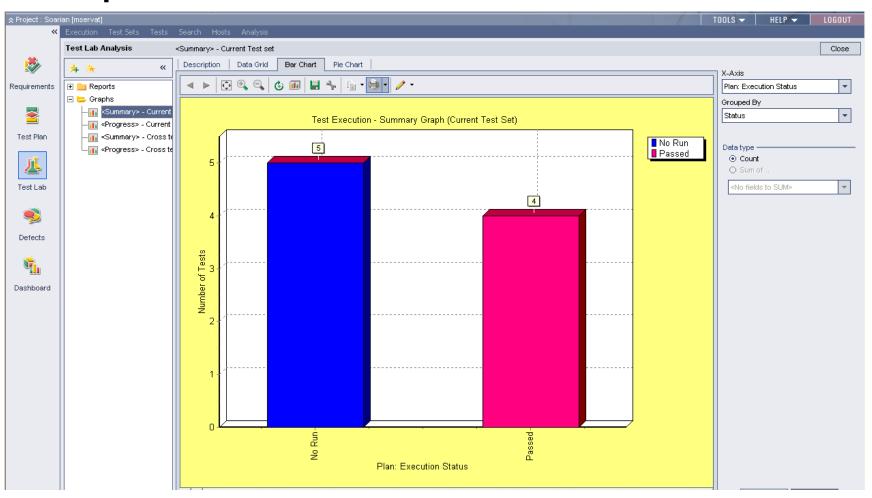
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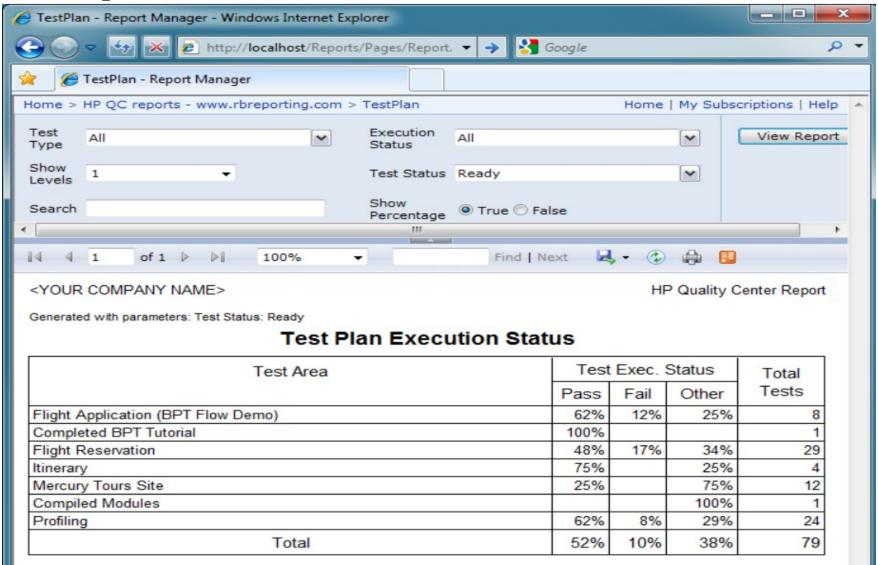
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# Quality Center – Reporting & Graphs



# **ALM Test Plan Execution Status Report**



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