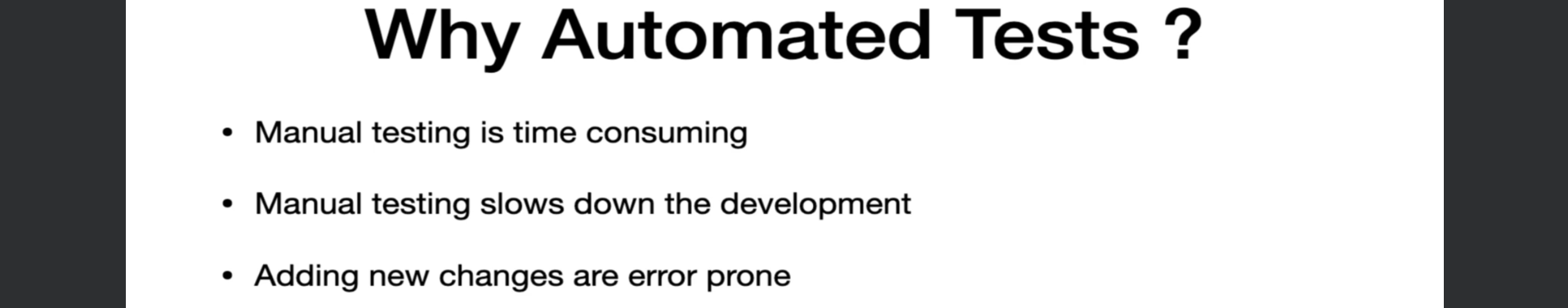
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2. **Why do we need Automated Tests?**
3. This lecture is not about Kafka but gives us a generalized idea about why we need Automated Tests.
4. Mentor: After this lecture, I guarantee you that you will have a different perspective if you are not accustomed to writing Automated Tests.  
   You are welcome to move on to next lecture if you already know about the benefits of having **Automated Tests as part of your build process**.
5. Until now we were testing our code and validating the outcome by manually invoking the endpoint using the CURL Command and validating whether the message reached the Kafka topic or not by spinning up the Kafka Consumer which is time consuming.
6. Adding new code or modifying the existing one also challenging as it may introduce new bugs.   
   
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