

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROCESS AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Lecture 1 – Introduction to Software Testing





What is Software Quality?

Quality is conformance to requirements (Producer View)

- Philip Crosby

Quality is fit for use (Customer View)

- Joseph Juran & Edwards Deming



What is Software Testing?

 Software testing is the process of evaluating a software application to identify defects and ensure it meets quality standards.



Importance of Software Testing for Quality

- Helps detect defects early
- Ensures software meets business and user needs
- Improves reliability, security, and maintainability
- Reduces post-release failures and maintenance costs



What happens when software testing is not done properly?

- Windows 10 Update Deletes User Files (2018)
 - Read More
- Knight Capital Trading Glitch (2012) \$440
 Million Loss in 45 Minutes –Read More
- NASA's Mars Climate Orbiter (1999) \$327
 Million Lost Read More







How is Software Testing Done?

- Manual Testing: Performed without automation tools
- Automated Testing: Uses scripts and tools
- Static Testing: Reviews and inspections
- Dynamic Testing: Executing test cases







Basic Terminology in Software Testing

- Bug/Defect: A flaw causing incorrect results
- Test Case: Set of conditions for testing
- Test Plan: Strategy for testing
- Validation: Ensures software meets user needs
- Verification: Ensures software meets requirements



Types of Software Testing

- 1. Functional Testing:
- Unit Testing
- Integration Testing
- System Testing
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT)



Types of Software Testing

- 2. Non-Functional Testing:
 - Performance Testing
 - Security Testing
 - Usability Testing
 - Compatibility Testing







Software Testing Principles

- Testing shows presence of defects, not absence
- Exhaustive testing is impossible
- Early testing saves time & cost
- Defect clustering
- Pesticide paradox
- Testing is context-dependent
- Absence of errors is a fallacy



Software Testing Process

- Requirement Analysis
- Test Planning
- Test Case Development
- Test Execution
- Defect Reporting
- Test Closure



Common Challenges in Software Testing

- Changing requirements
- Time constraints
- Complexity in large software systems
- Defect leakage
- Need for skilled testers







Conclusion

 Software testing is critical for ensuring quality, reliability, and security. Understanding principles, types, and processes helps teams build better software.



