Module -4

- Testing automation
- Defect life cycle
- Regression testing
- Testing non-functional requirements.

Testing Automation

- Automation Testing or Test Automation is a software testing technique that performs using special automated testing software tools to execute a test case suite.
- On the contrary, **Manual Testing** is performed by a human sitting in front of a computer carefully executing the test steps.
- Test automation is the process of performing software testing activities with little or no human interaction, in order to achieve greater speed and efficiency.

Types of Automation Tests

- Unit Testing
- Functional Testing
- Integration Testing
- Regression Testing
- Smoke Testing Smoke testing is performed to examine whether the deployed build is stable or not.

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Test Automation is the best way to increase the effectiveness, test coverage, and execution speed in software testing.

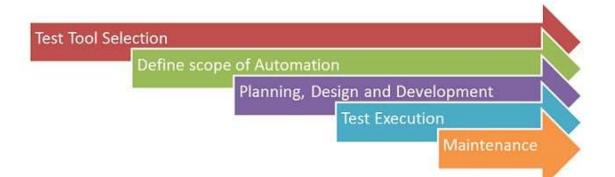
- Automated software testing is important due to the following reasons:
 - 1. Manual Testing of all workflows, all fields, all negative scenarios is time and money consuming
 - 2. It is difficult to test for multilingual sites manually
 - 3. Test Automation does not require Human intervention.
 You can run automated test unattended (overnight)
 - 4. Test Automation increases the speed of test execution
 - 5. Automation helps increase Test Coverage
 - 6. Manual Testing can become boring and hence error-prone.

Which Test Cases to Automate?

- Test cases to be automated can be selected using the following criterion
 - 1. High Risk Business Critical test cases
 - 2. Test cases that are repeatedly executed
 - 3. Test Cases that are very tedious or difficult to perform manually
 - 4. Test Cases which are time-consuming
- The following category of test cases are not suitable for automation:
 - 1. Test Cases that are newly designed and not executed manually at least once
 - 2. Test Cases for which the requirements are frequently changing
 - 3. Test cases which are executed on an ad-hoc basis.

Automated Testing Process

- Following steps are followed in an Automation Process
- Step 1) Test Tool Selection
- Step 2) Define scope of Automation
- Step 3) Planning, Design and Develop.......
- Step 4) Test Execution
- Step 5) Maintenance



Benefits of Automation Testing

- 1. 70% faster than the manual testing
- 2. Wider test coverage of application features
- 3. Reliable in results
- 4. Ensure Consistency
- 5. Saves Time and Cost
- 6. Improves accuracy
- 7. Human Intervention is not required while execution
- 8. Increases Efficiency
- 9. Better speed in executing tests
- 10. Re-usable test scripts
- 11. Test Frequently and thoroughly
- 12. More cycle of execution can be achieved through automation
- 13. Early time to market

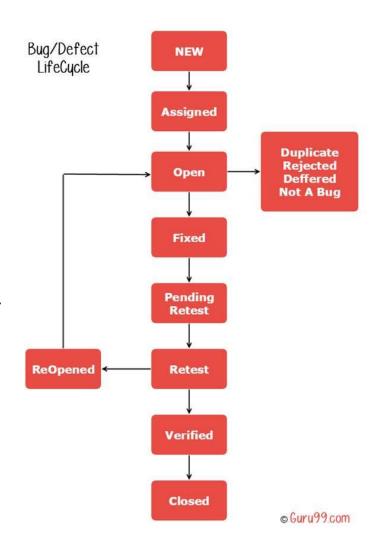


Defect life cycle

- Defect life cycle (Bug life cycle) is a cycle which a defect goes through different stages during its entire lifetime. (during testing process)
- It starts when defect is found (when reported by the tester) and ends when a tester ensures that a defect is closed, after ensuring that the issue is fixed and won't occur again.

- **Defect Status** (**Bug Status**) in defect life cycle is the present state from which the defect or a bug is currently undergoing.
- The goal of defect status is to precisely convey the current state or progress of a defect or bug in order to better track and understand the actual progress of the defect life cycle.

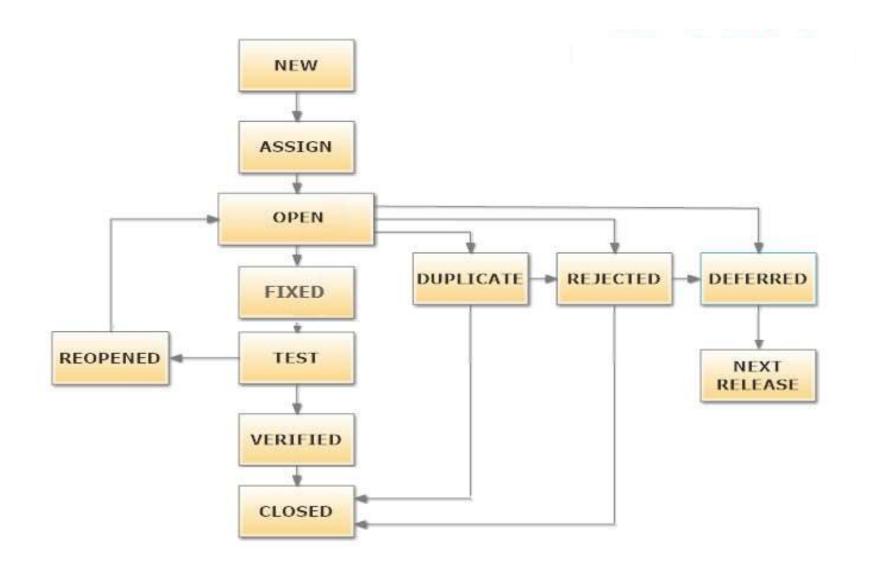
- The number of states that a defect goes through varies from project to project.
- Lifecycle diagram given here covers all possible states.
- New: When a new defect is logged and posted for the first time. It is assigned a status as NEW.
- **Assigned:** Once the bug is posted by the tester, the lead of the tester approves the bug and assigns the bug to the developer team
- Open: The developer starts analyzing and works on the defect fix



- **Fixed**: When a developer makes a necessary code change and verifies the change, he or she can make bug status as "Fixed."
- **Pending retest**: Once the defect is fixed the developer gives a particular code for retesting the code to the tester. Since the software testing remains pending from the testers end, the status assigned is "pending retest."
- **Retest**: Tester does the retesting of the code at this stage to check whether the defect is fixed by the developer or not and changes the status to "Re-test."

- Reopen: If the bug persists even after the developer has fixed the bug, the tester changes the status to "reopened". Once again the bug goes through the life cycle.
- Closed: If the bug is no longer exists then tester assigns the status "Closed."
- **Duplicate**: If the defect is repeated twice or the defect corresponds to the same concept of the bug, the status is changed to "duplicate."
- Verified: The tester re-tests the bug after it got fixed by the developer. If there is no bug detected in the software, then the bug is fixed and the status assigned is "verified."

- **Rejected**: If the developer feels the defect is not a genuine defect then it changes the defect to "rejected."
- **Deferred**: If the present bug is not of a prime priority and if it is expected to get fixed in the next release, then status "Deferred" is assigned to such bugs
- **Not a bug**: If it does not affect the functionality of the application then the status assigned to a bug is "Not a bug".

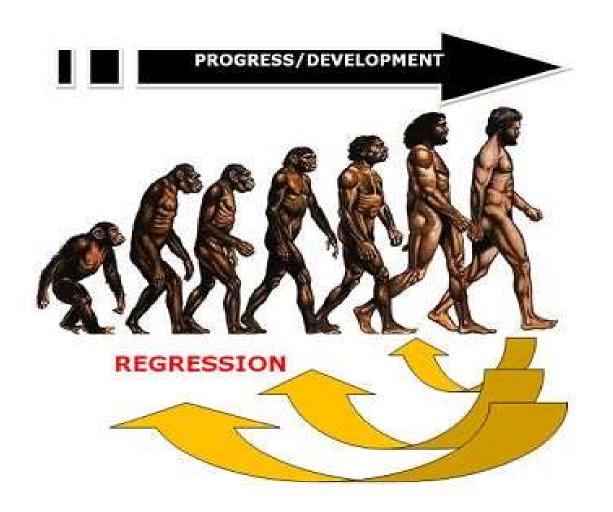


- In Agile development, testing needs to happen early and often.
- So, instead of waiting for development to be finished before testing begins, testing happens continuously as features are added.
- Tests are prioritized just like user stories.
- Testers aim to get through as many tests as they can in an iteration.

Regression Testing

- The purpose of regression testing is to verify if code change introduces issues/defects into the existing functionality.
- There are so many kinds of possible changes that can impact the existing functionality in an application system.
- Even the simplest change to the code could impact previously tested functionality.
- Regression testing is performed when there is a code change in a software application.

- **Regression testing:-** Test the program's entire functionality to see if any thing changed when you added new code to the project.
 - Regression testing (which can also be performed at the unit level) is used to validate the updated software against the old set of test cases that have already been passed.
 - Regression testing helps to ensure that changes (due to testing or for other reasons) do not introduce unintended behavior or additional errors.



Testing Non-Functional Requirements.

- NON-FUNCTIONAL TESTING is defined as a type of Software testing to check non-functional aspects (performance, usability, reliability, etc) of a software application.
- It is designed to test the readiness of a system as per non-functional parameters which are never addressed by functional testing.



Non Functional Testing Parameters

Non-functional testing includes:

- Baseline testing
- Compliance testing
- Documentation testing
- Endurance testing or reliability testing
- Load testing
- Localization testing and Internationalization testing
- Performance testing

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- **Performance and scalability.** How fast does the system return results? How much will this performance change with higher workloads?
- **Portability and compatibility.** Which hardware, operating systems, browsers, and their versions does the software run on? Does it conflict with other applications and processes within these environments?
- Reliability, availability, maintainability. How often does the system experience critical failures? and how much time is it available to users against downtimes?
- Security. How are the system and its data protected against attacks?
- Localization. Does the system match local specifics?
- Usability. How easy is it for a customer to use the system?