

# What is Software Testing?

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- Software testing can be stated as the process of verifying and validating whether a software or application is bug-free, meets the technical requirements as guided by its design and development, and meets the user requirements effectively and efficiently by handling all the exceptional and boundary cases.

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The process of software testing aims not only at finding faults in the existing software but also at finding measures to improve the software in terms of efficiency, accuracy, and usability. The article focuses on discussing Software Testing in detail.

## What is Software Testing?

[Software Testing](#) is a method to assess the functionality of the software program.

The process checks whether the actual software matches the expected requirements and ensures the software is bug-free. The purpose of software testing is to identify the errors, faults, or missing requirements in contrast to actual requirements. It mainly aims at measuring the specification, functionality, and performance of a software program or application.

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## Software testing can be divided into two steps:

1. **Verification:** It refers to the set of tasks that ensure that the software correctly implements a specific function. It means “Are we building the product right?”.
2. **Validation:** It refers to a different set of tasks that ensure that the software that has been built is traceable to customer requirements. It means “Are we building the right product?”.

## Importance of Software Testing:

- **Defects can be identified early:** Software testing is important because if there are any bugs they can be identified early and can be fixed before the delivery of the software.
- **Improves quality of software:** Software Testing uncovers the defects in the software, and fixing them improves the quality of the software.

- **Increased customer satisfaction:** Software testing ensures reliability, security, and high performance which results in saving time, costs, and customer satisfaction.
- **Helps with scalability:** Software testing type non-functional testing helps to identify the scalability issues and the point where an application might stop working.
- **Saves time and money:** After the application is launched it will be very difficult to trace and resolve the issues, as performing this activity will incur more costs and time. Thus, it is better to conduct software testing at regular intervals during software development.