Pitfalls, Perils & Traps

How to Avoid Them as a Modern Test Engineer

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TRAP

Test Being Seen as an Afterthought

Stop Being a Gatekeeper

- Shift Left – Start testing earlier

- Ditch the QA column

- Enable devs to take ownership of quality too

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Lack of Team Interest

(as you're distracting them from doing valuable coding!)

Make Non-Functional Testing Fun

- Introduce testing games where possible

- Timebox

- Find your allies

- Don't pick on the same people every time

Valuing Yourself

- ☑ Keep a brag document
- ☑ Get involved with test communities
- ☑ Work for the job that you want

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Pesticide Paradox

Don't run the same tests again and again

☑ Make test scripts dynamic / update regularly

☑ Remove dead weight

☑ Exploratory tests finds the juicy bugs

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Being Seen as Negative

The Power of Positivity

- Avoid using negative language
- Attitude is contagious
- Give positive feedback and recognition

PERIL

Feeling Alone and Overwhelmed

Reach Out to the Community

- ☑ Share your experience with communities

- ☑ Follow inspirational people

- ☑ Attend meetups, lean coffee session, etc

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Feeling Like Only You Value Quality

Become a Mentor and Quality Coach

- ☑ Don't be afraid to coach developers on quality

- ☑ Mentor juniors, teach them best practices early

- ☑ Learn and share as often as you can

Any Questions?

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