

The Cost of a Bug

The reel sheds light on the enormous financial implications that can arise as a result of tiny software errors. The video follows Alice, a talented software engineer working at Askari Bank. She leaves out a critical semicolon in her code and her system begins to crash. At first, it doesn't appear to be anything too troublesome, but soon after her customers' accounts are locked, the bank starts accumulating losses to the tune of 100 million dollars and triggers a financial crisis.

This reel touches on important concepts of Software Engineering Economics (SEE), especially the impact on cost of fixing bugs depending on when during the development lifecycle the bugs are fixed. It shows clearly how early testing and validation can avoid expenditures in millions, as in the case presented, fixing a bug during development is cheaper than post deployment. Risk assessments, quality assurance, and cost estimation of software projects also form major parts of this video.

What makes this reel particularly captivating is the combination of real-life implications, drama, and humor sprinkled throughout the video. By making use of cartoon characters, sound effects, and captions, the entire SEE becomes straightforward and easy to remember. The concept is very straightforward: every bug, no matter how small, requires attention, and neglecting to test rigorously can result in economic catastrophes.