# Review Types

**# Source**: **Chatgpt (GPT-5-Standard) at [8/14/2025]**

Here are the **main review types** according to ISTQB and real-world practice, moving from *informal* to *formal*:

## **1. Informal Review**

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* **Description:** Unstructured, lightweight review with no formal process or documentation.
* **Goal:** Quickly spot obvious issues.
* **Who’s Involved:** Anyone available — often a peer or stakeholder.
* **Example:** A developer asks a teammate to “take a quick look” at a code snippet.
* **Pros:** Fast, low effort.
* **Cons:** May miss deeper issues, no formal record.

## **2. Walkthrough**

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* **Description:** Author of the artifact *walks* participants through it to explain and get feedback.
* **Goal:** Share understanding, find issues, collect suggestions.
* **Who’s Involved:** Author + peers + stakeholders (optional).
* **Example:** A business analyst demonstrates a process flow to product owners to confirm it matches requirements.
* **Pros:** Good for knowledge sharing.
* **Cons:** Quality depends on author’s presentation.

## **3. Technical Review**

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* **Description:** Peer review focused on technical correctness and adherence to standards.
* **Goal:** Detect defects from a technical perspective.
* **Who’s Involved:** Technical experts, peers, architect.
* **Example:** Reviewing a UML class diagram to ensure it matches design patterns and system architecture.
* **Pros:** Improves technical quality early.
* **Cons:** May not address business needs directly.

## **4. Inspection**

**# Source**: **Chatgpt (GPT-5-Standard) at [8/14/2025]**

* **Description:** The **most formal** review type with a defined process, roles, checklists, and defect logging.
* **Goal:** Find defects with high rigor and documentation.
* **Who’s Involved:** Moderator, author, reviewers, recorder, possibly a manager.
* **Example:** Formal review of the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) before sign-off.
* **Pros:** Very thorough and repeatable.
* **Cons:** Time-consuming, requires planning.

## **5. Management Review *(less common in ISTQB, more in project governance)***

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* **Description:** Review of project progress, budget, and risks, not just artifacts.
* **Goal:** Ensure alignment with business objectives.
* **Who’s Involved:** Project managers, sponsors, executives.
* **Example:** Reviewing milestone completion before approving the next phase.

💡 **Hierarchy of Formality:** Informal Review → Walkthrough → Technical Review → Inspection  
 (Formality, effort, and documentation increase as you move right).