

Ten Most Common Mistakes When Outsourcing Quality Assurance

Outsourcing Software Testing is supposed to be the most risk free process to outsource to a third party vendor. But in doing so the following common mistakes are made.

- No ownership of software quality
- No overall test program design or defined goals
- Non-existent or ill-defined test plans and test cases
- Testing that focuses narrowly on functional cases
- No ad hoc, stress or boundary testing
- Use of inconsistent or incorrect testing methodology
- Relying on inexperienced testers
- Improper use of testing tools and automation, resulting in lost time and reduced ROI
- No meaningful metrics for tracking bugs and driving quality back into development
- Incomplete regression cycle before software release

Such mistakes can be avoided by integrating Quality Assurance (QA) into the global software development life cycle (SDLC) using the following methodology:

- Business Case/Drivers of Outsourcing
- Discovery of Testing Processes
- Readiness Assessment
- Gap Analysis
- Defining Outsourced QA Opportunity
- Defining Metrics to Tracking Performance

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