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Software Testing, Second Edition provides practical insight into the world of software testing and quality assurance. Learn how to find problems in any computer program, how to plan an effective test approach and how to tell when software is ready for release. Updated from the previous edition in 2000 to include a chapter that specifically deals with testing software for security bugs, the processes and techniques used throughout the book are timeless. This book is an excellent investment if you want to better understand what your Software Test team does or you want to write better software.

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Levi Wang says

A useful book for my job, much thanks to the author.

Andrew says

Good introduction to software testing for those who are just getting started. You'll (hopefully) learn a lot of the material covered in the book soon after starting as a tester, but this book could give you a head-start.

Hiep says

Well written. Would naturally build your love with software testing if you're new to the field. For 3-year-experience tester like me, strengthen the love!

Mike says

Software development is plagued by certain essential intractables (see *The Mythical Man-Month: Essays on Software Engineering*, 20th Anniversary Edition), despite this it also gives the developer a powerful lever with which to raise a success: you can break the exact same structure you are building, and by doing so can learn why and where the architecture is unsound or poorly planned. This aptitude for abuse, for obvious reasons, does not apply to things like buildings, and even smaller mass-produced objects like cars and airplanes are more costly to test, prototypes are more dear, real objects cannot be duplicated at almost zero cost (this is 2008, future reader may own infinite copies of everything, I make no predictions for them).

This book is directed towards those with no experience with testing software, and usually the testing methods described within require no skills as a programmer in order to put into practice. The ability to program is, however, considered a useful skill, but focus is on getting that first job in the software testing field; presumably a sufficiently-motivated tester will naturally start to pick up programming skills as they expand their skillset.

Even when compared to other computer texts — a notably dry genre — this book is terribly dull. It plods along from subject to subject drearily sketching the outlines of an exiting new career testing invisible widgets. In an attempt to liven things up, Chapter 15: Automated Testing and Test Tools (at around the 2/3 point of the text) starts talking about monkeys. Monkeys are known for many things: eating bananas, masturbating in cages, wearing funny hats, smoking, using sign language, throwing feces in scorn, encoloring their ass cheeks in love, and sometimes even — as in the case of Reagan's Bonzo — advising future presidents. It has also been speculated that a large enough team of monkeys set to task at the keyboard and given sufficient time would eventually reproduce great literature — it is this aspect of monkey legend that inspires the author to classify the various types of testing software as *Dumb Monkeys*, *Semi-Smart Monkeys*, and *Smart Monkeys*. I was not amused. From that monkey moment on the writing becomes less formal, as if the author got tired or just figured nobody in their right mind would still be paying attention (perhaps).

Rajalakshmi says

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Sense361 says

It's a must read book for people only starting in software testing. The main points are viewed with humor and practicality. Reading this book you can feel authors love for his field.

Rajagopalan Venkatakrishnan says

Amazing book to start your testing career. Very effective & Simple lessons.
