Testing KT

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Unit Testing

Definition: Unit testing involves testing individual components or modules of a software application to ensure they function correctly in isolation. Typically, developers write these tests.

Key Characteristics:

Scope: Focuses on small, specific parts of the code (units).

Objective: Validates that each unit of the code performs as intended.

Tools: Common tools include JUnit (Java), NUnit (.NET), and pytest (Python).

Frequency: Conducted frequently during development, often as part of a test-driven development (TDD) approach.

Responsibility: Usually performed by developers.

Benefits:

Identifies bugs early in the development process.

Facilitates code refactoring.

Improves code quality and reliability.

User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

Definition: UAT is the final phase of testing before the software is released to production. It involves verifying that the software meets business requirements and is ready for end-users.

Key Characteristics:

Scope: Focuses on the application as a whole and its functionality from the user's perspective.

Objective: Ensures that the software meets user needs and is ready for deployment.

Participants: Typically performed by end-users, stakeholders, or a dedicated UAT team.

Environment: Conducted in a production-like environment.

Frequency: Usually performed after system testing and before the software goes live.

Benefits:

Validates that the software meets business requirements.

Reduces the risk of post-deployment issues.

Ensures user satisfaction and acceptance of the product.

Summary

Unit Testing: Tests individual components for correctness, primarily by developers.

UAT: Validates the entire system against user requirements, conducted by end-users.

Both testing types are crucial for delivering a high-quality software product, but they address different aspects of the development process.