

# Software Tester

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## Textbook

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Do you enjoy being a detective? Have you ever noticed if something on a website or program didn't work right? Maybe a software tester will interest you!



### What does a software tester do?

Software testers play an important role in making sure the software developed works correctly. Remember, software is the instructions or programs that tell a computer what to do. Software testers run several tests to make sure the software does what it is supposed to. They also find bugs, or errors, in the software and report them to the developers so they can be fixed before the software goes live.

### What is a typical day like?

Software testers usually work on teams with software developers and others who design and develop programs. Software testers work to find bugs in the programs they are testing each day to ensure that when others use the software it runs smoothly and is error free.

## What kind of training or schooling is required?

Most software testers have a bachelor's degree in a software related program, like computer and information technology. To add on, some software testers also have a master's degree in related fields. However, it is possible to become a software tester with only a high school diploma if you have the software skills the employer is looking for.

## Job and Salary Outlook

The amount of smart technology (i.e. phones, tablets, watches, computers) is increasing. With the growing amount of smart technology, there will also be a growing need for new apps to be created. This will increase the need for software developers and software testers to ensure the programs function properly.

On average, software testers in the United States make \$69,609 per year. That would be equivalent to \$33 per hour! This means that depending on where one lives and how much experience one has, a software tester can make anywhere between \$57,000 and \$84,000 per year.

## Common Soft Skills

Clear communication

Detail oriented

Good social skills

## Questions (1)

### 1. Did you read the textbook?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer:

- A. Yes
- B. No

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## Answer Keys & Solutions

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### Questions

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Correct Answer:

A. Yes

✓ Correct

B. No

✗ Incorrect