

Becoming a Pro

IN Mobile Applications Testing



Mobile Test Industry Standards :

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Challenges

Device fragmentation

In-house vs. outsourced testing

Availability of mobile testing tools

Application Lifecycle Testing

- Like any desktop or web application testing, mobile application testing is also focused on the quality and performance of the final product.
- However, mobile app testing becomes far more challenging because of the following key factors



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Device Model

OS Version

Screen Resolution

Form Factor

Emulators vs. Physical
Devices



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Network density

How the app behaves on specific devices

How real-world users interact with the app

Different battery states on the devices

Multiple networks (Wi-Fi, 4G, 3G, etc.)

Beta Testing of your Mobile App



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applications can be deployed, tested, and managed

saves businesses from setting up on-premise test environments

capability to support complex apps

provides real-time testing results

Mobile App Testing on Cloud



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testing mobile apps in real network environments

network simulation tools are available

test mobile apps in various network speeds, bandwidths variations

testing the app in a full internet connectivity scenario and other factors



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Automated testing is highly effective in consistently repeating a test procedure in regression testing as well as testing during the development stages.

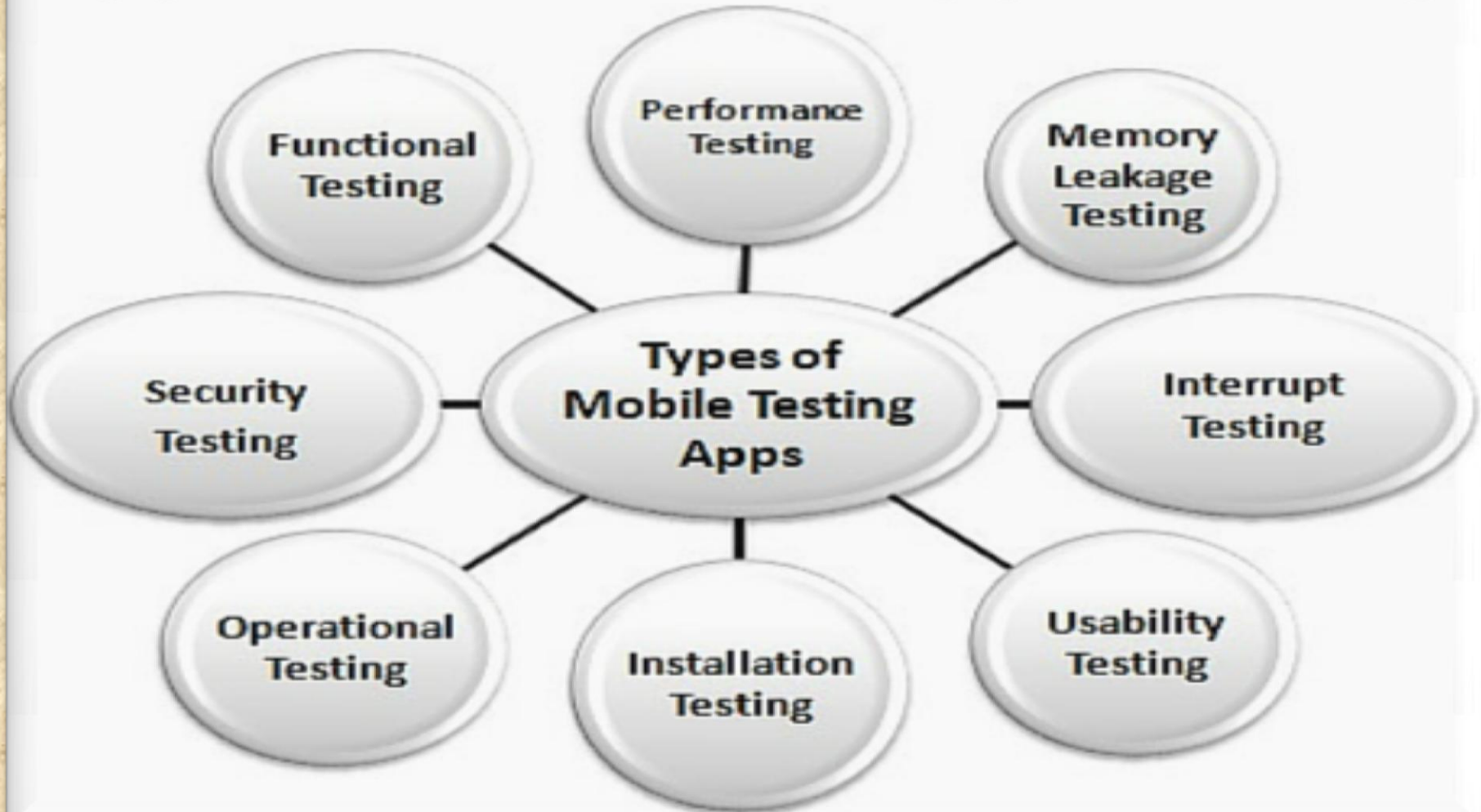
However, test automation requires significant amount of initial investment.



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Types of Mobile App Testing



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FUNCTIONAL TEST

Verifying that all documented requirements are implemented.

Verifying that all features work as expected.

Validating texts, logos, images, text captions and other UI elements.

Validating localization and globalization.

Evaluating ease of navigation and screen transitions.

Examining response speed.

Evaluating the intuitiveness of the touch interface.

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PERFORMANCE TEST

Performance with low battery power

Performance while network out of coverage area

Performance during poor bandwidth

Performance while changing internet connection mode

Performance while transferring heavy file

Testing from Application's server and client side

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Memory Leakage TEST

Verifying if program runs for an extended time and consumes additional memory

Verifying if memory is allocated frequently for one-time tasks

Verifying where the program can request memory — such as shared memory that is not released

Verifying where memory is very limited, such as in an embedded system or portable device

Verifying where the leak occurs within the operating system or memory manager

Verifying when a system device driver causes the leak

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INTERRUPT TEST

Battery low

Battery full- when charging

Incoming phone call

Incoming SMS

Incoming Alert from another mobile application

Plugged in for charging

Plugged out from charging

Device shut off

Application Update reminders

Alarm

Network connection loss

Network connection restoration

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USABILITY TEST

To ensure that the buttons should have the required size and be suitable to big fingers.

To ensure that the buttons are placed in the same section of the screen to avoid confusion to the end users.

To ensure that the icons are natural and consistent with the application.

To ensure that the buttons, which have the same function should also have the same color.

To ensure that the validation for the tapping zoom-in and zoom-out facilities should be enabled.

To ensure that the keyboard input can be minimized in an appropriate manner.

To ensure that the application provides a method for going back or undoing an action, on touching the wrong item, within an acceptable duration.

To ensure that the contextual menus are not overloaded because it has to be used quickly.

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INSTALLATION TEST

Verify application gets installed properly

Verify user can uninstall application successfully

Verify app updates are properly installed

Verify aborting installation does not affect other features

Check app behavior on trying to install it on non-supported version/device.

Verify app is installed properly from app store and from side loading

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SECURITY TEST

Data flow -- Can you establish an audit trail for data, what goes where, is data in transit protected, and who has access to it?

Data storage -- Where is data stored, and is it encrypted? Cloud solutions can be a weak link for data security.

Data leakage -- Is data leaking to log files, or out through notifications?

Authentication -- When and where are users challenged to authenticate, how are they authorized, and can you track password and IDs in the system?

Server-side controls -- Don't focus on the client side and assume that the back end is secure.

Points of entry -- Are all potential client-side routes into the application being validated?

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Platform/OS TEST

Different OS ->Android, IOS, Windows

Different browsers -> Firefox, Google Chrome, IE, Safari

Different Screen Size and resolution

OS versions and memory size

Hardware capable of interrupt handling without getting hanged

Multilingual Support

Different Time Zones Support