

THE 5 STAGES OF THE DEVELOPER-TESTER RELATIONSHIP

1. Denial

“We don’t need testing, we are shipping fine without it thanks.”

or

“It Works on my Machine”

Watch for developers who take offence when their god-like development skills are revealed as capable of causing bugs just like everybody else

2. Annoyance

“The pointy-haired boss has just hired some external testing consultants.”

Some managers don’t believe a developer who says that they are “99% done”, and there is “just one last bug.”

“These annoying testers are forcing me to do extra work like daily builds, smoke testing and tracking bugs.”

3. Acceptance

“I suppose they aren’t leaving anytime soon are they ?”

People realise this new trend of specialist testers may actually catch on, it isn’t just a passing fad.

4. Dependence

“I am at one with my testing brothers and sisters”

“These automated tests to verify that my changes have not broken anything are cool.”

“I may even raise a bug myself.”

“Without unit tests, I feel dirty.”

5. Withdrawal

“Oh my god, what do you mean you don’t have any testers?”

Change jobs and return to stage 1

“Hey, did you hear, the new guy is suggesting that we should hire some testers.

What do we need testers for?”