

To Infinity and Beyond

The Death of Test Engineering

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Test Engineering is a

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Failed Legacy Model

30+ years of automation rhetoric

Testing consumes ~26–32% of IT budgets

Cost of poor quality still in trillions

Automation increased cost but not quality

Maintenance was the

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Business Plan

Most effort tied to maintenance

Flakiness normalized

Regression suites only expand

Framework preservation societies

Test automation ROI is

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Snake Oil

Metrics as executive slideware

Test execution mistaken for testing

Artifact counts over risk reduction

Framework sophistication as status

Test automation is

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Easy

One-prompt framework generation

AI-generated test data factories

Auto-healing test scripts

Autonomous exploratory bots

Test Engineers don't know

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How to Test

Risk modeling

Test strategy and design

Failure signals and forensics

Experimental falsification

Test Engineers are the new

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Travel Agents

Controlled booking systems

Monetized complexity

Internet automated the transaction

Value evaporated

Nobody



Cares

Infinite regression is not strategy

Script production is oversupplied

Maintenance labor will be repriced

Roles defined by scripting will contract

Thank you and good luck...

