Introduction to Software Testing

WHAT IS TESTING AND WHY DO WE TEST?

Exercise: Definition of Testing

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- Also, it is suggested that a high **organizational awareness** and **maturity** of testing is claimed to contribute to the **prevention** of **defects** and **reduction** of **software risk**.