Shifting Left Means Doing These Things Right

There are numerous benefits to shifting your testing to the left (aka, performing testing earlier in the SDLC) — but how do you know when you're actually doing shift-left testing? After all, there's no magic button to push to adopt a shift-left methodology.
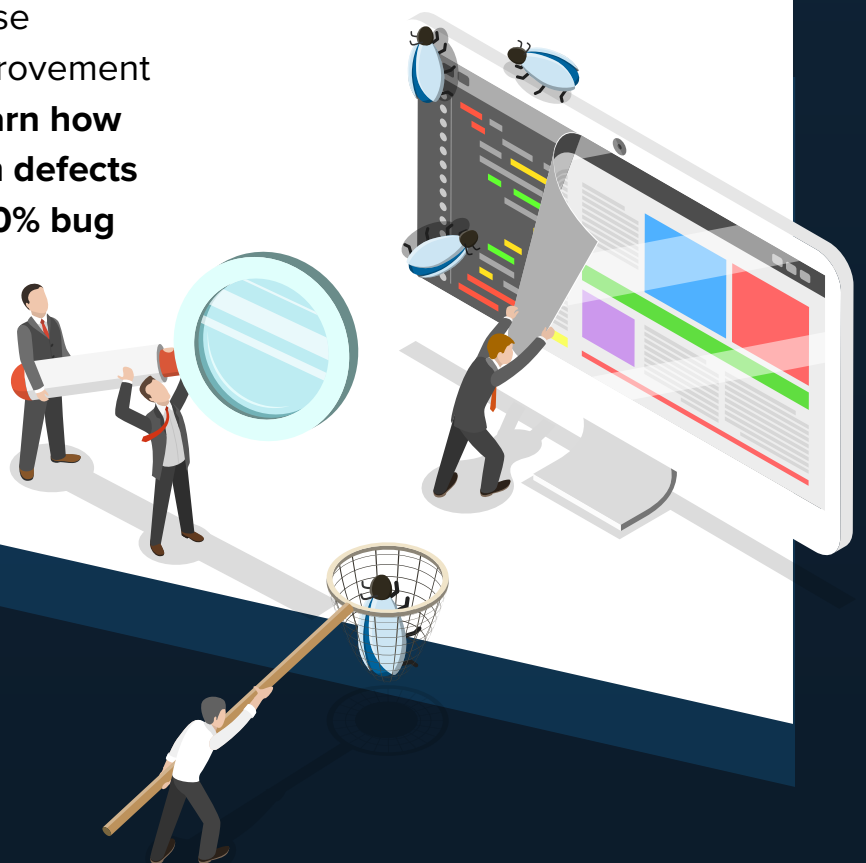
How close is your organization to embracing the shift-left approach?

See for yourself by filling out the following checklist.

☐ **01** Are people from multiple teams — such as developers, testers, product owners, performance engineers, etc. — involved in defining, creating and executing tests?

☐ **02** Do you automate a combination of testing types (functional, unit, accessibility, performance, security, API)?

☐ **03** Are you sure your automation environment isn't a bottleneck in the development process?

☐ **04** Are you catching a high percentage of errors early in the SDLC?

☐ **05** Is your mean time to resolution of defects now measured in hours?

☐ **06** Is your test coverage of all of your product areas over 70%?

☐ **07** Has your team implemented an Agile testing methodology, such as behavior-driven development (BDD) or test-driven development (TDD)?

☐ **08** Do you have a process that continually expands test cases so they can eventually be automated?

☐ **09** Do you have a holistic view of your test coverage?

If you answered 'no' to any of these questions, you have room for improvement to shift your testing to the left. **Learn how Applause helps companies catch defects 1.5 times earlier and achieve a 70% bug prevention rate.**

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