

Acutest - Assurance Advancement Programme

Acutest is a specialist IT consultancy concentrating solely on the Quality Assurance (QA) and testing of IT platforms, software, business process. The company offers comprehensive testing services, ranging from straightforward test analysis to complete QA and test transformation, utilising its proven Principles based approach to testing.

Regardless of the type of testing being undertaken this Principles-based approach is adopted for all tasks, resulting in significantly better practices and outcomes than traditional testing methods.

The Acutest Assurance Advance programme quickly evaluates your organisation's programmes or projects to determine how mature their testing processes are. Based on these results, Acutest collaborates with you to develop a tailored plan—whether it's a test process improvement blueprint or a roadmap—to address challenges such as budget constraints, skill gaps, and inconsistent procedures within your QA department.

Additionally, Acutest assists in implementing these improvements to ensure consistent quality, better control over testing activities, and increased cost efficiency.

Acutest's Assurance Advance programme quickly assesses your organisation's testing maturity and based on the findings, collaborates with you to create a tailored improvement plan for your QA process. Acutest also supports implementation to enhance quality, control testing, and reduce costs.

Service Definition Details

Acutest supports companies by conducting a rapid assessment, then delivering improvements in an iterative and incremental way so that activities can be regularly reviewed and refined. Using our proven framework, we take a collaborative, risk-based approach to pinpoint areas for enhancement and quickly develop prototypes or proofs of concept. This builds confidence and helps identify suitable pilot areas. The main activities we assist with are listed below:

- Our assessment of current maturity involves three main steps: reviewing test deliverables, conducting joint workshops, and interviewing SMEs or stakeholders.
- Benchmark the test maturity of client's organisation against the industry best practices
- Define a roadmap for success and create actionable plans that focus effort and value on business priorities
- Leverage industry best-practice Accelerators to reduce cost and improve productivity.

Top Features

- Standardised and structured framework based on established principles and practices to guide the test maturity assessment
- Objective and repeatable allowing companies to establish baseline and track improvements on a regular basis, can also be used to compare business areas, programmes, portfolios etc to embed learnings from different areas

- Rapid assessment and collaborative -creation of a prioritized test process improvement backlog that helps optimise, structures, and refines your approach to testing
- A coordinated approach to achieving cost, time and quality improvement
- Comprehensive evaluation of programme (s) testing
- Identified opportunities to deliver measurable improvements by Increased productivity and reduced time-to-market
- A test assessment can be carried out at any level organisational, programme, project
- We also provide targeted assessments with a view to define the next steps for key requirements for e.g. transformation to agile, overcome current project issues to deliver of time
- At the end of the assignment we leave a public domain implementation of our tooling such that our customer may continue the work we have started.
- We have already delivered this service to numerous organisations of varying size.

Business Benefits

- Clear and improved insight into your testing maturity
- A clear list of priority areas to focus on for improvements
- Early visibility of measurable improvements through proof of concepts/pilots
- Help client implement the steps that will achieve greater consistency in quality, greater control of test execution, and improved cost savings.

Onboarding and offboarding support you provide

Our ability to facilitate knowledge transfer, on-boarding and off boarding is of vital importance to us in delivering efficiencies across client projects.

Acutest possesses extensive experience in deploying and managing resources at various levels and scales, spanning multiple programmes and projects. Leveraging this expertise, along with our comprehensive onboarding and knowledge transfer processes, we efficiently deliver the appropriate resources to our clients in a timely and effective manner.

Through our approach to testing, coupled with our proven industry experience and high quality of resource, we can:

- Reduce project overall time and cost through the adoption of our Practices and Principles.
- Offer clients strategic value through collaboration with an experienced, reputable supplier known for its flexibility and ease of doing business.
- Provide a wide range of services and resources that can handle, organise, and deliver complex, results-driven solutions.
- Help develop new ways of working based on best practice and industry standards.
- Shared expertise / innovation from working with similar clients / organisations over the past decades.

Pricing overview, including volume discounts or data extraction costs

Pricing discounts may be available depending on the size and scope of the engagement / projects.

Prices exclude:

- Expenses (Travel and Subsistence)

Service constraints

This service does not have any constraints however, this is subject to buyers/clients' requirements, environment, and technologies.

Service levels like performance, availability and support hours

Our support hours 9 to 5 (UK time), Monday to Friday.

Clients have 9 to 5 access by email and telephone.

How will we repay buyers if we don't meet service levels?

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions.

Ordering and invoicing process

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions.

How can buyers or suppliers terminate a contract?

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions.

Why Acutest (Part of Trustmarque)?

- A specialist provider of testing, assurance and governance services, concentrating on testing IT processes and technology centred change.
- Our approach focuses on areas that matter most - enabling project teams to move quickly irrespective of methodology and technology.
- Strong and consistent track record of growth.
- Over 90% of our business comes from existing clients and referrals which is genuine confirmation that the approach enables our clients to derive real value from testing.
- Major cost savings by adopting the Acutest Accelerator Framework, a framework that contains all the tools, techniques and processes to test projects.
- Acutest has a skilled and flexible resource pool with global coverage.
- Our clients go live faster with confidence.
- We have a deep understanding of the market dynamics, the competitiveness, cost challenges as well as customer service needs that our clients face.

- We are a catalyst to programme success.
- A strong organisation and culture.
- We combine our expertise with technology to make processes smarter, organisations more efficient and customer experiences better.
- Highly diversified across private and public sectors