

Acutest – Test Automation Service

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.

Acutest works closely with clients to help introduce, support and enhance an automation testing approach which is easy to maintain, reduces testing time and cuts ongoing costs.

Acutest helps to create an automated approach based on a simple framework, not a tool. The framework uses open source and low-cost tools to minimise cost and maximise ROI.

Our flexible approach is aligned to our use of Agile and Behavioural Driven Development test scripting approaches

Service Definition Details

Acutest has worked with numerous organisations in creating and defining an automated testing approach. We enable our clients to:

- Define automated tests earlier in a project lifecycle.
- Specify tests in a business language that can be understood by everyone on the project including business representatives, business analysts, developers, testers and auditors.
- Automate only the tests which give value and test the right things.
- Reduce time to Regression Test and meet deadlines.
- Move to shorter release cycles.
- Have support teams run a set of tests before updates / patches are released into live.
- Reduce the repetitive nature of manual tests.

Acutest take a highly flexible approach that can adapt to any project built on Agile and Behavioural Driven Development approaches and can use open source, low cost and proprietary tools.

- Conduct a risk-based testing assessment for best focus of Automation Testing.
- Review the value to the project of test automation versus manual tests.
- Review the technology utilised in change programmes and assess for best approach to automate.
- Review the appropriateness of using suitable automation tools

Top Features

- The Acutest Accelerator – a tried and tested repository of collateral ready for fast deployment.
- A principles-and-practices-based approach, in which core principles guide the identification and application of the most effective practices.
- Our 3 key Principles are:
 - Begin with the big risks - focus on what matters most.
 - Fail Fast - find defects as soon as possible after they are introduced.
 - See through the users' eyes - going beyond the formal specification to identify all things that really matter to the user.
- Whenever feasible, we provide a public domain version of our tools at the conclusion of the assignment so that our customer can continue building on what we've begun.
- We have already delivered this service to numerous organisations of varying size.

Business Benefits

- Reduced cost of testing.
- Increased speed of change through our unique principle based testing approach.
- Improved governance of change through better business alignment of the testing and management reporting.
- Go live faster with confidence.
- An approach that focuses on areas that matter most - enabling project teams to move quickly irrespective of methodology and technology.

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.