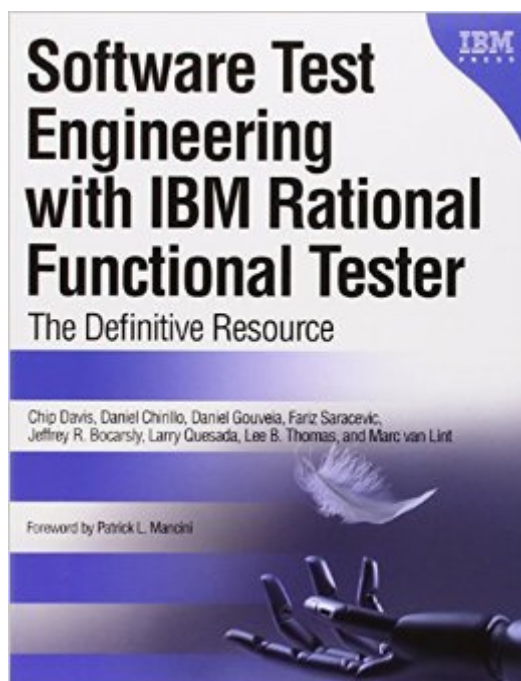


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# Software Test Engineering With IBM Rational Functional Tester: The Definitive Resource



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– “The authors succeed in walking a line between sharing a wealth of technical knowledge and providing enough context to ensure the readers understand what they need to do and why. Novices and skilled practitioners alike should find the work a good read and a solid reference. Automating functional testing tends to receive less investment than it should, to the detriment of organizations everywhere. If the reader is seeking to improve his knowledge of Rational Functional Tester and make an impact using that knowledge, there is no better reference than this excellent distillation of years of field-proven experience.”

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– Ted Rivera, Senior Agile Transformation Architect, IBM Software Group

– “This book is a wonderful, in-depth resource for novice and expert users alike.”

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**The Indispensable Resource for Automated Testing**

Automated software testing has become a critical exercise, especially for developers utilizing iterative and agile methods. However, to achieve the full benefits of automated testing, teams need a deep understanding of both its principles and their testing tools. If you’re among the thousands of developers using IBM Rational Functional Tester (RFT), this book brings together all the insight, examples, and real-world solutions you need to succeed. Eight leading IBM testing experts thoroughly introduce this state-of-the-art product, covering issues ranging from building test environments through executing the most complex and powerful tests. Drawing on decades of experience with IBM Rational testing products, they address

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Well I awaited a few months for this book, it arrived just before Santa! If you do not wish to pay for the courses available, then this book is by far the cheaper alternative. It is well put together and easy to follow for beginners in the RFT automation field of software testing. There are good chapters dedicated to building support for new objects and managing script execution. For a novice like myself, this book contained great insight to assist furthering my understanding of the tool. It also

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