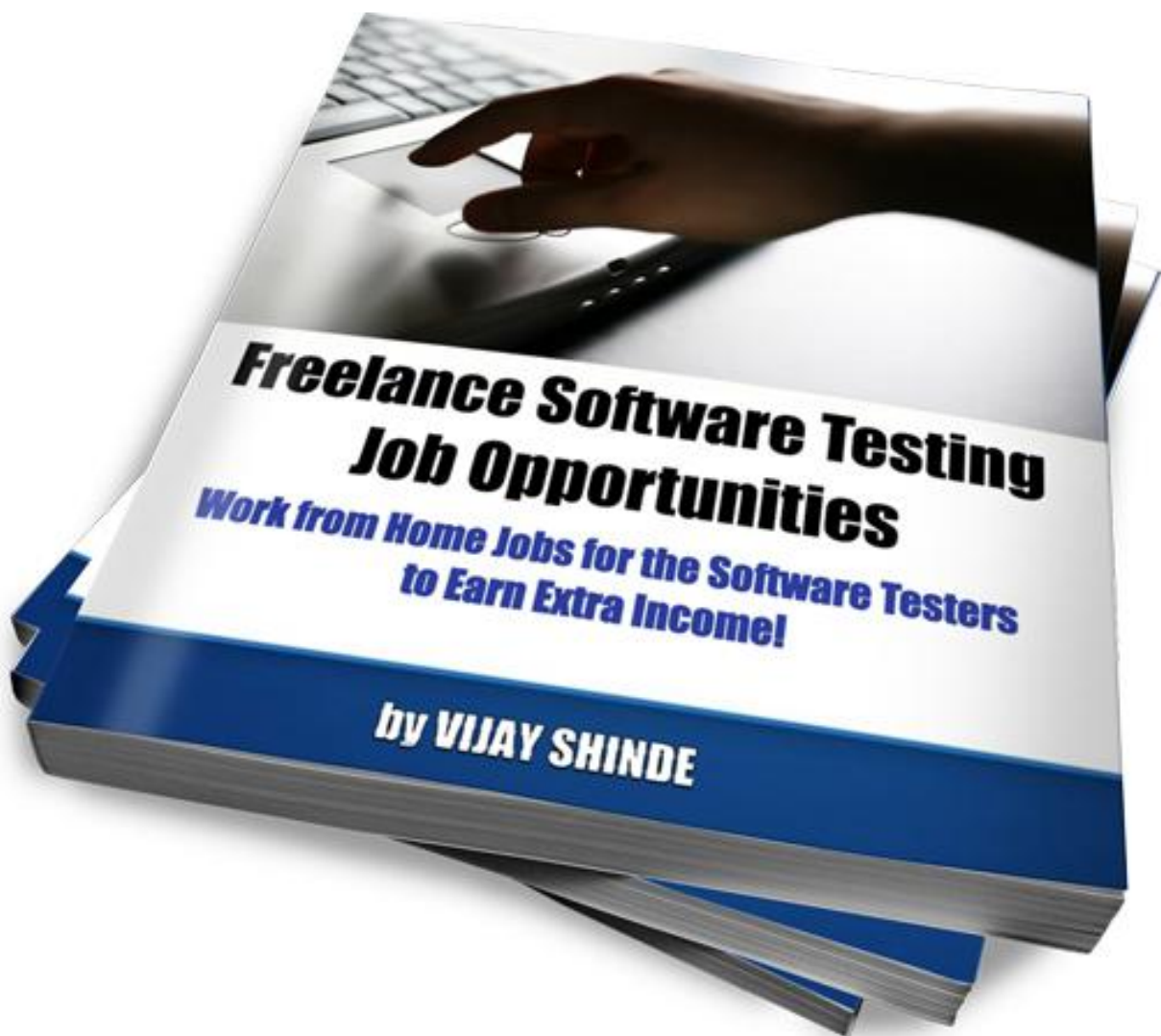# Freelance Software Testing Job Opportunities

Work from Home Jobs for the Software Testers to Earn Extra Income!

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Introduction

Why This Book?

With recession still wreaking havoc in many countries and jobs getting tougher, more and more testing professionals are looking for opportunities outside of regular day jobs and freelancing is one such avenue that has gained a lot of traction, of late.

Working as freelance tester always provides you financial support and moreover it also help to keep your technical skills sharp.

Learn how you can make money from home working as a freelance software tester!

There has never been a better time to break into freelance software testing. With thousands of small businesses and fortune 500 companies looking for CrowdSourcing solutions, there is a high demand for freelance testers.

This book will show you how many amazing opportunities you have to make money working as a freelance software tester and how quickly your life can change if you are serious to work for yourself! Most importantly, you can get started as a freelance tester with very little knowledge of software testing. And if you are an expert software tester then there are endless opportunities for you.

In the beginning you could be working very hard to get your first few clients. But once you get to know the process it will be very easy for you to get more freelance testing work with your work experience and strong testing portfolio on various freelancing sites, which we are going to see shortly.

What Makes This Book Different?

There are lots of books on learning software testing but no one will teach you how to make money working as a freelance software tester. You will notice that this book is shorter than many other testing books available online. Because I don't believe in providing an eBook of 100 pages which has only 10 pages of useful information. You will find this book useful providing the exact actionable information needed for you to get started earning your first dollar as quickly as possible.

The only thing you need to do is start taking action right away. Test all the resources mentioned in this book and see what works best for you.

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Chapter 1- How to Maximize Your Chances of Getting Freelance Testing Work?

Here are few tips before you start working for any of the freelancing websites offering work from home job opportunity:

Note: These tips are applicable for only first 4 freelancing sites mentioned in chapter 2.

1) Initially apply for small projects with lowest possible bid. This is necessary for you to get started with at least one positive feedback. You can increase your hourly rate at any time later.

2) There are limitations on number of free bids you can place on projects. To utilize this quote effectively make sure to apply for relevant jobs where you are the best fit. Also apply for at least one relevant job per day. This will keep your profile active which will help you get steady work flow. Even considering a 10% success ratio you will have to apply for at least 10 jobs to get your first contract.

3) Look for profiles of other testers/QAs working on software testing projects. Study their profiles and see how they present their skills and apply for new projects. Prepare your detailed profile with your expertise, experience and other soft skills.

4) Application cover letter should convince how you are the best fit for their requirements and how you can complete this job efficiently. Also do not use same cover letter while applying for multiple jobs.

5) Avoid looking desperate for getting a job. Looking desperate shows that you don't have professional experience.

6) Take all tests related to software testing skills. Be well prepared for these tests and score in top 10%.

7) Communicate constantly with clients. Make sure you understand the project requirements clearly. Also contact them whenever you have queries while working on the project.

8) Be willing to provide extra services until the client is 100% satisfied.

9) Stick to deadlines. This is important for getting long term quality contract.

<u>Chapter 2</u> - Where to Find Freelance Testing Jobs?

Work from Home opportunities for Software testing professionals

One of the most frequent questions I get is "where to find freelance testing opportunities?" Here are some great resources for you to earn some extra income working from home as a software tester:

Note – I've prepared this list from my own experience and partly with the help of our readers who are doing great working from home. This does not mean it will work for everyone. You need to try different opportunities and see what works best for you. To avoid scams, you need to be very careful to make sure that work from home job is legitimate before joining or providing any personal information.

oDesk.com

There are hundreds of opportunities for software testers on this freelancing site. Also chances of getting a full time long term contract are higher on oDesk compared to other freelancing sites. You need to remember the tips we provided in first chapter in order to get a job from oDesk. Getting a freelancing work on oDesk is comparatively easy but you need to be consistent with your work quality.

You can search for "software testing" work on oDesk or here is the category under which you will find almost all software testing QA opportunities.

Freelancer.com

You need to create freelancer account in order to bid on any of the projects.

Tips - Bidders with positive reviews get more projects. If you are good at writing you can find technical writing opportunities as well.

Search for testing jobs on this site at:

1. Testing QA
2. Software Testing
3. Testing

Elance.com

How it works?

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Create your freelancer profile here on Elance. Search for the jobs and submit your proposal. Once you are awarded the project you can work in a shared workroom on Elance. Elance will automatically track your time for hourly based projects. Your payments are sent after the work completion.

Tips: Make sure you add all your key skills, job history and a nice photo to get noticed when clients search for freelance testers for the work.

Find testing QA opportunities on Elance here.

PeoplePerHour.com

This is one of the most popular freelance services with hundreds of new job postings each day.

How it works?

As a tester you need to build up your profile on PPH. The profiles are ranked based on the economic activity per month so that newbie get chance to rise up.

Once you have created your profile and provided all the required information you can start searching for jobs. You can even get daily notifications for your search term so that you won't miss any good testing opportunity. You can send your proposal when you find a relevant testing job.

Tips: You need to submit a competitive proposal in order to increase your chance of winning. Your proposal should mention the information like what you will deliver and by when. When you complete the work make sure to ask for reviews. Freelancers with highest and positive reviews have greater chance of winning the bid.

Once you win the bid, communicate with the client and complete the work. You will get paid on completion of the project. All payments are handled through Escrow so there are no chances of any fraud.

Where to find testing jobs on PPH:

Click here to search all current testing opportunities available with PPH.

QAonRequest.com

How does it work?

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You need to register to use this service. While creating account mention all your testing skills. Once your application is accepted you will be notified when there is a new testing project with skills relevant to your profile. Tester who accepts the job and the work deadline first is selected for that project.

Services provided by QAonRequest – Functional testing, beta testing, test plan design, exploratory testing.

[Apply to become a tester](#) at QAonRequest.

uTest.com

uTest is the world's largest marketplace for software testing services.

This is by far the most popular site for finding software testing opportunities for almost all manual and automation testing skills. Using uTest you will get opportunity to work on top quality products before they are released to the market. Also there is a huge learning opportunity for testers on uTest. You get chance to view and learn from the bug reports submitted by top rated testers. It's truly amazing experience working with top companies which you won't get by working with one company on a single project as a full time tester.

How does it work?

Companies list their projects with uTest. uTest notify the testers about this work via email. It's up to you whether you want to accept the offer or not. uTest pays base fee per project. This base pay is also displayed on your account dashboard before accepting or declining the offer. Apart from the base pay you will also get fixed amount for exceptional and valuable defects found. E.g. $10 for exceptional bug and $5 for very valuable bug. Also the pay structure differs based on the testers ranking on uTest. High ranking testers get more incentives compared to new testers.

Overall, this is a good opportunity for experienced testing professional.

Though uTest pays a handsome amount of money for quality bugs filled, they are very choosy when it comes to selecting good testers. As a selection process you will have to work on an unpaid test cycle on their sandbox environment. During this test cycle you need to log 4 defects for the test application. You are rated based on the quality of these defects. To get selected on their paid team you need to score in top 30% testers for a given test cycle.

Tips – In selection process, be careful while submitting your 4 defects for the test cycle. Make sure you follow all their instructions and log only exceptional or high quality defects.

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Cons – Though this is a huge opportunity for testers, you need to invest a lot of time initially. Working on unpaid or contest projects suck your valuable time without getting any significant pay.

QAInfoTech.com

How it works?

The testers need to register at CrowdSource testing community at QA InfoTech. Based on your profile, QA InfoTech admin team will shortlist projects that match to your skills. You have the option to accept or reject the offer.

You will be paid for every deliverable that you submit including valid bugs reported, test cases written or any test artifacts that have been assigned to you. Remuneration depends on project factors such as time, complexity of testing requirements, the devices you use etc. All these details are provided to the testers before they accept the offer.

Payments are made using PayPal.

Tips: The testers are rated on some criteria like number of valid bugs reported, number of projects you have worked upon etc. Experienced testers working with QA InfoTech for longer period will have higher ratings which make them eligible for more critical projects that have a higher remuneration.

Click here to be a part of QA InfoTech cloud sourced testers.

Passbrains.com

Create your tester profile with all profile details, test skills, and test environment. It works very similar to uTest. Once you create account you will be notified for relevant projects available for testing. The pay details ($ amount per defect) are provided on project dashboard. Once you accept the project you need to strictly follow the test deadline for completing the test. At the end of the test cycle you need to submit the test cases and defect reports.

Follow this link to create your tester profile on Passbrains.

Userfeel.com

This is a usability testing service where companies list their website for usability tests. The testers use website and report usability issues and provide feedback about the site navigation. You must be good at expressing your thoughts into the microphone as you need to explain what problems you faced while using the site, answer some questions along with your feedback about website usability.

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How it works?

You need to take one sample test. This decides how often you will get usability test requests. The amount earned is not huge but can be a good addition to your monthly income. You get $10 per test.

Read their FAQ and apply to become a tester.

Similar usability testing sites:

WhatUsersDo.com

UserTesting.com

99tests.com

How it works?

Customers create their account with 99tests and submit product requirements to test. A testing contest is announced and during this period, interested testers can join the contest and test the product.

All bugs logged by the testers are submitted to client for validation. For every validated bug the testers get reputation points. At the end of the contest, typically a week, top three testers are announced.

The prize money is sent to these top testers via PayPal payment option.

Click here to create your tester account with 99tests.

Pay4Bugs.com

How it works?

Create your tester account with Pay4Bugs. In your account area you will see recommended assignments to test. You can select these recommended assignments or even pick from the list of available assignments. Read the assignment instructions and start testing. Log the bugs you find while testing. Make sure you check the existing bugs before logging a new bug report.

Each assignment has a different price paid for bugs. You can view the price paid per bug while selecting the assignment. You will be paid for all approved bugs. Payments are made through PayPal.

Click here to become a Pay4Bugs tester and join the bug hunt.

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Mob4Hire.com

This is one of the oldest mobile application testing services. Developers can set a flat fee for each tester to make per test, or request testers bid on the job. Customers can pay for Mob4Hire's Managed Services team that offers testing/development expertise and project management.

Testing requirements are posted on mob4hire and testers who meet the criteria are invited to bid on the project. The winning bidder gets the application URL to test on the specified devices.

Payment model - On average, Mobsters (mobile application testers) make between $20 and $50 an hour for their time, expertise, and effort.

Create the tester account here.

Donanza.com

This is a freelance jobs aggregator website which notifies you for all jobs posted on the Internet for your selected categories or keywords. Follow this site if you want to get notifications for all freelance testing jobs from almost all popular freelancing sites including oDesk, Elance and Freelancer. But this is just a job aggregator site meaning you will have to visit the original job posting site for the job application.

Tips – Create account and select job category as software testing/QA. This will show you all freelancing jobs from this category on your account dashboard and you will be also notified by email. You don't need to search testing jobs on different freelancing sites once you start using this service.

Check out some latest freelancing jobs for testing here.

Similar freelance testing job aggregator site:

- WhyDoWork

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Chapter 3- Beta Testing Opportunities

What is Beta Testing?

The simple definition of beta testing – testing carried out by real users in real environment.

Though companies do rigorous in-house quality assurance from dedicated test teams, it's practically impossible to test application for each and every combination of the test environment. Beta releases make it easier to test application on thousands of test machines and fix the issues before releasing the application publicly. The selection of beta test groups can be done based on company needs. Company can either invite few users to test the preview version of the application or they can release it openly to try by every user.

Many companies pay the testers for testing their beta applications. You can find beta testing job openings on job portals like Indeed.com, careers.org and simplyhired.com. There are many part time beta testing opportunities available on these job portals.

E.g. Beta Tester Jobs, Beta Tester.

Some companies also look for volunteer beta testers. But these beta testing opportunities can land you your next full time job from the company offering these opportunities. In fact, I know one example where my friend was very enthusiastic testing beta antivirus software. One antivirus company was so impressed with his work that they offered him a full time job.

How to get started as a beta tester

Once your application as a beta tester is accepted by a company, follow these steps:
- Download and read the software requirement specifications, known defects and modules to test
- Download and install the beta software
- Start testing
- Prepare the bug report for the issues found in the application
- Also note down your suggestions/feedback about the application to improve the user experience
- Submit the bug report and feedback to the company.

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Chapter 4 - Game Testing Opportunities

There are many game testing opportunities for serious game enthusiasts.

Game testing companies pay on hourly basis for testing their new game releases. You can search game testing jobs on job portals like indeed.com and simplyhired.com

Game Testing Industry Introduction:

The video game testing industry is set to become the largest industry. In spite of the recession, there was no dearth in the sales of the game titles, although the game console sales were hit and the game testing companies had to revamp their strategies.

Gaming had its ups and downs over the years but it continues to grow leaps and bounds. Facebook application games are really path breaking with budding developers experimenting their knowledge. Episodic games are the new thing. Games for the iPhone are the new frontier.

So, no one in the game industry knows where games will be even two or three years from now. The only thing they know is that everything is changing and that the games that are released in a few years will be different from what we have now.

Following Jobs are made available by Gaming Industry:

1) Video game programming Jobs (designing video games)
2) Video game testing jobs

Designing Video games requires skilled and experienced video game designers. Testing video games is equally challenging as game tester needs to have a solid writing skill, very good communication skill and habit to keep attention for details.

Video game testers play critical role in game development industry. As video game programmers spend years deigning video games and video game tester needs to make sure it's ready for release in very short time span.

What is a Typical Game Testing Process?

Computer games take from one to three years to develop (depending on scale). Testing begins late in the development process, sometimes from halfway to 75% into development (it starts so late because, until then, there is little to play or test).

Once the testers get a version, they begin playing the game. Testers must carefully note any errors they uncover. These may range from bugs to art issues to logic errors. Some bugs are easy to

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document but many are hard to describe and may take several steps to describe so a developer can replicate or find the bug. On a large-scale game with numerous testers, a tester must first determine whether the bug has already been reported before they can log the bugs themselves. Once a bug has been reported as fixed, the tester has to go back and verify that the fix works – and occasionally return to verify that is has not reappeared.

Game Testing Strategy:

Evaluation of game rules:
Game rules adequately explain operation of all components of the game including features, free games etc. Game functions as defined by rules.

UI, Functional, Performance and Compatibility test:
Verify Games outcome and data are correctly shown when games are played. Verify Game Functionality such as Game Progress, game outcomes, handling of incomplete and re-started games, multi player games.

Verification the Integration points:
Check if game win determination aligns with game rules.

Reviewing gaming procedures:
Procedures will be reviewed by System management, player account management, tournaments and promotions.

Infrastructure and security review:
Require to verify all equipment and network implementation. Secure and reliable operation e.g. time synchronization, OS reliability and security.

How to Test Games?

This process is almost similar to product or web application testing. Here is the typical game testing process:

Identification: First analyze and identify the game rules and behavior

Functional Testing: Ensure game works as intended. This also includes integration testing with third party tools used if any.

OS and Browser compatibility: Most critical game testing part is to ensure game works on required Operating systems. For online games check functionality on all intended browsers.

Performance testing: This becomes critical for online games if gaming site handles betting on game. Game testers must verify if Game Testing site smoothly handles customer load.

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Multi player testing: For multi player games you need to verify the game functionality to handle all players and functionality with fair distribution of game resources to all players.

Reporting: Bug reporting to developers. Bug evidence need to produced and submitted through bug reporting system.

Analysis: Developers hold the responsibility to fix the bugs.

Verification: After the fix, bug need to be verified by the testers to confirm that it shouldn't reappear.

Game Testing Tips:

1) Understand Random Number Generator evaluation (RNG): This is very important to add unpredictability in game. In most games this RNG system is used to map game outcomes.
2) First identify the "game algorithm" from Source code to identify issues in game application.
3) Verify the source code for appropriate use of random numbers and error handling. (Only if you know the source code)
4) Validate and evaluate the game predefined rules.
5) Verify consistency of game rules.
6) Make sure offensive content or material is never displayed.
7) Regularly Check Game history and system event logs.
8) Make sure Games outcome are displayed for a reasonable time.
9) Irrespective of Single/Multi player games we need to validate bandwidth and client software.
10) Verify Minimum/maximum limits of bets, deposits and other critical game symbols.
11) Verify correct game and system operation after game fail over and recovery.
12) Always verify all reports for data accuracy. Verify reports for date, time, number of wins, money etc.
13) Test System requirements. This is very important in game testing. Verify all the infrastructure and security requirements, Game equipments, network and game synchronization with OS.
14) Make sure sufficient information is always available to users to protect game players.

Game Testing Jobs:

Gaming field is getting much better day by day and Game Career as a Game designer or tester is very bright. There are many game testing professionals making decent amount of money as a video game testers, working from home. Present Internet generation bringing massive innovations and scope to grow. IT and Non-IT people are willing to spend their free time to play online and video games. "Game testing from home" is now a new trend to earn money. We can clearly see that it's getting into our daily activities.

If anyone of you is trying hard getting into gaming industry then you need to have interest and passion that drives you to success. Due to addition of vast and complex new games, Game QA is no

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longer less technical than general software QA. Game testing was widely considered as a "stepping stone" position but now it's becoming full-time job opportunities for experienced testers.

If you have passion for games and good understanding of testing methodologies, becoming a successful game tester is not difficult for you!

I've listed some job portals where game testing job openings are posted regularly. Read the job requirements carefully and apply with a good cover letter and resume with game testing experience.

E.g.:

- Simplyhired.com Game Tester Jobs
- Careerbuilder.com Game Tester Jobs
- Indeed.com Game Tester Jobs
- Indeed.com Video game Tester Jobs
- Naukri.com Game tester Job (India)

Tips –You can also search for more opportunities by identifying game design companies e.g. Electronic Arts (EA) (complete list here) and apply for their testing jobs.

Chapter 5 - One More Great Income Resource for the Testers

Create a blog/website on a topic of your passion!

Creating and monetizing a blog or website around your passion is also a proven way to support your income. <u>E.g.</u> If you are passionate about cooking you can start a recipe blog. This is just an example. There are endless opportunities based on individual's interest and expertise.

You can start your website on any topic with these simple 3 steps:

1) Choosing a topic for your website/blog

2) Searching for available domain name for your website

3) Purchasing a hosting plan and installing Wordpress CMS on your site.

All these steps take no more than 30 minutes to complete if you are a tech savvy person.

You may not earn a living but definitely earn some extra money to pay the bills. If you need any help to get started please contact me and I'll guide you more on that separately!

Chapter 6 - Our Recommendations

We've taken care to include almost all TOP RATED freelance testing/Crowd sourcing services in this book. If you think any good service is missing from this list please contact us and we'll consider it for inclusion.

Below are our few recommended services you can try first:

1) uTest.com

2) oDesk.com

3) Freelancer.com

4) Elance.com

5) PeoplePerHour.com

6) QAonRequest.com

7) QAInfoTech.com

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Summary

There are many freelance opportunities for the testers and they are now choosing this path to support their earnings. Some testers are so successful on oDesk, Freelancer and Elance that they have quit there day job and working full time from home on these freelancing opportunities.

It takes hard work and patience to see some real money. Many testers quit before seeing the real benefits of these opportunities. If you follow good work practices it's not hard for you to move to a better paying freelancing job.

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