

✓ 1. Build and Update Your Resume

- Highlight your **testing skills**: Manual testing, Automation (Selenium, Cypress), Test case writing, Bug tracking.
- Mention tools you've used: **JIRA, Postman, TestRail, Git**, etc.
- List certifications (if any): **ISTQB, Certified Selenium Tester**, etc.
- Include **projects** or internship experience.

✓ 2. Register on Job Portals

Start with the most popular ones:

- **LinkedIn** – Keep your profile up to date, and start connecting with QA professionals and recruiters.
- **Indeed**
- **Naukri.com** (for India)
- **Glassdoor**
- **Monster**
- **Dice** (for US-based jobs)
- **HackerRank, Codility** – if you're into test automation

+ Use keywords like:

- **QA Tester**
- **Manual Tester**
- **Automation Tester**
- **Software Tester**
- **SDET (Software Development Engineer in Test)**

✓ 3. Use LinkedIn Smartly

- Follow companies you're interested in.
- Turn on **job alerts**.
- Message or connect with **QA leads, hiring managers, and recruiters**.
- Engage with QA/testing content to grow visibility.

✓ 4. Search Company Career Pages

Go directly to the careers pages of companies you're targeting (e.g., Infosys, TCS, Accenture, Capgemini, Cognizant, Amazon) and look for "QA" or "Testing" roles.

✓ 5. Attend Job Fairs & Tech Events

Look out for:

- Virtual job fairs
- Campus hiring events
- Tech meetups or QA communities

✓ 6. Prepare for Interviews

Common topics to prepare:

- SDLC & STLC
- Test Case Design Techniques
- Bug Life Cycle
- Agile Methodology
- Tools: Selenium, JIRA, Postman, etc.
- SQL basics and API testing

✓ 7. Freelancing & Internships (Optional Start)

If you're fresher or switching domains:

- Use platforms like Upwork, Freelancer, Internshala, or Turing to gain initial experience.

Software Testing interview Preparation

✓ 1. Understand the Basics Thoroughly

You must be very clear on the foundational concepts:

- SDLC (Software Development Life Cycle)
- STLC (Software Testing Life Cycle)
- Types of Testing:
 - Manual Testing
 - Automation Testing
 - Functional, Regression, Smoke, Sanity, UAT, Performance, etc.
- Bug/Defect Life Cycle
- Test Case vs Test Scenario vs Test Script
- Priority vs Severity



✓ 2. Practice Writing Test Cases

Be ready to write test cases for:

- A login page
- A calculator
- An e-commerce cart
- An ATM machine

👉 Follow a clear format: Test Case ID, Description, Steps, Expected Result, Actual Result, Status.

✓ 3. Learn Bug Reporting

Know how to:

- Raise defects with proper descriptions
- Attach screenshots/logs
- Use tools like JIRA, Bugzilla, or Mantis

👉 Practice writing bugs that are clear, concise, and reproducible.

✓ 4. Be Familiar with Testing Tools

You don't need to be an expert, but basic knowledge is expected:

- **Manual Testing Tools:** JIRA, TestRail
- **Automation:** Selenium (Java/Python), TestNG, Maven
- **API Testing:** Postman, REST API basics
- **Version Control:** Git basics

✓ 5. Practice Common Interview Questions

Here are a few typical ones:

- What is the difference between verification and validation?
- How do you decide when to stop testing?
- What are boundary value and equivalence partitioning?
- What is the difference between retesting and regression testing?
- How do you handle a situation where a developer disagrees with your bug?

✓ 6. Brush Up on SQL & API Testing

SQL Basics :

1. SELECT, UPDATE, SORTING (DESC), LIKE, BETWEEN, Group By & Aggregate Functions, Update/Delete
2. JOINS (INNER, LEFT, RIGHT, FULL) SQL Functions [NOW(), COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), MIN(), MAX()]
3. Get TOP Record from Table or column

API Testing:

1. GET, POST, PATCH, PUT, GET vs POST
2. Status codes (200, 404, 500)
3. JSON basics

What status codes should you know for testing?

- 200 OK – Success
- 201 Created – Resource created
- 400 Bad Request – Client error
- 401 Unauthorized – Authentication failed
- 403 Forbidden – Access denied
- 404 Not Found – Resource not found
- 500 Internal Server Error – Server-side issue

✓ 7. Be Prepared with Real-Time Scenarios

Interviewers love real-world problem-solving. Prepare to explain:

- A critical bug you found and how you handled it.
- A time you disagreed with a developer and how you resolved it.
- Your testing process in an Agile team.

✓ 8. Mock Interviews & Practice

- Practice answering out loud.
- Do mock interviews with friends or use platforms like **Pramp**.
- Record yourself answering and evaluate clarity.

✓ 9. Prepare Your Questions

At the end of the interview, ask:

- What does your QA process look like?
- Which tools does your team use?
- How often do you release to production?

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