Beginners Guide To Software Testing

8. Types of Test Reports

The documents outlined in the IEEE Standard of Software Test Documentation covers test planning, test specification, and test reporting.

Test reporting covers four document types:

1. A **Test Item Transmittal Report** identifies the test items being transmitted for testing from the development to the testing group in the event that a formal beginning of test execution is desired

Details to be included in the report - Purpose, Outline, Transmittal-Report Identifier, Transmitted Items, Location, Status, and Approvals.

2. A Test Log is used by the test team to record what occurred during test execution

Details to be included in the report - Purpose, Outline, Test-Log Identifier, Description, Activity and Event Entries, Execution Description, Procedure Results, Environmental Information, Anomalous Events, Incident-Report Identifiers

3. A **Test Incident report** describes any event that occurs during the test execution that requires further investigation

Details to be included in the report - Purpose, Outline, Test-Incident-Report Identifier, Summary, Impact

4. A **test summary report** summarizes the testing activities associated with one or more test-design specifications

Details to be included in the report - Purpose, Outline, Test-Summary-Report Identifier, Summary, Variances, Comprehensiveness Assessment, Summary of Results, Summary of Activities, and Approvals