Purpose of Testing

Beizer's testing levels on test process maturity

- There are four levels of maturity
 - Fundamental differences
 - In viewpoint
 - Effect on the individual
 - Effect on the organization
 - Effect on developed systems

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