

The trials and tribulations of a non-functional test consultant

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My journey



You work where?!

SILENCE

Oh, that's nice...

[Reactions I got when I told other testers where I worked]

A thought bubble with a brown outline and a small tail at the bottom. Inside the bubble, the text "Are big consultancies the bad guys?" is written in a black, sans-serif font.

Are big consultancies
the bad guys?

- What makes consultancy different?
- Not all consultancies are created equal (or better, or worse, just different...)

Test in a **big** consultancy

- Different approach for different clients
- Good stuff
- Not so good stuff

Non-functional test consultancy

Is it called non-functional
because your team don't actually
do anything? Hahaha, get-it?
Non-functioning non-functional...
Hahahaha

Project manager

HAAHAHA! That's soooo funny, I've
never heard that one before! You're
hilarious.

Me

Grrrrrr.....

Internal me

Well done Carly, it's ok. There's
coffee and samosa's in the
office.

My team when
meeting over

Things to consider before working in any consultancy

- What type of person are you?
- How do you like to work?

Big picture*

*This is very important.

Need to try and understand the *real* business reasons for testing

Working as a **consultant...**

helped make me a better ~~tester~~ *person*

Things to remember

- Every consultancy is **different**
- Every role is **different**
- Every person is **different**
- Everyone's experience is **different**

Questions I've been asked previously...

How to get noticed for the work you do?

How to stay motivated on a project you may not find interesting?

How do you balance your own development needs in testing against the customers needs and what they want (and what they believe is good testing)?

Thank you!