



Test Direct Nearshore

the benefits of offshore, without the headaches!

At Test Direct, we are constantly aware of the challenges our clients face in balancing budgetary constraints with IT quality – hence the trend towards outsourcing and in particular the use of offshore solutions.

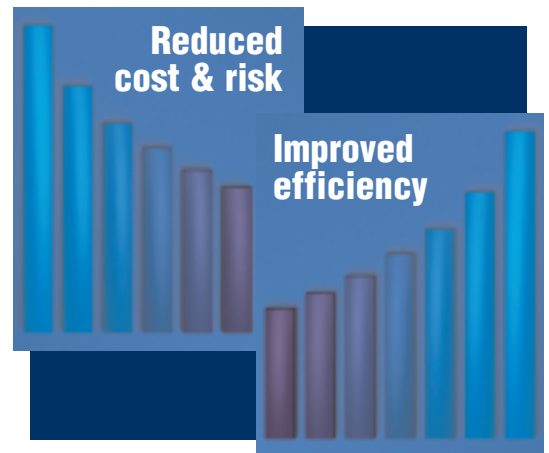
Although these types of solutions have delivered cost reductions, they also bring with them unwelcome headaches such as increased risk, communication difficulties, cultural differences, data security and UK legislative/compliance issues, logistical challenges (location, foreign travel, work permits) etc.

Nearshore benefits

- Reduced testing costs
- Reduced risk
- Improved quality/efficiency
- IT testing, UK Banking & Retail Finance expertise
- Strong coordination and communication
- Similar culture/mindset to your organisation
- Independent testing by ISEB accredited UK practitioners subject to UK legislative & regulatory controls
- Close proximity: to visit our Test Centres or have our resources deployed to your site in a matter of hours

As a result of the success of our original Nearshore offering - one of the first in the UK based in Preston, Lancashire - we are delighted to announce the opening of our second building to house further Nearshore Test Labs from October 2009. Our secure, fully operational Test Labs enable our clients to significantly reduce costs while still employing highly skilled UK based testers, versed in Test Direct's proven QUICK methodology, working the same office hours as your organisation.

From Preston we can work independently or link into your systems directly via our high speed dedicated lines. We offer the ideal combination between a cost effective solution, speed to market and quality control. Offering a full or partial outsource service, we allow your organisation to optimise your cost structure without compromising your current Quality Assurance levels.



About Test Direct

We are the leading UK provider of software testing, quality assurance and compliance services to the Finance sector. Since March 2002, Test Direct has been combining in-depth industry expertise with practical testing skills, tools and methods. With testing solutions delivered by cost effective, planned or on-demand teams, we ensure that our clients are able to launch new products and services, with a risk based knowledge of their quality and performance, and go live with confidence.

We pride ourselves on working with our customers not for them. Test Direct always seek to form partnerships that produce win win outcomes. We enjoy ongoing and established relationships with some of the UK's largest blue chips, such as:

**M&S money • First Data • Experian
HRG Financial Services • GMAC RFC
Legal & General • RR Donnelley
Checkmate Mortgages**

