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**ISTRB® releases Advanced Level Test Automation Engineer (CTAL-TAE) Syllabus**

At the ISTQB® General Assembly meeting in Seoul, Korea (October 2016), the ISTQB® Advanced Level Test Automation Engineer Certification syllabus (CTAL-TAE) was approved for general availability release.

The new module fits into the Specialist Stream of the recently redefined architecture of the ISTQB® Product Portfolio.

Accredited Training Providers and Exam Providers worldwide can now start accrediting courses and administering exams for ISTQB® CTAL-TAE.

The release consists of the ISTQB® Advanced Level Test Automation Engineer syllabus (including business outcomes and learning objectives), exam structure and rules and sample exam.

Major topics covered by the syllabus are:

- Test Automation
- Preparing for test automation
- The generic test automation architecture
- Deployment risks and contingencies
- Test automation reporting and metrics
- Transitioning manual testing to an automated environment
- Verifying the TAS
- Continuous improvement

“The strong demand for Test Automation across all development methodologies continues to grow and the highly technically educated professionals who understand how to build sustainable automation are in high demand. Organizations benefit by increased efficiency and velocity, reducing deployment risks, and increasing the ROI.” said **Andrew Pollner** – American Software Testing Qualifications Board, who led the syllabus development team.
“ISTQB® Test Automation Engineer certification provides another step in the career path of test engineers, enhancing their knowledge in this important area” said Gualtiero Bazzana, ISTQB® President “Our latest survey shows a strong interest by the market on Test Automation and thus we expect a quick adoption world-wide”.

Further Information can be obtained from the ISTQB® website: [http://www.istqb.org](http://www.istqb.org)

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ISTQB® is an organization based on volunteer work by hundreds of software testing experts around the world.

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