

Today Is Tester's Day — So I Tested the Publishing Machine

A deliberately small end-to-end test of the Hedegreen Research publishing workflow, published on Tester's Day.

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A small article used to test the Hedegreen Research publication workflow from draft to release.

September 9 is informally observed as **Tester's Day** in software-testing communities. The American Software Testing Qualifications Board marks the date and links it to a literal computer bug.

On September 9, 1947, engineers working on the Harvard Mark II found a moth caught in a relay. The insect was taped into the machine's logbook beside the line “**First actual case of bug being found.**” The word *bug* was already being used for technical faults before 1947; the moth incident did not invent the term.

Today, Hedegreen Research happens to be testing a machine too.

Not a relay computer. A publishing machine.

The system is supposed to carry an article through a complete path:

draft → sources → review → materials → connections → publication plan → final review → release

This article is deliberately small. It contains no major investigation, new model or grand claim. It is real enough to publish, but simple enough to move through every part of the system without the article itself becoming the difficult part.

The test condition is therefore simple:

Can one small article travel from a blank draft to a finished public page without bypassing the publication workflow?

It has a title, a factual claim, sources, metadata, links and a release condition. That is enough to make the test real.

If you are reading this on the Hedegreen Research website, at least one end-to-end run succeeded.

The next article can be more important.

The machine should already work.

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Sources

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 - Computer History Museum — The 1947 computer bug (<https://www.computerhistory.org/tdih/september/9/>).
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RELATION MEMORY

NEARBY [Publishing Became a Command](#) · An earlier account of reducing publishing friction through a repeatable command workflow; this Journal note tests the later publishing path.

NEARBY [An Article Is Not a Document](#) · Explains the source checks, editorial work and lineage behind a finished article; this Journal note puts a small article through those production stages.

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