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As described in the [Business Space Versions and Version Control](#) section a business space version can be put under test to verify that the version works as expected before making the version operational.

To test the business space version the configurator has to log into the system in the Operation Mode using the URL described in the [Login](#) section. The screen displayed by **AwareIM** includes the “Testing Mode” check box – this checkbox needs to be ticked to indicate that **AwareIM** should operate in the testing mode.

Using the application in the Operation Testing Mode is very similar to using the application in the regular Operation Mode. The main difference is that the operation data created when the application works in the Operation Testing Mode is stored in a completely separate database, so that the main data of the system is not affected by any operations performed in the testing mode. There are also some other relatively minor differences that are summarized below:

1. Users with the Guest access level (see [Predefined Access Levels](#)) cannot log into the system in the testing mode. If one wants to test the Guest access level while working in the testing mode the following can be done:
  1. Log in as administrator into the testing mode as described above.
  2. Create a new instance of the `RegularUser` object and set the value of its `AccessLevel` attribute to 'Guest'
  3. Logout and login as the newly created user.
2. Menu item of the “Login” type will attempt to login the user into the regular mode, not the testing mode.
3. Menu item of the “Register User” type: when the user completes registration the system automatically logs in the user into the regular mode of the same business space using the newly entered login name and password.
4. If a business space version is configured to process incoming e-mails (see [E-mail Handling](#)) it will periodically check the specified mailbox on the mail server, whether in the regular or testing mode. Therefore, if there is an operational version in the regular mode and the one in the testing mode that are both configured to receive e-mails from the same source they will compete for incoming e-mails. As a result new incoming e-mails can end up in either regular or testing version. To avoid this situation, change the version to be put under test to use an alternative mailbox.
5. It is not possible to save newly built queries in the testing mode (see [Building Queries in the Operation Mode](#)).

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