

CS409

Software Testing

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Administrative Info

- Do not use wechat for communication!
- Use GitHub Classroom
 - Share the bugs that your find! (Remember to document when you find a bug through knowledge shared in GitHub discussion!)
 - Helps each other with tools installation
- Syllabus uploaded in Sakai
 - The first 3 weeks will be a recap of software testing
 - Then later on, we will learn more about systematic testing

Grading

- Points
 - Assignment (40%)
 - Exams (20%)
 - Project (20%)
 - Project Final Presentation (20%)
- Assignments and Project is important part of the course!
- Don't forget to submit all assignments and projects!

Recap:

Fault and Failure Example

- A patient gives a doctor a list of **symptoms**
 - **Failures**
- The doctor tries to diagnose the root cause, the **ailment**
 - **Fault**
- The doctor may look for **anomalous internal conditions** (high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, bacteria in the blood stream)
 - **Errors**

A Concrete Example

Fault: Should start searching at 0, not 1

```
public static int numZero (int [ ] arr)
{ // Effects: If arr is null throw
  NullPointerException
  // else return the number of occurrence
  arr
  int count = 0;
  for (int i = 1; i < arr.length; i++)
  {
    if (arr [ i ] == 0)
    {
      count++;
    }
  }
  return count;
}
```

Test 1
[2, 7, 0]
Expected: 1
Actual: 1

Error: i is 1, not 0, on the first iteration
Failure: none

Test 2
[0, 2, 7]
Expected: 1
Actual: 0

Error: i is 1, not 0
Error propagates to the variable count
Failure: count is 0 at the return statement

Testing in the 21st Century

- More **safety** critical, **real-time** software
- **Embedded** software is ubiquitous ... check your pockets
- **Enterprise** applications means bigger programs, more users
- Paradoxically, free software **increases** our expectations !
- **Security** is now all about software faults
 - **Secure** software is **reliable** software
- The **web** offers a new deployment platform
 - Very **competitive** and very **available** to more users
 - Web apps are distributed
 - Web apps must be highly reliable

Industry desperately needs our inventions !

What Does This Mean?

Software testing is getting more important

**What are we trying to do when we test ?
What are our goals ?**

Testing Goals Based on Test Process Maturity

- **Level 0** : There's no difference between testing and debugging
- **Level 1** : The purpose of testing is to show correctness
- **Level 2** : The purpose of testing is to show that the software doesn't work
- **Level 3** : The purpose of testing is not to prove anything specific, but to reduce the risk of using the software
- **Level 4** : Testing is a mental discipline that helps all IT professionals develop higher quality software

Level 0 Thinking

- Testing is the **same** as debugging
- Does not distinguish between incorrect **behavior** and mistakes in the program
- Does not help develop software that is **reliable** or **safe**

This is what we teach undergraduate CS majors

Level 1 Thinking

- Purpose is to show correctness
- Correctness is impossible to achieve
- What do we know if no failures?
 - Good software or bad tests?
- Test engineers have no:
 - Strict goal
 - Real stopping rule
 - Formal test technique
 - Test managers are powerless

This is what hardware engineers often expect

Level 2 Thinking

- Purpose is to show failures
- Looking for failures is a negative activity
- Puts testers and developers into an adversarial relationship
- What if there are no failures?

This describes most software companies.
How can we move to a team approach ??

Level 3 Thinking

- Testing can only show the **presence of failures**
- Whenever we use software, we incur some **risks**
- Risk may be **small** and consequences unimportant
- Risk may be **great** and consequences catastrophic
- Testers and developers cooperate to **reduce risk**

This describes a few “enlightened” software companies

Level 4 Thinking

A mental discipline that increases quality

- Testing is only **one way** to increase quality
- Test engineers can become **technical leaders** of the project
- Primary responsibility to **measure and improve** software quality
- Their expertise should **help the developers**

This is the way “traditional” engineering works

Where Are You?

Are you at level 0, 1, or 2 ?

**Is your organization at work at level 0, 1,
or 2 ?
Or 3?**

**We hope to teach you to become “change
agents” in your workplace ...
Advocates for level 4 thinking**

Tactical Goals : Why Each Test ?

If you don't know why you're conducting each test, it won't be very helpful

- ✓ Written test objectives and requirements must be documented
- ✓ What are your planned coverage levels?
- ✓ How much testing is enough?
- ✓ Common objective – spend the budget...test until the ship-date ...
 - Sometimes called the “date criterion”

Here! Test This!

Offutt's first “professional” job



A stack of computer printouts—and no documentation

If you don't start planning for each test when the functional requirements are formed, you'll never know why you're conducting the test

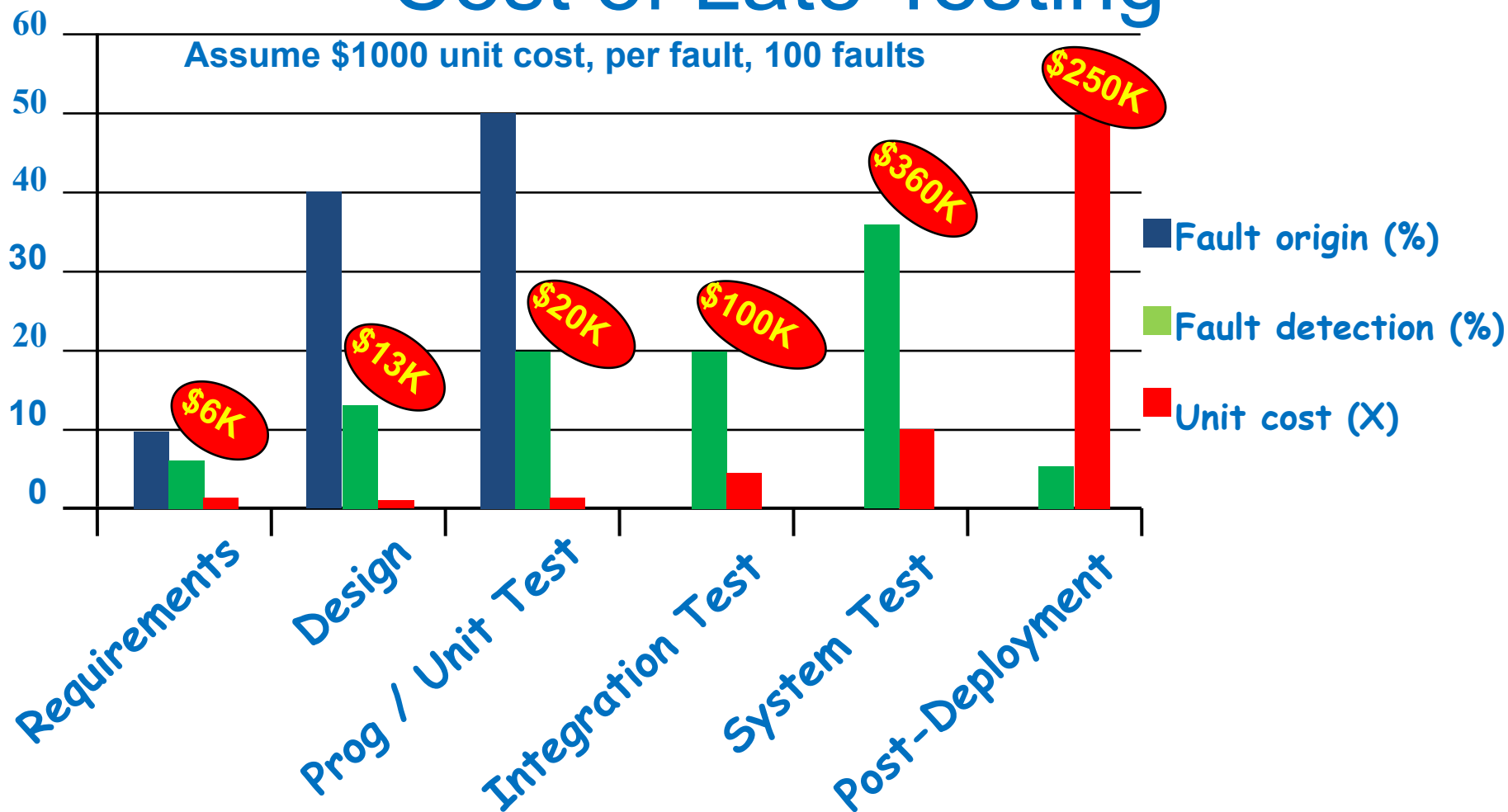
- 1980: “The software shall be easily **maintainable**”
- Threshold **reliability** requirements?
- What fact does each test try to **verify**?
- **Requirements** definition teams need testers!

Cost of Not Testing

Poor Program Managers might say:
"Testing is too expensive."

- Testing is the **most time consuming** and expensive part of software development
- Not testing is even **more expensive**
- If we have too little testing effort early, the cost of testing **increases**
- Planning for testing after development is **prohibitively** expensive

Cost of Late Testing



Software Engineering Institute; Carnegie Mellon University; Handbook CMU/SEI-96-HB-002

Summary:

Why Do We Test Software ?

A tester's goal is to eliminate faults as early as possible

- **Improve quality**
- **Reduce cost**
- **Preserve customer satisfaction**

Testing Levels Based on Software Activity

- Unit testing
- (Module testing)
- Integration testing
- System testing
- (Acceptance testing)
- Regression testing

- Names are not standardized
 - I don't insist on names; we will follow the book

Software Testability (3.1)

The degree to which a system or component facilitates the establishment of test criteria and the performance of tests to determine whether those criteria have been met

- Plainly speaking – **how hard it is to find faults** in the software
- Testability is dominated by **two** practical problems
 - How to **provide the test values** to the software
 - How to **observe the results** of test execution

Observability and Controllability

- Observability

How easy it is to provide a program with the needed inputs, in terms of values, operations, and behaviors

- Software that affects hardware devices, databases, or remote files have low observability

- Controllability

How easy it is to observe the behavior of a program in terms of its outputs, effects on the environment and other hardware and software components

- Easy to control software with inputs from keyboards
- Inputs from hardware sensors or distributed software is harder
- Data abstraction reduces controllability and observability

Components of a Test Case (3.2)

- A test case is a **multipart artifact** with a definite structure

The input values needed to complete an execution of the software under test

- Expected results

The result that will be produced by the test if the software behaves as expected

- A **test oracle** uses expected results to decide whether a test passed or failed

Affecting Controllability and Observability

- Prefix values

Inputs necessary to put the software into the appropriate state to receive the test case values

- Postfix values

Any inputs that need to be sent to the software after the test case values are sent

1. *Verification Values* : Values needed to see the results of the test case values
2. *Exit Values* : Values or commands needed to terminate the program or otherwise return it to a stable state

Putting Tests Together

- Test case

The test case values, prefix values, postfix values, and expected results necessary for a complete execution and evaluation of the software under test

- Test set

A set of test cases

- Executable test script

A test case that is prepared in a form to be executed automatically on the test software and produce a report

Test Automation Framework (3.3)

A set of assumptions, concepts, and tools that support test automation

Example of Test Automation Framework?

- JUNIT

What is JUnit?

- Open source Java testing framework used to write and run repeatable **automated tests**
- JUnit is open source (**junit.org**)
- A structure for writing **test drivers**
- JUnit **features** include:
 - **Assertions** for testing expected results
 - Test features for sharing **common test data**
 - Test **suites** for easily organizing and running tests
 - Graphical and textual **test runners**
- JUnit is **widely used** in industry
- JUnit can be used as **stand alone** Java programs (from the command line) or **within an IDE** such as Eclipse

JUnit Tests

- JUnit can be used **to test** ...
 - ... an entire object
 - ... part of an object – a method or some interacting methods
 - ... interaction between several objects
- It is primarily intended for unit and integration testing, not system testing
- Each test is embedded into one **test method**
- A **test class** contains one or more test methods
- Test classes **include** :
 - A collection of **test methods**
 - Methods to **set up** the state before and **update** the state after each test and before and after all tests
- Get started at **junit.org**

Writing Tests for JUnit

- Need to use the methods of the `junit.framework.assert` class
 - javadoc gives a complete description of its capabilities
- Each test method checks a condition (`assertion`) and reports to the test runner whether the test failed or succeeded
- The test runner uses the result to `report to the user` (in command line mode) or update the display (in an IDE)
- All of the methods `return void`
- A few representative methods of `junit.framework.assert`
 - `assertTrue (boolean)`
 - `assertTrue (String, boolean)`
 - `fail (String)`

How to Write A Test Case

- You may occasionally see **old versions** of JUnit tests
 - Major change in syntax and features in JUnit 4.0
 - Backwards compatible (JUnit 3.X tests still work)
- In JUnit **3.X**
 1. `import junit.framework.*`
 2. `extend TestCase`
 3. name the test methods with a prefix of 'test'
 4. validate conditions using one of the several assert methods
- In JUnit **4.0** and later:
 - Do not extend from `Junit.framework.TestCase`
 - Do not prefix the test method with "test"
 - Use one of the assert methods
 - Run the test using `JUnit4TestAdapter`
 - `@NAME` syntax introduced
- We focus entirely on JUnit 4.X

JUnit Test Fixtures

- A **test fixture** is the state of the test
 - Objects and variables that are used by more than one test
 - Initializations (*prefix* values)
 - Reset values (*postfix* values)
- Different tests can **use** the objects without sharing the state
- Objects used in test fixtures should be declared as **instance variables**
- They should be initialized in a **@Before** method
- Can be deallocated or reset in an **@After** method

Simple JUnit Example

```
public class Calc
{
    static public int add (int a, int b)
    {
        return a + b;
    }
}
```

Printed if
assert fails

Expected
output

```
import org.junit.Test;
import static org.junit.Assert.*;

public class CalcTest
{
    @Test public void testAdd()
    {
        assertTrue ("Calc sum incorrect",
                    5 == Calc.add (2, 3));
    }
}
```

Test
values

Testing the Min Class

```
public static <T extends Comparable<? super T>> T min (List<? extends T> list)
{
    if (list.size() == 0)
    {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException ("Min.min");
    }
    /*
    Iterator<? extends T> itr = list.iterator();
    T result = itr.next();

    if (result == null) throw new NullPointerException ("Min.min");

    while (itr.hasNext())
    { // throws NPE, CCE as needed
        T comp = itr.next();
        if (comp.compareTo (result) < 0)
        {
            result = comp;
        }
    }
    return result;
}
}
```

MinTest Class

- Standard imports for all JUnit classes :
- Test fixture and pre-test setup method (prefix) :
- Post test teardown method (postfix) :

```
import static org.junit.Assert.*;  
import org.junit.*;  
import java.util.*;
```

```
private List<String> list; // Test fixture  
  
// Set up - Called before every test method.  
@Before  
public void setUp()  
{  
    list = new ArrayList<String>();  
}
```

```
// Tear down - Called after every test method.  
@After  
public void tearDown()  
{  
    list = null; // redundant in this example  
}
```

Min Test Cases: NullPointerException

```
@Test
public void testForNullList()
{
    list = null;
    try {
        Min.min (list);
    } catch (NullPointerException e) {
        return;
    }
    fail ("NullPointerException expected");
}
```

This **NullPointerException** test decorates the **@Test** annotation with the class of the exception

```
@Test (expected = NullPointerException.class)
public void testForNullElement()
{
    list.add (null);
    list.add ("cat");
    Min.min (list);
}
```

This **NullPointerException** test uses the **fail** assertion

This **NullPointerException** test catches an easily overlooked special case

```
@Test (expected = NullPointerException.class)
public void testForSoloNullElement()
{
    list.add (null);
    Min.min (list);
}
```

More Exception Test Cases for Min

```
@Test (expected = ClassCastException.class)
@SuppressWarnings ("unchecked")
public void testMutuallyIncomparable()
{
    List list = new ArrayList();
    list.add ("cat");
    list.add ("dog");
    list.add (1);
    Min.min (list);
}
```

Note that Java generics don't prevent clients from using raw types!

```
@Test (expected = IllegalArgumentException.class)
public void testEmptyList()
{
    Min.min (list);
}
```

Special case: Testing for the empty list

Remaining Test Cases for Min

```
@Test
public void testSingleElement()
{
    list.add ("cat");
    Object obj = Min.min (list);
    assertTrue ("Single Element List", obj.equals ("cat"));
}
```

```
@Test
public void testDoubleElement()
{
    list.add ("dog");
    list.add ("cat");
    Object obj = Min.min (list);
    assertTrue ("Double Element List", obj.equals ("cat"));
}
```

Finally! A couple of “Happy Path” tests

Summary: Seven Tests for Min

- Five tests with exceptions
 1. null list
 2. null element with multiple elements
 3. null single element
 4. incomparable types
 5. empty elements
- Two without exceptions
 6. single element
 7. two elements

Assertions in JUnit

assert:

a family of methods to check conditions

```
assertEquals("", result);
```

“check if

expected and

actual values are equal”

@Test

```
public void testWrapNull() {  
    Wrapper wrapper = new Wrapper();  
    String result = wrapper.wrap(null, 10);  
    assertEquals("", result);  
}
```

assert:

a family of methods to check conditions

```
assertEquals(" ", result);
```

“check if expected and actual values are equal”



If assertion fails (checked condition is not satisfied):

- current test is marked as ‘failed’
- JUnit skips execution of the rest of the test method and proceeds executing remaining test methods

assert

- for a boolean condition:

```
assertTrue("message for fail", condition);  
assertFalse("message", condition);
```

- for object, int, long, and byte values, array:

```
assertEquals(expected_value, expression);
```

- for float and double values:

```
assertEquals(expected, expression, error);
```

- for objects references:

```
assertNull(obj_ref)  
assertNotNull(obj_ref)  
assertSame(obj_ref, obj_ref2)
```

assert: example

@Test

```
public void testPush() {  
    Stack aStack = new Stack();  
    assertTrue("Stack should be empty!",  
               aStack.isEmpty());  
    aStack.push(10);  
    assertFalse("Stack should not be empty!",  
               aStack.isEmpty());  
    aStack.push(4);  
    assertEquals(4, aStack.pop());  
    assertEquals(10, aStack.pop());  
}
```

assert: better example

@Test

```
public void testStackEmpty() {  
    Stack aStack = new Stack();  
    assertTrue("Stack should be empty!", aStack.isEmpty());  
    aStack.push(10);  
    assertFalse("Stack should not be empty!", aStack.isEmpty());  
}
```

@Test

```
public void testStackOperations() {  
    Stack aStack = new Stack();  
    aStack.push(10);  
    aStack.push(-4);  
    assertEquals(-4, aStack.pop());  
    assertEquals(10, aStack.pop());  
}
```

Separate @Test methods for testing individual scenarios and methods

Hamcrest Matcher

What is Hamcrest?

- <http://hamcrest.org/>
- <http://code.google.com/p/hamcrest/wiki/Tutorial>
- <http://junit.sourceforge.net/doc/cookbook/cookbook.htm>
- <http://hamcrest.org/JavaHamcrest/javadoc/1.3>



Hamcrest

Matchers that can be combined to create flexible expressions of intent

Born in Java, Hamcrest now has implementations in a number of languages.

- [Java](#)
- [Python](#)
- [Ruby](#)
- [Objective C](#)
- [PHP](#)
- [Erlang](#)

Hamcrest

- Hamcrest is a framework for writing matcher objects allowing 'match' rules to be defined declaratively.
- There are a number of situations where matchers are invaluable, such as UI validation, or data filtering,
- but it is in the area of writing flexible tests that matchers are most commonly used.

My first Hamcrest test

```
import static org.hamcrest.MatcherAssert.assertThat;
import static org.hamcrest.Matchers.*;
```

```
import junit.framework.TestCase;
```

```
public class BiscuitTest extends TestCase {
    public void testEquals() {
        Biscuit theBiscuit = new Biscuit("Ginger");
        Biscuit myBiscuit = new Biscuit("Ginger");
        assertThat(theBiscuit, equalTo(myBiscuit));
    }
}
```

// Note JUnit3

- If you have more than one assertion in your test you can include an identifier for the tested value in the assertion:

```
assertThat("chocolate chips",  
theBiscuit.getChocolateChipCount(), equalTo(10));
```

```
assertThat("hazelnuts",  
theBiscuit.getHazelnutCount(), equalTo(3));
```

Hamcrest Common Matchers

- A tour of Hamcrest comes with a library of useful matchers. Here are some of the most important ones.
- Core
 - anything - always matches, useful if you don't care what the object under test is
 - describedAs - decorator to adding custom failure description
 - is - decorator to improve readability - see "Sugar", below
- Logical
 - allOf - matches if all matchers match, short circuits (like Java &&)
 - anyOf - matches if any matchers match, short circuits (like Java ||)
 - not - matches if the wrapped matcher doesn't match and vice versa

- Object
 - equalTo - test object equality using Object.equals
 - toString - test Object.toString
 - instanceof, isCompatibleType - test type
 - notNullValue, nullValue - test for null
 - sameInstance - test object identity
- Beans
 - hasProperty - test JavaBeans properties

- Collections
 - array - test an array's elements against an array of matchers
 - hasEntry, hasKey, hasValue - test a map contains an entry, key or value
 - hasItem, hasItems - test a collection contains elements
 - hasItemInArray - test an array contains an element
- Number
 - closeTo - test floating point values are close to a given value
 - greaterThan, greaterThanOrEqualTo, lessThan, lessThanOrEqualTo - test ordering

- Text
 - `equalToIgnoringCase` - test string equality ignoring case
 - `equalToIgnoringWhiteSpace` - test string equality ignoring differences in runs of whitespace
 - `containsString`, `endsWith`, `startsWith` - test string matching

Syntactic Sugar

- Hamcrest strives to make your tests as readable as possible.
- For example, the “is” matcher is a wrapper that doesn't add any extra behavior to the underlying matcher., but increases readability.
- The following assertions are all equivalent:
 - `assertThat(theBiscuit, equalTo(myBiscuit));`
 - `assertThat(theBiscuit, is(equalTo(myBiscuit)));`
 - `assertThat(theBiscuit, is(myBiscuit));`
- The last form is allowed since `is(T value)` is overloaded to return `is(equalTo(value))`.

Testing Session

```

import java.io.*;

class Trityp
{...
public static void main (String[] argv)
{  // Driver program for trityp
    int A, B, C;
    int T;

    System.out.println (instructions);
    System.out.println ("Enter side 1: ");
    A = getN();
    System.out.println ("Enter side 2: ");
    B = getN();
    System.out.println ("Enter side 3: ");
    C = getN();
    T = Triang (A, B, C);
    System.out.println ("Res
triTypes[T]);
}

```

Black box/White box?

➤ **White box because we could see the code**

What are the test inputs?

➤ **Test inputs from program arguments**

What are the test outputs?

➤ **Test outputs from System.out**

```
// =====  
// Read (or choose) an integer  
private static int getN ()  
{  
    int inputInt = 1;  
    BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader (new InputStreamReader  
(System.in));  
    String inStr;  
  
    try  
    {  
        inStr = in.readLine ();  
        inputInt = Integer.parseInt(inStr);  
    }  
    catch (IOException e)  
    { // JDK requires the IOException to be caught.  
        System.out.println ("Could not read input, choosing 1.");  
    }  
    catch (NumberFormatException e)  
    {  
        System.out.println ("Entry must be a number, choosing 1.");  
    }  
    return (inputInt);  
}}
```

What are the test inputs?

➤ **Test input from System.in**

Which example has better tests?

Example 1 is better!

➤ **Each test should be independent of each other**

Example 1

```
@Test
public void popTest() {
    MyStack s = new MyStack ();
    s.push (314);
    assertEquals (314, s.pop ());
}

@Test
public void sizeTest() {
    MyStack s = new MyStack ();
    s.push (2);
    assertEquals (1, s.size ());
}
```

Example 2

```
MyStack s = new MyStack ();

@Test
public void popTest() {
    s.push (314);
    assertEquals (314, s.pop ());
}

@Test
public void sizeTest() {
    assertEquals (1, s.size ());
}
```

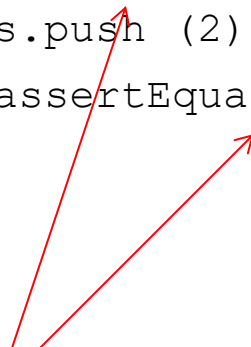
Which example has better tests?

Example 2 is better!

- **Any given behaviour should be specified in one and only one test.**

Example 1

```
@Test
public void sizeTest() {
    MyStack s = new MyStack ();
    assertEquals (0, s.size ());
    s.push (2);
    assertEquals (1, s.size ());
}
```



Multiple assertions are bad because after one assertion fail, execution stops

Example 2

```
@Test
public void emptyTest() {
    MyStack s = new MyStack ();
    assertEquals (0, s.size ());
}

@Test
public void sizeTest() {
    MyStack s = new MyStack ();
    s.push (2);
    assertEquals (1, s.size ());
}
```

Which tests is correct?

Example 2 is correct!

- Correct method signature should be `assertEquals(expected,actual)`

Example 1

```
@Test
public void sizeTest() {
    MyStack s = new MyStack ();
    assertEquals (s.size (),0);
}
```

Example 2

```
@Test
public void emptyTest() {
    MyStack s = new MyStack ();
    assertEquals (0, s.size ());
}
```

Which tests is correct?

Example 1 is correct!

➤ Use `.equals()` to compare strings

Example 1

```
@Test
public void sizeTest() {
    MyStack s = new MyStack ();
    s.push("Hello")
    assertEquals ("Hello",
s.pop());
}
```

Example 2

```
@Test
public void emptyTest() {
    MyStack s = new MyStack ();
    assertTrue (s.pop()=="Hello");
}
```

How to test print to console (System.out)?

```
@Test
public void printTest() {
    //Step1: Prepare to redirect output
    OutputStream os = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
    PrintStream ps = new PrintStream(os);
    System.setOut(ps);

    //Step2: need System.getProperty("line.separator") to
    //properly test for the next line
    HelloWorld.printHello();
    assertEquals("Hello World" +
                 System.getProperty("line.separator"),
                 os.toString());

    //Step3: Restore normal output
    PrintStream originalOut = System.out;
    System.setOut(originalOut);
}
```


How to test main?

```
class App {
    @Test
    public void mainTest() {
        ...
        public static void main(String[] args) {
            //Step1: Prepare to redirect input
            String[] args = null;
            System.out.println("original = System.in");
            final InputStream original = System.in;
            final FileInputStream fips = new FileInputStream(new
            File("[path_to_file]"));
            System.setIn(fips);

            //Step2: construct test inputs
            String [] args = { "one", "two", "three" };
            Application.main(args);

            //Step3: Restore normal input
            System.setIn(original);
        }
    }
}
```