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Software Engineering

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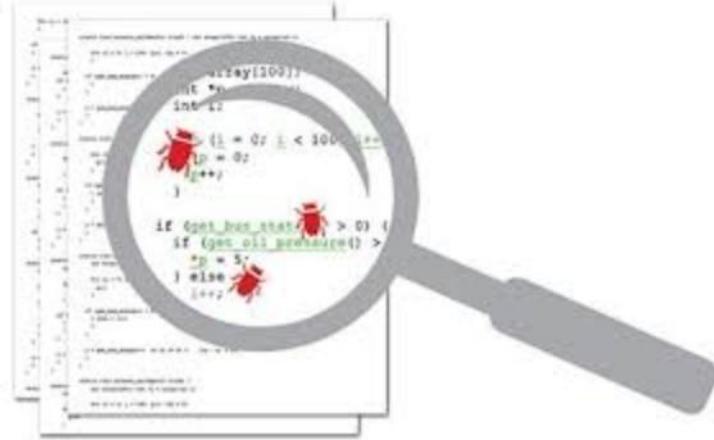
Administrative Info

- **Project Progress Report Uploaded:**
 - due on 26 April 2021, 12.01am
 - You need to know how to run and read the results for the **3 static analysis tools thought in the lab last week**
 - The leader needs to go to GitHub discussion to put the selected time slot
 - Choose the time based on the registered lab time
- All lab exercise should be submitted before next lab to avoid accumulating too much assignments
 - Make sure you have installed and use the 3 static analysis tools
- **Ask question on GitHub discussion instead of Wechat:**
 - Wechat group is for posting announcement

Recap: What is testing?

Dynamic Analysis

Static Analysis



What is Static Analysis?

Static analysis involves **no dynamic execution** of the software under test and can **detect possible defects in an early stage**, before running the program.

Static analysis is done after coding and before executing unit tests.

Static analysis can be done by a machine to automatically “walk through” the source code and detect noncomplying rules. The classic example is a compiler which finds lexical, syntactic and even some semantic mistakes.

What are the static analysis tools that you learned during the lab in previous week?

Question: Which tools check for coding standard?

- PIT
- CheckStyle
- FindBugs
- PMD

Defensive Programming

Making sure that no warning produced by Static Analysis is a form of defensive programming

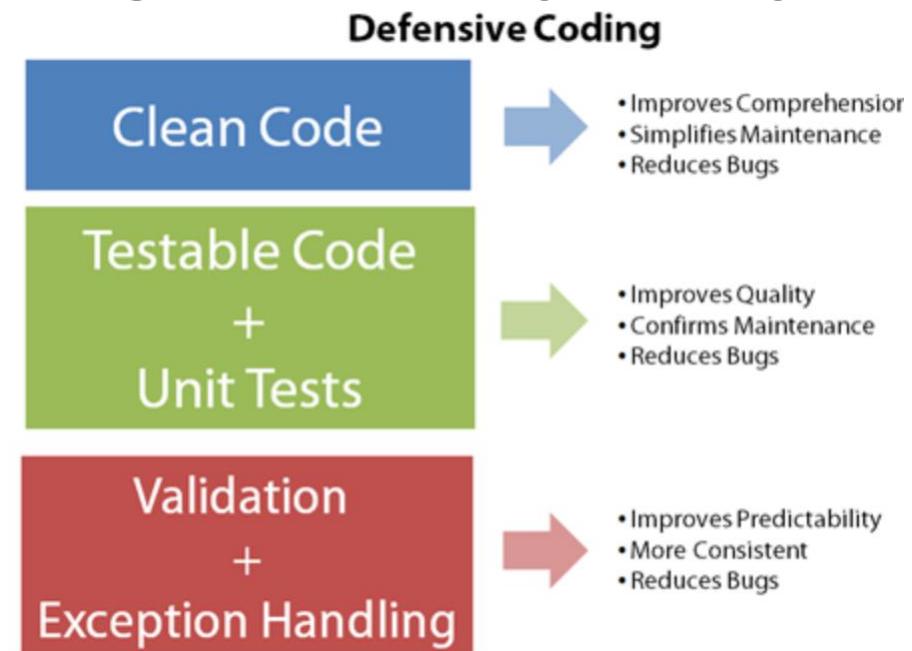
What if you receive the following project requirement?

- › should allow manual and autonomous car driving
- › it has to gather data from many attached sensors
- › it has to send the gathered data 54M km away
- › it cannot be tested in the production environment
- › it's hard to apply hotfixes and patches after the release
- › if something goes wrong with the software we will lose \$2B and waste many years of work
- › the entire OS and software should run on 10Mb of RAM
- › you do not have physical access to the hardware after release
- › the avg communication lag with the software is 15 minutes

From: https://coder.today/tech/2017-11-09_nasa-coding-standards-defensive-programming-and-reliability-a-postmortem-static-analysis./

What is Defensive Programming?

- **Defensive programming** is a form of **defensive design** intended to ensure the continuing function of a piece of **software** under unforeseen circumstances.
- Often used when **high availability, safety or security** is needed.



Pic From: <https://blogs.msmvps.com/deborahk/what-is-defensive-coding/>

Defensive Programming

Murphy's Law:

If anything can go wrong, it will.

Defensive Programming:

- Redundant code(多余代码) is incorporated to check system state after modifications.
- Implicit assumptions (隐式假设) are tested explicitly.
- Risky programming constructs are avoided.

Defensive Programming: Error Avoidance

Risky programming constructs

- Pointers
- Dynamic memory allocation
- Floating-point numbers
- Parallelism
- Recursion
- Interrupts

*All are valuable in certain circumstances, but
should be used with discretion*

Defensive Programming Examples

- Use *boolean* variable not *integer*
- Test $i \leq n$ not $i == n$ (greater range)
- Assertion checking (e.g., validate parameters)
- Build debugging code into program with a switch to display values at interfaces
- Error checking codes in data (e.g., checksum or hash)

Maintenance

Most production programs are maintained by people other than the programmers who originally wrote them.

- (a) What factors make a program easy for somebody else to maintain?
- (b) What factors make a program hard for somebody else to maintain?

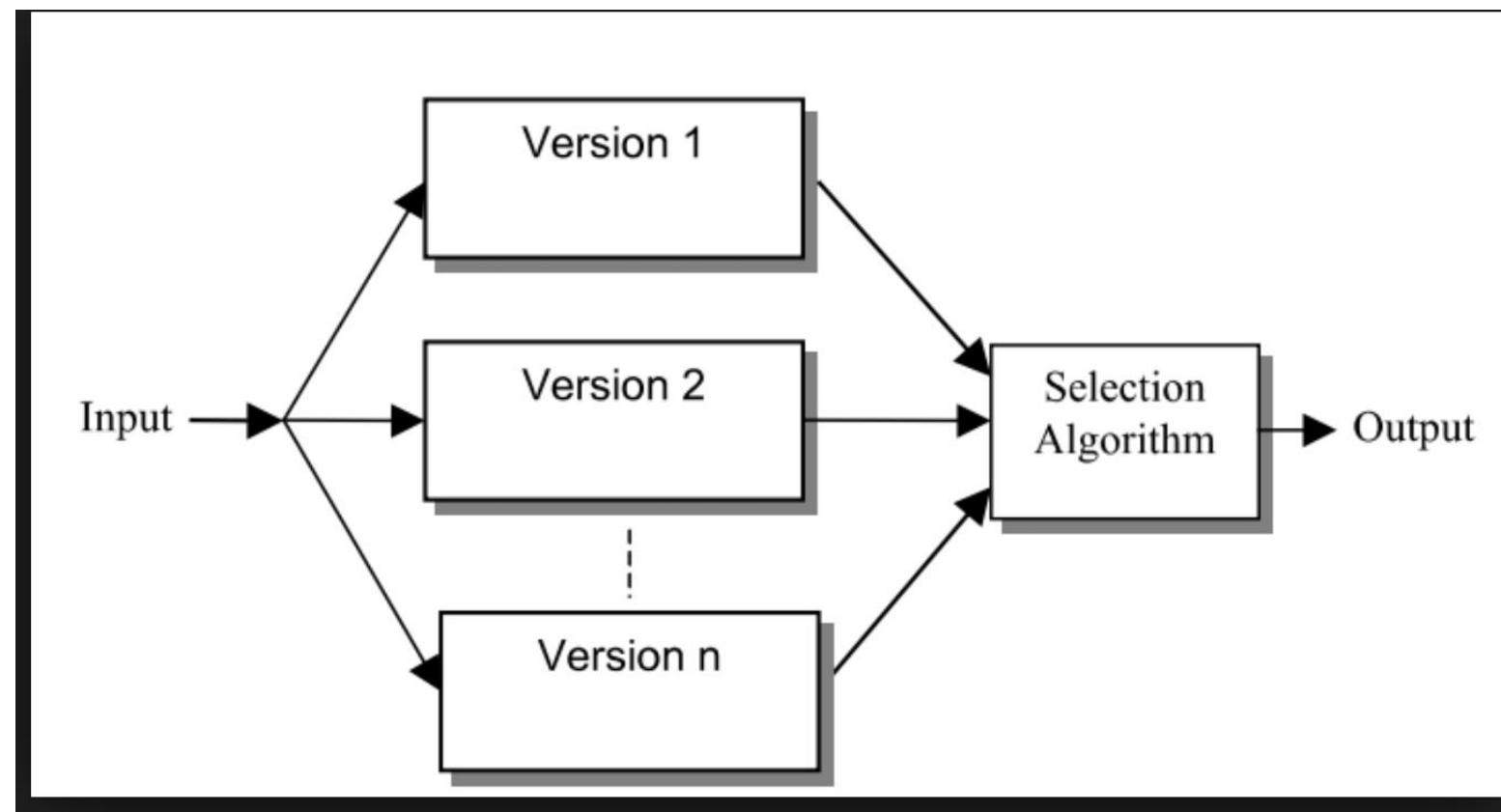
Fault Tolerance

General Approach:

- Failure detection
- Damage assessment
- Fault recovery
- Fault repair

N-version programming -- Execute independent implementation in parallel, compare results, accept the most probable.

N-version Programming



From: https://www.researchgate.net/figure/N-Version-programming-model-Torres-pomales-and-Langley-2000_fig11_324721688

Fault Tolerance

Basic Techniques:

- After error continue with next transaction (e.g., drop packet)
- Timers and timeout in networked systems
- User break options (e.g., force quit, cancel)
- Error correcting codes in data
- Bad block tables on disk drives
- Forward and backward pointers in databases

Report all errors for quality control

Fault Tolerance

Backward Recovery:

- Record system state at specific events (**checkpoints**). After failure, recreate state at last checkpoint.
- **Backup** of files
- Combine checkpoints with system **log (audit trail)** of transactions) that allows transactions from last checkpoint to be repeated automatically.
- *Test the restore software!*

Software Engineering for Real Time

The special characteristics of real time computing require extra attention to good software engineering principles:

- Requirements analysis and specification
- Special techniques (e.g., locks on data, semaphores, etc.)
- Development of tools
- Modular design
- Exhaustive testing

Software Engineering for Real Time

Testing and debugging need special tools and environments

- Debuggers, etc., cannot be used to test real time performance
- Simulation of environment may be needed to test interfaces
 - e.g., adjustable clock speed
- General purpose tools may not be available

Some Notable Bugs

Even commercial systems may have horrific bugs

- Built-in function in Fortran compiler ($e^0 = 0$)
- Japanese microcode for Honeywell DPS virtual memory
- The microfilm plotter with the missing byte (1:1023)
- The Sun 3 page fault that IBM paid to fix
- Left handed rotation in the graphics package

Good people work around problems.

The best people track them down and fix them!

EXAMPLE OF BUGS FOUND BY STUDENTS

The size of the compressed pdf becomes larger #539

 Open

fjcdt opened this issue on 15 Dec 2018 · 3 comments



fjcdt commented on 15 Dec 2018 • edited

+  ...

Describe the bug

If the compression ratio is small, the compressed file size will become larger.

Context

Device: honor v10
OS Version: Android 9.0.0
App version: 8.4.8

How to reproduce

1. Open the application
2. Press the "Compress PDF" button
3. Select a pdf file
4. Enter a small compression value, such as 10
5. Press the "CREATE PDF" button

<https://github.com/Swati4star/Images-to-PDF/issues/539>

Security in the Software Development Process

The security goal

The security goal is to make sure that the agents (people or external systems) who interact with a computer system, its data, and its resources, are those that the owner of the system would wish to have such interactions.

Security considerations need to be part of the entire software development process. They may have a major impact on the architecture chosen.

Example. Integration of Internet Explorer into Windows

Agents and Components

A large system will have many agents and components:

- each is potentially unreliable and insecure
- components acquired from third parties may have unknown security problems (COTS problem)

The software development challenge:

- develop secure and reliable components
- protect whole system from security problems in parts of it

Techniques: Barriers

Place barriers that separate parts of a complex system:

- Isolate components, e.g., do not connect a computer to a network
- Firewalls
- Require authentication to access certain systems or parts of systems

Every barrier imposes restrictions on permitted uses of the system

Barriers are most effective when the system can be divided into subsystems with simple boundaries

Techniques: Authentication & Authorization

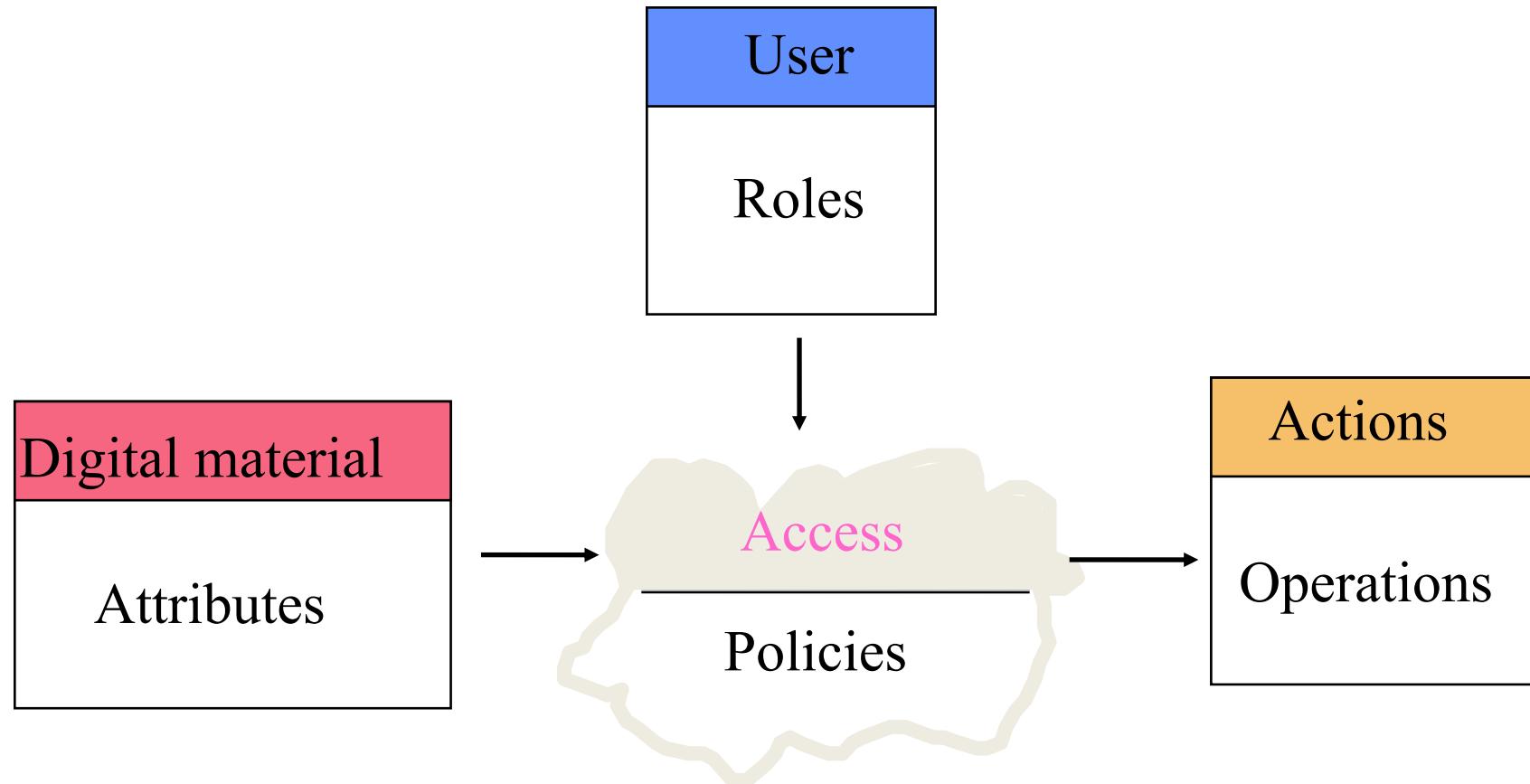
Authentication establishes the identity of an agent:

- What the agent knows (e.g., password)
- What the agent possess (e.g., smart card)
- Where does the agent have access to (e.g., controller)
- What are the physical properties of the agent (e.g., fingerprint)

Authorization establishes what an authenticated agent may do:

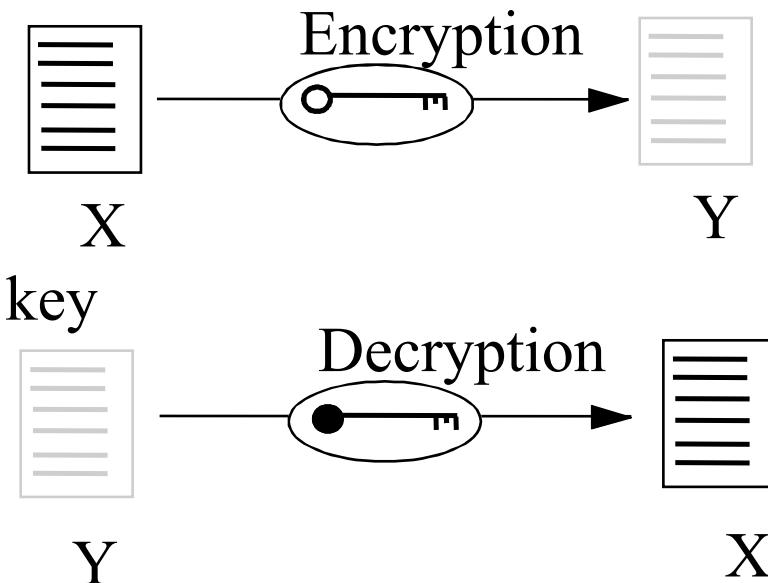
- Access control lists
- Group membership

Example: An Access Model for Digital Content



Techniques: Encryption

Allows data to be stored and transmitted securely, even when the bits are viewed by unauthorized agents



- Private key and public key
- Digital signatures

Security and People

People are intrinsically insecure:

- Careless (e.g., leave computers logged on, use simple passwords, leave passwords where others can read them)
- Dishonest (e.g., stealing from financial systems)
- Malicious (e.g., denial of service attack)

Many security problems come from inside the organization:

- In a large organization, there will be some disgruntled and dishonest employees
- Security relies on trusted individuals. What if they are dishonest?

Design for Security: People

- Make it easy for responsible people to use the system
- Make it hard for dishonest or careless people (e.g., password management)
- Train people in responsible behavior
- Test the security of the system
- Do not hide violations

Suggested Reading

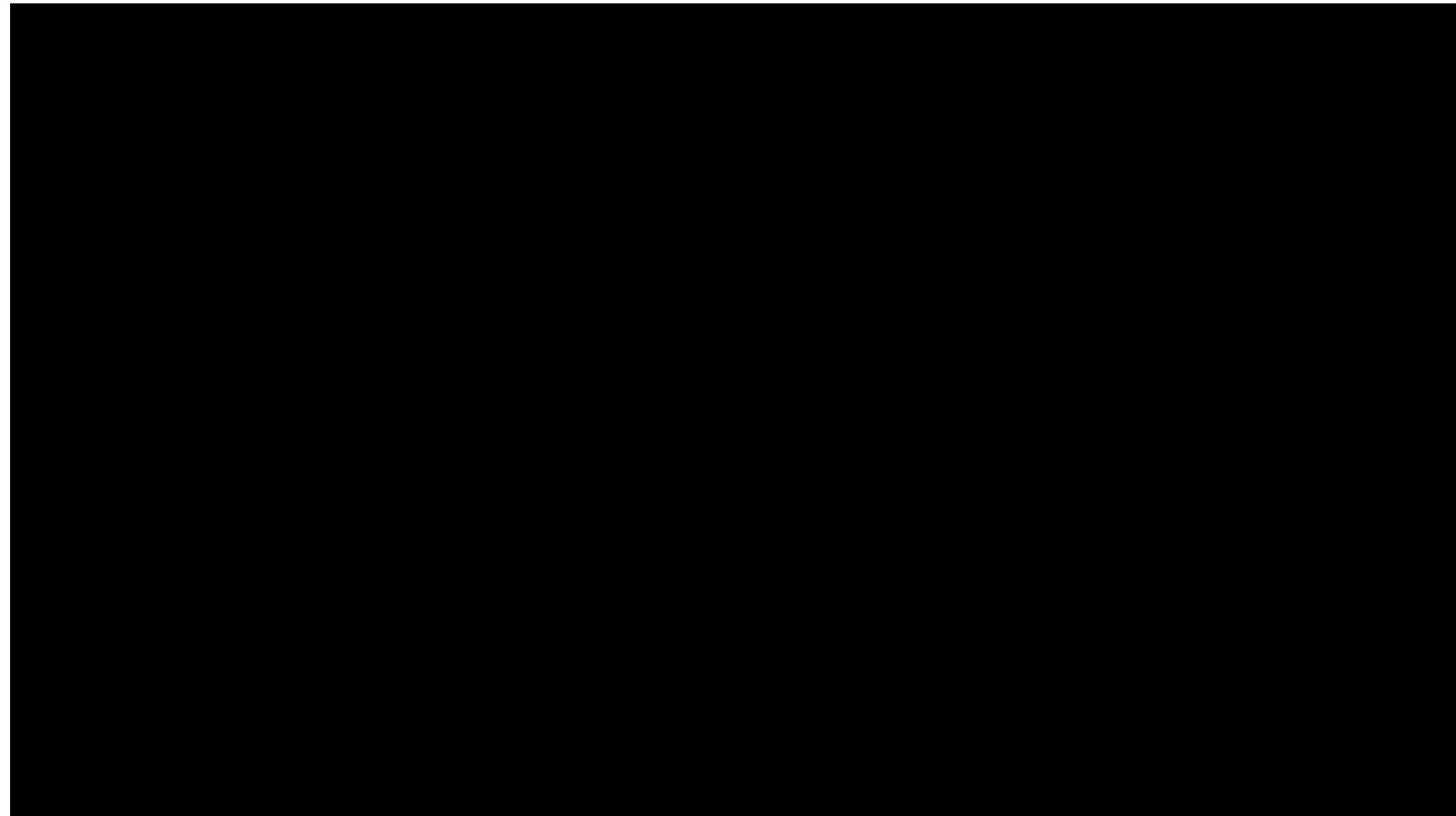
Trust in Cyberspace, Committee on Information Systems
Trustworthiness, National Research Council (1999)

<http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/trust/>

*Fred Schneider, Cornell Computer Science, was the chair of
this study.*

Documentation

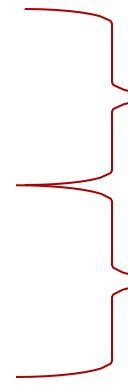
Technical Writers: The person in charge of documentation



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnnkAWP55Ww>

What are *Javadoc* Comments?

```
/*
 * Returns a synchronized map backed by the given map.
 ...
 * @param map the map to synchronize, must not be null
 * @return a synchronized map backed by the given map
 * @throws IllegalArgumentException if the map is null
 */
static <K,V> Map<K,V> synchronizedMap(Map<K,V> map)
```



Overall Description

Block Tags

- **@param** - Parameter name, Description
- **@return** - Description
- **@throws** - Exception name, Condition under which the exception is thrown

javadoc format

- Use this format for all doc comments:

```
/**  
 * This is where the text starts. The asterisk lines  
 * up with the first asterisk above; there is a space  
 * after each asterisk. The first sentence is the most  
 * important: it becomes the “summary.”  
 *  
 * @param x Describe the first parameter (don’t say its type).  
 * @param y Describe the first parameter (don’t say its type).  
 * @return Tell what value is being returned (don’t say its type).  
 */  
public String myMethod(int x, int y) { // p lines up with the / in /**
```

Javadoc placement

- javadoc comments begin with `/**` and end with `*/`
 - In a javadoc comment, a `*` at the beginning of the line is not part of the comment text
- javadoc comments must be *immediately before*:
 - a class (plain, inner, abstract, or enum)
 - an interface
 - a constructor
 - a method
 - a field (instance or static)
- Anywhere else, javadoc comments will be *ignored!*
 - Plus, they look silly

HTML in doc comments

- javadoc comments (but not other kinds of comments) are written in HTML
- In a doc comment, you *must* replace:
< with <; > with >; & with &;
...because these characters are special in HTML
- Other things you may use:
 - <i>...</i> to make something italic
 - Example: This case should <i>never</i> occur!
 - ... to make something boldface
 - <p> to start a new paragraph
 - <code>...</code> to wrap the names of variables, methods, etc.
 - <pre>...</pre> to use a monospaced font and preserve whitespace
 - to put in a nonbreaking space

More HTML

- You can create a bulleted list with:

```
<ul>
  <li>first list element</li>
  <li>second list element</li>
</ul>
```

- You can create a numbered list with:

```
<ol>
  <li>first list element</li>
  <li>second list element</li>
</ol>
```

- You can insert a hyperlink with:

```
<a href="url">visible text</a>
```

- There's more--most non-document oriented HTML can be used

Who the javadoc is for

- Javadoc comments **should** be written for **programmers who want to use your code**
 - Example: The way you use Sun's Java API
- Javadoc comments **should not** be written for:
 - Programmers who need to debug, maintain, or upgrade the code
 - Internal (*l*/*l**) comments should be used for this purpose
 - People who just want to use the program
- **Therefore:**
 - Javadoc comments **should** describe exactly *how to use* the class, method, constructor, etc.
 - Javadoc comments **should not** describe the internal workings of the class or method (unless it affects the user in some way)
 - In addition, javadoc method comments **should not** tell who uses the method (inappropriate, but also difficult to keep up to date)

Tags in doc comments

- Use the standard ordering for javadoc tags

- In class and interface descriptions, use:

`@author your name`

`@version a version number or date`

- **Use the `@author` tag in your assignments for all top-level classes!!!**

- These tags are only used for classes and interfaces

- In method descriptions, use:

`@param p A description of parameter p.`

`@return A description of the value returned
(not used if the method returns void).`

`@exception e Describe any thrown exception.`

Do *not* mention the type in `@param` and `@return` tags--
javadoc will do this (and get it right)

Which comment is better?

- A. Finds the first blank in the string.
 - B. Find the first blank in the string.
 - C. This method finds the first blank in the string.
 - D. Method findBlank(String s) finds the first blank in the string.
- ```
int findBlank(String s){
```

...

```
}
```

# Rules for writing summaries

- The *first sentence* should summarize the purpose of the element
- For methods, omit the subject and write in the third-person narrative form
  - Good: **Finds** the first blank in the string.
  - Not as good: **Find** the first blank in the string.
  - Bad: **This** method finds the first blank in the string.
  - Worse: **Method** `findBlank(String s)` finds the first blank in the string.
- Use the word **this** rather than “the” when referring to instances of the current class (for example, **Multiplies this fraction...**)
- Do not add parentheses to a method or constructor name unless you want to specify a particular signature
- Keep comments up to date!

# Bugs and missing features

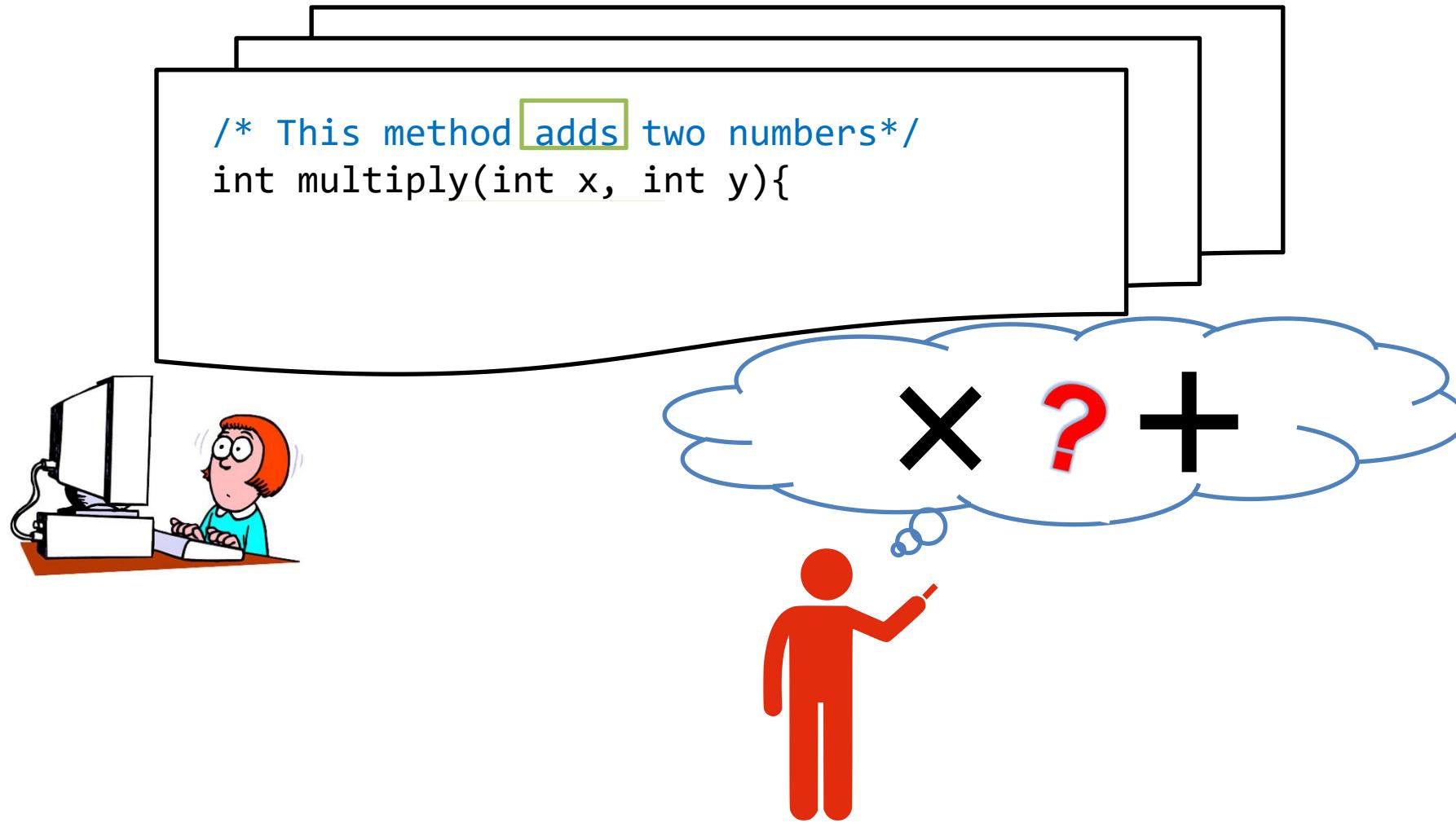
- Document known problems!
  - There are three “standard” flags that you can put into any comment
    - **TODO** -- describes a feature that should be added
    - **FIXME** -- describes a bug in the method
    - **XXX** -- this needs to be thought about some more
  - Eclipse and NetBeans both recognize these flags and can open a window that lists all occurrences of them
  - You can create additional tags of your own in your IDE

# Problems of Javadoc

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Research

# Outdated Code Comments



# Javadoc Comments can be Inconsistent with Code

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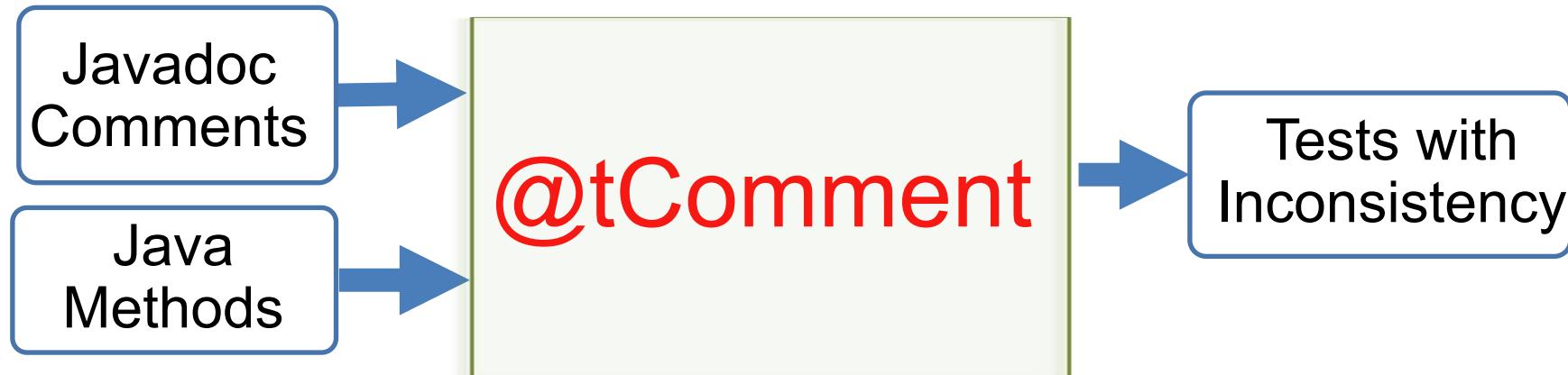
Expected behavior for  
synchronizedMap(null):

- Throws IllegalArgumentException

Actual behavior:

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# An approach for testing comment-code inconsistency



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 java.util.Map var1= ...synchronizedMap(var0);
 } catch (IllegalArgumentException expected) {return;}
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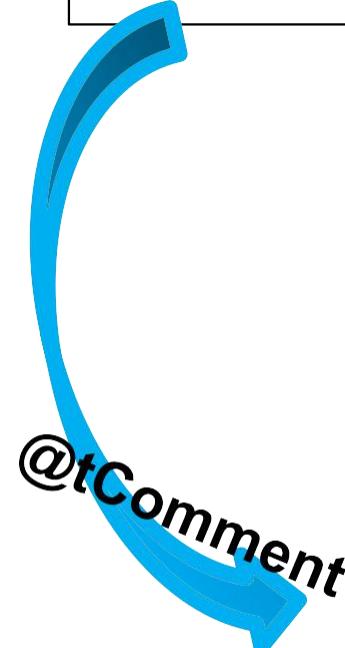
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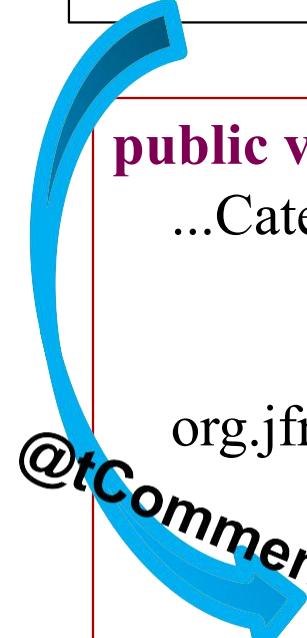
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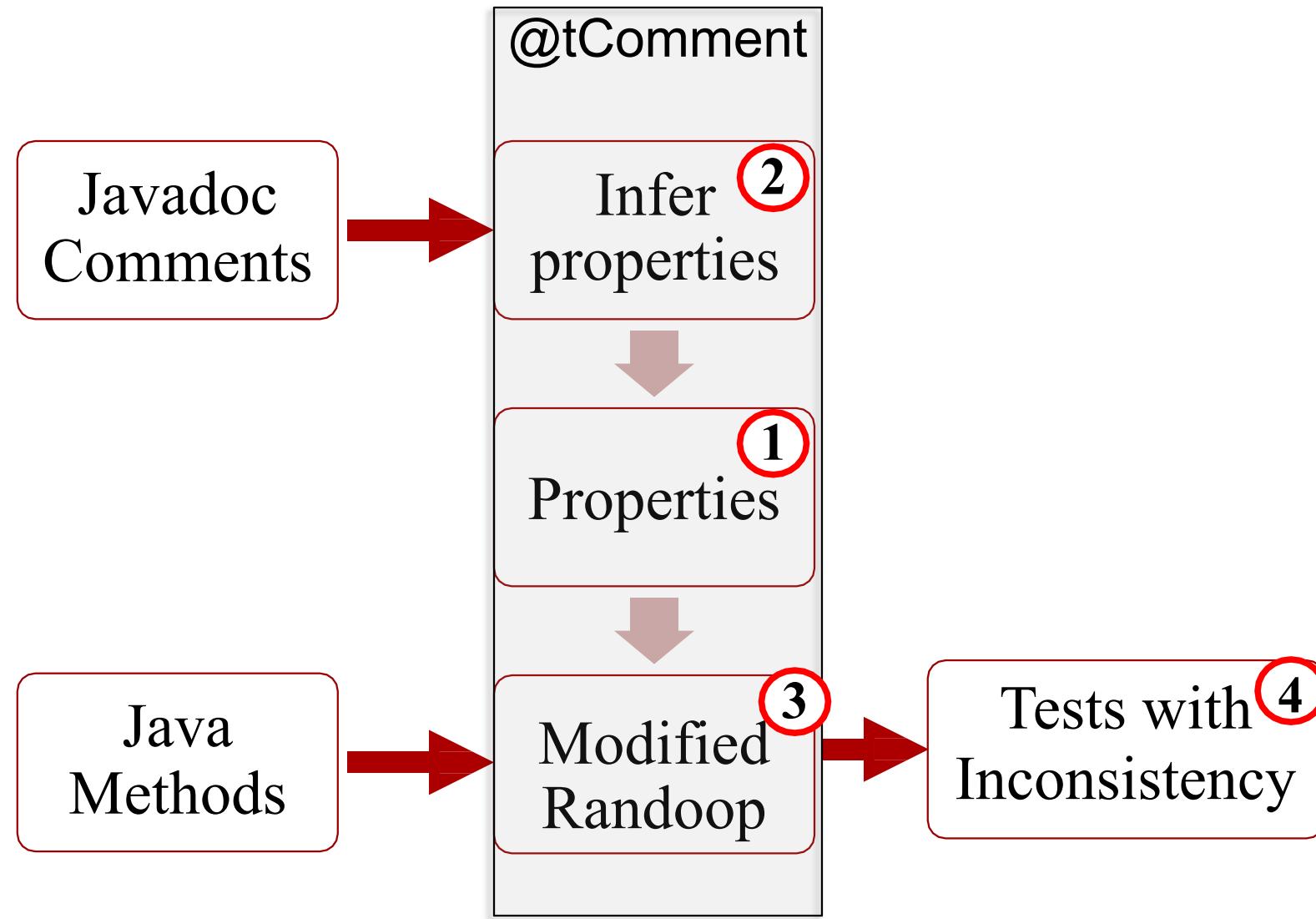
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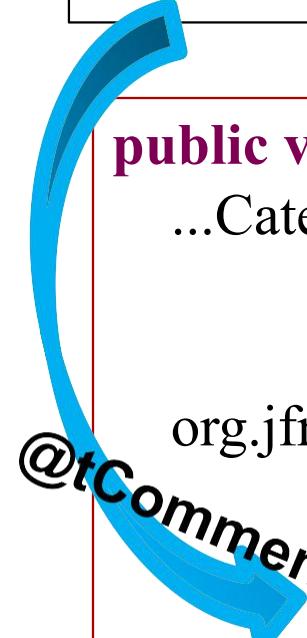
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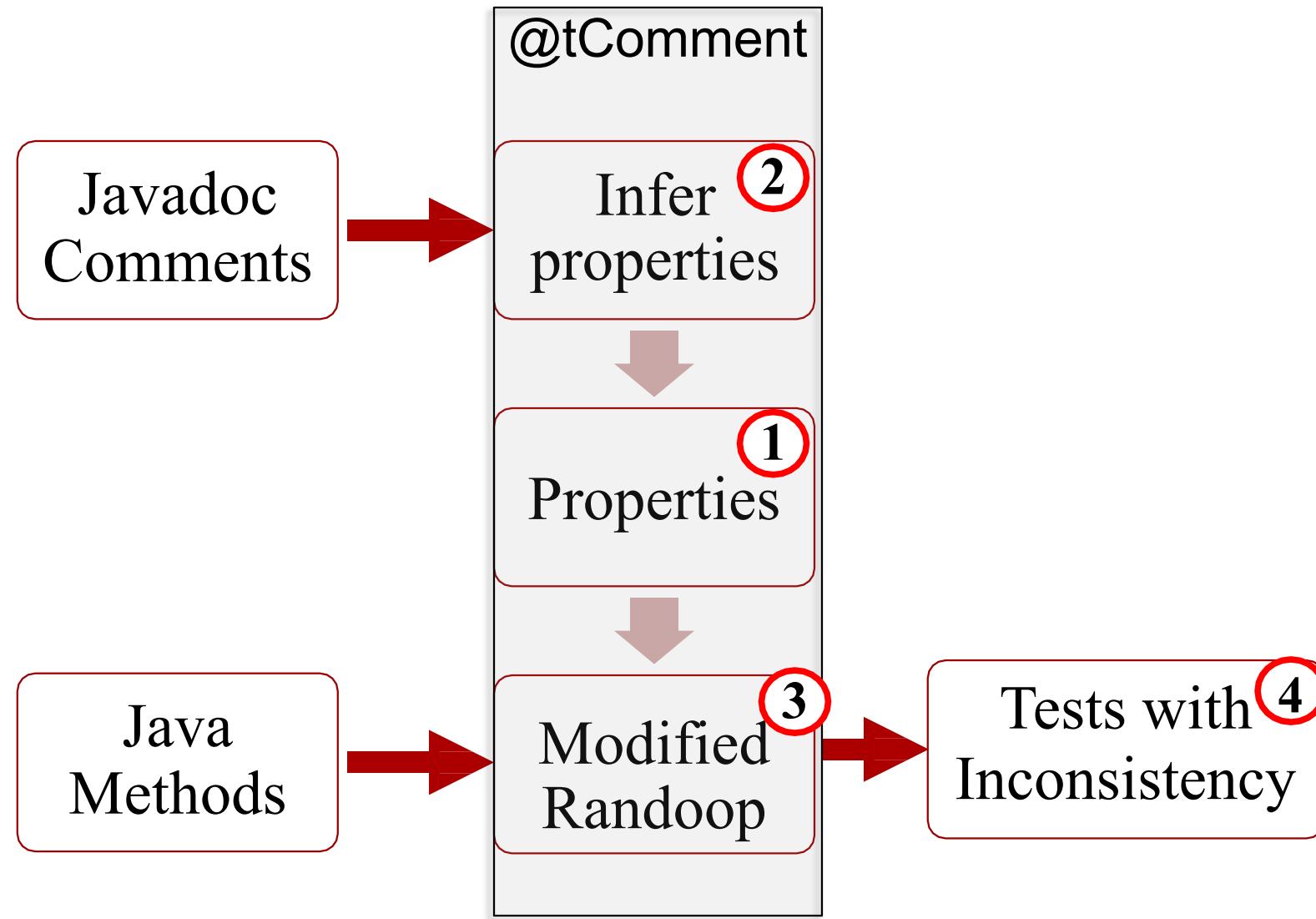
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# Software Reuse and Component-Based Software Engineering

Adapted from  
<http://groups.umd.umich.edu/cis/course.des/cis376/ppt/lec22.ppt>

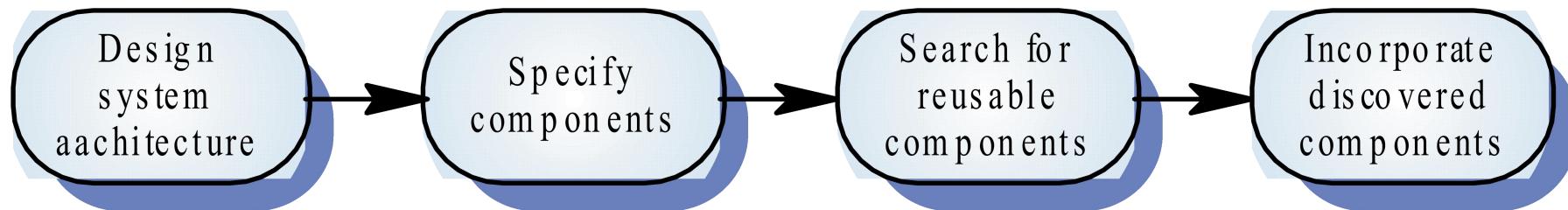
# Software Reuse

- In most engineering disciplines, systems are designed by composition (building system out of components that have been used in other systems)
- Software engineering has focused on custom development of components
- To achieve better software quality, more quickly, at lower costs, software engineers are beginning to adopt *systematic reuse* as a design process

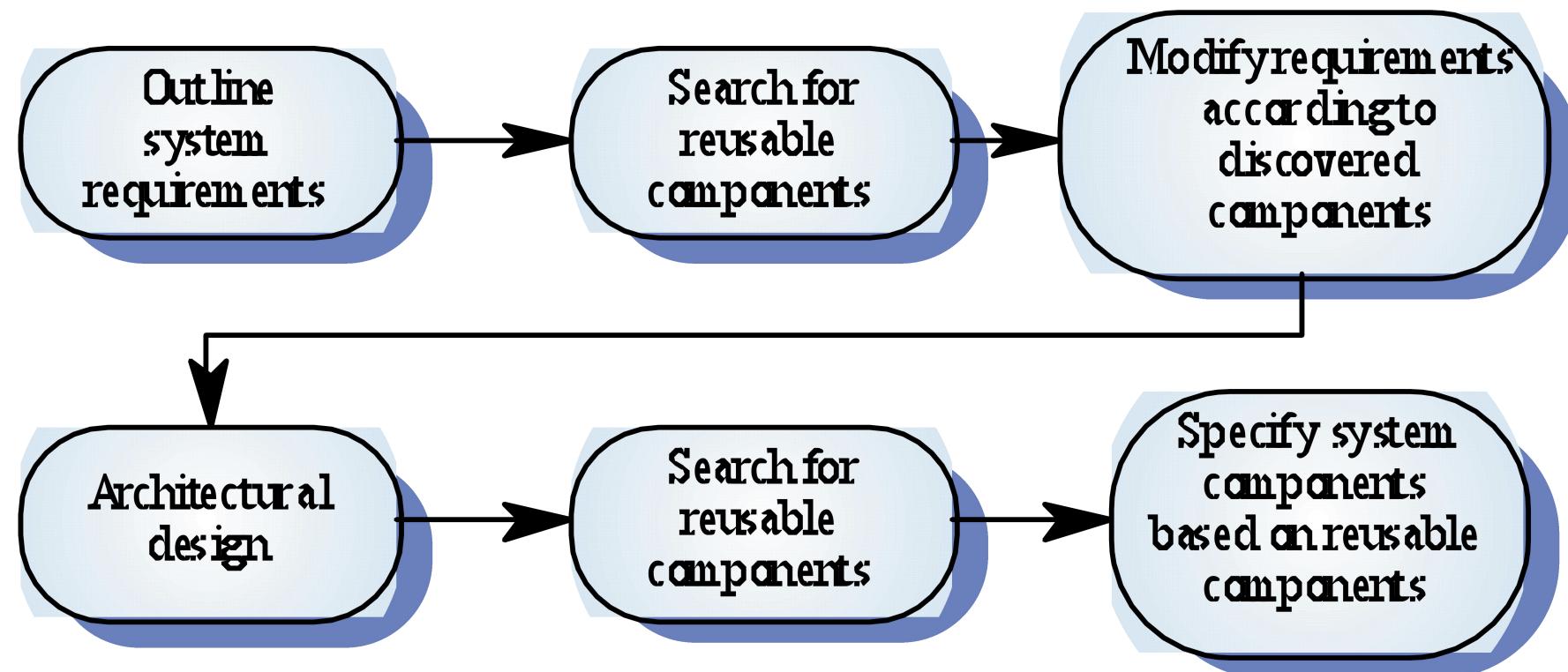
# Types of Software Reuse

- Application System Reuse
  - reusing an entire application by incorporation of one application inside another (COTS reuse)
  - development of application families (e.g. MS Office)
- Component Reuse
  - components (e.g. subsystems or single objects) of one application reused in another application
- Function Reuse
  - reusing software components that implement a single well-defined function

# Opportunistic Reuse



# Development Reuse as a Goal



# Benefits of Reuse

- Increased Reliability
  - components already exercised in working systems
- Reduced Process Risk
  - less uncertainty in development costs
- Effective Use of Specialists
  - reuse components instead of people
- Standards Compliance
  - embed standards in reusable components
- Accelerated Development
  - avoid custom development and speed up delivery

# Requirements for Design with Reuse

- You need to be able to find appropriate reusable components
- You must be confident that that component you plan to reuse is reliable and will behave as expected
- The components to be reused must be documented to allow them to be understood and modified (if necessary)

# Reuse Problems

- Increased maintenance costs
- Lack of tool support
- Pervasiveness of the “not invented here” syndrome
- Need to create and maintain a component library
- Finding and adapting reusable components

# Economics of Reuse - part 1

- Quality
  - with each reuse additional component defects are identified and removed which improves quality.
- Productivity
  - since less time is spent on creating plans, models, documents, code, and data the same level of functionality can be delivered with less effort so productivity improves.

# Economics of Reuse - part 2

- **Cost**
  - savings projected by estimating the cost of building the system from scratch and subtracting the costs associated with reuse and the actual cost of the software as delivered.
- **Cost analysis using structure points**
  - can be computed based on historical data regarding the costs of maintaining, qualification, adaptation, and integrating each structure point.

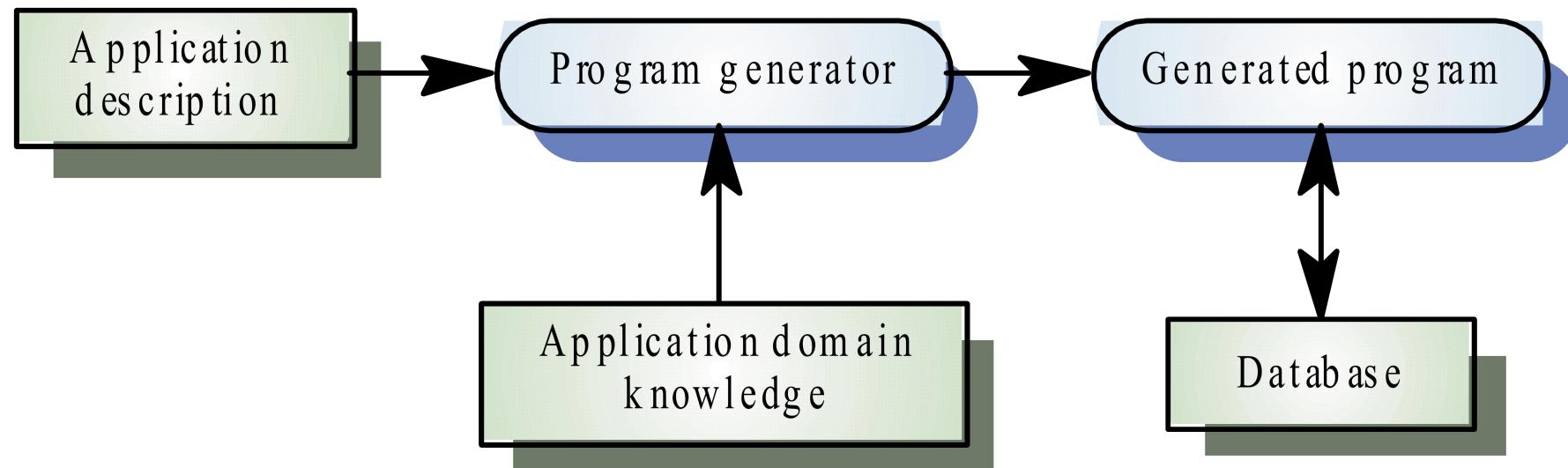
# Generator-Based Reuse

- Program generators reuse standard patterns and algorithms
- Programs are automatically generated to conform to user defined parameters
- Possible when it is possible to identify the domain abstractions and their mappings to executable code
- Domain specific language is required to compose and control these abstractions

# Types of Program Generators

- Applications generators for business data processing
- Parser and lexical analyzers generators for language processing
- Code generators in CASE tools
- User interface design tools

# Program Generation



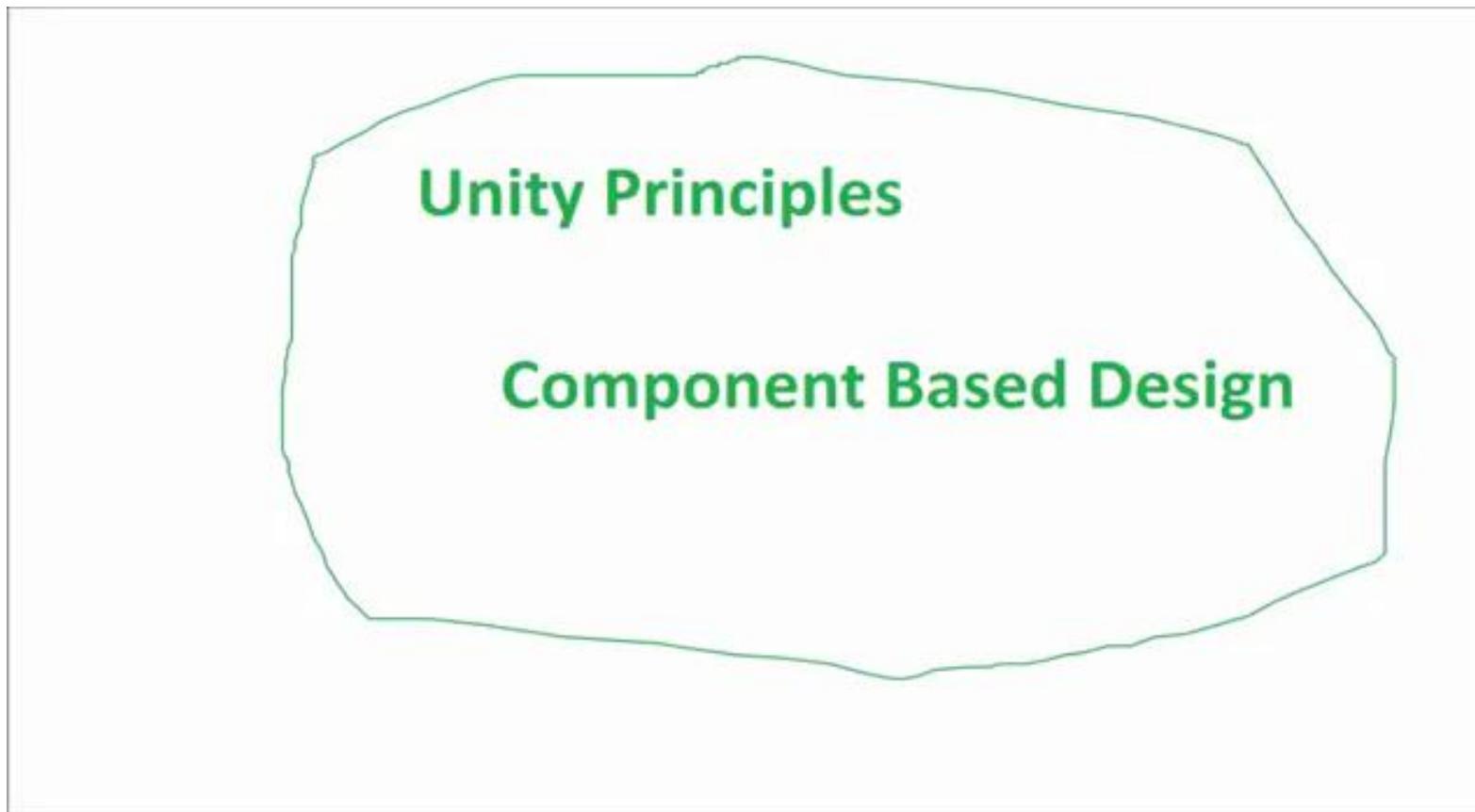
# Assessing Program Generator Reuse

- Advantages
  - Generator reuse is cost effective
  - It is easier for end-users to develop programs using generators than other CBSE techniques
- Disadvantages
  - The applicability of generator reuse is limited to a small number of application domains

# Component-Based Engineering

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# Component Based vs Object-oriented Programming



From: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YGVp6wsxj0>

# Component-Based Software Engineering

- CBSE is an approach to software development that relies on reuse
- CBSE emerged from the failure of object-oriented development to support reuse effectively
- Objects (classes) are too specific and too detailed to support design for reuse work
- Components are more abstract than classes and can be considered to be stand-alone service providers

# Component Abstractions

- Functional Abstractions
  - component implements a single function (e.g. *In*)
- Casual Groupings
  - component is part of a loosely related entities like declarations and functions
- Data Abstractions
  - abstract data types or objects
- Cluster Abstractions
  - component from group of cooperating objects
- System Abstraction
  - component is a self-contained system

# Engineering of Component-Based Systems - part 1

- Software team elicits system requirements
- Architectural design is established
- Team determines requirements are amenable to composition rather than construction
  - Are commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) components available to implement the requirement?
  - Are internally developed reusable components available to implement the requirement?
  - Are the interfaces for available components compatible within in the proposed system architecture?
- Team attempts to remove or modify requirements that cannot be implemented with COTS or in-house components

# Engineering of Component-Based Systems - part 2

- For those requirements that can be addressed with available components the following activities take place:
  - component qualification
  - component adaptation
  - component composition
  - component update
- Detailed design activities commence for remainder of the system

# Definition of Terms

- Component Qualification
  - candidate components are identified based on services provided and means by which consumers access them
- Component Adaptation
  - candidate components are modified to meet the needs of the architecture or discarded
- Component Composition
  - architecture dictates the composition of the end product from the nature of the connections and coordination mechanisms
- Component Update
  - updating systems that include COTS is made more complicated by the fact that a COTS developer must be involved

# Commercial Off-the-Shelf Software (COTS)

- COTS systems are usually complete applications library the off an applications programming interface (API)
- Building large systems by integrating COTS components is a viable development strategy for some types of systems (e.g. E-commerce or video games)

# COTS Integration Problems

- Lack of developer control over functionality and performance
- Problems with component interoperability as COTS vendors make different user assumptions
- COTS vendors may not offer users any control over the evolutions of its components
- Vendors may not offer support over the lifetime of a product built with COTS components

# Developing Components for Reuse

- Components may be constructed with the explicit goal to allow them to be generalized and reused
- Component reusability should strive to
  - reflect stable domain abstractions
  - hide state representations
  - be independent (low coupling)
  - propagate exceptions via the component interface

# Reusable Components

- Tradeoff between reusability and usability
  - generic components can be highly reusable
  - reusable components are likely to be more complex and harder to use
- Development costs are higher for reusable components than application specific components
- Generic components may be less space-efficient and have longer execution times than their application specific analogs

# Domain Engineering - part 1

- Domain analysis
  - define application domain to be investigated
  - categorize items extracted from domain
  - collect representative applications from the domain
  - analyze each application from sample
  - develop an analysis model for objects
- Domain model
- Software architecture development

# Domain Engineering - part 2

- Structural model
  - consists of small number of structural elements manifesting clear patterns of interaction
  - architectural style that can be reused across applications in the domain
  - structure points are distinct constructs within the structural model (e.g. interface, control mechanism, response mechanism)
- Reusable component development
- Repository of reusable components is created

# Structure Point Characteristics

- Abstractions with limited number of instances within an application and recurs in applications in the domain
- Rules governing the use of a structure point should be easily understood and structure point interface should be simple
- Structure points should implement information hiding by isolating all complexity contained within the structure point itself

# Component-Based Development

- Analysis
- Architectural design
  - component qualification
  - component adaptation
  - component decomposition
- Component engineering
- Testing
- Iterative component update

# Component Adaptation Techniques

- White-box Wrapping
  - integration conflicts removed by making code-level modifications to the code
- Grey-box Wrapping
  - used when component library provides a component extension language or API that allows conflicts to be removed or masked
- Black-box Wrapping
  - requires the introduction of pre- and post-processing at the component interface to remove or mask conflicts