

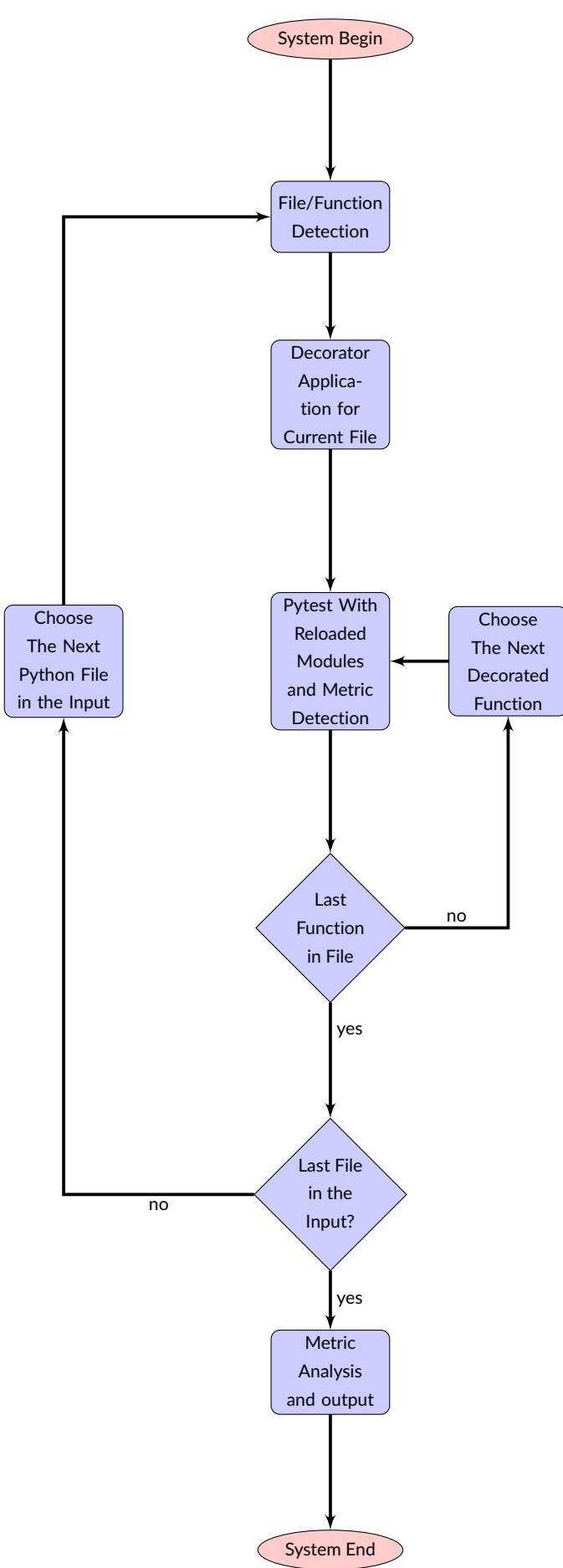
# Automatic Detection of Pseudo-tested Methods using Python and Pytest

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## Introduction

Software systems are very large and complex. Due to this, modern Python programs are difficult to test due to the lack of type safety. Another concern is the possible misleading nature of state-ment coverage since it doesn't factor in branches and iteration, there is no in-formation on the data state, and the quality of the oracle. These factors can cause a psuedo-tested methods to exist in Python programs. A psuedo-tested method is method that is tested, but which passes regardless of the output of a function. Function-Fiasco helps de-termine how much of the code is ad-equately tested and provides a metric that is more representative of the actual conditions of the system.

## Implementation



# Function-Fiasco is an automatic tool that detects pseudo-tested methods in Python progams.

## Preliminary Results

System Name	State Cov	Function Cov	NUMM	NUMTM	Fiascoed	Pseudo	NUMTMM	UC	Change
1 Hashids-Python	0.97	0.94	16	15	10	8	7	0.44	0.50
2 Bleach	0.48	0.41	968	152	8	2	150	0.41	0.00
3 Pycco	0.77	0.86	22	19	6	5	14	0.64	0.22
4 Howdoi	0.78	0.95	20	19	2	0	19	0.95	0.00
5 Flashtext	0.81	0.33	42	14	7	4	10	0.24	0.09
6 Honcho	0.85	0.69	38	40	7	5	35	0.60	0.09
7 Meye	0.90	0.50	88	44	13	3	41	0.47	0.03
8 Galor	0.99	0.86	92	79	54	30	49	0.53	0.33
9 Hatch	1.00	0.56	134	75	14	6	69	0.51	0.05
10 Nikola	0.67	0.44	732	319	16	9	310	0.42	0.02

Function-Fiasco can successfully de-tect pseudo-tested methods in Python based systems.

## Future Work

Function-Fiasco has many features that will be implemented which include:

- Further type fuzzing capability
- Parameterized test observation
- Further system evaluation

## Conclusion

Pseudo-tested methods are an issue that exist in Python based systems. Function-Fiasco has the capability to detect such methods that may lead to unexpected issues. Function-Fiasco can aid in the implementation of Python systems.

## Get Involved

If you would like to get involved, please feel free to enter bugs into the issue tracker on our GitHub page, or submit a pull request to aid in the implementa-tion.

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Made in cooperation with Cory Wiard.



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