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# Testing in Software Life Cycle

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#### Content

- Testing Definition
- Different views of testing
- Testing terminologies
- Waterfall model and V model
- Roles of Testing
- Details of unit testing, integration testing, and system testing

### **Testing Definition**

- IEEE Std 829-1983: the process of <u>analysing</u> a software item to <u>detect the difference</u> between <u>existing</u> and <u>required</u> conditions (that is bugs) and to <u>evaluate the features</u> of the software item
- IEEE Std 610.12-1990: the process of operating system or component under specified conditions, observing or recording the results, and making an evaluation of some aspects of the system or component

### Different views of Testing

- Hetzel, 1973:
   establishing
   confidence that a
   program does what it
   is supposed to do
- Myers, 1979: the process of executing a program with intent of finding errors

### **Testing Terminologies**

- *Error*: the amount by which the result in incorrect (formally)
- Mistake / error: a human action that produces an incorrect result
- Fault: an incorrect step, process, or data definition in a computer program
- Failure: an incorrect result as observed from the program output (the manifestation of faults after the program is run)

### **Testing Terminologies**

- A test case: the input values (test data), expected output (produced by test oracle), the test objective
- A good test case: has high chance to reveal errors
- A successful test case: test case that uncover new error

### Testing process

- ▶ A process of planning, preparation, and performing the actual testing of a software
- ▶ The process should be defined well and monitored so that:
- Important test will not be missed
- continuous improvements is facilitated
- We can learn and benefit from previous experience
- ➤ We can convince users of the quality of testing

### Testing activity

- Define testing objectives
- Design test cases: valid and invalid situations
- Do the testing:
- ☐ Prepare and document test data
  - ☐ Including Generation and Selection test data
- ☐ Execute program using test data
- Record and analyze the actual result
- □ Evaluate and document the test results

# Testing in Software Life Cycle (Traditional / the waterfall-model)

Requirement Analysis

Design

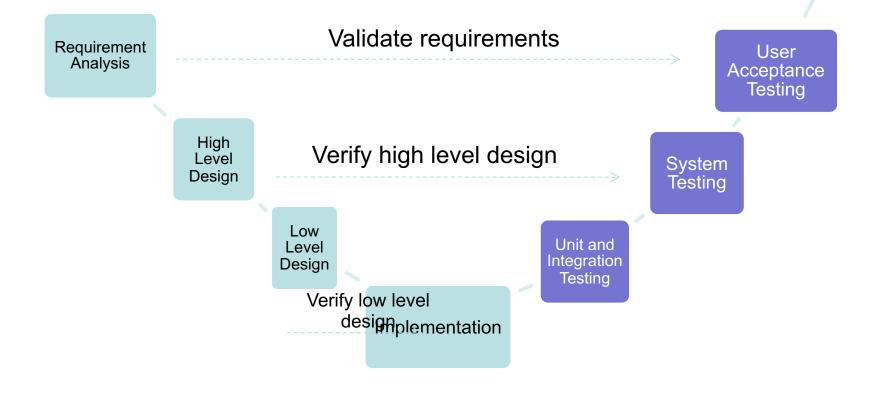
Implementation

Testing

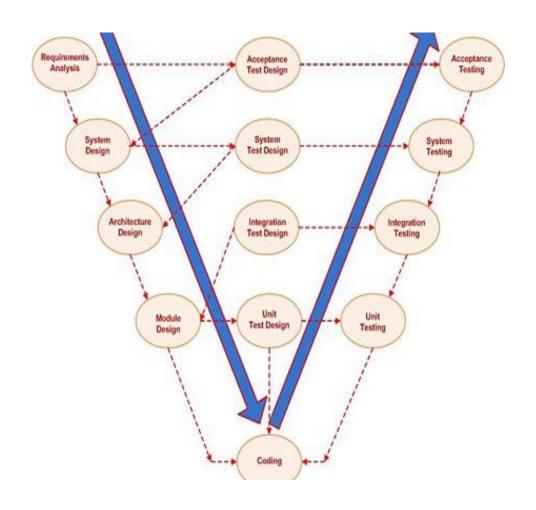
Operation and maintenance

# Testing in Software Life Cycle (The V- model)

Operation and maintenance



#### The V- model...New Approach



#### **V-Model Phases**

#### Requirement Analysis

- Client and developer work together to define the problems to be solved by the software
- SRS (system requirement specification): document specifying the requirements of the software
- SRS contains:
- □ Functional requirements
- □Non-functional requirements, such as: performance, reliability, and usability

### Design

- Several possible ways to satisfy the requirements are explored
- One is chosen after considering the resources and constraints
- High level design (system and architectural design): overall architecture of the system is designed
- Low level design (detailed level design): each software component, description of program modules, arguments, and return parameters are produces

#### **Implementation**

- Detailed design is implemented
- Coding by programmers

### Testing (1)

- a) Unit testing: each module should be unit tested independently so that it conforms its specification in the low level design
- b) Integration testing: after passing the unit testing, the modules are integrated for the integration testing

# Testing (2)

- c) System testing: the integrated modules are integrated to form the entire system for the system test. It test the requirements in SRS (functional and non-functional), including performance testing, stress/load testing,
- d) User acceptance testing: involving customer, includes alpha test and beta test, should address the acceptance criteria in the SRS

#### **Operation and Maintenance**

- Put into real use
- During the operation, bugs might be discovered and fixed, software might be improved
- When the software is unable to maintain due to whatever reasons, new software is required

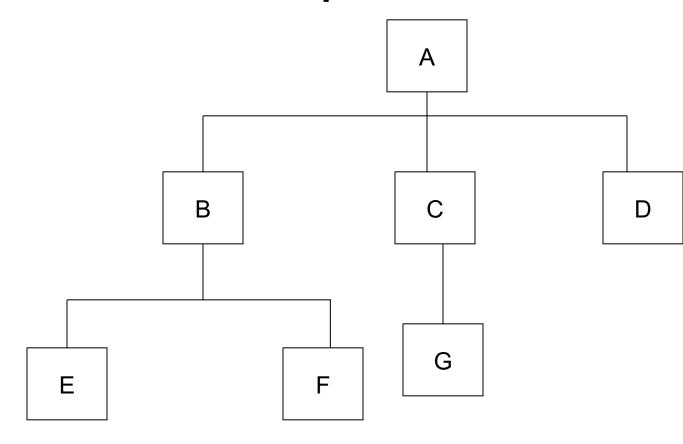
### a) Unit Testing activity

- Design test cases to test every module
- Do the testing:
  - ☐Prepare and document test data
    - □Including Generation and Selection test data
  - □Execute module under testing using test data
  - □Record and analyze the actual result
  - □Evaluate and document the test results

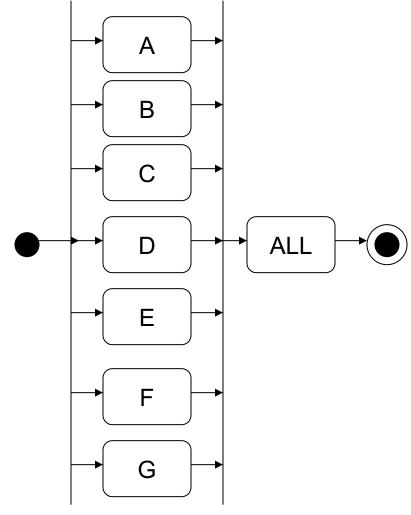
### b) Integration Testing

- Non incremental: big bang integration
- Incremental:
- ☐ Top down integration
- ☐Bottom up integration
- □ Hybrid integration

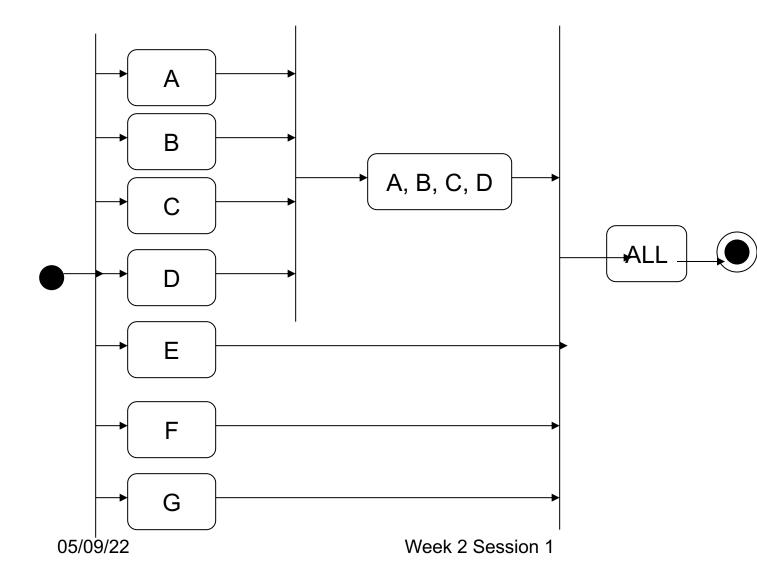
### An example



# Big-bang integration testing



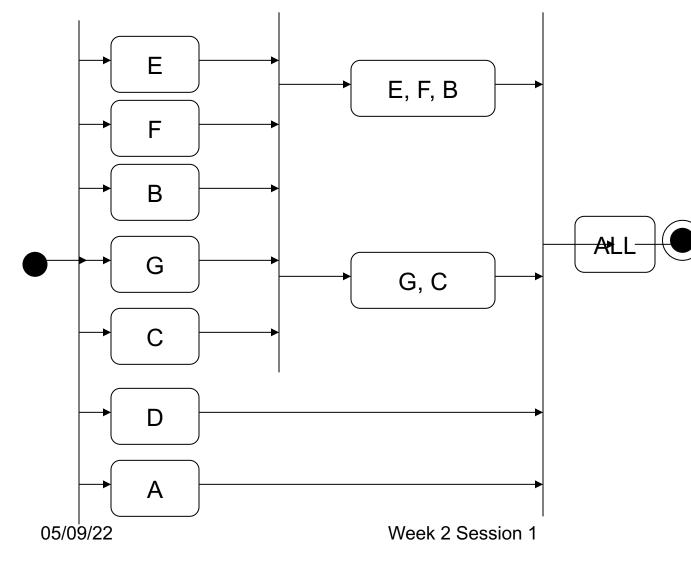
# Top down integration testing



### Top down integration testing

- Help the progress to users and senior management
- It is more likely to discover errors at early stage
- Test stubs are needed (what is a test stub?)
- The actual output cannot be observed until the lowest level modules have been finished

# Bottom up integration testing



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- The higher level view is not available and cannot be tested at early stage
- More likely to detect errors at the lower level
- Test drivers are needed (what is the different between test drivers and test stubs?)
- The actual output can be observed once the lowest level modules have been finished

### Hybrid Integration Testing

- Mix between top down and bottom up (sandwich)
- One possible way:
- ☐ B-E-F and C-G
- Other possible way:
- □ A-B, A-B-E, A-B-E-F
- □ A-B-E-F-C, A-B-E-F-C-G

#### What are STUBS and DRIVERS?

Stubs and **Drivers** are used integration testing for TOP-DOWN and **BOTTOM-UP** testing respectively

#### What is Top-Down Development?

- Top-Down development: We first create the "root" module and after that each module (child) that is called by the "root".
- Next we move down the tree and consider each child as a root for the next modules that need to be developed. We repeat these steps until we reach the "leaf" modules

#### What is Bottom-Up Development?

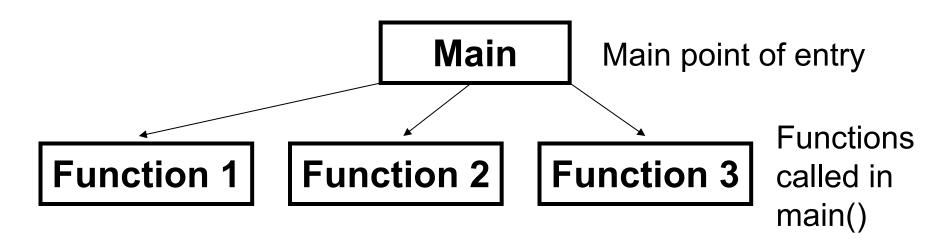
Bottom-Up development: Considering the same tree of modules described in the previous screen, we first develop the leaf modules. Next, we move up one level and develop the parent-modules (the ones that call the leaf modules). After each level is complete, we move up one level and develop it, until we reach the "root" module.

#### Context -A Normal Program

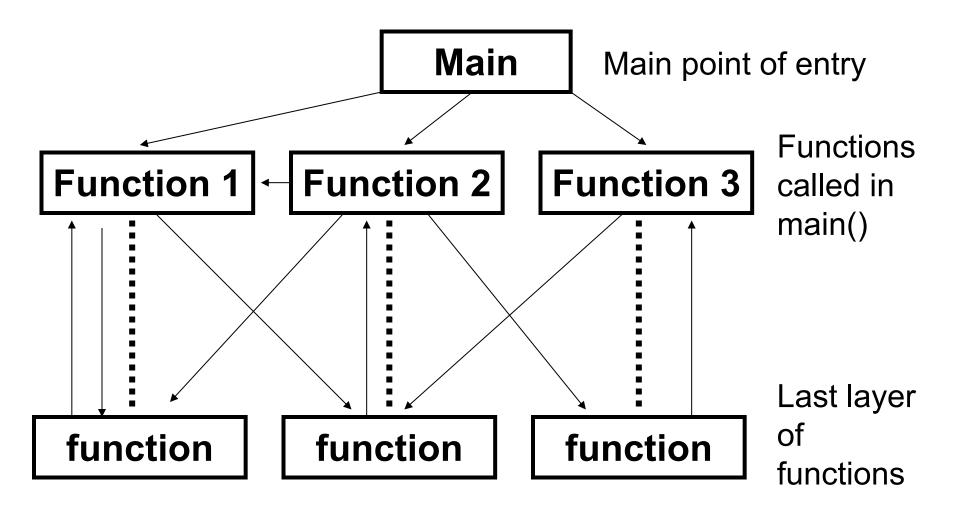
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Main point of entry

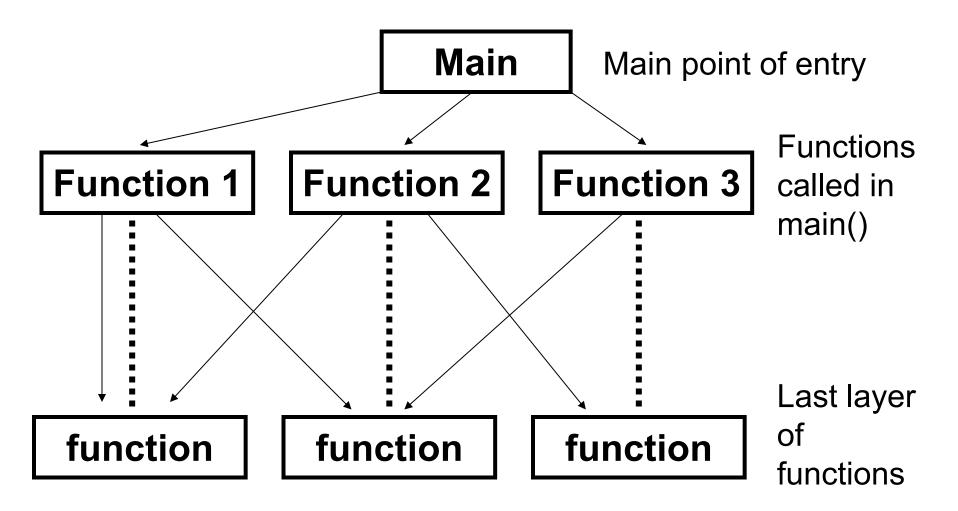
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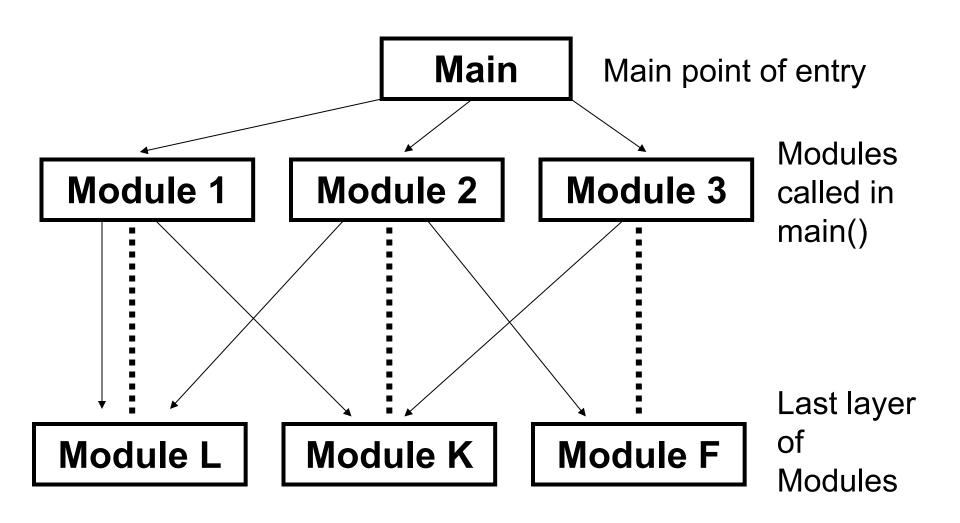


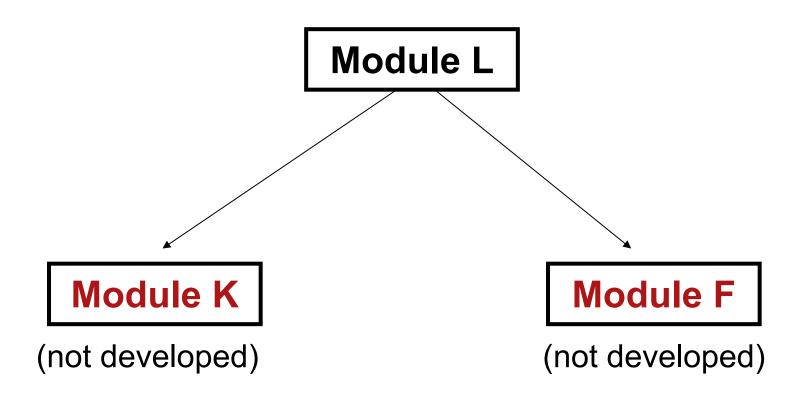
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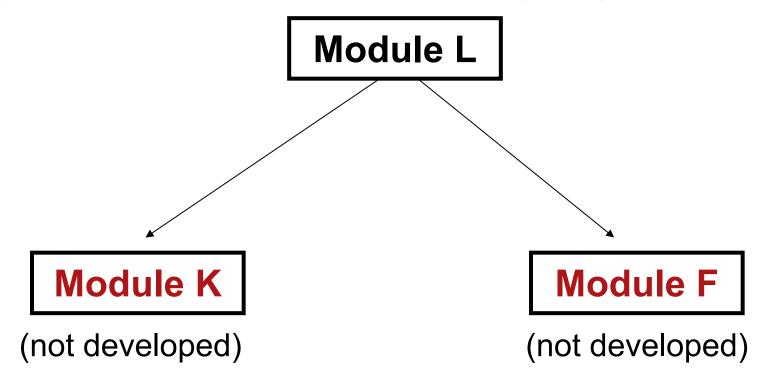
#### **Context - No circular dependencies**

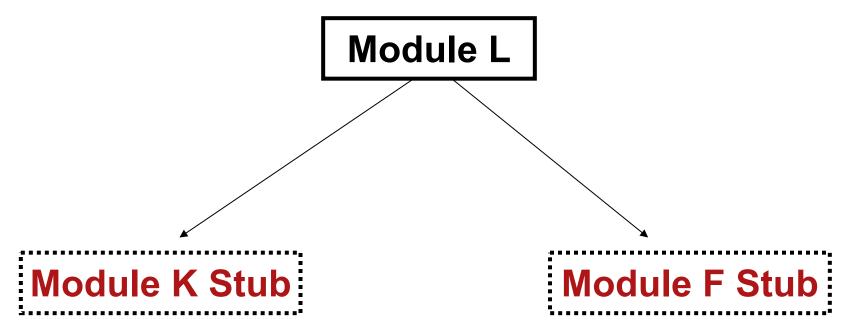






So how can we test **MODULE L?** 



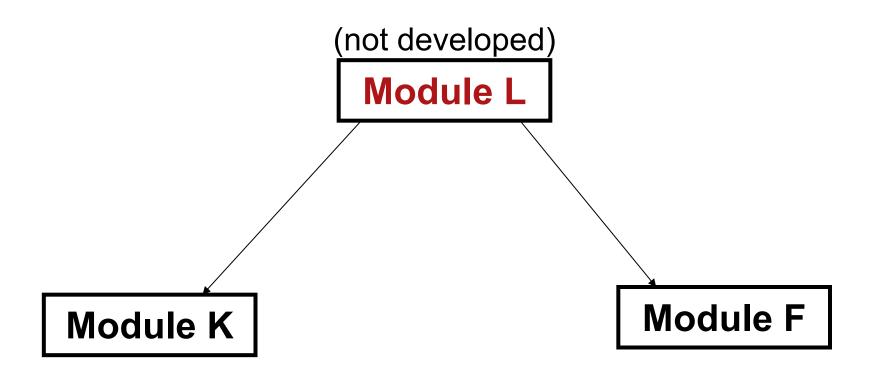


Dummy code that **SIMULATES** the functionality of the undeveloped modules

#### **Code Example - Stub**

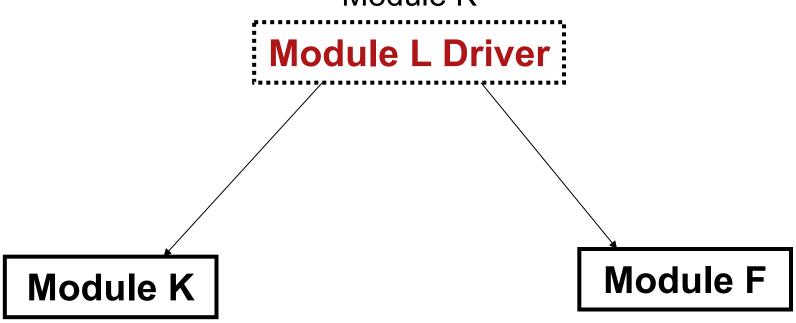
```
void functionWeTest(params..) {
       int p = price(param1);
void price(int param) { //this is the stub
       return 10; // We don't care what the
price is. We just need a value so we can test
the other function
```

#### **Let's Move to Drivers**



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Dummy code that **returns** values from Module L and Module K



```
void functionThatCallsPrice (params..)
{ //this is the driver
       int p = price(param1);
       printf("Price is: %d", p);
void price(int param) {
       //complex equations and DB
integrations that determine the real
price
```

#### **Conclusions**

- 1. No need to write all the modules in order to begin testing
- 2. Stubs and Drivers are usually easy to create
- 3. The hard part is identifying what is essential and what can be simulated
- Stubs and Drivers can be thrown away once the equivalent module is created

### c) System Testing

- Function testing: black box testing is included here by some experts.
   Related to the functional testing
- Performance Testing: non functional testing. This includes: volume testing, load/stress testing, reliability testing, security testing

### When testing is stopped?

- No definite answer
- Possible answers:
- When testing resources are run out
- When the level of reliability as specified in SRS are reached
- When the test manager is confident on the quality of the software

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