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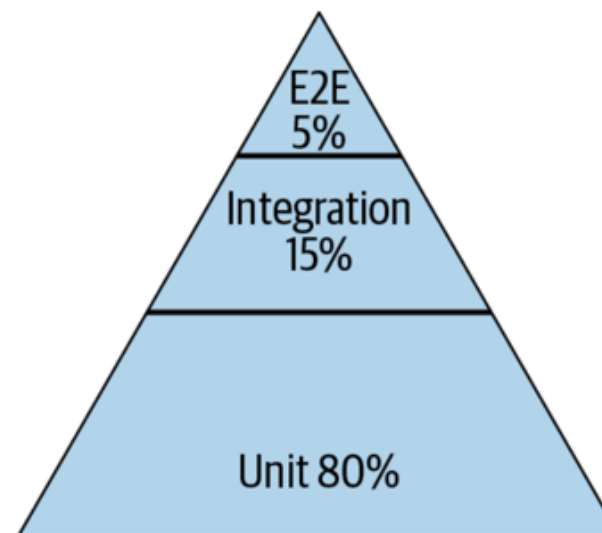


LECTURE 9

- Maintainable Unit Tests
- Integration tests: Test Doubles
- UI Testing



MAINTAINABLE UNIT TESTS





ULTIMATE GOAL: UNCHANGING TESTS

- **Ideally**, after a test is written, it never needs to change unless the requirements of the system under test change
- Maintainable tests “just work”: after writing them, engineers don’t need to think about them again until they fail, and those failures indicate **real bugs** with clear causes.



ULTIMATE GOAL: UNCHANGING TESTS

After writing a test, you shouldn't need to touch that test again as you refactor the system, fix bugs, or add new features.

Refactorings: refactorings don't change the systems' behaviors, existing tests should remain unaffected

New features: new features may require new tests, but existing tests should remain unaffected

Bug fixes: like new features, may require new tests, but existing tests should remain unaffected

Only changing the system's existing behavior would require the updates to existing tests



GOOD PRACTICE 1: TEST VIA PUBLIC APIS

- Write tests that invoke the SUT in the same way its users would
- That is, making calls to public APIs rather than private ones (implementation details)

BAD PRACTICE

Example 12-1. A transaction API

```
public void processTransaction(Transaction transaction) {
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    }
}

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    return t.getAmount() < t.getSender().getBalance();
}


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    String s = t.getSender() + ", " + t.getRecipient() + ", " + t.getAmount();
    database.put(t.getId(), s);
}

public void setAccountBalance(String accountName, int balance) {
    // Write the balance to the database directly
}

public void getAccountBalance(String accountName) {
    // Read transactions from the database to determine the account balance
}
```

BAD PRACTICE

```
@Test
public void emptyAccountShouldNotBeValid() {
    assertThat(processor.isValid(newTransaction().setSender(EMPTY_ACCOUNT)))
        .isFalse();
}
```



Test the internal (private) implementation logic directly.
This is NOT how real users would use the system

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cause the test to break

- Renaming `isValid()`

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BAD PRACTICE

```
@Test
public void shouldSaveSerializedData() {
    processor.saveToDatabase(newTransaction()
        .setId(123)
        .setSender("me")
        .setRecipient("you")
        .setAmount(100));
    assertThat(database.get(123)).isEqualTo("me,you,100");
}
```



Test the internal states of the database.

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- Changing how String s is constructed in saveToDatabase()

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TEST VIA PUBLIC APIS

```
@Test
public void shouldTransferFunds() {
    processor.setAccountBalance("me", 150);
    processor.setAccountBalance("you", 20);

    processor.processTransaction(newTransaction()
        .setSender("me")
        .setRecipient("you")
        .setAmount(100));

    assertThat(processor.getAccountBalance("me")).isEqualTo(50);
    assertThat(processor.getAccountBalance("you")).isEqualTo(120);
}
```



The test access the system in the same manner as the users would via public APIs

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- Such tests are more realistic and maintainable
- Less brittle, as internal refactoring won't affect the tests

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GOOD PRACTICE 1: TEST VIA PUBLIC APIS

- Public APIs change much less frequently than internal implementations. Hence, tests on public APIs change less frequently (more maintainable)
- If tests work the same way as users, change that breaks a test may also break a user (i.e., test failures indicating real user-affecting problems)
- Bonus: such tests can serve as useful examples and documentation for users



GOOD PRACTICE 2: TEST BEHAVIORS, NOT METHODS

- Common patten: every production method has a corresponding @test method
- Convenient at first
- But as the method grow more complex, the test also grows in complexity and becomes less maintainable



TEST BEHAVIORS, NOT METHODS

```
public void displayTransactionResults(User user, Transaction transaction) {  
    ui.showMessage("You bought a " + transaction.getItemName());
```

The method to be tested

```
}
```

```
@Test
```

```
public void testDisplayTransactionResults() {  
    transactionProcessor.displayTransactionResults(  
        newUser  
  
        new Transaction("Some Item", dollars(3)));  
  
    assertThat(ui.getText()).contains("You bought a Some Item");  
}
```



TEST BEHAVIORS, NOT METHODS

```
public void displayTransactionResults(User user, Transaction transaction) {  
    ui.showMessage("You bought a " + transaction.getItemName());  
    if (user.getBalance() < LOW_BALANCE_THRESHOLD) {  
        ui.showMessage("Warning: your balance is low!");  
    }  
}
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}
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@Test

```
public void testDisplayTransactionResults() {  
    transactionProcessor.displayTransactionResults(  
        newUserWithBalance(  
            LOW_BALANCE_THRESHOLD.plus(dollars(2))),  
        new Transaction("Some Item", dollars(3)));  
  
    assertThat(ui.getText()).contains("You bought a Some Item");  
    assertThat(ui.getText()).contains("your balance is low");  
}
```



The method to be tested is updated

A method-driven test:
As the method under test becomes more complex and implements more functionality, its unit test will become increasingly convoluted and grow more and more difficult to work with.



TEST BEHAVIORS, NOT METHODS

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        ui.showMessage("Warning: your balance is low!");  
    }  
}
```

The method to be tested

Behavior 1

```
@Test  
public void displayTransactionResults_showsItemName() {  
    transactionProcessor.displayTransactionResults(  
        new User(), new Transaction("Some Item"));  
    assertThat(ui.getText()).contains("You bought a Some Item");  
}
```

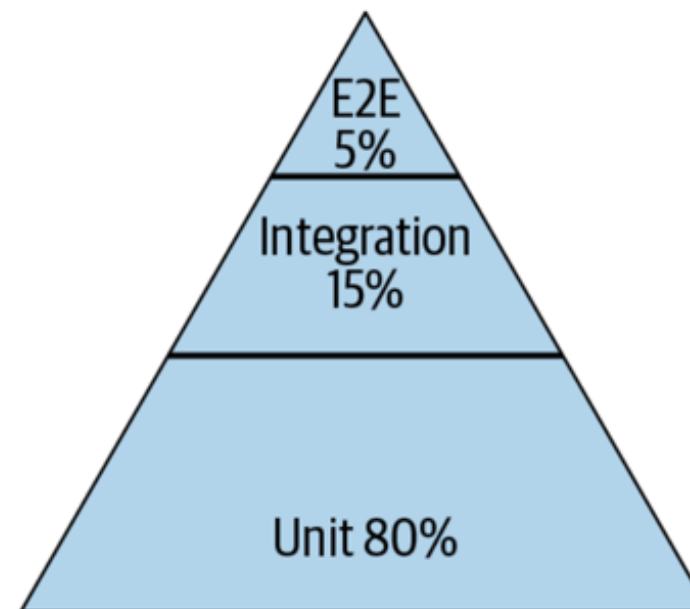
Behavior 2

```
@Test  
public void displayTransactionResults_showsLowBalanceWarning() {  
    transactionProcessor.displayTransactionResults(  
        newUserWithBalance(  
            LOW_BALANCE_THRESHOLD.plus(dollars(2))),  
        new Transaction("Some Item", dollars(3)));  
    assertThat(ui.getText()).contains("your balance is low");  
}
```

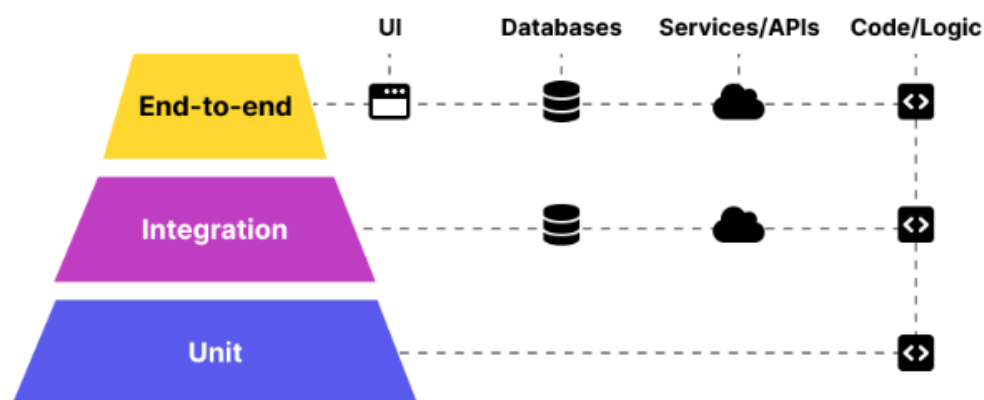
A behavior-driven test: rather than writing a test for each method, write a test for each behavior. ✓



TEST DOUBLES



WHY TEST DOUBLES?



- Imagine writing a test suite for a function that sends a request to an external server and then stores the response in a database.
- The test suite may
 - take hours to run
 - become flaky (不稳定) due to issues like random network failures or tests overwriting one another's data.
- Test doubles come in handy in such cases

WHAT ARE TEST DOUBLES?

A test double is an object or function that can stand in for a real implementation in a test, similar to how a stunt double can stand in for an actor in a movie.





TEST DOUBLES

- Test doubles are replacement objects or code components that mimic the behavior of real objects or components in the SUT.
 - Test doubles are commonly used to isolate the SUT and its dependencies, such as external services or libraries, by replacing them with lightweight, controllable substitutes.
- Stubs
 - Fakes
 - Mocks

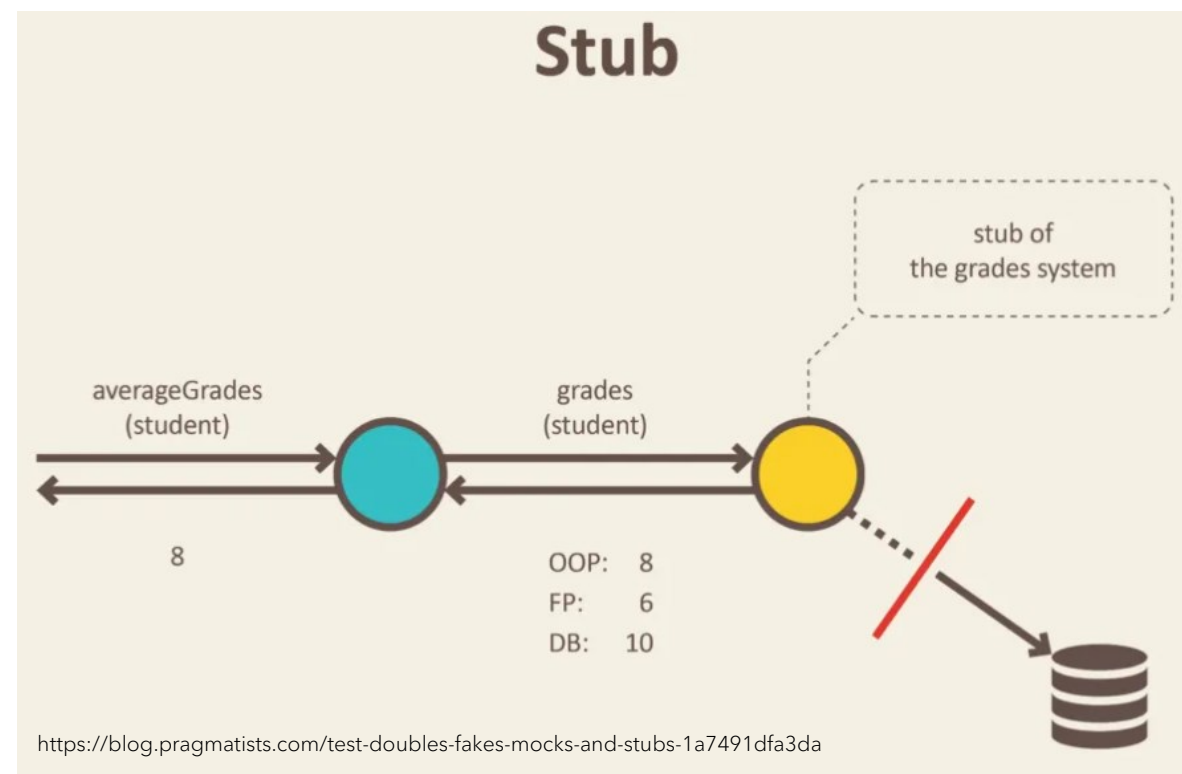


STUBS

- A stub returns **predefined data** to SUT
- A stub **doesn't contain real logic**; it's only there to respond to **specific inputs** with **specific outputs**.
- Stub is used when we **cannot or don't want to** involve objects that would answer with **real data** or have undesirable side effects.

STUBS - EXAMPLES

- An object needs to grab some data from the database to respond to a method call.
- Instead of the real object from the database, we introduced a stub and defined what data should be returned.





STUBS - EXAMPLES

Suppose we have a service that fetches user info:

```
public interface UserService {  
    User getUserById(String userId);  
}
```

The class under test:

```
public class UserProfile {  
    private final UserService userService;  
  
    public UserProfile(UserService userService) {  
        this.userService = userService;  
    }  
  
    public String getUserEmail(String userId) {  
        User user = userService.getUserById(userId);  
        return user.getEmail();  
    }  
}
```




STUBS - EXAMPLES

Suppose we have a service that fetches user info:

```
public interface UserService {  
    User getUserById(String userId);  
}
```

We don't have user data, or we don't want to use real user data, we can create a stub with predefined data

```
public class StubUserService implements UserService {  
    public User getUserById(String userId) {  
        return new User("Alice", "alice@example.com");  
    }  
}
```



STUBS - EXAMPLES

```
@Test
void testGetUserEmail() {
    UserService stub = new StubUserService();
    UserProfile profile = new UserProfile(stub);
    assertEquals("alice@example.com", profile.getUserEmail("123"));
}
```

We can easily replace Stub with real object in later testing.



STUBS - EXAMPLES

- Test whether SUT notifies users when a request to XXX REST API returns 404 error
 - You could stub out the REST API with an API that **always returns 404**
- Test whether SUT notifies users when user profiles are not found
 - You could stub out the API that **always throws ProfileNotFoundException**

```
public class FacebookService {  
    public Profile getProfile(int profileId) throws Exception {  
        // calls Facebook's API  
        // retrieves the profile details  
        // returns the profile object  
    }  
}
```

```
public class MyFacebookService extends FacebookService {  
  
    public Profile getProfile(int profileId) throws Exception {  
        throw new ProfileNotFoundException();  
    }  
}
```

The purpose of a stub is to get your SUT **into a specific state**.

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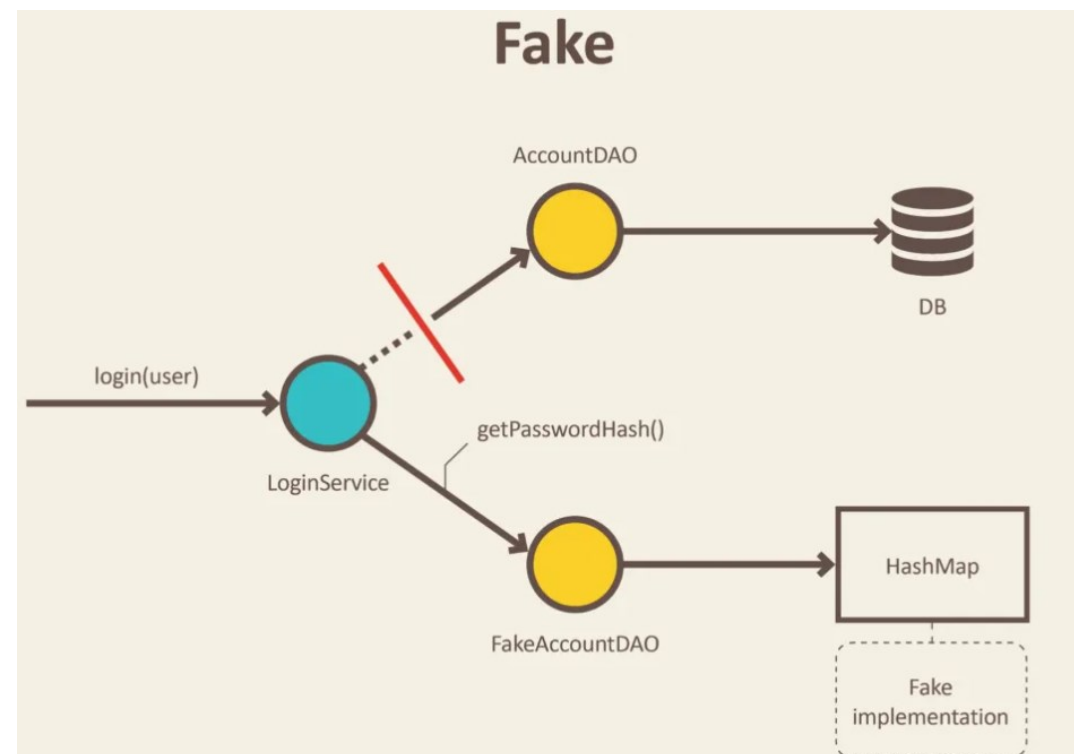


FAKES

- A fake implements real logic but in a simplified or in-memory way
- Fakes have a **pre-written implementation** of the object that they are supposed to represent
- Purpose: simplify the implementation of tests by **removing unnecessary or heavy dependencies (e.g., database)**, usually used for performance reasons

FAKES - EXAMPLES

- In-memory database: designed to enable minimal response times by eliminating the need to access disks.
- You would never use this for production (since the data is not persisted), but it's perfectly adequate as a database to use in a testing environment.



<https://blog.pragmatists.com/test-doubles-fakes-mocks-and-stubs-1a7491dfa3da>



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```
public class DatabaseService {  
    public MyEntity getEntityById(int id) {  
        // go to database and fetch the entity  
        // return the entity  
    }  
}
```

```
public class MyDatabaseService extends DatabaseService {  
    private Map<Integer, MyEntity> entities = new HashMap<>();  
  
    @Override  
    public MyEntity getEntityById(int id) {  
        return entities.get(id);  
    }  
}
```

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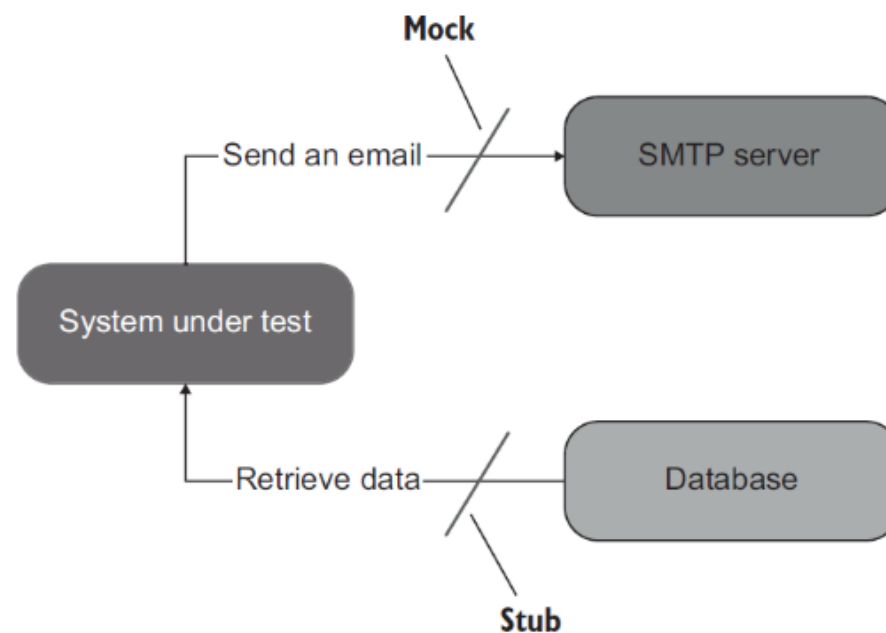


MOCKS

- A mock is similar to a stub, but with **behavior verification** added in.
- Purpose: make assertions about how your SUT **interacted** with the dependency (whether a function in SUT is called in the correct way).
- We use mocks when we don't want to invoke production code or when there is no easy way to verify that intended code was executed.

MOCKS - EXAMPLE 1

- Test whether SUT sends a welcome email when a user registers
 - We don't want to send e-mails each time we run a test.
 - It's also not easy to verify in tests that a right email was send.
 - Only thing we can do is to verify that e-mail sending service was called.





MOCKS - EXAMPLE 2

- If you are writing a test for a system that uploads files to a website
- You could build a mock that accepts a file and assert that the uploaded file was correct.
- The mock replaces the external file server, whose status is hard to verify

```
public class MyUploadService extends UploadService {  
    @Override  
    public boolean uploadFile(String file) {  
        assert file.endsWith(".xml");  
        return true;  
    }  
}
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/a/55030455/636398>

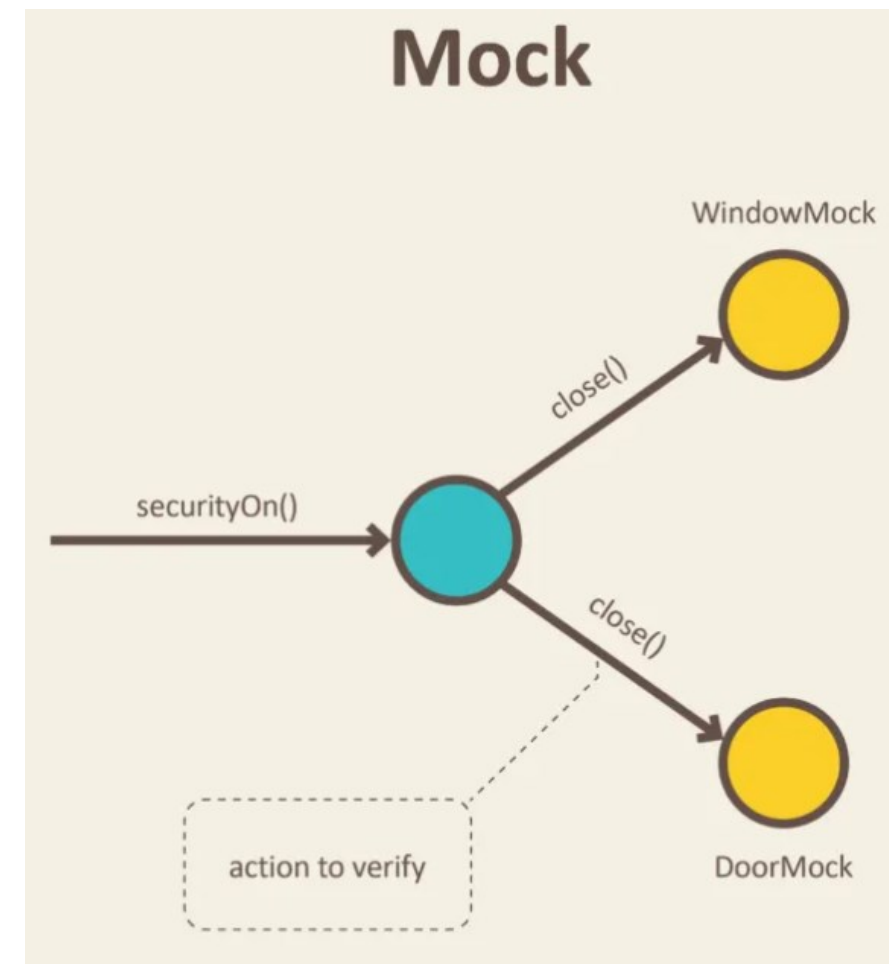
MOCKS - EXAMPLE 3

Example: a SecurityCentral software

- We don't want to or can't close real doors and windows to test
- Instead, we place door and window mocks objects in the test code.

Whether doors and windows will be closed for real are the responsibility of Doors and Windows, which should be tested in independent unit tests.

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MOCKING FRAMEWORKS

A mocking framework is a software library that makes it easier to create **test doubles** within tests;

It allows you to replace an object with a *mock*, which is a test double whose behavior is specified inline in a test

Example 13-1. A credit card service

```
class PaymentProcessor {  
    private CreditCardService creditCardService;  
    ...  
    boolean makePayment(CreditCard creditCard, Money amount) {  
        if (creditCard.isExpired()) { return false; }  
        boolean success =  
            creditCardService.chargeCreditCard(creditCard, amount);  
        return success;  
    }  
}
```



Example 13-6. Mocking frameworks

```
class PaymentProcessorTest {  
    ...  
    PaymentProcessor paymentProcessor;  
  
    // Create a test double of CreditCardService with just one line of code.  
    @Mock CreditCardService mockCreditCardService;  
    @Before public void setUp() {  
        // Pass in the test double to the system under test.  
        paymentProcessor = new PaymentProcessor(mockCreditCardService);  
    }  
    @Test public void chargeCreditCardFails_returnFalse() {  
        // Give some behavior to the test double: it will return false  
        // anytime the chargeCreditCard() method is called. The usage of  
        // “any()” for the method’s arguments tells the test double to  
        // return false regardless of which arguments are passed.  
        when(mockCreditCardService.chargeCreditCard(any(), any()))  
            .thenReturn(false);  
        boolean success = paymentProcessor.makePayment(CREDIT_CARD, AMOUNT);  
        assertThat(success).isFalse();  
    }  
}
```

Mockito, a mocking framework for Java.

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}
```



MOCKING FRAMEWORKS

Example 13-8. *Stubbing*

// Pass in a test double that was created by a mocking framework.

```
AccessManager accessManager = new AccessManager(mockAuthorizationService);
```

// The user ID shouldn't have access if null is returned.

```
when(mockAuthorizationService.lookupUser(USER_ID)).thenReturn(null);
```

```
assertThat(accessManager.userHasAccess(USER_ID)).assertFalse();
```

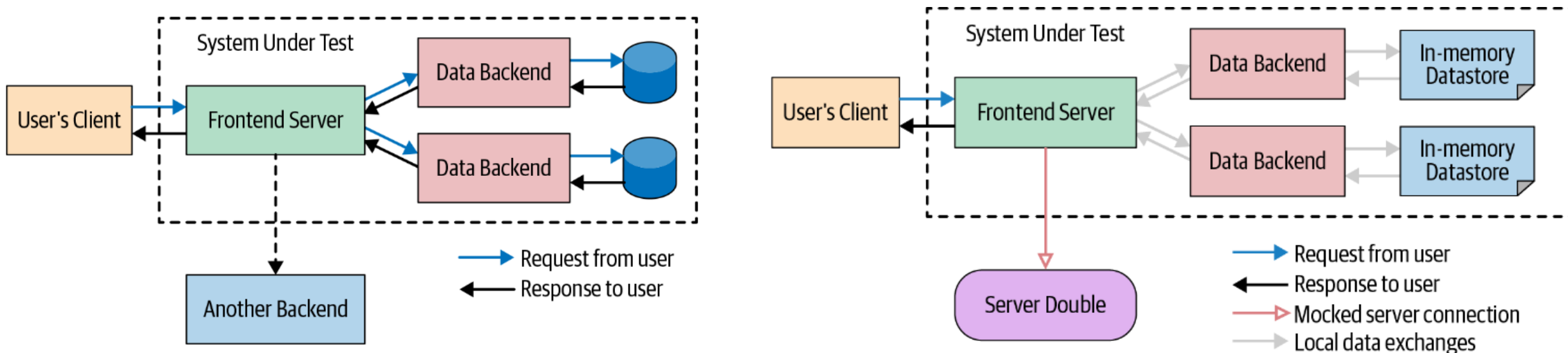
// The user ID should have access if a non-null value is returned.

```
when(mockAuthorizationService.lookupUser(USER_ID)).thenReturn(USER);
```

```
assertThat(accessManager.userHasAccess(USER_ID)).assertTrue();
```

```
class AuthorizationService {  
  
    User lookupUser(int USER_ID) {  
  
        // connect to the database  
        .....  
  
        // search the USER  
        .....  
    }  
}
```

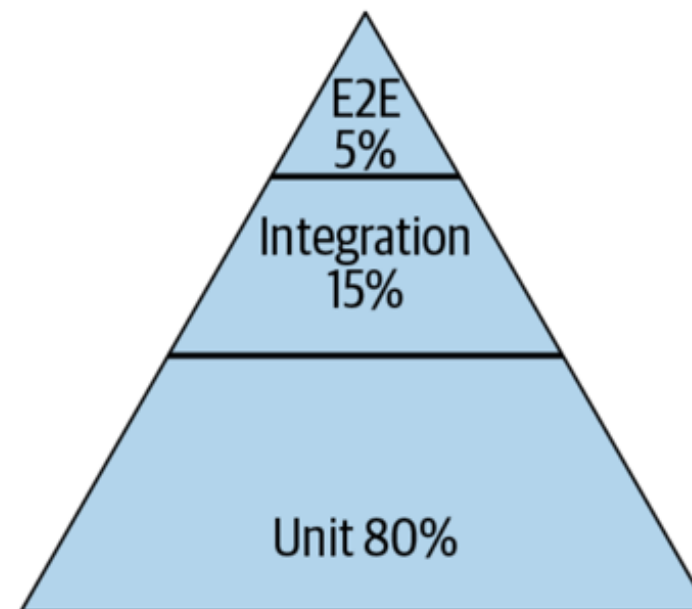
TEST DOUBLES SUMMARY



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UI TESTING





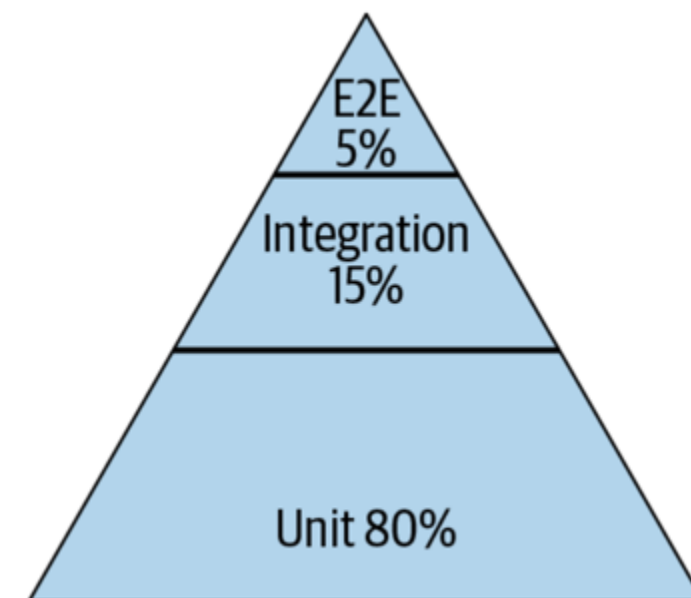
UI TESTING OVERVIEW

- UI is the visual part of a software that determines how users interact with the software and how information is displayed on the screen
- UI testing checks the application via the user interface, **in the same way an end user would**



UI TESTING OVERVIEW

- UI tests are very powerful because they go “end-to-end” from the UI layer down, which test all different parts of an application from beginning (UI) to end (the underlying service, database, etc.)
- UI testing can
 - Determine whether an application satisfies requirements
 - Demonstrate that it is fit for purpose
 - Detect defects



WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN UI TESTING?

- **Consistency:** consistency of colors, font types, and other visual elements.
- **Spelling:** spelling errors throughout the application
- **Typography:** Is the text easily readable? Does it have enough contrast with the background?



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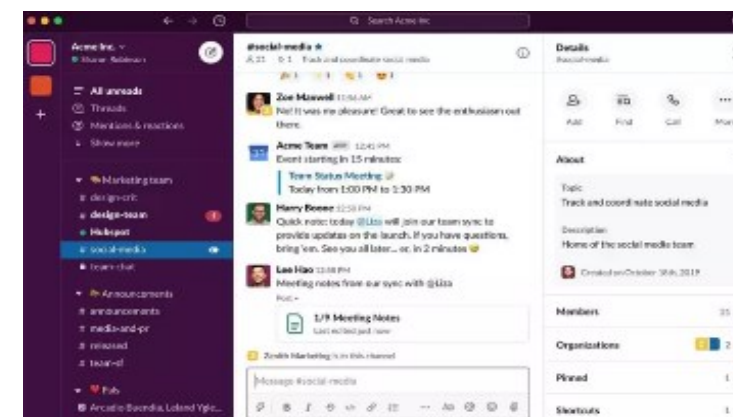
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Mostly manual

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN UI TESTING?

- **Behavior of interactive elements:** Do the buttons, clicks, hovers, drag-and-drops, etc. work as intended?
- **Functional validation:** Do inputs produce the expected outputs?
- **Adaptability:** Ensure that UI elements adapt and are displayed correctly in different devices, browsers, screen formats and sizes, and OS.



Can be automated



UI TESTING TOOLS

Example of UI functional validation:

- If you “add an item to cart”, you need to validate that the correct item, price, and quantity are properly added to the cart.
- Is there validation in place to prevent users from entering unreasonable data such as negative numbers or special characters that aren’t allowed?
- Can you verify that character length restrictions or required formats (e.g. phone number) aren’t violated?

UI testing tools (e.g., Selenium) allow developers to create programs that act like robots, interacting with websites to check for any issues or bugs automatically.



Selenium

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Env: production

PROJECT EXPLORER

- agiletravel-selenium-webdriver
 - pages
 - abstract_page.rb
 - flight_page.rb
 - login_page.rb
 - passenger_page.rb
 - payment_page.rb
 - spec
 - debugging_spec.rb
 - demo_ajax_spec.rb
 - flight_spec.rb
 - login_spec.rb
 - passenger_spec.rb
 - payment_spec.rb
 - spec_helper.rb
 - Rakefile
 - agiletravel-selenium-webdriver.tpr
 - agiletravel-selenium-webdriver.tws
 - agileway_utils.rb
 - buildwise.rake
 - buildwise_rspec_formatter.rb
 - install-lib.cmd
 - test_helper.rb

flight_spec.rb

```

22  driver.quit unless debugging?
23  end
24
25  it "[3] Return trip" do
26    flight_page = FlightPage.new(driver)
27    flight_page.select_trip_type("return")
28    flight_page.select_depart_from("Sydney")
29    flight_page.select_arrive_at("New York")
30
31    flight_page.select_depart_day("02")
32    flight_page.select_depart_month("May 2016")
33    flight_page.select_return_day("04")
34    flight_page.select_return_month("June 2016")
35    flight_page.click_continue
36
37    expect(page_text).to include("2016-05-02 Sydney to New York")
38    expect(page_text).to include("2016-06-04 New York to Sydney")
39  end
40
41  it "[2] One-way trip" do
42    flight_page = FlightPage.new(driver)
43    flight_page.select_trip_type("oneway")
44    flight_page.select_trip_type("return")
45    flight_page.select_depart_from("Sydney")
46    flight_page.select_arrive_at("New York")
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48    flight_page.select_depart_day("02")
49    flight_page.select_depart_month("May 2016")
50    flight_page.click_continue
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53  end
54
55
56  end
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<https://medium.com/geekculture/headless-browser-testing-clarified-d544ef0acf43>



EVALUATING TEST CASES

How do we know that the tests are “good”?

- Test Metrics
- Mutation Testing
- Fuzzing



AIM OF COLLECTING TEST METRICS

Effectiveness

- How much of the software was tested?
- How good were the tests? Are we using low-value test cases?
- How many bugs did the test team (not) find?
- How bad are the bugs?
- How many bugs found were fixed? reopened? closed? deferred?

Efforts

- How long will it take to test?
- Will testing be done on time? Can the software be shipped on time?
- Was the test effort adequate? Could we have fit more testing in this release?
- How much money will it take to test?
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COMMON TEST METRICS

- Coverage: statement, branch, condition coverage etc.

$$\text{Requirements Coverage} = \left(\frac{\text{Number of requirements covered}}{\text{Total number of requirements}} \right) \times 100$$

- Test tracking

$$\text{Passed Test Cases Percentage} = \left(\frac{\text{Number of Passed Tests}}{\text{Total number of tests executed}} \right) \times 100$$

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COMMON TEST METRICS

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$$\text{Accepted Defects Percentage} = \left(\frac{\text{Defects Accepted as Valid by Dev Team}}{\text{Total defects reported}} \right) \times 100$$

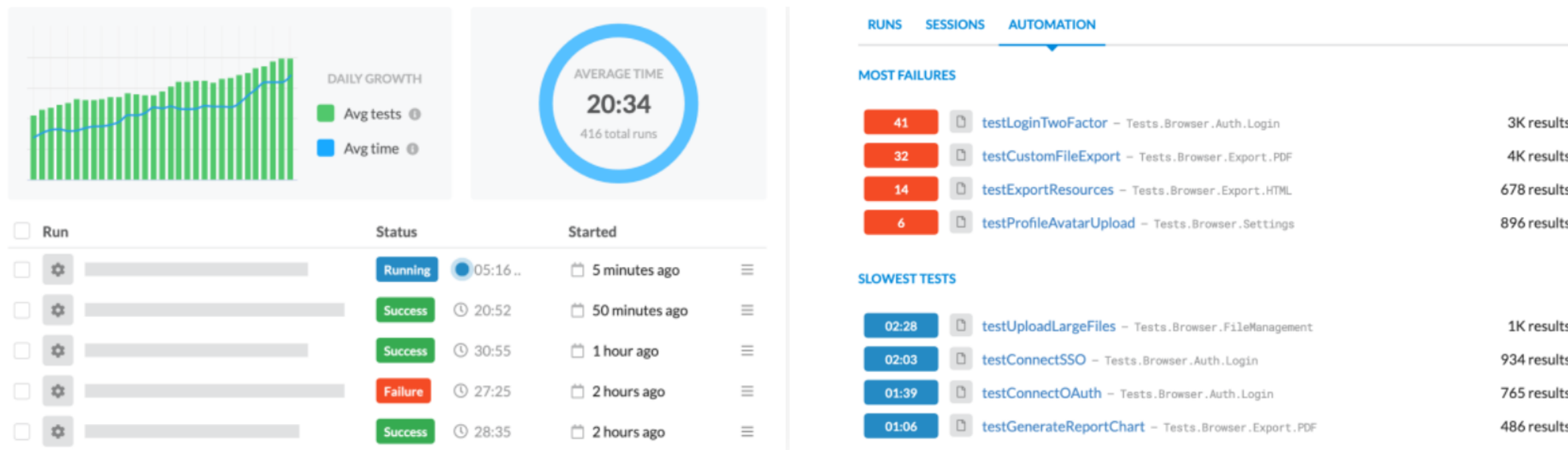
$$\text{Defects Rejected Percentage} = \left(\frac{\text{Defects Rejected as invalid by Dev Team}}{\text{Total defects reported}} \right) \times 100$$

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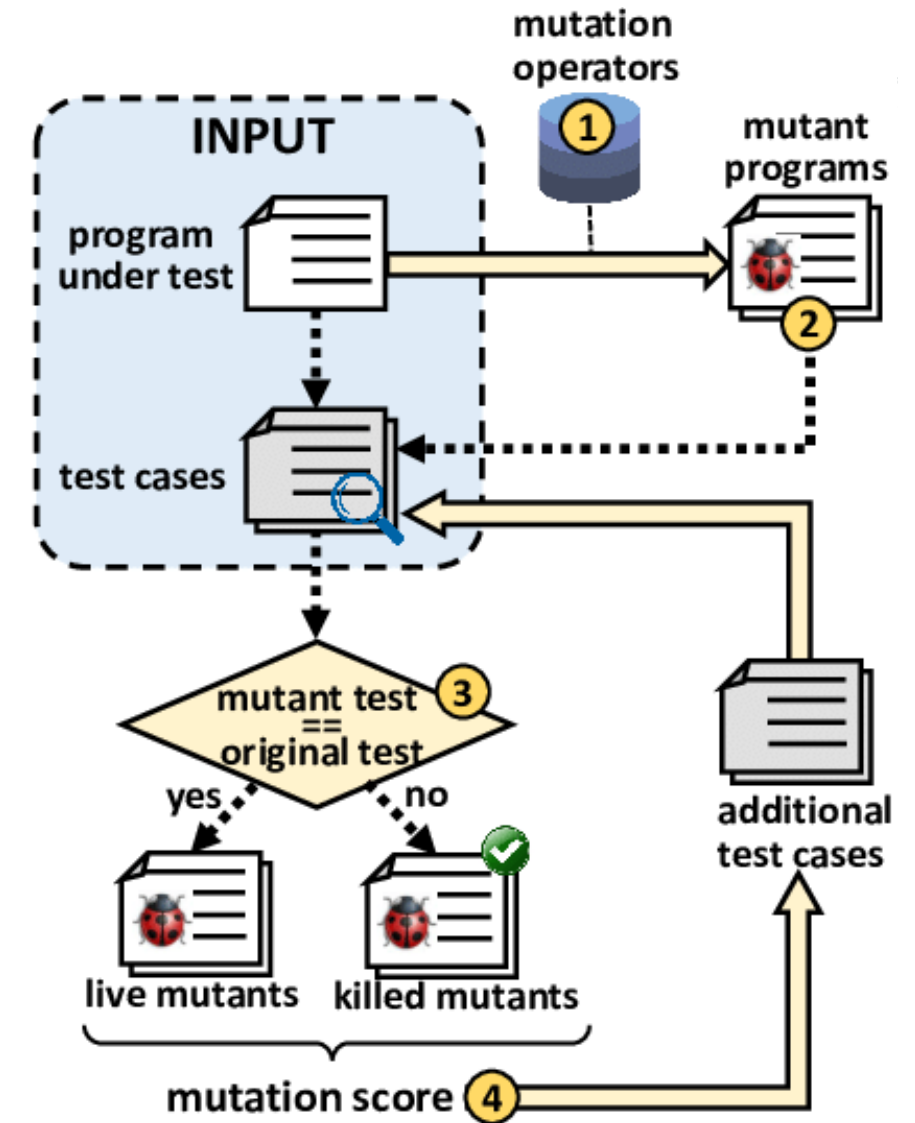


<https://www.testmo.com/qa-metrics-reporting>

MUTATION TESTING

Are your tests sharp enough to catch small bugs?

- The term **mutant** is borrowed from biology, where it refers to a **small variation of an original organism**.
- START: Mutation testing (变异测试) begins with a unit and a set of test cases for that unit, such that **all the test cases pass when executed**.

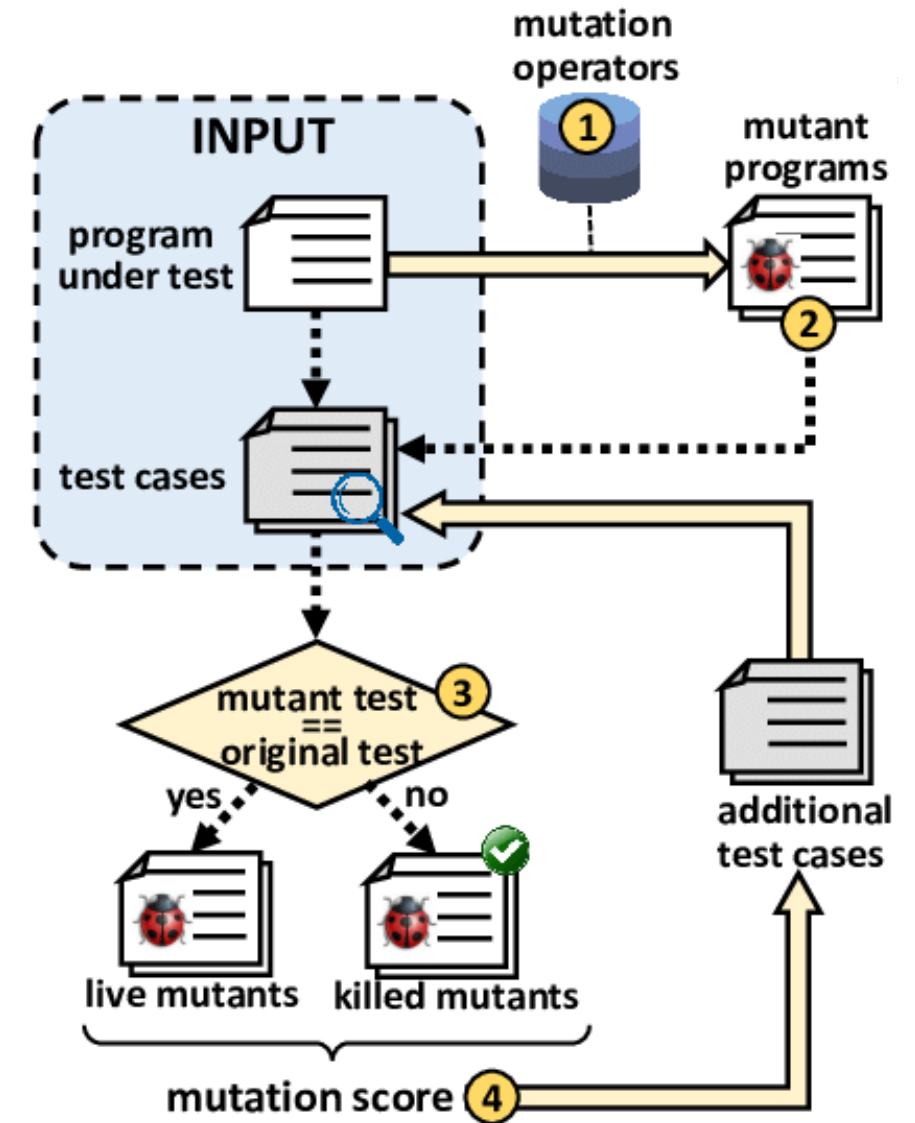


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MUTATION TESTING

- STEP 1&2: A small change is made to the original unit, based on a list of predefined **mutation operators** (突变算子).

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<pre>... while (hi < 50){ print(hi); hi = lo + hi; lo = hi - lo; } ...</pre>	<pre>... while (hi > 50){ print(hi); hi = lo + hi; lo = hi - lo; } ...</pre>
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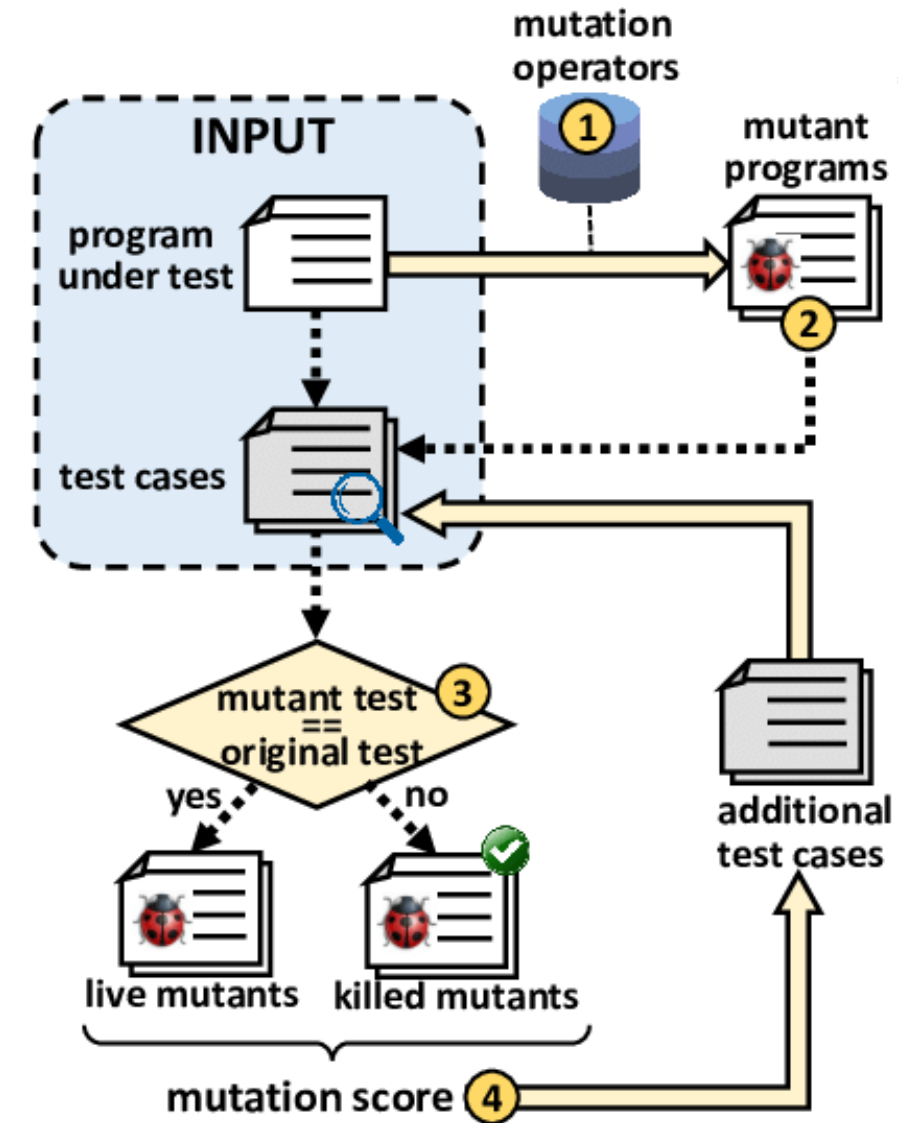


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MUTATION TESTING

- STEP 3: tests are executed on the mutants.
- If all test cases succeed, the mutant **lives**.
- If at least one test case fails, the mutant is **killed**.

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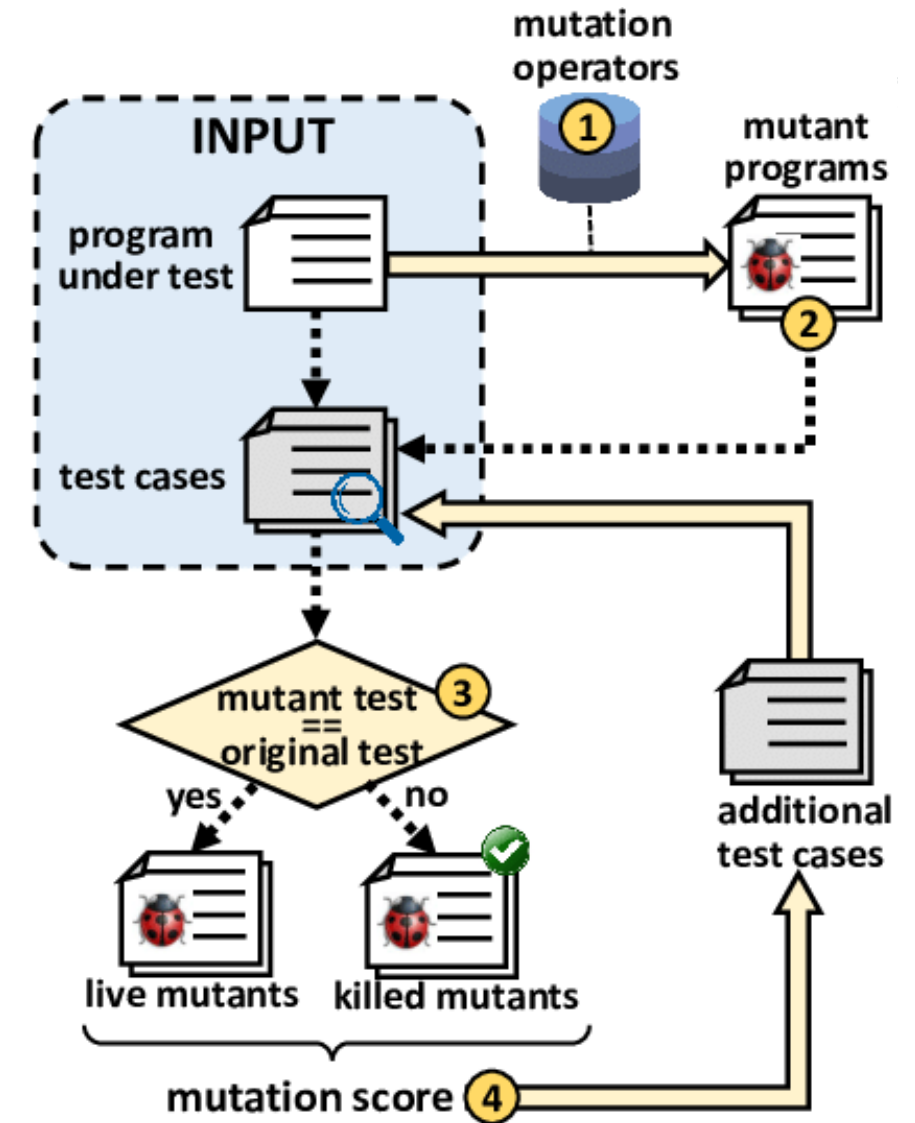
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MUTATION TESTING

- STEP 4: Compute the mutation score

$$\text{Mutation score} = \frac{\# \text{ of killed mutants}}{\# \text{ total mutants}}$$

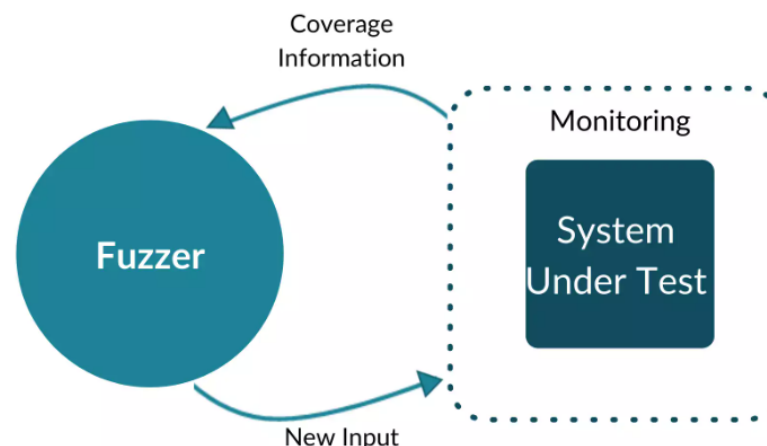
Higher mutation score increases the confidence of using the original test cases



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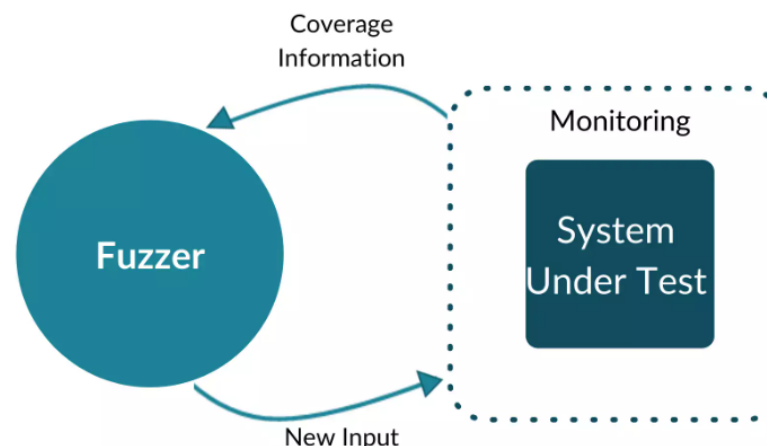


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- null
- ""
- "; DROP TABLE users;"
- huge strings
- emojis or binary data

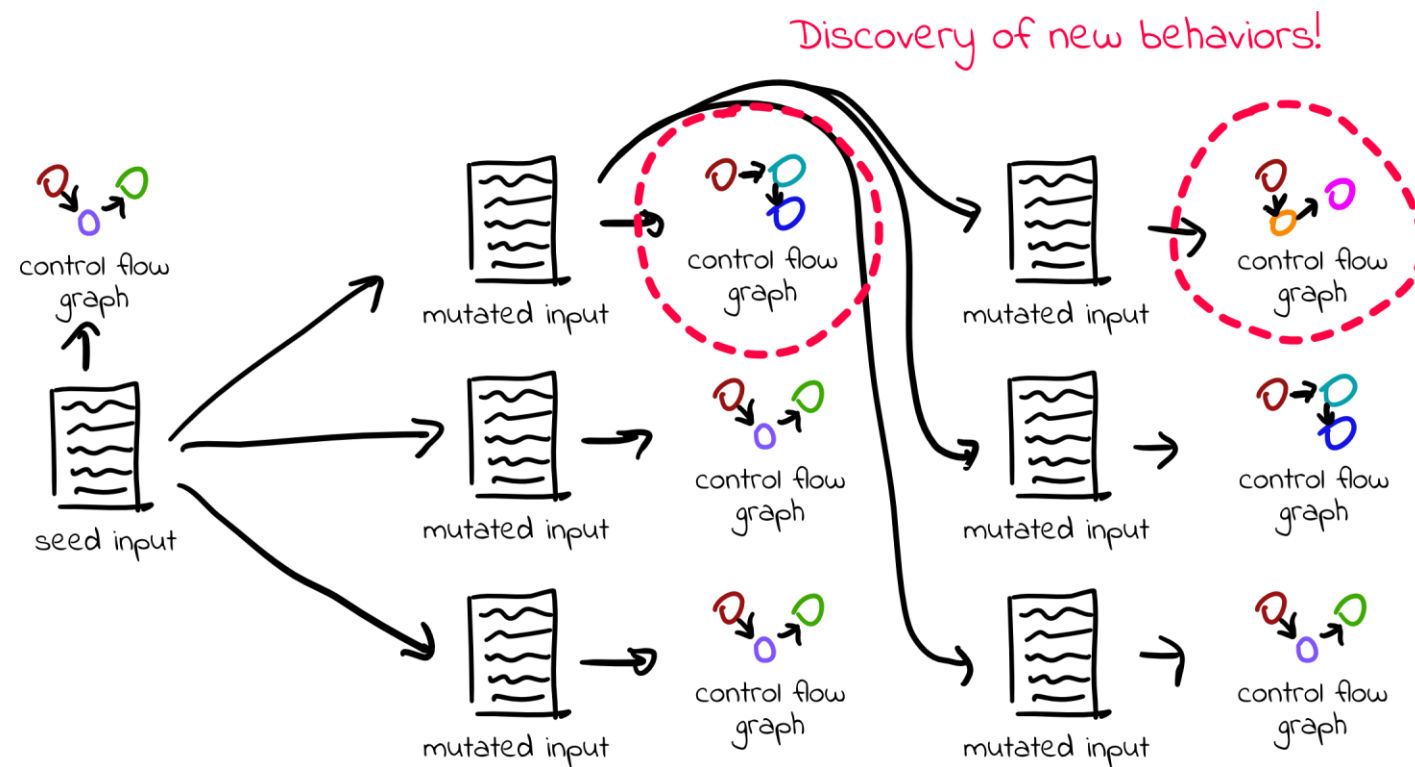


String parseUserInput(String input) { ... }

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FUZZING

- A fuzzer can be
 - generation-based: inputs are generated from scratch
 - mutation-based: inputs are created by modifying existing inputs.
- A fuzzer can be whitebox or black-box, depending on whether it is aware of program structure.



1) Run the seed input through the program to produce a CFG

2) Mutate the input, test the new inputs, and look for changes in the CFG

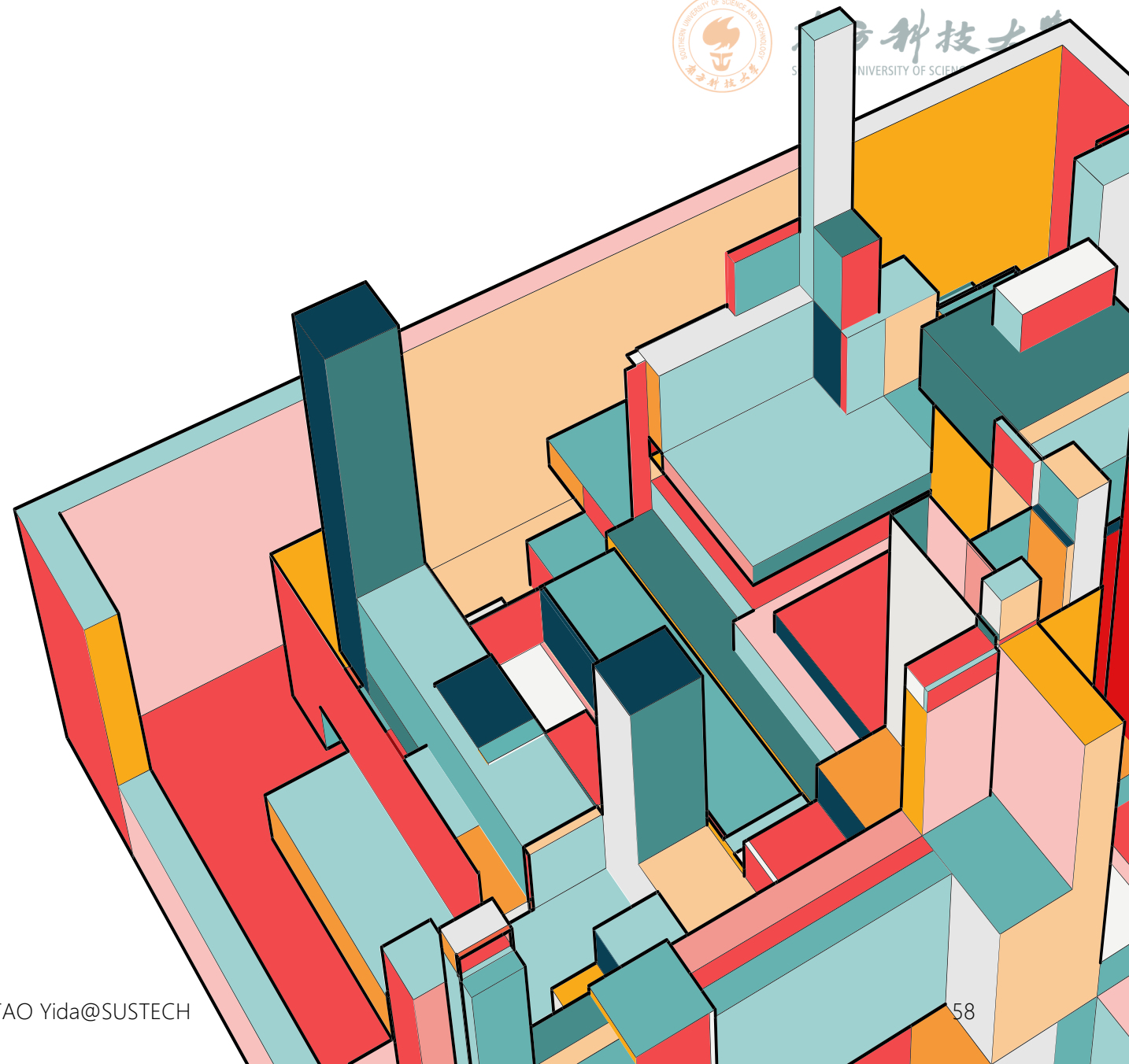
3) Rinse and repeat!

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