

Introduce Yourself

- Your name
- Why are you here?
- What do you expect to learn?

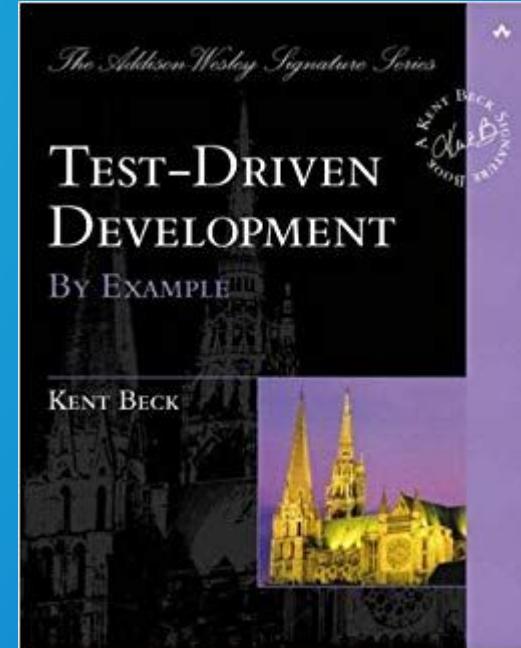
Why do we need Coding Gym?

Become a better developer through deliberate exercises

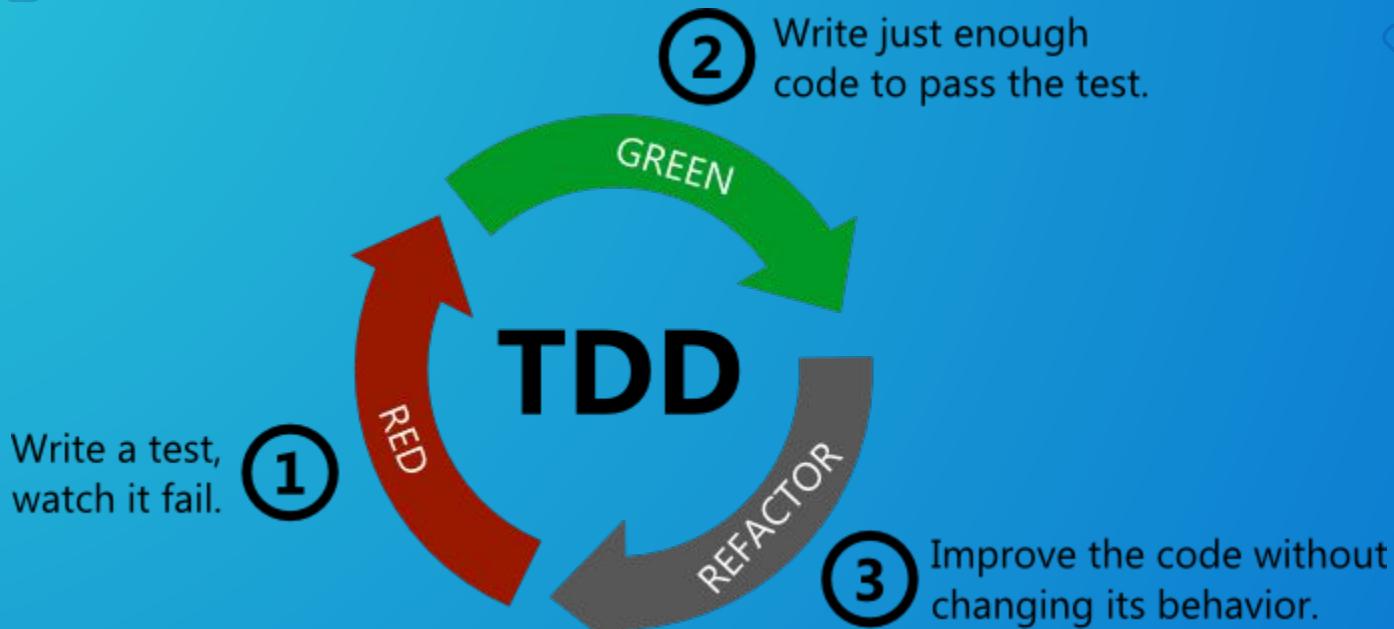
Introduction to Test Driven Development

Who “discovered” TDD?

Kent Back



What is it about?

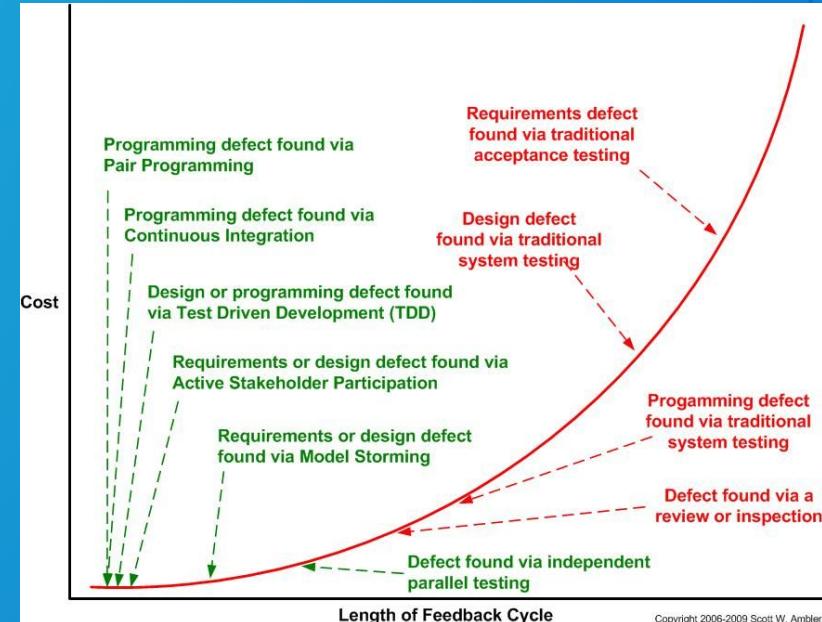
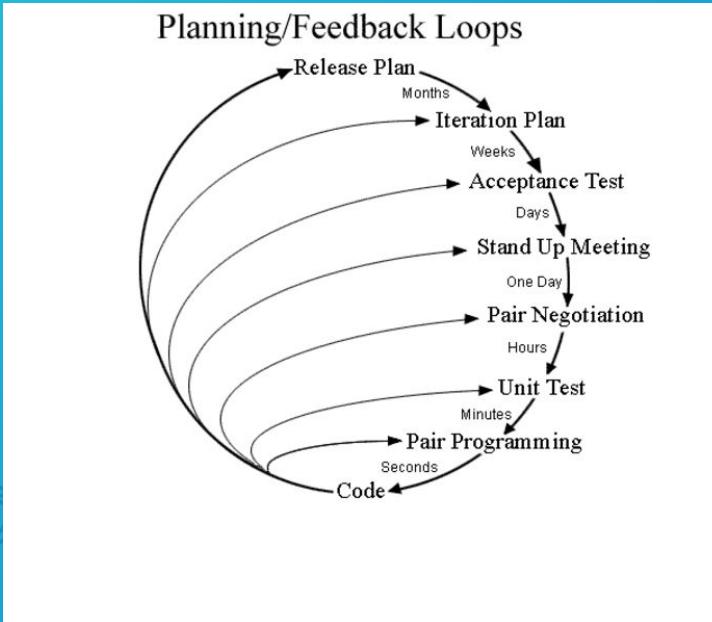


What are the benefits?

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Clean codes that works
- Ron Jeffries

Benefit #1: Faster Feedback



Benefit #2: A safety net to protect you

- Existing tests help to catch regression errors when you make further changes

Benefit #3: Focus on one task at a time

- One task at a time:
 - Writing a failing test
 - Make the failing test pass
 - Refactor
- Move in baby steps

Benefit #4: Thinking from users' perspective

- Writing tests first forces you to think from the users' perspective
- This leads to better design
 - User friendly API
 - Smaller and modular units

Benefit #5: Less waste

- You write tests to define how the system-under-test should be used
- You only write enough production code to make the tests pass

First TDD Exercise

Implement a number sequence generator with TDD

A Number Sequence

Here is a sequence of numbers with some pattern in it.

To start with, the first number in the sequence is 0

The second number in the sequence is 1

The next number is 1

The next number is 2

The next number is 3

....This is Fibonacci number sequence!!!

Fibonacci Sequence

The Fibonacci Sequence is the series of numbers:

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, ...

Definition:

- First element is 0
- Second element is 1
- From 3rd element onwards: every element is the sum of previous two elements

TDD Rules

Rule #1

Start with a test.

Write new production code only if an automated test has
failed

Rule #2

Baby steps: only one failing test at a time

Rule #3

Baby steps: write *small* test

What's a small test?

- Each test should focus on a specific feature/behavior of the system under test
- It should not take you much time (< 10 mins) to make it pass
- It should only have one reason to fail
 - Implication: in many cases, there should only be one assertion in the test

Rule #4

Baby steps: write enough production code to make the failing test pass. No extra code.

Rule #5

Baby steps: implement the simplest algorithm first, then generalise it later when you identify some patterns

Rule #6

Don't forget about Refactoring

Rule #7

Refactor your tests too!

Rule #8

Don't refactor when your tests are failing.
Make tests pass first.

More on Baby Steps

Why does it help?



Can we move in bigger steps?

Yes, under certain situations.

Let's do it again

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Did you feel the
difference?

Lesson Learnt

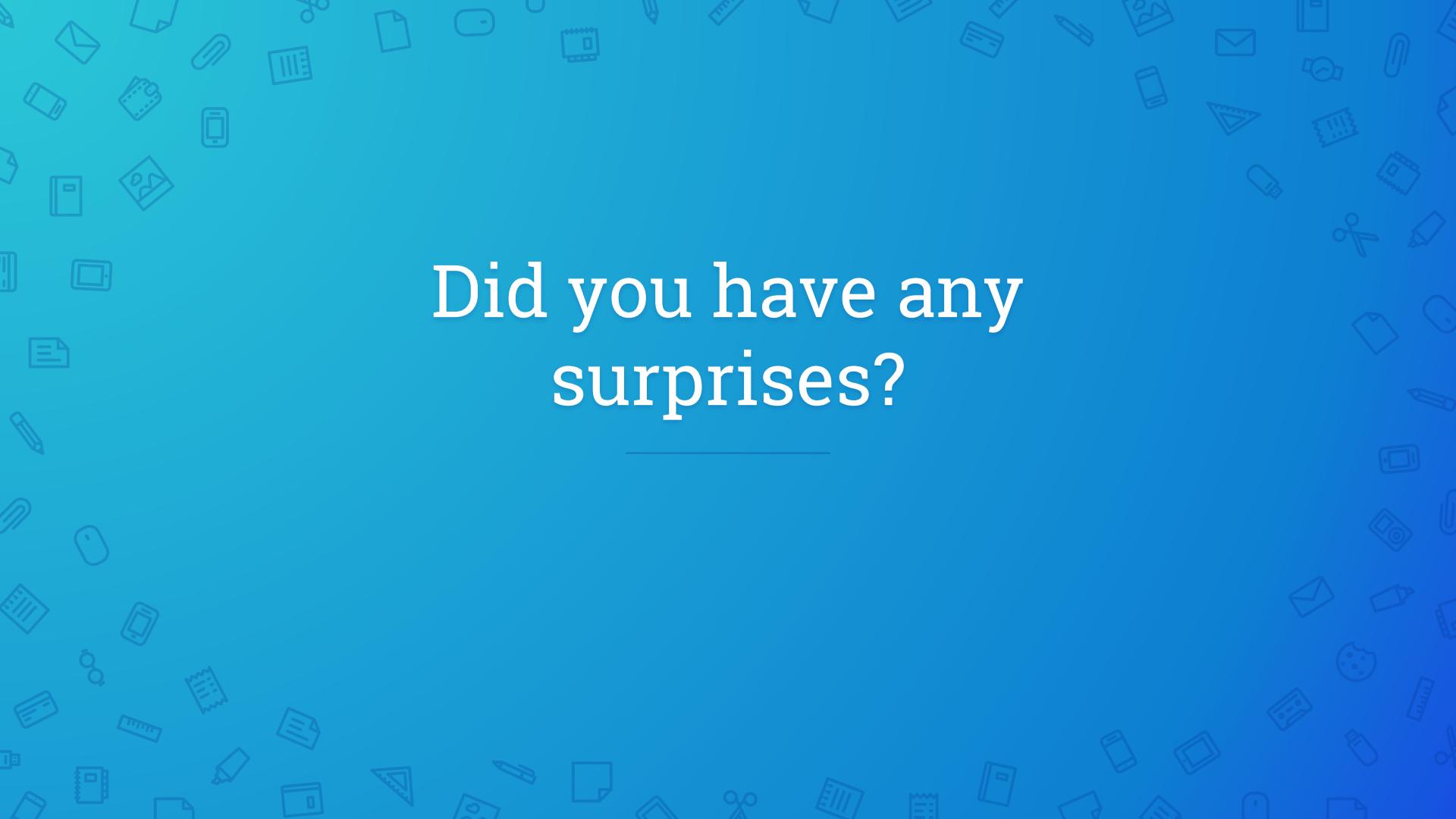
Move in smaller baby steps:

- When you are new to the problem
- When you haven't found the pattern

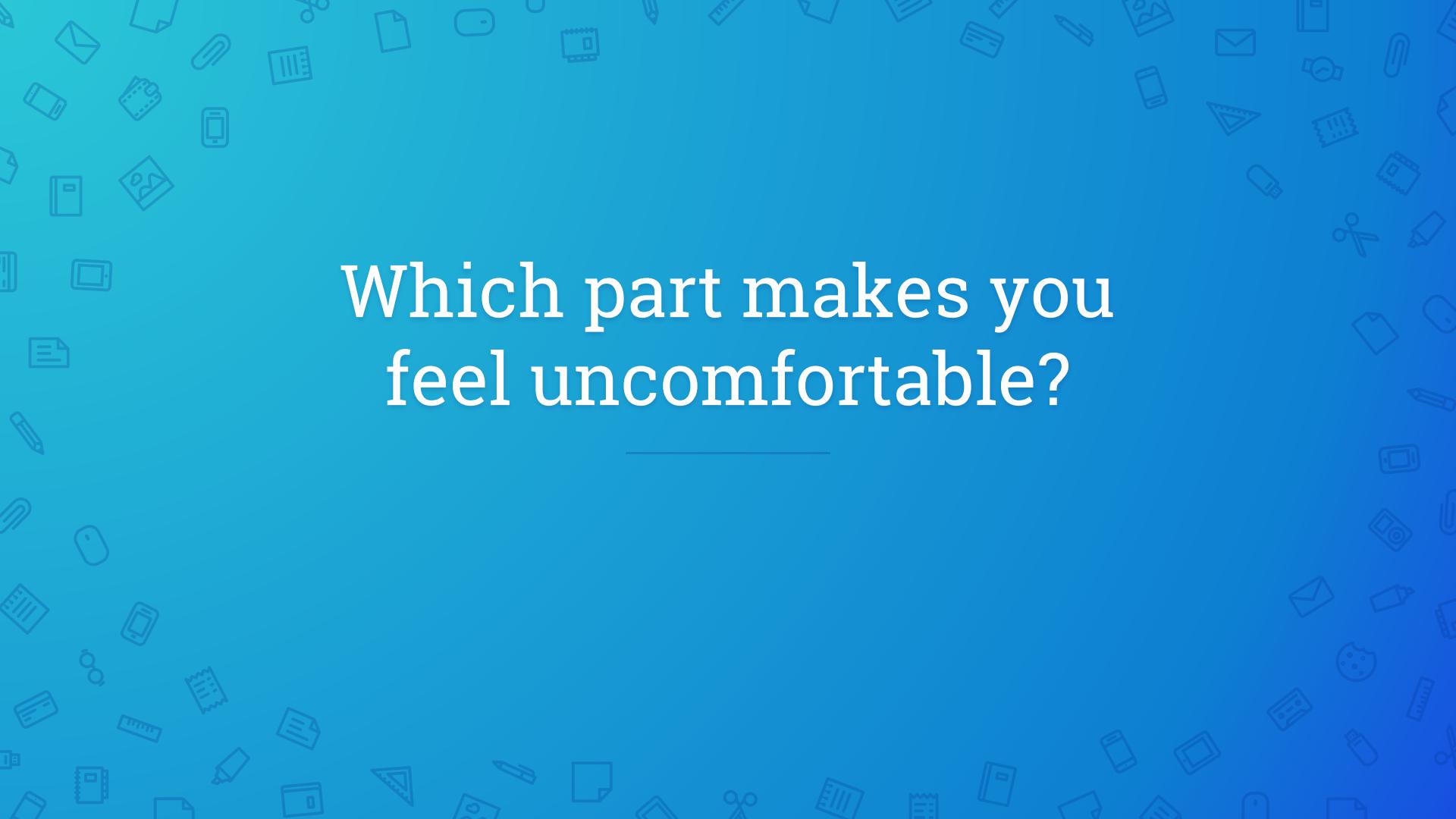
Move in bigger baby steps:

- When you are familiar with the problem
- When the pattern is well known

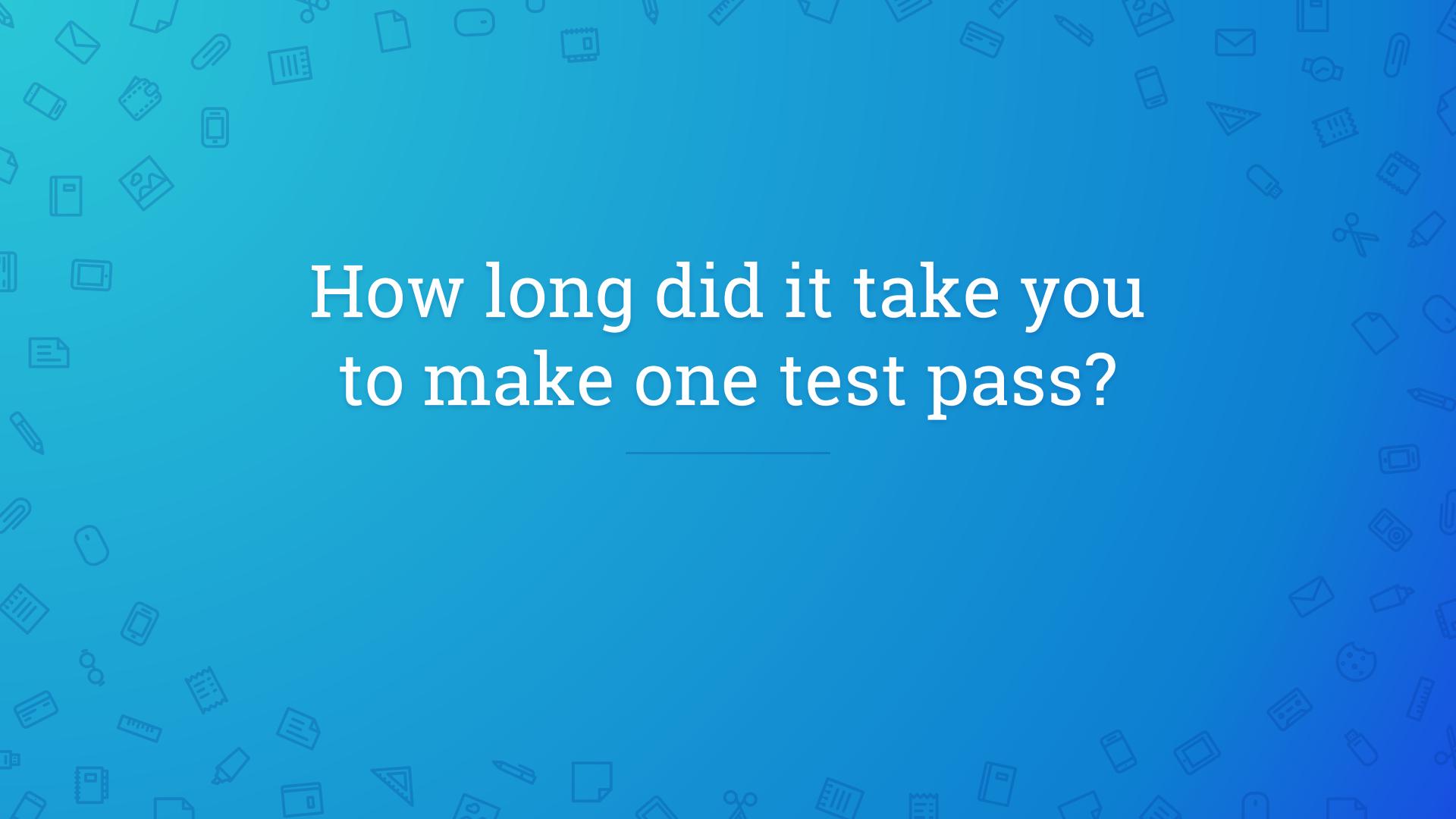
Reflection



Did you have any surprises?



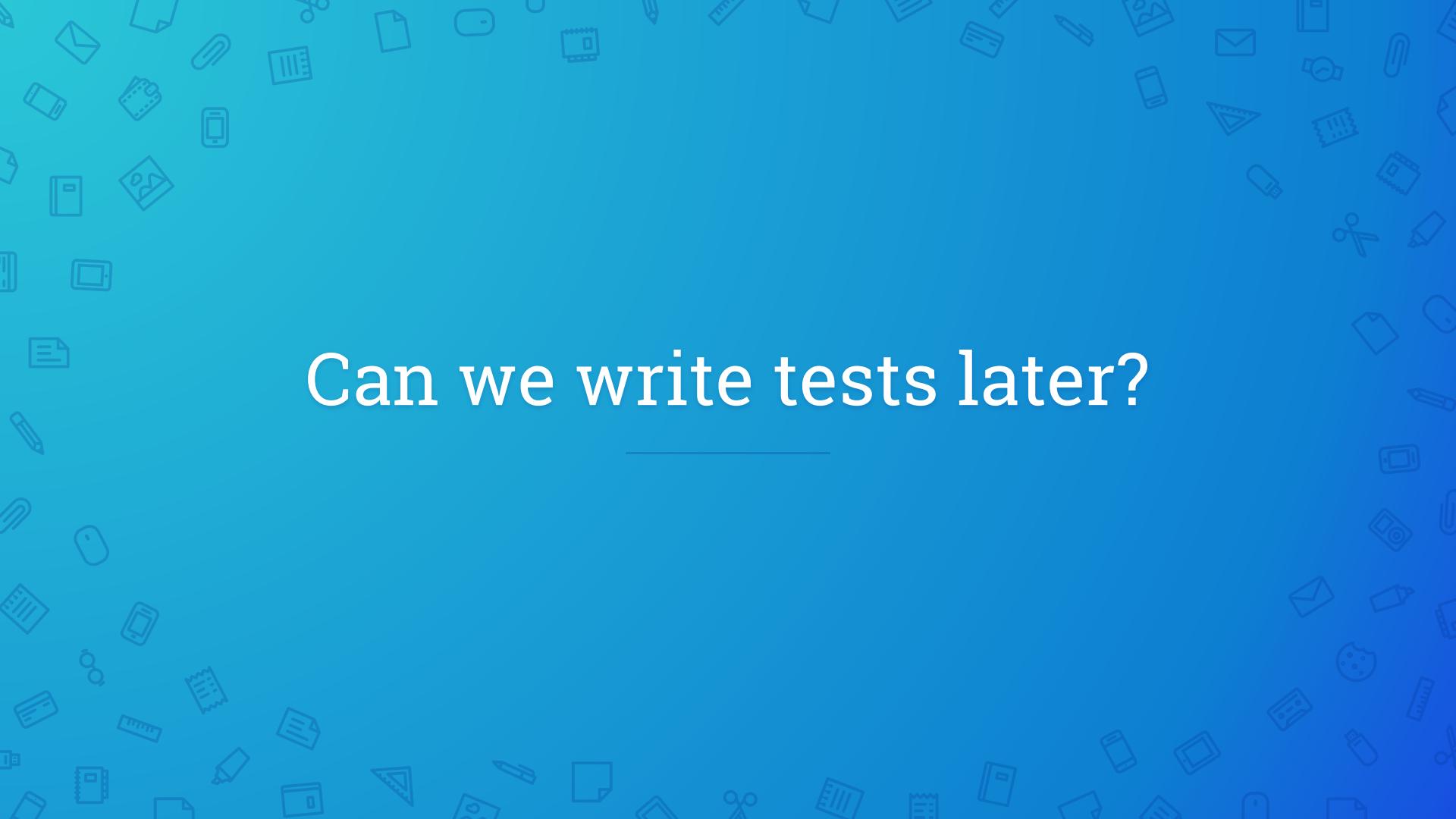
Which part makes you
feel uncomfortable?



How long did it take you
to make one test pass?

Do I need to write tests for every function?

How about private/helper methods?



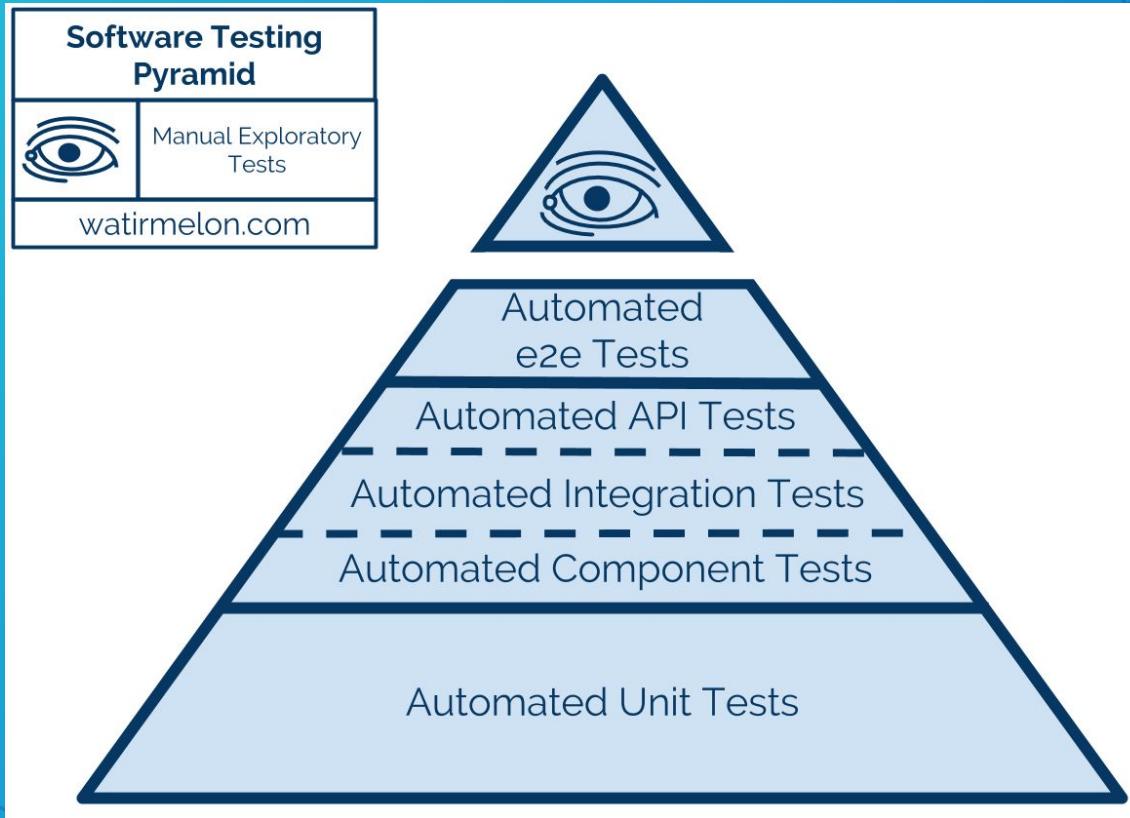
Can we write tests later?

Later == Never

- You have less interests to write test when your production code is already working
- You may write some codes that's never used
- You may write some codes that's hard to test/use

What is the T in TDD?

What kind of tests? Unit Tests? Or Acceptance Tests? Or both?



Good books on TDD

