Unit testing library: Catch2

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1. Don't reinvent the wheel: use a library

Many things you want to program have been thought of before: see if there is a library for it.

Library: 'program without main': you supply the main, functionality comes from library



2. External libraries: usage

Suppose the 'fancy' library does what you need.

- 1. Include a header file
- 2. Then use the functions defined there.

```
#include "fancylib.h"
int main() {
   x = fancyfunction(y);
}
```



3. External libraries: compile

1. Compiler needs to know where the header is:

```
icpc -c yourprogram.cxx -I/usr/include/fancylib
```

2. You may need to link a library file:

```
icpc -o yourprogram yourprogram.o \
    -L/usr/lib/fancylib -lfancy
(not for 'header only' libraries)
```



4. Where to find libraries

Search ... There is a lot of stuff on github.



5. Example: catch2

```
Clone development version (better than the 2.x releases)
```

```
git clone https://github.com/catchorg/Catch2.git catch-git
```

Build:



6. Usage

See the TDD slides.

