

Announcements

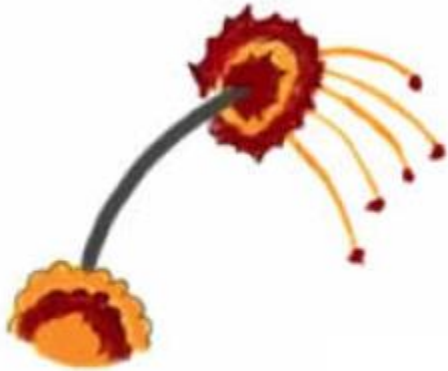
- Project 1 grades out
 - Mean: 23.4/25
- Assignment 3 due today
- Assignment 4 releasing today

CS3300 Introduction to Software Engineering

Lecture 15: Software Testing

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Some Examples...



Ariana 5 Failure:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gp_D8r-2hwk



Software is Buggy!

- Cost of bugs: \$ 60 B/year
- On average, 1-5 errors per 1KLOC
- Windows 10
 - 50M LOC
 - 63,000 known bugs at the time of release
 - 2 per 1,000 lines
- For mass market software 100% correct SW development is infeasible, but
- We must **verify** the SW as much as possible

Failure, Fault, Error



Failure: Observable incorrect behavior of a program. Conceptually related to the behavior of the program, rather than its code.



Fault (bug): Related to the code. Necessary (not sufficient!) condition for the occurrence of a failure.



Error: Cause of a fault. Usually a human error (conceptual, typo, etc.)

Failure, Fault, Error: Example



```
1. double doubleValue(int param) {  
2.     double result;  
3.     result = (double) param * param;  
4.     return(result);  
5. }
```

A call to double(3) returns 9. What is this?

The result 9 is a failure- it is an observable behavior

Where is the fault?

Line 3

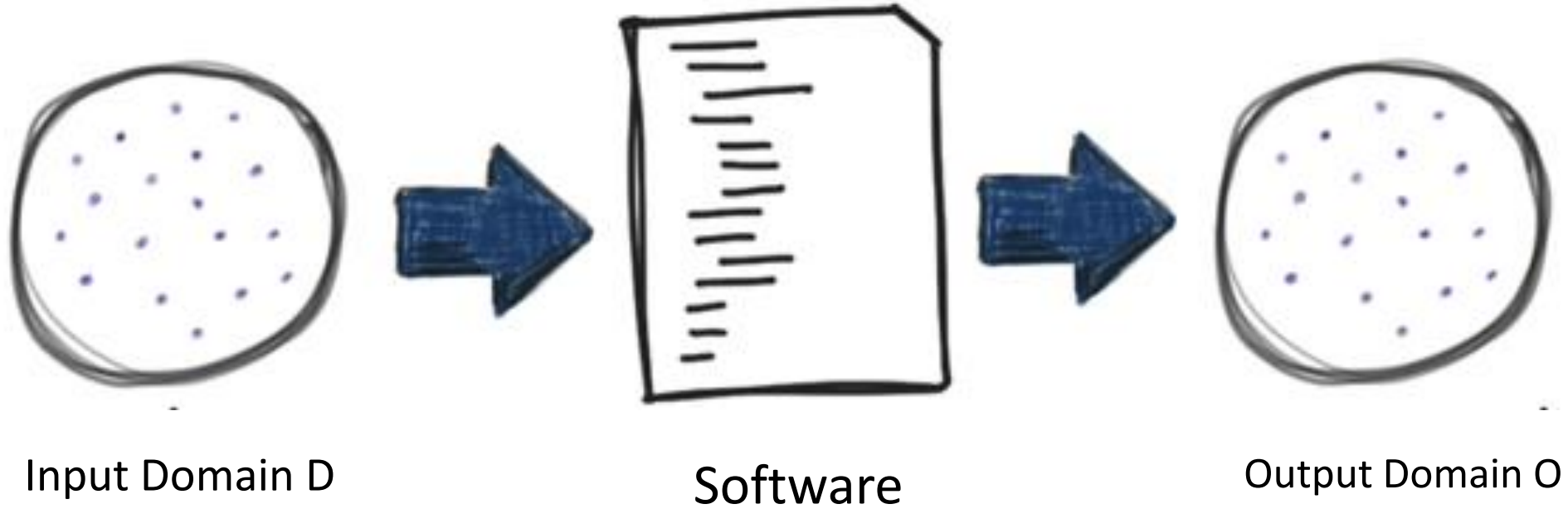
What is the error that caused the fault?

N/A. Maybe typo, erroneous copy paste, or conceptual. Only the developer knows.

Approaches to Verification

- **Testing** (dynamic verification): exercising software to try and generate failures
- **Static analysis**: identify (specific) problems statically, that is, considering all possible executions
- **Inspections/reviews/walkthroughs**: systematic group review of program text to detect faults
- **Formal verification** (proof of correctness): proving that the program implements the program specification

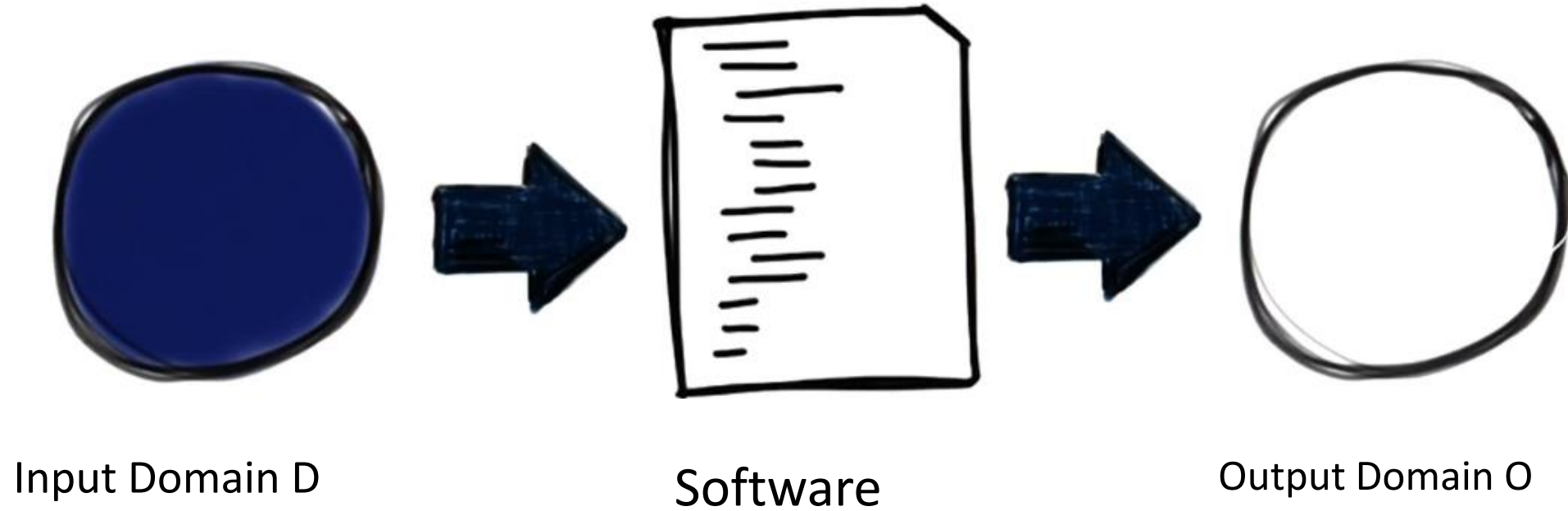
Testing



Test Case: $\{i \in D, o \in O\}$

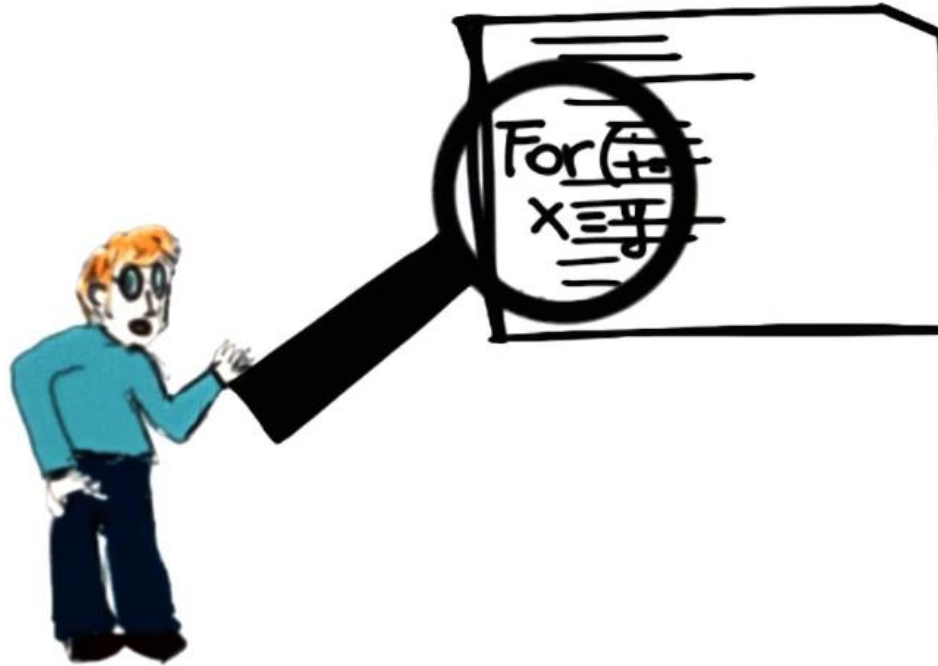
Test Suite: A set of Test Cases

Static Verification



Considers all possible inputs
(execution/behaviors)

Inspections/Reviews/Walkthroughs



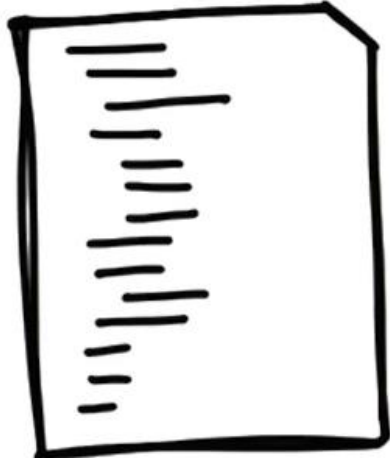
Human intensive activity

Manual

Group activity

Inspect defects in the artifacts

Formal Proof (Of correctness)



Program



Specification

Given a formal specification, checks that the code corresponds to such specification

Sophisticated mathematical analysis

Comparison among the 4 techniques



PROS



CONS

Testing

No False Positives

Highly Incomplete

Static Verification

Considers all program behaviors,
Complete

False Positives, Expensive

Inspections

Systematic, Thorough

Informal, Subjective

Formal Proofs of
Correctness

Strong Guarantees

Complex, Expensive to
build/prove a mathematical
basis

Today, Quality Assurance (Verification) is mostly Testing



“50% of my company employees are testers, and the rest spend 50% of their time testing”. Who said that?

☐ Mark Zuckerberg

☐ Steve Jobs

☐ Henry Ford

☒ Bill Gates

☐ Frank Gehry

What is Testing?

Testing == To execute a program with a sample of the input data

- Dynamic technique: program must be executed
- Optimistic approximation:
 - The program under test is exercised with a (very small) subset of all the possible input data
 - We **assume** that the behavior with any other input is consistent with the behavior shown for the selected subset of input data

Testing Techniques

There are several techniques

- Different processes
- Different artifacts
- Different approaches

There are no perfect techniques

- Testing is a best-effort activity

There is no best technique

- Different contexts
- Complementary strengths and weaknesses
- Trade-offs

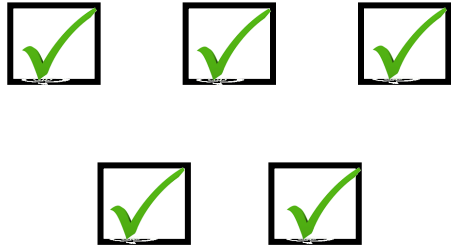
Successful Tests

"A test is successful
if the program fails"

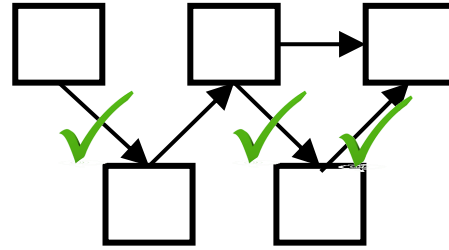
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Testing Granularity Levels

Unit Testing

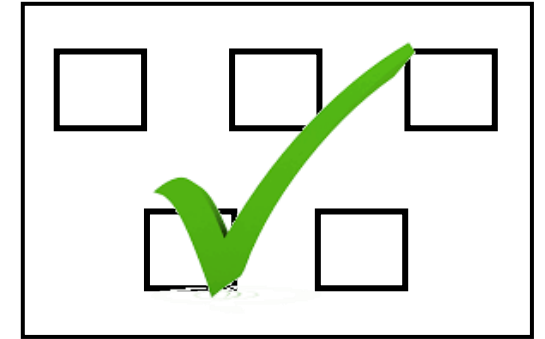


Integration



Big Bang

System

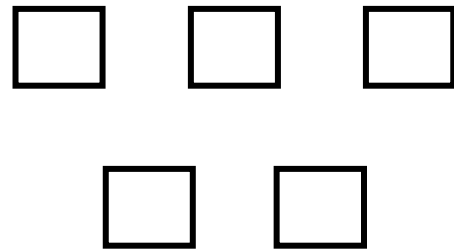


Functional/Non-functional

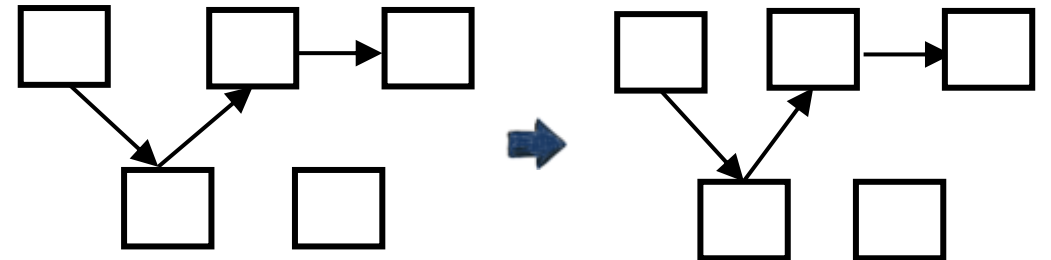
Acceptance Testing



Customer



Regression Testing



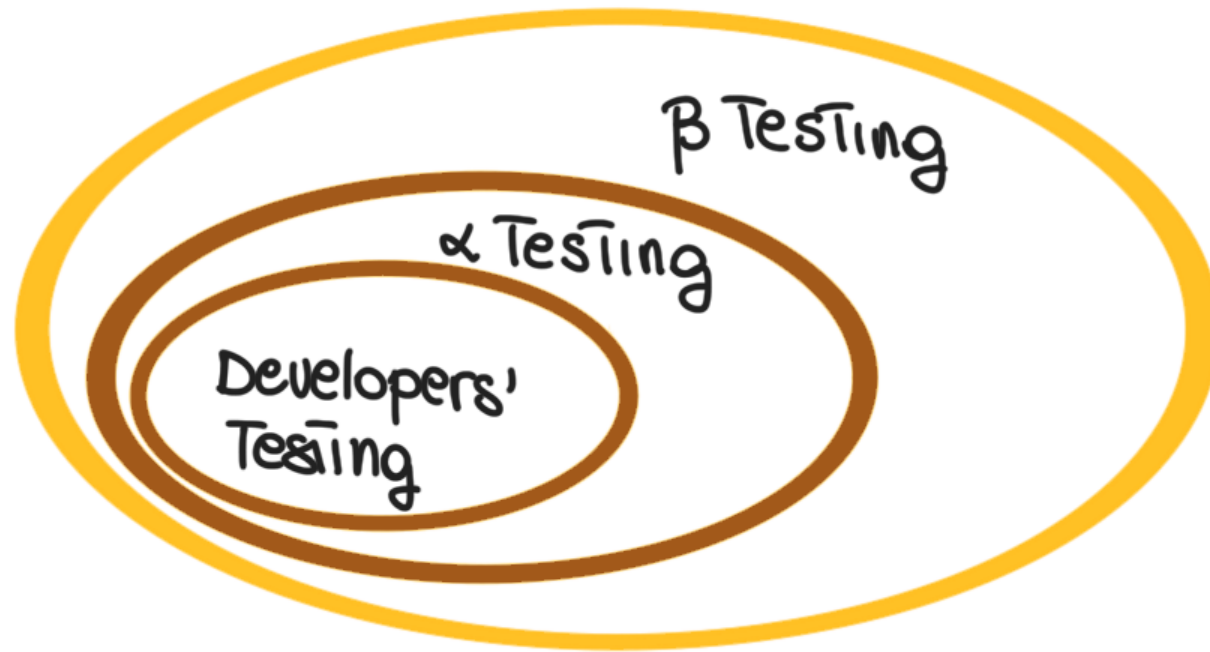
Testing Types



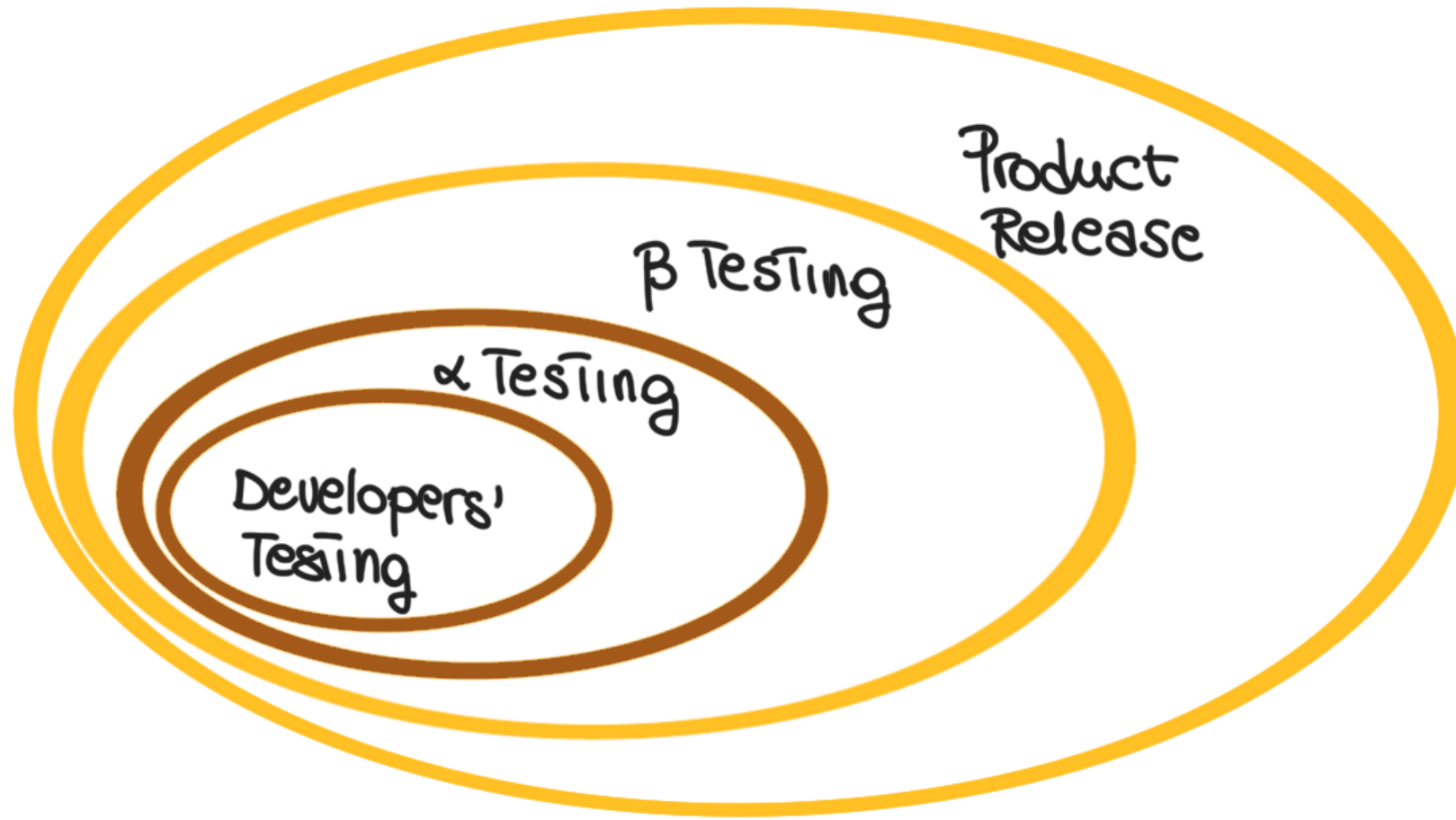
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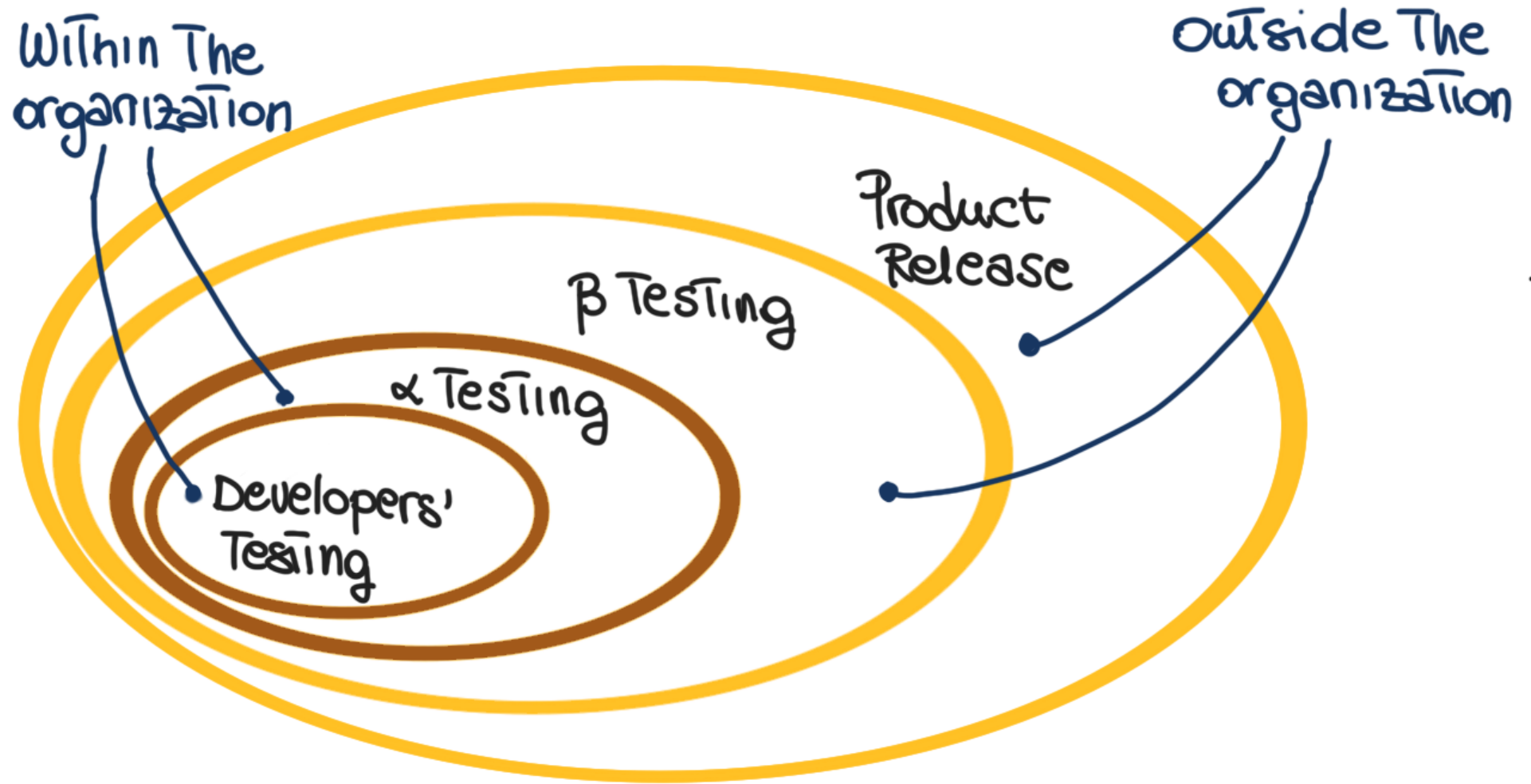
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BLACK BOX TESTING

- Based on a description of the software (specification)
- Cover as much specified behavior as possible
- Cannot reveal errors due to implementation details



WHITE BOX TESTING

- Based on the code
- Cover as much coded behavior as possible
- Cannot reveal errors due to missing paths

Black-Box Testing Example

Specification: Inputs an integer and prints it

```
1. void printNumBytes (param){  
2.     if (param < 1024) printf(“%d”, param);  
3.     else printf(“%d KB” , param/124);  
4. }
```


White-Box Testing Example

Specification: inputs an integer param and returns half of its value if even, its value otherwise

```
1. int fun(int param){  
2.   int result;  
3.   result = param/2;  
4.   return result;  
5. }
```