CSE1005: Software Engineering

Module No. 3: Software Testing



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Strategic Approach to Software Testing, Strategic Issues, Test Strategies for Conventional Software, Fundamentals, Black box Testing, White box testing.

Text Book:

1. Roger Pressman, "Software Engineering: A Practitioner's Approach", McGraw-Hill, 7th Edition, 2016.

Course Outcome: Apply and check for errors in software using software testing techniques (CO3)

Transferring the amount to friend's account by using Net Banking / UPI

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- Initiate the transaction, get a successful transaction message, and the amount also deducted from your account.
- However, your friend confirms that they didn't received any amount yet.
- Likewise, your account is also not reflecting the reversed transaction.
- This will surely make you upset and leave you as an unsatisfied customer.
- Why did it happen?
 - **Improper testing** of the net banking / UPI application before the release.
 - Thorough testing of the application for all possible user operations would lead to early identification of this type of problems.
 - Fix the errors before releasing it to the public for a smoother experience.

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Sources of Problems

- **Requirements Definition:** Erroneous, incomplete, inconsistent requirements.
- **Design:** Fundamental design flaws in the software.
- **Implementation:** Mistakes in writing, programming faults, malicious code, etc.
- Support Systems: Poor programming languages, faulty compilers and debuggers, misleading development tools.
- Inadequate Testing of Software: Incomplete testing, poor verification, mistakes in debugging.
- **Evolution:** Sloppy redevelopment or maintenance, introduction of new flaws in attempts to fix old flaws, incremental escalation to inordinate complexity.

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Adverse Effects of Faulty Software in various domains:

- Communications: Loss or corruption of communication media, non delivery of data.
- Space Applications: Lost lives, launch delays.
- Defense and Warfare: Misidentification of targets
- Transportation: Deaths, delays, sudden acceleration, fire, inability to brake, .
- Safety-critical Applications: Death, injuries.
- Electric Power: Death, injuries, power outages, long-term health hazards
- Money Management: Fraud, violation of privacy, shutdown of stock exchanges and banks, negative interest rates etc.
- Control of Elections: Wrong results (intentional or non-intentional).
- Control of Jails: Technology-aided escape attempts and successes, accidental release of inmates, failures in software controlled locks.
- Law Enforcement: False arrests and imprisonments.

Examples:



- February 2020: Heathrow disruption
 - More than 100 flights to and from London's Heathrow airport were disrupted on 16 Feb, 2020, after it was hit by **technical issues affecting departure boards and check-in systems**, leaving passengers with little information about their flights and limiting the use of electronic tickets.
- August 2019: British Airways
 - System failures caused more than 100 flights to be cancelled and more than 200 others to be delayed. The incident affected one system for online check-ins and another for flight departures, forcing the airline to revert to manual check-in procedures, leading to long queues at Heathrow, London City airports.
- Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp
 - In the first week of July 2019, users across the globe found themselves **unable to load photos** in the Facebook News Feed, view stories on Instagram, or send messages in WhatsApp.

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Examples:

- O₂ December 2018
 - More than 30 million O₂ users in the UK **lost access to data services** after a **software issue** left them **unable to use 3G & 4G services.**
- TSB Bank United Kingdom- April 2018
 - Millions of TSB customers were locked out of their accounts after an IT upgrade led to an online banking outage.
- WannaCry May 2017 (WannaCrypt0r and Wcry)
 - Worldwide cyberattack targeted computers running the Microsoft Windows operating system by encrypting data and demanding ransom payments in the Bitcoin cryptocurrency.



Examples:

- April 2015, Bloomberg terminal in London crashed due to software glitch affected more than 300,000 traders on financial markets. It forced the government to postpone a **3billion pound debt sale**.
- Nissan cars recalled over 1 million cars from the market due to software failure in the airbag sensory detectors. There has been reported two accident due to this software failure.
- **Starbucks** was forced to close about 60 percent of stores in the U.S and Canada due to **software failure in its POS system**. At one point, the store served coffee for free as they were unable to process the transaction.
- Some of Amazon's third-party retailers saw their **product price is reduced to 1paise due to a software glitch**. They were left with **heavy losses**.

Software Testing – Introduction Examples:

- In 2015 fighter plane F-35 fell victim to a software bug, making it unable to detect targets correctly.
- In April of 1999, a software bug caused the failure of a \$1.2 billion military satellite launch, the costliest accident in history
- In May of 1996, a software bug caused the bank accounts of 823 customers of a major U.S. bank to be credited with 920 million US dollars.
- China Airlines Airbus A300 crashed due to a software bug on April 26, 1994, killing 264 innocents live
- In 1985, Canada's Therac-25 radiation therapy machine malfunctioned due to software bug and delivered lethal radiation doses to patients, leaving 3 people dead and critically injuring 3 others.

Have you heard of any other software bugs?

In the media?

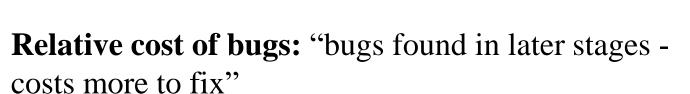
From your personal experience?

Most bugs are not because of mistakes in the code ...

- Even experienced programmer make many errors
 - Avg. 50 bugs per 1000 lines of source code
- Extensively tested software contains
 - About 1 bug per 1000 lines of source code



- Specification (~= 55%)
- Design (~= 25%)
- Code (~= 15%)
- Other ($\sim = 5\%$)



Cost to fix a bug increases exponentially (10^x) i.e., increases tenfold as time increases

E.g.,

a bug found during specification costs \$1 to fix.

- ... if found in design cost is \$10
- ... if found in code cost is \$100
- ... if found in released software cost is \$1000







- Software's are designed and developed by human beings
 - Hence, inherently prone to errors.
 - How many? What kind?
 - Hard to predict the future, however...it is highly likely, that the software to be developed in the future will not be significantly better.
- If Unchecked, can lead to a lot of problems, including social implications.
- Software Testing becomes an essential part of the software development lifecycle.
- Carrying out the <u>testing activities for projects</u> has to be practiced with <u>proper</u> <u>planning</u> and must be <u>implemented correctly.</u>
- Some of the questions to be answered when you develop a software testing strategy.
 - How do you **conduct the tests**? Should you **develop a formal plan** for your tests?
 - Should you **test the entire program as a whole** or **run tests only on a small part** of it?
 - Should you **rerun tests** you've already conducted as you **add new components** to a large system?
 - When should you **involve the customer**?



- Who does Testing?
 - Project manager, software engineers, and testing specialists.

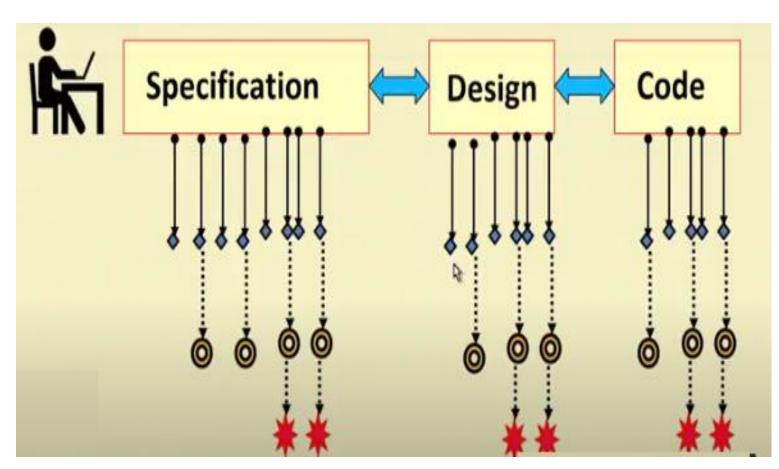
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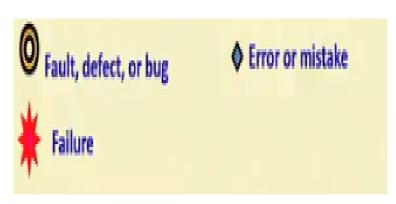
• Why is it important?

- Accounts for more project effort than any other software engineering action.
- What are the steps?
 - Begins "in the small" and progresses "to the large." As errors are uncovered, they must be diagnosed and corrected using a process called as **debugging**.
- What is the work product?
 - Test Specification document.
- How to ensure that testing done right??
 - By **reviewing** the Test Specification prior to testing, assess the completeness of test cases and testing tasks.
 - An **effective test plan and procedure** will lead to the orderly construction of the software and the discovery of errors at each stage in the construction process.



• The faults or bugs are caused by **mistakes or errors** on the part of the programmer and these in turn may cause failures.





- Let us say the programmer does the specification, design and code.
- Programmer can commit mistakes or errors (can be many during specification, design and code)
- But not all mistakes are fault, defect or bug.
- Example: Programmer written i < 500 instead of i < 50. Its an error.

Some of errors will become fault, Some of faults will become failure



How to reduce bugs?

- Reviews [Specification, Design, code etc.]
 - Effective way
- Testing
 - Widely practiced and acknowledged to be a good technique to reduce bugs.
- Formal Specification and verification
 - Not used for all the part of code, expensive and difficult to use for larger programs
- Use of proper development process

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How to test?

- Input test data to the program
- Observe the output
 - Check output matches the expected result
 - If matches, test case passed other wise failed,
 - Under fail case, note down for which input or condition it was failed.
- Test Report
- Based on Test Report, later debug and correct

Testing facts

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- Consumes the **largest effort** among all development activities
 - Largest man power among all roles
 - Implies more job opportunities
- Typical estimate is **50% of development effort** spent on testing
 - But **10% of development time**?
 - How?
 - Parallelism in testing
 - Less parallelism in specification and design, because work is dependent on others
- Over the years Testing is getting more complex and sophisticated
 - Larger and more complex programs
 - Newer programming paradigms
 - Newer testing techniques
 - Test automation



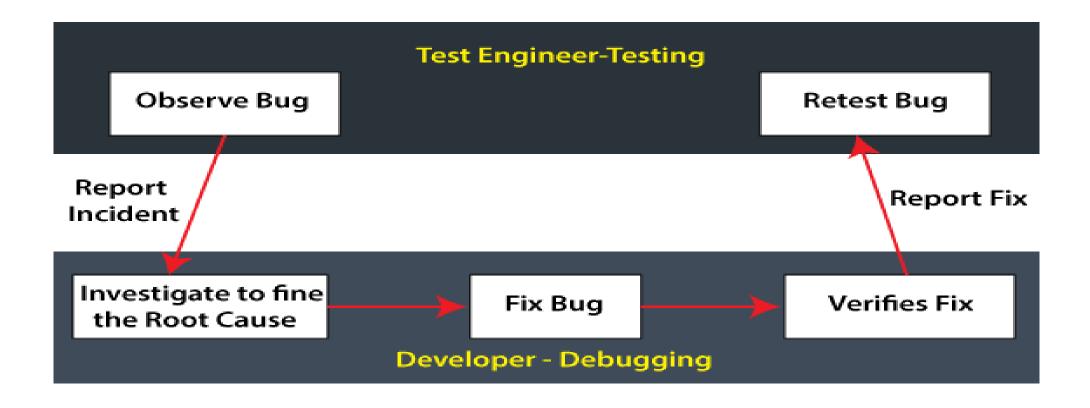
Benefits of Software Testing:

- **Cost-Effective:** It is one of the important advantages of software testing. Testing any IT project on time helps to save money for the long term. In case if the bugs caught in the earlier stage of software testing, it costs less to fix.
- **Security:** It is the most vulnerable and sensitive benefit of software testing. People are looking for trusted products. It helps in removing risks and problems earlier.
- **Product quality:** Essential requirement of any software product. Testing ensures a quality product is delivered to customers.
- Customer Satisfaction: The main aim of any product is to give satisfaction to their customers. UI/UX Testing ensures the best user experience.



Difference Between Testing and Debugging

• Testing and Debugging seems to share a similar meaning but intensively different from one another.



Software Testing – Introduction Difference Between Testing and Debugging



• Software testing:

- Process of identifying defects in the software product.
- Performed to validate the behavior of the software <u>compared</u> to requirements before delivering to the clients.

• Debugging:

- The development team or a developer implements an action after receiving the test report related to the bugs in the software from the testing team.
- The developer needs to **identify the reason** behind the particular bug or defect, which is **carried out by analyzing the coding rigorously.**
- Once the debugging is successfully finished, the application is again **sent back** to the test engineers, who remain in the process of testing.

Software Testing – Introduction Difference Between Testing and Debugging

with the testing process.



S.No	Testing	Debugging
	<u> </u>	The process of fixing and resolving the defects is known
	the intent of identifying the defects	as debugging.
2.	Testing can be performed either manually or	The debugging process cannot be automated.
	with the help of some automation tools.	
3.	A group of test engineers executes testing,	Debugging is done by the developer or the programmer.
	and sometimes it can be performed by the	
	developers.	
4.	The test engineers perform manual and	The developers will find, evaluates, and removes the
	automated test cases on the application, and if	software errors.
	they detect any bug or error, they can report	
	back to the development team for fixing.	
5.	Programming knowledge is not required to	Without having an understanding of the programming
	perform the testing process.	language, we cannot proceed with the debugging process.

Once the coding phase is done, we proceed After the implementation of the test case, we can start the

Debugging process.

Difference Between Testing and Debugging



S.No	Testing	Debugging
7.	Software Testing includes two or more activities	Debugging tries to match indication with cause, hence leading
	such as validation and verification of the software.	to the error correction.
8.	It is built on different testing levels such as Unit	It is built on different kinds of bugs because there is no such
	Testing, Integration Testing, System Testing, etc.	level of debugging is possible.
9.	Software testing is the presentation of defects.	It is a logical procedure.
10.	Software testing is the vital phase of SDLC	It is not a part of SDLC because it occurs as a subset of testing.
	(Software Development Life Cycle).	
11.	 Software testing contains various type of testing 	 Debugging involves a various type of approaches, which are
	methods, which are as follow:	as follows:
	 Black-box testing, White-box testing 	• Induction
	• Testing types:	Brute Force
	 Unit testing, Integration Testing 	• Deduction
	 System Testing, Stress Testing 	
	 Performance Testing, Compatibility Testing 	
	Beta Testing, Alpha Testing	
	 Smoke Testing, Regression Testing 	
	 User Acceptance Testing and so on. 	

Software Testing – Verification and Validation (V & V)



Verification:

• Refers to the set of tasks that ensure that software correctly **implements a specific function**.

Validation:

• Refers to a different set of tasks that ensure that the software that has been built is traceable to customer requirements.

Verification: "Are we building the <u>product right?"</u> Validation: "Are we building the <u>right product?"</u>

When you want to buy a shirt

Has it got the right number of sleeves,

- is it the right size,
- Is it the right color,
- Does it have all of the buttons?

These are all things that you can verify.

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- Does it fit.
- Is it comfortable to drive in?
- Does the color matches the eyes?
- Can I afford it?
- Is it good quality?
- Will my date like it?

Verification

Validation

Software Testing – Verification and Validation (V & V)



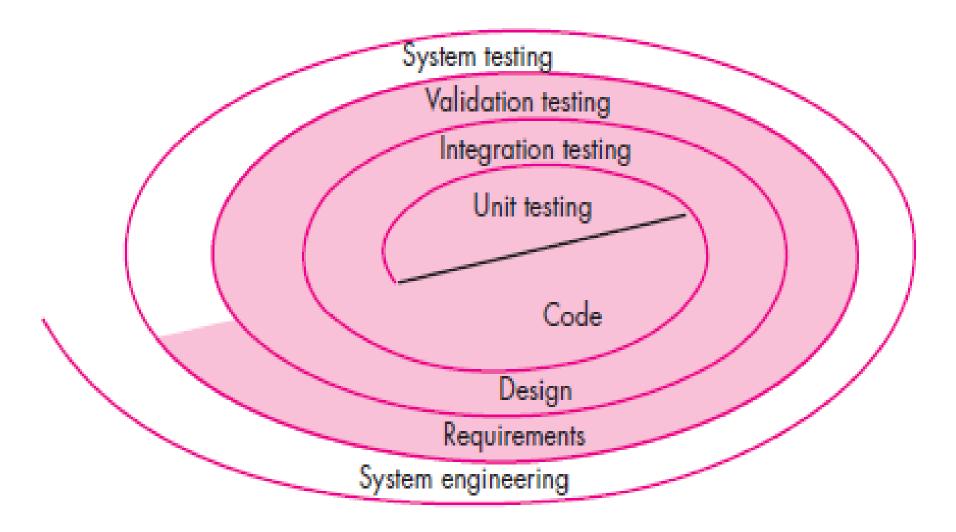
Difference between Verification and Validation

Verification	Validation
Process to find whether the software meets the specified requirements for particular phase.	Process is checked whether the software meets requirements and expectation of the customer.
It estimates an intermediate product.	It estimates the final product.
The objective is to check whether software is constructed according to requirement and design specification.	The objective is to check whether the specifications are correct and satisfy the business need.
Describes whether the outputs are as per the	Explains whether they are accepted by the
inputs or not.	user or not.
Done before the validation.	Done after the verification.
Plans, requirement, specification, code are evaluated during the verifications.	Actual product or software is tested under validation.
It manually checks the files and document.	It is a computer software or developed program based checking of files and document.

Software Testing Strategy - The Big Picture



A strategy of software testing is shown in the context of spiral.



Software Testing Strategy - The Big Picture Unit testing:

• Starts at the center (vortex) of the spiral and concentrates on each unit (e.g., component, class) of the software as implemented in source code

Integration testing:

- Testing progresses by moving outward along the spiral to integration testing
- Focuses on the construction and design of the software

Validation testing:

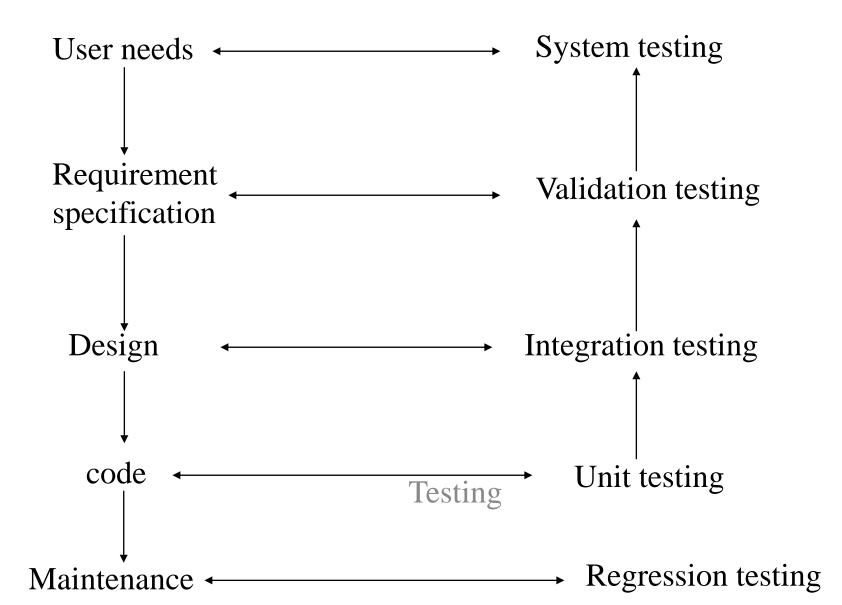
• Requirements are validated against the software that has been constructed.

System testing:

- Confirms all system elements (e.g., hardware, people, databases) and performance are tested entirely.
- To test computer software, spiral out in a **clockwise direction** along streamlines that broaden the scope of testing with each turn.

Software Testing Strategy - The Big Picture





Software Testing Strategy – <u>Software Testing Steps</u>



Testing is a series of four steps which are implemented sequentially.

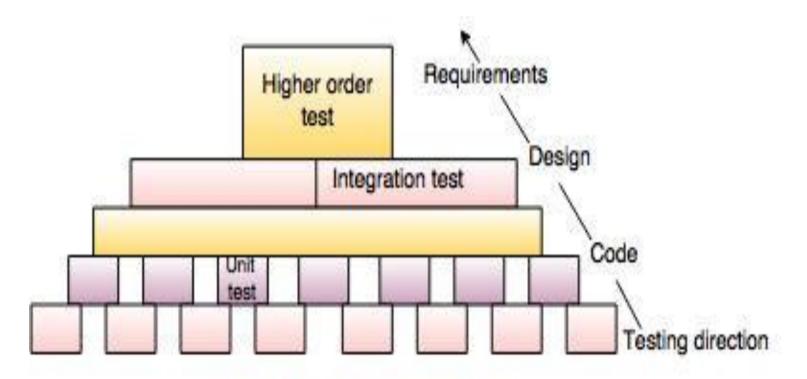


Fig.- Steps of software testing

- 1. Unit testing
- 2. Integration testing
- 3. Validation testing
- 4. High-order tests

Software Testing Strategy – Guidelines



Software testing strategy will succeed when software testers:

- Specify product requirements in a quantifiable manner long before testing commences i.e., measurable so that testing results are unambiguous
- State testing objectives explicitly test effectiveness, test coverage, meantime-to-failure, the cost to find and fix defects, remaining defect density or frequency of occurrence, and test work-hours should be stated within the test plan.
- Understand the users of the software and develop a profile for each user category.
- Develop a testing plan that emphasizes "rapid cycle testing" The feedback generated from these rapid cycle tests can be used to control quality levels and the corresponding test strategies.

Software Testing Strategy – Guidelines



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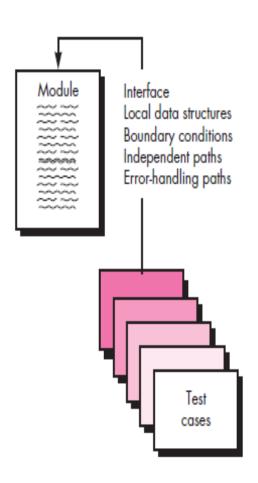
- Build "robust" software that is designed to test itself Software should be designed in a manner that uses antibugging techniques, i.e., software should be capable of diagnosing certain classes of errors. In addition, the design should accommodate automated testing and regression testing.
- Use effective technical reviews as a filter prior to testing reviews can reduce the amount of testing effort that is required to produce high quality software.
- Conduct technical reviews to assess the test strategy and test cases themselves to uncover inconsistencies, omissions, and outright errors in the testing approach, which saves time and improves product quality.
- Develop a continuous improvement approach for the testing process

Test Strategies for Conventional Software - Unit testing

1) Unit testing

- Focus on the smallest unit of software design, i.e. module or software component.
- The **module interface** is tested to ensure that information properly flows into and out of the program unit under test.
- Local data structures are examined to ensure that data stored temporarily maintains its integrity during all steps in an algorithm's execution.
- All independent paths through the control structure are exercised to ensure that all statements in a module have been executed at least once.
- **Boundary conditions** are tested to ensure that the module operates properly at boundaries established to limit or restrict processing.
- Finally, all error-handling paths are tested.





The concept of stubs and drivers:

• An application has two modules i.e., *Login Page (Module A)* and *Admin Page (Module B)*.

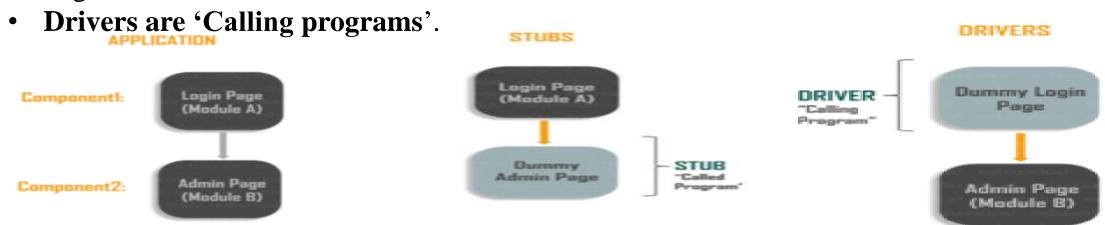


Case-1:

- To test the Login Page which is developed and sent to the testing team.
- Login Page is dependent on Admin Page. But the Admin Page is not ready yet.
- To overcome this situation developers write a dummy program (Stub) which acts as an Admin Page. Stubs are 'Called Programs'.

Case2:

- To test Admin Page but the Login Page is not ready yet.
- To overcome this situation developers write a dummy program (**Driver**) which acts like the Login Page.



• While testing, situations may arise where some of the modules are still under development. These modules for testing purpose are replaced with some **dummy programs**. These dummy programs are called **stubs and drivers**.

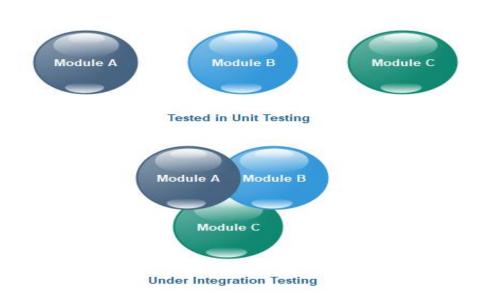
Test Strategies for Conventional Software - Integration testing



2) Integration testing

- Individual units are combined and tested to verify if they are working as they intend to when integrated.
- The focus of the integration testing level is to expose defects at the time of interaction (interface) between integrated components or units.





Test Strategies for Conventional Software - Integration testing

Types of Integration Testing

Top-Down

Integration Testing

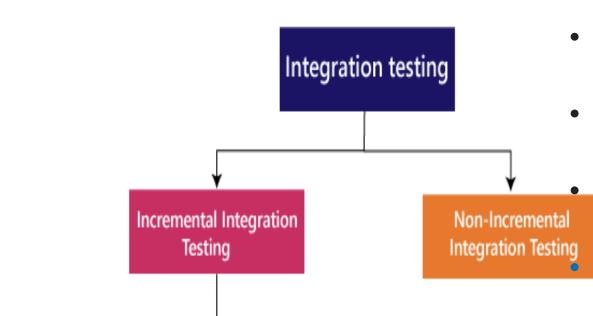


• Incremental Testing:

- Performed by connecting two or more modules together that are logically related.
- Later more modules are added and tested for proper functionality.
- Repeated until all the modules are integrated and tested successfully.
- Divided into Top-Down Approach, Bottom-Up Approach.

Non Incremental testing (Big Bang Integration Testing)

- Once all the modules are developed and tested individually, they are integrated once and tested together at once.
- Suitable for smaller systems.



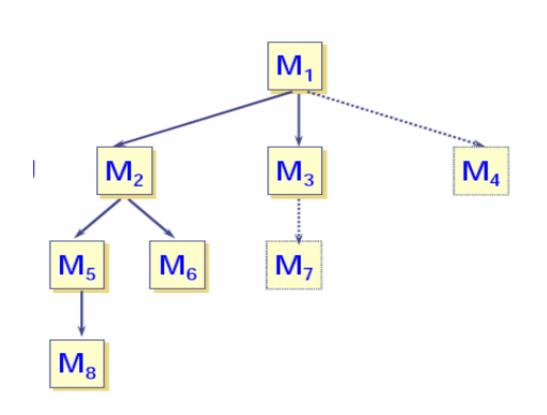
Bottom-up

Integration Testing

Test Strategies for Conventional Software - Integration testing Types of Integration Testing – Top down Integration Testing



- Starting with the main control module, the modules are integrated by moving downward through the control hierarchy
- Sub-modules to the main control module are incorporated into the structure either in a depth-first or breadth-first manner.



Top-Down Testing with Depth-First

- M1, M2, M5, M8
- M6
- M3, M7
- M4

Top-Down Testing with Breath-First

- M1
- M2, M3, M4
- M5, M6, M7
- M8

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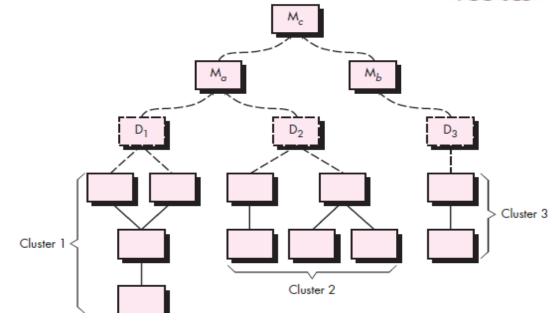


- The module integration process:
 - The **main control module** is used as a test driver, and the stubs are substituted for all modules directly subordinate to the main control module.
 - The **subordinate stubs are replaced** one at a time with **actual modules** depending on the approach selected (breadth first or depth first).
 - Tests are executed as each module is integrated.
 - On completion of each set of tests, another **stub is replaced with a real module** on completion of each set of tests
 - To make sure that new errors have not been introduced regression testing may be performed.

Test Strategies for Conventional Software - Integration testing Types of Integration Testing — Bottom up Integration Testing



- Begins construction and testing with modules at the lowest level in the program structure the modules are integrated from the bottom to the top.
- Steps
 - Low-level modules are combined into clusters that perform a specific software sub-function.
 - A driver is written to coordinate test case input and output.
 - The cluster or build is tested.
 - Drivers are removed, and clusters are combined moving upward in the program structure.



- Components are combined to form clusters 1, 2, and 3.
- Each of the clusters is tested using a driver (a dashed block).
- Components in clusters 1 and 2 are subordinate to Ma.
- Drivers D1 and D2 are removed and the clusters are interfaced directly to Ma.
- Similarly, driver D3 for cluster 3 is removed prior to integration with module Mb.
- Both Ma and Mb will ultimately be integrated with component Mc, and so forth.

Test Strategies for Conventional Software - Regression Testing

- Each time a new module is added as **part of integration testing**, the **software changes**. New data flow paths are established, new I/O may occur, and new control logic is invoked. These **changes may cause problems with functions that previously worked flawlessly.**
- In the context of an integration test strategy,
 - Regression Testing is done to verify that a code change in the software does not impact the existing functionality of the product.
 - It helps to ensure that changes (due to testing or for other reasons) do not introduce unintended behavior or additional errors.
- The regression test suite (the subset of tests to be executed) contains three different classes of test cases:
 - A representative sample of tests that will exercise all software functions.
 - Additional tests that focus on software functions that are likely to be affected by the change.
 - Tests that focus on the software components that have been changed.

• Software Build:

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- A simple computer program which consists of only one source code file, just need to compile and link this one file, to produce an executable file.
- Where as a typical Software Project consists of hundreds or even thousands of source code files.
- Creating an **executable program** from these source files is a complicated and time-consuming task.
- In such case use "build" software to create an executable program and the process is called "Software Build"
 - A **build** includes all data files, libraries, reusable modules, and engineered components that are required to implement one or more product functions.
 - A series of tests is designed to expose errors that will keep the build from properly performing its function.
 - The build is integrated with other builds, and the entire product (in its current form) is smoke tested daily. The integration approach may be top down or bottom up.



Benefits of Smoke Testing when it is applied on complex, time-critical software projects:

- Integration risk is minimized As smoke tests are conducted daily, incompatibilities and other show-stopper errors (causes an implementation to stop and become essentially useless) are uncovered early, thereby reducing the serious schedule impact when errors are uncovered.
- The quality of the end product is improved Because the approach is construction (integration) oriented, focus is to uncover functional errors, architectural and component-level design errors. If these errors are corrected early, better product quality will result.
- Error diagnosis and correction are simplified Errors uncovered during smoke testing are likely to be associated with "new software increments"- i.e., the software that has just been added to the build(s) is a probable cause of a newly discovered error.
- **Progress is easier to assess** With each passing day, more of the software has been integrated and more has been demonstrated to work. This improves team morale and gives managers a good indication that progress is being made.

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- Performed on a complete integrated system to evaluate the compliance of the system with the corresponding requirements.
- The **result** of system testing is the **observed behavior of a component** or a **system** when it is tested.
- Tests the design and behavior of the system and also the expectations of the customer.
- It is performed to test the system beyond the bounds mentioned in the software requirements specification (SRS).
- Types of System Testing
 - Recovery Testing
 - Security Testing
 - Stress Testing
 - Performance Testing
 - Deployment Testing

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Types of system tests:

Recovery testing:

- A system test that forces the software to fail in a variety of ways and verifies that recovery is properly performed.
- If **recovery is automatic** (performed by the system itself), reinitialization, check pointing mechanisms, data recovery, and restart are evaluated for correctness.
- If recovery requires human intervention, the mean-time-to-repair (MTTR) is evaluated to determine whether it is within acceptable limits.

Security Testing:

 Attempts to verify protection mechanisms built into a system and protect it from improper penetration.

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Stress Testing:

- Performed to check the robustness of the system under the varying loads. (Essentially, the tester attempts to break the program)
- Tests may be designed that generate
 - Ten interrupts per second, when one or two is the average rate
 - Input data rates may be increased by an order of magnitude to determine how input functions will respond,
 - Test cases that require maximum memory or other resources are executed,
 - Test cases that may cause thrashing in a virtual operating system are designed,
 - Test cases that may cause excessive hunting for disk-resident data are created.



Performance Testing

- Carried out to test the speed, stability and reliability of the software product or application.
- Performance testing occurs throughout all steps in the testing process. At the unit level, the performance of an individual module may be assessed as tests are conducted.
- Performance tests are often **coupled with stress testing** and usually require both hardware and software instrumentation.
- To measure resource utilization (e.g., processor cycles) in an exacting fashion.

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Deployment testing (Configuration Testing):

- Exercises the software in each environment in which it is to operate.
- In addition, deployment testing examines all **installation procedures and specialized installation software (e.g., "installers")** that will be used by customers, and all documentation that will be used to introduce the software to end users.

Scalability Testing:

• Carried out to check the performance of a software application or system in terms of its capability to scale up or scale down the number of user request load.

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- The **goal of testing** is to find errors, and a **good test** is one that has a **high probability of finding an error.**
- Software testability is how easy system or program or product can be tested.

Characteristics of testable Software:

- Operable: The better it works (i.e., better quality), the easier it is to test
- Observable: Incorrect output is easily identified; internal errors are automatically detected
- Controllable: The states and variables of the software can be controlled directly by the tester
- **Decomposable:** The software is built from independent modules that can be tested independently
- Simple: The program should exhibit functional, structural, and code simplicity
- Stable: Changes to the software during testing are infrequent and do not invalidate existing tests
- **Understandable:** The architectural design is well understood; documentation is available and organized



Attributes of 'good' test

- High probability of finding an error.
 - A Tester must understand the software and how it might fail.
- Not redundant
 - Testing time is limited, one test should not server the same purpose as another test
- Should be "best of breed"
 - Tests that have the highest likelihood of uncovering a whole class of errors should be used.
- Should be neither too simple nor too complex
 - Each test should be executed separately; combining a series of tests could cause side effects and mask certain errors

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- Testing does not start at the end of software process.
- It is performed throughout the software process.
- Test case design and test planning can begin as soon as requirement analysis is completed.



Internal and External Views of a Testing:

- 1. Internal program logic is exercised using white box testing.
- 2. Software requirements are exercised using black box testing.

White Box Testing



- Also known as structural testing, clear box testing, glass box testing, open box testing and transparent box testing.
- A test-case design philosophy that uses the control structure described as part of component-level design to derive test cases.
- Methods of White Box Testing
 - 1. Guarantee that all independent paths within a module have been exercised at least once,
 - 2. Exercises all logical decisions on their true and false sides
 - 3. Execute all loops at their boundaries and within their operational bounds, and
 - 4. Exercise internal data structures to ensure their validity.

White Box Testing

- Programming skills are required to design test cases as every line of the code of the program is tested
- The primary goal is to focus on the flow of inputs and outputs through the software and strengthening the security of the software.
- The **developers** perform the **white-box testing** and then send the software to the testing team, where **testing team** will **perform the black box testing** and verify the software along with the requirements and identify the bugs and sends it to the developer.

The White Box Testing performs following tests:

- Path testing
- Loop testing
- Condition testing
- Testing based on the memory perspective
- Test performance of the program



- Proposed by Tom McCabe
- The basis path method enables the test-case designer to derive a <u>logical</u> <u>complexity measure</u> of a procedural design and use this measure as a <u>guide</u> <u>for defining a basis set of execution paths</u>.
- Test cases derived to exercise the basis set are guaranteed to execute every statement in the program at least one time during testing.

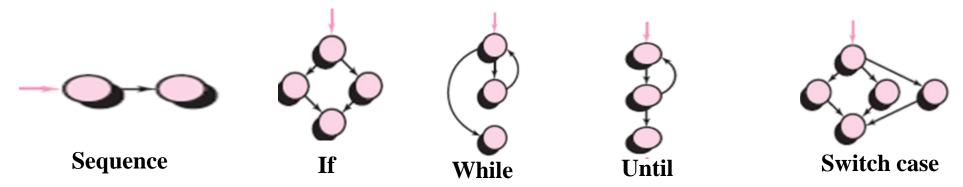
Steps:

- Construct the control flow graph from the program
- Determine the Cyclomatic complexity
- Determine a basis set of linearly independent paths
- Design test cases corresponding to each independent path

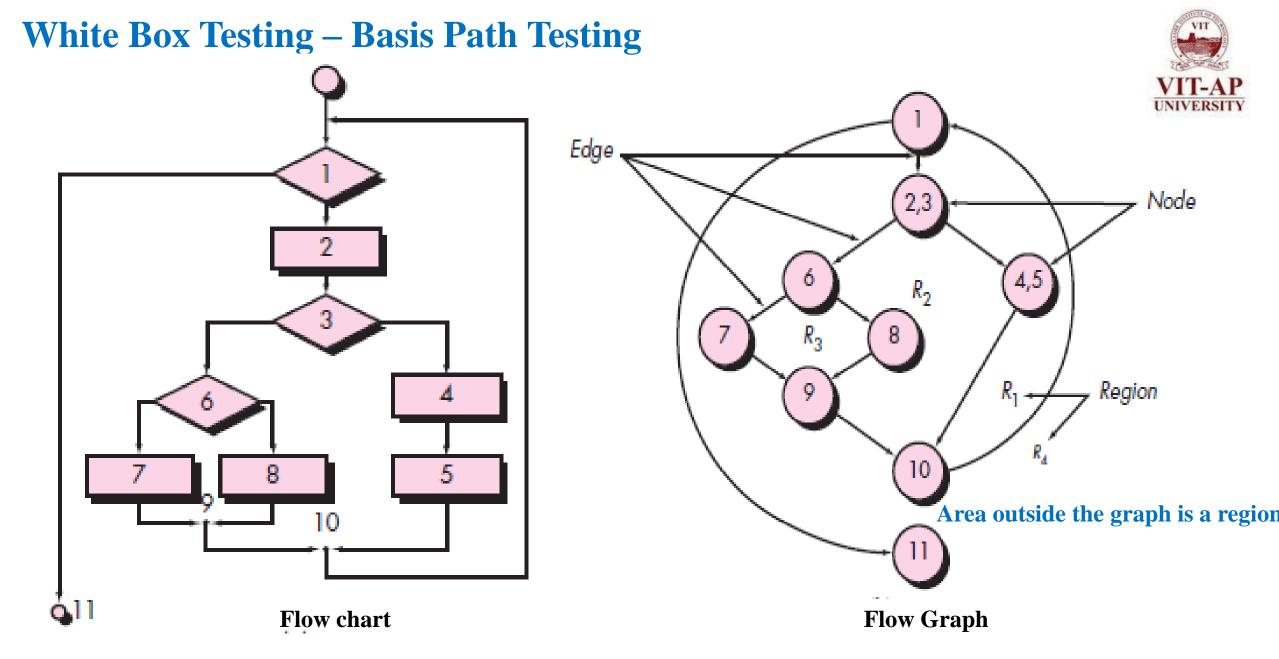
Flow Graph Notation



- The representation of control flow, called a **flow graph** (or program graph)
- The flow graph depicts logical control flow using the following notations



- Each circle, called a *flow graph node*, represents one or more procedural statements.
 - *Predicate node:* A node that contains a conditional expression and has **two edges** leading out from it.
- The arrows on the flow graph, called *edges* or *links*, represent flow of control
 - An edge must terminate at a node and does not intersect or cross over another edge
- Areas bounded by edges and nodes are called regions.
 - When counting regions, include the area outside the graph as a region.

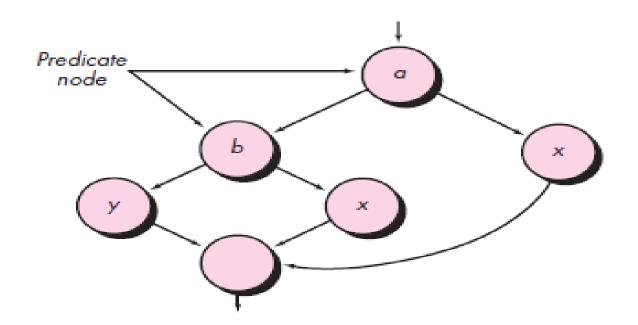


• A sequence of process boxes and a decision diamond can map into a single node (2,3).



Compound logic

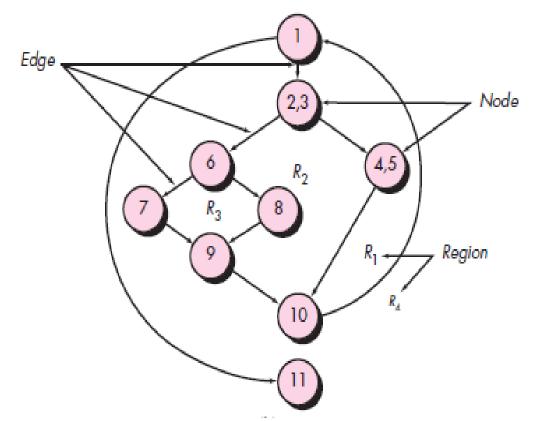
If a OR b then
Procedure X
Else
Procedure Y



- A compound condition occurs when one or more Boolean operators (logical OR, AND, NAND, NOR) is present in a conditional statement.
- When compound conditions are encountered in a procedural design, the generation of a flow graph becomes slightly more complicated.

Independent Program Paths

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- An *independent path* is any path through the program that introduces at least one new set of processing statements or a new condition.
- In a flow graph, an independent path must move along at least one edge that has not been traversed before the path is defined.



Path 1: 1-11

Path 2: 1-2-3-4-5-10-1-11

Path 3: 1-2-3-6-8-9-10-1-11

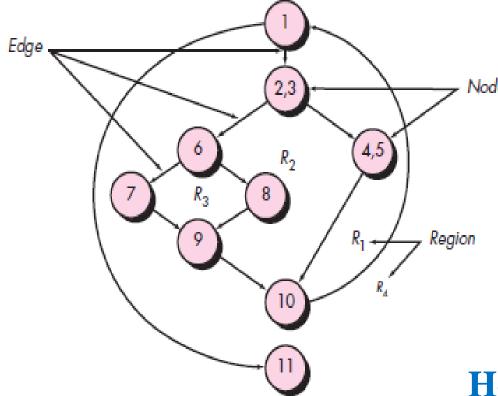
Path 4: 1-2-3-6-7-9-10-1-11

Note that each new path introduces a new edge

Can 1-2-3-4-5-10-1-2-3-6-8-9-10-1-11 be considered as an independent path?

No - A combination of already specified paths and does not traverse any new edges.

Independent Program Paths



- Paths 1 through 4 constitute a basis set for the flow graph.
- Every statement in the program will have been guaranteed to be executed at least one time and every condition will have been executed on its true and false sides.
- It should be noted that the basis set is **not unique**, a number of different basis sets can be derived for a given procedural design.

How do we know how many paths to look for?

Ans: Computation of Cyclomatic Complexity

Path 1: 1-11

Path 2: 1-2-3-4-5-10-1-11

Path 3: 1-2-3-6-8-9-10-1-11

Path 4: 1-2-3-6-7-9-10-1-11



Cyclomatic complexity is computed in one of three ways:

Based on <u>edges and nodes</u>:

$$V(G) = e - n + 2$$

Where,

e is number of edges

n is number of nodes

Based on <u>Decision Nodes</u>:

$$V(G) = P + 1$$

Where,

P is number of predicate nodes

Based on Regions:

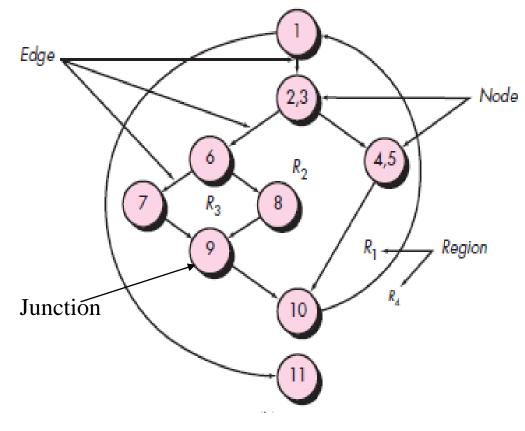
V(G) = Number of regions in the graph

All the three formulae, the cyclomatic complexity obtained remains same.

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Cyclomatic complexity:

- 1. V(G) = 11 edges 9 nodes + 2 = 4
- 2. V(G) = 3 predicate nodes +1 = 4
- 3. V(G) = 4 Four regions.
- Cyclomatic complexity is a software metric that provides a quantitative measure of the logical complexity of a program
- Cyclomatic complexity **provides** the **upper bound** on the number of test cases that will be required to guarantee that every statement in the program has been executed at least one time.
- The basis path testing method can be applied to a Procedural design or to source code

- The basis path method enables the test-case designer to derive a <u>logical</u> <u>will-Approximate the complexity measure</u> of a procedural design and use this measure as a <u>guide</u> <u>for defining a basis set of execution paths</u>.
- Test cases derived to exercise the basis set are guaranteed to execute every statement in the program at least one time during testing.

Steps:

- Using the design or code as a foundation, draw a corresponding flow graph.
- Determine the cyclomatic complexity of the resultant flow graph.
- Determine a basis set of linearly independent paths.
- Prepare test cases that will force execution of each path in the basis set.



Example - 1: Prime number

```
int main(){
  int n, index;
  cout << "Enter a number: " << endl;
  cin >> n;
  index = 2;
  while (index \leq n - 1) {
     if (n \% index == 0) {
       cout << "It is not a prime number" << endl;</pre>
       break;
     index++;
  if (index == n)
     cout << "It is a prime number" << endl;
} // end main
```

Step-1: Draw a corresponding flow graph:

- Start numbering the statements after declaration of the variables (if no variables have been initialized in that statement).
- However, if a variable has been initialized and declared in the same line, then numbering should start from that line itself.



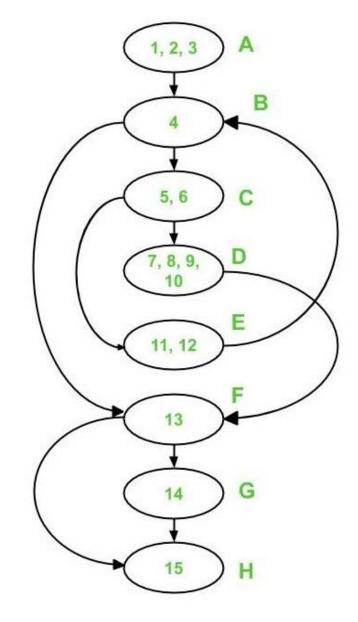
```
int main()
  int n, index;
1 cout << "Enter a number: "
   cin>n;
   index = 2;
   while (index \leq n - 1)
      if (n \% index == 0)
6
         cout << "It is not a prime number" << endl;</pre>
         break;
10
       index++;
     if (index == n)
        cout << "It is a prime number" << endl;</pre>
    } // end main
```

Step-1: Draw a corresponding flow graph:

- Put the **sequential statements** into **one single node**.
- Statements 1, 2 and 3 are all sequential statements and hence should be combined into a single node.
- And for other statements, follow the notations as per flow diagram
- Note
 - Use alphabetical numbering on nodes for simplicity.

```
int main()
  int n, index;
   cout << "Enter a number: "</pre>
   cin>n;
   index = 2;
    while (index \leq n - 1)
      if (n \% index == 0)
6
         cout << "It is not a prime number" << endl;</pre>
         break;
10
       index++;
12
     if (index == n)
        cout << "It is a prime number" << endl;</pre>
14
15 } // end main
```





Step – 2: Calculate the Cyclomatic complexity:

Method-1:
$$V(G) = e - n + 2$$

$$e = 10, n = 8$$

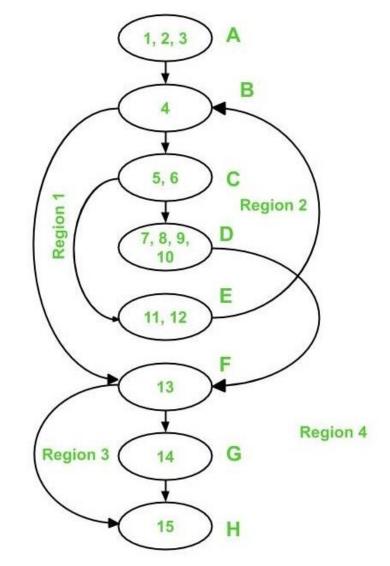
$$= 10 - 8 + 2 = 4$$

Method-2: V(G) = P + 1 = 3 + 1 = 4where, P = 3 (Node B, C and F)

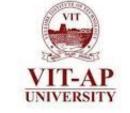
Method-3: V(G) = Number of Regions

4 regions: R1, R2, R3 and R4





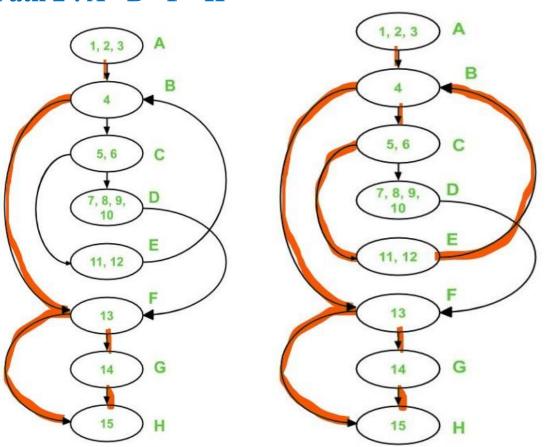
Step -3: Determine a basis set of linearly independent paths



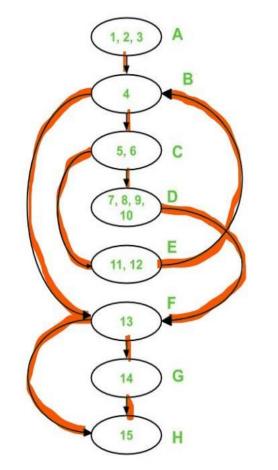
Path 1: A - B - F - G - H

Path 3: A - B - C - E - B - F - G - H

Path 2 : A - B - F - H



Path 4: A - B - C - D - F - H



Now only 2 edges are left uncovered i.e. edge C-D and edge D-F. Hence, Path 4 must include these two edges.



Step - 4: Prepare test cases that will force execution of each path in the basis set.

- Data should be chosen so that conditions at the predicate nodes are appropriately set as each path is tested.
- Each test case is executed and compared to expected results.
- Once all test cases have been completed, the tester can be sure that all statements in the program have been executed at least once.

Test case ID	Input Number	Output	Independent Path covered
1	1	No output	A-B-F-H
2	2	It is a prime number	A-B-F-G-H
3	3	It is a prime number	A-B-C-E-B-F-G-H
4	4	It is not a prime number	A-B-C-D-F-H

Step -4: Prepare test cases that will force execution of each path in the basis set.



- Statement Testing
 - 100% statement / node coverage
- Branch Testing
 - 100% branch/ link coverage
- Path Testing
 - 100% path coverage

Statement Testing < Branch Testing < Path Testing

Example- 2: A program reads three integer values. The three values are interpreted as representing the lengths of the sides of a triangle. The program prints a message that states whether the triangle is scalene, isosceles, or equilateral.

Develop a set of test cases that you feel will adequately test this program.

```
    Program Triangle
    int a, b, c
```

- 3. bool is Traingle
- 4. write "enter a, b, and c integers"
- 5. read a,b,c
- 6. Write("side 1 is", a)
- 7. Write("side 2 is", b)
- 8. Write("side 3 is", c)
- 9. If (a < b + c) AND (b < a+c) AND (c < b + a)
- 10. then IsTriangle = True
- 11. else IsTriangle = False
- 12. endif

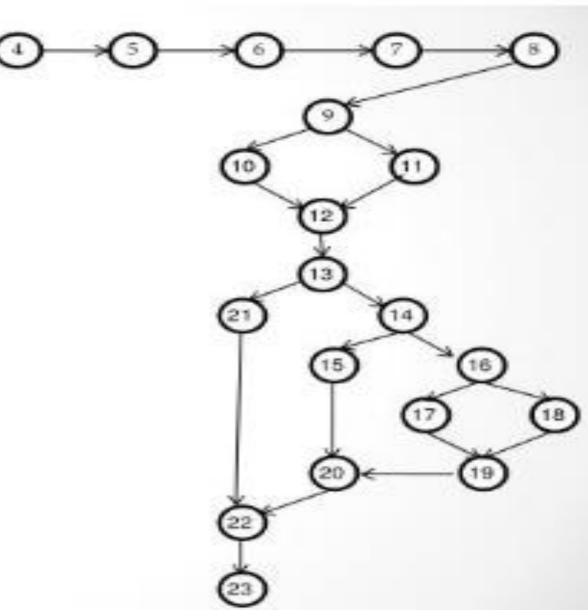
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13. If IsTriangle then
```

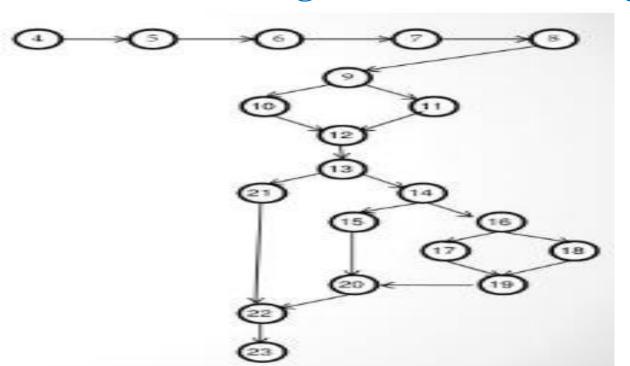
```
14. If (a == b) AND (b == c) then
```

- 15. Write("Equilateral")
- 16. else if (a != b) AND (a !=b) AND (b !=c) then
- 17. Write("Scalene")
- 18. else Write("Isosceles")
- 19. endif
- 20. endif
- 21. else Write("not a triangle")
- 22. endif
- 23. end Triangle

- 1. Program Triangle
- 2. int a, b, c
- 3. bool is Traingle
- 4. write "enter a, b, and c integers"
- 5. read a,b,c
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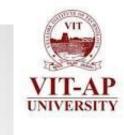
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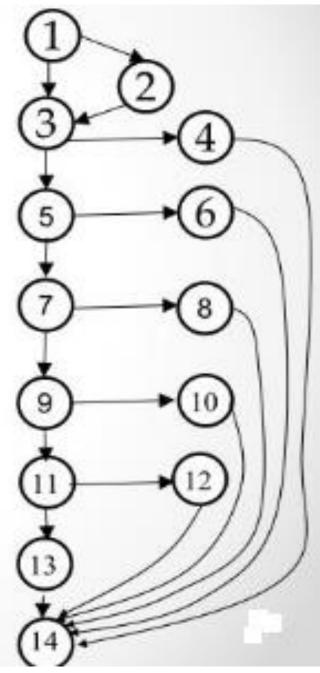
- 4-5-6-7-8-9-10-12-13-21-22-23
- 4-5-6-7-8-9-11-12-13-14-15-20-22-23
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Path		Dec	isioı	1	To	est ca	se	Expected Results
	9	13	14	16	a	b	С	
1	T	F			100	100	200	Not a Triangle
2	F	Т	Т		100	100	100	Equilateral
3	F	Т	F	Т	100	50	60	Scalene
4	F	T	T	F	100	100	50	Isosceles

```
Example-3:
```

```
public double calculate(int amount)
1. double rushCharge = 0;
 if (nextday.equals("yes")){ Step 1: Draw the flow graph.
2. rushCharge = 14.50; }
3 double tax = amount * .0725;
3 if (amount >= 1000) {
4. shipcharge = amount * .06 + rushCharge; }
5. else if (amount \geq 200) {
6. shipcharge = amount * .08 + rushCharge; }
7. else if (amount \geq 100) {
8. shipcharge = 13.25 + rushCharge; }
9. else if (amount \geq 50) {
10. shipcharge = 9.95 + rushCharge; }
11. else if (amount \geq 25) {
12. shipcharge = 7.25 + rushCharge; }
else {
13. shipcharge = 5.25 + rushCharge; }
14. total = amount + tax + shipcharge;
14. return total;
} //end calculate
```







Step 2: Determine the cyclomatic complexity of the flow graph.

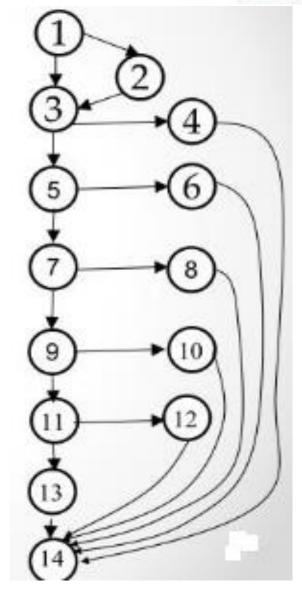
$$V(G) = E - N + 2 \rightarrow 19 - 14 + 2 \rightarrow 7$$

Step 3: Determine the basis set of independent paths.

Step 4: Prepare test cases that force execution of each path in the

basis set.

Path	Nextday	Amount	Expected Results
P1	yes	10	30.48
P2	No	1500	1713.25
P3	No	300	345.75
P4	No	150	174.125
P5	No	75	90.3875
P6	No	30	39.425
P7	No	10	15.975





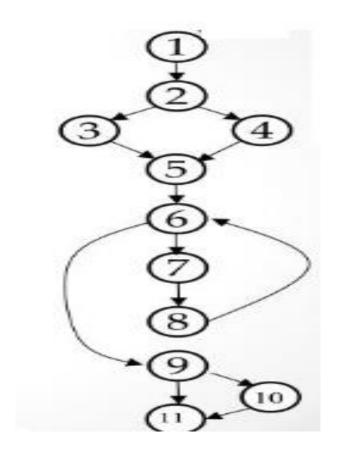
Example - 4:

double sample(int x, int y){ if(y < 0)pow = -y;else pow = y;z = 1.0;while(pow!=0) { z *=x;pow = pow - 1;if(y < 0)z = 1.0 / zreturn z;} // end sample

Example - 4:

```
1 double sample(int x, int y){
        if(y < 0)
                 pow = -y;
         else
                 pow = y;
        z = 1.0;
         while(pow!=0) {
                  z *=x;
                 pow = pow - 1;
        if(y < 0)
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                 z = 1.0 / z
        return z; } // end sample
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```

Step-1: Draw a corresponding flow graph:

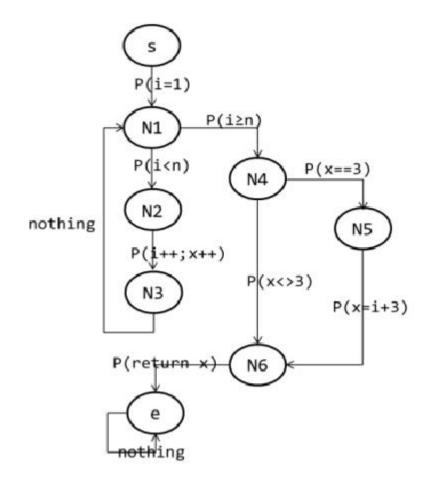




Example - 5:

```
int sample(int x, int n){
    int i =1;
    while(i<n) {
        i++;
        x++;
    }
    if(x==3)
        x = i + 3;
    return x;
} // end sample</pre>
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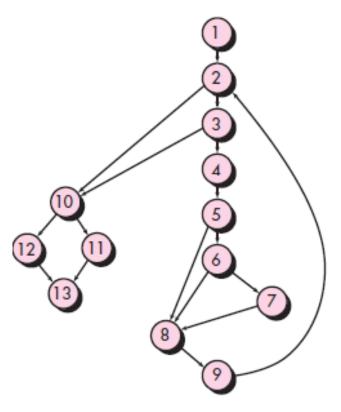
Step-1: Draw a corresponding flow graph:



Independent Program Paths



Example -6:



Flow Graph

Cyclomatic complexity:

V(G) = 17 edges - 13 nodes + 2 = 6

V(G) = 5 predicate nodes + 1 = 6 (2,3,5,6,10)

V(G) = 6 regions

Path 1: 1-2-10-11-13

Path 2: 1-2-10-12-13

Path 3: 1-2-3-10-11-13

Path 4: 1-2-3-4-5-8-9-2-...

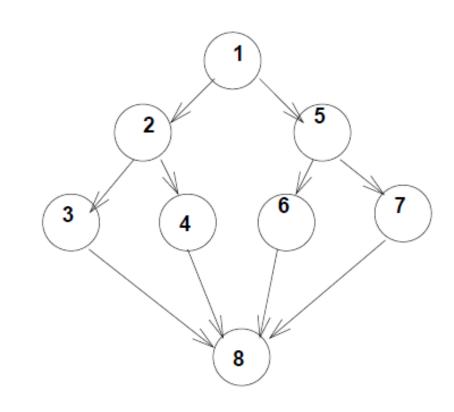
Path 5: 1-2-3-4-5-6-8-9-2-...

Path 6: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-2-...

The ellipsis (. . .) following paths 4, 5, and 6 indicates that any path through the remainder of the control structure is acceptable.

Example -7: Draw the control flow graph for the following function named findmaximum. From the control flow graph, determine its cyclomatic complexity.

```
int find-maximum(int i,int j, int k){
   int max;
   if(i>j) then
             if(i>k) then max=i;
                   else max=k;
             else if(j>k) max=j
             else max=k;
   return(max);
```



Cyclomatic complexity: 04



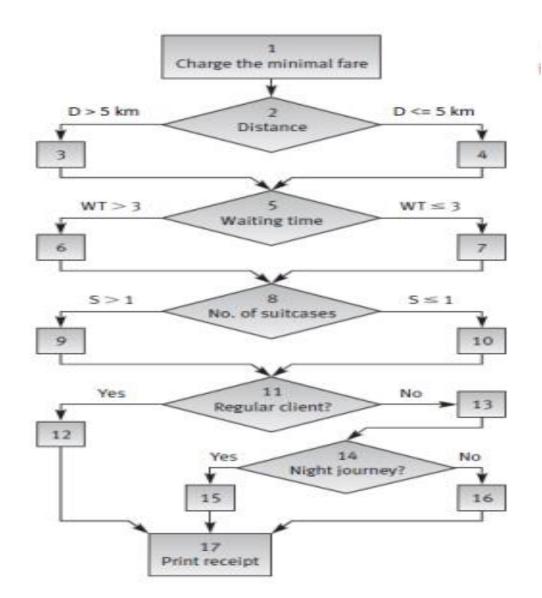
Example -8:

- Suppose you have got an offer to build a billing system software for "XYZ Cab Service". They serve two types of passengers: regular (identified by a Cab-Card), and one time passengers. Cab fare calculation is as follows:
- Minimal fare: ₹100. This fare covers the distance traveled up to 5km and waiting time (stopping for traffic lights or traffic jams, etc.) of up to 3 minutes.
- For every additional km or part of it: ₹10.
- For every additional 2 minutes of stopping or waiting or part thereof: ₹ 5.
- One suitcase: no charge; each additional suitcase: ₹100.
- Night supplement: 25%, effective for journeys between 09:00 pm and 06.00 am.
- Regular clients are entitled to a 10% discount and are not charged the night

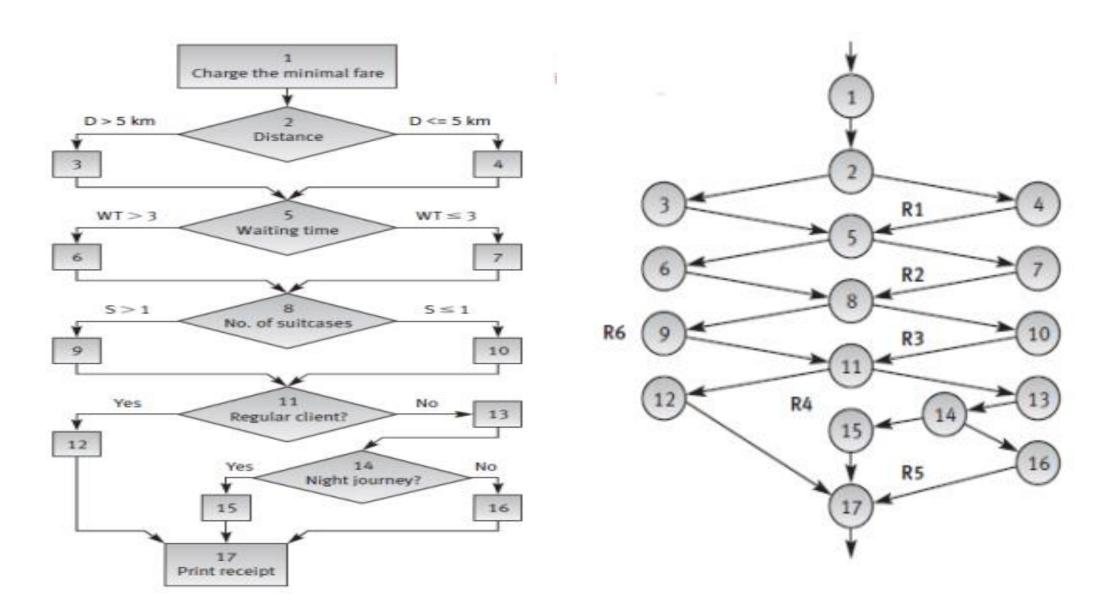


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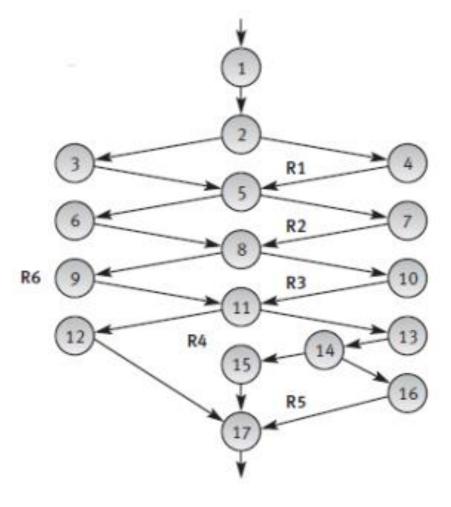
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Cyclomatic Complexity = Number of Independent paths:

$$R = 6$$
, $E = 21$, $N = 17$, and $P = 5$. Therefore,

(1)
$$V(G) = R = 6$$

(2)
$$V(G) = E - N + 2 = 21 - 17 + 2 = 6$$

(3)
$$V(G) = P + 1 = 5 + 1 = 6$$

7	35.6		
Path no.	The path	Edges added by the path	Number of edges added by the path
1	1-2-3-5-6-8-9-11-12-17	1-2, 2-3, 3-5, 5-6, 5-8, 8-9, 9-11, 11-12, 12-17	9
2	1-2-4-5-6-8-9-11-12-17	2-4, 4-5	2
3	1-2-3-5-7-8-9-11-12-17	5-7, 7-8	2
4	1-2-3-5-6-8-10-11-12-17	8-10, 10-11	2
5	1-2-3-5-6-8-9-11-13-14-15-17	11-13, 13-14, 14-15, 15-17	4
6	1-2-3-5-6-8-9-11-13-14-16-17	14-16, 16-17	2

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The complexity number and corresponding meaning of v (G):

Complexity Number	Meaning
1-10	Structured and well written code High Testability Cost and Effort is less
10-20	Complex Code Medium Testability Cost and effort is Medium
20-40	Very complex Code Low Testability Cost and Effort are high
>40	Not at all testable Very high Cost and Effort



- Basic Path Testing
- Condition testing
- Data Flow Testing
- Loop Testing
- The above methods broaden testing coverage and improve the quality of white-box testing.

1. Condition Testing:

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- Condition testing is a test-case design method that exercises the logical conditions contained in a program module.
- A simple condition is a Boolean variable or a relational expression, possibly preceded with one NOT (\neg) operator.
- A relational expression takes the form

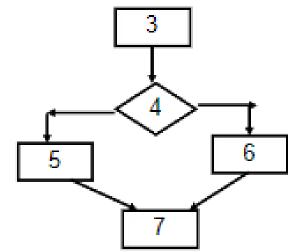
E1 <relational-operator> E2

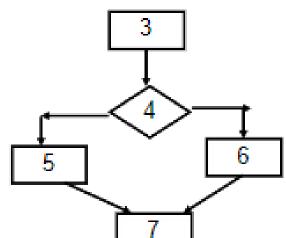
where E1 and E2 are arithmetic expressions and <relational-operator> is one of the following: <, <=, >=, ==, ==

- A compound condition is composed of two or more simple conditions, Boolean operators, and parentheses.
- Boolean operators are OR (|), AND (&), and NOT (\neg).
- A condition without relational expressions is referred to as a Boolean expression.

2. Data Flow Testing:

- Pseudo Code Sample
- int a, b //This is type defining not value
- input (a, b) 3.
- if (a > b) then
- Output (a, " a bigger than b")
- else Output (b, "b is equal or greater than a")
- 7. end





- **DEF(a, 3)** node 3 is a **defining node** of variable "a" --- value is assigned to "a"
- **USE(a, 4)** node 4 is a **usage node** of variable "a"
- USE(a, 5) node 5 is a usage node of variable "a"
- **USE(a,4)** is a **P-Use** node Decision making in a predicate (P-Use)
- **USE(a,5)** is **C-Use** node Computation and assignment (C-Use)
- **Path** that begins with DEF(a,3) and ends with USE(a,4) is a **definition-use** (du-path) path of a
- Path that begins with DEF(a,3) and ends with USE(a,5) is a **definition-use** (du-path) path of a
- Path that begins with DEF(a,3) and ends with USE(a,5) is a **definition-clear** path of a
- Path that begins with DEF(b,3) and ends with USE(b, 6) is a **definition-use** path of b
- Note: If the definition-use paths are chosen [last two examples above] of both variables a and b, then it is the same as executing the decision-decision (dd) path or branch testing.



2. Data Flow Testing:



$$2. z = x+2$$

4.
$$w = x+1$$
 else

5.
$$y = y + 1$$

Line	Def.	C-use	P-use
1	x,y		
2	Z	X	
3			z,y
4	w	X	
5	y	y	
6		x,y,z,w	

2. Data Flow Testing:

- Selects test paths of a program according to the locations of **definitions** and **uses** of variables in the program
 - From the point where a variable, v, is defined or assigned a value
 - To the point where that variable, v, is used

Variable Define-Use Testing

- In define-use testing, testing is done on certain paths that a variable is defined to its usage.
- Consider a data item, X:
 - Data Definitions (value assignment) of X:
 - 1) Initialization \rightarrow int X; (compiler initializes X to 0 or "trash")
 - 2) Input \rightarrow Input X
 - 3) Some assignment $\rightarrow X = 3$
 - Data Usage (accessing the value) of X:
 - 1) Computation and assignment (C-Use) \rightarrow Z = X + 25
 - 2) Decision making in a predicate (**P-Use**) \rightarrow If (X > 0) then

2. Data Flow Testing:



- **Defining node, DEF(v,n),** is a node, n, in the program graph where the specific variable, v, is defined or given its value (value assignment).
- Usage node, USE(v,n), is a node, n, in the program graph where the specific variable, v, is used.
- A P-use node is a usage node where the variable, v, is used as a predicate (or for a branch-decision-making).
- A C-use node is any usage node that is not P-used.
- A **Definition-Use path**, <u>du-path</u>, for a specific variable, v, is a path where DEF(v,x) and USE(v,y) are the initial and the end nodes (x and y nodes) of that path.
- A **Definition-Clear path** for a specific variable, v, is a Definition-Use path with DEF(v,x) and USE(v,y) such that there is **no other node in the path that is a defining node of variable, v**. (e.g. v does not get reassigned in the path.)

White Box Testing – Control Structure Testing 3. Loop Testing:

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- Focuses exclusively on the validity of loop constructs.
- Four different classes of loops can be defined:
 - Simple loops
 - Concatenated loops
 - Nested loops
 - Unstructured loops

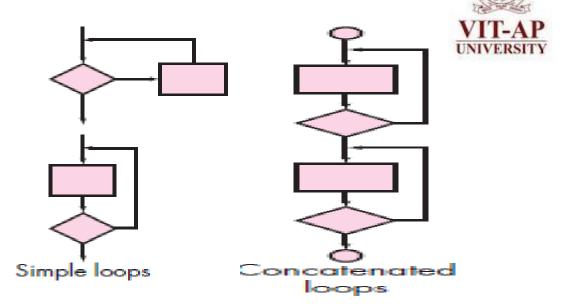
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// Simple loop
for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
{
    // codes
}
```

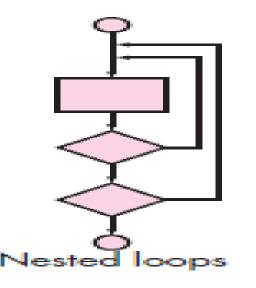
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// concatenated loop
for (i = 1; i <= 5; ++i)
{
    // codes
}
for (j = 1; j <= 5; ++j) {
    // codes
}
```

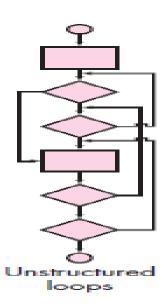
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// concatenated loop
for (i = 1; i <= 5; ++i) {
  // codes
}
for (j = 1; j <= i; ++j) {
  // codes
}
//j loop dependent on i
loop</pre>
```

3. Loop Testing:

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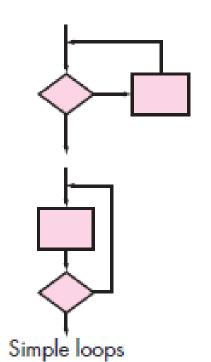




3. Loop Testing:



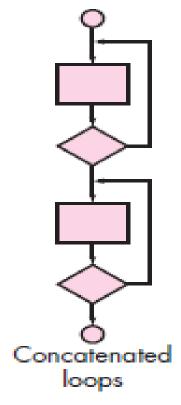
Simple loops:



- The following set of tests can be applied to simple loops, where *n* is the maximum number of allowable passes through the loop.
 - 1. Skip the loop entirely.
 - 2. Only one pass through the loop.
 - 3. Two passes through the loop.
 - 4. m passes through the loop where m < n.
 - 5. n-1, n, n+1 passes through the loop.

3. Loop Testing:



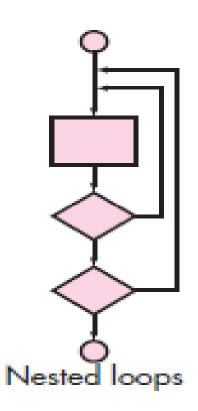


Concatenated loops:

- Concatenated loops can be tested using the approach defined for simple loops, if each of the loops is independent of the other.
- However, if two loops are concatenated and the loop counter for loop 1 is used as the initial value for loop 2, then the loops are **not independent**. When the loops are not independent, the approach applied to nested loops is recommended.

3. Loop Testing:





Nested loops:

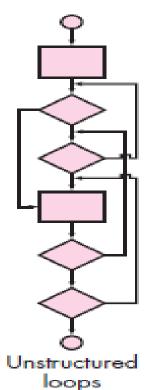
• The number of possible tests would grow geometrically as the level of nesting increases.

Approach

- 1. Start at the innermost loop, Set all other loops to minimum values.
- 2. Conduct simple loop tests for the innermost loop while holding the outer loops at their minimum iteration parameter (e.g., loop counter) values. Add other tests for out-of-range or excluded values.
- 3. Work outward, conducting tests for the next loop, but keeping all other outer loops at minimum values and other nested loops to "typical" values.
- 4. Continue until all loops have been tested.

3. Loop Testing:





Unstructured loops:

• Whenever possible, this class of loops should be redesigned to reflect the use of the structured programming constructs.



To buy a new car, and you have a few options in mind.

How do you evaluate which is better for you?

You will, most likely, take the car for a test drive and ask yourself:

- Is it comfortable to drive?
- Does it have enough power?
- Is the air-conditioning pleasant?
- Is the music system to your liking?
- Is the control panel easy to use?

You are not concerned about the internal machinery of the car.

Instead, you are interested in its functionality and usability.

This focus on the end-user is the principle behind black-box testing.



Output

Registration Form					
First name					
Last name					
Password					
Reenter Password					
E-Mail					
Mobile Number					
Gender		Male		Female	
Date of Birth	DD/MM/YYYY				
Select Your State					
Pin code					

Reset

Submit

Input

Black Box



- 1. The pin code needs to be a number.
- 2. The phone number is 10 digit
- 3. If required fields are not filled or wrong data is inserted then form triggers error after submission of the form.

The test cases for the registration form designed as per fields

- Check the behavior of form by not filling up any data into the form.
- Check the form by not filling up the required fields.
- Check the behavior of form by adding random data in the text field.
- Check the by not filling up the first name text field but by filling up rest of the other fields.
- Check the form by filling other text fields except phone number text field.
- Check the form by filling other text fields except email text field etc..,



Testing Name Fields

- Check the Name text fields with special characters
- Check by adding numbers instead of string in the name text fields

Testing Password Fields

- Check the Password text field by adding no data.
- Check the Password text field by adding numbers into it.
- Check the Password text field by adding data more than the field limit.
- Check the Reenter Password text field by adding no data
- Check the Reenter Password text field by adding mismatch data

Testing other Fields

- Check the behavior of form by not selecting the state from the drop-down menu of the country field.
- Check the pincode / mobile number text field with string instead of numbers.
- Check the pincode / mobile number text field with numbers shorter than required.
- Check the pincode / mobile number field with numbers larger than required



Testing Email Field

- Check the Email text field that has Email address without @ symbol.
- Check the Email text field that has random string instead of real email.
- Check the Email text field that has @ symbol written in words.
- Check the Email text field that has missing dot in the email address.
- Check the Email text field as "name@gmail"
- Check the Email text field as "@gmail"
- Check the Email text field as "name@gmail..com"
- Check the Email text field as "name@192.168.1.1.0"
- Check the Email text field as "name.. @gmail.com"



- A software testing method in which the functionalities of software are tested without having knowledge of internal code structure, implementation details and internal paths.
- Also called **Behavioral testing**, **focuses** on the **functional requirements and specifications** of the software.
- Techniques enable to derive sets of input conditions that will fully exercise all functional requirements for a software.
- It is **not an alternative** to white-box techniques.
 - Rather, it is a complementary approach that is likely to uncover a different class of errors than White-box methods.





- Black-box testing attempts to find errors in the following categories:
 - (1) Incorrect or missing functions,
 - (2) Interface errors,
 - (3) Errors in data structures or external database access,
 - (4) Behavior or performance errors, and
 - (5) Initialization and termination errors.
- Black box testing tends to be applied during later stages of testing, because black-box testing purposely disregards control structure, attention is focused on the information domain.



Equivalence Partitioning

Boundary Value Analysis

Decision Table Testing

State Transition Testing

Error Guessing

Graph-Based Testing Methods

Comparison Testing

Black Box Testing Techniques

Black Box Testing - <u>Equivalence Partitioning or s Equivalence Class</u> Partitioning (ECP).



- **Divides** the input values into **different groups or classes**, based on the output which will be coming as an outcome.
- It saves the effort and time of giving different inputs. Input for each class is sufficient.
- Instead, give one value to the group or class to test the outcome for that group or class.
- Helps in improving the test coverage and in turn reducing the rework.

Example: If a student scores

Above 75% - First class with Distinction.

Between 60% to 75% - First Class

Between 50% to 60% - Second Class.

Between 40% to 50% - Pass class,

Else - Fail.

- Test cases are formed and it is made sure that all possibilities are covered.
- Hence testing with any values in this set is sufficient.

Black Box Testing - Equivalence Partitioning



Guidelines for defining Equivalence Partitioning classes:

1. If an input condition **specifies a range**, one valid and two invalid equivalence classes are defined.

Example: 100-500, Valid: 145, Invalid: 80, 501

2. If an input condition requires a **specific value**, one valid and two invalid equivalence classes are defined.

Example: OTP – 6 digits [Mobile Number – 10 digits]

Valid - 6 digits Invalid: No. of Digits ≥ 7 and No. of Digits ≤ 5

- 3. If an input condition specifies a **member of a set**, one valid and one invalid equivalence class are defined.
- 4. If an input condition is **Boolean**, one valid and one invalid class are defined. Example: Male / Female



- A greater number of errors occurs at the boundaries of the input domain rather than in the "center."
- Boundary refers to values near the limit where the behavior of the system changes.
- Boundary Value Analysis (BVA) has been developed as a testing technique that leads to a selection of **test cases that exercise bounding values**.

Boundary Value Analysis

Age Enter Age Accepts value between 18 to 65

Invalid Test Case (Min Value -1)	Valid Test Case (Min, +Min, Max, -Max)	Invalid Test Case (Max Value +1)
17	18,19,25,64,65	66

• Instead of using all the values from 18 to 65, we just use 17, 18, 19, 64, 65, and 66



Guidelines for defining BVA:

- 1. If an input condition specifies a range bounded by values a and b, test cases should be designed with values a and b and just above and just below a and b.
- 2. If an input condition specifies a **number of values**, test cases should be developed that exercise the minimum and maximum numbers. **Values just above and below minimum and maximum are also tested.**
- 3. If internal program data structures have prescribed boundaries (e.g., a table has a defined limit of 100 entries), be certain to design a test case to exercise the data structure at its boundary.

While purchasing 10 pieces of a certain commodity the price stays the same However, if a client buys more than **10** pieces (e.g. **11**), he's granted with a free delivery. Purchasing at least **50** pieces (from the 50th piece), the customer gets a 10% discount. There's also a limitation in which a client can't order more than **99** pieces.

The designated intervals of the equivalence classes according to the dependence

rejection

to sell

10% discount + free

49 50

delivery

10 11

unchanged

rejection

to sell

99 100

described above will look like this:

0 pieces – no purchase,

<1,11) pieces – regular price,

<11,50) pieces – free delivery,

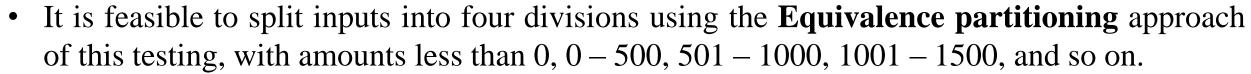
<50,99) pieces – free delivery and a 10% discount,

>99 pieces – it's not possible to order the commodity.

As a result, we have five equivalence classes for tests, their boundary values being: 0, 1, 10, 11, 49, 50, 99, 100.

Example: When thinking about a buying situation,

- If you spend Rs. 500, you'll get a 5% discount.
- If you spend Rs. 1000, you'll get a 7% discount.
- If you spend Rs. 1500 or more, you'll get a 10% discount.



- Equivalence partitioning testing approach will not take into account variables such as the maximum shopping limit or product specifications.
- The boundary values will be 0, 500, 501, 1000, 1001, and 1500 when boundary values are added to the partitions.
- The lowest and higher values are normally evaluated using the **BVA approach**, therefore numbers like -1, 1 and 499 will be included. Such values will aid in the explanation of software input value behavior.



Black Box Testing - Decision Table Testing

- Captures different input combinations and their expected results in a VIT-A tabular form and design test cases based on this table.
- Decision table is carved to prepare a set of test cases.

• Example:

An XYZ bank provides an interest rate for the Male Senior citizen as 10% and 9% for the rest of the people.

Decision Table / Cause-Effect				
Decision Table	Rule 1	Rule 2	Rule 3	Rule 4
Conditions				
C1 - Male	F	F	Т	Т
C2 - Senior Citizen	F	T	F	Т
Actions				
A1 - Interest Rate 10%				х
A2 - Interest Rate 9%	X	Х	Х	

- C1 has two values as true and false, C2 also has two values as true and false.
- The total number of possible combinations would then be four.
- Derive test cases using a decision table.

Black Box Testing - Decision Table Testing

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Example:

A job portal where users can upload their resume such that:

The file has to be a PDF document.

Its size must not exceed 1 MB.

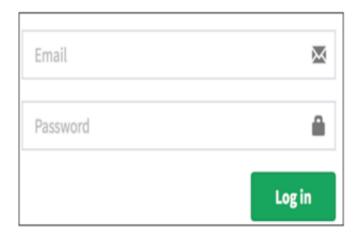
Format	Size	Output	
Case 1	PDF	≤1MB	Success
Case 2	PDF	> 1MB	Error: file size
Case 3	Not PDF	≤1MB	Error: format
Case 4	Not PDF	> 1MB	Error: format and file size

- If there is another constraint that the number of pages cannot exceed 5, there will be additional rows in the table.
- Once table is ready, write test cases corresponding to every row.

Black Box Testing - Decision Table Testing

Example:

- The condition is simple if the user provides the correct username and password the user will be redirected to the homepage.
- If any of the input is wrong, an error message will be displayed.

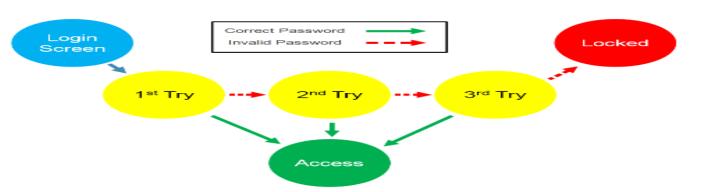


Conditions	Rule 1	Rule 2	Rule 3	Rule 4
Username (T/F)	F	Т	F	Т
Password (T/F)	F	F	Т	Т
Output (E/H)	E	, E	E	Н

Black Box Testing – State Transition Testing or Finite state modelling



- Used to test the different states of the system under test.
- The state of the system changes depending upon the conditions or events.
- The nodes represent different user-observable states of the software
- The links represent the transitions that occur to move from state to state
- Used to assist in creating graphs and gives a clear view of the state changes but it is **effective for simpler applications**.
- More complex projects may lead to more complex transition diagrams thereby making them less effective.



An ATM system function where if the user enters the invalid password three times the account will be locked.

Black Box Testing - Error Guessing



- This is an Experience-Based Testing.
- The tester can use their experience about the application behavior and functionalities to guess the error-prone areas.
- Many defects can be found using error guessing where most of the developers usually make mistakes.

• Examples:

- Divide by zero.
- Handling null values in text fields.
- Accepting the Submit button without any value.
- File upload without attachment.
- File upload with less than or more than the limit size.



Design the black-box test suite for a function that checks whether a character string (of up to twenty-five characters in length) is a palindrome.

- Equivalence Classes are:
 - Palindrome
 - Not a Palindrome
 - Null String
 - String Containing more than 25 Characters
- The equivalence class tests can be designed by choosing one representative test case from each equivalence class. The boundary value can be checked by selecting a word with 25 characters and another word with 26 characters



Design the black-box test suite for a function that takes the name of a book as input and searches a file containing the names of the books available in the Library and displays the details of the book if the book is available in the library otherwise displays the message "book not available".

- Equivalence Classes are:
 - Book available
 - Book not available
 - Invalid Book name
- The equivalence class tests can be designed by choosing one representative test case from each equivalence class.

Design the black-box test suite for the following Library Automation Software. The Library Automation Software accepts a string representing the name of a book. It checks the library catalog, and displays whether the book is listed in the catalog or not. If the book is listed in the catalog, it displays the number of copies that are currently available in the racks and the copies issued out.

- Equivalence Classes are:
 - Book available
 - Book not available
 - Book issued out
- The equivalence class tests can be designed by choosing one representative test case from each equivalence class.

Design the black-box test suite for a program that accepts two strings and checks if the first string is a substring of the second string and displays the number of times the first string occurs in the second string. Assume that each of the two strings has size less than twenty characters..

- Equivalence Classes are:
 - No Match
 - Identical Strings
 - Proper substring
- The equivalence class tests can be designed by choosing one representative test case from each equivalence class.

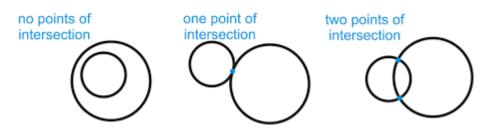
Design the black-box test suite for a function named quadratic solver. The quadratic-solver function accepts three floating point numbers (a, b, c) representing a quadratic equation of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. It computes and displays the solution

- Equivalence Classes are:
 - Real Solutions
 - Imaginary Solutions
 - Coincident Solutions Roots are Equal
 - No Solution a=b=0
- The equivalence class tests can be designed by choosing one representative test case from each equivalence class.



Design the black-box test suite for a function that accepts two pairs of floating point numbers representing two co-ordinate points. Each pair of co-ordinate points represent the center and a point on the circumference of each of the circle. The function prints whether the two circles are intersecting, one is contained within the other, or are disjoint.

- Equivalence Classes are:
 - Circles intersecting at 2 points
 - Circles intersecting at 1 point
 - Disjoint Circles
 - Circles intersecting at infinite number of points (coincident circles)
 - Invalid Circle Parameters
- The equivalence class tests can be designed by choosing one representative test case from each equivalence class.







Design black-box test suites for a function called find-intersection. The function find-intersection takes four real numbers m1, c1, m2, c2 as its arguments representing two straight lines $y = m_1x + c_1$ and $y = m_2x + c_2$. It determines the points of intersection of the two lines. Depending on the input values to the function, it displays any one of the following messages:

- single point of intersection
- overlapping lines—infinite points of intersection
- parallel lines—no points of intersection
- invalid input values

- Equivalence Classes are:
 - Single point of intersection
 - Overlapping lines—infinite points of intersection
 - Parallel lines—no points of intersection
 - Invalid input values
- The equivalence class tests can be designed by choosing one representative test case from each equivalence class.

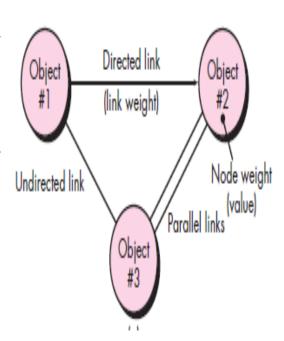


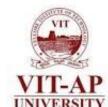
Design black-box test suite for the following program. The program accepts two pairs of co-ordinates (x1,y1),(x2,y2), (x3,y3), (x4,y4). The first two points (x1,y1) and (x2,y2) represent the lower left and the upper right points of the first rectangle. The second two points (x3,y3) and (x4,y4) represent the lower left and the upper right points of the second rectangle. It is assumed that the length and width of the rectangle are parallel to either the x-axis or y-axis. The program computes the points of intersection of the two rectangles and prints their points of intersection.

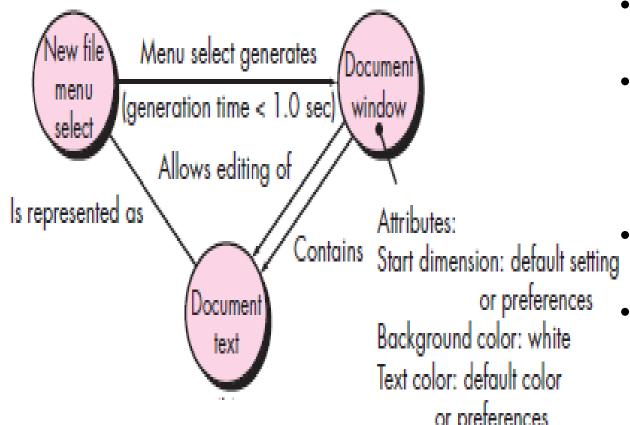
- Equivalence Classes are:
 - Disjoint Rectangles
 - Intersecting Rectangles
 - Rectangles with one side overlapping
 - Rectangles with two sides overlapping
 - Rectangles touching at one point
 - Coincident Rectangles
- The equivalence class tests can be designed by choosing one representative test case from each equivalence class.

VIT-AP

- Each and every application is a built-up of some objects.
- Software testing **begins** by
 - Creating a object graph of important objects and their relationships
 - Devising a series of tests that will cover the graph so that each object and relationship is exercised and errors are uncovered.
- Nodes (objects) are represented as circles connected by links.
- Links represent the relationships between objects
- Node weights describe the properties of a node (e.g., a specific data value or state behavior), and
- Link weights that describe characteristic of a link, which can be
 - A directed link (represented by an arrow) indicates that a relationship moves in only one direction.
 - A bidirectional link, also called a symmetric link, implies that the relationship applies in both directions.
 - Parallel links are used when a number of different relationships are established between graph nodes.







Portion of a graph for a word-processing application

Object #1 newFile (menu sélection),

Object #2 documentWindow

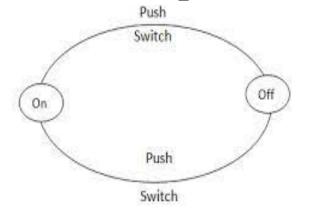
Object #3 documentText

- A menu select on **newFile** generates a document window.
- The node weight of **documentWindow** provides a list of the window attributes that are to be expected when the window is generated.
- The link weight indicates that the window must be generated in less than 1.0 second.
 - An undirected link establishes a symmetric relationship between the **newFile** menu selection and **documentText**, and parallel links indicate relationships between **documentWindow** and **documentText**.

Behavioral testing methods that can make use of graphs:

1. Transaction flow modelling:

- The nodes represent steps in some transaction (e.g., the steps required to make an airline reservation using an online service), and
- The links represent the logical connection between steps (e.g., flight_Information_Input is followed by validation_Availability_Processing).
- The data flow diagram can be used to assist in creating graphs of this type.
 2. Finite state modelling: State Transition Diagram and State Transition Table
- - The nodes represent different user-observable states of the software
 - The links represent the transitions that occur to move from state to state
 - The state diagram can be used to assist in creating graphs of this type.





An ATM system function where if the user enters the invalid password three times the account will be locked.



3. Data flow modelling:

- The nodes are data objects
- The links transformations that occur to translate one data object into another.

4. Timing modelling:

- The nodes are program objects,
- The links are the sequential connections between those objects.
- Link weights are used to specify the required execution times as the program executes.

Black Box Testing - Comparison Testing



- Identifies the strengths and weaknesses of a software product against other software products that already exist in the market and are readily used by the target audience.
- Helps to understand whether or not software project will be a marketable one after its commercial release.
- Comparison Testing is Performed at
 - Early stage of the software development process
 - Changes in business requirements or design of software products can be captured in the early stages
 - Mid-stage of the software development process
 - User Interface elements and behavior of each functionality of software product can be compared and improved in this stage of the software development process.
 - End of the software development process
 - Quality, processing speed, and support of hardware and software to run products can be evaluated alongside the critical business objectives in the last stage.



A Web page has three distinct sections (Top, Middle, Bottom) that can be individually shown or hidden from a user

In Conventional testing technique, required test cases are $6 (2 \times 3 = 6)$

Test Cases	Scenarios	Values to be tested
Test #1	HIDDEN	Top
Test #2	SHOWN	Тор
Test #3	HIDDEN	Bottom
Test #4	SHOWN	Bottom
Test #5	HIDDEN	Middle
Test #6	SHOWN	Middle



- In the **conventional method**, test suites include test cases that have been derived from all combination of input values and pre-conditions.
 - As a result, **n** number of test cases has to be covered.
 - But in a real scenario, the testers won't have the leisure to execute all the test cases to uncover the defects as there are other processes such as documentation, suggestions, and feedback from the customer that has to be taken into account while in the testing phase.
- **Test Case Optimization :** The test managers wanted to optimize the number and quality of the test cases to ensure maximum Test coverage with minimum effort.
- Orthogonal Array Testing (OAT):
 - Uses orthogonal arrays to create test cases.
 - It is a statistical testing approach useful when system to be tested has huge data inputs.
 - Helps to maximize test coverage by pairing and combining the inputs and testing the system with comparatively less number of test cases for time saving.

The formula to calculate OAT



L_{Runs}(Levels^{Factors})

Term	Description
Runs	It is the number of rows which represents the number of test conditions to be performed.
Factors	It is the number of columns which represents in the number of variable to be tested
Levels	It represents the number of values for a Factor

• The goal is to minimize the number of rows as much as possible.

The Orthogonal Array Testing technique has the following steps:



- 1. Decide the number of variables that will be tested for interaction. Map these variables to the factors of the array.
- 2. Decide the maximum number of values that each independent variable will have. Map these values to the levels of the array.
- 3. Find a suitable orthogonal array with the smallest number of runs. The number of runs can be derived from various websites. One such website is listed here.
- 4. Map the factors and levels onto the array.
- 5. Translate them into the suitable Test Cases
- 6. Look out for the leftover or special Test Cases (if any)



A Web page has three distinct sections (Top, Middle, Bottom) that can be individually shown or hidden from a user

- Step 1: Determine the number of independent variables. There are three independent variables (sections on the page) = 3 Factors.
- **Step 2:** Determine the maximum number of values for each variable. There are two values (hidden and visible) = **2 Levels.**
- Step 3: Determine the Orthogonal Array with 3 Factors and 2 Levels.
- Referring to the <u>link</u> we have derived the number of rows required i.e. 4 Rows.

The orthogonal array follows the pattern L_{Runs} (Levels^{Factors}). Hence, the Orthogonal Array will be $L_4(2^3)$.

OAT Testing need 4 Test cases as shown below:



Test Cases	TOP	Middle	Bottom
Test #1	Hidden	Hidden	Hidden
Test #2	Hidden	Visible	Visible
Test #3	Visible	Hidden	Visible
Test #4	Visible	Visible	Hidden

Hence while executing such test conditions, a tester will put the conditions as follows:

- •Display the Homepage and hide all sections.
- •Display the Homepage and show all Sections except Section 1.
- •Display the Homepage and show all Sections except Section 2.
- •Display the Homepage and show all Sections except Section 3.

Example 2

Personal information like Name, Age, qualification, etc., will be provided in various registration forms. Consider that there are four fields in a registration form (webpage) which are having certain sub-options in it.

A	ge field	Gender field	Highest Qualification	Mother Tongue
•	Less than 18	•Male	High School	•Hindi
•	More than 18	•Female	Graduation	English
•	More than 60	•NA	Post-Graduation	Other

Step 1: Determine the number of independent variables.

Four independent variables (Fields of the registration form) = 4 **Factors.**

Step 2: Determine the maximum number of values for each variable.

Three values (Three sub-options under each field) = 3 **Levels.**

Step 3: Determine the Orthogonal Array with 4 Factors and 3 Levels.

Referring to the <u>link</u> derived the number of rows required i.e. 9 Rows.

The orthogonal array follows the pattern L_{Runs} (Levels^{Factors}).

Hence, the Orthogonal Array will be $L_9(3^4)$.

Runs	AGE	Gender	Highest Qualification	Mother Tongue
Run 1	Less than 18	Male	High School	Hindi
Run 2	Less than 18	Female	Post-Graduation	English
Run 3	Less than 18	NA	Graduation	Other
Run 4	More than 18	Male	Post-Graduation	Other
Run 5	More than 18	Female	Graduation	Hindi
Run 6	More than 18	NA	High School	English
Run 7	More than 60	Male	Graduation	English
Run 8	More than 60	Female	High School	Other
Run 9	More than 60	NA	Post-Graduation	Hindi

- Each Run in the above table represents the test scenario to be covered in testing.
- Each run is changed to a test condition.

Difference between White box Testing and Black box testing



White-Box Testing	Black-box Testing
Known as glass-box testing.	Also called as behavioral testing.
It starts early in the testing process.	It is applied in the final stages of testing.
In this testing knowledge of implementation is needed.	Testing knowledge of implementation is not needed.
Mainly done by the developer.	Done by the testers.
It is suitable for algorithm testing.	It is not suitable for algorithm testing.
It is a functional test of the software.	It is a structural test of the software.
In this testing, the tester must be technically sound.	Testers may or may not be technically sound.
Various white box testing methods	Various black box testing are:
are:	Graph-Based testing method, Equivalence
Basic Path Testing and Control	partitioning, Boundary Value Analysis,
Structure Testing.	Orthogonal Array Testing.

Difference between Alpha Testing and Beta Testing

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Alpha Testing	Beta Testing UNIVERSITY
Involves both the white box and black box testing.	Uses black-box testing.
Performed by testers who are usually internal employees of the organization.	Performed by clients who are not part of the organization.
Performed at the developer's site.	Performed at the end-user of the product.
Reliability and security testing are not checked	Reliability, security and robustness are checked.
Ensures the quality of the product before forwarding to beta testing.	Concentrates on the quality of the product but collects users input on the product and ensures that the product is ready for real time users.
Requires a testing environment or a lab.	Doesn't require a testing environment or lab.
May require a long execution cycle.	Requires only a few weeks of execution.
Developers can immediately address the critical issues or fixes in alpha testing.	Most of the issues or feedback collected from the beta testing will be implemented in future versions of the product.
Multiple test cycles are organized in alpha testing	Only one or two test cycles are there in beta testing

Grey Box Testing



- Another part of manual testing is Grey box testing.
- It is a collaboration of black box and white box testing.
- Since, the grey box testing includes access to internal coding for designing test cases.
- Grey box testing is performed by a person who knows coding as well as testing.
- In other words, we can say that if a single-person team done both white box and black-box testing, it is considered grey box testing.

