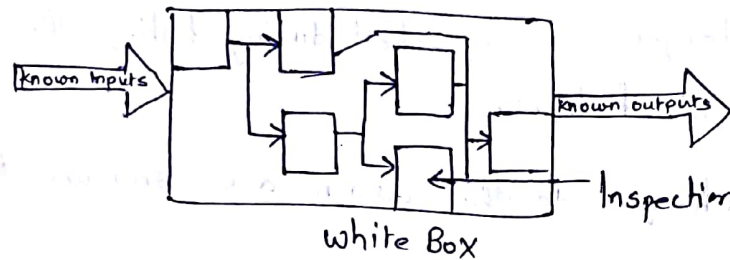


White-Box Testing: \* white box testing is also called as Glass Box testing.  
\* Focus: Thoroughness (Coverage). Every statement in the component is executed at least once.

\* White box testing is also known as structural testing or code-based testing.

\* The major objective of white box testing is to focus in internal program structure, and discover all internal program errors.



Advantage of White Box Testing:-

- \* Helps optimizing the code.
- \* Helps removing extra line of code
- \* All possible code path ways can be tested including error handling, resource dependencies, & additional internal code logical flow.
- \* Enables tester to find programming errors quickly.
- \* Good quality of coding work and coding standards.

Disadvantage of White-Box Testing:-

- \* Knowledge of code & internal structure is a prerequisite, a skilled tester is needed to carry out this type of testing, which increase the cost.
- \* Impossible to look into every bit of code to find out hidden errors
- \* Very expensive technique.
- \* Requires knowledge of target system, testing tools and coding language.
- \* Requires specialized tools such as source code analyzer, debugger and fault injectors.

## Traditional White Box Testing:

\* White box testing is further divided into 2 types:-

### 1) Basic Path testing

- a) Flow graph
- b) Cyclomatic complexity
- c) Graph matrix

### 2) Control Structure

- a) Condition testing
- b) Data Flow testing
- c) Loop testing.

### 1) Basic Path Testing:-

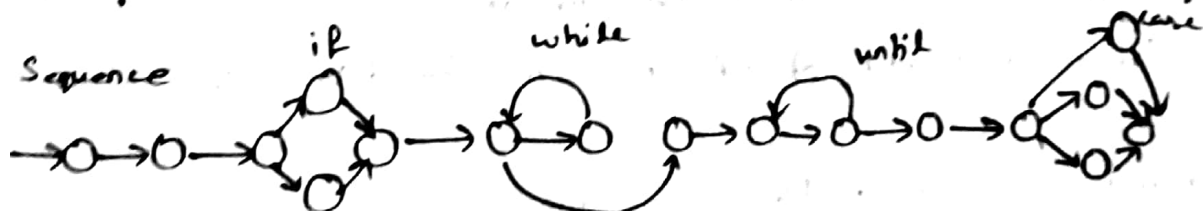
\* It is a white box testing technique that enables the designer to have a derive a logical complexity measure of a procedural design.

\* Test cases based on Basic path testing guarantee to execute every statement in program at least once.

### 2) Flow Graph:-

\* A flow graph depicts the logical control flow using the following notations.

\* Every structural construct has a corresponding flow graph symbol.



The structured constructs in flow graph form:

where each circle represents one or more non branching PDL or some code statements.

\* Each circle, called flow graph node, represents one or more procedural statements.

\* The arrows called as links or edges. The areas bounded by edges are called regions. While the area outside the graph is also taken as a region.

\* Each node containing a condition is called a predicate node and has 2 or more edges out of it.

## 2) Control Structure Testing:-

\* Although basic path testing is simple and highly effective, it is not sufficient in itself.

\* Other variations on control structure improve quality of white-box testing.

\* Control structure testing controls over the order in which the instructions in program are executed.

\* One of the major objective of control structure testing includes the selection of the test case to meet various criteria for covering the code.

\* Test cases are derived to exercise control over the order of the execution of the code.

\* Coverage based testing works by choosing test cases according to well defined coverage criteria.

\* The more common coverage criteria are the following:

\* Statement Coverage or Node Coverage:-

1) Every statement of the program should be exercised at least once.

\* Branch Coverage or Decision Coverage:-

1) Every possible alternative in a branch of the program should be exercised at least once.

\* Condition Coverage:-

1) Each condition in a branch is made to evaluate to true and

\* Decision / Condition Coverage:-

1) Each condition in a branch is made to evaluate to both true and false and each branch is made to evaluate to both true and false.