

# **Software Testing**

Testing Basics



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- Who performs testing?
  - Developers? End users? Third party groups?
- What are you testing?
  - Refine: What attributes are you testing?
  - Examples: Correctness? Efficiency? Flexibility?

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  - Throughout development cycle? At end?
- Where do you perform testing?
  - Refine: What level are you testing?
  - Examples: Individual components? Entire system?

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  - Refine: What are the objectives?
  - Examples: Validation? Verification?
- How do you perform testing?
  - Methodology? Automated? Toolkit?

# Who performs testing?

## Developers

- Allows immediate fixes
- Lowest cost?
- Too close to code?

## End Users

- Realistic usage
- Limited to functionality

## • Third Party Groups

- No bias
- Can examine code
- Can test functionality
- Less familiar with code
- Expensive

# What attributes are you testing?

## Operation

- Correctness
- Reliability
- Efficiency
- Integrity
- Usability
- Security

## Revision

- Maintainability
- Testability
- Flexibility

## Transition

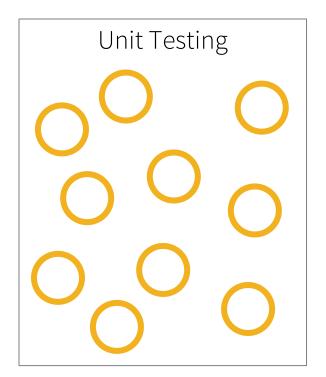
- Portability
- Reusability
- Interoperability

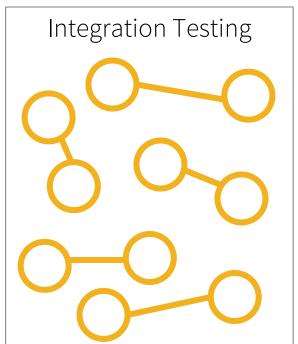
## **Quality Attributes**

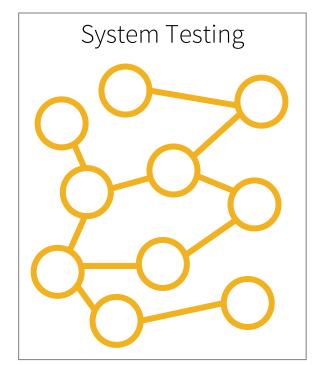
# When do you perform testing?

- Before code development
  - Create tests before code, incrementally develop to pass tests
- Throughout the development cycle
  - Continuous, test after each phase
- End of development cycle
  - After all functionality developed, before reaching customer

# What level are you testing?







# Why are you testing?

#### Verification

– Have we built the system right?

## Validation

– Have we built the right system?

## Attributes

- Prioritize specific quality attributes

# How do you perform testing?

- Who (i.e. developers, users, third party) is doing the testing?
- What quality attributes are you testing?
- When (in development cycle) are you testing?
- Where/what level (i.e. unit, integration, system) are you testing?
- Why are you testing (i.e. verification or validation)?
- Which testing approach will you take?

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