



Test Suites

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Test Suite – a set of test cases or test procedures to be executed in a specific test cycle.

Usually test suites are sets of test cases selected with some common goal or on some common basis.

The main idea here is to manage testing process, to organize huge number of test cases into small convenient sets.

When composing test suites, we may use any common sense.
I.e. we may compose a test suite with test cases that...

Cover the same requirements
section

Have the same priority,
module/submodule/etc...

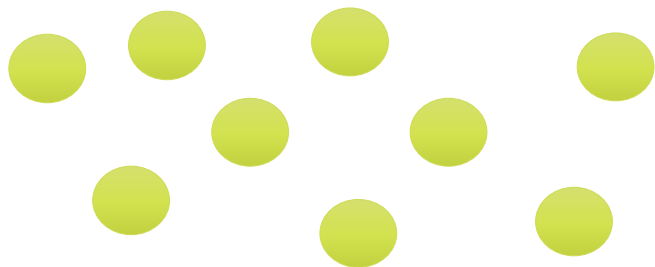
Work with the same
functionality (e.g. FS, DBMS)

Cover some user scenario or
typical set of actions

Free set of test cases doesn't imply any specific execution order, it only composes several test cases together.

Linked set of test cases implies specific execution order.

Free



Linked



Test Suites: free sets and linked sets

Free

Easy to compose

Easy to change execution order

Still work if some test cases fail

May produce some redundancy

Hard to emulate user scenarios

Linked

Need less preparations and steps

Continues work from the point where previous test case ends

Easy to emulate user scenarios

If previous test case fails, all next-in-chain test cases fail too



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