### **TIC4302 - Information Security Practicum II Course**

Introduction to Software Testing

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### Verification and Validation

#### Verification

- "Are we building the product right?"
- The software should conform to its specification

#### Validation

"Are we building the right product?"

The software should do what the user really requires

Goal: Assure the software meets user's needs



## Techniques for Getting Software "Right"

Need to **understand** and **validate** software requirements

Need to apply multiple V&V techniques throughout the development cycle

Inspections

Design discussions

Static analysis

Testing

Runtime verification



## Why focus on Software Testing?

The only software defect detection technique that can check the **whole system** Compiler, Processor, Devices, Network, Linker, Loader, etc...

Currently, the best way to accurately assess some system behaviors (e.g., performance)

For contract software, necessary for customer to "accept" the system

A reasonably good way of documenting expected system behavior

#### But testing is always incomplete

Our goal is to make it *effective* despite incompleteness

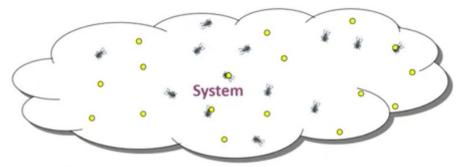


## Why is Testing Hard?





## The Problem with Software Testing



...is that it only samples a set of possible behaviors

Unlike physical systems (where many engineers gained their experience), most software systems are discontinuous

There is no sound basis for extrapolating from tested to untested cases

So we need to consider all possible states of the system

Even small systems have trillions and trillions of possible states



## Testing from 10,000 feet

#### Scale

Unit tests: testing individual classes / functions Integration tests: testing packages / subsystems System tests: testing the entire system

> In web & service world, the concept of "system" is fluid!

#### **Process**

Test first: test-driven development (TDD)

- · Write the tests before the code.
- · Write code to pass the tests

#### Test after

- · Check whether existing code passes tests
- Even TDD is "test after" most of the time (refactoring)

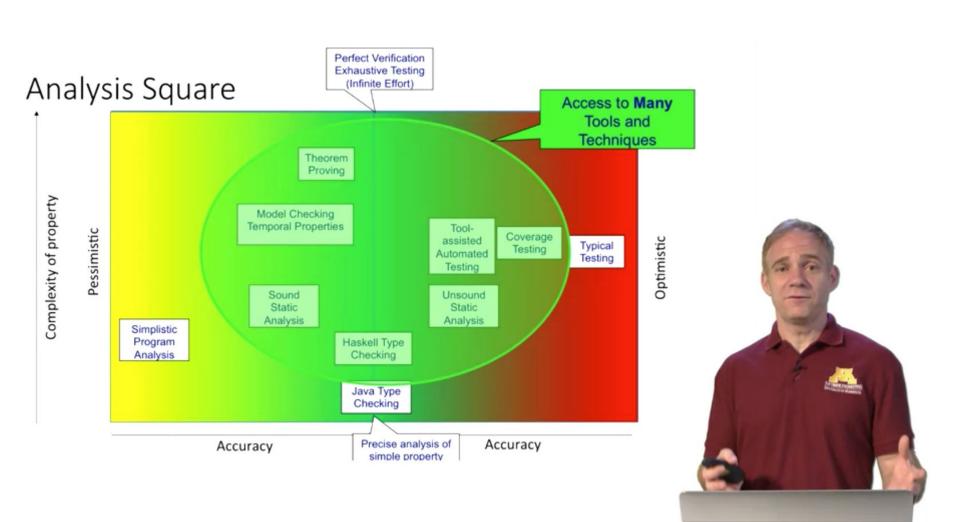
#### Iteration

 Either way, you will spend most of your time retesting

#### Purpose

Functional Testing Performance Testing Security Testing Usability Testing Availability Testing



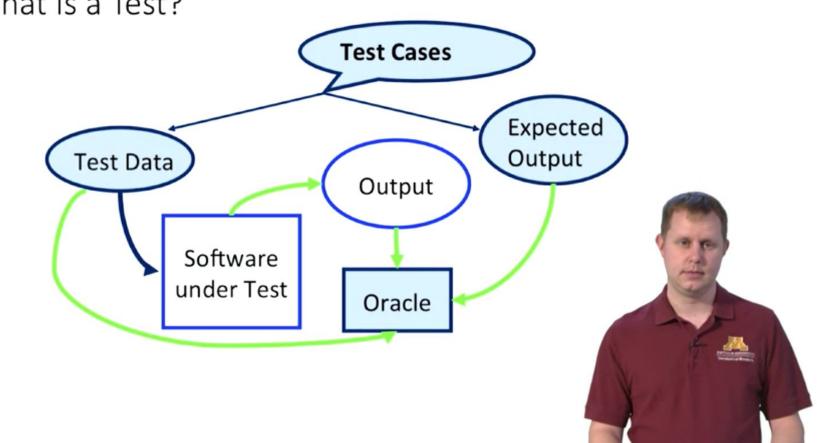


## What is a test?





## What is a Test?



## Dissecting the anatomy of a test

Setup

Invocation

Assessment

**Teardown** 



# A test is made up of test data (input) and expected output

**Test Cases** 

**Test Data** 

**Expected Output** 

Software Under Test

**Actual Output** 

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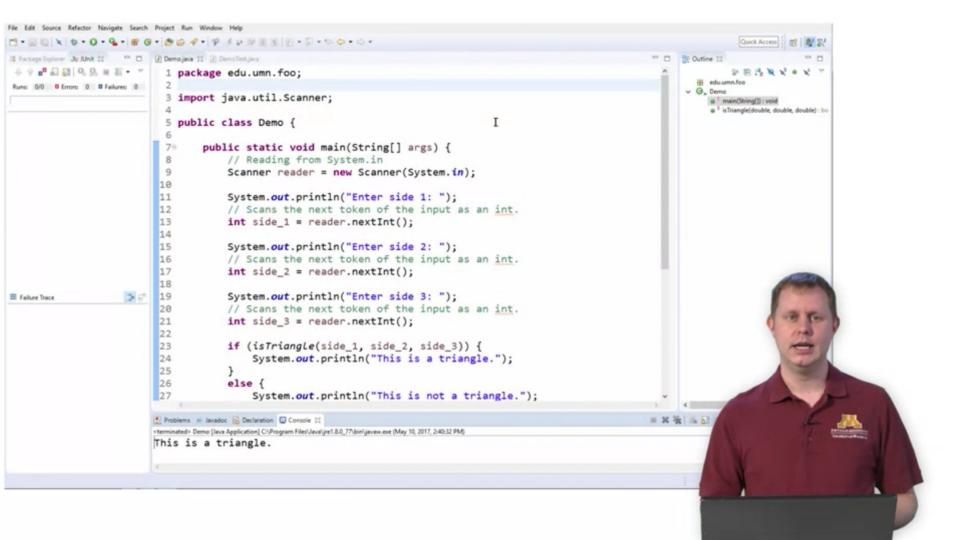
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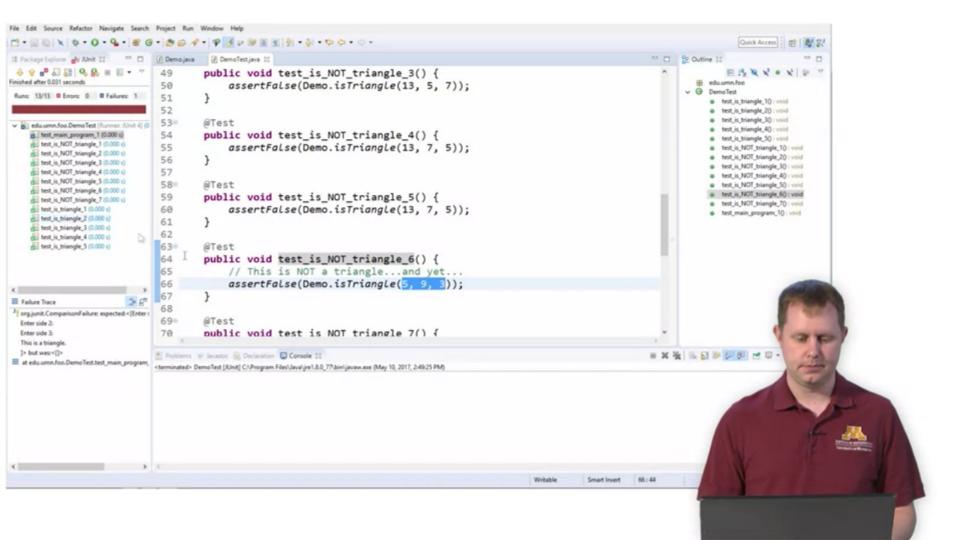
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## What is a test plan?





## Stages of Software Testing Process

Unit Test

Unit Test Plan

System Validation Test

- -- System Test
- -- Non-functional Testing
- -- Test Report

SVT Test Plan/Test Cases

Design Verification Test

- -- (Integration Test)
- -- Functional Testing

DVT Test Plan/Test Cases

Customer Acceptance Test

Customer Acceptance Test Plan



## Components of a Test Plan

Testing approach/strategy

Scope

Schedule

Resources/Test Environment

Entry and Exit criteria

Requirements Matrix (for Traceability)

What is NOT tested

Test cases and scripts [separate document(s)]



### Test Plan Activities

#### Use a Test Plan template, or design one

List what cannot be tested

Write only what you need

Have the Test Plan reviewed

Make it a "living" document



## Why we need a good test plan 1 2

Organize, schedule, and manage testing effort

Helps in writing test cases

Improves communication between developers and management



## Why we need a good test plan 1 2

Measuring software quality is the intent (and must be planned)

Developing good test sets takes planning

Knowing when to stop

More effective arguments when you have the facts

