

System Testing "Online Bookstore" System

1) Independently Testable Function:

- Function: ProcessOrder (a high level function that handles a customer placing an order for books.)

2) Identify Choices:

For the ProcessOrder function, some of choices that can influence its outcome can be:

a) Shopping Cart Content:

- Number of items in the cart
- Availability of books in stock
- Types of items (physical book, e-books)

b) Customer Status:

- New Customer vs ~~existing~~ customer
- Valid customer account vs invalid/non-existent account.

c) Payment Method:

- Credit card
- Gift card
- Debit card
- Invalid payment details

d) Shipping Address

- Valid domestic address
- " International "
- Invalid / incomplete address

e) Environmental Factors (Implicit Choices)

- Database connection status (up/down)
- Payment gateway availability (up/down)
- Inventory system response time.

3) Identify Representative Values (partitions):

Now, let's select representative & boundary values for some of the identified ~~values~~ choices.

→ Choice: No of items in the cart

- Representative Values: Empty cart, 1 item, multiple items (e.g., 5 items), very large number of items (e.g., 100 items - boundary)

→ Choice: Availability of books in stock

- Representative Values: All items in stock, some items out of stock, all items out of stock.

→ Choice: Customer Status

- Representative Values: New Customer (successful registration), Existing customer (valid login), Existing customer (invalid login attempt)-

Payment Method
- Representative Values: Valid credit cards
Invalid credit card (e.g., expired, wrong no),
valid gift card, Expired gift card, Insufficient
gift card balance, Same for debit card

→ Choice: Shipping Address.

- RV: Valid domestic address, Valid International
address (different shipping zones/taxes), Invalid

4) Generate Test Case Specifications (Abstract Combinations):
lets combine a few choices to create abstract
test case specifications. Obviously we won't be
generating all possible combinations, but focus on key
scenarios:

a) (No of items: 1) + (Availability: All in Stock) + (Customer
existing, valid) + (Payment: Valid Credit Card) + (Address:
valid domestic)

• Expected Outcome: Order processed successfully,
payment debited, order confirmation, shipping
initiated.

(No of items: empty) + (Availability: N/A) + (Customer
existing, valid) + (Payment: N/A) + (Address: N/A)

- Expected Outcome: Error message: "Cart is empty, cannot proceed with order."

c) (No. of items: Multiple items) + (Availability: ~~All in stock~~^{Some out of stock}) +
 (Customer: Existing, valid) + (Payment: Valid ~~Credit Card~~^{Domestic Address}) +
 +(Address: Valid domestic)

- Expected Outcome: System notifies customer about out of stock items, offers options (remove, backorder), allows partial order or cancellation.

d) (Items: 1) + (Avail: All in stock) + (Customer: New, Success)
 + (Pay: Invalid credit Card) + (Address: Valid domestic)
 - Expected Outcome: Payment error message, prompt alternative payment, order not processed until valid payment.

e) (Items: 1) + (Avail: All) + (Customer: Existing, Valid) + (P: ^{Valid} V)
 (Add: Invalid format).

- EO: Error Message: "Invalid shipping address"
 Prompt to correct

f) (Items: 1) + (Avail: All) + (Customer: ~~Existing~~^{E, V}) + (P: Valid)
 (Environmental: Database connection down)
 - EO: System error message, order cannot be placed
 - connection failure (this might be exception flow use case).