

Testing in Python 3

Unit Test Vocabulary and Design



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This course was created by using:

- Python 3.11.2
- Pytest 7.2

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This course is 100% applicable to:

- Python 3
- Any version of pytest from 2019 to 2023

Summary

Unit Testing Vocabulary

Example using 'unittest' module

Test Case Design

Unit Testing Fundamentals



A Unit is a Small Piece of Code

A method or function

A module or class

A small group of related classes



An Automated Unit Test

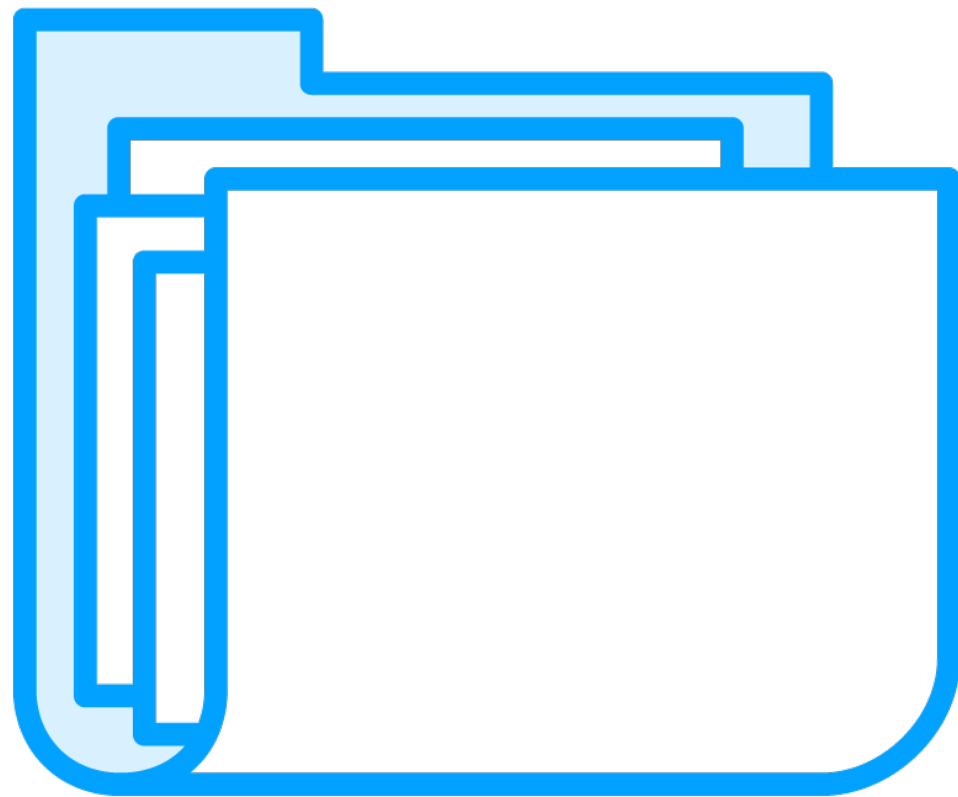
Is designed by a human

Runs without intervention

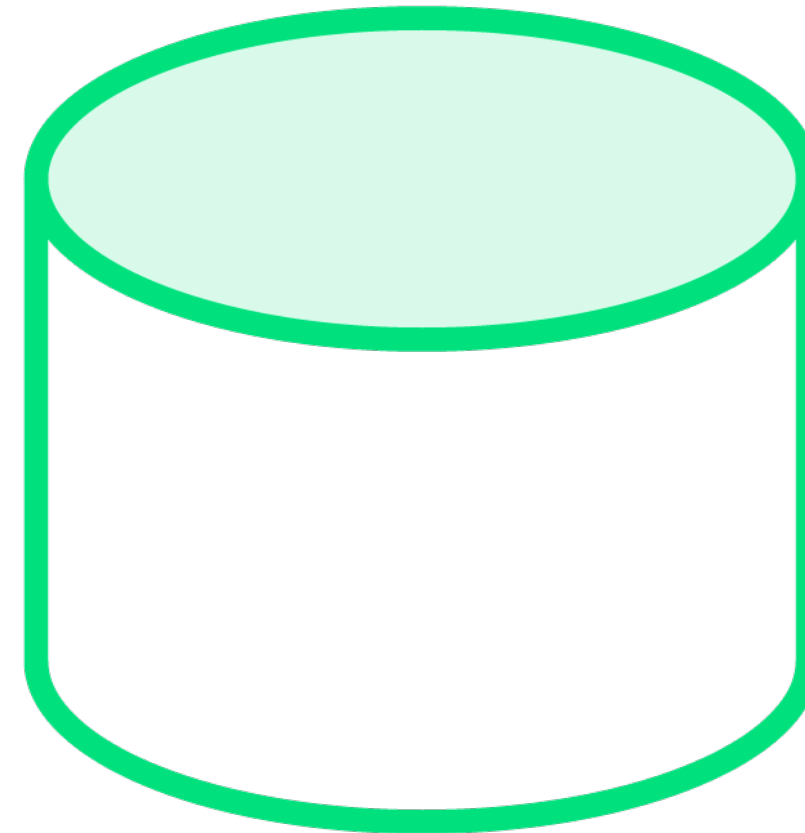
Reports either 'pass' or 'fail'

Strictly Speaking

It's not a unit test if it uses...



The Filesystem



A Database



The Network

But it might still be a useful test!

Phonebook Demo

Given a list of names and phone numbers

Make a Phonebook

Determine if it is consistent, ie. no number is a prefix of another

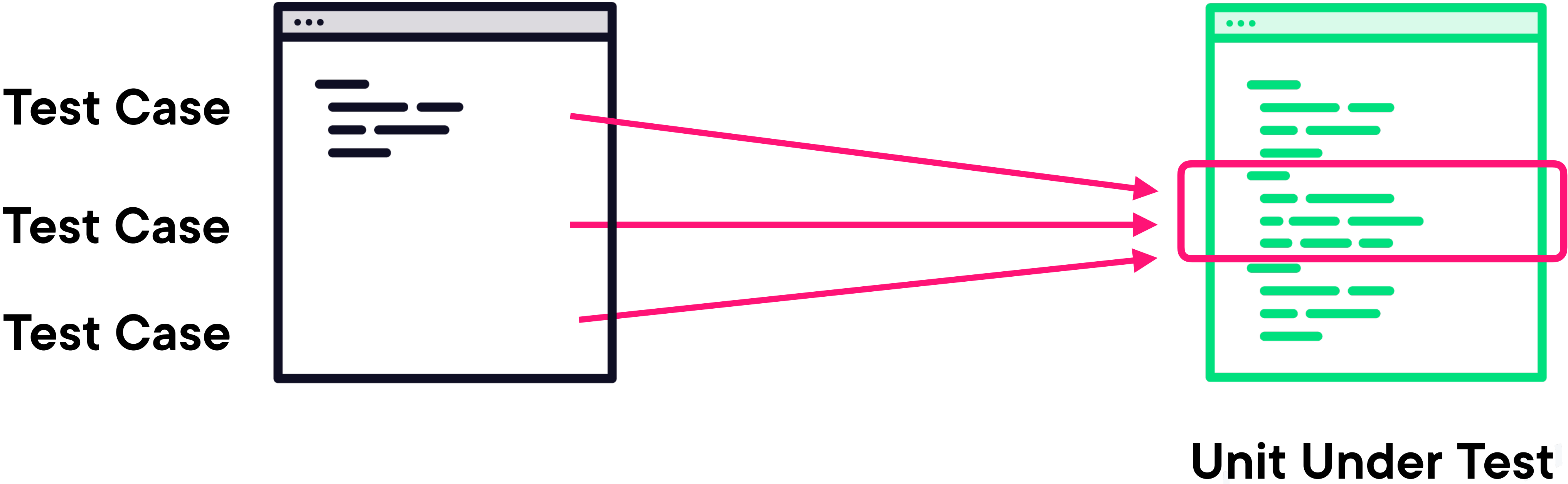
- Bob: 91125426, Anna: 97625992
- Emergency: 911
- Bob and Emergency are inconsistent



Phone Numbers Exercise

Create a test case and run it

Unit Test Vocabulary: Test Case



Unit Test Vocabulary: Test Runner



Test Case



Unit Under Test

```
.
-----
Ran 1 test in 0.001s
OK
```

Test Runner



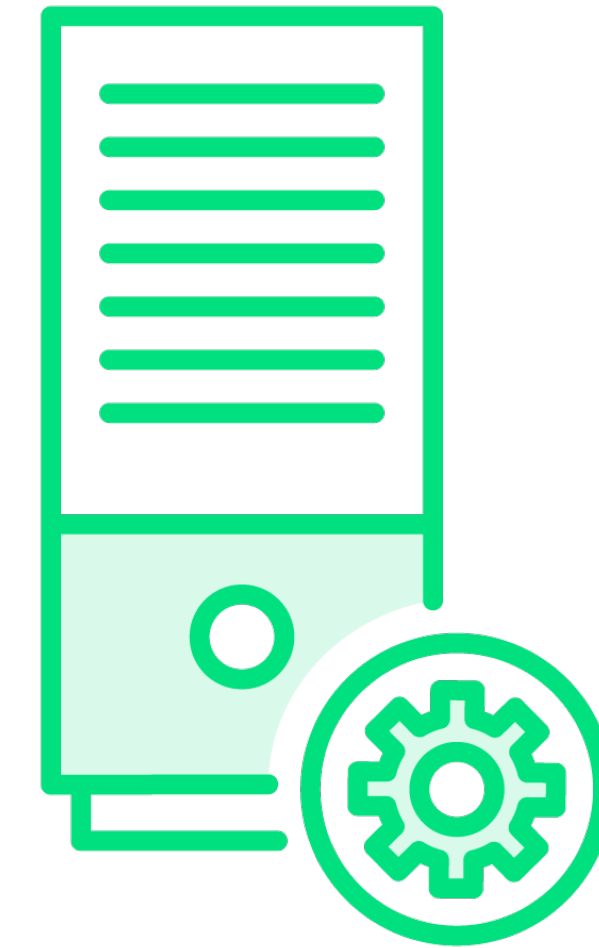
Phonebook Exercise

Run same test case in IDE
and terminal

Choosing a Test Runner



Working Interactively
An IDE like PyCharm



Continuous Integration
A Command Line Test Runner



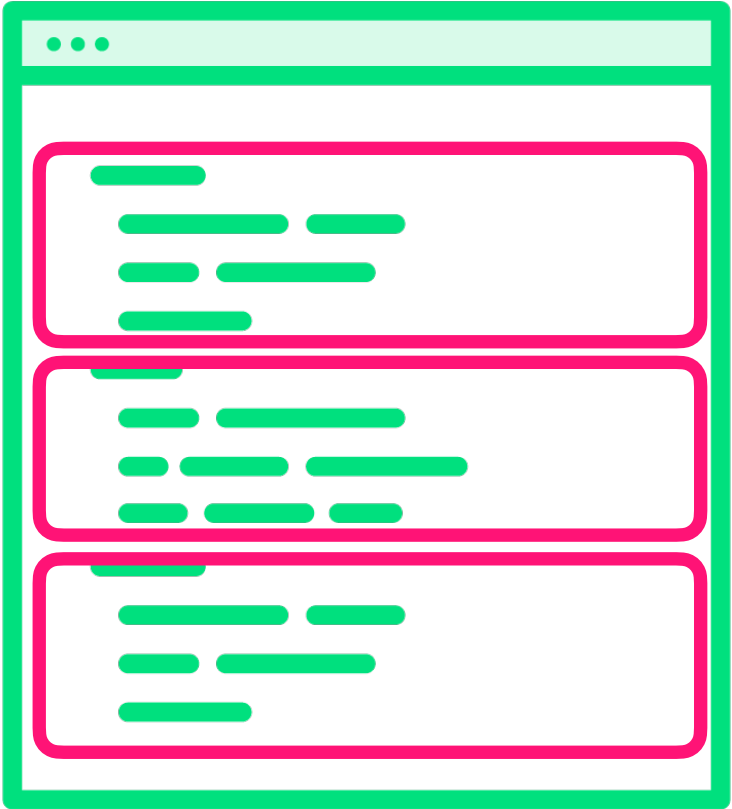
Phone Numbers Exercise

Create another test case

Unit Test Vocabulary: Test Suite



Test Suite



Units Under Test

```
.....  
-----  
Ran 7 tests in 0.000s  
OK
```

Test Runner



Phone Numbers Exercise

Skip a test case

Add setUp and tearDown

```
class PhonebookTest(unittest.TestCase):

    def setUp(self) -> None:
        self.phonebook = Phonebook()

    def tearDown(self) -> None:
        pass

    def test_lookup_by_name(self):
        self.phonebook.add("Bob", "12345")
        number = self.phonebook.lookup("Bob")
        self.assertEqual(number, "12345")

    def test_missing_name(self):
        with self.assertRaises(KeyError):
            self.phonebook.lookup("missing")

    def test_empty_phonebook_is_consistent(self):
        is_consistent = \
self.phonebook.is_consistent()
        self.assertTrue(is_consistent)
```

◀ Declare a class containing tests

◀ Set up fixture method

◀ Tear down fixture method

◀ First test case

◀ Second test case

◀ Third test case

Test Fixture: Order of Execution

setUp()

TestCaseMethod()

tearDown()

Test Fixture for Strict Unit Tests

setUp()

TestCaseMethod()

Test Fixture: Order of Execution

setUp()

TestCaseMethod()

tearDown()



Test Fixture: Order of Execution

setUp()



Unit Test Vocabulary



Test Case

```
def setUp (self):  
    pass  
  
def tearDown (self):  
    pass
```

Test Fixture



Unit Under Test

Test Suite

```
.....  
-----  
Ran 7 tests in 0.000s  
OK
```

Test Runner



Phone Numbers Exercise

Example of poor design



Lookup by name

Missing name

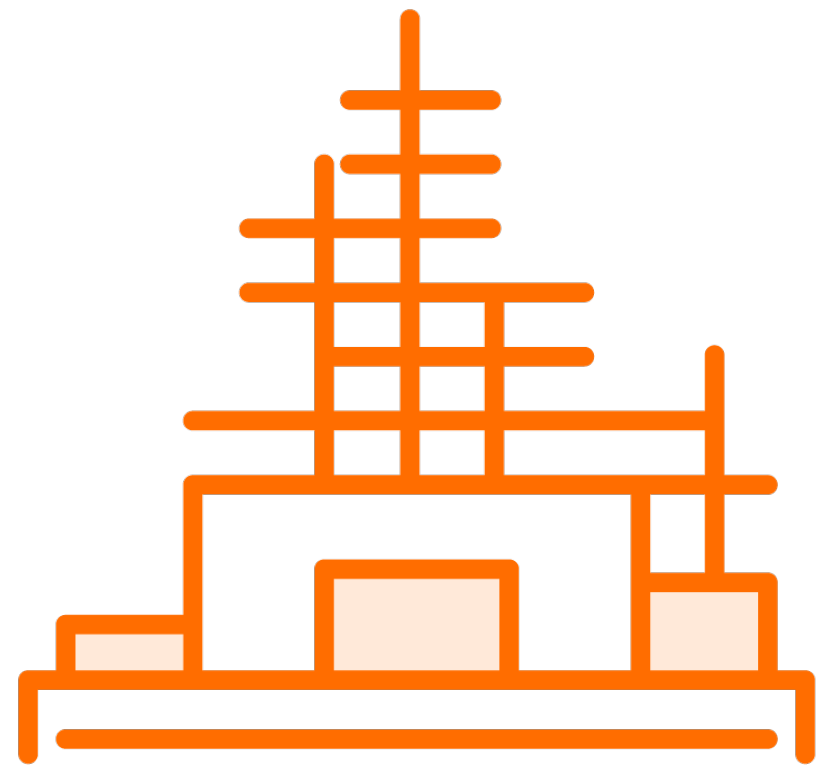
Consistent when empty

Consistent when all different

Inconsistent when duplicates

Inconsistent when duplicates prefix

The Three Parts of a Test



Arrange

Set up the object to be tested, and collaborators



Act

Exercise the unit under test



Assert

Make claims about what happened

```
def test_lookup_by_name(self):
    self.phonebook.add("Bob", "12345")
    number = self.phonebook.lookup("Bob")
    self.assertEqual(number, "12345")
```

```
def test_is_consistent(self):
    self.phonebook.add("Bob", "12345")
    self.assertTrue(self.phonebook.is_consistent())
    self.phonebook.add("Anna", "012345")
    self.assertTrue(self.phonebook.is_consistent())
    self.phonebook.add("Sue", "12345")
    self.assertFalse(self.phonebook.is_consistent())
    self.phonebook.add("Sue", "123")
    self.assertFalse(self.phonebook.is_consistent())
```

◀ **Test Case Name**

◀ **Arrange**

◀ **Act**

◀ **Assert**

◀ **Test Case Name**

◀ **Arrange**

◀ **Act, Assert**

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◀ **Arrange**

◀ **Act, Assert**



Phone Numbers Exercise

Example of better design



Phone Numbers Exercise

`show assertEquals, assertTrue, assertFalse`

`assertRaises`

`assertIn`

`show the docs:`

`https://docs.python.org/3/library/unittest.html`

Summary

Vocabulary:

- Test Case
- Test Runner
- Test Suite
- Test Fixture

Test Case Design:

- Test name
- Arrange - Act - Assert