

# Unit Tests for Auction Class

## Assignment

1. Create a unit test class named **auction\_test.py** to test that the Auction methods obey the rules of the auction and the behavior specified in the docstring comments for each method. This means you should try to verify the auction *behavior*, not try to write tests that all pass.
2. Use descriptive test method names such as **test\_bid\_when\_auction\_stopped**.  
**test\_borderline** is not a descriptive name.
3. Do not write tests specifically for **start**, **stop**, **is\_active**. Those are simple enough to verify by inspection. But it is OK to use those methods as part of a test of auction behavior!
4. Please **do not** write tests for obvious type errors such as **bid(None, "1.5")** where amount is not a number and name not a string. Type errors like that are the programmer's fault.
5. Use a **setUp** method to create an Auction object as a *test fixture* (an attribute) instead of creating an auction in each test. It is OK for some test(s) to create their own auction object for a special case.

## Evaluation

I will run your `auction_test` against different Auction codes that contain a variety of errors. Your goal is to accurately and specifically detect when the Auction code deviates from the specification.

## Auction Rules

1. Each bid must have an amount  $> 0$  and non-blank bidder name (string). If not, a `ValueError` is raised.
2. A bid amount must be at least the current best bid *plus a minimum increment*. The minimum increment is specified as a parameter in the Auction constructor, with a default value of 1. If bid is too low, an `AuctionError` is raised.
3. Bids allowed only when an auction is active. Auction has methods `start()` and `stop()` to enable and disable bidding. `stop` and `start` may be called many times to pause the auction.
4. The participant with the highest valid bid (best bid) wins.
5. The method `best_bid()` always returns the highest valid bid so far, and `winner()` returns the name of the bidder with highest bid. These methods can be invoked at any time.

To mitigate accidental typing errors, the bidder name is always put into standard form: surrounding white space is removed and words are converted to title case. So, for `bid(" donald DUCK",1000)` the bidder name would be converted to "Donald Duck".

## Documentation

See the Docstring comments in code. To view them in a Python shell, use:

```
>>> from auction import Auction
>>> help(Auction)
>>> help(Auction.method_name)
```

## Example Auction

You should not copy this example. Create your own test cases.

<code>auction = Auction(     "TDD in Python, 2E")</code>	Create auction for a great testing book!
<code>auction.start( )</code>	Start accepting bids.
<code>auction.bid("Jim", 200)</code>	Jim bids 200 Baht.
<code>auction.bid("mai", 250)</code>	Mai bids 250 Baht.
<code>auction.bid("", 1000)</code> <code>ValueError: Invalid bidder name</code>	Anonymous bids are not allowed.
<code>auction.bid("Jim", 250.10)</code> <code>AuctionError: Bid is too low</code>	What a cheap-stake! Only 10 <i>satang</i> higher! But its not allowed. The default bid increment is 1.
<code>auction.best_bid()</code> 250 <code>auction.winner( )</code> 'Mai'	You can call these methods at any time to see the best bid so far and name of top bidder. Names are normalized to Title Case.
<code>auction.bid("Jittat", 260)</code>	Ajarn Jittat wants the book, too!
<code>auction.stop( )</code>	No bidding allowed now. Call start() to allow bidding.
<code>auction.bid("Jim", 265)</code> <code>AuctionError: bidding not allowed now</code>	Too late! Auction has stopped.
<code>auction.winner( )</code> 'Jittat'	And he gets " <i>TDD in Python</i> " at a bargain price!