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def test_a_new_world_is_empty
  world = World.new
  assert_equal 0, world.living_cells.count
end
```

The test name talks about an empty world. The test code, though, has no concept of an empty world, no mention of an empty world. Instead, it is brutally reaching into the object, yanking out some sort of collection (only a lack of living cells represents that the world is empty?) and counting it.

When we write our tests, we should be spending time on our test names. We want them to describe both the behavior of the system and the way we expect to use the component under test. When

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def test_
  world =
  assert_
end
```

This hides
API for th

```
def test_a_cell_can_be_added_to_the_world
  world = World.new
  world.set_living_at(1, 1)
  assert_equal 1, world.living_cells.count
end
```

After the discussion around the first test, we can see the lack of symmetry here. The test name talks about adding to the world, but the verification step isn't looking for the cell that was added. It is simply looking to see if a counter was incremented on some internal collection. Let's apply the symmetry again and have the test code

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end
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Test will fail if coordinate system is changed.

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_a_new_world_is_empty  
= World.new  
_true world.empty?
```

s the internals of the object, while building up a usable
the rest of the system to consume.

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def test_a_cell_can_be_added_to_the_world  
  world = World.new  
  world.set_living_at(1, 1)  
  assert_true world.alive_at?(1, 1)
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def test_after_a  
  world = World  
  world.set_livi  
  assert_false w  
end
```

We also could add
living_at.

symmetry between a good test name and the code
subtle design technique. It is definitely not the only
that our tests can have on our code, but it can be
. So, next time you are flying through your TDD
intent to make sure that you are actually testing what
testing.

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adding_a_cell_the_world_is_not_empty  
.new  
ing_at(1, 1)  
world.empty?
```

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```
def test_world_is_not_empty_after_adding_a_cell
  world = World.empty
  world.set_living_at(Location.new(1,1))
  assert_false world.empty?
end
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end
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d = World.empty
d.set_living_at(double(:location_of_cell))
rt_false world.empty?
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```
def test_world_
  world = World
  world.set_liv
  assert_false w
end
```



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is_not_empty_after_adding_a_cell  
.empty  
ing_at(Object.new)  
world.empty?
```

```
class Cell  
  # ...  
  def alive_in  
    if state =  
      stable_r  
    elsif stat  
      genetica  
    end  
  end  
end  
end
```

```
h_next_generation?  
== ALIVE  
neighborhood?  
te == DEAD  
ally_fertile_neighborhood?
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```
class LivingCell  
  def alive_in_next_generation?  
    # neighbor_count == 2 || neighbor_count == 3  
    stable_neighborhood?  
  end  
end  
class DeadCell  
  def alive_in_next_generation?  
    # neighbor_count == 3  
    genetically_fertile_neighborhood?  
  end  
end
```

```
class ZombieCell  
  def alive_in_next_generation?  
    # new, possibly more conditions  
  end  
end
```

```
neighbor_count == 3

class LivingCell
  def stays_alive?
    neighbor_count == 2 || neighbor_count == 3
  end
end

class DeadCell
  def comes_to_life?
    neighbor_count == 3
  end
end
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