

Software Quality & Testing

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Test Levels

Components Testing

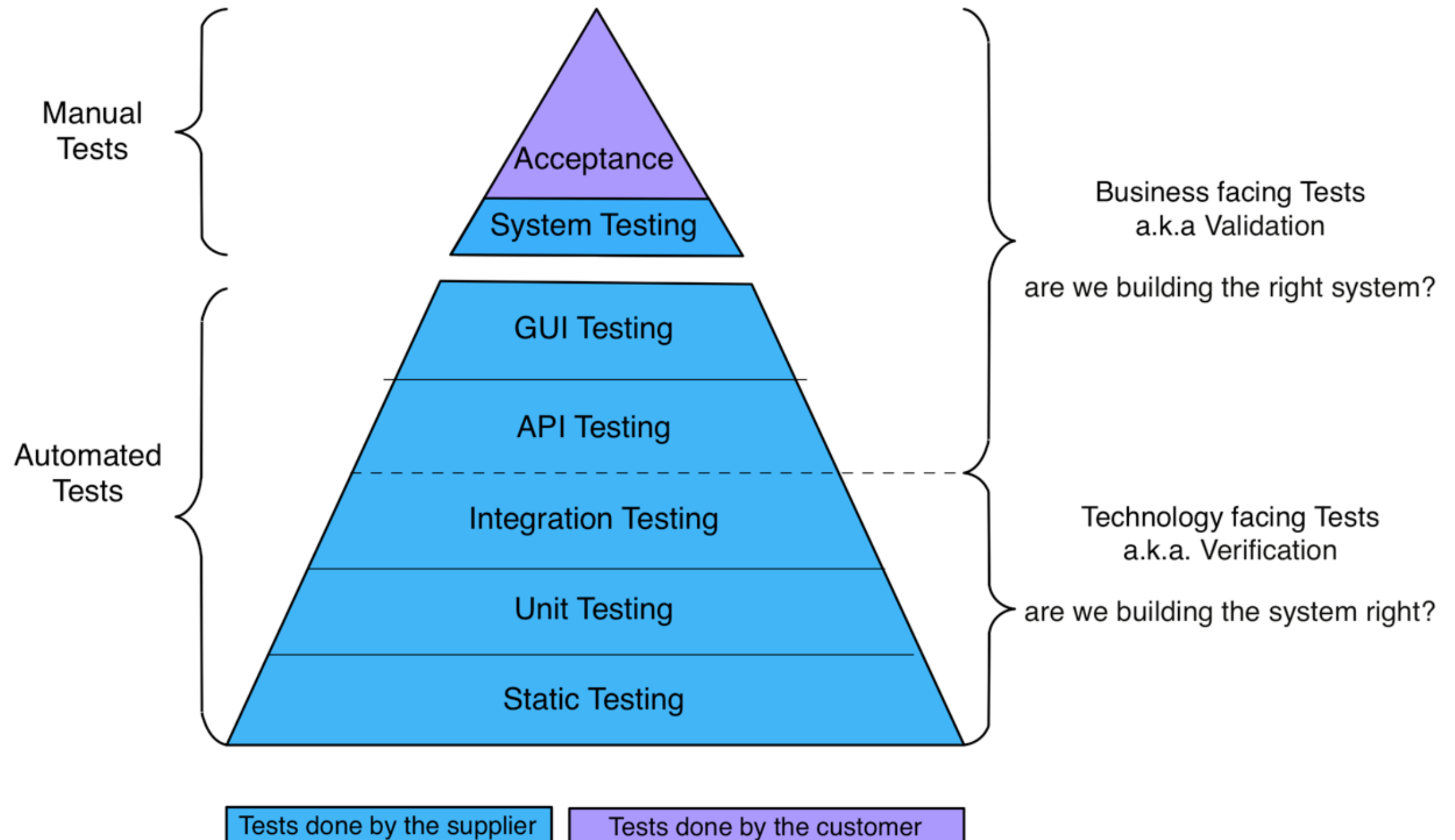
Integration Testing

System Testing

Acceptance Testing



Test Levels



Component Testing

a.k.a. Unit Testing, Module Testing

Test basis: Component requirements, detailed design, code

Test objects: Components (classes, package, programs, database scripts, ...)



Component Testing

In isolation

Uses mock, stubs, fakes

Tests functional and non-functional requirements

By programmers (low management overhead)



Integration Testing

Test basis: architecture and design, use cases, workflows

Test objects: Set of Components, subsystems, infrastructure, System configuration, integration to external components



Integration Testing

Some mock may remain

After component testing

Integrating to much thing may impair traceability



System Testing

Test basis: System requirements, Use cases, risk analysis

Test objects: System as a whole, documentation, help, configuration



System Testing

No more mocks

After integration testing

The test environment should as close as possible to the production environment

Usually done by a different team (no developer)



User acceptance Testing

Test basis: user requirements, system requirements, use cases, business processes, risk analysis

Test objects: user procedures, forms, reports, configuration



User acceptance Testing

No more mocks

After system testing

goal: establish confidence to make an informed
decision about go/no go

Done by the end-user



Test types

Functional

Structure/Architecture

Non-Functional

Change-related



Test techniques

White box

Black box



Test techniques

Static

Review/Audit

Static analysis

Dynamic

White box

Black box

Code coverage



Static Testing

review/auditing

Catch difficult and hidden bugs
but is time-consuming

Requires experienced developers



Static Testing

static analysis

Automatic inspection of the code

No execution / Symbolic execution

Catch deviation from standards and well-known bugs, e.g.

if (t = true) instead of if (t == true)



Dynamic Testing

white box

Building test cases knowing the structure of the software (statements, decisions, exceptions)

100% decision coverage \Rightarrow 100% statement coverage



Dynamic Testing

black box

Building test cases knowing the specification

Equivalence partitioning

Boundary values

Decision tables



Dynamic Testing

code coverage

Compute the % of code exercised by the tests on different basis:

Structure (class, package)

Statements

Branch

