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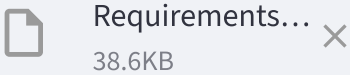
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# Defying Gravity in Testing



@Brainstormer I’m testing a multi-user race condition near the cancellation deadline. Create variations of this scenario.



Nice focus—testing multi-user race conditions near the cancellation deadline protects reservation integrity.

Here’s a real example: in hospital operating room (OR) scheduling at a regional medical center, surgical teams reserve scarce OR time for specific patients. The schedule is published weeks ahead; cancellations are permitted up until a strict cutoff (commonly about 2 hours before incision). Ownership of a slot belongs to a surgeon/team once confirmed, yet scheduling staff, OR nurses, and anesthesiology each see their own snapshots of the schedule. Typical failures sound like: the roster shows a slot available while the patient is prepped, or two teams both believe they hold the same OR. People there analyze such issues by checking who currently “owns” the slot, the cancellation cutoff invariant, visibility gaps between roles, and reconciliation/audit trails to explain contradictions.

In your system, what is the equivalent ownership of a reservation and the cancellation-deadline boundary, and how would you test and validate multi-user race conditions that produce conflicting reservation/cancellation state?

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