

Software Testing for Continuous Delivery

Seminar 4: Code-level Testability & Test-Driven Development

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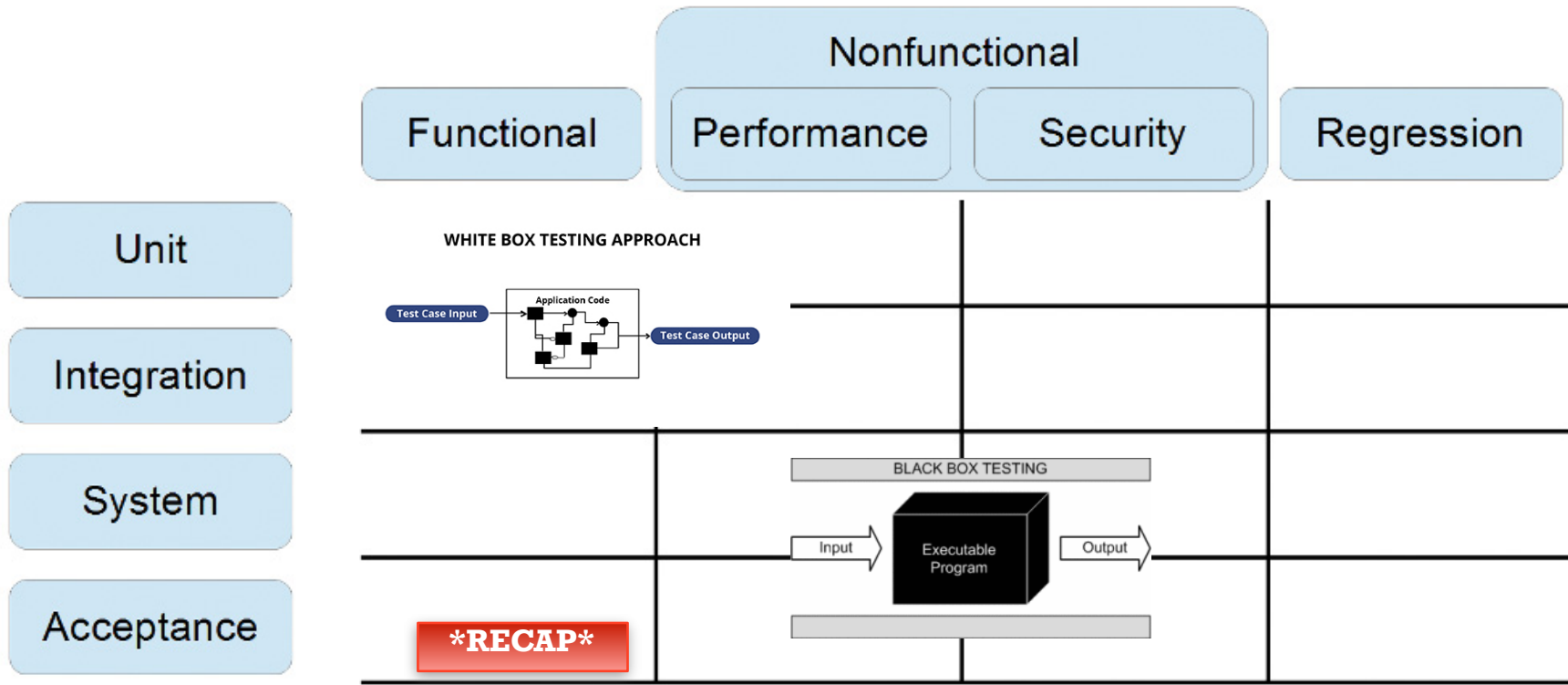
***Error, Fault, or Failure* in the
system that causes it to
produce an incorrect or
unexpected result, or to behave
in unintended ways
(think specifications / stories / expectations)**

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Testing Levels

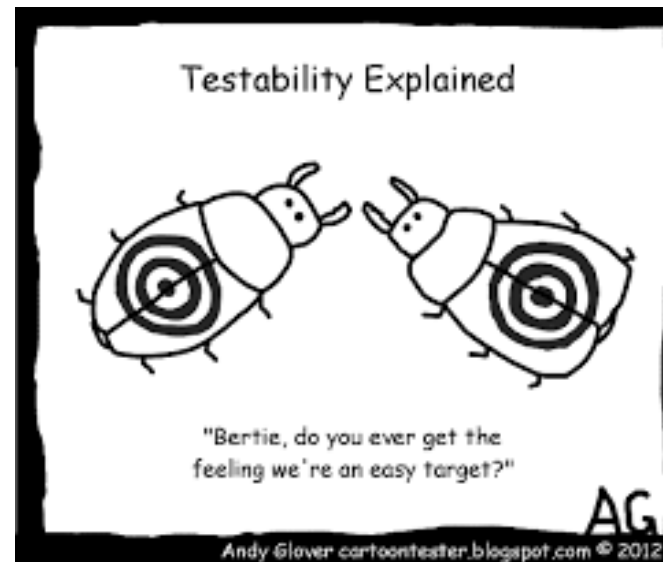
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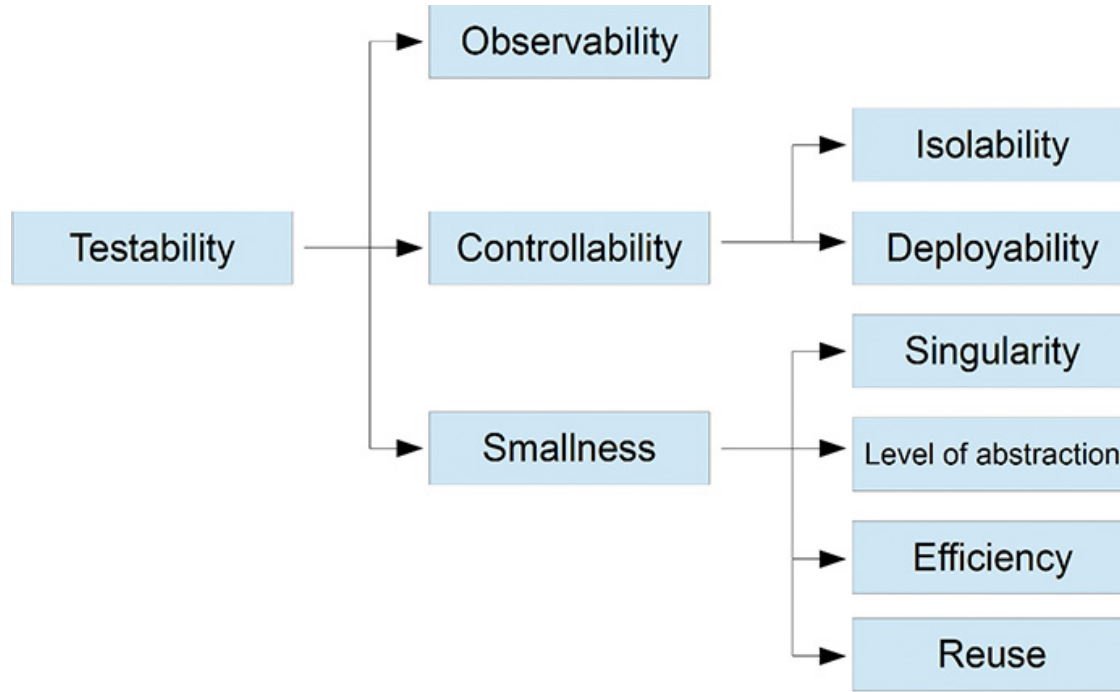
Level ↓



Testability

- The degree to which a system or component facilitates the establishment of test criteria and the performance of tests to determine whether those criteria have been met
 - i.e., “program elements” - can be put into a known state, acted on, then observed
- Plainly speaking – **how hard it is to find faults in the software**
- Testability is dominated by two practical problems
 - How to provide the test values to the software
 - How to observe the results of test execution





Testability Quality Decomposed

NOTE: When a *program element* is testable, it means that it can be put in a **known state**, **acted on**, and then **observed**. Further, it means that this can be done **without affecting any other program elements** and **without them interfering**

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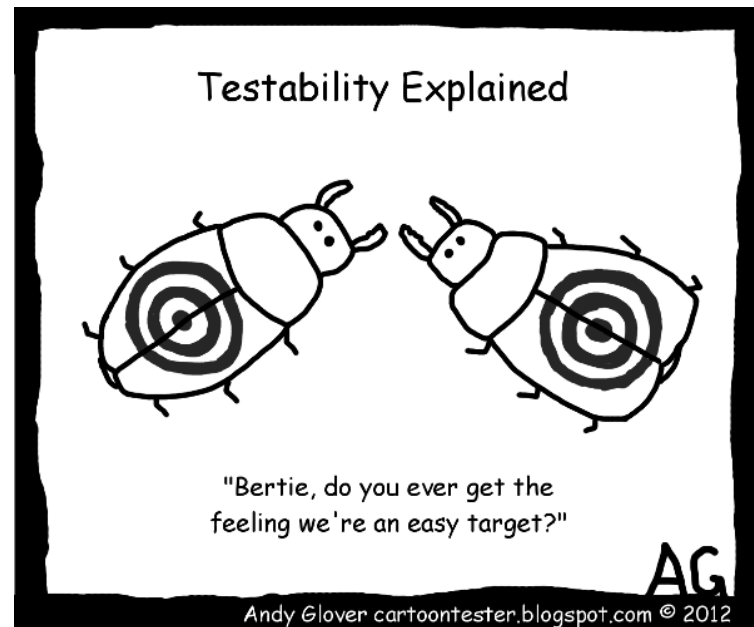
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Code-level Testability

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- Some constructs and behaviors in code have great impact on its testability



Code Drivers — Testability

```
static multiply(double[][] m1, double[][] m2) {
    if (m1[0].length != m2.length) {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException(
            "width of m1 must equal height of m2"
        )
    }

    final int rh = m1.length
    final int rw = m2[0].length

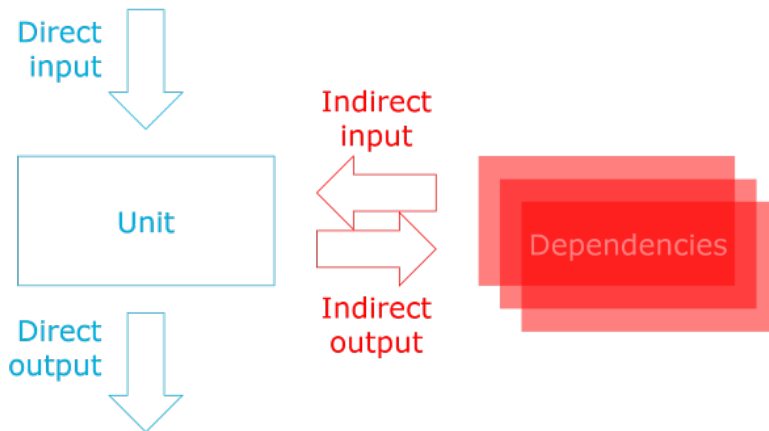
    double[][] result = new double[rh][rw]
    for (int y = 0; y < rh; y++) {
        for (int x = 0; x < rw; x++) {
            for (int xy = 0; xy < m2.length; xy++) {
                result[y][x] += m1[y][xy] * m2[xy][x]
            }
        }
    }
    return result
}
```


Code Drivers — Testability

```
public void dispatchInvoice(Invoice invoice) {  
    TransactionId transactionId = transactionIdGenerator.generateId();  
    invoice.setTransactionId(transactionId);  
    invoiceRepository.save(invoice);  
    invoiceQueue.enqueue(invoice);  
    processedInvoices++;  
}
```

Direct Input / Output

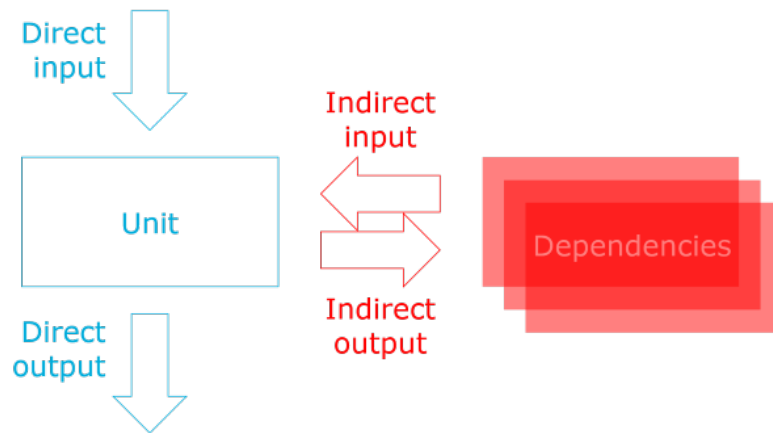
- Program element's behavior affected solely by values that have been passed in via its public interface — ***direct input***
- Reliance on only direct input is quite a desirable property
 - largest concern is to find relevant inputs to pass as arguments to the tested method
 - not caring about other actors or circumstances that may affect its behavior
- ***direct output*** - return value - observable through public interface



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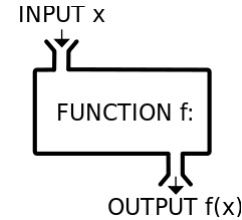
Indirect Input / Output

- Input is considered *indirect* if it isn't supplied using the program element's public interface
 - "Would I be able to test this without having access to the source code?" ... "no," → indirect input
 - e.g., static variables/methods, system properties, files, databases, queues, etc.
- indirect output** - no return value or return plus other output - not observable through public interface
 - reliance on system for output verification



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1. **It's consistent**—Given the same set of input data, it always returns the same output value, which doesn't depend on any hidden information, state, or external input.
2. **It has no side effects**—The function doesn't change any variables or data of any type outside of the function. This includes output to I/O devices.



Indirect Input / Output

- Changing the value of a variable outside the scope of the function
- Modifying data referenced by a parameter (call by reference)
- Throwing an exception
- Doing some I/O

CODE WRITTEN IN HASKELL
IS GUARANTEED TO HAVE
NO SIDE EFFECTS.

...BECAUSE NO ONE
WILL EVER RUN IT?



**Pure Functions → Functional
Programming**

State

```
public void dispatchInvoice(Invoice invoice) {  
    TransactionId transactionId = transactionIdGenerator.generateId();  
    invoice.setTransactionId(transactionId);  
    invoiceRepository.save(invoice);  
    invoiceQueue.enqueue(invoice);  
    processedInvoices++;  
}
```

```
-----  
if (++processedInvoices == BATCH_SIZE) {  
    invoiceRepository.archiveOldInvoices();  
    invoiceQueue.ensureEmptied();  
}  
-----
```

a program is described as **stateful** if it is designed to remember preceding events or user interactions; the remembered information is called the **state** of the system

“How do I set up a test so that I reach the correct state prior to verifying the expected behavior?”

Temporal Coupling

- Temporal coupling is a close cousin of state
- the order of invocation
- Given a program element with functions f1 and f2, there exists a temporal coupling between them if, when f2 is called, it expects that f1 has been called first—that is, it relies on state set up by f1

```
class MatrixMultiplier {  
    private double[][] m1  
    private double[][] m2  
  
    def initialize(double[][] m1, double[][] m2) {  
  
        if (m1[0].length != m2.length) {  
            throw new IllegalArgumentException(  
                "width of m1 must equal height of m2"  
            )  
        }  
  
        this.m1 = m1  
        this.m2 = m2  
    }  
  
    double[][] multiply() {  
        // Same as before, but with member variables  
    }  
}
```

temporal coupling arises as soon as one program element needs something to have happened in another program element in order to function correctly

```
public void signup(String firstName, String lastName, int age, ... ) {  
  
    if (age < 18) {  
        throw new UnderAgedException(age);  
    }  
    // Rest of the code that performs the signup
```

Data Types

```
public void signup(String firstname, String lastname, int age, ... ) {  
  
    if (age < 0 || age >= 120) {  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid age: " + age);  
    } else if (age < 18) {  
        throw new UnderAgedException(age);  
    }  
    // Rest of the code that performs the signup
```



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Test-Driven Development

What is TDD?

Test-driven development (TDD) is a software development **technique** that uses **short development iterations** based on pre-written test cases that define desired improvements or new functions. Each iteration **produces code necessary to pass that iteration's tests**. Finally, the programmer or team **refactors** the code to accommodate changes. A key TDD concept is that preparing tests before coding **facilitates rapid feedback** changes. Note that test-driven development is **a software design method**, not merely a method of testing.

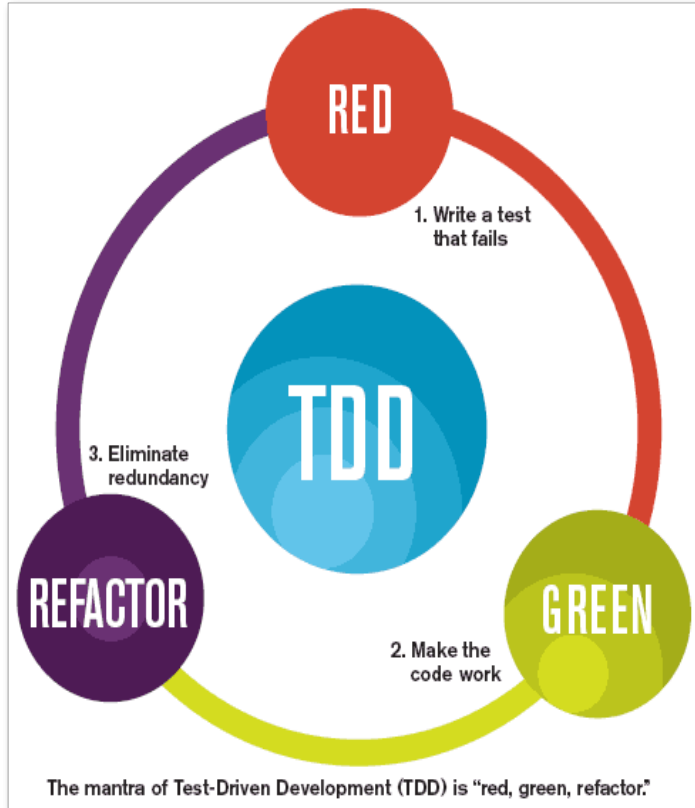
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Test-Driven Development (TDD)

- ▶ A software development process where a unit's **tests are written before** the unit's implementation and guide the unit's development as the tests are **executed repeatedly** until they all succeed, signaling complete functionality.
- ▶ The TDD process steps are commonly shortened to "Red, Green, Refactor"
- ▶ Used each time a new function, feature, object, class, or other software unit will be developed.

Refactoring - process of restructuring existing computer code without changing its external behavior - refactoring improves nonfunctional attributes of the software

Image from
abhishekmulay.com/blog/2014/12/13/javascript-unit-testing-with-jasmine/



Test-Driven Development (TDD)

1. Red

- Write a new test for a section of code (the “unit”)
- Verify failure of the new test and the success of existing tests. If the new test passes, verify that it is not redundant, then start composing the next test (step 1a).

2. Green

- Write some code to implement, modify, or develop the unit
- Repeat until the tests pass. If one or more tests fail, continue coding until all tests pass. If the tests pass, the developer can be confident that the new/modified code works as specified in the test. Stop coding immediately once all tests pass.

3. Refactor

- Refactor the code to improve non-functional code structure, style, and quality
- Confirm tests pass. If one or more tests fail, the refactor caused problems; edit until all tests pass. If the tests all pass, the developer can be confident that the refactor did not effect any tested functionality.

4. [Repeat]

TDD — Design Methodology

- Test-Driven Development (or test driven *design*) is a methodology
- Common TDD misconceptions:
 - TDD is not (just) about testing
 - TDD is about design and development
 - By **testing first** you design your code



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Unit Testing

Unit Testing

- A test that invokes a **small, testable unit** of work in a software system and then **checks a single assumption** about the resulting output or behavior
- Key concept: **Isolation** from other software components or units of code
- Low-level and focused on a tiny part or “unit” of a software system
- Usually written by the **programmers themselves** using common tools
- Typically written to be **fast** and run along with other unit tests in **automation**

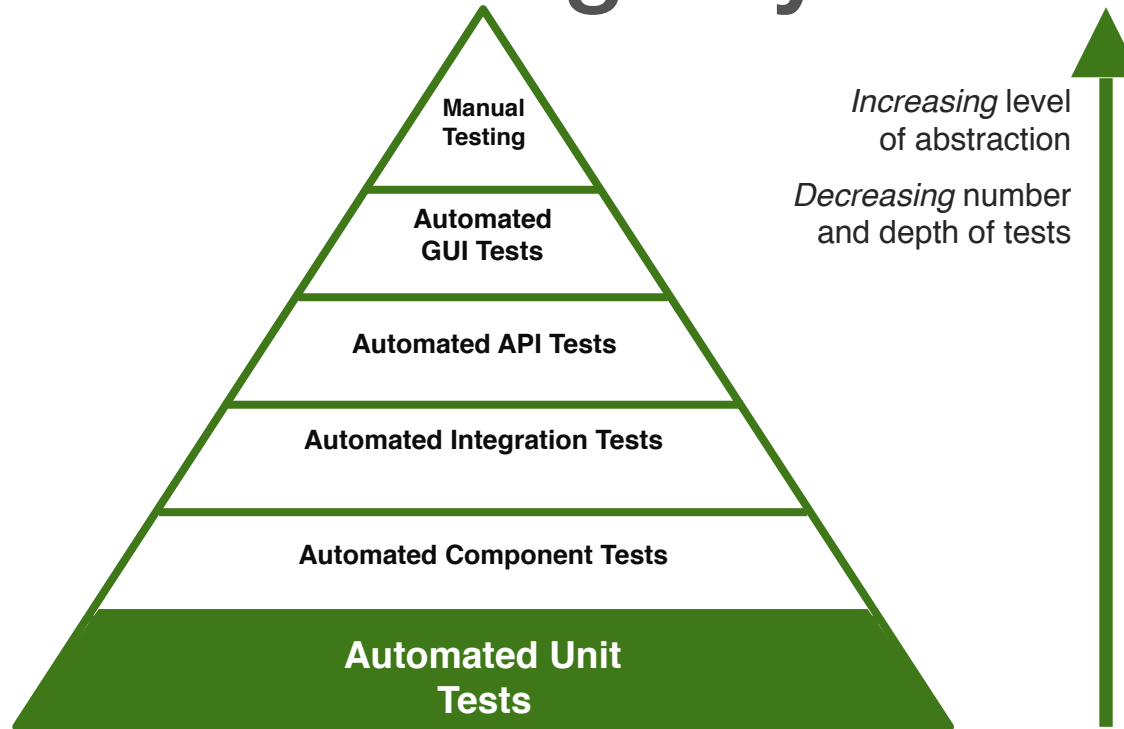
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Unit Testing

- Form of **white-box testing** that focuses on the implementation details
- Typically uses **coverage criteria** as the exit criteria
- Definition of a “unit” is sometimes ambiguous
 - A unit is commonly considered to be the “**smallest testable unit**” of a system
 - Object-oriented (OO) languages might treat each **object** as a unit
 - Functional or procedural languages will likely treat each **function** as a unit
 - Many testing frameworks allow sets of unit tests to be **grouped**, allowing tests to be targeted at the function level and grouped by their parent object

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Software Testing “Pyramid”



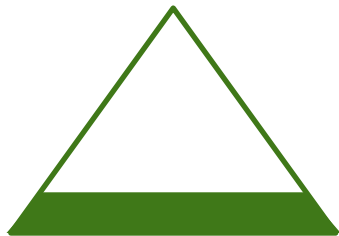
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Unit Testing vs TDD

- Unit testing and TDD are distinct concepts
- While closely related and often used together, they could be used separately
- The following slides and demos will present the two concepts combined, as they are frequently used together

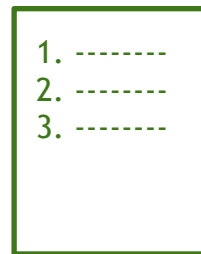
Unit Testing

Level of testing



Test-Driven Development

Development process



The Problem

```
def add_one(x):  
    return x + 1
```

How can we test this one function before it is used elsewhere in a program?

What if it was more complex?

What if it was in extremely large system?

What if we wanted to test it automatically so when it's modified, we can easily make sure it still works?

Answer: "Unit Testing"

Source Code

Unit Tests

```
import pytest
```

```
def test_example_1():  
    assert add_one(3) == 4
```

Will Pass

A single
"assertion"

```
def test_example_2():  
    assert add_one(-3) == -2
```

Will Pass

```
def test_example_3():  
    assert add_one(5) == 20
```

Will Fail

(Need to fix this test...)

Example: Unit Tests (JavaScript + Jasmine)

```
function isPositive(x) {  
    return x >= 1;  
}
```

The unit tests revealed one or more defects in this code, hopefully before other functions relied on it

Source Code

Results



Unit Tests

```
expect(isPositive(5)).toEqual(true);
```

```
expect(isPositive(-5)).toEqual(false);
```

```
expect(isPositive(1)).toEqual(true);
```

```
expect(isPositive(-1)).toEqual(false);
```

```
expect(isPositive(0.5)).toEqual(true);
```

```
expect(isPositive(-0.5)).toEqual(false);
```

```
expect(isPositive(0)).toEqual(true);
```

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