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Path Testing & Basis Path Testing with EXAMPLES

points is a challenging as well as time-consuming. In order to reduce the redundant tests

Basis Path Testing in software engineering is a White Box Testing method in which test

cases are defined based on flows or logical paths that can be taken through the program.

The objective of basis path testing is to define the number of independent paths, so the

number of test cases needed can be defined explicitly to maximize test coverage.

and to achieve maximum test coverage, basis path testing is used.

Basis Path Testing in Software Engineering

What is Path Testing?

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Path testing is a structural testing method

that involves using the source code of a

program in order to find every possible

faults lying within a piece of code. This

path through a computer program.

executable path. It helps to determine all

Any software program includes, multiple

entry and exit points. Testing each of these

method is designed to execute all or selected

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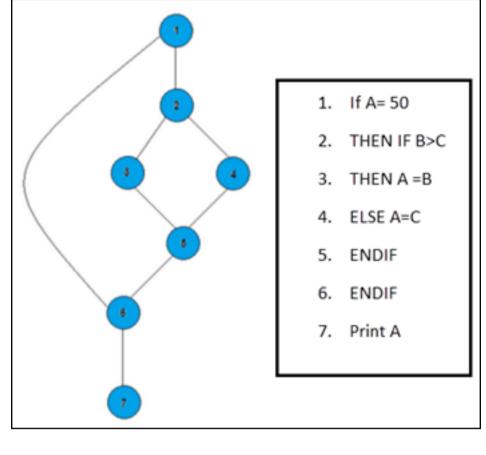


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In software engineering, Basis path testing involves execution of all possible blocks in a program and achieves maximum path coverage with the least number of test cases. It is a hybrid method of branch testing and path testing methods.

Here we will take a simple example, to get a better idea what is basis path testing include



depending on what condition it suffice. Here there are 3 paths or condition that need to be tested to get the output, • **Path 1**: 1,2,3,5,6, 7

In the above example, we can see there are few conditional statements that is executed

- **Path 2**: 1,2,4,5,6, 7
- Path 3: 1, 6, 7

The basic steps involved in basis path testing include

Steps for Basis Path testing

• Draw a control graph (to determine different program paths)

- Calculate Cyclomatic complexity (metrics to determine the number of independent
- paths) • Find a basis set of paths
- Generate test cases to exercise each path
- **Advantages of Basic Path Testing**

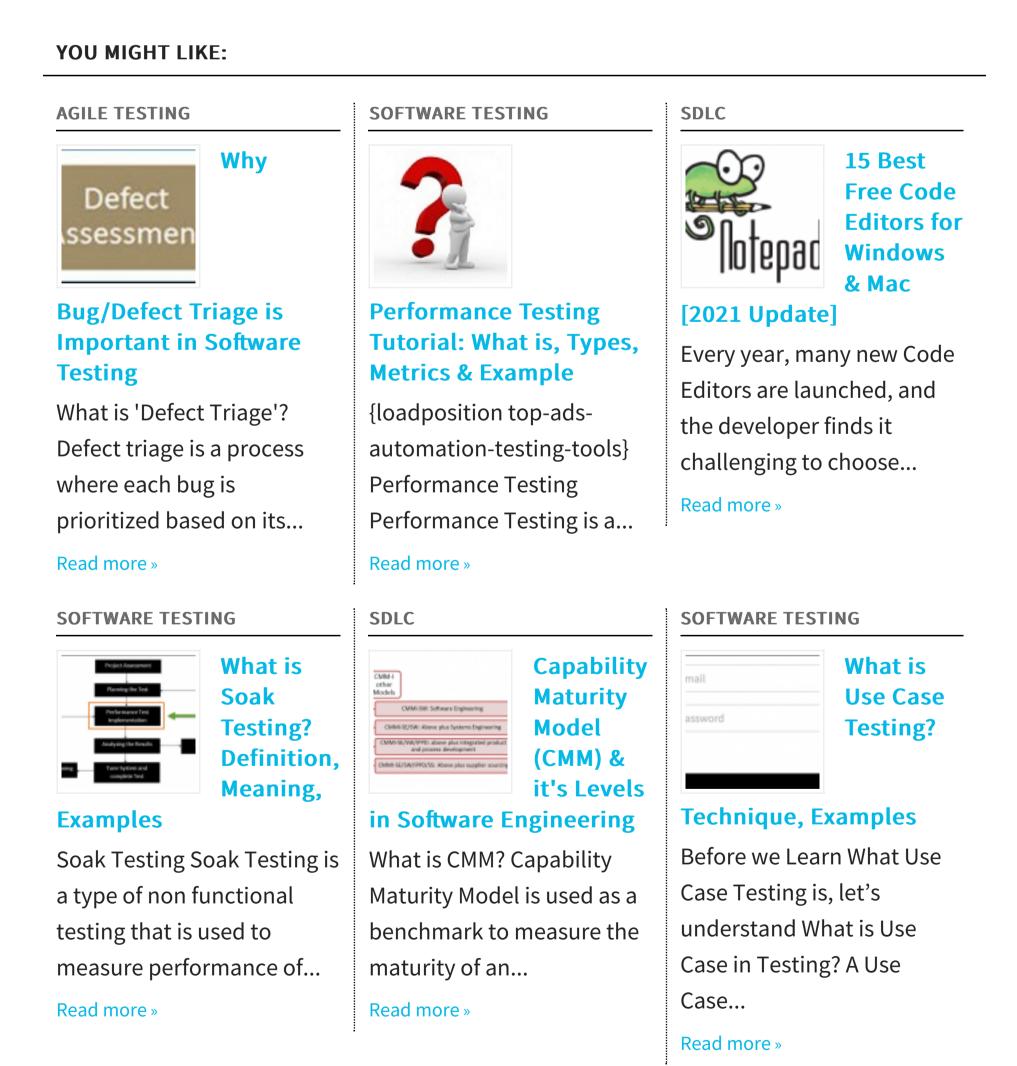
• It helps to reduce the redundant tests

- It focuses attention on program logic • It helps facilitates analytical versus arbitrary case design
- Test cases which exercise basis set will execute every statement in a program at least once
- **Conclusion:**

Report a Bug

Basis path testing helps to determine all faults lying within a piece of code.

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