

Systems III Test II

Coding Standards

Proper standards have rules encompassing all aspects of code. Standards should be verified in a code inspection. All source code should look as if it was written by one developer in one session.

Motivation

Maintenance is 40% - 80% of the lifetime of a piece of software. Most software is **not** maintained by the original author. Code conventions allow the developer to understand and parse the code quicker, and more thoroughly.

- Personal preference shouldn't be imposed on others code.
- Arguments over style are **pointless**.
- Write code for maximum clarity, not personal preference.

New Projects

Coding standards should be established at the **inception** of a software project.

Existing System

When incorporating **existing** code or while in **maintenance**, the coding standard should state how to deal with existing code.

Categories of Standards

Names

- Variables names should tell *what*, not *how*.
- Avoid names that expose implementation, which can change.
- For example: Use `GetNextStudent()`, not `GetNextArrayElm()`.
- Should be long enough to be meaningful, while not being wordy.
- Expressive names.
- Should contain standards for:
 - Classes
 - Methods
 - Variables
 - Tables
 - File/Directory names, Packages

Comments

- Start of file comments
- Class and Method comments
- In line comments

Format

Formatting makes the logical organization of the code stand out. Must be consistent.

- Indentation
- Mixed case usage
- Open/Close braces
- Line length
- White space

Spelling

- US vs. **PROPER** Spelling
 - color vs. **colour**.
- Case
 - Upper
 - lower
 - Camel
 - UpperCamel
 - lowerCamel

Principle of Least Astonishment - POLA

"If a necessary feature has a high astonishment factor, it may be necessary to redesign the feature."

Intro to Software Testing

Bugs

What is a Bug?

- The software doesn't do something that the specification says it **should** do.
- The software does something that the specification says it **shouldn't** do.
- The software does something the product specification doesn't **mention**.

Main cause is the **specification**.

- May not exist

- Not thorough
- Constantly changing
- Not communicated

Terms

Most Generic

- Problem
- Error
- Bug
- glitch

Most Severe

- Defect
- Fault
- Failure

Unintended

- Incident
- Anomaly
- Variance
- Inconsistency
- "Feature"

Testing in Agile

"Test early; Test often"

- Test Driven Development (TDD)
- Tests are written first (based on acceptance criteria)
- Testing is performed all the way during the SDLC.
- Testers are involved from the start

Testing Considerations

- **Risk-based**
- Cannot show that there are no bugs
- The more bugs found, the more bugs there are
- "*Pesticide Paradox*" - code becomes **immune** to testing
- Not every bug can be fixed

Terms

Verification vs. Validation

- Verification - process confirming that software meets its **specification**.
- Validation - process confirming that software meets **user requirements**.

Something can meet specification (verification), but not original requirements (validation), or vice-versa.

Quality vs. Reliability

- Quality - Features, speed, etc.
- Reliability - One aspect of quality - how often a system crashes.

Test Levels; Types of Testing

Static and Dynamic Testing

- Static Testing
 - Testing by **examining** and reviewing.
 - e.g. code inspections
- Dynamic Testing
 - Testing by **running** and using the software.

Black Box vs. White Box

- Black Box Testing
 - Tester knows what software is supposed to do, but cannot look inside the box to see how it **operates**.
- White Box Testing
 - Tester has access to the code and can examine in for **clues** to help with testing.
 - Tester may determine that certain conditions are more or less likely to fail, and tailor testing based on that.

Static White Box Testing

- Methodically reviewing software design, architecture, or code without running it.
- aka **structural analysis***
- Increases chances of finding an error, or early defect.

Test Level #1: Unit Testing

- Validate each unit of software works as designed.
 - A unit is the **smallest** testable part of software.
- **White** box testing
- Made as unit is developed.
- Performed by the developer.

Test Level #2: Integration Testing

- Expose faults in the **interactions** between units.
- **White** or **Black** box testing
- After unit tests, before system tests.
- Developers or Testers

Approaches

- Big Bang - All units are combined and testing **at once**.
- Top Down - Top level units are tested first, and lower level units are tested after.
 - Advantageous if major flaws occur towards the top.
 - Early skeletal Program allows demonstrations and boosts morale.
 - Stub modules must be produces
 - Stubs can be complicated
 - Representation of test cases in stubs can be difficult
 - Conditions may be hard to create
- - Observation of output is more difficult
- Bottom Up - Bottom levels are tested first, and upper level units are tested after.
 - Advantageous if major flaws occur towards the bottom.
 - Test conditions are easier to create
 - Observation of test results is easier
 - Drivers must be produced
 - The program does not exist until last module is added
- Sandwich/Hybrid - **Combination** of the previous two.

Test Level #3: System Testing

- Evaluate system's compliance with **specifications**.
- **Black** box testing
- After integration testing and before acceptance testing
- **Independent** testers

Test Level #4: Acceptance Testing

- Evaluate system's compliance with **business** requirements
- **Black** box testing
- After system testing
- **End users** or **customers**.

Types of Testing

Regression Testing

- **Retesting** of previously tested programs following changes.
- Ensures no faults have been introduced.

- Automated

Exploratory Testing

- Interact in whatever way they want to force functionality.
- **CHAOS MONKEY.**
- Test design and execution at the **same time**
- Popular in Agile
- Testers risk wasting time wandering around
- Very ad-hoc

User Interface Testing

- Self-explanatory

Usability Testing

1. Accessibility
2. Responsiveness
3. Efficiency
4. Comprehensibility

Security Testing

- Self-explanatory

Interoperability Testing

- Refers to the diverse systems ability to work together.
- End-to-end functionality.

Compatibility Testing

- System needs to work with other applications
- Different operating systems, browsers, hardware, etc.

Reliability Testing

- *"How long will it run before it breaks?"*

Scalability Testing

- Can the DB scale?
- Network a bottleneck?
- Hardware requirements?

Performance/Stress Testing

- *"My web application got front page on Reddit/Hacker News/Product Hunt and got DDoS'd!"*

Black Box Testing

Static Black Box Testing

- Testing the specification
- Perform a high-level review of the specification
- Pretend to be the customer
- Research existing standards
- Review and test similar software

Dynamic Black Box Testing

- Testing the Software
 - No details of **code**.
 - Focuses on meeting **functional** requirements
 - Needs **definition**
 - Can be **exploratory**.

Black Box Test Strategies

Equivalence Partitioning

Partition tests into a finite number of sets of test inputs.

For example, Boolean needs a test for both true, and false.

Boundary Value Analysis (BVA)

EDGE CASES

Use Cases

Identify paths in the user flow, test each path.

White Box Testing

Code Coverage and Code Coverage Analysis

Code coverage is how many lines/blocks/arcs of code are tested during automated testing.

Code Coverage Analysis is the process of analyzing code, in hopes in creating meaningful and thorough test cases.

Good at:

- Finding areas not exercised by test cases
- Creating additional test cases
- Determining a quantitative measure of code coverage, and quality
- Catch redundant tests that do not increase coverage

Assumes:

- Bugs relate to flow, and you can expose bugs by changing the flow.
- Tester understands what a correct version of the program does
- Specifications, no errors of omission, no dead code

Basic Metrics

Statement Coverage

- Covers each LoC
- aka *line coverage*
- Does not care about logical operations, just covers each line once.
- Only covers true conditions

Decision Coverage

- Identifies each decision that can be true/false.
 - do-while
 - if/else
 - switch/case
- Makes sure every condition has been met
- Different from statement coverage, looks at false conditions

Condition Coverage

- Identifies each decision that can be true/false.
- Makes sure every condition has been met
- Different from decision coverage, as it includes alternate paths to same conditions

Path Coverage

- Identifies every possible path in a program
- Has test cases for each path, not just each condition
- Different from condition coverage, as it covers paths, not conditions

Cyclomatic Complexity

- Metric, measures complexity of a program
- Higher means more risk of errors

Make a Flow Graph of the system, calculate:

$$CC = E - N + 2 * P$$

where

CC is the Cyclomatic Complexity

E is the number of edges in the graph (lines)

N is the number of nodes (shapes)

P is the number of exit points

Test Planning & Defect Management

Test Case Design

- A test case tests one **particular** situation
- System test case: **end-to-end**, complete flow

Requirements Traceability

- Need to be able to follow **chain** from requirements
- Need to show that you have **tested** every requirement.

Test Case Format Example

Test Case	Input Data	Calculation	Expected Result	Checked
1	2, 2	Addition	2	Y
2	11, 1	Multiplication	11	Y
3	5, 3	Subtraction	2	N

Test Execution

- Need someone else to test the code you write
- Share testing responsibilities
 - **"Bug Bash"**
 - Beta Testing
 - Outsourcing Testing
- Use whatever means possible

Defect Logging and Tracking

- Report bugs as soon as possible
- Effectively describe the bugs
- Be **nonjudgmental** when reporting bugs
- Follow up on bug reports

Effective Bug Description

- Unique **identifier**
- Steps to **reproduce**
- What you **expected** to see
- What you **actually** saw

Isolating and Reproducing

- Narrow down the cause
- Log even if you cannot reproduce

Severity/Priority

- How bad the bug is, how it **impacts** the product
 - Critical: Will not run
 - High: System crash, fatal errors
 - Medium: Malfunction in a feature
 - Low: A E T H E T I C S M A C H I N E B R O K E
- Usually a number from 1 - 4
- Priority is how **important** the bug is to fix
 - Immediate
 - Before Release
 - If time permits
 - Post-release
- Usually a number form 1 - 4