



# Testing with Go

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# About me



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No alarms and no surprises.

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# Why?

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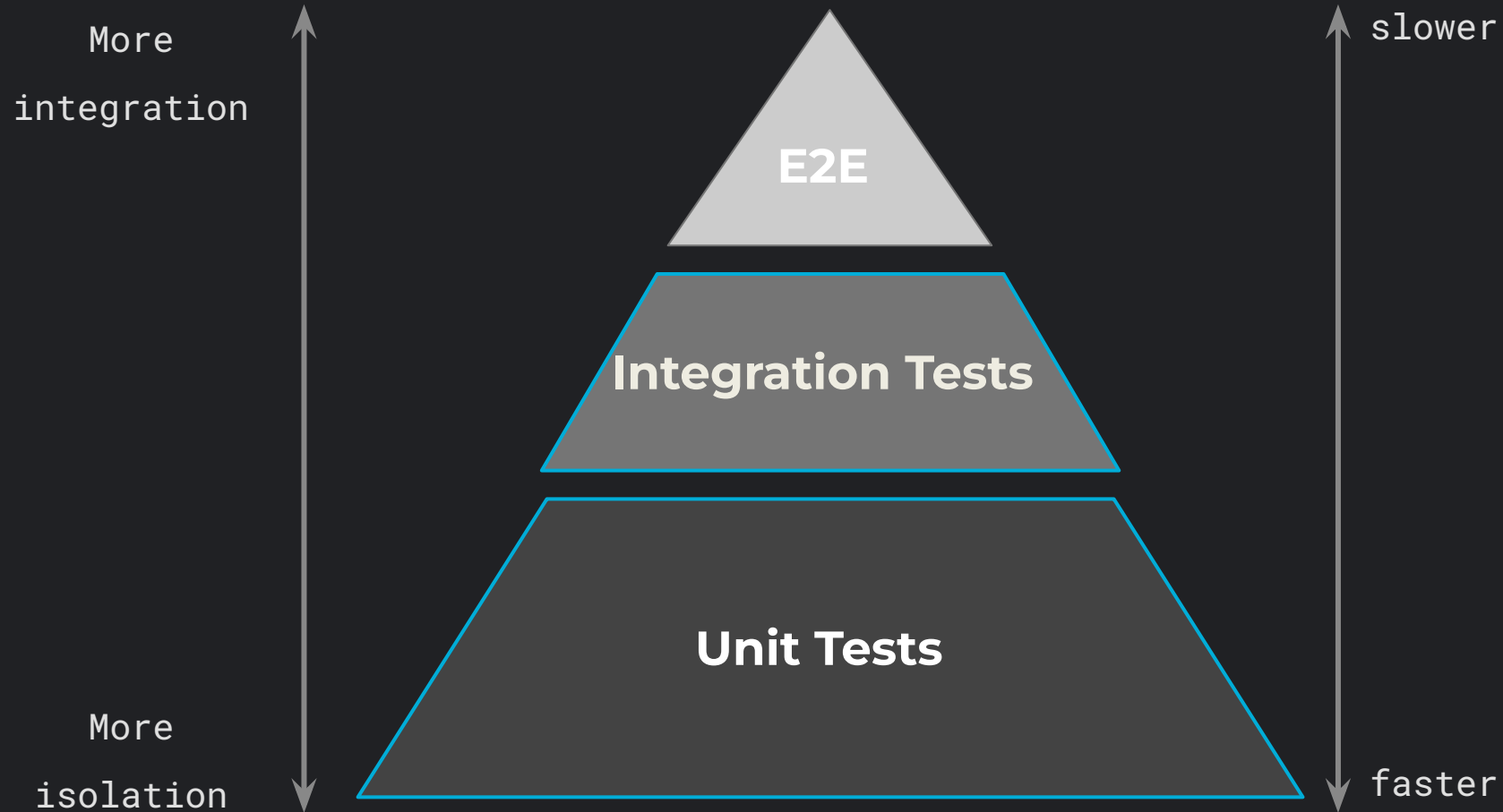
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# Test Pyramid

$$V = \frac{na^2h}{12} \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)$$

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# Kata

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# Kata

## 第一 Health & Level

All Characters, when created, have:

- **Health**, starting at 1000
- **Level**, starting at 1
- May be **Alive** or **Dead**, starting Alive



# Kata

## 第二 Deal Damage

Characters can Deal Damage to Characters..

- **Damage** is subtracted from Health.
- When damage received exceeds current Health, Health becomes 0 and the character dies.





# Go Test!

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# Go Test!

## Benchmark Testing

To find performance issues.

```
package charlakata_test

import (
    "charlakata"
    "testing"
)

func BenchmarkPlayerRPG_Attack(b *testing.B) {
    for b.Loop() {

        // Fill this in!
    }
}
```

# Go Test!

## Fuzzy Testing

To find edge cases.

```
package charlakata_test

import (
    "charlakata"
    "testing"
)
// Fuzz test
func Fuzz_Damage_Boundaries(f *testing.F) {
    f.Add(1000, 1) // Seed corpus

    // Fuzz target
    f.Fuzz(func(t *testing.T, initialHealth, amount int) {

        if targetPlayer.GetHealth() < 0 {
            t.Errorf("got %d for %d", target.GetHealth(), amount)
        }
    })
}
```

# Go Test!

## Coverage

```
→ go test -cover ./... -coverpkg=charlakata -coverprofile=coverage.out
ok      charlakata      0.209s  coverage: 100.0% of statements in charlakata
```

```
→ go tool cover -func=coverage.out
```

charlakata/player.go:16:	TakeDamage	100.0%
charlakata/player.go:20:	DealDamage	100.0%
charlakata/player.go:30:	GetHealth	100.0%
charlakata/player.go:34:	GetLevel	100.0%
charlakata/player.go:38:	IsAlive	100.0%
charlakata/player.go:42:	NewRpgPlayer	100.0%
total:	(statements)	100.0%

```
→ go tool cover -html=coverage.out
```



# Test Doubles

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# Test Doubles

## Stubs

“**Stubs** provide canned answers to calls made during the test.”

```
type StubPlayer struct{}

func (s *StubPlayer) GetLevel() int {
    return 1
}

func (s *StubPlayer) IsAlive() bool {
    return true
}
```



# Test Doubles

## Mocks

"**Mocks** are pre-programmed with expectations which form a specification of the calls they are expected to receive."

```
// Given
targetPlayer.EXPECT().IsAlive().Return
(expected.alive).Times(1)

// When
// ...

// Then
targetPlayer.AssertExpectations(t)
```

# Test Doubles

## Spies

"**Spies** are stubs that also record some information based on how they were called."

```
type SpyPlayer struct{}

func (s *SpyPlayer) TakeDamage(health int) {
    s.TakeDamageCallCount++
}
```



# More dependencies!

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## Testify

- Error messages are more friendly and readable.
- Assertions are more readable.
- Assertions can be annotated with a message.

```
assert.Equal(t, 1000, player.GetHealth())
```

```
assert.Equal(t, 1, player.GetLevel())
```

```
assert.True(t, player.IsAlive(), "Player should be  
alive")
```

# More dependencies!

## Ginkgo & Gomega

- Ginkgo: Testing Framework.
- Gomega: Matchers.
- Combined, they provide a DSL for writing tests.

```
It("should start with the correct initial parameters", func() {  
    player := charlakata.NewRpgPlayer(1000, 1)  
  
    Expect(player.GetHealth()).To(Equal(1000))  
    Expect(player.GetLevel()).To(Equal(1))  
    Expect(player.IsAlive()).To(BeTrue())  
})
```

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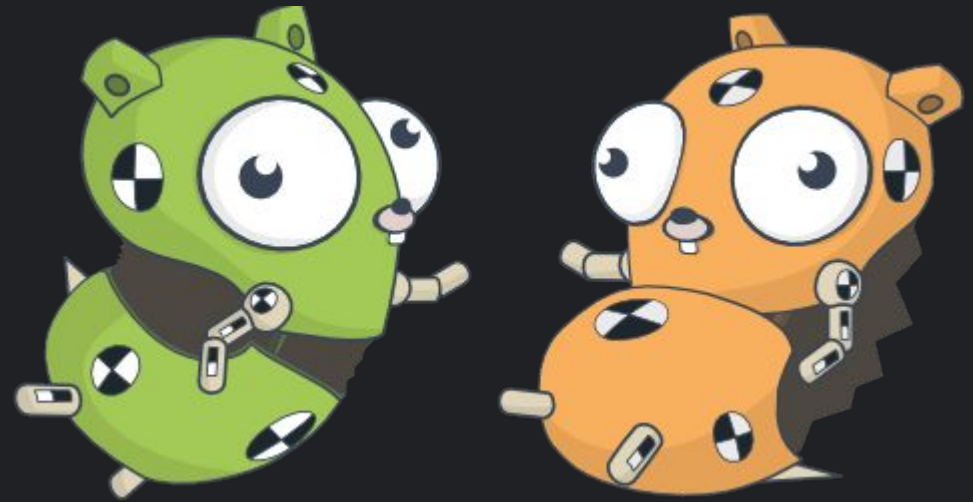
# Integration Tests

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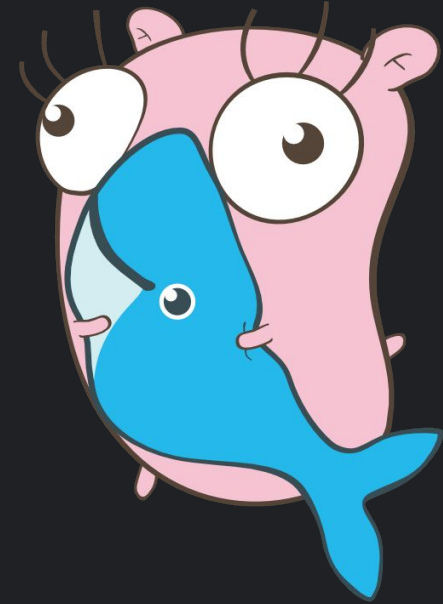
To find issues that come when testing the interaction between two or more modules.



# Integration Tests

## Testcontainers

- Uses real services that run in docker containers.
- Makes it possible to write tests that rely on the same tech that we use in production, without mocking or using in memory services.







# Conclusion

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# Thanks, Ask!

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# Gracias, Pedir!

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Golang Sevilla:

<https://www.meetup.com/golang-sevilla/>

dev/null talks:

<https://www.meetup.com/dev-null/>

LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/nicol%C3%A1s-palumbo-9372615/>

Gophers:

<https://github.com/egonelbre/gophers>

Original Slides:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1sXTPhZUY5gDld7kpLM1vnPxa2Sps0ksvNzrrk58Uw9A/view>

Martin Fowler's Test Pyramid & Test Doubles content:

[https://martinfowler.com/\(blikI/TestDouble.html|articles/practical-test-pyramid.html\)](https://martinfowler.com/(blikI/TestDouble.html|articles/practical-test-pyramid.html))

