CS 6015: Software Engineering

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Lecture 4: Testing – Testing I/O

This Week

- Version/Source Control
- Testing I/O Testing
- Assignment 2 released you can complete the testing part after this lecture

Next Week

- Quiz 1: Tuesday January 23, 2024 (~ 10 minutes)
- Designing a program
- Debugging

Plan

- Motivation
- Testing principles
- Testing in Java
- Testing in C++
 - Catch 2
- Testing programs with I/O
- DEMO

Software testing

Running the code on carefully chosen input and checking the results.

- Objective:
 - Finding software bugs
- Validating and verifying that the software/application meets the requirements for selected input

Why you think testing is **NOT** important?

Need to finish fast – testing will slow me down

Programming many years – my code is perfect – Don't insult me

 Using built-in data structures in my code – they work perfectly – no need to test my code!

Problems caused by insufficient testing



April 1994: Airplane crash - 264 People dead

The aircraft had not received the update at the time of the crash because XXX Airlines judged that the modifications were not urgent



May 1996: Largest error in US banking

Software "glitches" caused the bank accounts of 823 customers to be credited with \$924 million each.

Testing is important

- Testing to ensure correctness / helps with design
- Software bugs can be expensive
- Dangerous when it comes to human lives
- Strategy for testing?
 - Objective while testing is to make the program fail
 - Good testing beats the program everywhere it might be vulnerable

Testing principles

- Systematic
 - Arbitrary testing: likely to miss bugs
 - Exhaustive testing: often impossible
- Early and often
 - Late testing would lead to painful debugging at later stages
 - Testing for each method/function/class
 - Confident when making changes
- Automatic
 - Eliminate user input while testing

Systematic testing

• Divide the large input space into a few representatives

Pick a set of test cases for each representative

Small enough to run quickly, yet large enough to validate the program

- Remember exhaustive test cases
 - Often impossible
 - Requires testing resources and time

Systematic testing: example

```
// return the index of x in the sorted array, -1 if not present
int binarySearch(int arr[], int low, int high, int x)
    if (high > low)
       int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
        if (arr[mid] == x)
            return mid;
        if (arr[mid] > x)
            return binarySearch(arr, low, mid - 1, x);
        return binarySearch(arr, mid + 1, high, x);
    return -1;
// Note that the above code is buggy
```

Representative inputs for array parameters

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- Generally, when testing a function with lists!
 - Include boundaries
 - Empty lists
 - Lists with 1 element
 - Unique lists
 - Duplicate elements in the list
 - Sorted and unsorted lists
 - Odd number of elements
 - Even number of elements

Representative inputs for string parameters

Testing if a string is palindrome

Representative inputs for string parameters

- Generally, when testing a function with strings
 - Empty strings
 - 1 char in string
 - String with even/odd number of elements
 - Strings with lower/upper case elements

Representative inputs for file parameters

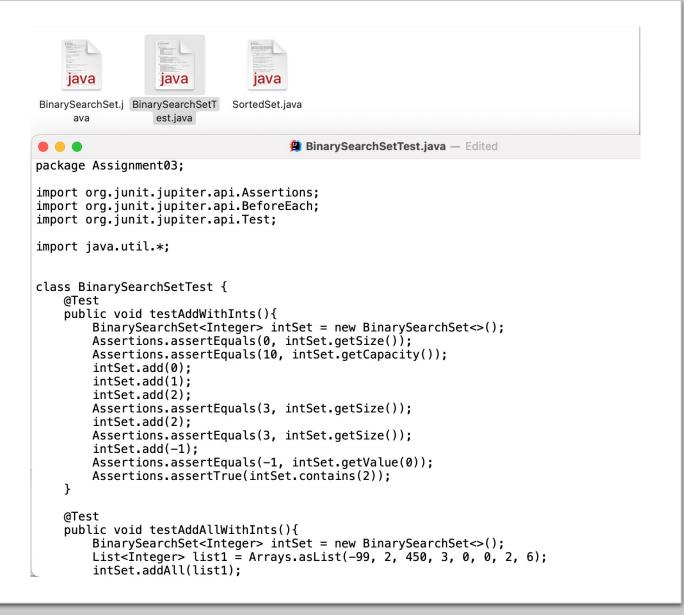
• Pacman

Representative inputs for file parameters

- Generally, when testing a function with files
 - Empty files
 - File does not exist
 - Files with small/medium/large sizes

Testing frameworks

- Java
 - Junit
- C++
 - CPP Unit
 - Google test
 - Catch2
 - ...
- Common definitions
 - Test case: refers to a group of related checks
 - Test suite: collection of test cases



Testing frameworks: CPPUnit

```
#include <cppunit/CompilerOutputter.h>
#include <cppunit/extensions/TestFactoryRegistry.h>
#include <cppunit/TestResult.h>
#include <cppunit/TestResultCollector.h>
#include <cppunit/TestRunner.h>
#include <cppunit/BriefTestProgressListener.h>
int main()
   CPPUNIT NS::TestResult tr;
   CPPUNIT NS::TestResultCollector tr ctrl;
   tr.addListener(&tr ctrl);
   CPPUNIT NS::BriefTestProgressListener btp lstnr;
   tr.addListener(&btp lstnr);
    CPPUNIT NS::TestRunner runner;
    runner.addTest(CPPUNIT NS::TestFactoryRegistry::getRegistry().makeTest());
   runner.run(tr);
   CPPUNIT NS::CompilerOutputter compileroutputter(&tr ctrl, std::cerr);
    compileroutputter.write();
                                         Testmain.cpp example using cppunit
    return 0:
```

Testing frameworks: CPPUnit

```
#include <cppunit/TestFixture.h>
//include the TestFixture header file
#include <cppunit/extensions/HelperMacros.h>
#include "xxx.h"//header file of class to be tested
class xxxtest: public CPPUNIT NS::TestFixture {
public:
void setUp();
void tearDown();
protected:
//Declare testcases
CPPUNIT TEST (getmaxTest);
CPPUNIT TEST (getminTest);
private:
//declare instances to be used in the
};
```

xxxtest.h example using cppunit

Testing frameworks: CPPUnit

```
#include "xxxtest.h"
CPPUNIT TEST SUITE REGISTRATION(xxtest);
void listTest::setUp(){
  int A[3] = \{1, 2, 3\};
  a = new List (A, 3);
  int F[4] = \{1, 4, 0, 0\};
  f = new List (F, 4);
void listTest::tearDown() {
  delete a, f;
void listTest :: getmaxTest () {
  CPPUNIT ASSERT EQUAL MESSAGE ("Max at the end", a->getMax(), 3);
  CPPUNIT ASSERT EQUAL MESSAGE ("Max in the middle", d->getMax(), 4);}
void listTest :: getminTest ()
  CPPUNIT ASSERT EQUAL MESSAGE ("Min at the end", d->getMin(), 0);
```

xxxtest.cpp example using cppunit

Testing frameworks: Catch2

- Catch 2: testing framework that we will use
 - Minimal steps to perform testing
 - Assertions look normal c++ Booleans
 - Include the header (1 header) and write the test cases
- Reference: https://github.com/catchorg/Catch2/blob/v2.x/docs/tutorial.md

Catch2: writing tests

```
binarysearch.cpp
                                                   main.cpp
                                                    #define CATCH CONFIG RUNNER //before include
#include "catch.h"
                                                    #include "catch.h"
int binarySearch(int arr[], int low, int high, int x)
                                                    int main(int argc, char **argv) {
                                                      Catch::Session().run(argc, argv);
  //...
                                                      return 0;
TEST CASE( "Search Element in Array")
       int a[8] = \{4, 9, 21, 33, 35, 50, 55, 60\};
       CHECK (binarySearch (a,0,7,35) == 4);
       CHECK (binarySearch (a,0,7,33) == 3);
       CHECK (binarySearch (a,0,7,4) == 0);
       CHECK (binarySearch (a,0,7,60) == 7);
       CHECK (binarySearch (a,0,7,3) == -1);
       CHECK (binarySearch (a,0,7,30) == -1);
```

Catch2: CHECK

• CHECK: tests an expression and continues even if the assertion fails.

• Is a Macro: look like functions but they are slightly different. Catch uses macros for nice error reporting.

- Other assertion macros:
 - CHECK_FALSE(expression): asserts that expression evaluates to false
 - REQUIRE: tests an expression and aborts if it fails.
 - REQUIRE_FALSE(expression): No added value to use for plain bool variable.
 - CHECK_THROWS(expression): ensure that expression throws an exception

Catch2: macros

- Macros
 - Like functions but not functions

Macros in catch2.h

```
#define REQUIRE( ... )
```

Catch2: Sections

```
#include "catch.h"
int binarySearch(int arr[], int low, int high, int x)
TEST_CASE( "Search_Element_in_Array")
    int a[8] = {4, 9, 21, 33, 35, 50, 55, 60};
    SECTION("Element_anywhere_middle_array")
        REQUIRE( binarySearch (a,0,7,35) == 4);
    SECTION("edge_cases")
        REQUIRE( binarySearch (a,0,7,4) == 0);
        REQUIRE( binarySearch (a,0,7,60) == 7);
    SECTION("Element_not_in_array")
        REQUIRE( binarySearch (a,0,7,3) == -1);
```

```
> c++ binarysearch.cpp main.cpp -std=c++11 -o binary
> ./binary -c Element_not_in_array
> ./binary -c edge_cases
```

Can run particular test case by adding tags

> ./binary Search_Element_in_Array

Catch2: Sections

```
#include "catch.h"
TEST_CASE("increment_x")
    int x=10; //like the junit setup() method
    SECTION("inc1"){
       X++;
        CHECK( x==11 );
    SECTION("inc2"){
        CHECK( x==10 );
```

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    SECTION("inc2"){
       //x is 10 at the start of each section
        CHECK( x==10 );
```

Compile without testcase

How to compile without testcases?

- Save the testcases in separate cpp file
- Compile without including the test cases file

Catch2: Revisiting writing tests for the project

cmdline.cpp

```
#define CATCH_CONFIG_RUNNER
#include "catch.h"

Catch::Session().run(1, argv); // should be called when argv[1]=="--test"
```

Programs with I/O

- How to test programs with input/output?
- Consider the example

```
#include <iostream>
  #include <string>
  static void say hello() {
  std::string name;
  std::cin >> name;
  std::cout << "Hello, " << name << "!\n"; }</pre>
  int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  say hello(); }
                          No parameters - no return value
Can we use: CHECK (say hello() == "Hello, XYZ!"); ---> Solution: Add parameters to accept I/O
```

Approach 1: Pass the string as parameter then test.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
static std::string say hello(std::string name) { // now we have function that has args
                                                  // and returns a value. Test as before
  return "Hello, " + name + "!\n";
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   std::cout << say hello(std::string name);  // to reflect the new changes</pre>
 Now, we can use: CHECK (say hello("XYZ") == "Hello, XYZ!");
```

Example

```
static std::string say_hello(std::string name) {
   return "Hello, " + name + "!\n";
}

TEST_CASE( "hello" ) {
   CHECK( say_hello("Lynn") == "Hello, Lynn!\n" );
   CHECK( say_hello("Roy") == "Hello, Roy!\n" );
   CHECK( say_hello("world") == "Hello, world!\n" );
}
```

Another approach by using I/O streams

• Step 1: Pass the I/O streams as parameters

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
static void say_hello(std::istream &in, std::ostream &out) {

   std::string name;
   in >> name;
   out << "Hello, " << name << "!\n";
}

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   say_hello(std::cin, std::cout); //effectively &std::cin
}</pre>
```

• String streams: associates a string object with a stream allowing to read from the string as if it was a stream

 Objects of this class use a string buffer that contains a sequence of characters.

Can be accessed directly as a string object, using member str.

• Step 2: Create string streams

```
TEST_CASE( "hello" ) {
   std::stringstream in("Lynn"); // string stream: is a specific istream object
   std::stringstream out(""); // string stream
   say_hello(in, out);
   CHECK( out.str() == "Hello, Lynn!\n" ); // To extract an output string
}
```

How to reduce repeated code in tests?

```
TEST CASE ( "hello" ) {
      std::stringstream in("Lynn");
      std::stringstream out("");
      say hello(in, out);
      CHECK( out.str() == "Hello, Lynn!\n" );
      std::stringstream in("Roy");
      std::stringstream out("");
      say hello(in, out);
      CHECK( out.str() == "Hello, Roy!\n" );
```

Solution: test helper method

```
static std::string say_hello_string(std::string s) {
   std::stringstream in(s);
   std::stringstream out("");
   say_hello(in, out);
   return out.str();
}

TEST_CASE( "hello" ) {
   CHECK( say_hello_string("Dolly") == "Hello, Dolly!\n" );
   CHECK( say_hello_string("Kitty") == "Hello, Kitty!\n" );
   CHECK( say_hello_string("world") == "Hello, world!\n" );
}
```