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## Asserting better Programming--for now--and in the future

### What has happened?

**The state of affairs for computer programming is poor as illustrated by the Sad Face near the "current interest" in Computer Programming (see pic)**

- Misunderstanding of what computer programming is and is not
- Is not -- WEB page design
- Is not -- gaming "per se" or playing on computer devices
- Is not -- WEB browsing or thumbing on mobile devices (see pic)
- It Is "so-called" heads down coding in a time tested computer language (C, C++, C# and Python)

### Writing correct programs from the very start

#### How?

**Assert everything from the very beginning  
(follow NASA's lead!)**

***(Python has one of the best assertions statements in computer programming)  
(Eiffel and Ada) to name a few others***

### **Our assertions SHOULD NEVER EXECUTE!**

(later we will assert x is greater than or equal to zero)

#### Current estimated error rates by NASA

- 99.99999% of errors times (2.5 million lines estd to 3.5m of C code has a predicted error rate of less than 1 error (reported as only 500,000 lines of C code -- see 7 mins of Terror)

And NASA is still looking for it (that one potential error) of the successfully completed MARS Curiosity Landing

(again, see Seven Minutes of Terror)

Our theoretical business project of similar scope and size has a predicted error rate of **5k to 8k errors** written in Python (see pic)

### **WHY assert?**

NASA requires them!

We start out wrong and in a hurry to meet a schedule or to keep our Boss happy etc

Asserting everything from the beginning makes us think correctly from the project's earliest beginning and forces us to test continuously before we have even written the first line of substantial code (Python).

What NASA did was write the required C code for the Mars Curiosity Lander and tested it with over 25,000 lines of Python Test Coding!

(NASA rule: once you include a test you can NEVER remove a test)

Asserts are required approximately for every 10 lines of C code at NASA

### **So how we doing?**

Not very well -- so let's now look at my demonstration example in Python to **solve x is greater than or equal to zero** no matter what!

### **AND NOW THE PROGRAMMING CODE IN PYTHON**

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-  
"""
```

```
Created on Mon Jul 23 13:57:38 2018
```

```
@author: jrree  
"""
```

```
## Starting out right with Assertions in Python
```

```
##asserts 2018 verC
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##
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```
### Python asserts presented by Professor Reed
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```

### last updated (27-JUL-2018)
### for Python 3.4+
###Lighting Talks -- PyOhio 2018 -- ProfJRR
##
##
### NOW WITH ASSERTS!!! ###
import pytest

#float(i = 1)
#print("int(123) is:", int(123))

def mainassertions(x):
    # x=1
    # x=-1
    # print("int(123) is:", int(123))
    assert(x>=0),("### x is not greater than or equal to zero")
    print("asserting x is greater than or equal to zero")
    print("x is: ",x)
    print()

    ## determines x is greater than a negative value")
    #
    ##
    ### --- Professor Reed's test driver area --- ###
    ##
    def testMyassertions(x):
        ### Part II ###
        ## int(x)
        print()
        print("=== Testing My Assertions ===")
        print()
        x=1
        print("with a value of 1 for test #1")
        mainassertions(x)
        x=0
        print("with a value of 0 for test #2")
        mainassertions(x)
        x=-1
        print("xxx should never execute or occur xxx")
        print("with a value of -1 for test #3")
        mainassertions(x)
        # final test or otherwise ###

```

**print()**

**### Testing values and area follow: ##**

**##**

**#print("[negative value test1:]")**

**#x = -1**

**##x = 0**

**##x = 999**

**##x = 1011**

**testMyassertions(x)**

**##**

**##**

**### note: the test driver area above is a replacement for main()**

**##**

**### Professor Reed uses test cases instead of main()!**

**##if \_\_name\_\_ == '\_\_main\_\_':**

**## main()**

## **Our Testing Results**

=== Testing My Assertions ===

### **Testing with an x value of 1**

with a positive value of 1 for test #1  
asserting x is greater than or equal to zero

x is: 1

### **Testing with an x value of 0**

with a value of 0 for test #2  
asserting x is greater than or equal to zero

x is: 0

### **xxx Testing with a negative x value of -1 -- never xxx**

xxx should never execute or occur xxx  
with a value of -1 for test #3

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<ipython-input-33-633d60e6e452>", line 1, in <module>

```
runfile('C:/Users/jrree/.spyder-py3/lighting_code_verC.py', wdir='C:/Users/jrree/.spyder-py3')
```

File "C:\ProgramData\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\spyder\utils\site\sitecustomize.py", line 705, in runfile

```
execfile(filename, namespace)
```

File "C:\ProgramData\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\spyder\utils\site\sitecustomize.py", line 102, in execfile

```
exec(compile(f.read(), filename, 'exec'), namespace)
```

File "C:/Users/jrree/.spyder-py3/lighting\_code\_verC.py", line 73, in <module>

```
testMyassertions(x)
```

File "C:/Users/jrree/.spyder-py3/lighting\_code\_verC.py", line 66, in testMyassertions

```
mainassertions(x)
```

File "C:/Users/jrree/.spyder-py3/lighting\_code\_verC.py", line 31, in mainassertions

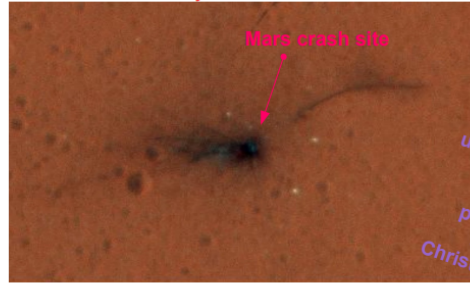
```
assert(x>=0),("### x is not greater than or equal to zero")
```

***AssertionError: ### x is not greater than or equal to zero***

## THE BIG PICTURE

European Mars Lander Crashed Due to Data Glitch, ESA Concludes  
Destroyed 19 October 2016

Current  
interest  
in  
Computer  
Programming  
???



A bug in  
American  
Airlines' pilot  
scheduling  
software has left  
the US airline  
woefully  
understaffed for  
the coming  
month,  
particularly  
around  
Christmas week.  
2017

Program Correctness from the very beginning

**NASA "mission critical" success rate and lack of errors**

Curiosity Landed Successfully on **MARS**

August 6, 2012, 05:17:57 UTC

99.99999% error free

Program coding (.5 to 2.5m lines of code)

$2.5m \times 99.99999\% \approx 1 \text{ error}$

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**Business errors best guess?**

**5K to 8k errors** for a "commercial endeavor"  
of a project of similar scope

We're  
writing  
5k or  
more  
errors  
for every  
1 error  
that  
NASA  
produces

