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2. [2.](#) Introduction • Debugging is a methodical process of finding and reducing the number of bugs, or defects, in a computer system (Software, hardware or a combination), thus making it behave as expected. • Process; – to start with a problem – isolate the source of the problem – and then fix it
3. [3.](#) Debugging Vs Testing • Debugging is carried out by the development team (or developer), after getting the test report from the testing team about defect(s) • The purpose of testing is to show that the software works, OR doesn't work, with intention to increase SW quality
4. [4.](#) Debugging Approaches • Brute Force Method • Back Tracking Method • Cause Elimination • Each of the above debugging approaches can be supplemented with debugging tools such as debugging compilers, dynamic debugging aids, automatic test case generators, memory dumps and cross reference maps.
5. [5.](#) 1. Brute Force Method • most common and least efficient for isolating the cause of a software error. • a printout of all registers and relevant memory locations is obtained and studied. All dumps should be well documented and retained for possible use on subsequent • involves using the debugger to step across the code from start to finish until you notice something odd.
6. [6.](#) 2. Back Tracking Method • It is a quite popular approach of debugging which is used effectively in case of small applications. • The process starts from the site where a particular symptom gets detected, from there on backward tracing is done across the entire source code till we are able to lay our hands on the site being the cause. • Unfortunately, as the number of source lines increases, the number of potential backward paths may become unmanageably large.
7. [7.](#) 3. Cause Elimination • manifested by induction or deduction and introduces the concept of binary partitioning • data related to the error occurrence are organized to isolate potential causes. • a "cause hypothesis" is devised and the data are used to prove or disprove the hypothesis. Alternatively, a list of all possible causes is developed and tests are conducted to eliminate each. If initial tests indicate that a particular cause hypothesis shows promise, the data are refined in an attempt to isolate the bug.
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