

# Putting Software Testing Terminology to the Test

## M.A.Sc. Seminar

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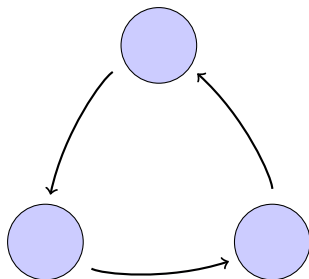
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If software engineering holds code to high standards of clarity, consistency, and robustness, the same should apply to its supporting literature!

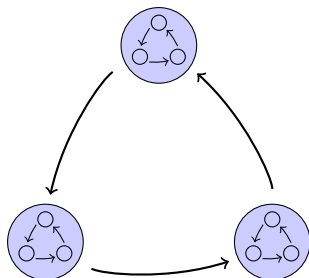
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Kaner et al. (2011, p. 7) say  
“complete testing” could require the  
tester to:

- discover “every bug”,
- exhaust the time allocated,
- implement every planned test,
- ...



# The Lack of Standardized Terminology

## “The Problem”

- Unfortunately, a search for a systematic, rigorous, and complete taxonomy for software testing revealed that the existing ones are inadequate:
  - Tebes et al. (2020) focus on *parts* of the testing process (e.g., test goal, testable entity),
  - Souza et al. (2017) prioritize organizing testing approaches over defining them, and
  - Unterkalmsteiner et al. (2014) focus on the “information linkage or transfer” (p. A:6) between requirements engineering and software testing.

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"The information you have should be just as useful for generating tests as it should be for manually running them." — Dr. Jacques Carette

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Thank you!  
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