

Embedded Functional

A FitNesse Way

Functional Testing

- So we are on the same page, here's one definition:
... a type of black box testing that bases its test cases on the specifications ... Functions are tested by feeding them input and examining the output, and internal program structure is rarely considered
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Functional_testing
- Key Points
 - Black Box
 - Feed input
 - Get output
 - Internal Program Structure Rarely Considered

Assertion

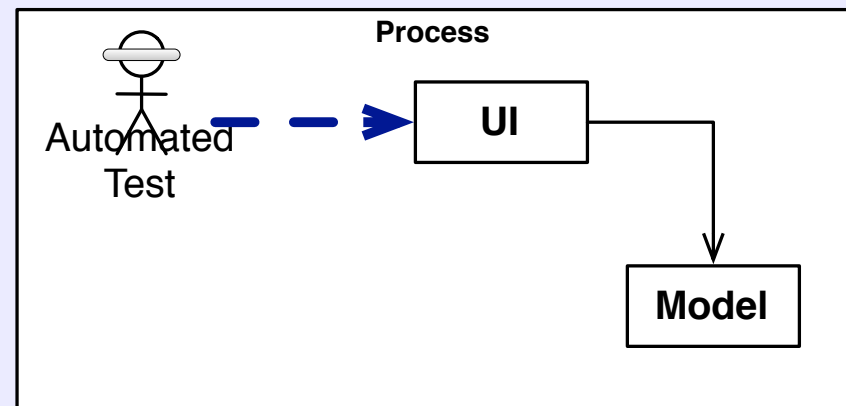
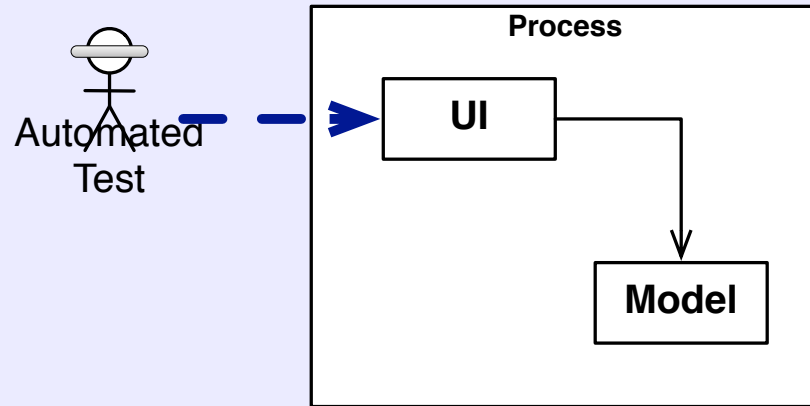
- Test is not attempting to prove correctness ...



- Rather, it is attempting to reduce likelihood of releasing a defect into the wild



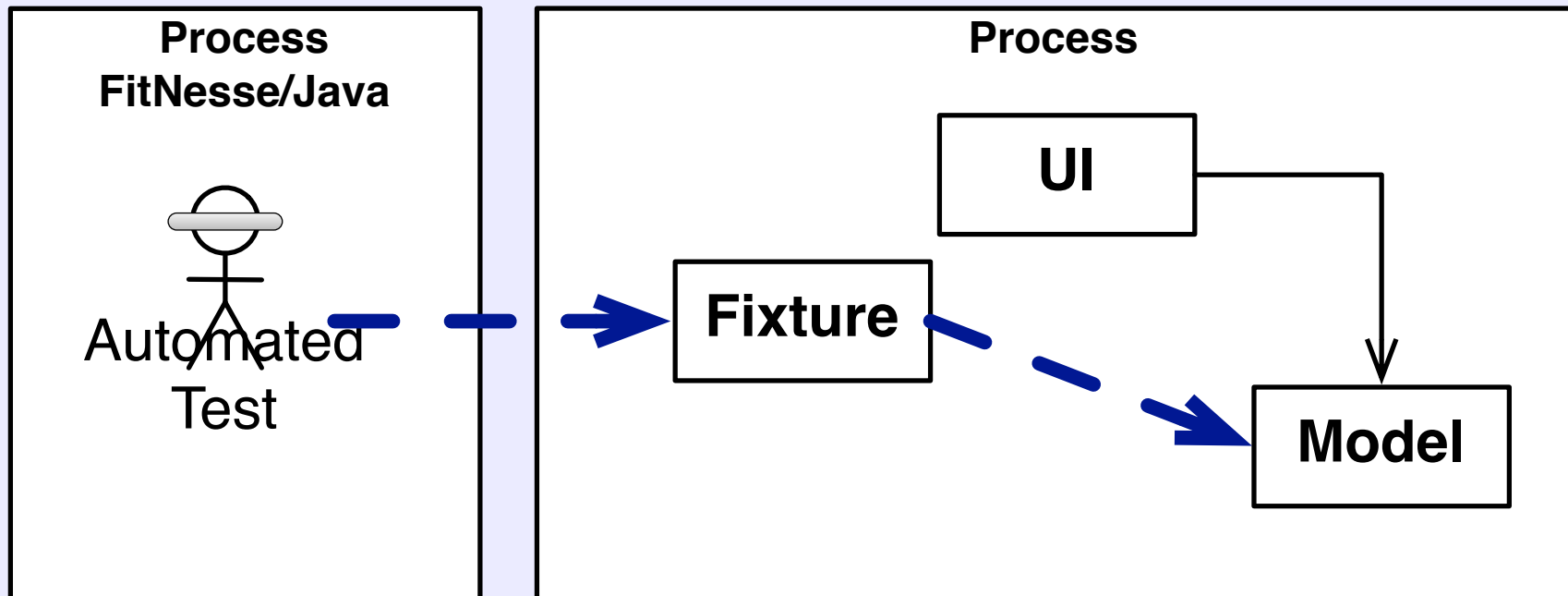
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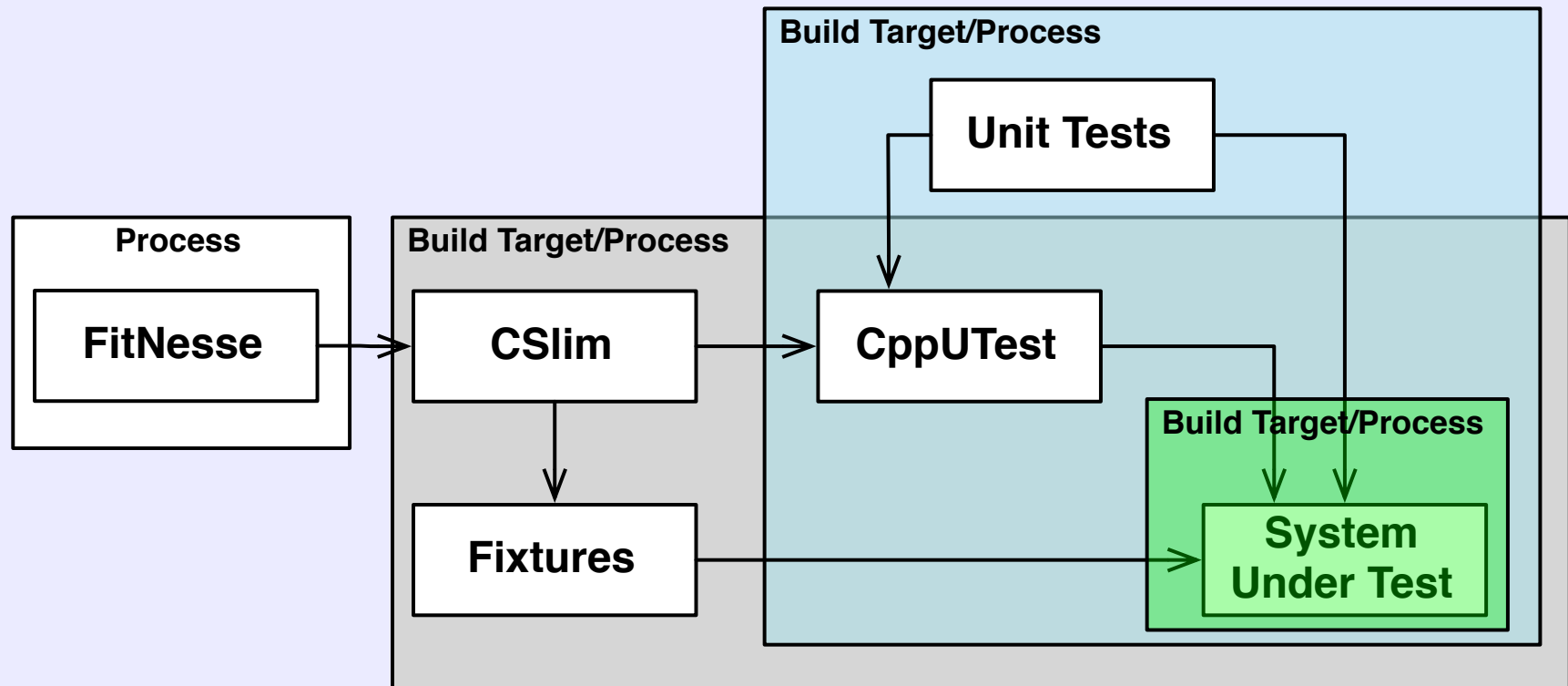
Considerations

- Con
 - May not fully test functionality
 - Wiring
 - Probably write more, smaller tests
 - Build
- Pro
 - Potential better separation of concerns
 - Can get more direct access to results
 - Write more, smaller tests
 - Potential less impact to UI changes
 - UI tech. independent

What we'll look at

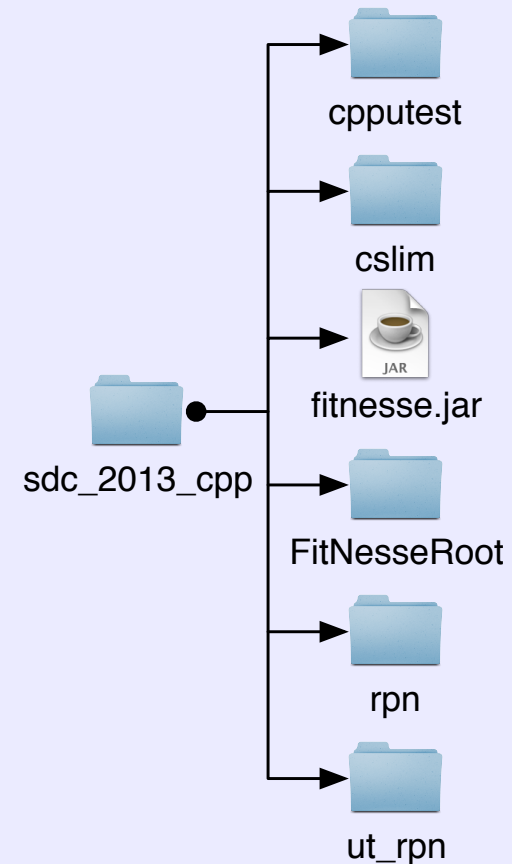


The Moving Parts



A few notes

- Originally developed under gcc 4.6
 - The current version is using gcc 4.8
 - Uses some features of C++ 11
 - `-std=c++11`

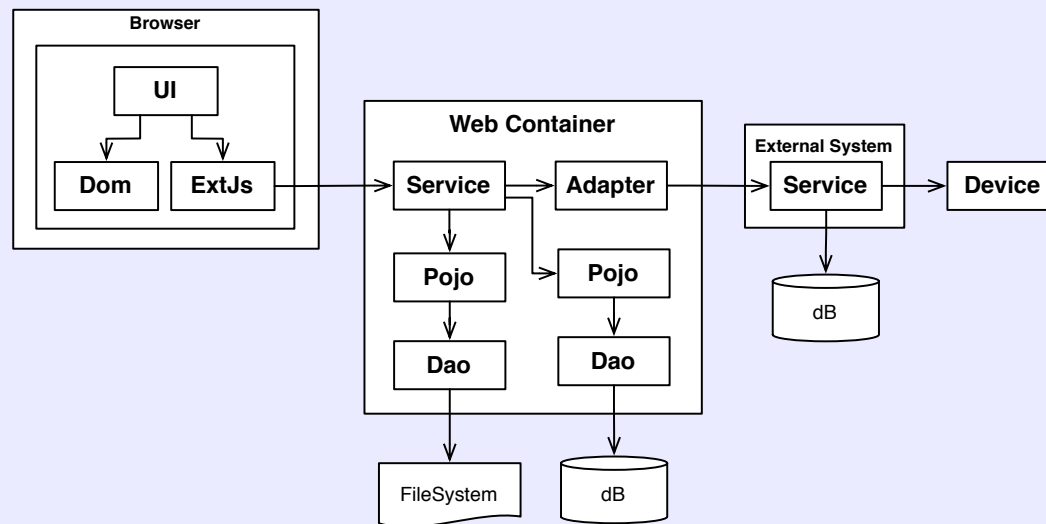


- `git://github.com/schuchert/sdc_2013_cpp.git`

Code

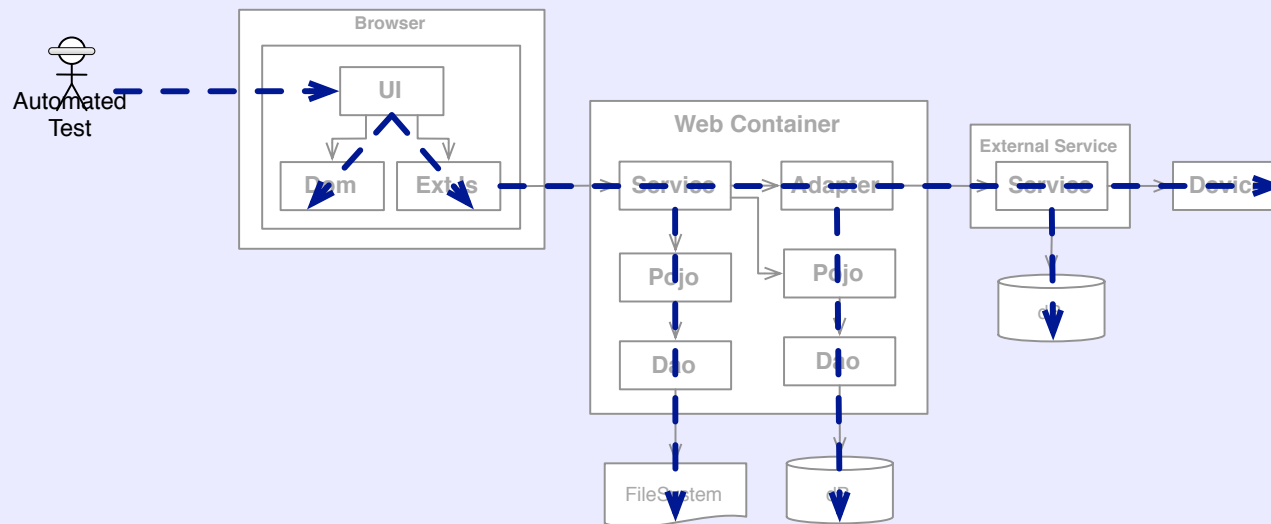
Test Thickness

A System



Fully Integrated, Black Box

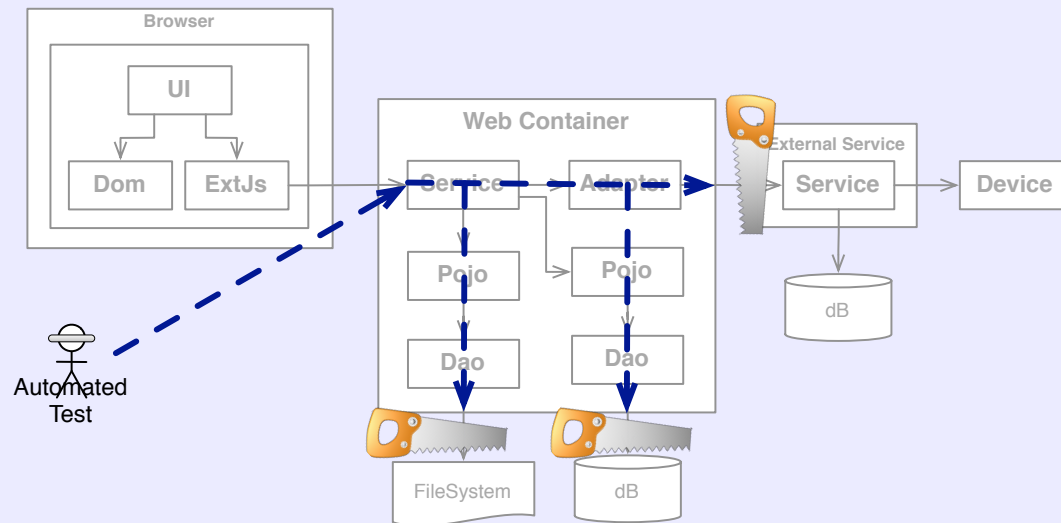
- Typical first cut



- Tests written against “known” instance. Might be configurable.
- Test will fail if external systems not in place: web server, database, file system, etc.
- Tests do not stand alone...

Service Test

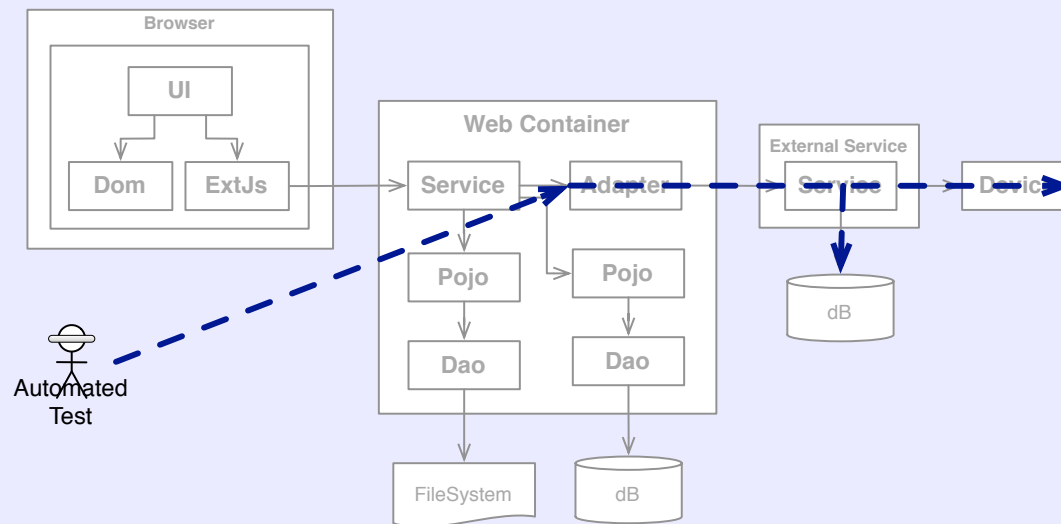
- Make sure service logic works



- Automated tests starts just enough of the system
- Decouples from external stuff like file system, dB, etc. when possible (this is a design decision that should have already been made)

Adapter Integration Test

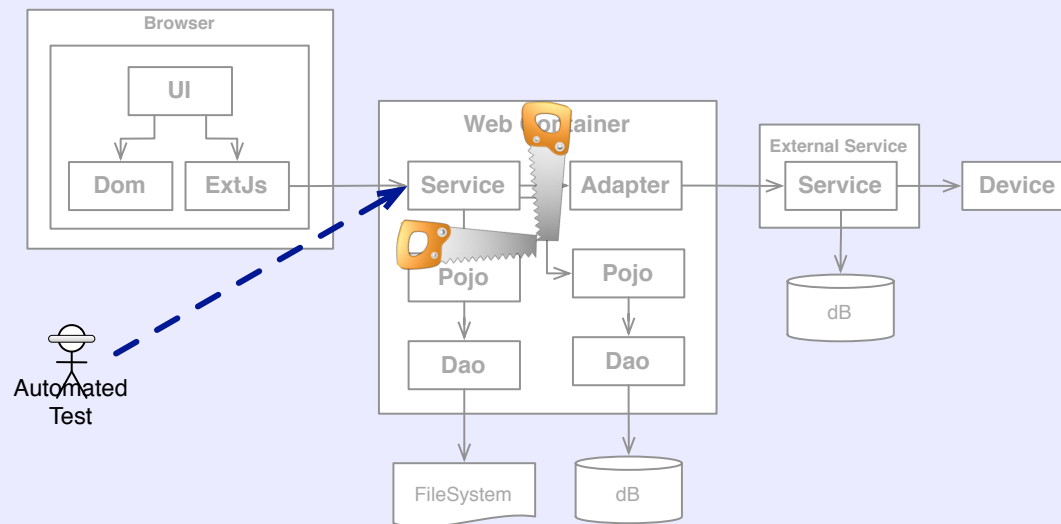
- If service does not check integration points, or even if it does, still need to make sure integration with external services work



- We could write this test against the service, and may even need to. But avoid if we can. Why?

Unit Test

- When targeting a single object, control all external dependencies, making for a fast, focused, unit test



- This could easily target anything in the system.
- What about cutting out the Pojo?

Unit Test - a definition

- **Given** an object to be tested
When verifying a use of that object
Then no method invocations leave that object to something that is not under the test's direct control
- What about the String class?
- What about using a Java Bean, e.g. a DTO?

Integration Test - a definition

- **Given** a number of interacting objects
When verifying a use of those objects
Then no method invocations leave those objects to something that is not in the test's control

Integration Test - alternative def

- **Given** a system with configurable sub-systems/ components/parts
When verifying its general use of each of those sub-systems/components/parts
Then check that the plumbing does not leak (the system still has its smoke)
- The cost of introducing flexibility for configuration **creates** a whole category of test cases that would otherwise not necessarily exist

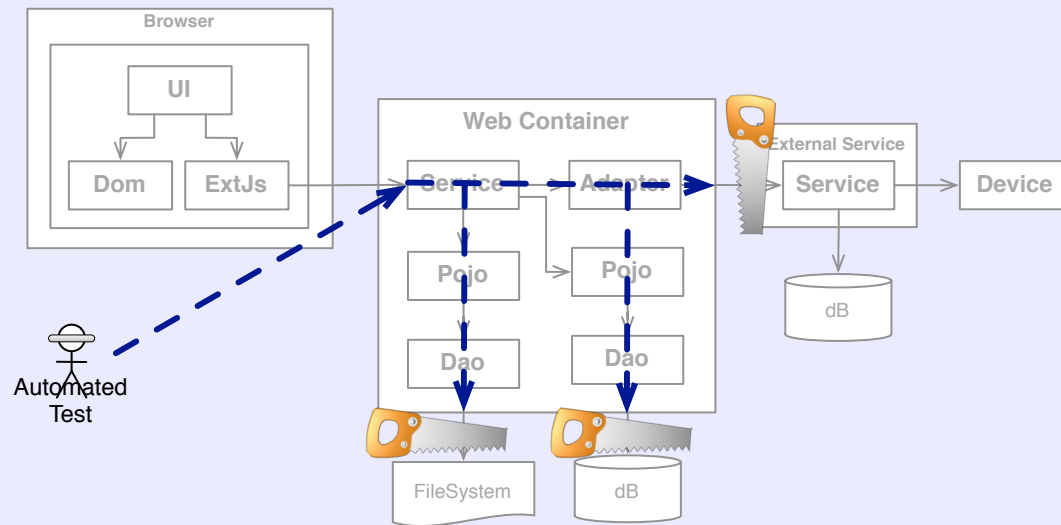
Unit versus Integration

- Two perspectives
 - It's a matter of thickness
 - Integrated tests are a scam: <http://blog.thecodewhisperer.com/2010/10/16/integrated-tests-are-a-scam/>
- Why do we care about thickness?
 - The complexity to solve any problem grows at least as fast as the square of the number of things you are trying to solve simultaneously - Weinberg, *An Introduction to General Systems Thinking*
 - Corollary: the likelihood that a test will break grows at least as fast as the square of the number of layers of interaction (internal and external) -> thick test - fragile test

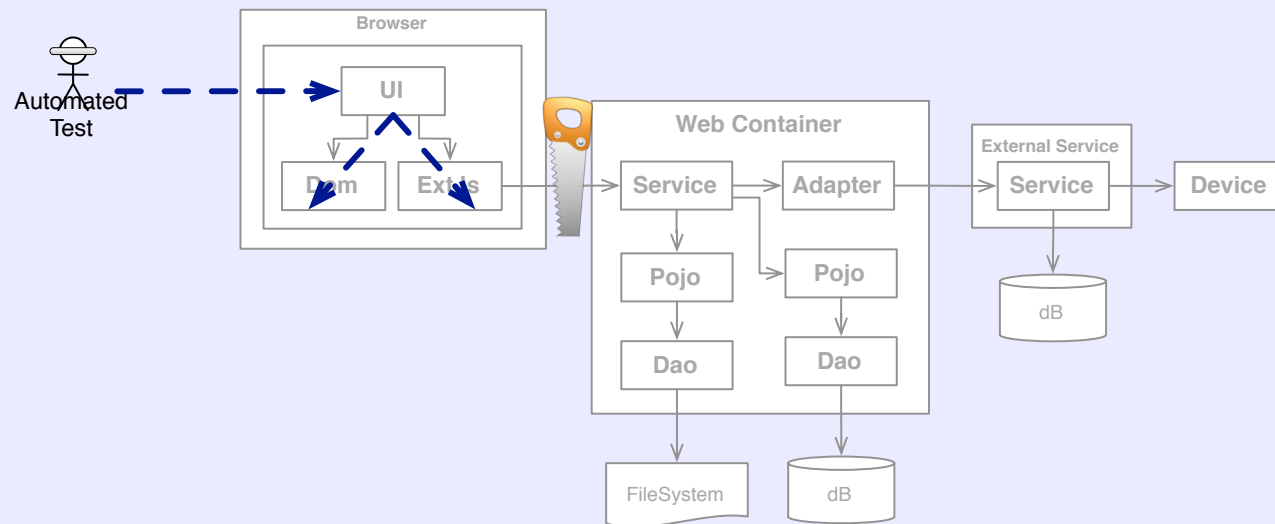
Acceptance Tests vs. Integration

- When should an acceptance test be fully integrated?
- When not?
- What about headless testing?
- What about body-less testing?

Headless Testing



Body-less Testing



Automated Test Design

- <http://pragprog.com/magazines/2012-01/unit-tests-are-first>

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Saws: Test Doubles



- Gerard Meszaros

<http://xunitpatterns.com/Test%20Double%20Patterns.html>

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Why do we even care?

Jeopardy Style...

Maintenance & Evolution

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- What is the approximate % of the budget devoted to maintenance & evolution?
- Source: <http://users.jyu.fi/~koskinen/smcosts.htm>

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- Ratio of reading code to writing code
 - Early on
 - Longer-lived legacy systems, both higher and lower

Regression

66%

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- What is the chance that a one-line defect fix will introduce another defect?
 - Source: Weinberg (QSM series & confirmed via personal email)

Change

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- What is the largest number of files in a single check-in Brett's changed without introducing a defect?
 - 50ish developers, 1.7 MLOC, Java

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Test Automation

What Helps Automation?

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Design

So just what is TDD?

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- TDD
 - is a design practice,
 - it uses tests as a mechanism for **discovery** and **feedback**
 - it is one end of a spectrum



- it is about releasing waste water upstream
- it is about regression
- it is not always the right thing to do...

How Old Is The Idea?

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- Late 50's
 - Original Mercury Rocket Project
 - Computers expensive
 - People relatively inexpensive
 - Produce scenarios
 - Hand calculate
 - Write programs (card deck)
 - Execute against scenarios

Additional Resources

Design, Design, Design

- Here's a starting list to help with OOD

GRASP	Craig Larman
SOLID	Robert Martin
CODE SMELLS	Martin Fowler
WELC	Michael Feathers
TEST DOUBLES	Several
CODING KATAS	Several
DESIGN PATTERNS	Gang of 4

- <http://schuchert.wikispaces.com/TddIsNotEnough>

GRASP



INFORMATION EXPERT	Assign responsibility to the thing that has the information.
CONTROLLER	Assign system operations (events) to a non-UI class. May be system-wide, use case driven or for a layer.
LOW COUPLING	Try to keep the number of connections small. Prefer coupling to stable abstractions.
HIGH COHESION	Keep focus. The behaviors of a thing should be related. Alternatively, clients should use all or most parts of an API.
POLYMORPHISM	Where there are variations in type, assign responsibility to the types (hierarchy) rather than determine behavior externally,
PURE FABRICATION	Create a class that does not come from the domain to assist in maintaining high cohesion and low coupling.
PROTECTED VARIATIONS	Protect things by finding the change points and wrapping them behind an interface. Use polymorphism to introduce variance.

SOLID Principles



- <http://butunclebob.com/ArticleS.UncleBob.PrinciplesOfOod>

S	SINGLE RESPONSIBILITY	Single Reason to Change
O	OPEN/CLOSED	Open for extension closed to change
L	LISKOV SUBSTITUTION	Derived types substitutable for base types
I	INTERFACE SEGREGATION	Interfaces should be focused (small) & client specific
D	DEPENDENCY INVERSION	Dependencies should go from concrete to abstract

Package Cohesion/Coupling



- Guidelines for package cohesion

REP	Release/Reuse Equivalency	What you release is what you reuse.
CCP	Common Closure	Classes that change together should be packaged together
CRP	Common Reuse	Classes that are used together should be packaged together

- Guidelines for package coupling

ADP	Acyclic Dependencies	No cycles in your dependencies
SDP	Stable Dependencies	Dependencies should go from less to more stable. Depend on stable things
SAP	Stable Abstractions	Abstraction increase with stability

A Few Code Smells



- A few of Martin's code smells:

POOR NAMES	Name suggests wrong intent
LONG METHODS	More than 1 thing/multiple levels of abstraction
LARGE CLASSES	More than one concept/multiple levels of abstraction
LONG PARAMETER LIST	Too many arguments to keep straight (> 3)
DUPLICATED CODE	Same or similar code appears in more than one place
DIVERGENT CHANGE	The class/method changes for dissimilar reasons
SHOTGUN SURGERY	Single change affects multiple classes/methods
FEATURE ENVY	One class uses another class' members
SWITCH STATEMENTS	Duplicated switches/if-else's over same criterion

- <http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?CodeSmell>

Some Legacy Refactorings



- From Working Effectively with Legacy Code

ADAPT PARAMETER	326	Change parameter to an adapter when you cannot use extract interface
BREAK OUT METHOD OBJECT	330	Convert method using instance data into a class with a ctor and single method
ENCAPSULATE GLOBAL REFERENCES	339	Move access to global data into access via a class to allow for variations during test
EXTRACT AND OVERRIDE CALL	348	Turn chunk of code into overridable method and then subclass in test
EXTRACT AND OVERRIDE GETTER	352	Turn references into hard-coded object into call to getter and then subclass
EXTRACT INTERFACE	362	Extract interface for concrete class, then use interface. Override in test.
INTRODUCE INSTANCE DELEGATOR	317	Add instance methods calling static methods. Call through instance, which test subclasses.
PARAMETERIZE CONSTRUCTOR PARAMETERIZE METHOD	379 383	Examples of Inversion of Control (IoC)
SUBCLASS AND OVERRIDE METHOD	401	Test creates subclass & passes it in/requires some IoC
SPROUT METHOD SPROUT CLASS	59 63	Create a method or class out of existing code.

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Design Patterns



- **From:** Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software

STRATEGY	Define a function or algorithm as a class. Form a wide but shallow hierarchy of different algorithms.
TEMPLATE METHOD	Write an algorithm in a base class with extension points represented as abstract methods. Subclass and override.
ABSTRACT FACTORY	A base interface for creating one or a family of objects through a standard API. Create implementations for each family of objects that need to be created.
COMPOSITE	A class that implements some other interface and also holds onto zero or more instances of that same interface.
STATE	Similar to strategy, though the states are interdependent. States can cause a so-called context to change from one state to another during its lifetime.

Additional Resources



- Video Series

C++	Dice Game	http://vimeo.com/album/254486
C#	Shunting Yard	http://vimeo.com/album/210446
JAVA	Rpn Calculator	http://vimeo.com/album/205252
IPHONE	iPhone & TDD	http://vimeo.com/album/1472322

- Mocking

JAVA	Mockito	http://schuchert.wikispaces.com/Mockito.LoginServiceExample
C#	Moq	http://schuchert.wikispaces.com/Moq.Logging+In+Example+Implemented

- Other

JAVA	FitNesse	http://schuchert.wikispaces.com/FitNesse.Tutorials
RUBY	Several	http://schuchert.wikispaces.com/ruby.Tutorials
JAVA	UI	http://schuchert.wikispaces.com/tdd.Refactoring.UiExample