# BULLETPROOF PYTHON PROPERTY-BASED TESTING WITH HYPOTHESIS

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# ROADMAP

- What is property-based testing?
- Session 1 Baby steps with Hypothesis
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- Approaches for writing property-based tests
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# WHAT IS PROPERTY-BASED TESTING?

```
from typing import List, TypeVar

T = TypeVar("T", int, float)

def max(l: List[T]) -> T:
    current_max = None
    for element in l:
        if current_max is None or element > current_max:
            current_max = element
    return current_max
```

```
def test_max_returns_maximum_int():
    values = [-3, 5, 1]
    assert max(values) == 5

def test_max_returns_maximum_float():
    values = [-3.0, 5.0, 1.0]
    assert max(values) == 5.0
```

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@given(
    st.one_of(
        st.lists(st.integers()),
        st.lists(st.floats()),
    )
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   T = TypeVar("T", int, float)
   def max(l: List[T]) \rightarrow T:
       if not 1:
 6
           raise ValueError()
8 current max = None
           if current_max is None or element > current_max:
               current_max = element
       return current_max
def test_max_raises_when_input_is_empty():
    with pytest.raises(ValueError):
        max([])
```

```
1 @given(
2    st.one_of(
3         st.lists(st.integers(), min_size=1),
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E    assert nan == nan
```

+ where nan = max([nan])

```
1 @given(
2    st.one_of(
3         st.lists(st.integers(), min_size=1),
4         st.lists(st.floats(allow_nan=False), min_size=1),
5    )
6 )
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8    expected_max = sorted(values)[-1]
9    assert max(values) == expected_max
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- Describe how your data should look like. Let Hypothesis worry about the rest.

# HANDS ON BABY STEPS WITH HYPOTHESIS

#### Unix/MacOS (Bash)

```
$ git clone https://github.com/seifertm/hypothesis-workshop
$ cd hypothesis-workshop/exercises
$ git switch 120min
$ python -m venv venv
$ . venv/bin/activate
$ pip install -r requirements.txt -c constraints.txt
$ pytest
```

#### Windows (PowerShell)

> git clone https://github.com/seifertm/hypothesis-workshop
> cd hypothesis-workshop\exercises
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> python -m venv venv
> venv\Scripts\activate.ps1
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> pytest

# **GENERATING ALL THE THINGS**

## MANIPULATING STRATEGIES

```
@given(
    st.integers().map(str)
)
def test_map(int_as_string):
    ...
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```
@given(
    st.integers().map(str)
)
def test_map(int_as_string):
    ...

@given(
    st.integers().filter(lambda i: i % 7 != 0)
)
def test_filter(not_divisible_by_seven):
    ...
```

### MULTI VALUE STRATEGIES

```
@given(st.sampled_from(["red", "green", "blue"]))
def test_question(color):
    ...
```

# **LISTS**

```
@given(
    st.lists(
        st.integers(),
        min_size=1,
        max_size=10,
        # unique = True,
    )
)
def test_list_of_integers(ints):
    ...
```

# **TUPLES**

```
@given(
    st.tuples(st.integers(), st.integers())
)
def test_pair(pair):
    ...
```

# **DICTIONARIES**

### **COMBINING STRATEGIES**

```
@given(
    st.one_of(
        (st.integers(), st.floats())
    )
)
def test_float_or_int(number):
    ...
```

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```
@given(
    st.one_of(
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)

def test_float_or_int(number):
    ...

@given(st.integers() | st.floats())
def test_float_or_int(number):
    ...
```

#### **COMPLEX STRATEGIES**

```
@st.composite
def list_with_index(draw):
    int_list = draw(st.lists(st.integers(), min_size=1))
    list_index = draw(
        st.integers(min_value=0, max_value=len(int_list) - 1)
    )
    return int_list, list_index
```

# **CONSTRUCTING OBJECTS**

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@given(
    st.builds(Point2D)
)
def test_point(point):
    ...
```

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# SINGLE VALUE STRATEGY

```
@given(st.just(42))
def test_question(answer_to_life):
    ...
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def test_question(answer_to_life):
    ...

@given(
    st.builds(
        Point2D,
        x=st.just(42.0)
    )
)
```

Rather generate too much than too little

Study the Hypothesis docs

# HANDS ON - DESCRIBING YOUR DATA

# APPROACHES FOR WRITING PROPERTY-BASED TESTS

## **FUZZING**

```
@given(
    st.lists(
        st.integers() | st.floats() | st.text()
    )
)
def test_sort(a_list):
    custom_sort(a_list)
```

## DIFFERENTIAL TESTING

```
@given(
    st.lists(
        st.text()
    )
)
def test_my_custom_sort(l):
    assert custom_sort(l) == sorted(l)
```

## ROUNDTRIPS

```
@given(st.binary())
def test_base64(binary):
    encoded = b64encode(binary)
    decoded = b64decode(encoded)
    assert decoded == binary
```

### METAMORPHIC TESTS

```
@given(st.integers(min_value=0))
def test_negative_square_equals_square(n):
    assert square(n) == square(-n)
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@given(st.integers(min_value=0))
def test_square_is_strictly_monotonic(n):
    assert square(n) < square(n + 1)</pre>
```

## **ALGEBRAIC PROPERTIES**

```
@given(st.integers())
def test_sign_is_idempotent(n):
    assert sign(n) == sign(sign(n))
```

# HANDS ON - PRACTICE

## HYPOTHESIS IN PRACTICE

## **DEBUGGING**

```
@given(st.lists(st.integers()))
def test_printing_failures(ints):
    note("Sum of list: {sum(ints)}")
    ...
```

## REPRODUCING FAILURES

```
@settings(print_blob=True)
@given(st.integers())
def test_that_fails(n):
...
```

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## **PROFILES**

```
settings.register_profile("dev")
settings.register_profile("ci", deadline=None)
settings.load_profile(
    os.getenv("HYPOTHESIS_PROFILE", "dev")
)
```

### **STATISTICS**

\$ pytest --hypothesis-show-statistics

- Stopped because settings.max\_examples=100

test\_max\_returns\_max:

- during reuse phase (0.00 seconds):
 - Typical runtimes: < 1ms, ~ 55% in data generation
 - 2 passing examples, 0 failing examples, 0 invalid exampl

- during generate phase (0.17 seconds):
 - Typical runtimes: 0-1 ms, ~ 74% in data generation</pre>

- 98 passing examples, 0 failing examples, 10 invalid exam

## **THANK YOU!**

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