

Software Testing

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Executing a program with the intent of finding errors

Two Key Goals

Validation: *Are we building the right product?*

Verification: *Are we building the product right?*

Boehm, 1979

Validation testing

Does the software meet the technical requirements? (typical usage)

Defect testing

Is the system behaving incorrectly? (atypical situations)

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Testing can only show the presence of error, not their absence – Dijkstra, 1972

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- **Non-functional testing**: tests that verify aspects not directly related to function
Is the system scalable? Is it secure?

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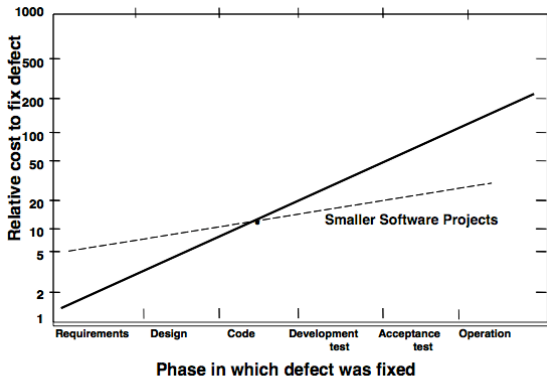
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Other culprits:

- Missing requirements → errors of omission in design
Common case: Non-functional req. (scalability, maintainability, security, etc.) were not specified
- Ambiguity of requirements
- Incorrect design

4. How does it matter whether a defect is found during the planning, development or post-release?



Barry Boehm - A View of 20th and 21st Century Software Engineering

- *The earlier a defect is found the cheaper it is to fix it*
- E.g. if problem in requirements is found only in post-release, then the cost to fix it is 10-100 times more

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 - Break test domain into regions and test the boundaries
Test domain for a code?
 - Can take place *before, during, and after* program is complete
Stubs (piece of code standing-in for some functionality)
often used while program is being completed.

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White box testing

- Have access to internal data structures and algorithms
- testing API
- testing code coverage, etc.
- Includes all static testing

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- **System Testing**

- Testing of the completely integrated system

Unit Testing with JUnit

- A tool for testing OO Java code
- A JAR linked at compiled time
 - `junit.framework` for v. 3.8 and earlier
 - `org.junit` for v. 4.0 and later
- Has been ported to many other languages

Framework for JUnit v. 4.0

- **Classes:** Assert, Assume, Test.None
- **Annotations:** @After, @AfterClass, @Before, @BeforeClass, @ClassRule, @Ignore, @Rule, @Test

Simple example:

```
public class Example {  
    File output;  
    @Before  
    public void createOutputFile() {  
        output= new File(...);  
    }  
    @Test  
    public void something() {  
        ...  
    }  
    @After  
    public void deleteOutputFile() {  
        output.delete();  
    }  
}
```

Sample Code^a

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```
class Money {
    private int fAmount;
    private String fCurrency;

    public Money(int amount, String currency) {
        fAmount= amount;
        fCurrency= currency;
    }
    public int amount() { return fAmount; }

    public String currency() { return fCurrency; }
    public Money add(Money m) {
        return new Money(amount()+m.amount(), currency());
    }
}
```

A JUnit v.4 Test Class

```
import static org.junit.Assert.assertTrue;
import org.junit.Test;

public class MoneyTest {

    @Test
    public void testSimpleAdd() {
        Money m12USD= new Money(12, "USD");
        Money m14USD= new Money(14, "USD");
        Money expected= new Money(26, "USD");
        Money result= m12USD.add(m14USD);

        assertTrue(expected.equals(result));
    }
}
```

Will this test pass or fail?

Another JUnit v.4 Test Class

```
public class MoneyTest {
    private Money f12USD;
    private Money f14USD;

    @Before public void setUp() {
        f12USD= new Money(12, "USD");
        f14USD= new Money(14, "USD"); }

    @Test public void testSimpleAdd() {
        Money expected= new Money(26, "USD");
        Money result= f12USD.add(f14USD);
        assertTrue(expected.equals(result)); }

    @Test public void zeroTest() {
        Money zero= new Money(0, "USD");
        Money result= zero.add(zero);
        assertTrue(result.equals(zero)); }

    @Test(expected=ArithmeticException.class)
    public void negativeTest() {
        Money odd= new Money(-16, "USD");
        Money result= f12USD.add(odd);
        Money expected = new Money(-4, "USD");
        assertTrue(result.equals(expected)); }
}
```


Useful Resources

`junit.sourceforge.net/javadoc`

`open.ncsu.edu/se/tutorials/junit/`

`developer.android.com/training/activity-testing/activity-unit-testing.html`

`mobile.tutsplus.com/tutorials/android/android-sdk-junit-testing/`