**7.1 INTRODUCTION TO TESTING**

**Introduction to Testing:**

Testing is a process, which reveals errors in the program. It is the major quality measure employed during software development. During software development. During testing, the program is executed with a set of test cases and the output of the program for the test cases is evaluated to determine if the program is performing as it is expected to perform.

**7.2 TESTING IN STRATEGIES**

In order to make sure that the system does not have errors, the different levels of testing strategies that are applied at differing phases of software development are:

**Unit Testing:**

Unit Testing is done on individual modules as they are completed and become executable. It is confined only to the designer's requirements.

**Each module can be tested using the following two Strategies:**

**Black Box Testing:**

In this strategy some test cases are generated as input conditions that fully execute all functional requirements for the program. This testing has been uses to find errors in the following categories:

* Incorrect or missing functions
* Interface errors
* Errors in data structure or external database access
* Performance errors
* Initialization and termination errors.

In this testing only the output is checked for correctness.

The logical flow of the data is not checked.

**White Box testing :**

In this the test cases are generated on the logic of each module by drawing flow graphs of that module and logical decisions are tested on all the cases. It has been uses to generate the test cases in the following cases:

* Guarantee that all independent paths have been Executed.
* Execute all logical decisions on their true and false Sides.
* Execute all loops at their boundaries and within their operational bounds
* Execute internal data structures to ensure their validity.

**Integrating Testing :**

Integration testing ensures that software and subsystems work together a whole. It tests the interface of all the modules to make sure that the modules behave properly when integrated together.

**System Testing:**

Involves in-house testing of the entire system before delivery to the user. It's aim is to satisfy the user the system meets all requirements of the client's specifications.

**Acceptance Testing :**

It is a pre-delivery testing in which entire system is tested at client's site on real world data to find errors.

#### Test Approach :

**Testing can be done in two ways:**

* Bottom up approach
* Top down approach

**Bottom up Approach:**

Testing can be performed starting from smallest and lowest level modules and proceeding one at a time. For each module in bottom up testing a short program executes the module and provides the needed data so that the module is asked to perform the way it will when embedded with in the larger system. When bottom level modules are tested attention turns to those on the next level that use the lower level ones they are tested individually and then linked with the previously examined lower level modules.

**Top down approach:**

This type of testing starts from upper level modules. Since the detailed activities usually performed in the lower level routines are not provided stubs are written. A stub is a module shell called by upper level module and that when reached properly will return a message to the calling module indicating that proper interaction occurred. No attempt is made to verify the correctness of the lower level module.

**Validation:**

The system has been tested and implemented successfully and thus ensured that all the requirements as listed in the software requirements specification are completely fulfilled. In case of erroneous input corresponding error messages are displayed