

# Mastering assert statements

UNIT TESTING FOR DATA SCIENCE IN PYTHON



**Dibya Chakravorty**  
Test Automation Engineer

# Theoretical structure of an assertion

```
assert boolean_expression
```

# The optional message argument

```
assert boolean_expression, message
```

```
assert 1 == 2, "One is not equal to two!"
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>  
AssertionError: One is not equal to two!
```

```
assert 1 == 1, "This will not be printed since assertion passes"
```

# Adding a message to a unit test

- test module: `test_row_to_list.py`

```
import pytest
...

def test_for_missing_area():
    assert row_to_list("\t293,410\n") is None
```

# Adding a message to a unit test

- test module: `test_row_to_list.py`

```
import pytest
...

def test_for_missing_area():
    assert row_to_list("\t293,410\n") is None
```

- test module: `test_row_to_list.py`

```
import pytest
...

def test_for_missing_area_with_message():
    actual = row_to_list("\t293,410\n")
    expected = None

    message = ("row_to_list('\t293,410\n') "
               "returned {0} instead "
               "of {1}".format(actual, expected))

    assert actual is expected, message
```

# Test result report with message

- `test_on_missing_area()` output on failure

```
E      AssertionError: assert ['', '293,410'] is None
E      + where ['', '293,410'] = row_to_list('\t293,410\n')
```

- `test_on_missing_area_with_message()` output on failure

```
>      assert actual is expected, message
E      AssertionError: row_to_list('\t293,410\n') returned ['', '293,410'] instead
              of None
E      assert ['', '293,410'] is None
```

# Recommendations

- Include a message with assert statements.
- Print values of any variable that is relevant to debugging.

# Beware of float return values!

```
0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1 == 0.3
```

```
False
```





# Beware of float return values!

```
0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1
```

```
0.30000000000000004
```

# Don't do this

```
assert 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1 == 0.3, "Usual way to compare does not always work with floats!"
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
AssertionError: Usual way to compare does not always work with floats!
```

# Do this

- Use `pytest.approx()` to wrap expected return value.

```
assert 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1 == pytest.approx(0.3)
```

# NumPy arrays containing floats

```
assert np.array([0.1 + 0.1, 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1]) == pytest.approx(np.array([0.2, 0.3]))
```

# Multiple assertions in one unit test

```
convert_to_int("2,081")
```

```
2081
```

# Multiple assertions in one unit test

- test module: test\_convert\_to\_int.py

```
import pytest
...

def test_on_string_with_one_comma():
    assert convert_to_int("2,081") == 2081
```

- test\_module: test\_convert\_to\_int.py

```
import pytest
...

def test_on_string_with_one_comma():
    return_value = convert_to_int("2,081")
    assert isinstance(return_value, int)
    assert return_value == 2081
```

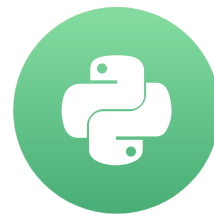
- Test will pass only if both assertions pass.

# Let's practice writing assert statements!

UNIT TESTING FOR DATA SCIENCE IN PYTHON

# Testing for exceptions instead of return values

UNIT TESTING FOR DATA SCIENCE IN PYTHON



**Dibya Chakravorty**  
Test Automation Engineer



# Example

```
import numpy as np
example_argument = np.array([[2081, 314942],
                             [1059, 186606],
                             [1148, 206186],
                             ])
split_into_training_and_testing_sets(example_argument)
```

```
(array([[1148, 206186],
       [2081, 314942],
       ]),
 array([[1059, 186606]]))
```

# Example

```
import numpy as np
example_argument = np.array([[2081, 314942],      # must be two dimensional
                             [1059, 186606],
                             [1148, 206186],
                             ]
                             )
split_into_training_and_testing_sets(example_argument)
```

```
(array([[1148, 206186],
        [2081, 314942],
        ]
      ),
array([[1059, 186606]]))
```

# Example

```
import numpy as np
example_argument = np.array([2081, 314942, 1059, 186606, 1148, 206186])    # one dimensional
split_into_training_and_testing_sets(example_argument)
```

```
ValueError: Argument data array must be two dimensional. Got 1 dimensional array instead!
```

# Unit testing exceptions

## Goal

Test if `split_into_training_and_testing_set()` raises `ValueError` with one dimensional argument.

```
def test_valueerror_on_one_dimensional_argument():  
    example_argument = np.array([2081, 314942, 1059, 186606, 1148, 206186])  
    with pytest.raises(ValueError):
```

# Theoretical structure of a with statement

```
with ____:  
    print("This is part of the context")    # any code inside is the context
```

# Theoretical structure of a with statement

```
with context_manager:  
    print("This is part of the context")    # any code inside is the context
```

# Theoretical structure of a with statement

```
with context_manager:  
    # <--- Runs code on entering context  
    print("This is part of the context")    # any code inside is the context  
    # <--- Runs code on exiting context
```



# Theoretical structure of a with statement

```
with pytest.raises(ValueError):  
    # <--- Does nothing on entering the context  
    print("This is part of the context")  
    # <--- If context raised ValueError, silence it.  
    # <--- If the context did not raise ValueError, raise an exception.
```



# Theoretical structure of a with statement

```
with pytest.raises(ValueError):  
    raise ValueError    # context exits with ValueError  
# <--- pytest.raises(ValueError) silences it
```

```
with pytest.raises(ValueError):  
    pass    # context exits without raising a ValueError  
# <--- pytest.raises(ValueError) raises Failed
```

```
Failed: DID NOT RAISE <class 'ValueError'>
```

# Unit testing exceptions

```
def test_valueerror_on_one_dimensional_argument():  
    example_argument = np.array([2081, 314942, 1059, 186606, 1148, 206186])  
    with pytest.raises(ValueError):  
        split_into_training_and_testing_sets(example_argument)
```

- If function raises expected `ValueError`, test will pass.
- If function is buggy and does not raise `ValueError`, test will fail.

# Testing the error message

```
ValueError: Argument data array must be two dimensional. Got 1 dimensional array instead!
```

# Testing the error message

```
def test_valueerror_on_one_dimensional_argument():  
    example_argument = np.array([2081, 314942, 1059, 186606, 1148, 206186])  
    with pytest.raises(ValueError) as exception_info:      # store the exception  
        split_into_training_and_testing_sets(example_argument)  
  
    # Check if ValueError contains correct message  
    assert exception_info.match("Argument data array must be two dimensional. "  
                                "Got 1 dimensional array instead!")  
    )
```

- `exception_info` stores the `ValueError`.
- `exception_info.match(expected_msg)` checks if `expected_msg` is present in the actual error message.

# Let's practice unit testing exceptions.

UNIT TESTING FOR DATA SCIENCE IN PYTHON

# The well tested function

UNIT TESTING FOR DATA SCIENCE IN PYTHON



**Dibya Chakravorty**  
Test Automation Engineer

# Example

```
import numpy as np
example_argument_value = np.array([[2081, 314942],
                                   [1059, 186606],
                                   [1148, 206186],
                                   ])
split_into_training_and_testing_sets(example_argument_value)
```

```
(array([[1148, 206186],      # Training array
        [2081, 314942],
        ]
      ),
array([[1059, 186606]])    # Testing array
)
```

# Test for length, not value

```
import numpy as np
example_argument_value = np.array([[2081, 314942],
                                   [1059, 186606],
                                   [1148, 206186],
                                   ])
split_into_training_and_testing_sets(example_argument_value)
```

```
(array([[1148, 206186],      # Training array has int(0.75 * example_argument_value.shape[0]) rows
        [2081, 314942],
        ]
),
array([[1059, 186606]])    # Rest of the rows go to the testing array
)
```



# Test arguments and expected return values

Number of rows (argument)	Number of rows (training array)	Number of rows (testing array)
8	<code>int(0.75 * 8)</code> = 6	<code>8 - int(0.75 * 8)</code> = 2

# Test arguments and expected return values

Number of rows (argument)	Number of rows (training array)	Number of rows (testing array)
8	<code>int(0.75 * 8)</code> = 6	<code>8 - int(0.75 * 8)</code> = 2
10	<code>int(0.75 * 10)</code> = 7	<code>10 - int(0.75 * 10)</code> = 3

# Test arguments and expected return values

Number of rows (argument)	Number of rows (training array)	Number of rows (testing array)
8	<code>int(0.75 * 8) = 6</code>	<code>8 - int(0.75 * 8) = 2</code>
10	<code>int(0.75 * 10) = 7</code>	<code>10 - int(0.75 * 10) = 3</code>
23	<code>int(0.75 * 23) = 17</code>	<code>23 - int(0.75 * 23) = 6</code>

# How many arguments to test?

Input array number of rows	Training array number of rows	Testing array number of rows
8	<code>int(0.75 * 8)</code> = 6	<code>8 - int(0.75 * 8)</code> = 2
10	<code>int(0.75 * 10)</code> = 7	<code>10 - int(0.75 * 10)</code> = 3
23	<code>int(0.75 * 23)</code> = 17	<code>23 - int(0.75 * 23)</code> = 6
...	...	...
...	...	...
...	...	...

# Test argument types

Test for these argument types

- Bad arguments.
- Special arguments.
- Normal arguments.

# Test argument types

Test for these argument types

- Bad arguments. ✓
- Special arguments.
- Normal arguments.

# Test argument types

Test for these argument types

- Bad arguments. ✓
- Special arguments. ✓
- Normal arguments.

# Test argument types

Test for these argument types

- Bad arguments. ✓
- Special arguments. ✓
- Normal arguments. ✓



# The well tested function

Test for these argument types

- Bad arguments. ✓
- Special arguments. ✓
- Normal arguments. ✓



# Type I: Bad arguments

- When passed bad arguments, function raises an exception.

# Type I: Bad arguments (one dimensional array)

- When passed bad arguments, function raises an exception.

Argument	Type	Num rows (training)	Num rows (testing)	exceptions
One dimensional	Bad	-	-	ValueError

Example: `np.array([845.0, 31036.0, 1291.0, 72205.0])`

# Type I: Bad arguments (array with only one row)

- When passed bad arguments, function raises an exception.

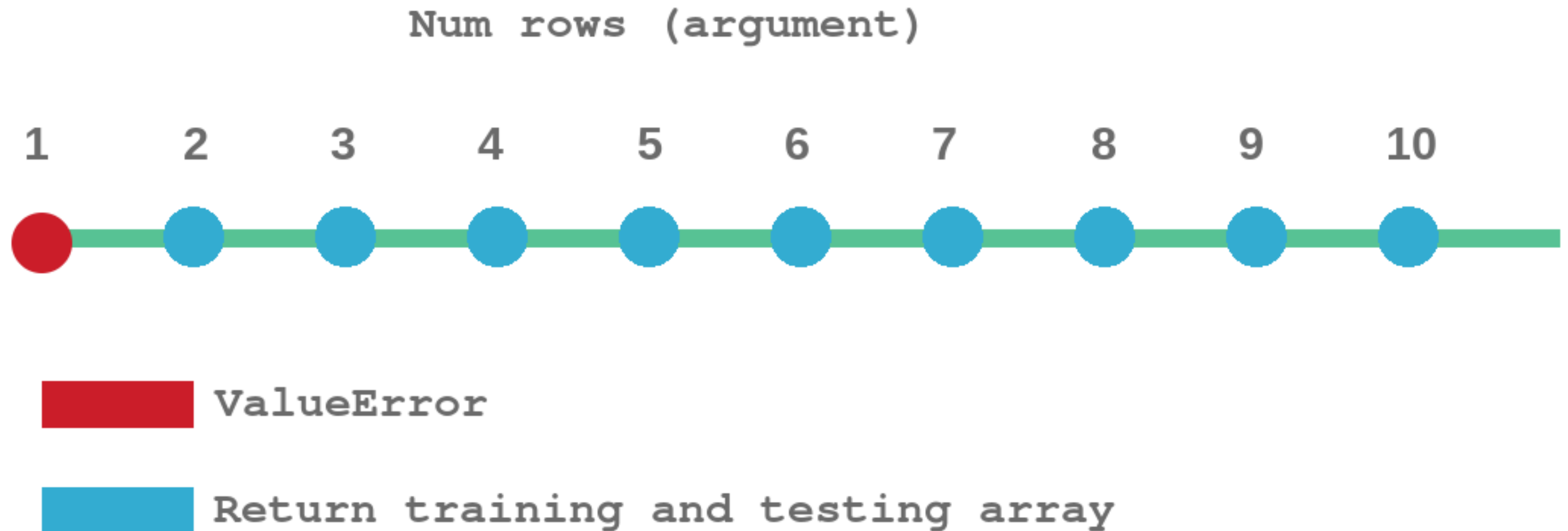
Argument	Type	Num rows (training)	Num rows (testing)	exceptions
One dimensional	Bad	-	-	ValueError
Contains 1 row	Bad	-	-	ValueError

Example: `np.array([[845.0, 31036.0]])`

# Type II: Special arguments

- Boundary values.
- For some argument values, function uses special logic.

# Boundary values



# Boundary values



# Test arguments table

Argument	Type	Num rows (training)	Num rows (testing)	exceptions
One dimensional	Bad	-	-	ValueError
Contains 1 row	Bad	-	-	ValueError
Contains 2 rows	Special	<code>int(0.75 * 2) = 1</code>	<code>2 - int(0.75 * 2) = 1</code>	-



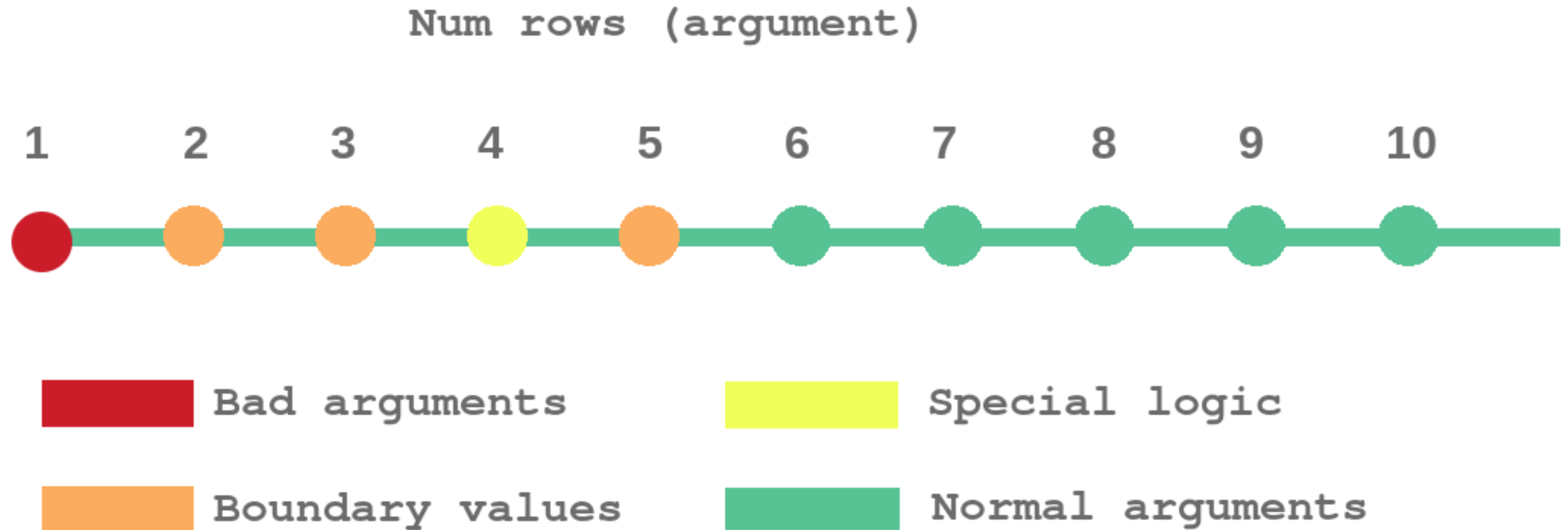
# Arguments triggering special logic

Argument	Type	Num rows (training)	Num rows (testing)	exceptions
One dimensional	Bad	-	-	ValueError
Contains 1 row	Bad	-	-	ValueError
Contains 2 rows	Special	<code>int(0.75 * 2) = 1</code>	<code>2 - int(0.75 * 2) = 1</code>	-
Contains 4 rows		<code>int(0.75 * 4) = 3</code>	<code>4 - int(0.75 * 4) = 1</code>	-

# Arguments triggering special logic

Argument	Type	Num rows (training)	Num rows (testing)	exceptions
One dimensional	Bad	-	-	ValueError
Contains 1 row	Bad	-	-	ValueError
Contains 2 rows	Special	<code>int(0.75 * 2) = 1</code>	<code>2 - int(0.75 * 2) = 1</code>	-
Contains 4 rows	Special	<code>3 * 2</code>	<code>1 * 2</code>	-

# Normal arguments



Argument	Type	Num rows (training)	Num rows (testing)	exceptions
One dimensional	Bad	-	-	ValueError
Contains 1 row	Bad	-	-	ValueError
Contains 2 rows	Special	<code>int(0.75 * 2)</code> = 1	<code>2 - int(0.75 * 2)</code> = 1	-
Contains 3 rows	Special	<code>int(0.75 * 3)</code> = 2	<code>3 - int(0.75 * 3)</code> = 1	-
Contains 4 rows	Special	3 2	1 2	-
Contains 5 rows	Special	<code>int(0.75 * 5)</code> = 3	<code>5 - int(0.75 * 5)</code> = 2	-
Contains 6 rows	Normal	<code>int(0.75 * 6)</code> = 4	<code>6 - int(0.75 * 6)</code> = 2	-
Contains 8 rows	Normal	<code>int(0.75 * 8)</code> = 6	<code>8 - int(0.75 * 6)</code> = 2	-

```
split_into_training_and_testing_sets()
```



# Caveat

- Not all functions have bad or special arguments.
  - In this case, simply ignore these class of arguments.

# Let's apply this to other functions!

UNIT TESTING FOR DATA SCIENCE IN PYTHON

# Test Driven Development (TDD)

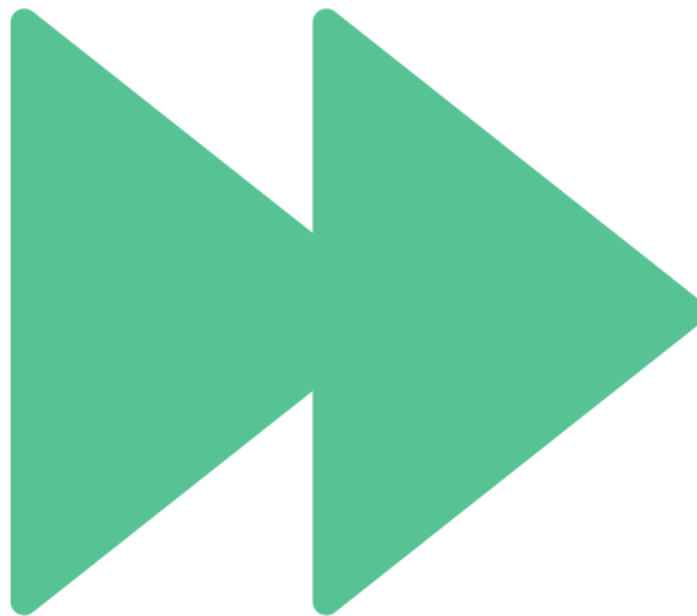
UNIT TESTING FOR DATA SCIENCE IN PYTHON



**Dibya Chakravorty**  
Test Automation Engineer



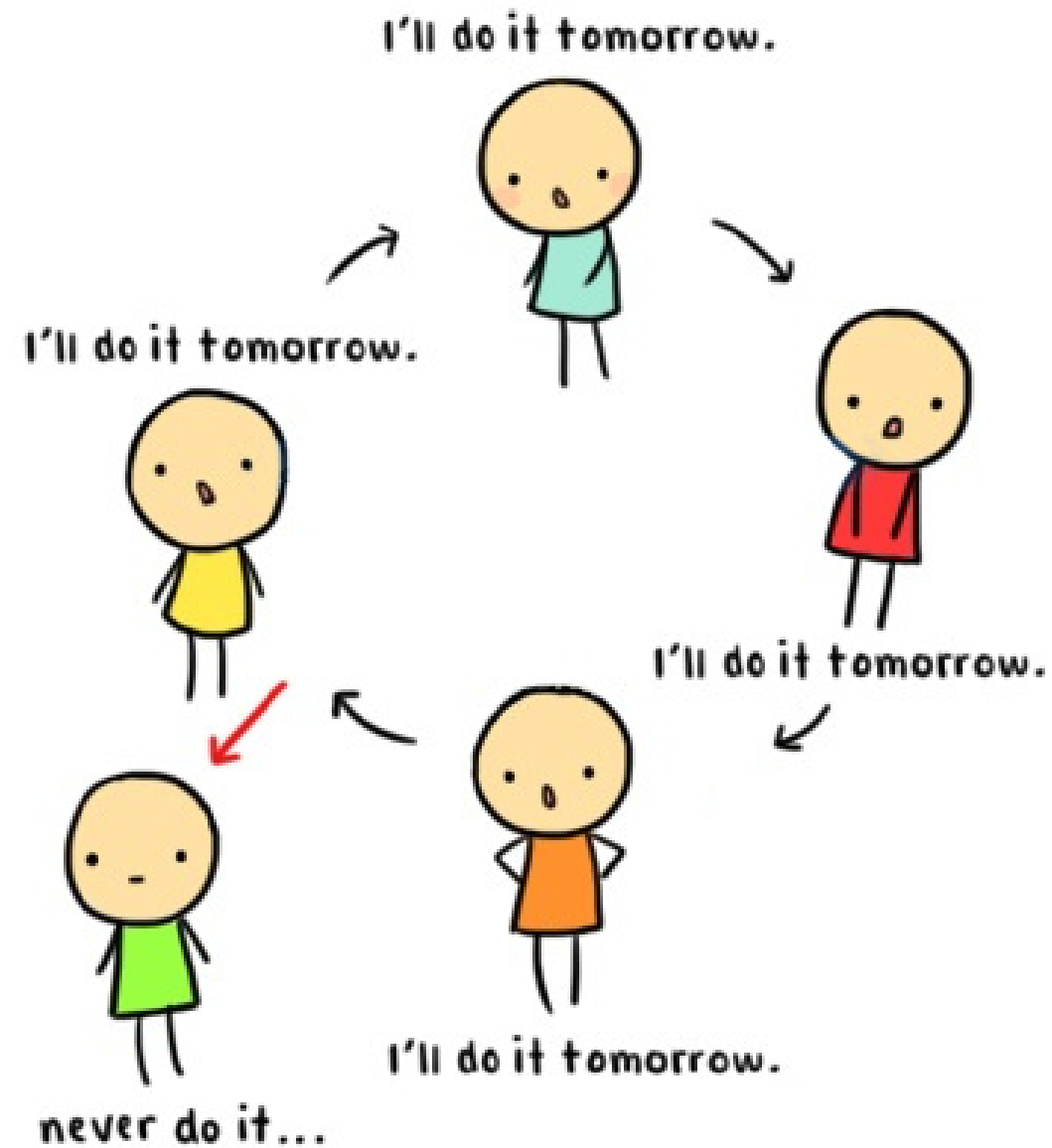
# Writing unit tests is often skipped



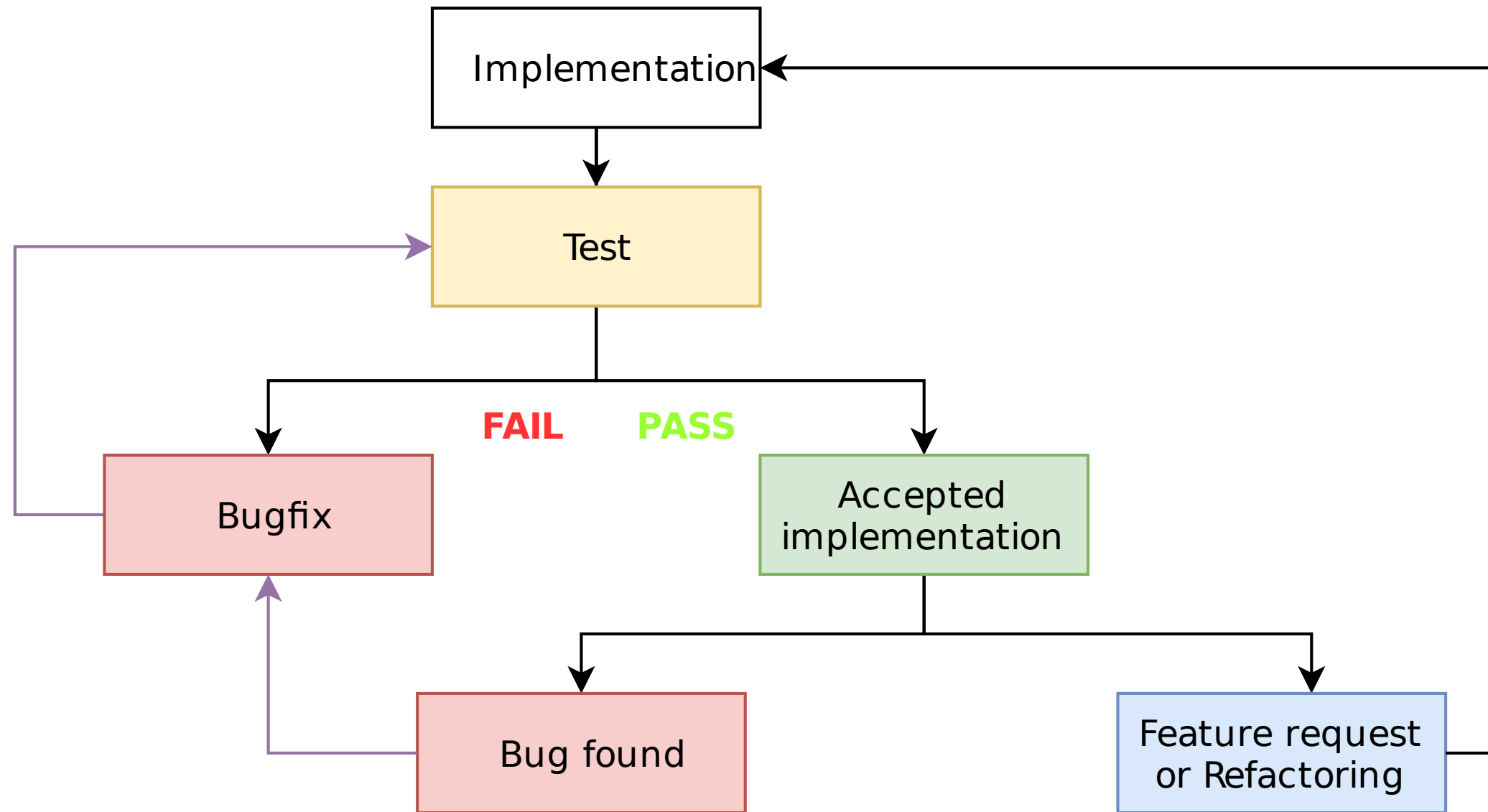
# Usual priorities in the industry

1. Feature development.
2. Unit testing.

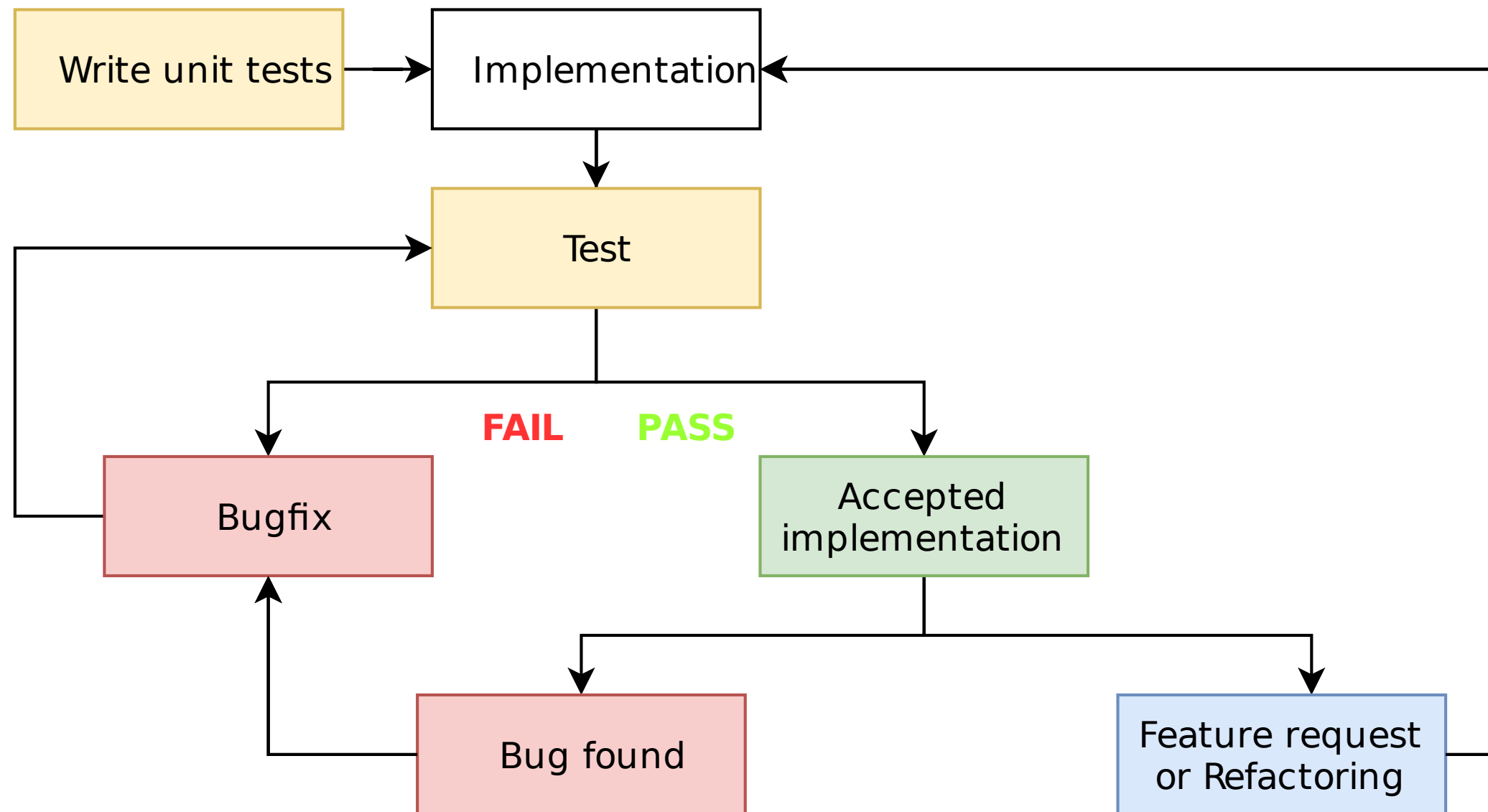
# Unit tests never get written



# Test Driven Development (TDD)



# Test Driven Development (TDD)



# Write unit tests before implementation!

- Unit tests *cannot* be deprioritized.
- Time for writing unit tests factored in implementation time.
- Requirements are clearer and implementation easier.



# In the coding exercises...

- We will use TDD to develop `convert_to_int()` .

```
convert_to_int("2,081")
```

```
2081
```

# Step 1: Write unit tests and fix requirements

Test module: `test_convert_to_int.py`

```
import pytest

def test_with_no_comma():
    ...

def test_with_one_comma():
    ...

def test_with_two_commas():
    ...
```



# Step 2: Run tests and watch it fail

```
!pytest test_convert_to_int.py
```

```
===== test session starts =====
platform linux -- Python 3.6.7, pytest-4.0.1, py-1.8.0, pluggy-0.11.0
rootdir: /tmp/tmpbhadho_b, inifile:
plugins: mock-1.10.0
collecting ...
collected 6 items

test_convert_to_int.py FFFFFFFF                                     [100%]

===== 6 failed in 0.06 seconds =====
```

# Step 3: Implement function and run tests again

```
def convert_to_int():  
    ...
```

```
!pytest test_convert_to_int.py
```

```
===== test session starts =====  
platform linux -- Python 3.6.7, pytest-4.0.1, py-1.8.0, pluggy-0.11.0  
rootdir: /tmp/tmp793ds6mt, inifile:  
plugins: mock-1.10.0  
collecting ...  
collected 6 items  
test_convert_to_int.py ..... [100%]  
  
===== 6 passed in 0.03 seconds =====
```

# Let's apply TDD!

UNIT TESTING FOR DATA SCIENCE IN PYTHON