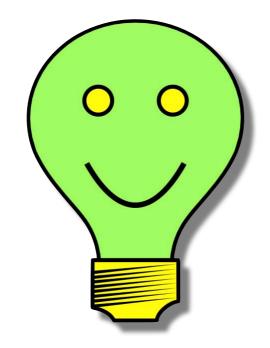
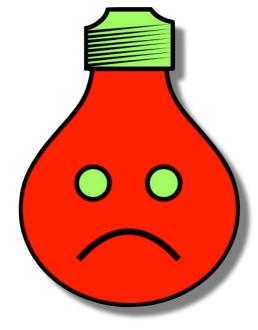
Unit Testing 101

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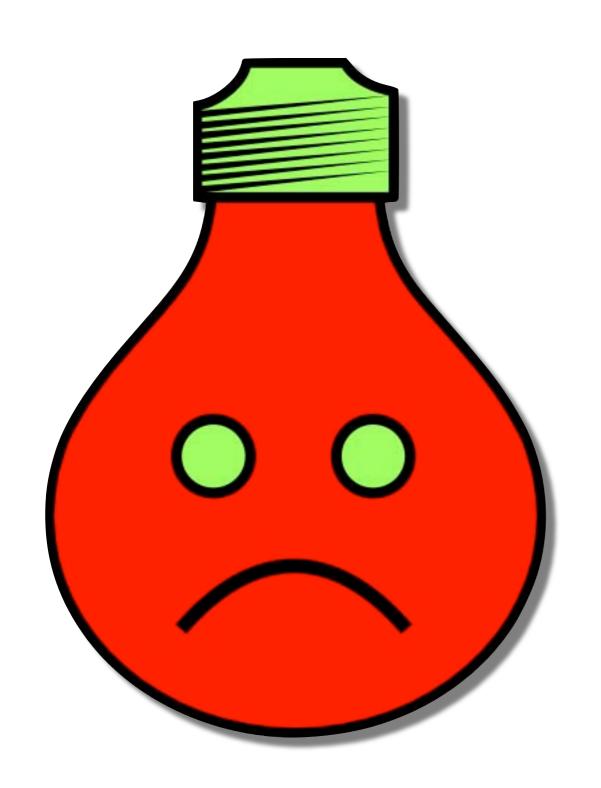
Mr. Testabulb vs. Mr. Untestabulb

Testing a Flashlight Writing Untestable Code





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How Do You Write Hard To Test Code?



What I know about... writing tests

(nothing)



What I know about... writing testable code

- Good OO
- Dependency Injection
- Test Driven Development
- A whole lot about un-testable code

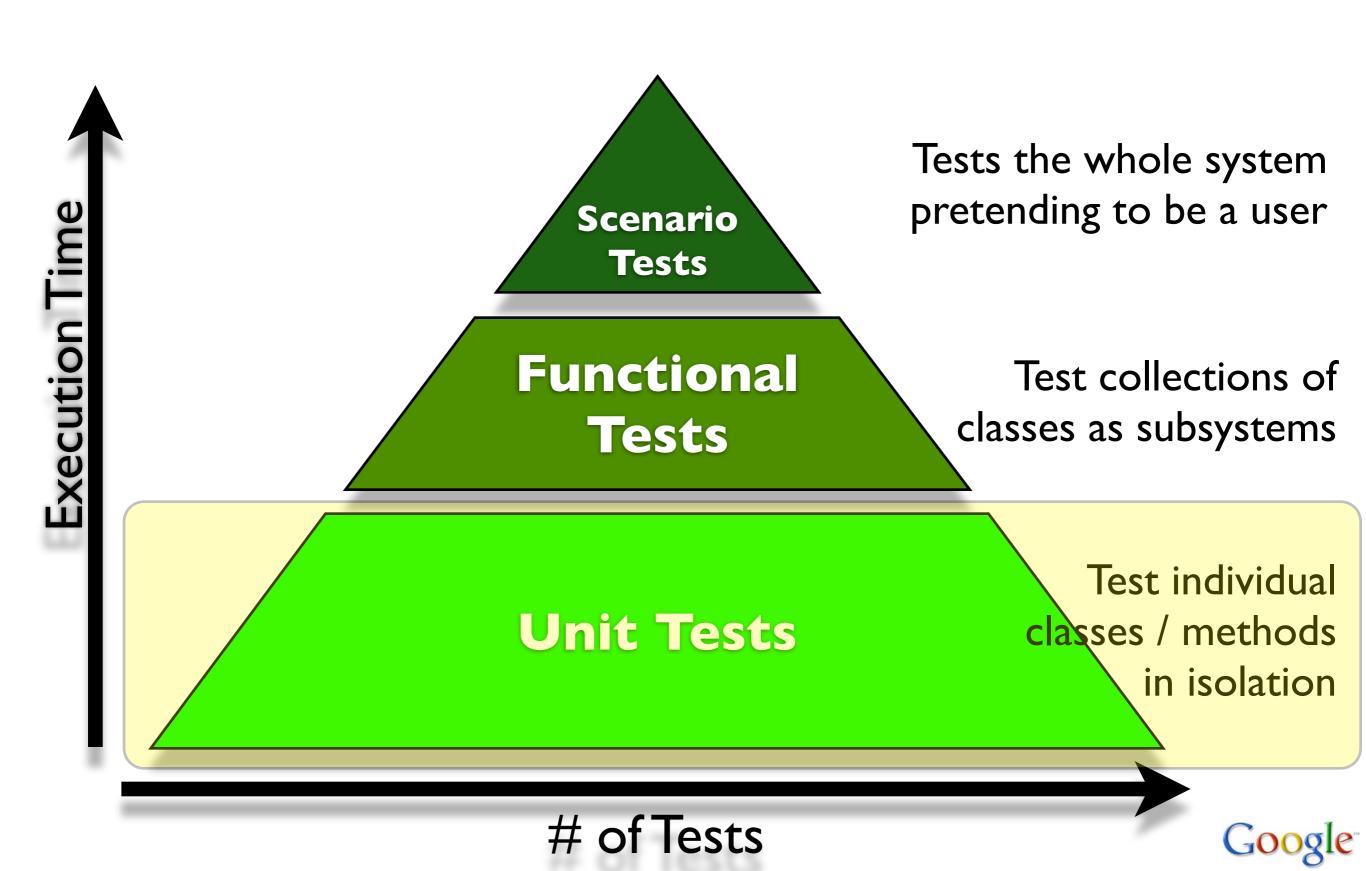


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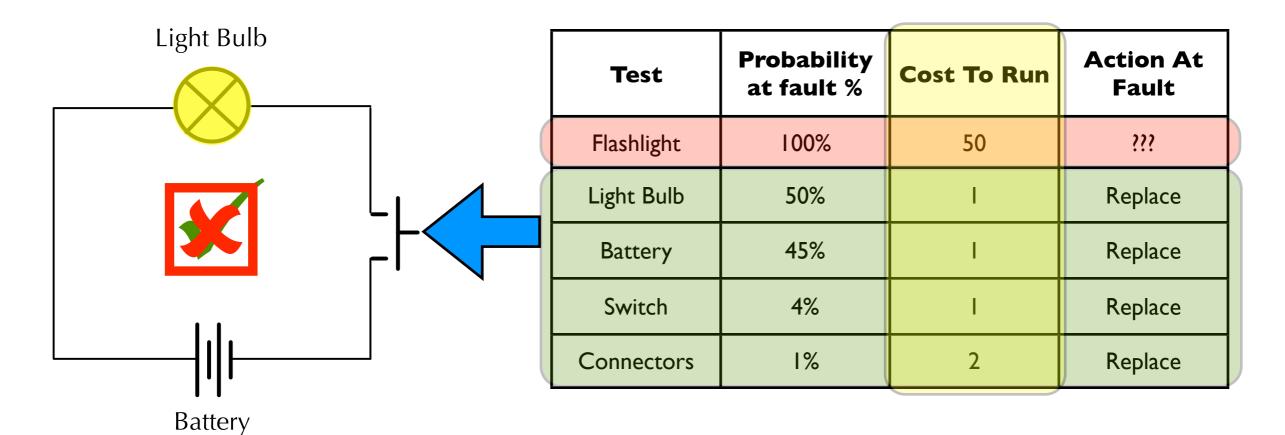
... there are only secrets to writing testable code!



Different Kinds of Tests



Testing a Flashlight

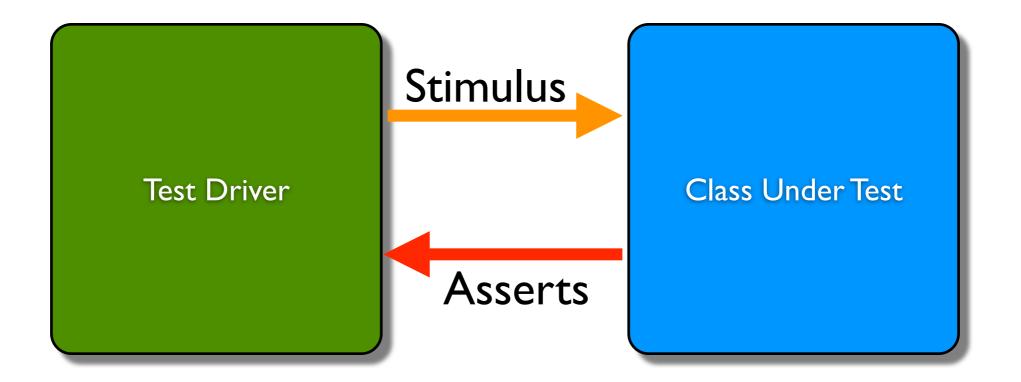




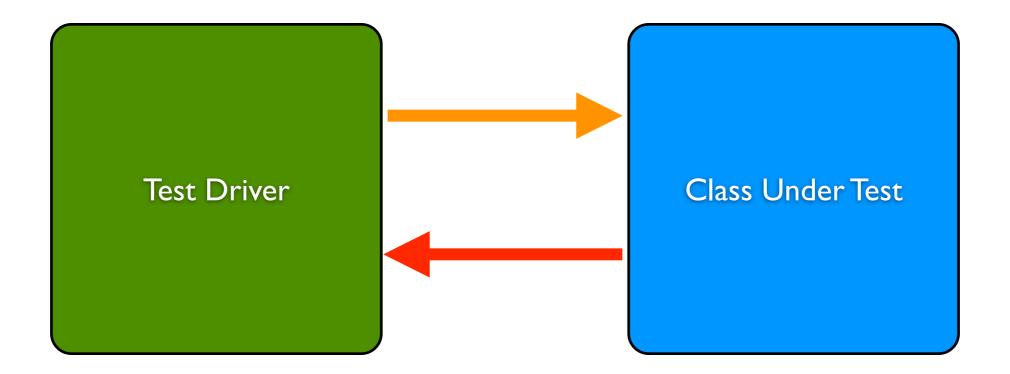


Unit Tests >>> # Large Tests

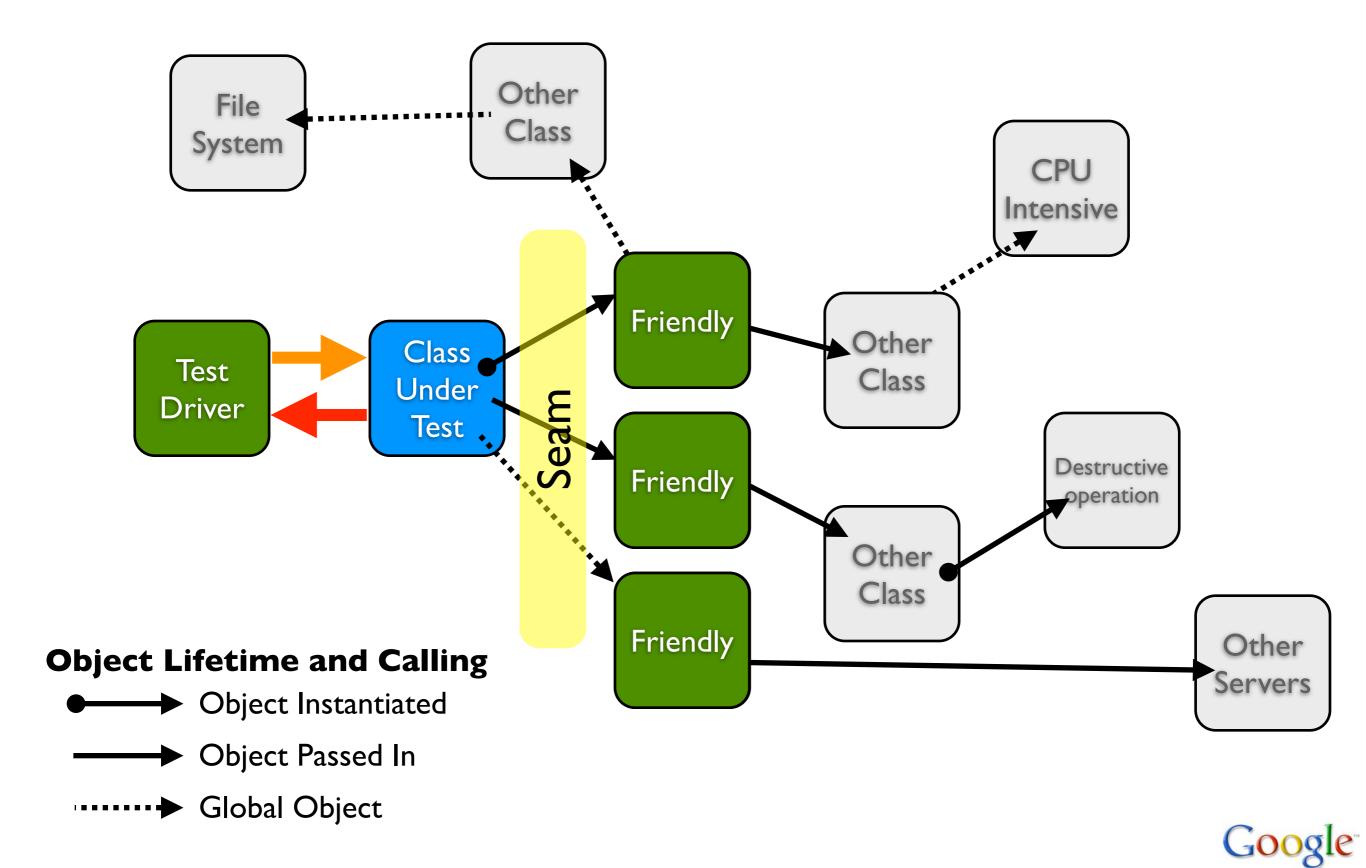






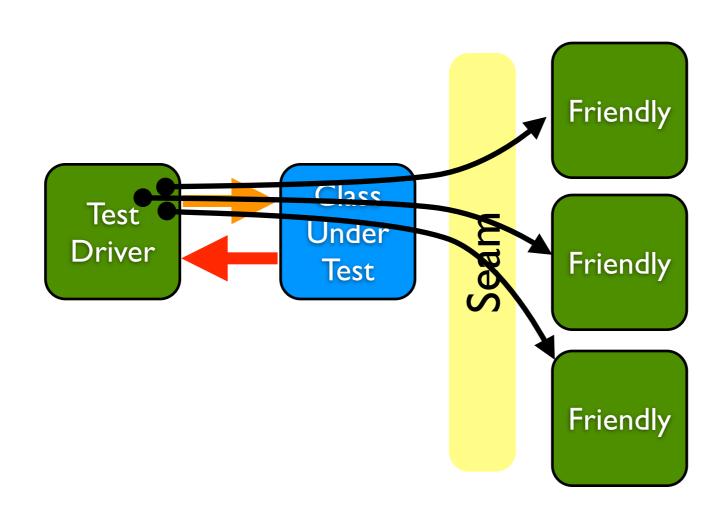






Object Graph
Construction
& Logic

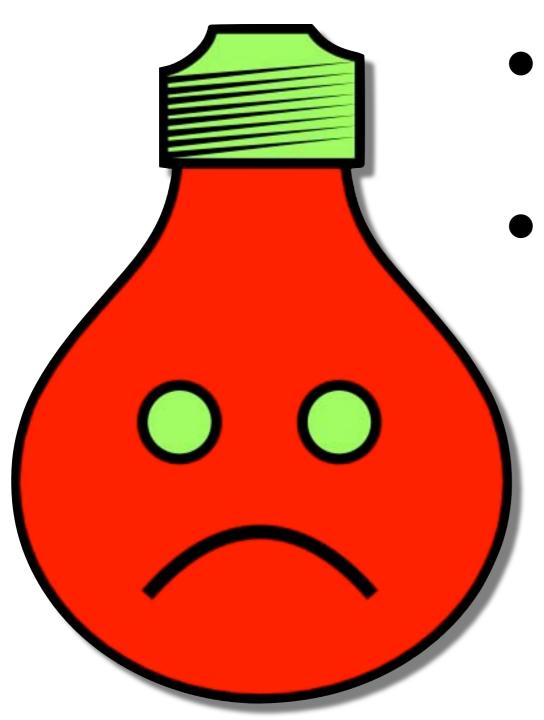




Object Lifetime and Calling

- Object Instantiated
- Object Passed In
- → Global Object



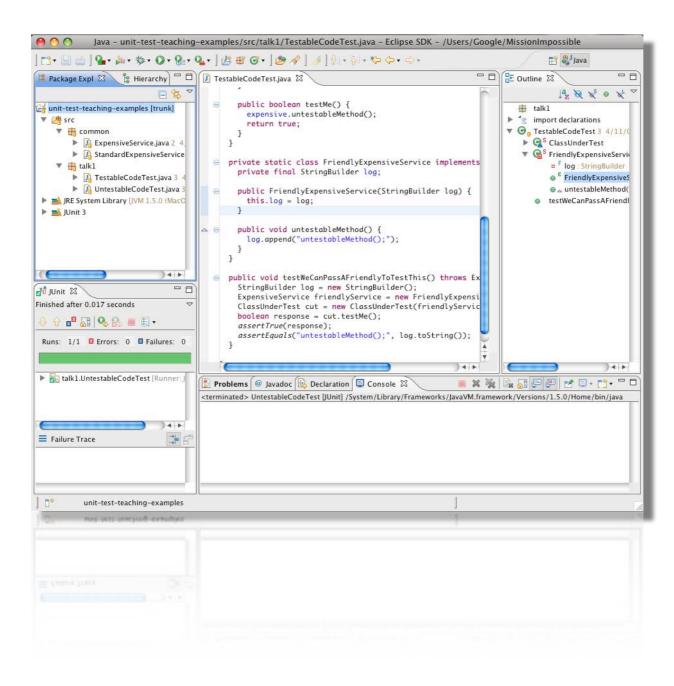


 How Do You Write Hard To Test Code?

 You mix object creation code with business logic. This will assure that a test can never construct a graph of objects different from production. Hence nothing can be tested in isolation.



Code Example





Take Away

• Unit Tests are a preferred way of testing

 Unit Tests require separation of <u>Instantiation of Object Graph</u> from <u>Business Logic</u> under test



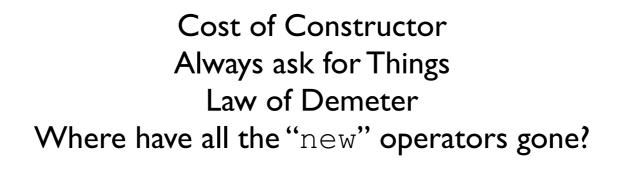
Fight Mr. Untestabulb

- Trick #1:Ask for things
 - Avoid direct instantiation
 - Avoid work in constructor
 - Prefer passing in dependencies
- Trick #2: Avoid Global Mutable State
 - Bad Singleton vs Good Singleton
 - Deceptive API
- Trick #3: Avoid Deep Inheritance Hierarchies
 - Prefer Composition over Inheritance
 - Prefer Polymorphism over conditionals





Fighting Mr. Untestable Trick#I Ask for Things! Don't look for Things!





by Miško Hevery

- To test a method you first need to instantiate an object:
 - Work inside of constructor has no seams
 - Can't override
 - Your test must successfully navigate the constructor maze
- Do as little work in constructor as possible



```
class Document {
                                   Mixing graph
  String html;
                                  construction with
                                     work
  Document(String url) {
    HtmlClient client = new HtmlClient();
    html = client.get(url);
         Doing work in
          constructor
```



```
class Document {
  String html;
  Document (HtmlClient client, String url) {
```

Document does not care about client, it cares about what client can produce

html = client.get(url);

Doing work in constructor

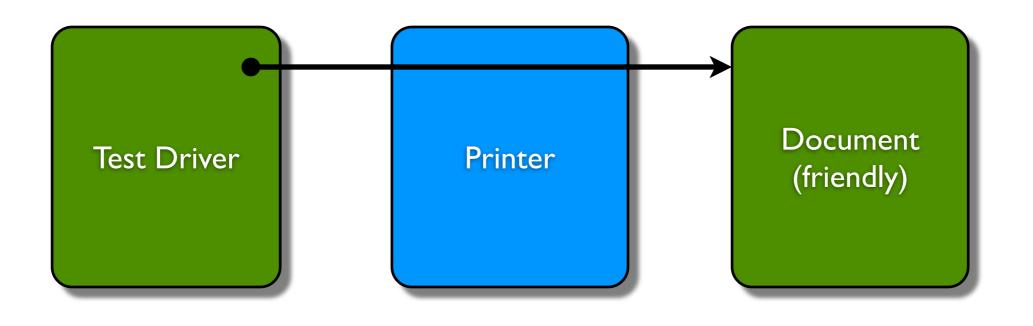
Law of the Demeter: Asking for something you don't need directly only to get. to what you really want.

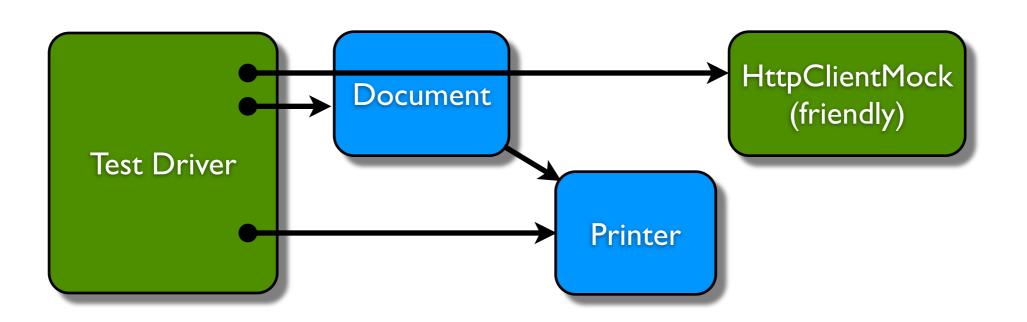


The fact that a Car

knows about

```
class Document {
                                        class Printer {
  String html;
                                          void print(Document html) {
                                            // do some work here.
  Document(String html) {
    this.html = html;
                         Easy to test
                    since Document is easy to
                          construct
class DocumentFactory {
 HtmlClient client;
  DocumentFactory(HtmlClient client) {
    this.client = client;
  Document build(String url) {
    return new Document(client.get(url));
```







- Test has to successfully navigate the constructor each time instance is needed
- Objects require construction often indirectly making hard to construct objects a real pain to test with







- aka Context
- Better then a Singleton
 - If you had static look up of services this is an improvement. It is testable but it is not pretty
- Hides true dependencies



```
class House {
```

The API lies about its true dependencies. Only after examining or running the code can we determine what is actually needed

```
House(Locator locator) {
```

What needs to be mocked out in test?

```
}
```



```
class House {
  Door door;
  Window window;
  Roof roof;
  House (Door d, Window w, Roof r) {
    door = d;
    window = w;
    roof = r;
```



```
class HouseTest {
  pulic void testServiceLocator() {
    Door d = new Door(...);
    Roof r = new Roof(...);
    Window w = new Window(...);
    House h = new House(d, r, w);
}
```



- Mixing Responsibilities
 - Lookup
 - Factory
- Need to have an interface for testing
- Anything which depends on Service Locator now depends on everything else.



- Imagine your are in a store and the item you are purchasing is \$25.
- Do you give the clerk \$25?
- Or do you give the clerk your wallet and let him retrieve the \$25?



```
class Goods {
  AccountsReceivable ar;
  void purchase(Customer c) {
     Money m = c.getWallet().getMoney();
     ar.recordSale(this, m);
                                          To test this we
                                       need to create a valid
                                       Customer with a valid
                                       Wallet which contains
                                      the real item of interest.
                                            (Money)
```

```
class GoodsTest {
  void testPurchase() {
    AccountsReceivable ar = new MockAR();
    Goods q = new Goods(ar);
    Money m = new Money (25, USD);
    Wallet v = new Wallet(m);
    Customer c = new Customer(v);
    q.purchase(c);
    assertEquasl(25, ar.getSales());
```



```
class Goods {
  AccountsReceivable ar;
  void purchase(Money m) {
    ar.recordSale(this, m);
class GoodsTest {
  void testPurchase() {
    AccountsReceivable ar = new MockAR();
    Goods q = new Goods(ar);
    q.purchase(new Money(25, USD));
    assertEquas1(25, ar.getSales());
```



Law of Demeter

- You only ask for objects which you directly need (operate on)
- a.getX().getY().... is a dead givaway
- serviceLocator.getService() is breaking the Law of Demeter



- DI makes refactoring hard
 - If a child object needs a new parameter then I have to pass it through all of its parents
- Because of Law of Demeter you should never ask for anything you don't directly need.
- Parent object does not make a child it asks for child. So if child needs a new dependency the parent is not aware



```
class House {
  House (Door door) { . . . }
class Door {
  Door(DoorKnob knob) { . . . }
class DoorKnob {
  DoorKnob() { . . . }
```



```
class HouseFactory {
   House build() {
      DoorKnob knob = new DoorKnob();
      Door door = new Door(knob);
      return new House(door);
   }
}
```



```
class House {
  House (Door door) { . . . }
class Door {
  Door (Door Knob knob, Window window) { . . . }
class DoorKnob {
  DoorKnob (Color color) { ... }
```



```
class HouseFactory {
   House build() {
      Color color = Color.RED;
      DoorKnob knob = new DoorKnob(color);
      Window window = new SmallWindow();
      Door door = new Door(knob, window);
      return new House(door);
   }
}
```



Object Lifetime

- Constructor
 - Only objects whose lifetime is equal to or greater
- Method Parameters
 - Objects whose lifetime is shorter



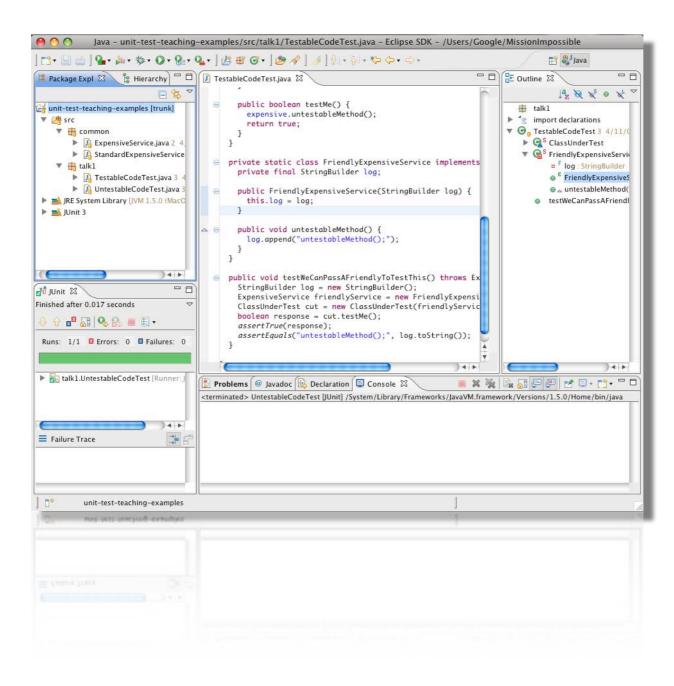
Test vs. Production

	Production	Tests
null		
new		



```
Passing a null
                                       in test says "This is of
class House {
                                       no interest" And it is
   House (Door door) {
                                      great way to write clean
      checkNotNull(door);
                                        tests. Preconditions
                                        make it harder to
      this.door = door;
                                          write tests.
  void paint(Color color) { . . . . }
                                                     A passing test
                                                    asserts a lot more
                                                  about the quality of a
                                                 code than a precondition
                                                    can. Getting rid of
                                                 preconditions in favor of
                                                   tests is a worthwhile
testHousePainting() {
                                                        trade.
   House house = new House (null);
   house.paint(Color.RED);
   assertEquals (Color.RED, house.getColor())
                                                              Google
```

Code Example





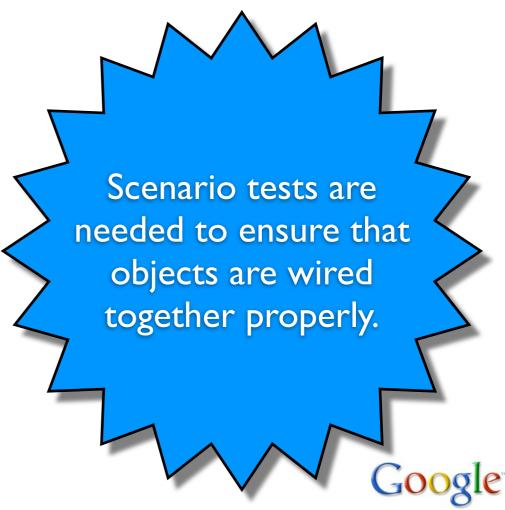
Always Ask for Things

- abandon the new operator
 - All of the new operators end up with application configuration object (which either works or not)
- Since you are never constructing anything there is no need to know about objects you don't directly use



```
class HouseFactory {
  House build() {
    Color color = Color.RED;
    DoorKnob knob = new DoorKnob(color);
    Window window = new SmallWindow();
    Door door = new Door(knob, window);
    return new House(door);
}
```

- Everything works
 - GREAT
- Wiring is wrong
 - Catastrophic failure
- System fails in some small way
 - Bug with specific class, missing unit test.



Fight Mr. Untestable Trick#2 Avoid Global Mutable State

Good Singleton vs. Bad Singleton Encapsulation vs Deceptive API Order of tests should not matter

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repeating the same thing and expecting a different result.

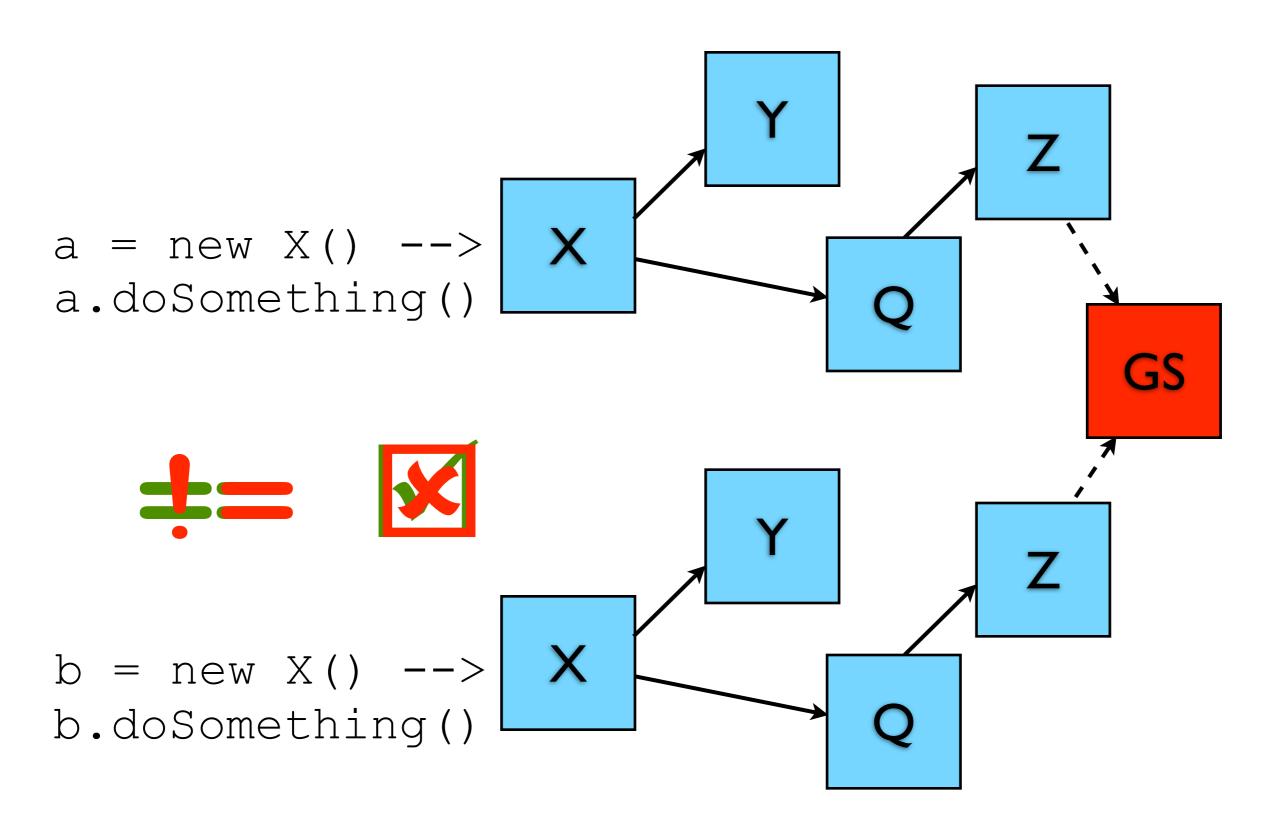


```
class X {
  ... come code / fields ...
 X() { . . . }
  public int doSomething() { ... }
int a = new X().doSomething();
int b = new X().doSomething();
```



- Object state is **transient** and subject to garbage collection
- Class state is **persistent** to lifetime of JVM







- Multiple Executions can produce different results
 - Flakiness
 - Order of tests matters
 - Can not run test in parallel
- Unbounded location of state



- Hidden Global State in JVM
 - System.currentTime()
 - new Date()
 - Math.random()
- Testing above code is hard



- Application Global vs. JVM Global
- Usually we have One application per JVM
 - Hence we incorrectly assume that:
 Application Global == JVM Global
- Each test is a different configuration of a portion of our application
 - For tests it is very important that
 - Application Global != JVM Global



```
class AppSettings {
  private static AppSettings instance
      🙀 new AppSettings();
   Test
                                          Internal state
            Object state1;
 can never
                                         becomes globally
access internal
            Object state2;
                                         accessible. Global
 state of the
                                         state is transitive.
            Object state3;
  singleton.
                                           "Static cling"
  private AppSettings() { ...
  public static AppSettings getInstance() {
     return instance;
```



```
class Class {
  int method() {
    return AppSettings.getInstance().doX();
void testClass() {
  3333
```



```
class AppSettings {
  private Object state1;
  private Object state2;
  private Object state3;

  public AppSettings() { ... }
```

- Class no longer enforces its own singletonsess
- Application code only creates one.



```
class Class {
  AppSettings settings;
  Class (AppSettings settings) {
    this.settings = settings;
  int method() {
    return settings.doX();
void testClass() {
  new Class (new AppSettings (...)) . method ();
```



- API that lies about what it needs
- Spooky action at a distance



```
testCharge() {
   CreditCard cc;
   cc = new CreditCard("1234567890121234");
   cc.charge(100);
}
```

- At the end of the month I got my Statement!
- I was out \$100!
- Spooky action at a distance!
- It never passed in isolation



```
testCharge() {
   CreditCard cc;
   cc = new CreditCard("1234567890121234");
   cc.charge(100);
}

java.lang.NullPointerException
   at talk3.CreditCard.charge( CreditCard.java:48)
```



```
testCharge() {
   CreditCardProcessor.init(...);
   CreditCard cc;
   cc = new CreditCard("1234567890121234");
   cc.charge(100);
}

java.lang.NullPointerException
   at talk3.CreditCartProcessor.init( CreditCardProcessor.java:146)
```



```
testCharge() {
  OfflineQueue.start();
  CreditCardProcessor.init(...);
  CreditCard cc;
  cc = new CreditCard("1234567890121234");
  cc.charge(100);
java.lang.NullPointerException
at talk3.0fflineQueue.start( OfflineQueue.java:16)
```



```
testCharge() {
    Database.connect(...);
    OfflineQueue.start();
    CreditCardProcessor.init(...);
    CreditCard cc;
    cc = new CreditCard("1234567890121234");
    cc.charge(100);
}
```

- CreditCard API lies
 - It pretends to not need the CreditCardProcessor even thought in reality it does.



```
A a = new A();

B b = new B();

a.x();

A a = new A();

b.z();

a.x();

a.y(b);

a.y(b);
```

- Code should have a commutative property
- The above code will fail if there is Global State!!!
- Dependency injection orders code naturally!!!



```
testCharge() {
   CreditCardProcessor.init(...);
   OfflineQueue.start();
   Database.connect(...);
   CreditCard cc;
   cc = new CreditCard("12
                                          Singletons do
                                       not enforce the order
   cc.charge(100);
                                      of initialization. Often time
                                    global state initialization is the
                                       messiest code in your
                                     application. In tests you just
                                    need to know what the correct
                                      order is and you need to
                                          clean up after
                                            yourself.
                                                               Google
```

Better API

```
testCharge() {
  db = new Database(...);
  queue = new OfflineQueue(db);
  ccProc = new CCProcessor(queue);
  CreditCard cc;
  cc = new CreditCard("12..34", ccProc);
  cc.charge(100);
}
```

 Dependency injection enforces the order of initialization at compile time.



Review

- Global state is the root of all test problems
- Global state can not be controlled by tests
- Singleton is a common form of encapsulating global state
 - Only the Singletons which enforce their own Singleton-ness are a problem
 - "static instance" has transitive property of globallity



Fighting Mr. Untestable Trick#3: Avoid deep inheritance hierarchies with conditionals

Favor Polymorphism over Conditionals Favor Composition over Inheritance When is Inheritance Appropriate

Polymorphism vs Conditionals

Premise

Most ifs can be replaced by polymorphism (subclassing)

This is desirable because:

- Functions without ifs are easier to read than with ifs
- Functions without ifs are easier to test
- Related branches of ifs end up in the same subclass



Polymorphism vs Conditionals

- Subclass => Polymorphism
 - If you are checking an object should behave differently based on its state
 - If you have to check the same if condition in multiple places
- Use if
 - bounds checking primitive objects (>,<, ==,!=)
- To make your code IF free:
 - Never return a null
 - Null behavior object
 - Empty list
 - Throw on errors don't return error codes.

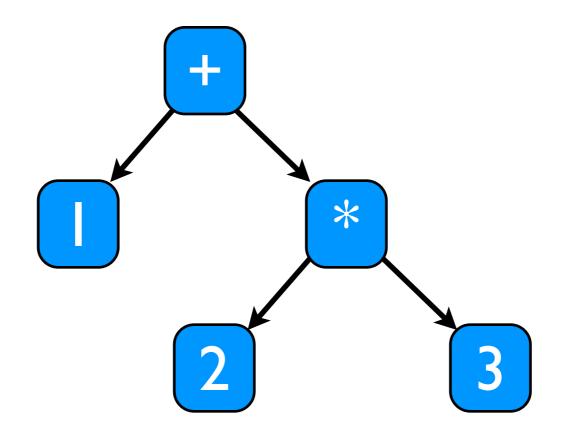


When the object behaves differently based on state



Example

$$1 + 2 * 3$$





Assignment

• define evaluate() method which computes the result of an expression.



Example

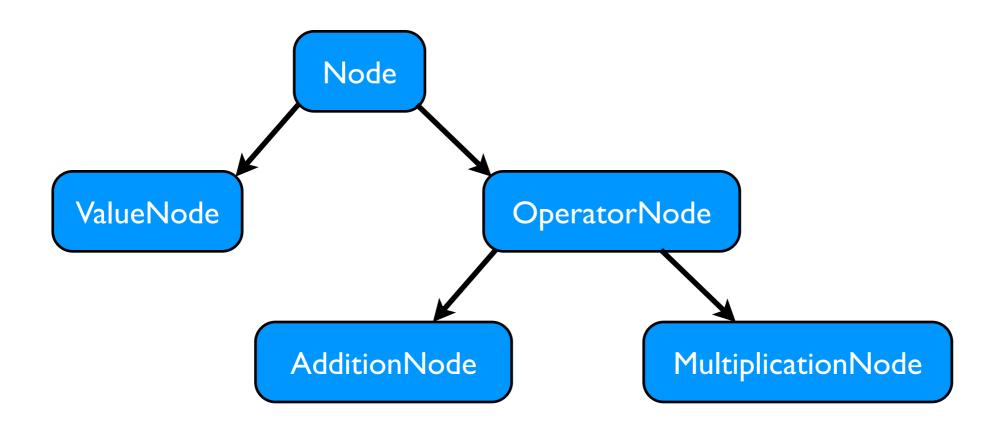
```
class Node {
 char operator;
 double value;
 Node left;
 Node right;
 double evaluate(){
    switch (operator) {
      case '#': return value;
      case '+': return left.evaluate() + right.evaluate();
      case '*': return left.evaluate() * right.evaluate();
      case ...
```



	#	+	*
operator (behavior)			
value			
left			
right			

Google

Class Hierarchy





Example

```
interface Node {
  double evaluate();
class ValueNode implements Node {
  double value;
  double evaluate(){
    return value;
class AdditionNode implements Node {
  Node left;
  Node right;
  double evaluate(){
    return left.evaluate() + right.evaluate();
```



Assignment

 define toString() prints the infix expression placing parenthesis only when necessary.



Assignment

- Add new math operators:
 - power: ^
 - factorial: !
 - logarithm
 - trigonometry



When to use if and when to Subclass

- Polymorphic solution is better because
 - New behavior can be added without having the original source code
 - Each operation / concern is separated in a separate file
 - Makes it easy to test / understand

Prefer polymorphism over conditionals

- Switch screams polymorphism
- IFs are more subtle



If you check same condition in multiple places



Getting rid of the IF

```
public void testExecuteDoA {
Class Update {
                                     FLAG i18n ENABLED = true;
  execute() {
                                     Update u = new Update()
    if (FLAG i18n ENABLED) {
                                     u.execute();
      // DO A;
                                     assertXXX();
    } else {
      // DO B;
                                  public void testExecuteDoB {
                                     FLAG i18n ENABLED = false;
  render() {
                                     Update u = new Update()
    if (FLAG_i18n_ENABLED) {
                                     u.execute();
      // render A;
                                     assertXXX();
    } else {
      // render B;
```



Getting rid of the IF

```
Class Update {
}
Class I18NUpdate
     extends Update {
  execute() {
    // DO A;
  render() {
    // render A;
Class MyNonI18NUpdate
     extends Update {
 execute() {
    // DO B;
  render() {
    // render B;
```

```
public void testExecuteDoA {
    Update u = new MyI18NUpdate()
    u.execute();
    assertXXX();
}

public void testExecuteDoB {
    Update u = new MyNonI18NUpdate()
    u.execute();
    assertXXX();
}
```



Getting rid of the IF

```
class Consumer {
 Consumer(Update u){...}
}
class Factory {
  Consumer build() {
    Update u = FLAG i18n ENABLED
                  ? new I18NUpdate()
                  : new NonI18NUpdate();
    return new Consumer(u);
class UpdateProvider implements Provider<Update> {
  @Inject Provider<I18NUpdate> i18n;
  @Inject Provider<NonI18NUpdate> ni18n;
  @Inject boolean isI18N;
  Update get() {
    return isI18N ? i18n.get(): ni18n.get();
```



When to use if and when to Subclass

- Polymorphic solution is better because
 - The il8n code is separate from non il8n code.
 - It is easy to tell what the differences are between them



Inheritance Abuse

 Polymorphism is powerful and can replace if and make your code easier to understand

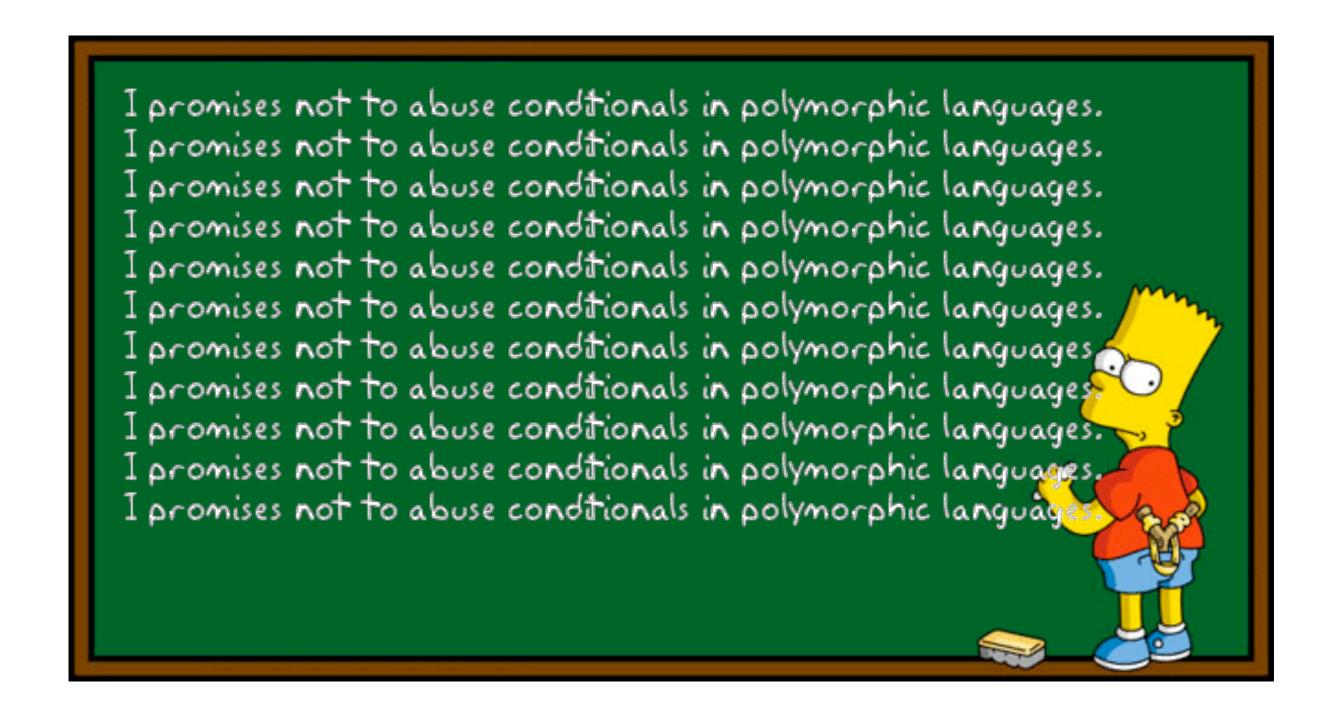
Polymorphism can also make your code hard to understand

• In general we prefer object composition over inheritance, use polymorphism only if you have an actual problem to solve

 As with any new tool try not to use it everywhere, make sure you have a need before you put something like this in place



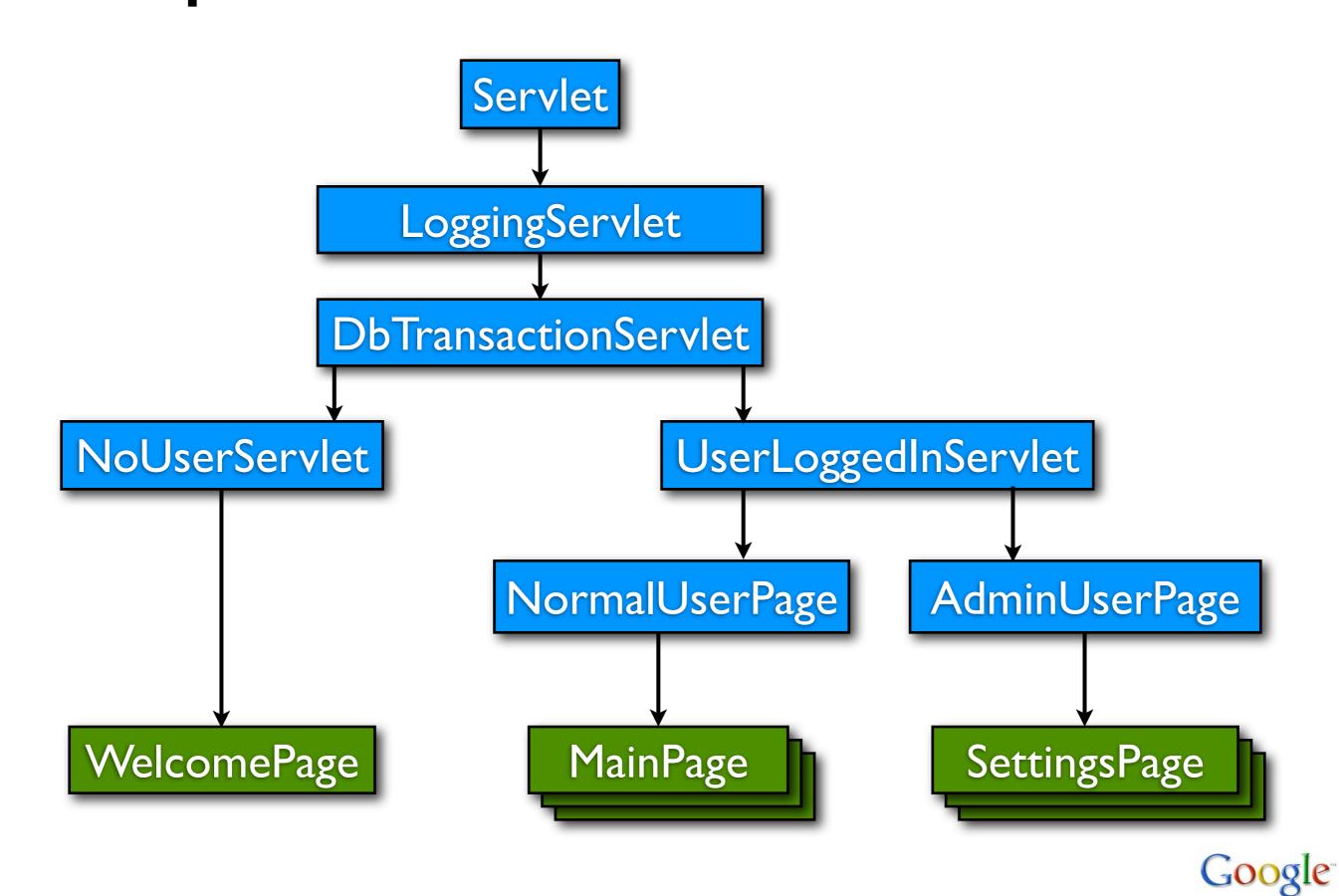
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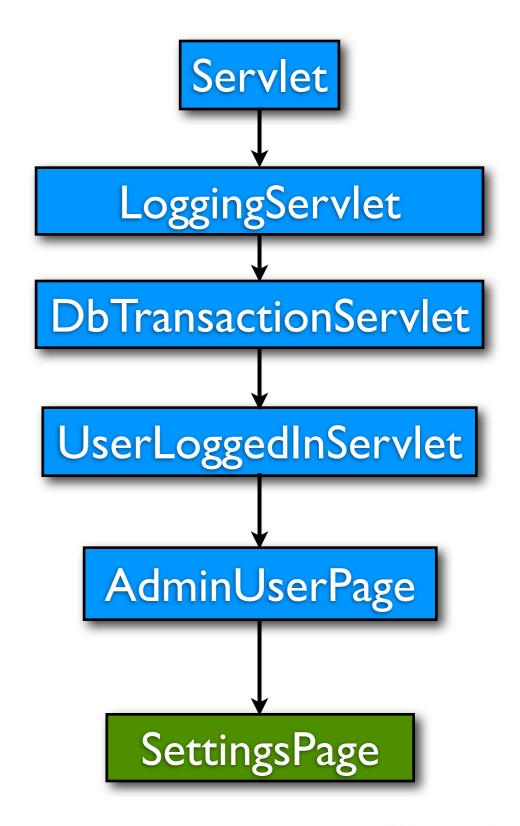


- The purpose of Inheritance is polymorphic behavior
- If you don't take advantage of polymorphism you should reuse code through delegation / composition





```
class SettingsPageTest extends TestCase {
 public void testAddUser() {
    SettingsPage p = new SettingsPage();
    // What about Logging?
    // What about Database?
    // What about User Verification?
    // What about Admin User Verification?
    // How do I inject mocks into this?
    HttpServletRequest req = ....?
    HttpServletResponse res = ...?
    // What parameters => Add User Action?
    p.doGet(req, resp);
    // What do I assert?
    // This test is not unit test!
    // Failed test => No clue why!
```

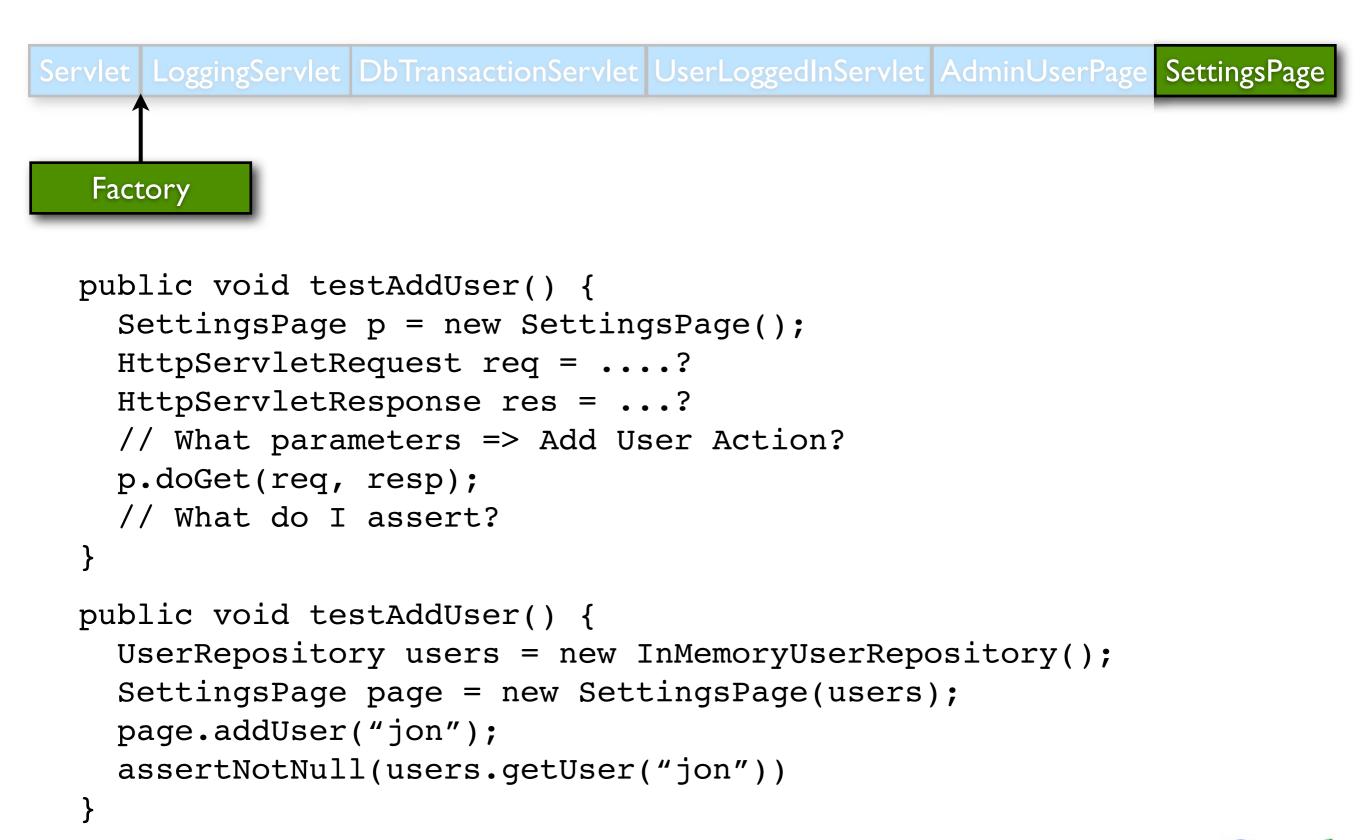




• With composition at test time we **can** build different object graphs under tests.

 With inheritance at test time we can not build different object inheritance!







• There are no seams in the inheritance hierarchy. It is all or nothing proposition, which makes **Unit** Testing impossible.



I will not reuse code through inheritance. I will not reuse code through inheritance.



- Anonymous inner subclass and override is the ultimate in swiss army knife of testing.
 - It is a code-smell

 Subclassing for tests, begs for whatever you are subclassing to live in a different object.
 So that in test you can replace that portion with friendly



```
class LoginPage {
  public void login(String user, String password) {
    User user = loadUser(user);
    if (!user.getPassword.equals(password)) {
      throw new InvalidPassword();
  // protected for test access
  protected User loadUser(String user) { ... }
testLogin() {
  final User u = new User("joe", "pwd");
  LoginPage lp = new LoginPage() {
    protected User loadUser(String user) {
      return u;
  lp.login("joe", "pwd");
```



```
class LoginPage {
  LoginPage(UserRepo userRepo){...}
  public void login(String user, String password){
    User user = userRepo.getUserByName(user);
    if (!user.getPassword.equals(password)) {
      throw new InvalidPassword();
testLogin() {
  User u = new User("joe", "pwd");
  UserRepo repo = new InMemoryUserRepo()
  repo.addUser(u);
  LoginPage lp = new LoginPage(repo);
  lp.login("joe", "pwd");
```



Subclassing for tests is a code smell. Subclassing for tests is a code smell.



Summary

Prefer polymorphism over conditionals

Prefer composition over inheritance

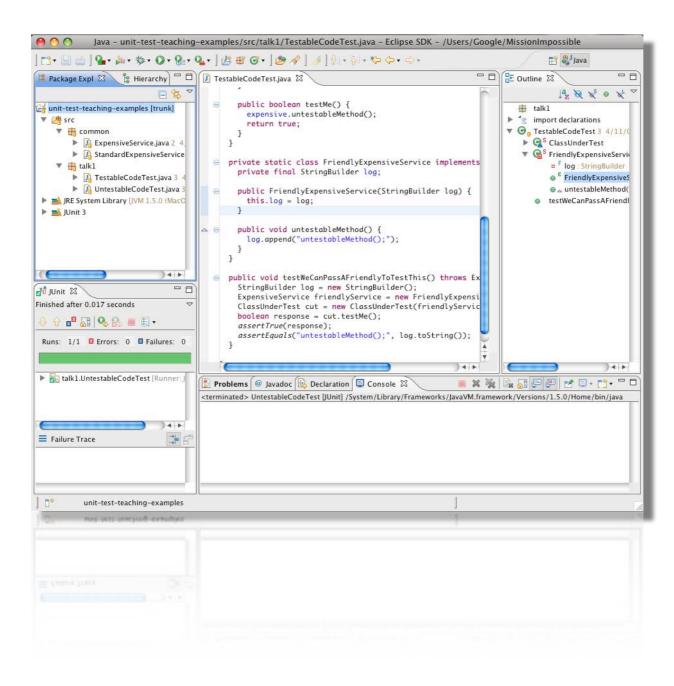
Subclassing in tests is code-smell



Test Driven Development

ping pong programing by intention Why TDD creates cleaner OO

Code Example





Testing Services with Value Objects

Service has interfaces
Value Objects are easy to Make
Breadth vs Depth
Making a Mockery

Putting it all together

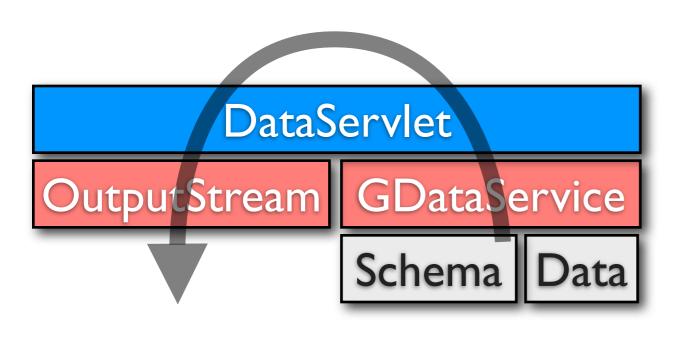
- Make objects easy to construct
- Always ask for things, don't construct / look for things
- Avoid global state
- Favor polymorphism over conditionals
- Favor composition over inheritance



And your code can still be hard to test



Building a Layer Cake



- Servlet reads data from GDataService and reformats it as XML output
- Reading particular data requires knowledge of where that column is (column locations are stored in schema)

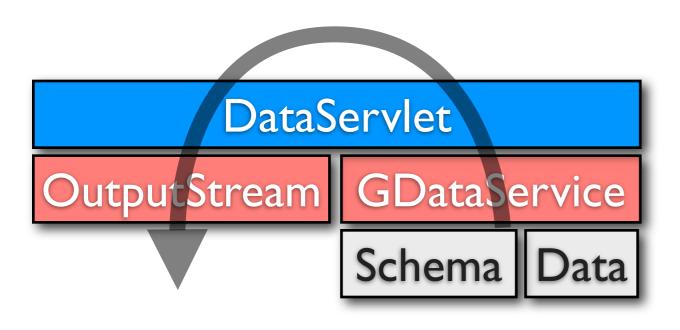


Building a Layer Cake

```
class DataServlet extends HttpServlet {
  public doGet(HttpRequest request, HttpResponse response) {
    data = new GDataReader("http://...");
    meta = new GDataReader("http://...");
    for each row in data
        for each row in meta
            find the row of interest in meta
            translate data into time series
            convert time series into XML
        write XML into response.getOutput()
    }
}
```



How would you test this?



- Servlets need no-arg constructors? How would you pass data in?
- How would you mock out GDataService?
 - Even the simplest example requires many calls to GDataService
- What would you assert on OutputStream?
 - Even the simplest example produces large XML



Building a Layer Cake

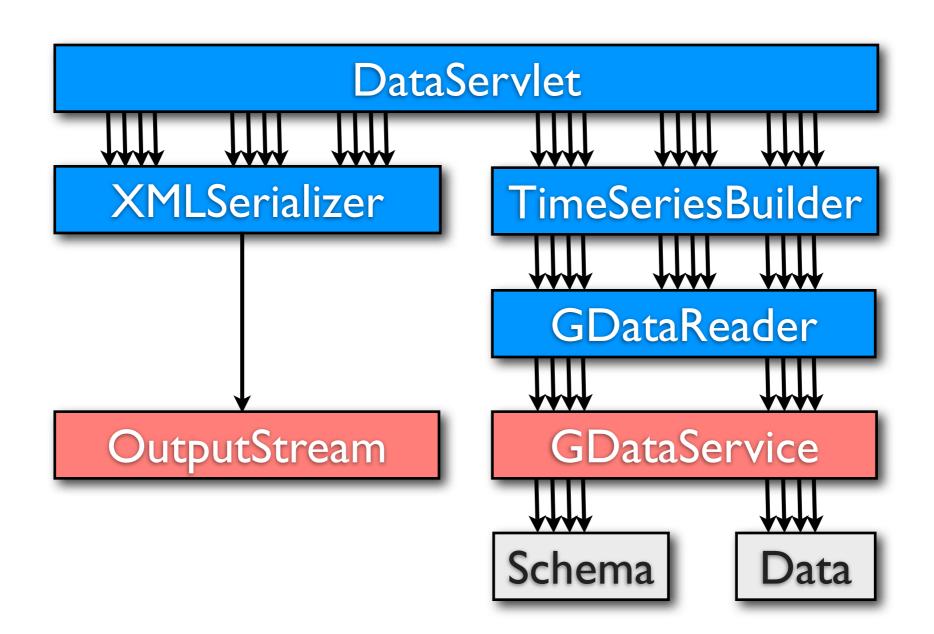
```
class DataServletTest extends TestCase {
  testServlet() {
   Mockery mockery = new Mockery();
    GDataService gData = mockery.mock(GDataService.class);
   mockery.checking(new Expectations(){{
      one(gData).get(0, 1); will(returnValue(new Cell(....));
      one(gData).get(0, 2); will(returnValue(new Cell(....));
      one(gData).get(2, 1); will(returnValue(new Cell(....));
      one(gData).get(20, 19); will(returnValue(new Cell(....));
    }});
   DataServlet ds = new DataServlet(?gData?);
    ds.doGet(?request?, ?response?);
    mockery.assertIsSatisfied();
    ?assert output against gold file?
```



 What will happen to your tests if the format changes?

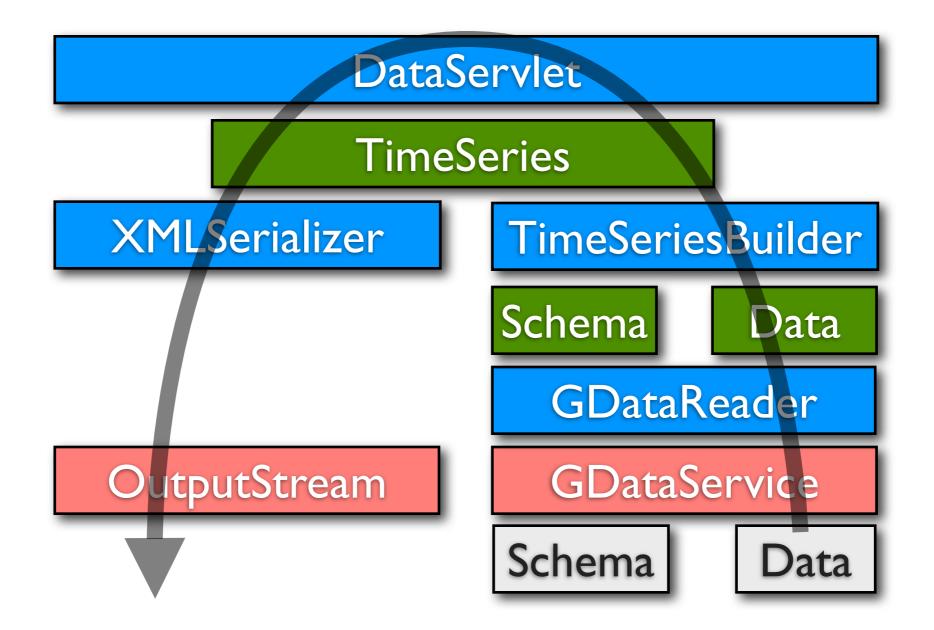


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Building a Layer Cake

```
class DataServlet extends HttpServlet {
  public class DataServlet(
     XMLSerializer serializer,
     TimeSeriesBuilder timeSeriesBuilder,
     GDataReader gDataReader) { ... }
  public class DataServlet() {
    this(new XMLSerializer(...),
         new TimeSeriesBuilder(),
         new GDataReader(new GDataService("http...")
  public doGet(HttpRequest request, HttpResponse response) {
    Sheet data = gDataReader.read(request.get(...));
    Sheet meta = gDataReader.read(request.get(...));
    TimeSeries series = timeSeriesBuilder.build(meta, data);
    serializer.write(response.getOutputStream(), series);
```



Value Object vs Service

Value Object

- Easy to Construct
- State Only
- Never Mock it
- Probably no Interface

Service Object

- DI heavy Constructs
- All about collaboration
- Mock candidate
- Probably has Interface
 - Standard / InMemory

User, Address, MailMessage, PhoneNumber, CreditCard, ID, Location,

DBConnection,
CreditCardProcessor,
EventLogger, Repository,
MailServer, LDAP,
Authenticator



Value Object vs Service

- Value Object should not refer to any services as constructor args
- Prefer immutable Value Objects
- Services often produce Value Objects
- Services are always DI, never created
- Value Objects may be DI or "new"



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