Test Driven Development

CS 16: Solving Problems with Computers I
Lecture #9 PRE-RECORDED

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TDD

- TDD is a software development process
  - Very popular in industry

- Relies on the repetition of very short cycles
  - Come up with requirements (not code) first
  - Turn requirements into very specific test cases (still not code)
  - Now write code and test it with the test cases
  - Improve code until the test(s) pass

TDD “Lite”

- Write test code and actual code side by side - so your implementation is always tested
  - Professionals insist that you do the test code FIRST, then the actual code
- Write the simplest test case and make your code pass that case
- Write another test case, expect your code to fail, see it fail, then add code to pass that test case (and the previous one, naturally…)
- With every new test case, we have to make sure that all our previous tests still pass - this is a great way to make sure that things that were working before are not broken by new code!

Example

- We'll write test cases that describe what the intended behavior of a unit of software should do BEFORE implementing the functionality
  - Define the requirement of this piece of software.

- Let's say that I want to write a function that returns a string
  - See example on next slide…

Example of a Function Specification

Requirement / Spec:

- Write a function that “draws”, in ASCII characters, a square using the “*” character if you give it an integer input for the side size

Example:

- **`drawSquare(5)`** would return:

```
*****
*****
*****
*****
*****
```

First Step: Write a Test for this Requirement

- BEFORE you write the code! You will want 2 things:
  1. Something to check on expected value vs. actual value
  2. Something to run this check on a test of the function

```
void assertEqual(string expected, string actual, string message = "") {
    if (expected == actual) {
        cout   << "PASSED: " << message << endl;
    } else {
        cout   << "\tFAILED: " << message << endl;
        cout   << "Expected: [\n" << expected << "]\n"
               << "Actual: [\n" << actual << "]\n";
    }
}
```

Example: **assertEqual()**

- Example run: `assertEqual("**\n**\n", "*\n*\n", "testLength : 2")`

Would result in:

```
      FAILED: testLength : 2
Expected: [
**
**
]
Actual: [
*
*
]
```

Example: **testDrawSquare()**

- Now the 2nd part…
  - Something to run this check on a test of the function

NOTE!!!!
We haven't defined `drawSquare()` yet!!!

```
void testDrawSquare() {
    string expected1 = "**\n**\n";
    string actual1 = drawSquare(2);

    assertEqual(expected1, actual1, " testLength: 2");

    string expected2 = "***\n***\n***\n";
    string actual2 = drawSquare(3);

    assertEqual(expected2, actual2, " testLength: 3");
}
```

NOW! Write the Code for **drawSquare()**

```
string drawSquare(int length) {
   string result = "";

   for (int i = 0; i < length; i++) {
      for (int j = 0; j < length; j++) {
         result += "*";
      } // for j
      result += "\n";
   } // for i
   return result;
}
```

AND FINALLY!!! TEST IT!!! ☺

Setup:

Let's assume good multi-file process, for example:

- Your **`drawSquares()`** declaration is in a file called "**`drawShapes.h`**"
- Your **`drawSquares()`** definition is in a file called "**`drawShapes.cpp`**"
- Your main program that runs this func. is in a file called "**`programXYZ.cpp`**"
  - Maybe it has other things in there that it runs too (we're just focused on **drawSquare**)
  - The demo I will show you has an additional function called **drawRightTriangle()**
    - Leave that for you to explore… ☺

AND FINALLY!!! TEST IT!!! ☺

Setup:

- Let's assume good multi-file process for your TEST SUITE TOO!!!

- Place your **`assertEqual()`** declaration in a file called "**`tdd.h`**"
- Place your **`assertEqual()`** definition in a file called "**`tdd.cpp`**"
- Place your **`testDrawSquare()`** definition in a file called "**`testDrawShapes.cpp`**"
  - Maybe it has other things in there that it tests too (we're just focused on **drawSquare**)

What Will This Look Like?

- 6 files to deal with (3 for the program, 3 for the test suite)
- Create a **makefile** to help you compile and run them all

- We will now do a DEMO! Take Notes!

DEMO!!

- These files are all available on our website too


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