### Agile Software Development

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#### Test Driven Development Introduction

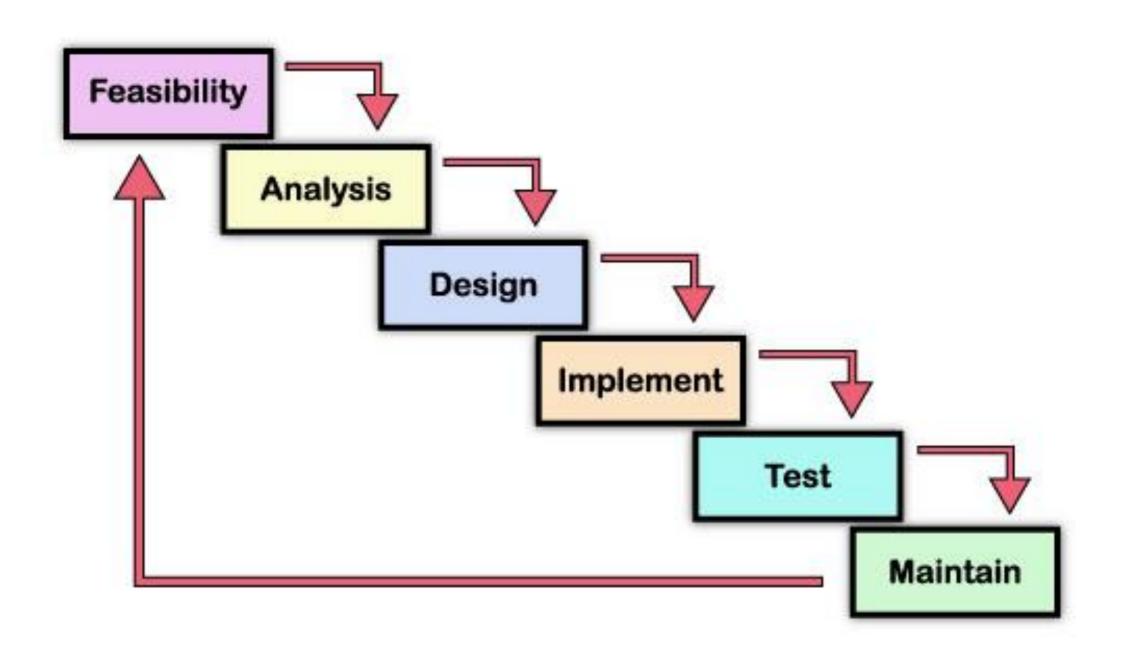
"Good programmers write code, great programmers write tests"

- Context & Motivation
- What it is Unit Testing?

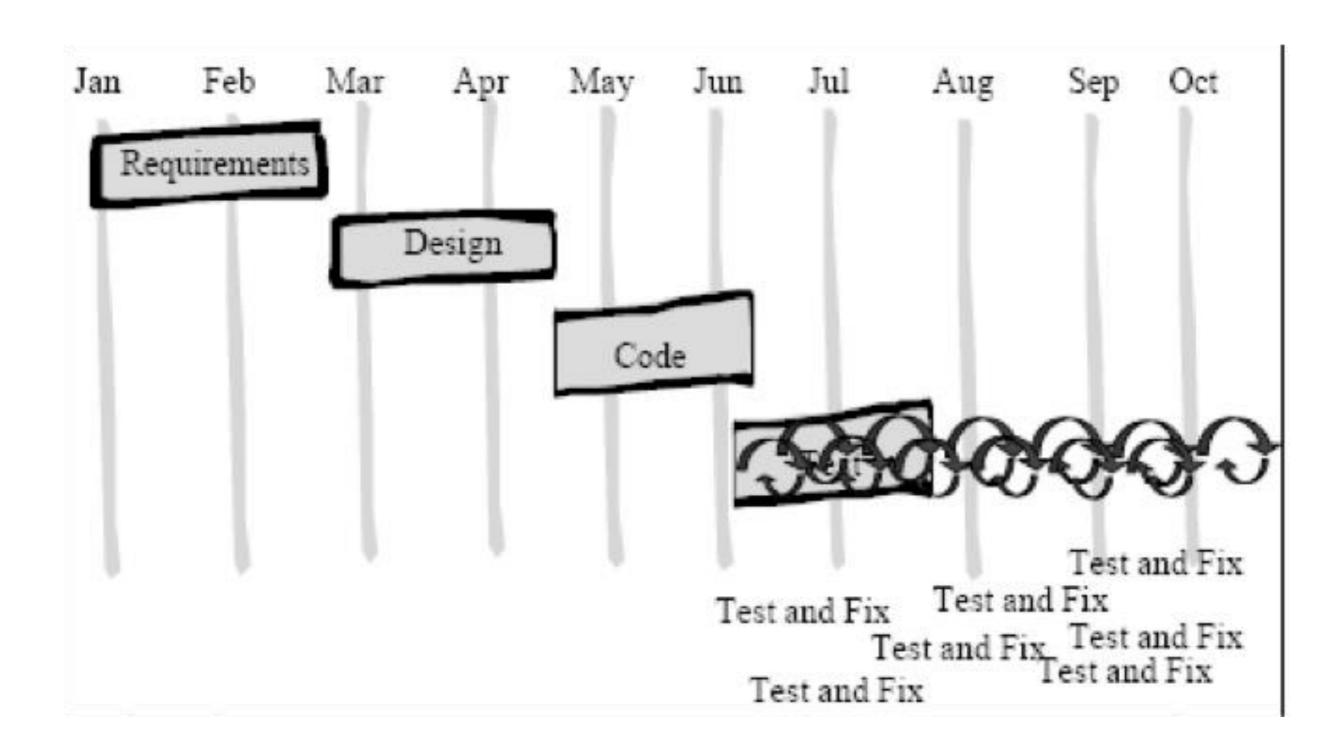
"Never, in the field of programming, have so many owed so much to so few"

- Martin Fowler on the developers behind JUnit

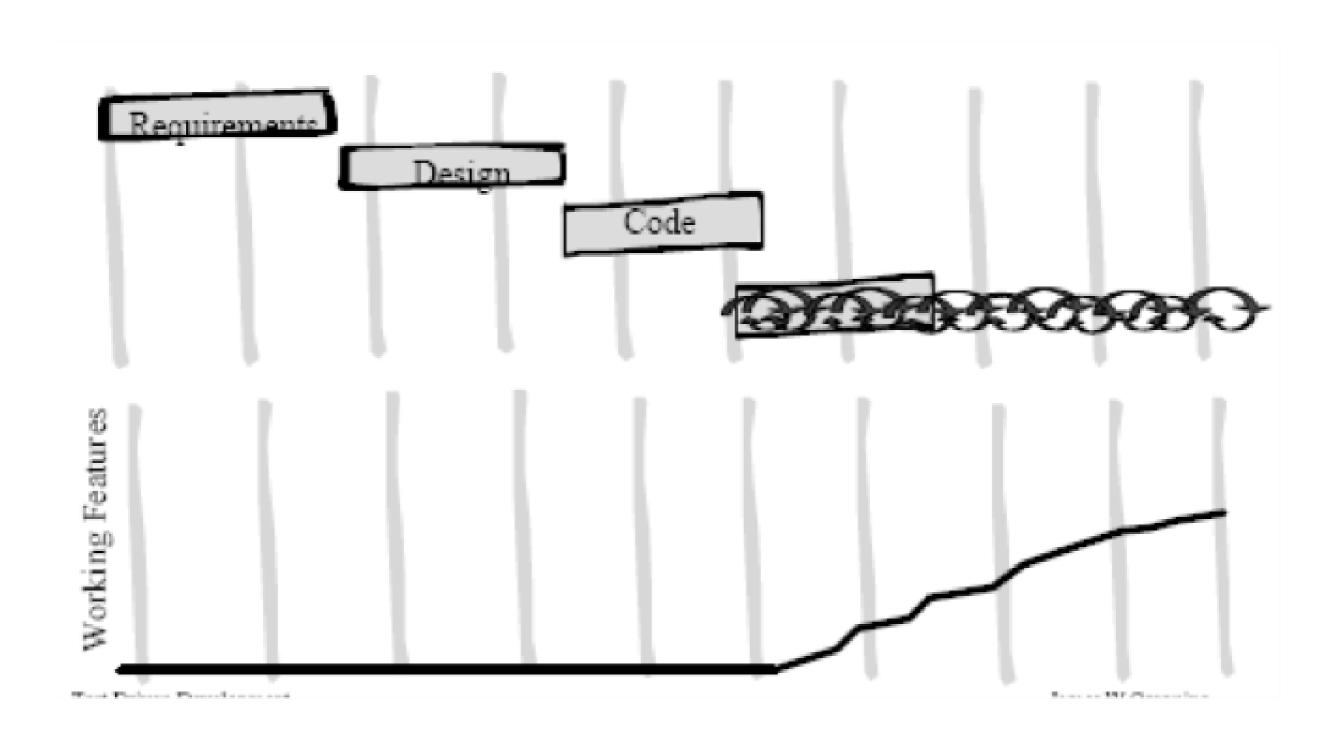
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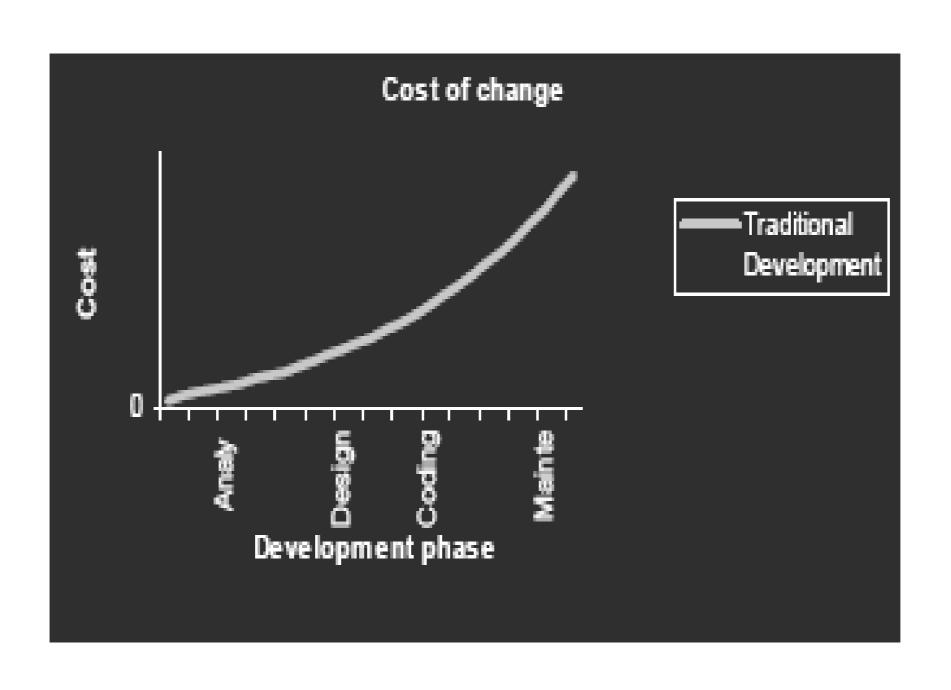
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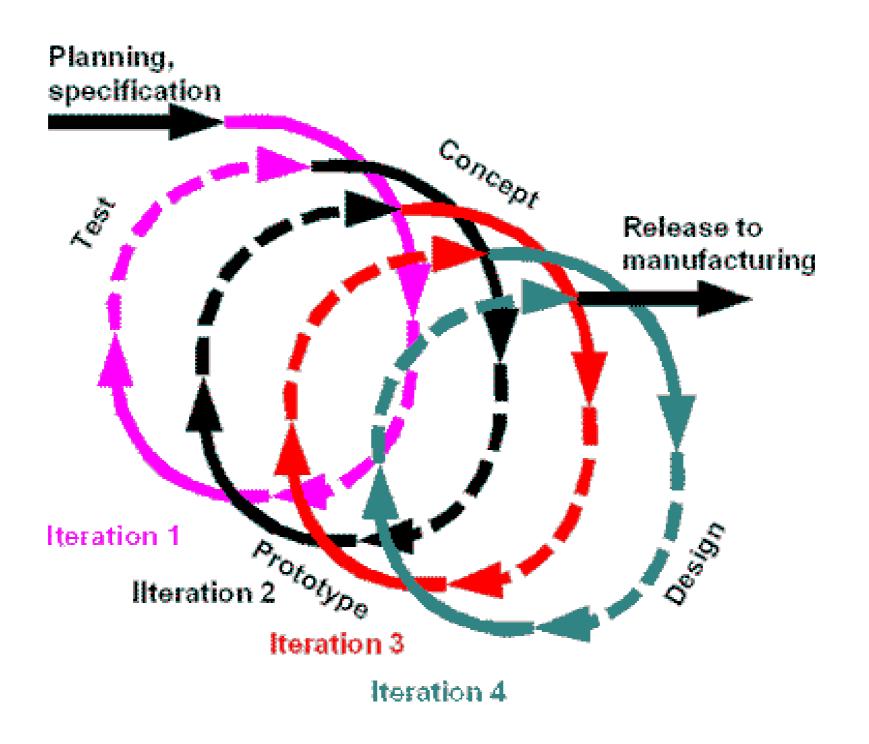
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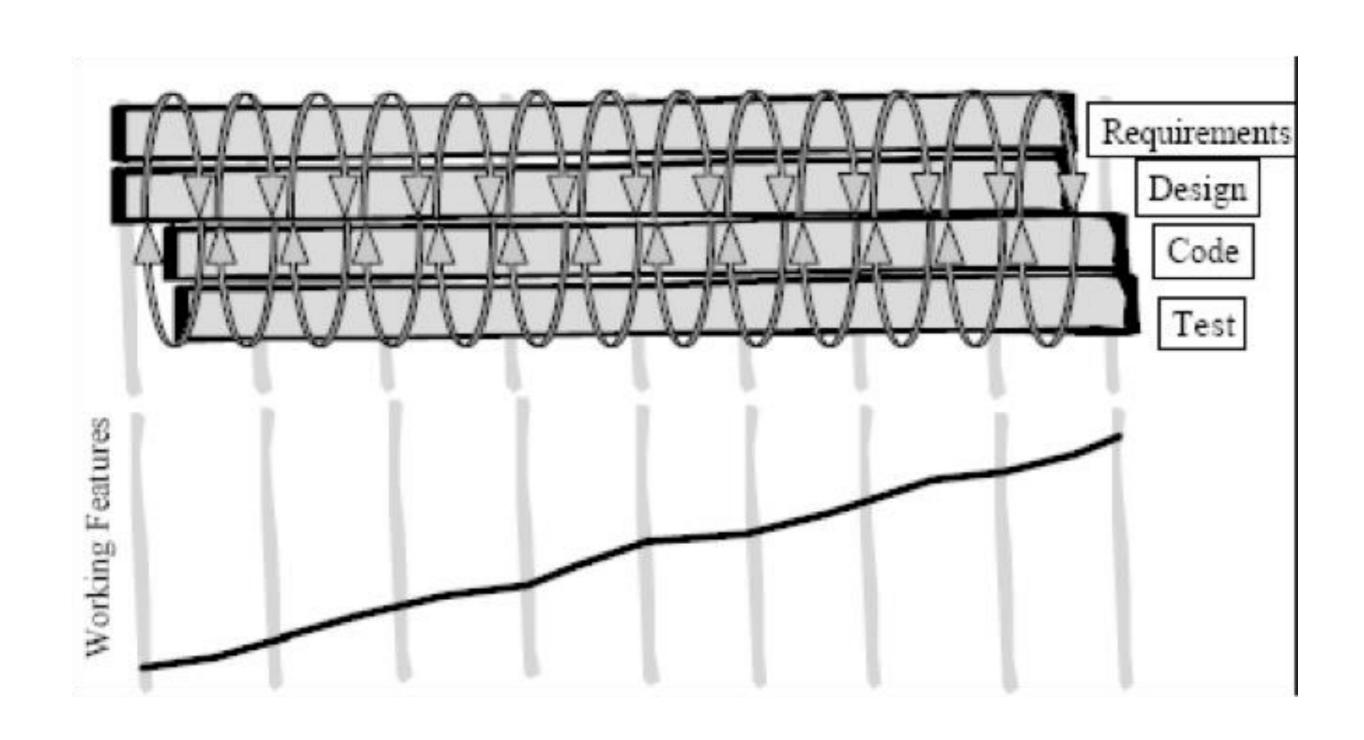
# Waterfall - Cost of change



# Iterative/Evolutionary approach



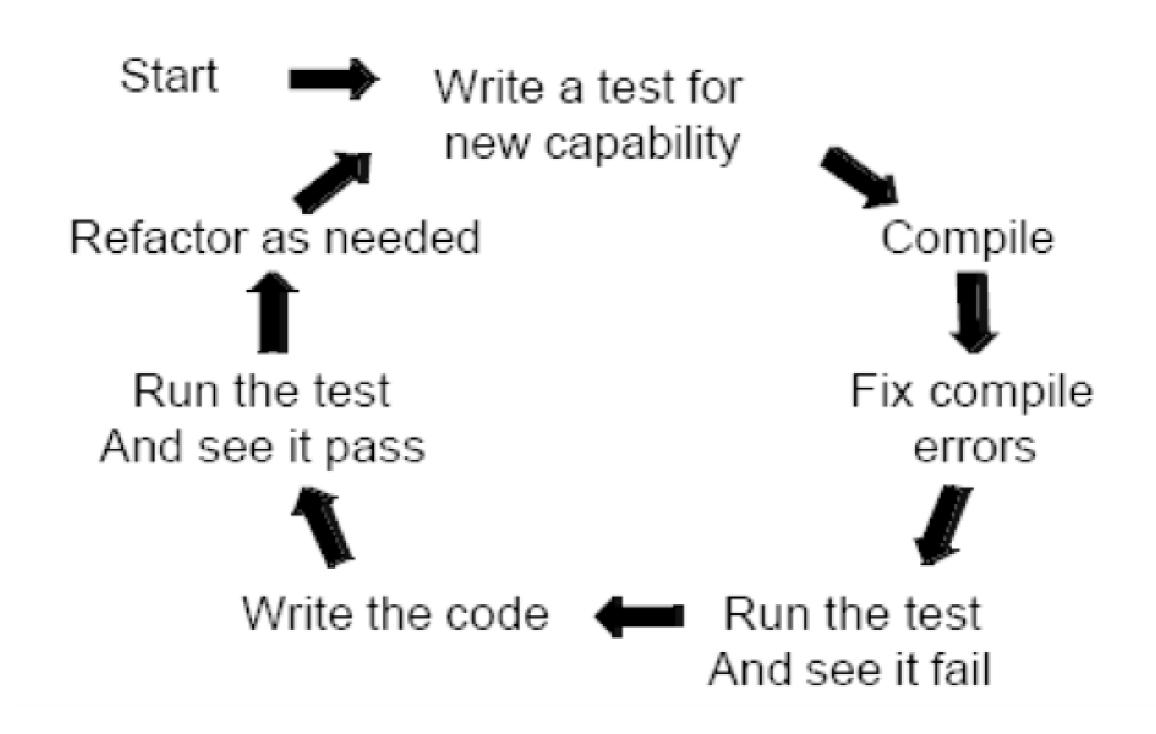
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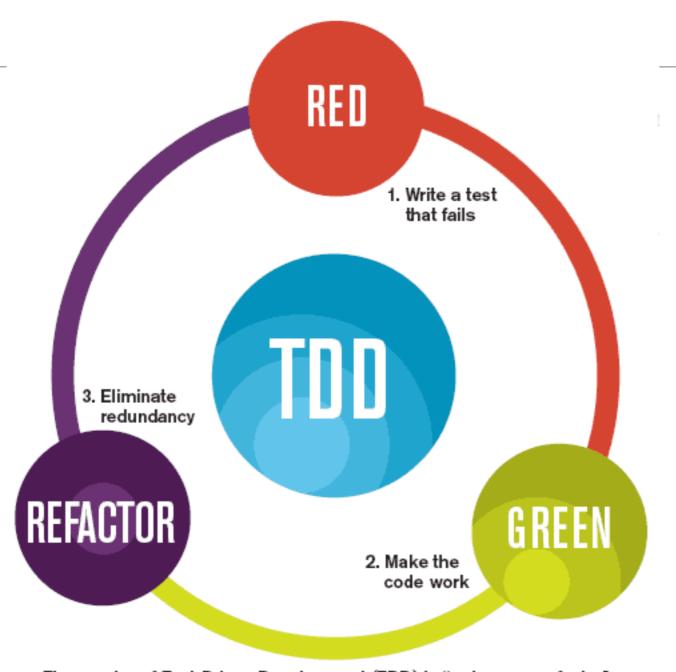


#### Things have changed a little...

- Computing power has increased astronomically
- New tools have dramatically eased mundane developer tasks:
  - Automated test tools (e.g. JUnit)
  - System build tools (e.g. Maven)
  - Version control (e.g. Git repositories, Github hosting service)
  - Continuous integration (e.g. Jenkins)
- Used properly, OO languages can make software much easier to change.
- The cost curve is significantly flattened, i.e. costs don't increase dramatically with time.
- Up front modeling becomes a liability some speculative work will certainly be wrong, especially in a business environment.

### Test-driven development.





The mantra of Test-Driven Development (TDD) is "red, green, refactor."

#### Principles of TDD.

- Lots of small changes.
  - Use test-driven to get from A to B in very small verifiable steps.
  - You often end up in a better place.
- Do the Simplest Thing
  - Assume simplicity.
    - Consider the simplest thing that could possibly work (to make the test pass).
    - Iterate to the needed solution.
  - When coding:
    - Build the simplest possible code that will pass the tests.
    - Refactor the code to have the simplest design possible.
    - Eliminate duplication.

#### Test driven development - General

- An iterative technique to develop software.
- Tests are written before the code itself.
- As much (or more) about design as testing.
  - Encourages design from user's point of view.
  - Encourages testing classes/units in isolation Unit testing.
- A test framework is used so that automated testing can be done after every small change to the code.
  - This may be as often as every 5 or 10 minutes.
- Axiom:
  - 'Code that isn't tested doesn't work'
  - 'Code that isn't regression tested suffers from code rot (breaks eventually)'

#### Test driven development – General (Contd.)

- As much (or more) about documentation as testing.
  - The tests are the documentation of what the code does.
- Must be learned and practiced.
- Consequences:
  - Fewer bugs;
  - More maintainable code loosely-coupled, highly-cohesive systems.
  - During development, the program always works—it may not do everything required, but what it does, it does right.
  - Breaks the cycle of more pressure == fewer tests (the fewer tests you write, the less productive you are and the less stable your code becomes).

## What is regression testing?

- New code and changes to old code can affect the rest of the code base.
  - 'Affect' sometimes means 'break'.
- We need to rerun tests on the old code, to verify it still works this is regression testing.
- Regression testing is required for a stable, maintainable code base.
- Unit tests retain their value over time and allows others to prove the software still works (as tested).

## What is Unit Testing?

- A unit test is a piece of code written by a developer that exercises a very small, specific area of functionality of the code being tested.
  - Usually a unit test exercises some particular method in a particular context
- Unit tests are performed to prove that a piece of code does what the developer thinks it should do.
- The question remains open as to whether that's the right thing to do according to the customer or end-user:
  - that is acceptance testing

#### What does Unit Testing Accomplish?

- Does the code do what was expected?
  - i.e. is the code fulfilling the intent of the developer?
- Does the code do what was expected all the time?
  - exceptions get thrown, disks get full, network lines drop, buffers overflow is the code still performing as expected?
- Can the code be depended upon?
  - Need to know for certain both its strengths and its limitations.
- Does the test document the developers intent?
  - An important side-effect of unit testing is that it helps communicate the code's intended use.

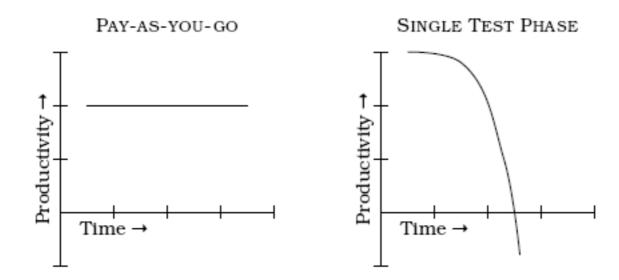
# Why bother with Unit Testing?

- Will make designs better
- Drastically reduce the amount of time spent debugging

### How is Unit Testing carried out?

- Step 1: Decide how to test the method in question before writing the code itself
- **Step 2**: Write the test code itself, either before or concurrently with the implementation code.
- Step 3: Run the test itself, and probably all the other tests in that part of the system.
- Key Feature of executing tests: need to be able to determine at a glance whether all tests are succeeding/failing.

# Excuses for not Testing (1)



- It takes too much time to write the tests
  - The trade-off is not "test now" versus "test later"
  - It's linear work now versus exponential work and complexity trying to fix and rework at the end.

## Excuses for not Testing (2)

"It takes too long to run the tests"

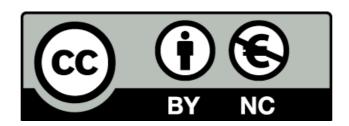
- Separate out the longer-running tests from the short ones.
- Only run the long tests once a day, or once every few days as appropriate, and run the shorter tests constantly.

"It's not developers job to test his/her code"

- Integral part of developer job is to create working code.

"But it compiles!"

Compiler's blessing is a pretty shallow compliment.



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