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I feel like the possibility of monkey patching in tests sets new programmers in dynamic languages on the wrong track. A shortcut that can cost you years.

Go got right: define your (narrow) interfaces, make it easy to replace parts with fakes. Leads you right to SRP.

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You also prob don't need mock(s). Brittle constructs of Mocks-in-Mocks-in-Mocks are neither more readable nor less work than writing a fake or using something more robust like [pypi.org/project/pretend/](https://pypi.org/project/pretend/). Specifically `assert_called` is rarely appropriate; eg when patching `sys.exit`.

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Mocks aren't Stubs (Fowler)

Clean Code (Bob Martin)

Growing Object-Oriented  
Software, Guided by Tests  
(Pryce, Freeman)

The Art of Unit Testing  
(Oshero)

