The Test Boundary
Tests as System Components

- Tests as the outermost circle in the architecture

  - independently deployable

  - the most isolated system component (support development, not operation)

- Design for testability

  - Fragile tests problem - changes to common system components can cause hundreds or even thousands of tests to break

  - *Don't depend on volatile things*

- The testing API

  - Decouple the tests from the application

  - Hide the structure of the application from the tests

Details