Génie Logiciel Avancé Cours 6 — Introduction to Test-Driven Development

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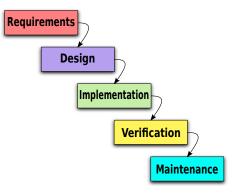
Definition (Software development process)

A *software development process* is a structured set of activities which lead to the production of some software.

Some software development activities:

- requirement specification
- design
- implementation
- verification
- maintenance

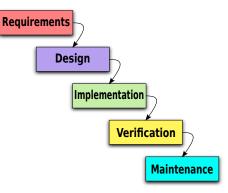
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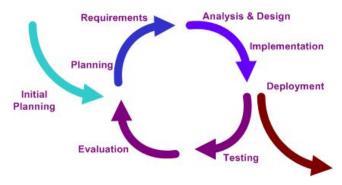
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Waterfall model (1).svg

- that's the theory
- in practice:
 - feedback loops
 - increasingly more costly
 - that need to be prevented

Reminder — Iterative development

A family of models where development happens incrementally, through repeated iterations of development activities.

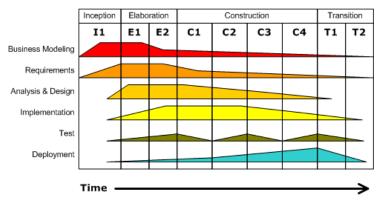


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Key benefit: feedback loop.

Reminder — Rational Unified Process (RUP)

IBM's Rationale Unified Process is a well-established example of an iterative development model, tailored for OOP.

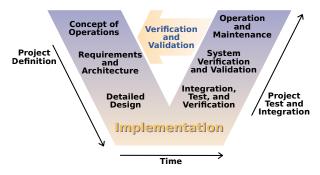


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- phases vs work-flow
- notable work-flows: deployment, testing

V-Model

Not really a software development model.



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Rather a (simplistic) view on the waterfall model that correlates the initial "definition" phases with the final "delivery" ones.

The V-model helps to think about test purposes.

A hierarchy of tests

Disclaimers:

- there are other hierarchies/taxonomies, on different angles
- terminology is not clear cut (as it often happens in SWE)
- the granularity trend—from small to big—however matters and is agreed upon

| Test hierarch | ıy |
|-----------------|---|
| acceptance | Does the whole system work? |
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Acceptance test

Does the whole system work?

Acceptance tests represent features that the system should have. Both their lack and their misbehaviour imply that the system is not working as it should. Intuition:

- 1 feature → 1+ acceptance test(s)
- 1 user story → 1+ acceptance test(s) (when using user stories)

Exercise (name 2+ acceptance tests for this "user login" story)

After creating a user, the system will know that you are that user when you login with that user's id and password; if you are not authenticated, or if you supply a bad id/password pair, or other error cases, the login page is displayed. If a CMS folder is marked as requiring authentication, access to any page under that folder will result in an authentication check.

http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?AcceptanceTestExamples

Preview: we will use acceptance tests to guide feature development

Integration test

Does our code work against (other) code (we can't change)?

"Code we can't change" =

- 3rd party libraries/framework
 - be them proprietary or Free/Open Source Software
- code developed by other teams that we don't "own"
 - (strict code ownership is bad, though)
- code that we do not want/cannot modify in the current phase of development, for whatever reason

Example

- our BankClient should not call the getBalance method on BankingService before calling login and having verified that it didn't throw an exception
- xmlInitParser should be called before any other parsing function of libxml2
- the DocBook markup returned by CMSEditor.save should be parsable by PDFPublisher's constructor

Unit test

Do our code units do the right thing and are convenient to work with?

Before implementing any unit of our software, we have (to have) an idea of what the code should do. Unit tests show convincing evidence that—in a limited number of cases—it is actually the case. ¹

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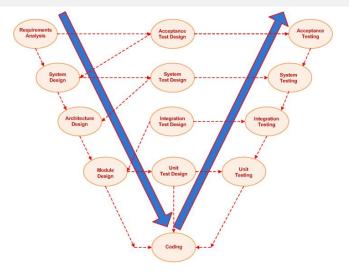
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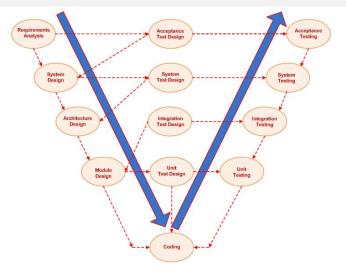
- calling List.length on an empty list returns 0
- calling List.length on a singleton list returns 1
- calling List.last after List.append returns the added element
- calling List.head on an empty list throws an exception
- calling List.length on the concatenation of two lists returns the sum of the respective List.lengths
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For TDD we will "hack" unit, integration, acceptance tests, and use them in an arguably more clever way...

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Development as learning

- every software development project tries something that has never been tried before
 - otherwise you wouldn't be doing it...
- due to constraints, developers often use technologies they don't completely master
 - new technologies, old technologies used in new contexts, etc
- all stakeholders (developers, managers, customers) learn as the project progresses

Problem: as we don't know everything at the beginning, there will be unexpected changes during the project.

How do we cope with them?

Nested feedback loops

Idea

- we use empirical feedback to learn about the system
- 2 we store what we learn in the system itself, for future use

To do so, we organize development as nested feedback loops with increasing time periods and scopes in the organization (file, unit, product, team, etc.), e.g.:

- pair programming
- unit tests
- acceptance tests
- daily meeting
- iterations
- releases

period: seconds

seconds-1 minute

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1 day 1 day-1 week

1 week-months

I week-months

We want feedback as quickly as possible. If something slips through an inner loop, it will (hopefully) be catched by an outer one.

Expecting the unexpected

Practices that (empirically) help coping with unexpected changes:

- constant testing
 - when we change something we might introduce regressions
 - to avoid that we need to constantly test our system
 - doing it manually doesn't scale ⇒ automated testing

simple design

keep the code as simple as possible optimize for simplicity

- as we will have to change it, we want code that is easy to understand and modify
- empirical studies show that developers spend more time reading code than writing it
- clean design doesn't come for free, to achieve it we must constantly refactor
- test suites give you courage to refactor, and apply other changes, thanks to their tight feedback loop

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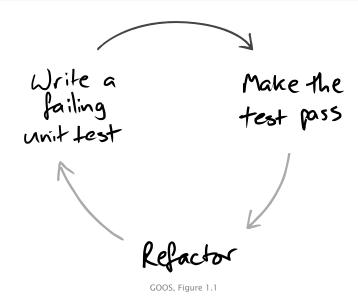
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TDD idea (i.e. a judo move on the above problem) write tests *before* code

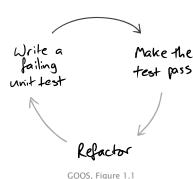
- don't write tests only to verify code after it's done leverage testing as a design activity
- write tests to clarify our ideas about what the code should do
- I was finally able to separate logical from physical design. I'd always been told to do that but no one ever explained how.
- write tests to get rapid feedback about design ideas
 - if a test is difficult to write, design is often wrong

TDD in a nutshell



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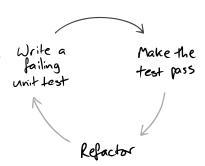


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By writing the test we:

- clarify acceptance criteria
- are pushed to design loosely coupled components
 - otherwise they are difficult to test
- document the code, via an executable description of it
- incrementally build a regression suite



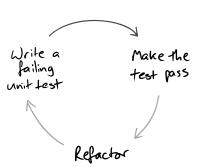
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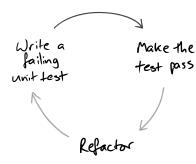
- detect errors when the context is fresh in our mind
- have a measure of progress, know when to stop (i.e. when we are "done enough")
 - avoid over-coding, "gold plating"



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TDD golden rule

Never write a new functionality without a failing test.

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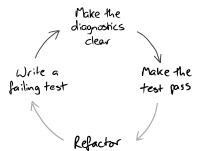
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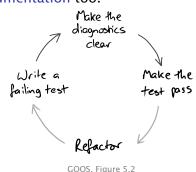
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- unit test behavior, not methods
 - for TDD test coverage is less important than readable tests



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- triangulation when you have more than 2-3 tests that use the same implementation, factor out a common one
 - corollary: triangulation is commonly applied after several applications of the previous techniques

Step 3 — refactor

At this point: we have a test, some new code, and we are reasonably convinced that it is that code that makes the test pass.

We can now improve the code design, using tests as a safety net.

The goal of refactoring is to improve the design of existing code, without altering its external behavior (see Fowler 1999, and the dedicated lecture). We only give some of its intuitions here:

Code smells

- duplicate code
- long methods / large class
- too many parameters
- inappropriate intimacy
- Liskov principle violation
- complex conditionals
- . . .

Techniques

- encapsulate field
- generalize type
- conditionals → polymorphism
- extract class / method
- rename method / field
- pull up / push down
- . . .

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- orefactor, e.g.:
 - write a proper implementation if you faked it
 - clean up, clean up, clean up

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- receive bug report
- run all tests to ensure clean slate
- create a new test that
 - recreates the context of the (alleged) bug
 - would succeed if the bug didn't exist
- run all tests
 - new test fails → reproducible bug
 - new test passes → unreproducible bug → investigate with submitter

TDD cycle — exercise (cont.)

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Possible work-flow:

- fix the bug
 - even with dirty workarounds, to ensure you've cornered it
- o run all tests
 - all test passes → bingo!
 - new test fails → try again (= go back to 5)
 - ▶ old tests fail → regression, try again
- refactor as needed
 - from workaround, to proper fix
- release fix (including the new test!)

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xUnit frameworks exist for most languages and platforms, e.g.: 2

- SUnit (Smalltalk)
- OUnit (OCaml)

NUnit (.NET)

JUnit (Java)

- Test::Unit (Ruby)
- unittest (Python)

CppUnit (C++)

HUnit (Haskell)

- Check (C)
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JUnit

JUnit is the original Java port of SUnit by Kent Beck and Erich Gamma. It's still the most established xUnit Java test framework.

We will use JUnit, and in particular JUnit 4, for this lecture examples. The notions we will see are portable to other xUnit frameworks.

JUnit is Free Software, released under the Eclipse Public License; it is available at http://junit.org/ and in most FOSS distributions (package junit4 in distros of the Debian family).

JUnit — test discovery

```
import org.junit.Test;
import static org.junit.Assert.*;
public class TreeTest { // no inheritance needed
   @Test
    public void emptyTreeCreation() {
        // 1. prepare
        // 2. execute
        // 3. assert
   @Test
    public void treeAddition() {
        // 1. prepare
        // 2. execute
        // 3. assert
```

JUnit — assertions

```
The junit.framework.Assert (whose content you should import)
provides a plethora of assertion methods, e.g.:
     assertTrue(String msg, Boolean test)
     assertFalse(String msg, Boolean test)
     assertNull(String msg, Boolean test)
     assertEquals(String msq, Object expected, Object actual)
     assertSame(String msg, Object expected, Object actual)
           // note: order does matter
     assertNot*(...)
      fail (String msg) // fail unconditionally
Assertion methods also come in msg-less variants.
@Test
public void emptyTreeSize() {
    Tree t = new BinaryTree(); // 1. prepare
                            // 2. execute
    int s = t.size();
    assertEquals(0, s):
                            // 3. assert
```

JUnit — asserting exceptions

Asserting that a test throws an exception is ugly:

- wrap the whole test in try ... catch
- do nothing in the catch branch
- fail() at the end of the try branch

JUnit offers a nicer declarative alternative:

```
@Test(expected = IndexOutOfBoundsException.class)  // 3. assert
public void arrayListBoundaries() {
    List < String > | = new ArrayList < String > ();  // 1. prepare
    l.get(1);  // 2. execute
} // test will fail if it reaches this point
```

Test isolation

The running of a test should not influence that of another.

I.e. test should be isolated.

Consequences:

- test execution is order independent
- to achieve isolation you need to split your system accordingly
 - separation of concern, low coupling & high cohesion
 - once again: tests help good design
- each test should initialize its context (set up) before execution and clean it up completely (tear down) afterwards

But we don't want duplications in setup/teardown code! Test fixtures to the rescue!

JUnit — fixtures

```
import org.junit.Before;
import org.junit.After;
public class ArrayTest {
    private List < String > 1;
   @Before // i.e. call this before each @Test method
    public void setUp() {
       I = new ArrayList < String > ();
       @After // i.e. call this after each @Test method
    public void tearDown() { | = null; }
   @Test
    public void removeFirst() {
       assertEquals("foo", l.remove(0)); }
   @Test
    public void removeSecond() {
       assertEquals("bar", l.remove(1)); }
```

JUnit — test suites

You can (and should) organize your tests in test suites.

```
import org.junit.runners.Suite;
import org.junit.runner.RunWith;
@RunWith (Suite.class)
@Suite.SuiteClasses({ // list classes containing @Test
  Behavior1Test.class.
  Behavior2Test.class,
  BehaviorNTest.class.
})
public class BehaviorTestSuite { }
```

Unfortunately, there is no nice way to run all available tests (in a package, for example). External test runners (Eclipse, Ant, etc.) use reflection to address this problem.

JUnit — running tests

Test outcome

Each @Test method has a 3-state outcome:

```
success the test criteria have been met (i.e. all assertions were
         correct)
```

```
failure the test criteria have not been met (i.e. one or more
       assertion were incorrect)
```

error test execution didn't complete properly (e.g. an exception *not under test* interrupted test execution)

Running tests will collect outcomes and provide a summary.

on the command line:

```
java -cp /usr/share/java/junit4.jar \
    org.junit.runner.JUnitCore \
    ClassName
```

Shift+Alt+XTin Eclipse: Run → Run as → JUnit Test

Introduction to TDD

• JUnit integration available for build tools, e.g. Ant, Maven, etc.

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The money example

There are a several "great classics" among case studies to learn TDD and in particular its "rhythm." Some of the most famous are:

- The money example included in Kent Beck's milestone book on TDD
- The bowling game http://www.objectmentor.com/ resources/articles/xpepisode.htm

In the remainder we are going to discuss (some parts of) the money example. Disclaimers:

- the rhythm might seem slow at first, you will be tempted to use obvious implementation more often than in the example (which uses fake it very often)
- that's fine, you will find your own rhythm; in the meantime starting slow will help understand the philosophy
- we will take shortcuts, check out the full example in the book

Goal: multi-currency money

| Instrument | Shares | Price | Total |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|
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| GE | 400 | 100 | 40000 |
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| From | To | Rate |
|------|-----|------|
| CHF | USD | 1.5 |

Notation — To-do list

When applying TDD you will often stumble upon items you want to work on (e.g. design improvements) which you have to postpone to the appropriate phase (e.g. refactoring). To keep track of them we will use to-do lists like this one:

ToDo

- oh yes, we should really do this
- but we are currently working on this
- this is done
- this too

Initial to-do list for the money example:

ToDo

- 5 USD + 10 CHF = 10 USD if rate is 2:1
- 5 USD * 2 = 10 USD

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That's fine! We progressed: we now have a more immediate goal to achieve (make the test compile).

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YAY! Now the test compiles... and fails with a red bar.

Progress: we now have a measure of how far we are from success—1 test is failing, we are just 1 test away from success.

Let's make the bar green (you won't like this)

public int amount = 10; //fake it

The test now passes!
But that obviously *not* the right solution so...refactor.

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```

Red bar again!

Functional objects (cont.)

```
Let's make it compile:
Dollar times(int multiplier) {
    amount *= multiplier;
    return null; // fake it
}
test now compiles but doesn't pass
```

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```
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Dollar times(int multiplier) {
    return new Dollar(amount * multiplier);
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  equality
```

Equality

```
@Test
public void dollarsEquality() {
    assertEquals(new Dollar(5), new Dollar(5));

    // same as, but clearer than
    // assertTrue(new Dollar(5).equals(new Dollar(5)));
}
```

the test compiles

(why?)

but fails

(why?)

Equality (cont.)

```
public boolean equals(Object object) {
    return true;
}
Test passes!
```

Equality (cont.)

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Test passes!
But we want a proper implementation, so let's prove we have a bug
in the current implementation. . . with a test!
@Test
public void dollarsInequality() {
    assertNotEquals(new Dollar(5), new Dollar(6));
(indeed we have a bug)
```

Equality (cont.)

We can now triangulate to a more general (and correct) solution:

```
public boolean equals(Object object) {
    Dollar dollar = (Dollar) object;
    return this.amount == dollar.amount;
}
```

Green bar!!

ToDo

- 5 USD + 10 CHF = 10 USD if rate is 2:1
- make amount private
- allow to have cents
- equality
- equality against null
- equality against Object
- 5 CHF * 2 = 10 CHF

CHF

```
@Test
public void francMultiplication() {
    Franc five = new Franc(5);
    assertEquals(new Franc(10), five.times(2));
    assertEquals(new Franc(15), five.times(3));
}
```

What's the shortest step which will bring us to green bar?

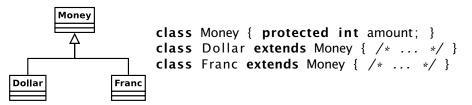
CHF (cont.)

```
Copy/paste/adapt from Dollar!
class Franc {
    private int amount;
    public Franc(int amount) { this.amount = amount; }
    public Franc times(int multiplier) {
        return new Franc(amount * multiplier);
    public boolean equals(Object object) {
        Franc franc = (Franc) object;
        return this.amount = franc.amount;
   ToDo
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- Dollar/Franc duplication
- common equals
- common times

CHF (cont.)

Refactoring to eliminate duplication:



CHF (cont.)

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```
Money
                   class Money { protected int amount; }
                   class Dollar extends Money { /* ... */ }
                   class Franc extends Money { /* ... */ }
Dollar
              Franc
public boolean equals(Object object) { // how about equals?
    Money dollar = (Dollar) object; // ???
    return this.amount = dollar.amount;
   ToDo
  5 USD + 10 CHF = 10 USD if rate is 2:1

    Dollar/Franc duplication

  common equals
   common times
```

Equality redux

```
Buq!
@Test
public void equalityFrancDollar() { // this passes
    assertEquals (new Dollar (5), new Dollar (5));
    assertEquals(new Franc(7), new Franc(7));
@Test
public void inequalityFrancDollar() { // exception!
    assertNotEquals(new Dollar(5), new Franc(6));
    assertNotEquals(new Franc(7), new Dollar(8));
```

Equality redux (cont.)

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- Dollar/Franc duplication
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Etc.

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