

## **Questions From**

Chapter 1

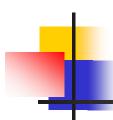
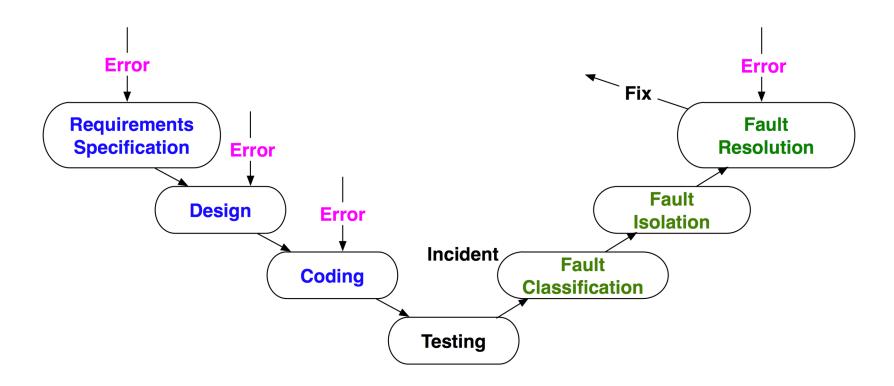


Figure 1.1: Testing life cycle



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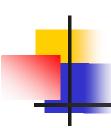
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  - Faults of **omission** are most difficult to detect



What is a fault?



- What is a fault?
  - A fault is the result of an error: inaccurate requirements text, erroneous design, buggy source code etc.



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  - A failure occurs when a fault executes.
  - A fault won't yield a failure without the conditions that trigger it.
    - **Example**: if a program yields 2+2=5 on the 10th time you use it, you won't see the failure before or after the 10th use.



## Incident vocabulary – 1

What is an incident?



## Incident vocabulary – 2

- What is an incident?
  - An incident is a characteristic of a failure that helps you recognize that the program has failed.



## Vocabulary example

- Here's a defective program
  - INPUT A
  - INPUT B
  - PRINT A / B
- What is the error?
- What is the fault?
- What is the critical condition?
- What will we see as the incident of the failure?

## About tests – 1

What is the purpose of a test?

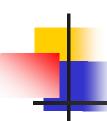


- What is the purpose of a test?
  - To verify correct behaviour
  - To find a failure



What is a test case?

What information do we need to document a test case?



## Figure 1.2: Test case information

- 1 Test case ID
- 2 Purpose
- 3 Preconditions
- 4 Expected outputs
- 5 Postconditions
- 6 Execution history

Date Result Version Run by

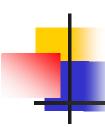
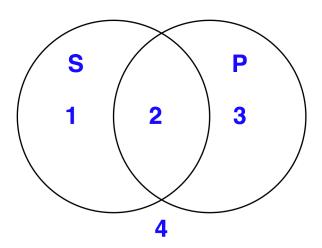


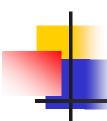
Figure 1.3: Specified and implemented program behaviours



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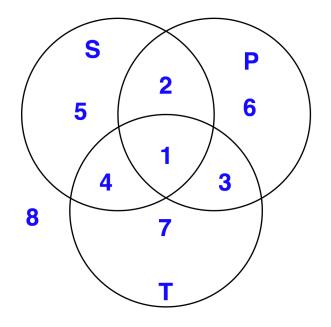
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## Figure 1.4: Specified, implemented and tested behaviours

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Tested cases verified behaviour

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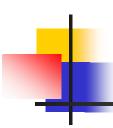


## Test case difficulty – 2

- What are the difficulties in making a test case?
  - Setting up preconditions
  - Determining expected output



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## Value of test cases – 2

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#### Value of test cases – 3

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  - Document
  - Save
  - Use again



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## Functional testing – 3

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- What are the disadvantages of functional testing?
  - Redundant tests
  - Gaps in tests
  - Cannot develop test cases for non-specified behaviour



## Structural testing – 1

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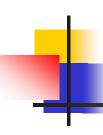
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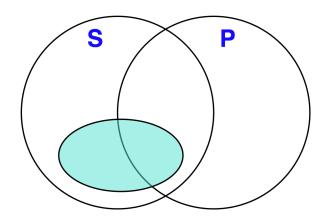


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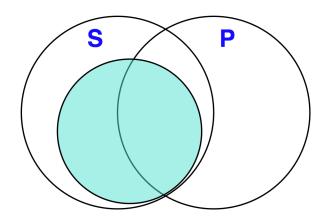
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  - Cannot find test cases outside the structure of the program



## Comparing functional test case identification methods



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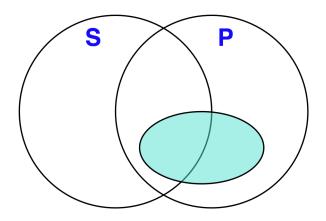


Tested cases Method B

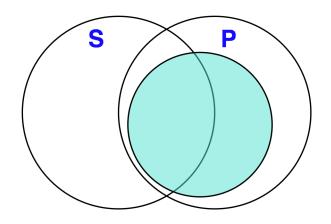
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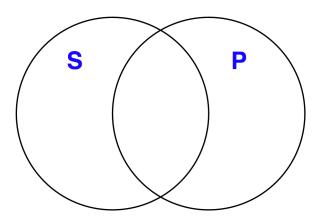
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## Sources of test cases – 1

- Which method functional or structural testing is better?
- Why?





Functional black box Establishes Confidence

Structural white box Seeks Faults

What conclusion can be made?



## Faults classified by severity

- 1 Mild
- 2 Moderate
- 3 Annoying
- 4 Disturbing
- 5 Serious
- 6 Very serious
- 7 Extreme
- 8 Intolerable
- 9 Catastrophic
- 10 Infectious

Of what use is the classification?



- 1 Input/output faults
- 2 Logic faults
- 3 Computation faults
- 4 Interface faults
- 5 Data faults

What are typical faults in each type?

Of what use is the taxonomy?

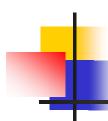
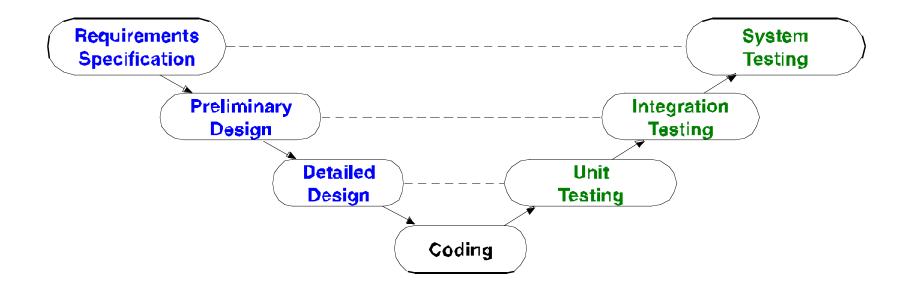


Figure 1.10: Levels of abstraction and testing



Of what use is this diagram?

## Craft of testing – 1

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  - Identify errors we are likely to make
  - Create test cases to find the corresponding faults