CEN 5016: Software Engineering

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# Week 4 - Class 1: Software Testing



# Administrivia



- Team-forming due by Thursday!
  - If you are not on a team, let me know and I can try to help
- Assignment 2 (Almost) Posted
  - I promise it will be worth it 😅
  - Getting familiar with FakeFlix, the subject of our SDE project
  - Due dates will be adjusted accordingly
  - I will be posting resources related to Javascript and React from my past classes to assist.

# Software Teams & Communication

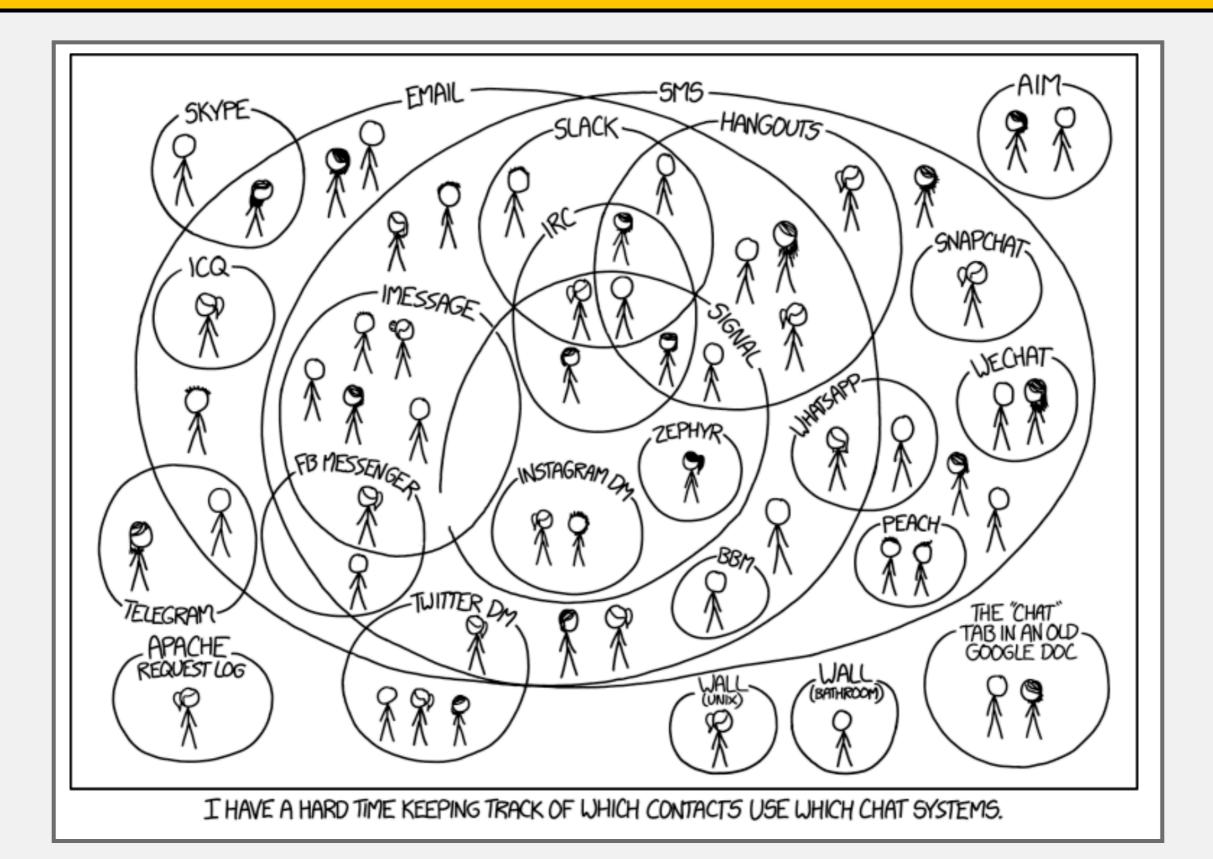


# Establish a Collaboration Process



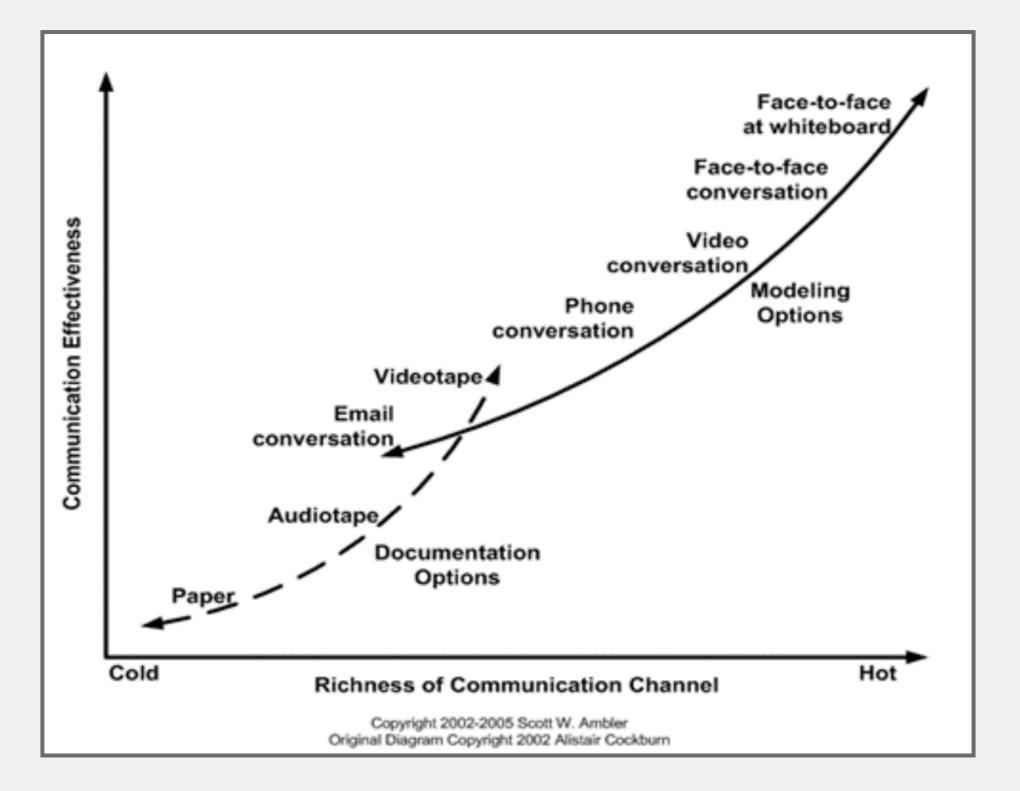
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# Select the Right Communication Tools





# Establish Communication Patterns



- Asana, Trello, Microsoft Projects, ...
- Github Wiki, Google Docs, Notion, ...
- Github Issues, Jira, ...
- Email, Slack, Facebook groups, ...
- Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Skype, Phone call, ...
- Face-to-face meetings

# CEN 5016 Communication Channels



- Ed Discussions
- Regular meeting (Lectures, Recitations)
- Office Hours
- Webcourses
- Course Webpage



#### Communication

- Forums: Discuss implementations, research, etc. https://discuss.pytorch.org
- GitHub Issues: Bug reports, feature requests, install issues, RFCs, thoughts, etc.
- Slack: The PyTorch Slack hosts a primary audience of moderate to experienced PyTorch users and developers for general chat, online discussions, collaboration, etc. If you are a beginner looking for help, the primary medium is PyTorch Forums. If you need a slack invite, please fill this form: https://goo.gl/forms/PP1AGvNHpSaJP8to1
- Newsletter: No-noise, a one-way email newsletter with important announcements about PyTorch. You can sign-up here: https://eepurl.com/cbG0rv
- Facebook Page: Important announcements about PyTorch. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pytorch">https://www.facebook.com/pytorch</a>
- For brand guidelines, please visit our website at pytorch.org



- Quality of service guarantee
  - How soon will you get back to your teammates?
  - Weekend? Evening?
- Emergency
  - Tag w/ 911
  - Notify everyone with @channel







- The Three Rules of Running a Meeting
  - Set the Agenda
  - Start on Time. End on Time.
  - End with Action Items (and share them Github Issues, Meeting Notes, ...)



- Set and document clear responsibilities and expectations
- Make everyone contribute
  - Possible Roles: Coordinator, Scribe, Checker
  - Manage Personalities
  - Be Vulnerable

### Atlassian Meeting Flowchart







- Note: these are not the same thing.
- A leader inspires with their vision of how everyone could work together.
  - They maintain a positive working environment.
  - They actively create their team culture.
  - They promote fair play among team members.
  - They acknowledge their team members' individuality.
  - They are humble and understand that others may know more than they do.

### How to be a Great Manager



- Managers handle work assignments and day-to-day scheduling.
- Managers find resources to support their team's tasks.
- Managers continuously improve their team's processes.
- Managers allow team members to work autonomously, without micromanaging them.
- Managers facilitate communicate between team members.



- Some leaders are respected for technical excellence.
- Some leaders are chosen based on past accomplishments.
- Some leaders have high EQ (emotional quotient) and earn everyone's trust.
- Some leaders *take* the position through force of will and because others acquiesce.

#### Why do you want to be team leader?

# Divide Work and Integrate



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- Issue should include
  - Context: explain the conditions which led you to write the issue
  - Problem or idea: the context should lead to something
  - Previous attempts to solve
  - Solution or next step (if possible)
- Be specific!
  - Include environment settings, versions, error messages, code examples when necessary

# @Mention or Assign Appropriate People



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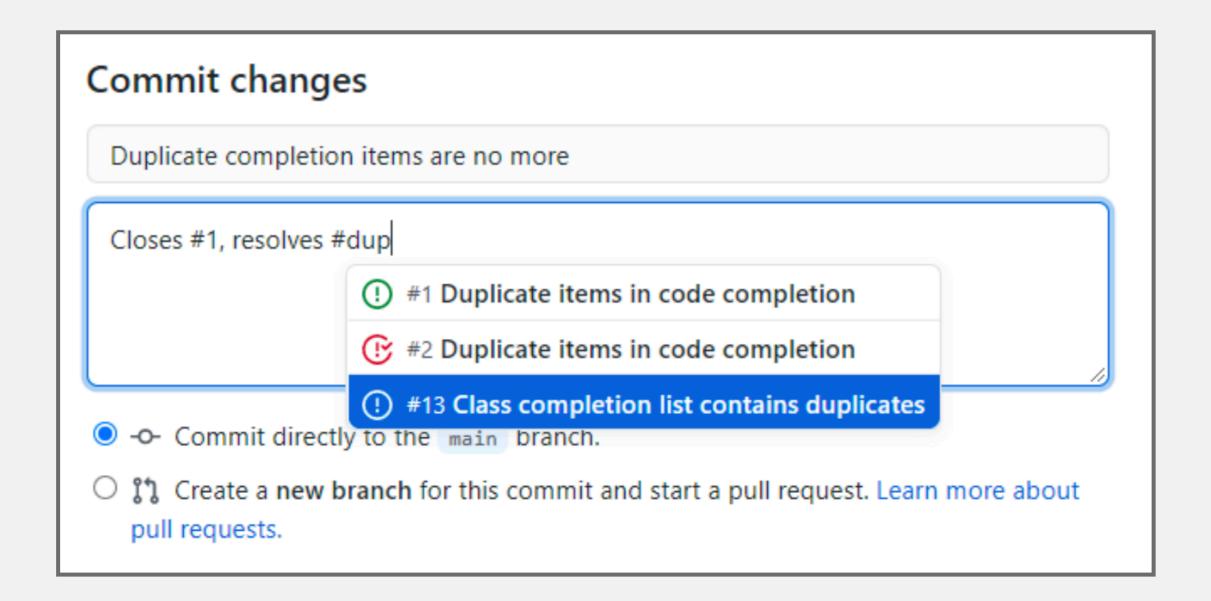


- Break the project down by areas of responsibility
- Mark non-triaged issues
- Isolate issues that await additional information from the reporter
- Example:
  - Bug / Duplicate / Documentation / Help Wanted / Invalid / Enhancement
  - status: wip, status: ready to implement, status: needs discussion

# Don't Forget to Follow Up and Close Issues

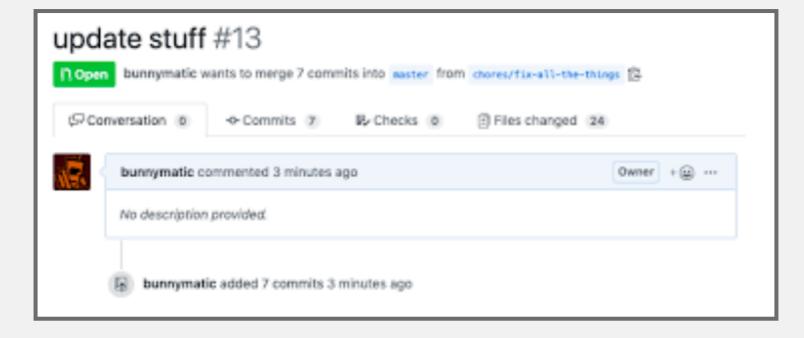


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# Pull Requests







## What?
## Why?
## How?
## Testing?
## Screenshots (optional)
## Anything Else?

### How to Write Good Pull Requests



```
## What?
I've added support for authentication to implement Key Result 2 of OKR1. It includes model, table,
controller and test. For more background, see ticket
#JIRA-123.
## Why?
These changes complete the user login and account creation experience. See #JIRA-123 for more
information.
## How?
This includes a migration, model and controller for user authentication. I'm using Devise to do the
heavy lifting. I ran Devise migrations and those are included here.
## Testing?
I've added coverage for testing all new methods. I used Faker for a few random user emails and
names.
## Screenshots (optional)
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## Anything Else?
Let's consider using a 3rd party authentication provider for this, to offload MFA and other
considerations as they arise and as the privacy landscape evolves. AWS Cognito is a good option, so
is Firebase. I'm happy to start researching this path. Let's also consider breaking this out into
its own service. We can then re-use it or share the accounts with other apps in the future.
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- Remember that anyone (in the company) could be reading your PR
- Be explicit about what/when feedback you want
- @mention individuals that you specifically want to involve in the discussion, and mention why.
  - "/cc @jesseplusplus for clarification on this logic"



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I Am Devloper @iamdevloper

10 lines of code = 10 issues.

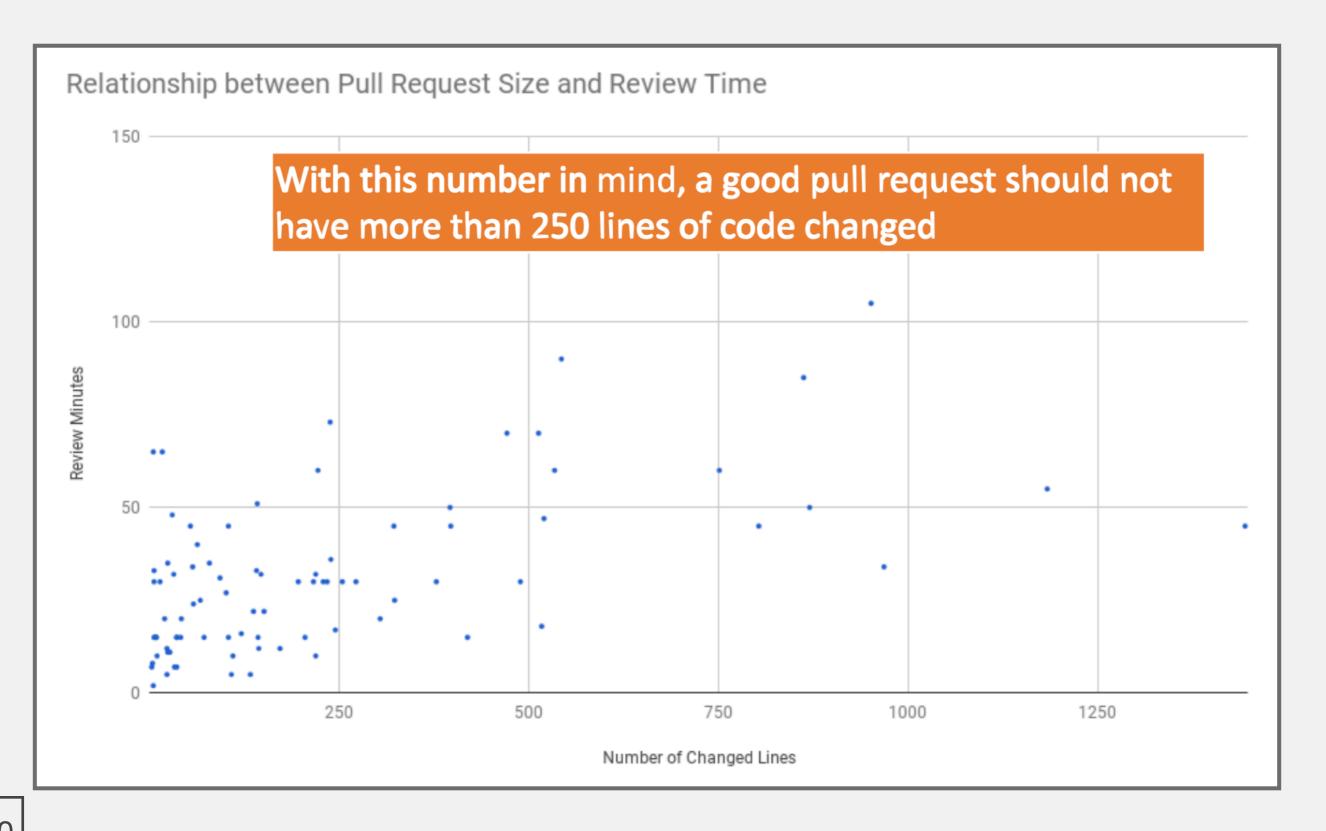
500 lines of code = "looks fine."

#### Code reviews.

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8,258 Retweets 171 Quote Tweets 6,794 Likes







- If you disagree strongly, consider giving it a few minutes before responding; think before you react.
- Ask, don't tell. ("What do you think about trying...?" rather than "Don't do...")
- Explain your reasons why code should be changed. (Not in line with the style guide? A personal preference?)
- Be humble. ("I'm not sure, let's try...")
- Avoid hyperbole. ("NEVER do...")
- Be aware of negative bias with online communication.



• "Duplicate of" issue/pull request number

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		megbird commented 4 minutes ago	Owner + 🙂 💉 🗙
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Subject Re: [GIT pull] x86 updates for 3.11
           Linus Torvalds <>
From
On Sat, Jul 13, 2013 at 4:21 AM, Thomas Gleixner <tglx@linutronix.de> wrote:
>
     * Guarantee IDT page alignment
>
What the F*CK, guys?
This piece-of-shit commit is marked for stable, but you clearly never
even test-compiled it, did you?
Because on x86-64 (the which is the only place where the patch
matters), I don't see how you could have avoided this honking huge
warning otherwise:
  arch/x86/kernel/traps.c:74:1: warning: braces around scalar
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### Importance of Documentation



#### No matter the format, documentation is important

Building on top of others' work in a communitylike way can be an accelerator, both in open source and in companies. Documentation often signals if a repository is reliable to reuse code from, or if it's an active project to contribute to. What signs do developers look for?

In both open source projects and enterprises, developers see about

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productivity boost with easy-tosource documentation What the data shows: At work, developers consider documentation trustworthy when it is up-to-date (e.g., looking at time-stamps) and has a high number of upvotes from others. Open source projects use READMEs, contribution guidelines, and GitHub Issues, to elevate the quality of any project, and to share information that makes them more attractive to new contributors. Enterprises can adopt the same best practices to achieve similar success.

In both environments, developers see about a 50% productivity boost when documentation is up-to-date, detailed, reliable, and comes in different formats (e.g. articles, videos, forums).

**Using the data:** Review the documentation your team consumes: When was the last time it was updated? Can everyone on your team improve the documentation? Check this frequently to stay on track.

# Types of Documentation



Knowledge Type	Description (Excerpt)
Functionality and Behavior	Describes what the API does (or does not do) in terms of functionality or features. Describes what happens when the API is used (a field value is set, or a method is called).
Concepts	Explains the meaning of terms used to name or describe an API element, or describes design or domain concepts used or implemented by the API.
Directives	Specifies what users are allowed / not allowed to do with the API element. Directives are clear contracts.
Purpose and Rationale	Explains the purpose of providing an element or the rationale of a certain design decision. Typically, this is information that answers a "why" question: Why is this element provided by the API? Why is this designed this way? Why would we want to use this?
Quality Attributes and Internal Aspects	Describes quality attributes of the API, also known as non-functional requirements, for example, the performance implications. Also applies to information about the API's internal implementation that is only indirectly related to its observable behavior.
Control-Flow	Describes how the API (or the framework) manages the flow of control, for example by stating what events cause a certain callback to be triggered, or by listing the order in which API methods will be automatically called by the framework itself.
Structure	Describes the internal organization of a compound element (e.g. important classes, fields, or methods), information about type hierarchies, or how elements are related to each other.
Patterns	Describes how to accomplish specific outcomes with the API, for example, how to implement a certain scenario, how the behavior of an element can be customized, etc.
Code Examples	Provides code examples of how to use and combine elements to implement certain functionality or design outcomes.
Environment	Describes aspects related to the environment in which the API is used, but not the API directly, e.g., compatibility issues, differences between versions, or licensing information.
References	Includes any pointer to external documents, either in the form of hyperlinks, tagged "see also" reference, or mentions of other documents (such as standards or manuals).
Non-information	A section of documentation containing any complete sentence or self-contained fragment of text that provides only uninformative boilerplate text.

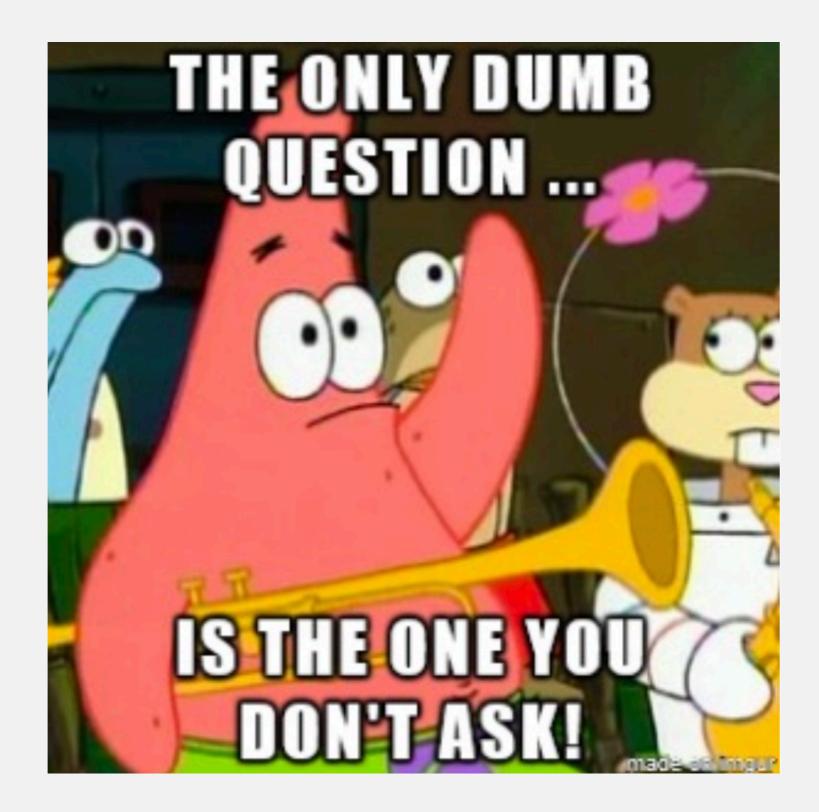
Maalej, W., & Robillard, M. P. (2013). Patterns of knowledge in API reference documentation. IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, 39(9), 1264-1282.



- Internal document for your team (e.g., meeting note)
- Documentation for project contributors
- Documentation for non-developer collaborators (e.g., UX researchers)
- Documentation for developer users
- Documentation for clients with no software knowldge
- User manual for end users

#### Importance of Asking Questions







#### New To Coding. Can anyone assist me?

Asked 7 years, 1 month ago Modified 7 years, 1 month ago Viewed 47 times

```
I am trying to make a word counter and I just cant seem to get it. Can anyone help?
-4
import re
print("Welcome To This Software Made By Aaron!")
word = raw_input("Enter Your Words: ")
Check = 0
Right = 0
Length = len(word)
while True:
    if Right == 1:
        if Length < Check:</pre>
```

```
while True:
    if Right == 1:
        if Length < Check:
            Check = Check + 1
            print(Check)
    if Length == Check:
        Right = 1
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print("Your Word Count Is " +Check)





• I am trying to \_\_\_\_, so that I can \_\_\_\_. I am running into

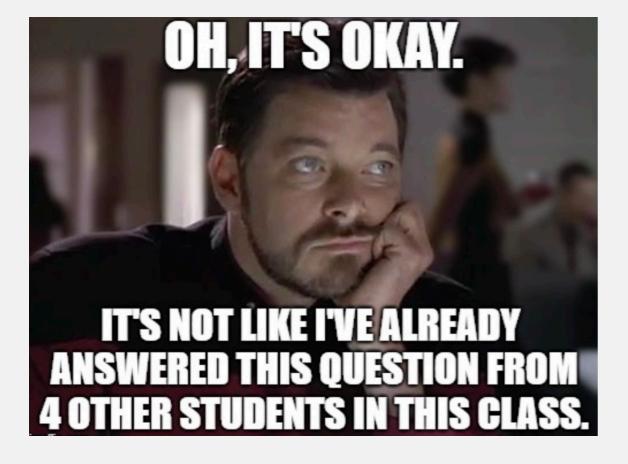
I have looked at \_\_\_\_ and tried \_\_\_\_.

- + I'm using this tech stack: \_\_\_\_.
- + I'm getting this error/result: \_\_\_\_.
- + I think the problem could be \_\_\_\_.

# Avoid Duplication



#### RESEARCH-ARTICLE In of f Mining duplicate questions in stack overflow Authors: Muhammad Ahasanuzzaman, Muhammad Asaduzzaman, Chanchal K. Roy, Kevin A. Schneider Authors Info & Claims



Published: 04 November 2015

Studying the needed effort for identifying duplicate issues

Mohamed Sami Rakha ⊠, Weiyi Shang & Ahmed E. Hassan

Empirical Software Engineering 21, 1960–1989 (2016) | Cite this article 748 Accesses | 19 Citations | 1 Altmetric | Metrics

#### Abstract

Many recent software engineering papers have examined duplicate issue reports. Thus far, duplicate reports have been considered a hindrance to developers and a drain on their resources. As a result, prior research in this area focuses on proposing automated approaches to accurately identify duplicate reports. However, there exists no studies that attempt to





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#### Communication

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# You can't solve any Problem without Communication!

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- Your goal: Find a solution to the problem and move forward.
  - As a smart person on "TedLasso" once said, "Fight forward, not back."
- Make sure that everybody works from the same set of facts.
- Establish ground rules for your team's discussion.
  - Talk about how the situation made you feel.Never presume anything about anyone else.
- Remain calm and rational. If you feel triggered or threatened, extract yourself from the situation, wait an hour to chill out, and then try again.
- If you reach an impasse, talk to your team leader.
- If your team remains in conflict, escalate to Dr. Moran.
  - I can help to mediate





#### Learning Goals



- Identify the scope and limitations of software testing
- Appreciate software testing as a methodology to use automation in improving software quality
- Describe the benefits of using continuous integration and deployment (CI/CD)
- Measure the quality of software tests and define test adequacy criteria
- Enumerate different levels of testing such as unit testing, integration testing, system testing, and testing in production
- Describe the principles of test-driven development
- Outline design principles for writing good tests
- Recognize and avoid testing anti-patterns

# What is Testing Good For?



- What is testing?
  - Execution of code on sample inputs in a controlled environment
- Principle goals:
  - Validation: program meets requirements, including quality attributes.
  - Defect testing: reveal failures.

#### What is Testing Good For?

- Why should we test? What does testing achieve?
  - What does testing not achieve?
- When should we test?
  - And where should we run the tests?
- What should we test?
  - What CAN we test? (Software quality attributes)
- How should we test?
  - How many ways can you test the sort() function?
- How good are our tests?
  - How to measure test quality?

#### What Makes a Good Test?



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https://github.com/TheAxelander/OpenBudgeteer

#### What Makes a Good Test?



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https://github.com/TheAxelander/OpenBudgeteer



- [Low bar] Ensure that our software meets requirements, is correct, etc.
- Preventing bugs or quality degradations from being accidentally introduced in the future -> *Regression Testing*
- Helps uncover unexpected behaviors that can't be identified by reading source code
- Increased confidence in changes ("will I break the internet with this commit?")
- Bridges the gap between a declarative view of the system (i.e., requirements) and an imperative view (i.e., implementation) by means of redundancy.
- Tests are executable documentation; increases code maintainability
- Forces writing testable code <-> checks software design

#### Testing Levels



- Unit testing
  - Code level, E.g. is a function implemented correctly?
  - Does not require setting up a complex environment
- Integration testing
  - Do components interact correctly? E.g. a feature that cuts across client and server.
  - Usually requires some environment setup, but can abstract/mock out other components that are not being tested (e.g. network)
- System testing
  - Validating the whole system end-to-end (E2E)
  - Requires complete deployment in a staging area, but fake data
- Testing in production
  - Real data but more risks



- "Testing shows the presence, not the absence of bugs." -Edsger W. Dijkstra
- Testing doesn't really give any formal assurances
- Writing tests is hard, time consuming
- Knowing if your tests are good enough is not obvious
- Executing tests can be expensive, especially as software complexity and configuration space grows
  - Full test suite for a single large app can take several days to run

#### What can We Test for?







- "Oracles" are mechanisms that tell you when program execution seems abnormal or unexpected
- E.g. assert, segfault, exception
- Other examples: performance threshold, memory footprint, address sanitizer





- Obvious in some applications (e.g. "sort()") but more challenging in others (e.g. "encrypt()" or UI-based tests)
- Lack of good oracles can limit the scalability of testing.
   Easy to generate lots of input data, but not easy to validate if output (or other program behavior) is correct.

• Fortunately, we have some tricks.

# **Differential Testing**



- If you have two implementations of the same specification, then their output should match on all inputs.
  - E.g. `mergeSort(x).equals(bubbleSort(x))` -> should always be true
  - Special case of a property test, with a free oracle.
- If a differential test fails, at least one of the two implementations is wrong.
  - But which one?
  - If you have N>2 implementations, run them all and compare. Majority wins (the odd one out is buggy).
- Differential testing works well when testing programs that implement standard specifications such as compilers, browsers, SQL engines, XML/ JSON parsers, media players, etc.
  - Not feasible in general e.g. for UCF's custom grad application system.



- Differential testing through time (or versions, say V1 and V2).
- Assuming V1 and V2 don't add a new feature or fix a known bug, then f(x) in V1 should give the same result as f(x) in V2.
- *Key Idea:* Assume the current version is correct. Run program on current version and log output. Compare all future versions to that output.

#### When Should We Test?



#### Test Driven Development

- Tests first!
- Popular agile technique
- Write tests as specifications before code
- Never write code without a failing test
- Claims:
  - Design approach toward testable design
  - Think about interfaces first
  - Avoid unneeded code
  - Higher product quality
  - Higher test suite quality
  - Higher overall productivity

#### Common Bar for Contributions



#### Chromium

• Changes should include corresponding tests. Automated testing is at the heart of how we move forward as a project. All changes should include corresponding tests so we can ensure that there is good coverage for code and that future changes will be less likely to regress functionality. Protect your code with tests!

#### Firefox Testing Policy

**Everything that lands in mozilla-central includes automated tests by default**. Every commit has tests that cover every major piece of functionality and expected input conditions.

#### Docker

#### Conventions

Fork the repo and make changes on your fork in a feature branch:

- · If it's a bugfix branch, name it XXX-something where XXX is the number of the issue
- If it's a feature branch, create an enhancement issue to announce your intentions, and name it XXXsomething where XXX is the number of the issue.

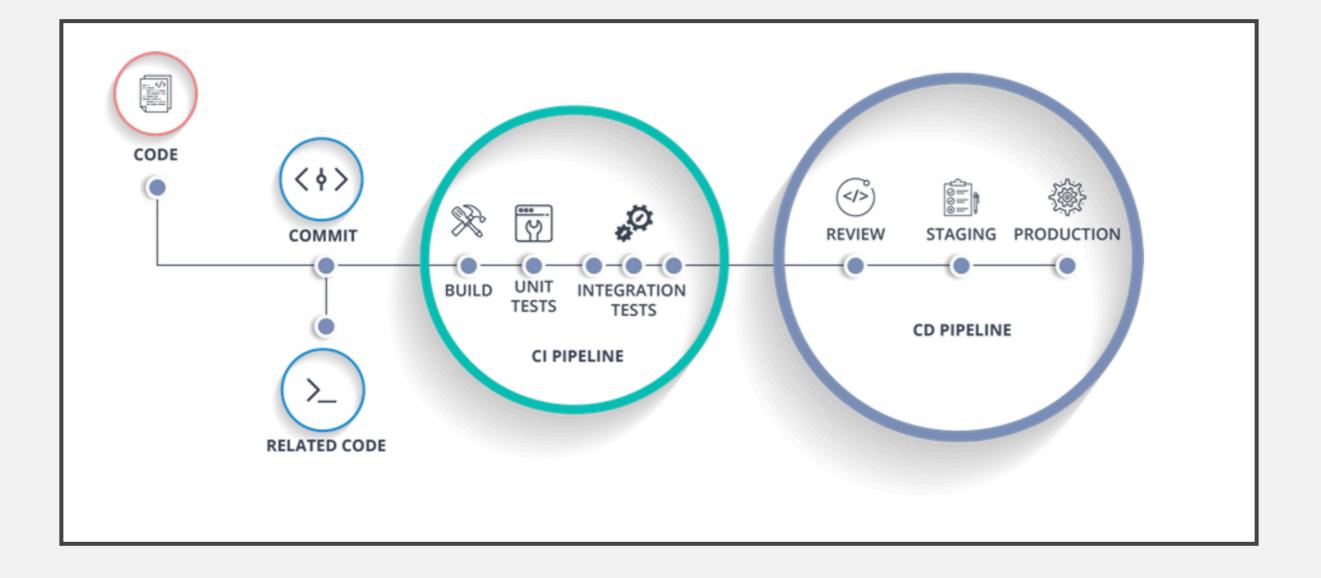
Submit unit tests for your changes. Go has a great test framework built in; use it! Take a look at existing te inspiration. Run the full test suite on your branch before submitting a pull request.

#### **Regression Testing**



- Usual model:
  - Introduce regression tests for bug fixes, etc.
  - Compare results as code evolves
    - Code1 + TestSet -> TestResults1
    - Code2 + TestSet -> TestResults2
  - As code evolves, compare TestResults1 with TestResults2, etc.
- Benefits:
- Ensure bug fixes remain in place and bugs do not reappear.
- Reduces reliance on specifications, as <**TestSet,TestResults1**> acts as one.





### How Good Are Our Tests?



# Code Coverage



- Line coverage
  - Statement coverage
  - Branch coverage
  - Instruction coverage
  - Basic-block coverage
  - Edge coverage
  - Path coverage

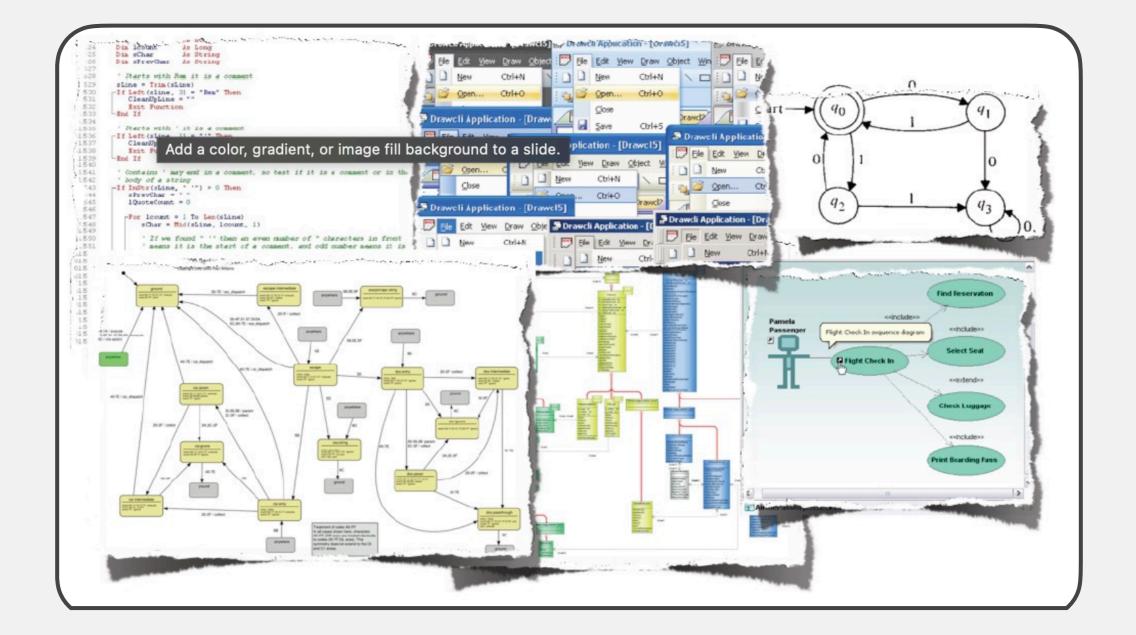
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chacha_internal_test.c	83.3 %	10/12	100.0 %	2/2	113	1 /	1:	if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &clientRandom)) != 0)
ciphername_test.c	60.4 %	32 / 53	100.0 %	2/2	114	0 /		goto fail;
<u>critest.c</u>	100.0 %	90 / 90	100.0 %	12/12	115	1 /		<pre>if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&amp;hashCtx, &amp;serverRandom)) != 0) goto fail:</pre>
ct_test.c	95.5 %	212 / 222	100.0 %	20/20	116 117	0 /		if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &signedParams)) != 0)
d2i_test.c	72.9 %	35 / 48	100.0 %	2/2	117	0 /		<pre>goto fail;</pre>
danetest.c	75.5 %	123 / 163	100.0 %	10/10	119	1 /		goto fail;
dhtest.c	84.6 %	88 / 104	100.0 %	4/4	120	- /		if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.final(&hashCtx, &hashOut)) != 0)
drbgtest.c	69.8 %	157 / 225	92.9 %	13/14	121		:	goto fail;
dtls_mtu_test.c	86.8 %	59 / 68	100.0 %	5/5	122		:	
dtlstest.c	97.1 %	34 / 35	100.0 %	4/4	123		:	err = sslRawVerify(ctx,
dtlsvllistentest.c	94.9 %	37 / 39	100.0 %	4/4	124		:	ctx->peerPubKey,
ecdsatest.c	94.0 %	140 / 149	100.0 %	7/7	125 126			dataToSign, /* plaintext dataToSignLen, /* plaintext
enginetest.c	92.8 %	141 / 152	100.0 %	7/7	120		:	signature,
evp_extra_test.c	100.0 %	112/112	100.0 %	10/10	128		:	signatureLen);
fatalerrtest.c	89.3 %	25/28	100.0 %	2/2	129		:	if(err) {
handshake_helper.c	84.7 %	494 / 583	97.4 %	38/39	130		:	sslErrorLog("SSLDecodeSignedServerKeyExchange: sslRawVerify "
hmactest.c	100.0 %	71/71	100.0 %	7/7	131		:	"returned %d\n", (int)err);
ideatest.c	100.0 %	30 / 30	100.0 %	4/4	132		:	goto fail;
igetest.c	87.9 %	109 / 124	100.0 %	11/11	133		:	3
<u>lhash_test.c</u>	78.6 %	66 / 84	100.0 %	8/8	134 135			ail:
mdc2_internal_test.c	81.8 %	9/11	100.0 %	2/2	135	1 /	1:	SSLFreeBuffer(&signedHashes);
mdc2test.c	100.0 %	18/18	100.0 %	2/2	137	1 /	1:	SSLFreeBuffer(&hashCtx);
ocspapitest.c	95.5 %	64 / 67	100.0 %	4/4	138	î /	1:	return err;
packettest.c	100.0 %	248 / 248	100.0 %	24/24	139		:	
					140 141	1 /	1: }	

#### We Can Measure Coverage on Almost Anything







- Recall: issues with metrics and incentives
  - Also: Numbers can be deceptive
- 100% coverage != exhaustively tested
  - "Coverage is not strongly correlated with suite effectiveness"
- Based on empirical study on GitHub projects [Inozemtseva and Holmes, ICSE'14]
- Still, it's a good low bar
  - Code that is not executed has definitely not been tested

#### Coverage of What?



- Distinguish code being tested and code being executed
- Library code >>>> Application code
  - Can selectively measure coverage
- All application code >>> code being tested
  - Not always easy to do this within an application

# Coverage != Outcome



- What's better, tests that always pass or tests that always fail?
- Tests should ideally be falsifiable. Boundary determines
- specification
- Ideally:
  - Correct implementations should pass all tests
  - Buggy code should fail at least one test
  - Intuition behind mutation testing (we'll revisit this next week)
- What if tests have bugs?
  - Pass on buggy code or fail on correct code
- Even worse: flaky tests
  - Pass or fail on the same test case nondeterministically
- What's the worst type of test?

# Test Design Principles



- Use public APIs only
- Clearly distinguish inputs, configuration, execution, and oracle
- Be simple; avoid complex control flow such as conditionals and loops
- Tests shouldn't need to be frequently changed or refactored
  - Definitely not as frequently as the code being tested changes

#### Anti-Patterns



- Snoopy oracles
  - Relying on implementation state instead of observable behavior
  - E.g. Checking variables or fields instead of return values
- Brittle tests
  - Overfitting to special-case behavior instead of general principle
  - E.g. hard-coding message strings instead of behavior
- Slow tests
  - Self-explanatory(beware of heavy environments, I/O, and sleep())
- Flaky tests
  - Tests that pass or fail nondeterministically
  - Often because of reliance on random inputs, timing (e.g. sleep(1000)), availability of external services (e.g. fetching data over the network in a unit test), or dependency on order of test execution (e.g. previous test sets up global variables in certain way)





- Most tests that you will write will be muuuuuuch more complex than testing a sort function.
- Need to set up environment, create objects whose methods to test, create objects for test data, get all these into an interesting state, test multiple APIs with varying arguments, etc.
- Many tests will require mocks (i.e., faking a resource-intensive component).
- General principles of many of these strategies still apply:
  - Writing tests can be time consuming
  - Determining test adequacy can be hard (if not impossible)
  - Test oracles are not easy
  - Advanced test strategies have trade-offs (high costs with high returns)