Chapter 13: Testing - 1

Object-**O**riented
Software **C**onstruction

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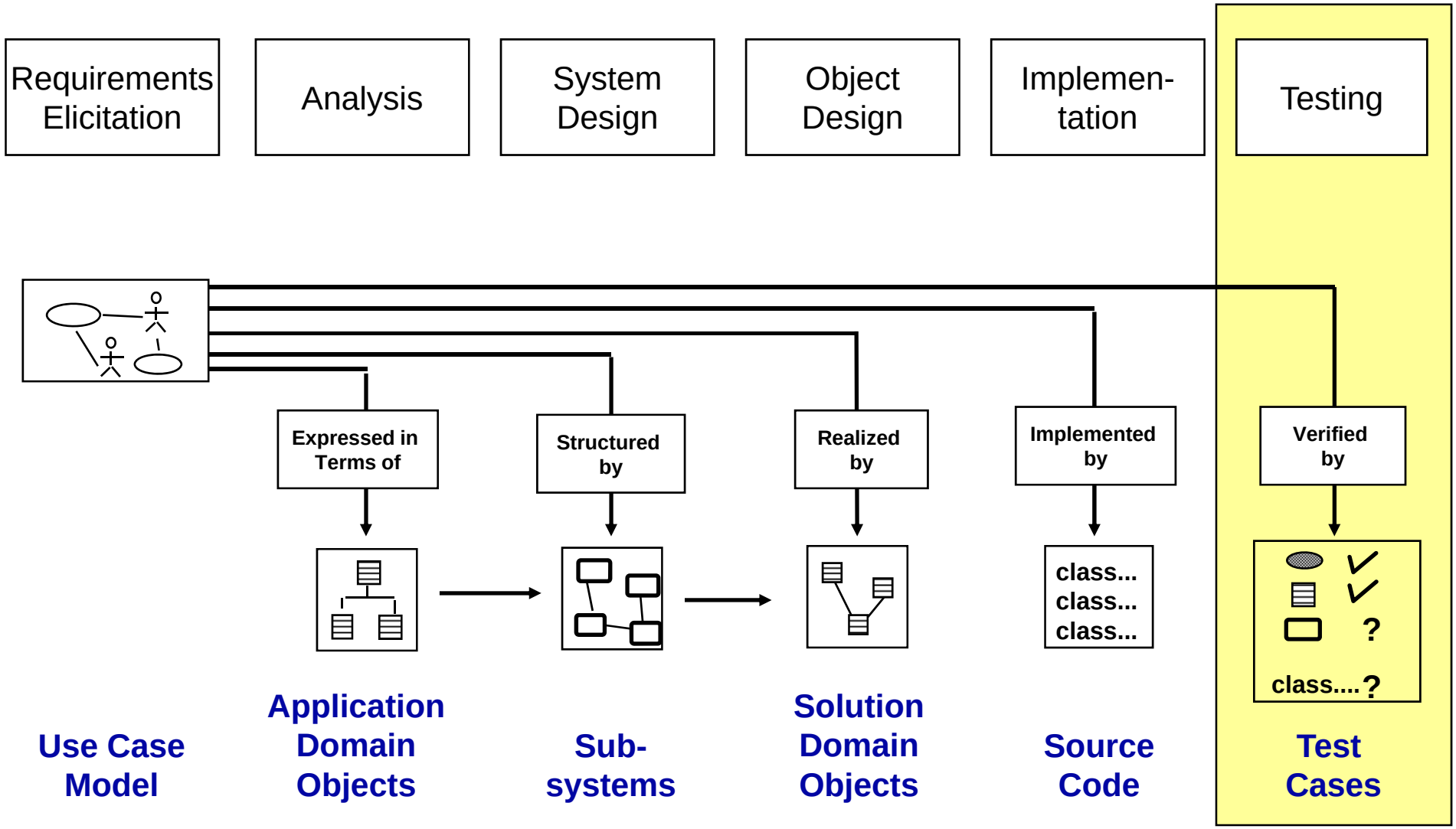
Software Lifecycle Activities ...and their models



Testing

- Testing is the process of finding differences between the expected behavior specified by system models and the observed behavior of the implemented system

- Goal: Design tests that exercise defects in the system and to reveal problems

- Contrary to all other activities like analysis, design or implementation: testing is not constructive

→ Design: avoid making faults

→ A successful test is a test that identifies faults

Testing (ctd.)

- Alternative Definition: Testing has to demonstrate that faults are not present at all.
  - Almost impossible to show
  - May lead to the selection of test data that have a low probability of causing the program to fail
- Many definition of “errors” can be found ...

Terminology

- **Fault** (Bug): A design or coding mistake that may cause abnormal component behavior.
  - Algorithmic fault: caused by wrong implementation of the specification (mostly due to bad communication)
  - Mechanical fault: due to external circumstances
- **Error**: The system is in a state such that further processing by the system will lead to a failure.
- **Failure**: Any perceivable deviation of the observed behavior from the specified behavior.

- There are many different ways how we can deal with these types of errors.

Examples of Faults and Errors

- Faults in the Interface specification
  - Mismatch between what the client needs and what the server offers
  - Mismatch between requirements and implementation
- Algorithmic Faults
  - Missing initialization
  - Missing test for null or 0
- Mechanical Faults
  - very hard to find
  - Documentation does not describe actual conditions of environment
- Errors
  - Stress or overload errors
  - Capacity or boundary errors
  - Timing errors
  - Throughput or performance errors

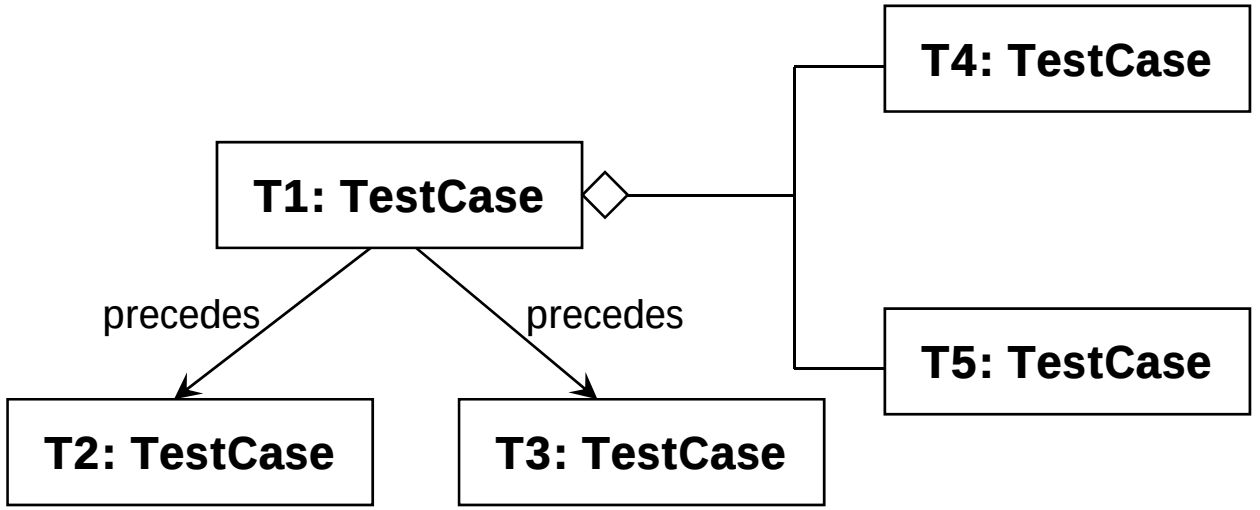
➔ **How do we deal with Errors and Faults?**

Dealing with Errors

- Verification
  - Formal proof of correctness.
  - Assumes hypothetical environment that does not match real environment
  - Proof might be buggy (omits important constraints; may be simply wrong)
- Declaring a bug to be a “feature”
  - Bad practice ☹
- Patching
  - Rather quick and dirty...
- Testing (this lecture)
  - Testing is never good enough
  - Define Test Cases even during all stages in order to detect faults

Test Cases

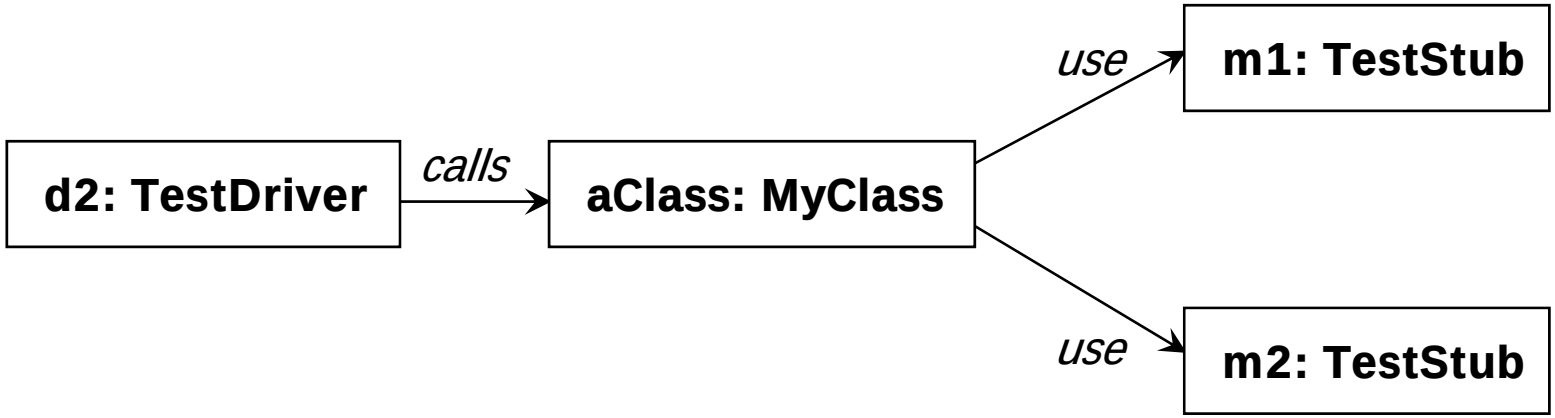
- **Test Case:** set of input data and expected results that exercise a component with the purpose of causing failures and detecting faults
- Test cases can have relationships:



- Expected results are sometimes called **Test Oracle.**

Test Stubs and Drivers

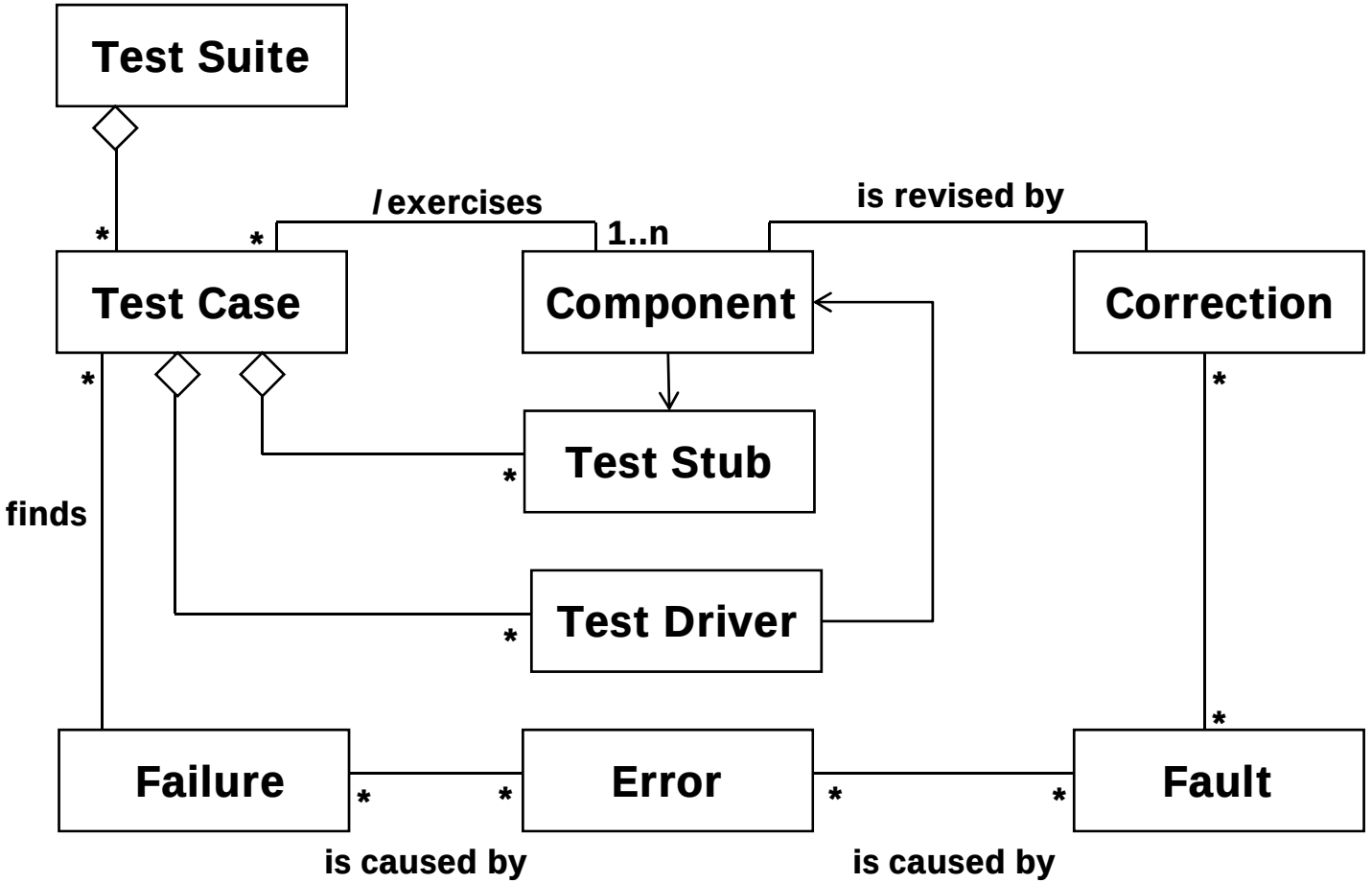
- **Test Driver:** simulates the part of the system that calls the **component under test (CUT)**
- **Test Stub (or Mock):** simulates component that are called by the tested component
  - Must provide the same API as the intended component
  - Not always a trivial task



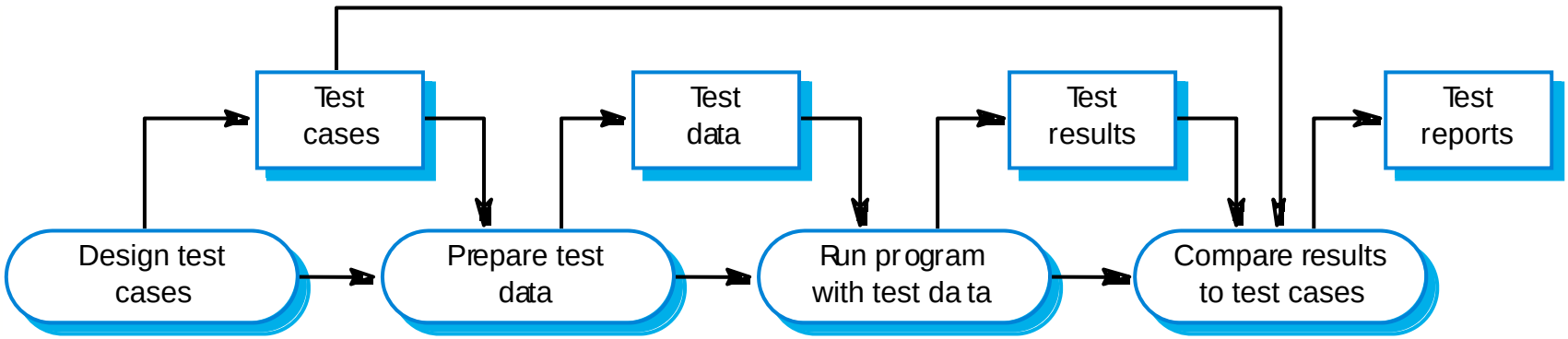
Corrections

- A Correction is a change to a component whose purpose is to repair a fault.
  - Range from simple modification to a single component, to a complete redesign of data structures or a subsystem
- The likelihood that the developer introduces new faults into the revised component is high. Techniques to handle such faults:
  - Configuration Management
  - Rationale Management (Documentation of the rationale for the change)
- “Detecting and fixing one bug naturally causes five new bugs..” (Source: unknown, ~Fragility, R.C. Martin)

Model elements used during test



The software testing process



Testing takes creativity

- To develop an effective test, one must have:
  - Detailed understanding of the system
  - Knowledge of the testing techniques
  - Skill to apply these techniques in an effective and efficient manner
- Testing is done best by independent testers
  - Developers often develop a mental attitude that the program should behave in a certain way when in fact it does not.
  - Programmer often stick to the data sets that makes the program work
- A program often does not work when first tried by *somebody* else.
  - Don't let this be the end-user or client.

Types of Testing

- Unit Testing: **today**
  - Individual subsystem
  - Carried out by developers (of components)
  - Goal: Confirm that subsystems is correctly coded and carries out the intended functionality
- Integration Testing:
  - Groups of subsystems (collection of classes) and eventually the entire system
  - Carried out by developers
  - Goal: Test the interface among the subsystem
- Implementation (Coding) and testing go hand in hand

Types of Testing

- System Testing:
  - The entire system
  - Carried out by test team
  - Goal: Determine if the system meets the requirements (functional and global)
  - Functional Testing: Test of functional requirements
  - Performance Testing: Test of non-functional requirements

Types of Testing

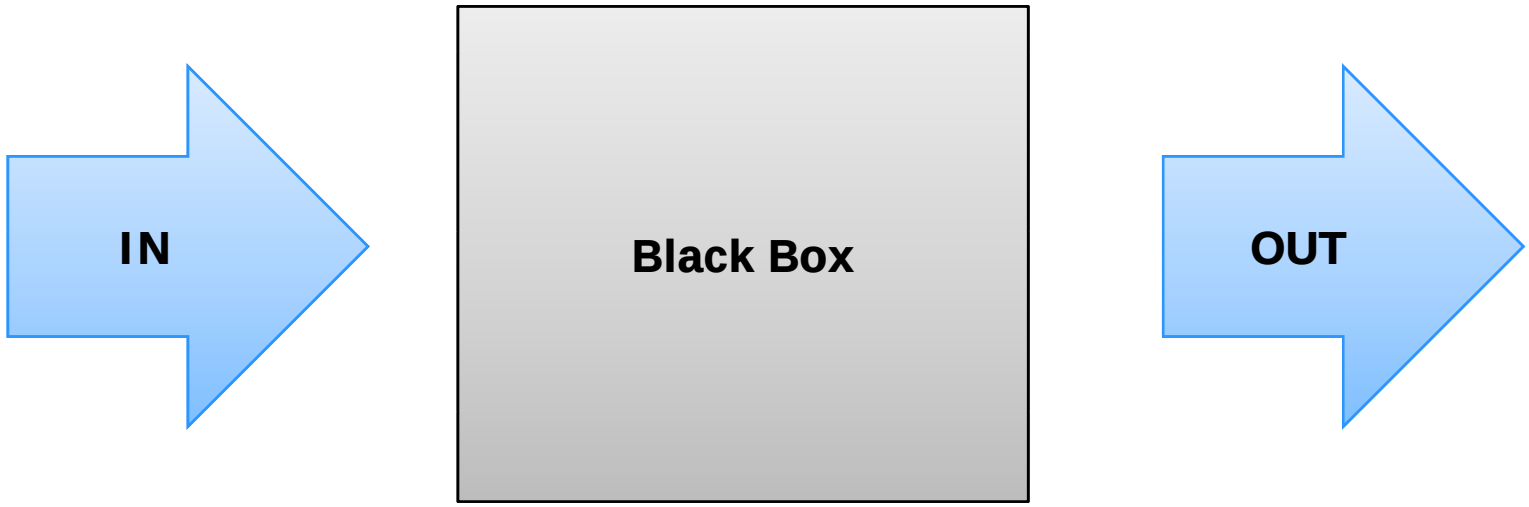
- Acceptance and Installation Testing:
  - Evaluates the system delivered by developers
  - Carried out by the client.
  - Goal: Demonstrate that the system meets customer requirements and is ready to use

Unit Testing

- Focus on the building blocks of the software: objects and subsystems. Benefits:
  - Reduction on complexity of overall test activities
  - Makes it easy to detect and correct faults
  - Write test once and use it to find errors many times
- All objects developed during development can be involved
  - Often not feasible (and necessary)
  - Minimal set: participating objects of analysis phase (In order of importance: Entities, Controller, and maybe Boundaries)
  - Subsystem should be tested after all objects within the subsystem have been tested individually

Unit Testing

- Static Analysis:
  - Code Review: Reading the source code
  - Walkthrough (Informal presentation of code and API to review team)
  - Inspection (No involvement of developers)
  - Automated Tools checking for
    - syntactic errors, coding standards
- Dynamic Analysis:
  - Black-box testing (Test the input/output behavior)
  - White-box testing (Test the internal logic of the subsystem or object)



Test Data

Expected Data

Actual Data

Ideally: All possible value
Unmanagable! To expensive!
=> Equivalence classes

Comparison of expected and actual data

Equivalence Classes, Examples

- Square Root
  - Negative, Zero, Positive; Natural, Rational, Irrational root
  - Test data = {-16, 0, 25, 16/25, 7}
  - Expected Result = {4, 0, 5, 0.8, 2.64575131}

- Greatest Common Divisor
  - (1,a), (a,a), (p,q),
  - (p*a, p), (a*p, a*q), (p*q, r*s)
  - Test data =
    {(1, 8), (23, 23), (7, 11), (22, 11), (14, 22), (3*7, 11*2)}
  - Expected Result = {1, 23, 1, 11, 2, 1}

Black-Box Testing

- Focus: I/O behavior. If for any given input we can predict the output, then the module passes the test.
  - Do not deal with the internal aspects of the tested component
  - Almost always impossible to generate all possible inputs
- Goal: Reduce number of test cases
- Method: Equivalence Testing
  - Divide input conditions into equivalence classes
  - Choose test cases for each equivalence class. (Example: If an object is supposed to accept a negative number, testing one negative number is enough)

Black-Box Testing (Continued)

- Boundary testing:
  - Focus on the conditions at the boundary (edges) of the equivalence classes
  - Select test cases from 3 equivalence classes:
    - Below the range (e.g. 0, null)
    - Within the range (any number of String)
    - Above the range (huge number of big Strings)
- Disadvantage (Equivalence and Boundary Testing):
  - Do not explore combinations of test input data
  - Often, a combination of certain values causes the erroneous state
- Another solution to select only a limited amount of test cases:
  - Get knowledge about the inner workings of the unit being tested => white-box testing

White-Box Testing

- Focus on the internal structure of the component.
- **Goal**: each state in dynamic model of an object and each interaction among the objects should be tested.
- Four quality metrics for white-box testing:
  - Statement Coverage
    - Is each statement exercised (covered) by a test?
  - Loop Coverage
    - Is each loop body executed zero times, exactly once, and more than once (consecutively)?
  - Branch Coverage
    - Is each possible outcome of an decision covered?
  - Path Coverage
    - Is each possible path covered?

White-Box Testing
Path Testing

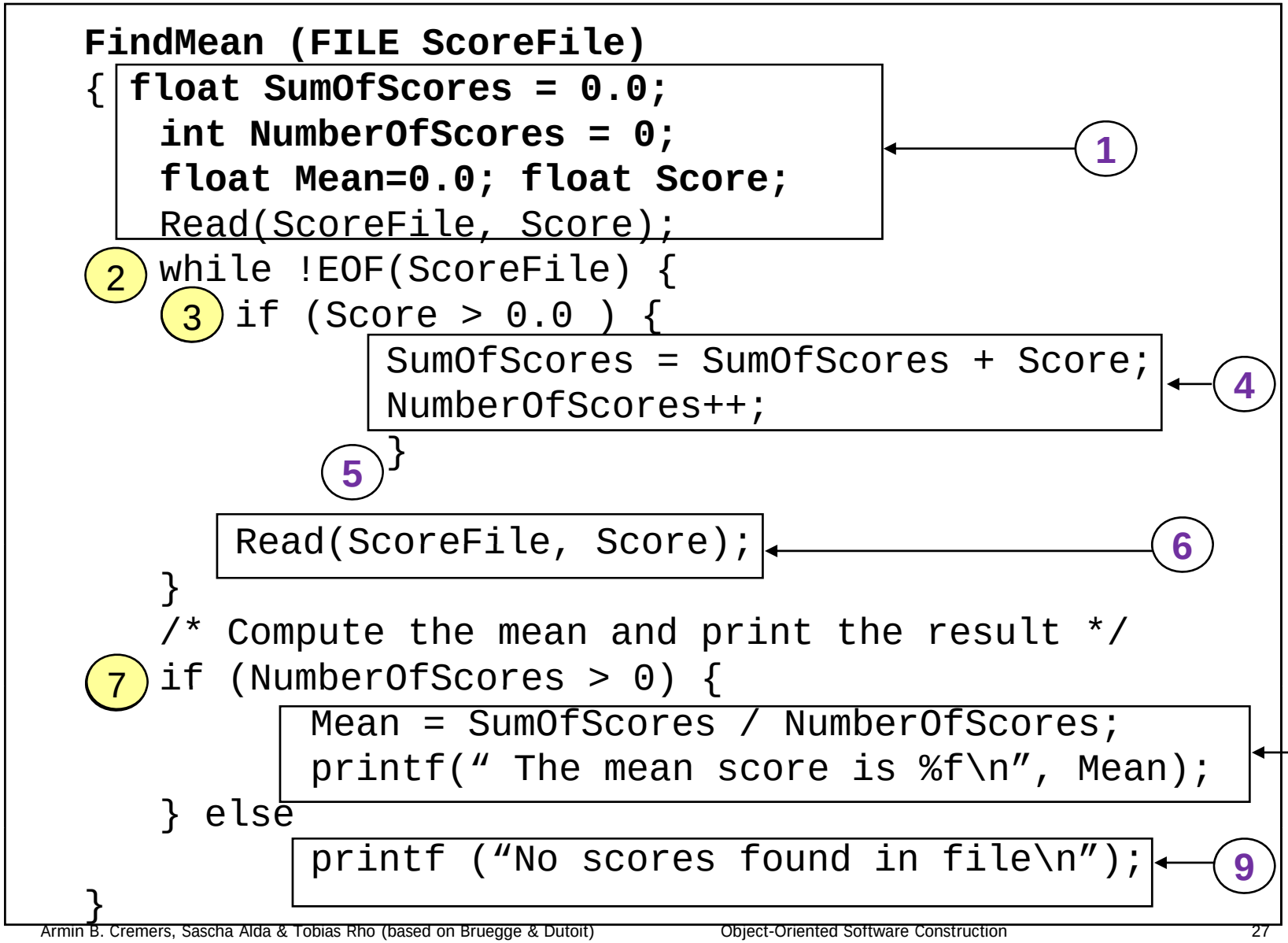
- Assumption: by exercising all paths through a code, most faults will trigger failures
- Make sure all paths in the program are executed
- Make sure that each possible outcome from a condition is tested at least once
  - ```
    if (i == TRUE) out.writeln("YES");
    else out.writeln("NO");
    ```
  - Test cases: 1) i = TRUE; 2) i = FALSE
- Starting Point for more complex code fragments: flow graphs
  - Nodes: executable blocks
  - Association: representing decision statement (if, while)
    ```

White-Box Testing Example

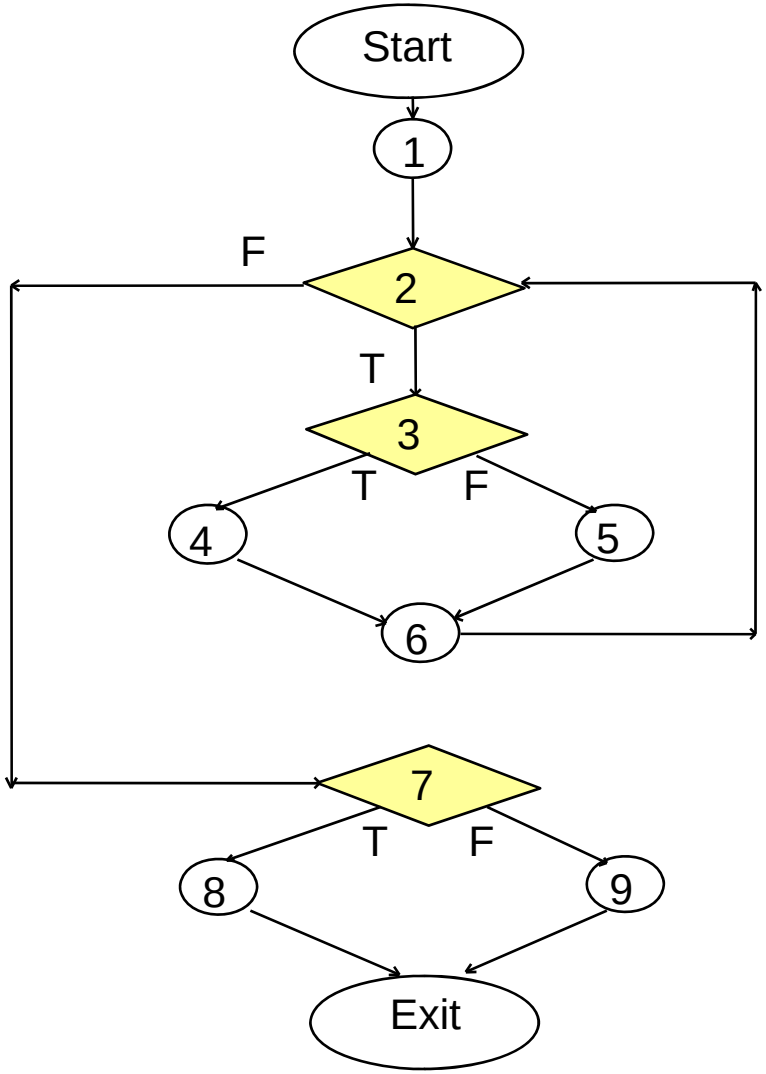
```
FindMean (FILE ScoreFile)
{ float SumOfScores = 0.0;
    int NumberOfScores = 0;
    float Mean=0.0; float Score;
    Read(ScoreFile, Score);
    while !EOF(ScoreFile) {
        if (Score > 0.0 ) {
                SumOfScores = SumOfScores + Score;
                NumberOfScores++;
                }

        Read(ScoreFile, Score);
    }
    /* Compute the mean and print the result */
    if (NumberOfScores > 0) {
            Mean = SumOfScores / NumberOfScores;
            printf(" The mean score is %f\n", Mean);
    } else
            printf ("No scores found in file\n");
}
```

White-Box Testing Example: Determining the Paths

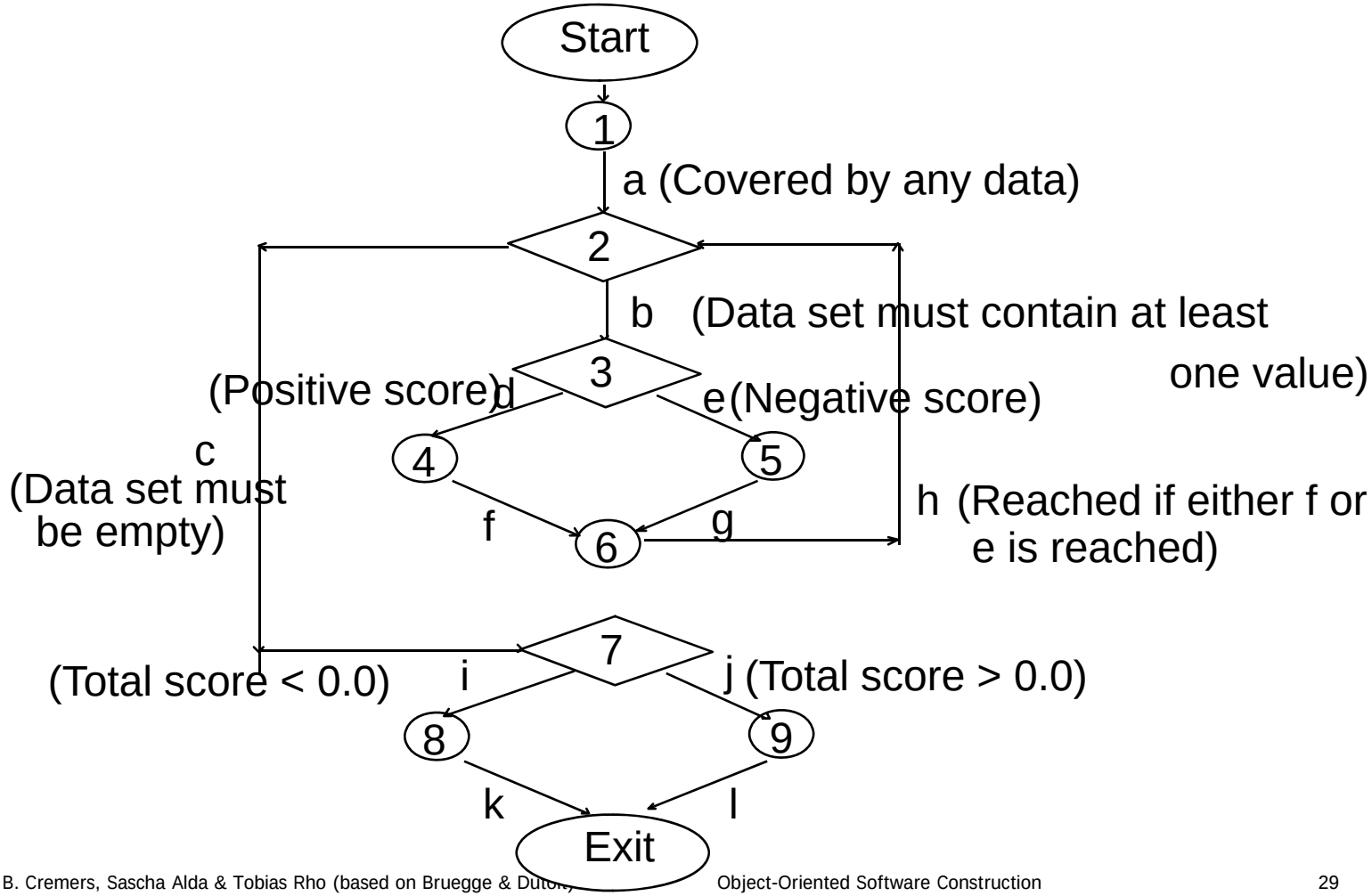


Constructing the Logic Flow Diagram



Finding the Test Cases

- Design test cases so that each transition in the activity diagram is traversed at least once
  - select input for true and false branch



Unit Testing in Java

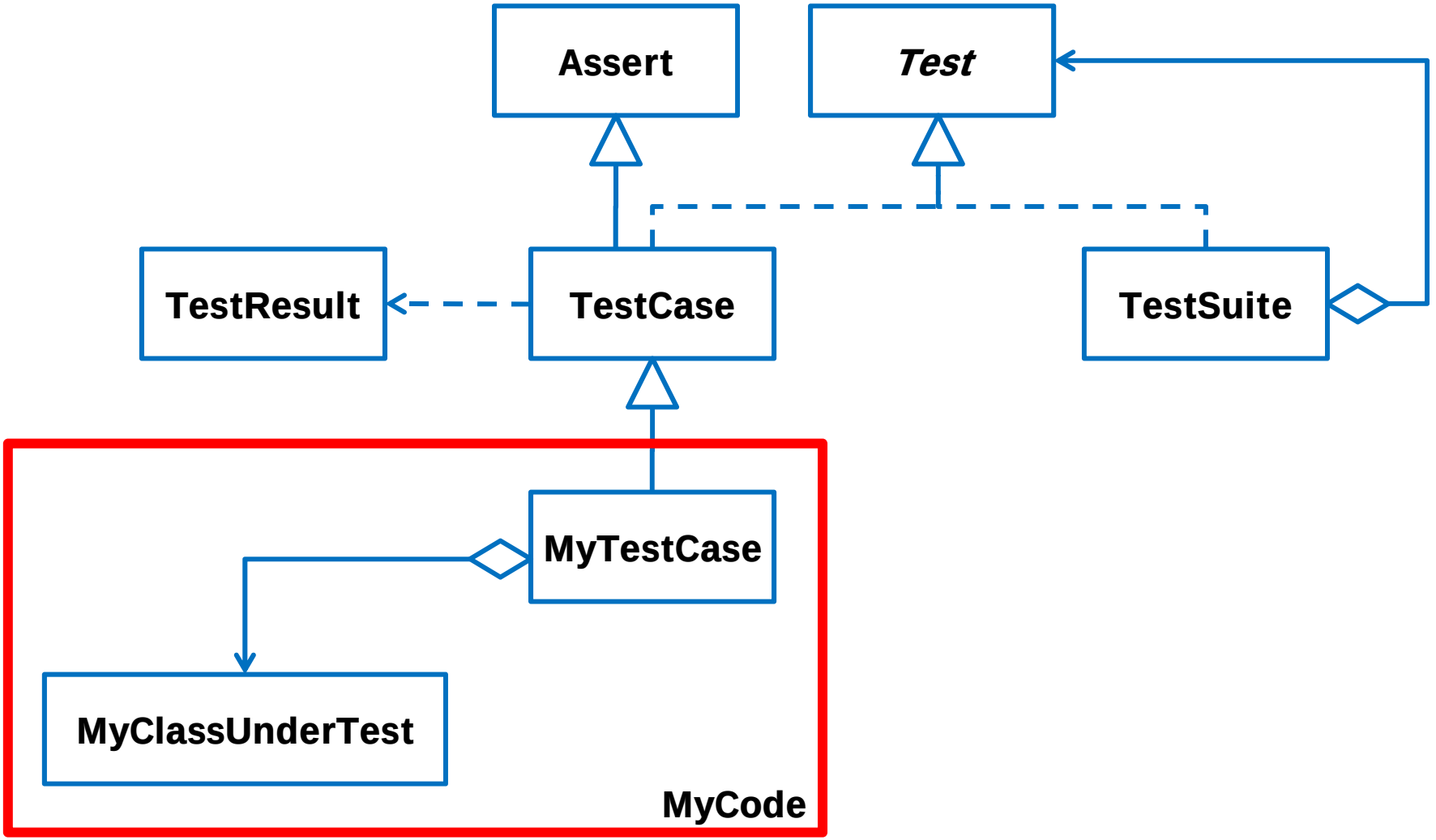
- (Trivial) Testing of single Objects:
  - Build up Test Cases by means of additional main() method that invokes individual methods.
  - Use of System.out.println() command to check values
  - Advantages:
    - Very easy to use and insert
  - Disadvantages:
    - Annoying code in the business code
    - Too many unnecessary outputs
    - Test code is interweaved with business code (no portability)

Testing in Java JUnit

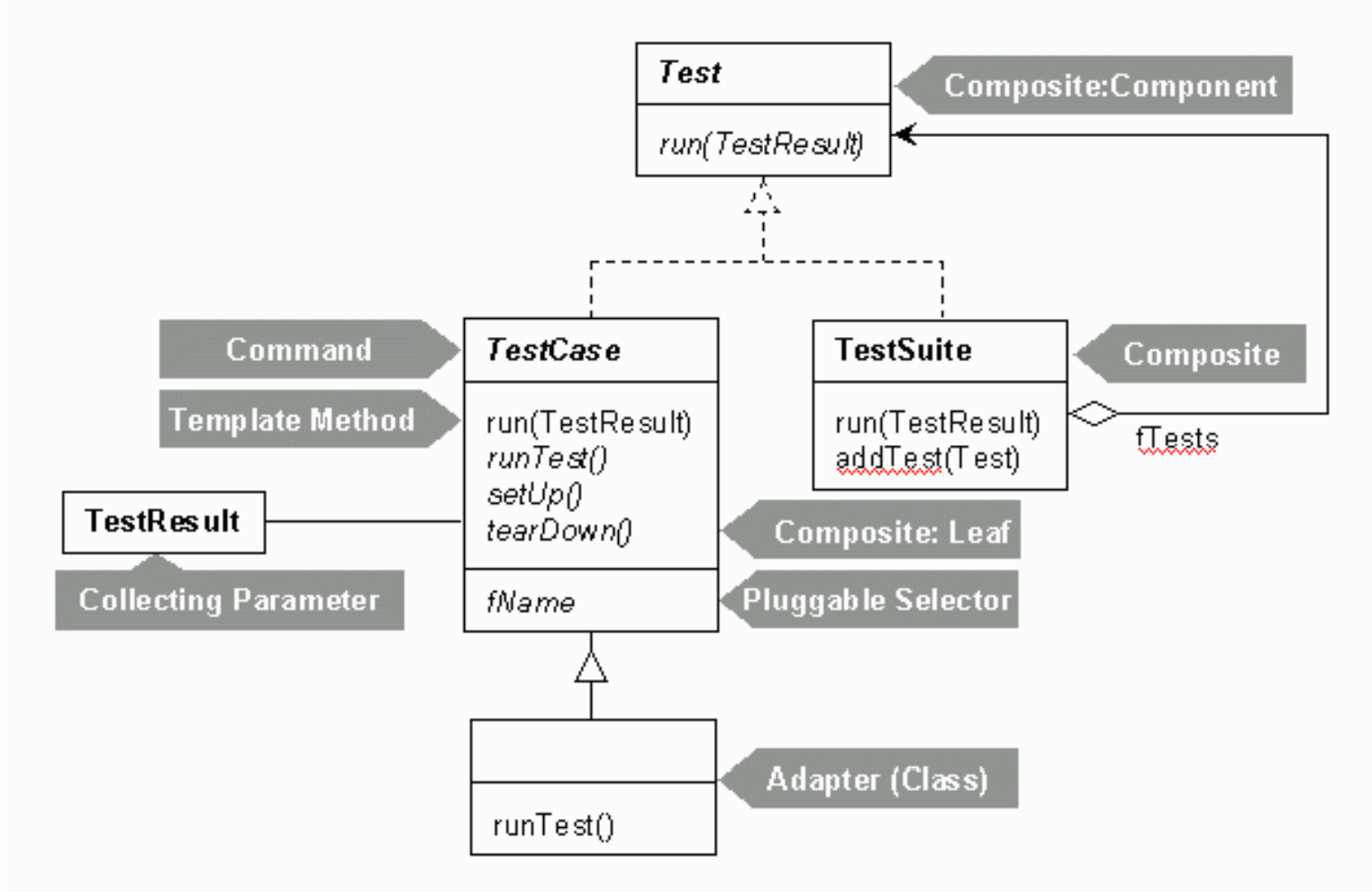
- De facto standard Java framework for unit (object) testing
- Realization of real TestCases and TestSuites
- TestCases are easily portable to other units
- Separation of test code and business code of object
- Integrated nicely with existing IDEs like Eclipse

- Use of arbitrary assertions to evaluate values

JUnit Design



JUnit Design - Pattern dense



http://junit.sourceforge.net/doc/cookstour/cookstour.htm

JUnit Rules and Conventions

- Subclass **`TestCase`**
- Test methods
  - **`public void test`*`XXX`*`() [throws …]`**
  - Any number of assertions per method
- Optionally add setUp / tearDown methods
  - Instantiating (auxiliary) objects
  - Network setups
  - Integration of Mock-Up Objects (Test Stubs)

Example Code

```
package org.example.antbook.common;

public class SearchUtil {

    public static final Document[]
                        findDocuments(String queryString)
                            throws SearchQueryException,
                                   SystemException {
        Document[] results = new Document[1];
        return results;
    }
}
```

- Test: what is the size of results?
- Does the method really returns a document?

An example unit test

```
package org.example.antbook.common;

import junit.framework.TestCase;

public class SearchUtilTest extends TestCase {

    public void testSearch() throws Exception {
        // right API?
        Document[] docs =
                    SearchUtil.findDocuments("erik");

        assertTrue(docs.length > 0);
    }
}
```

JUnit Assertions

- assertTrue(boolean condition)
  assertFalse(boolean condition)
- assertEquals(Object expected, Object actual)
  - Uses equals() comparison (check whether two object have the same content)
- assertSame(Object expected, Object actual)
  assertNotSame(Object expected, Object actual)
  - Uses == comparison (check if two objects refer to the same object)
- assertEquals(float expected, float actual, float tolerance)
- assertNull(Object o)
  assertNotNull(Object o)

Test Runners

- Execute unit test via command line:

`java junit.USERINTERFACE.TestRunner` *`classfile`*

- The UserInterface package prescribes the output style for the computed result: It can hold one of the following values:
  - textui (textual representation of the result)

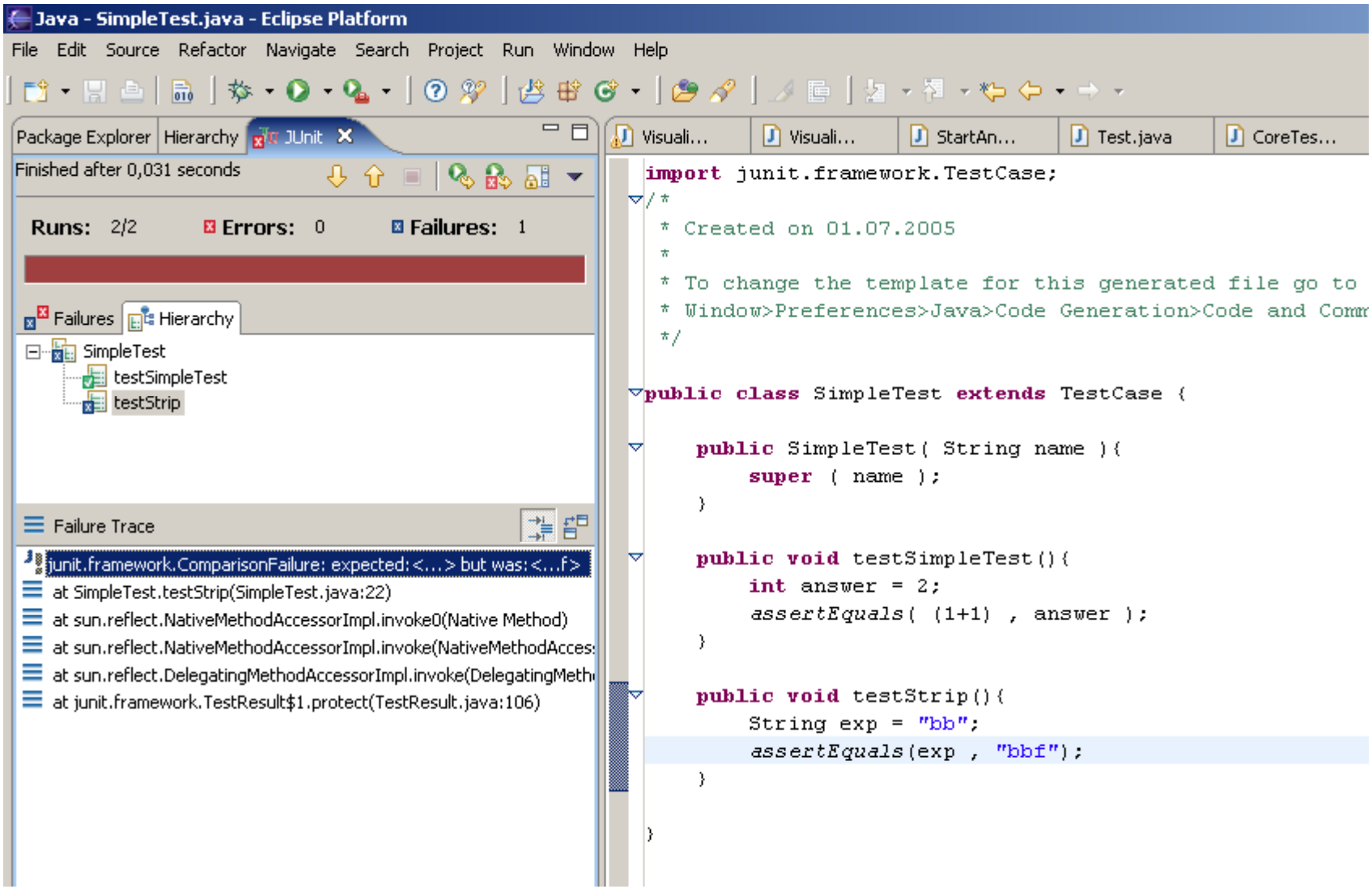
```
> java junit.textui.TestRunner SearchUtilTest

>
> Time: 0
> OK (1 tests)
```

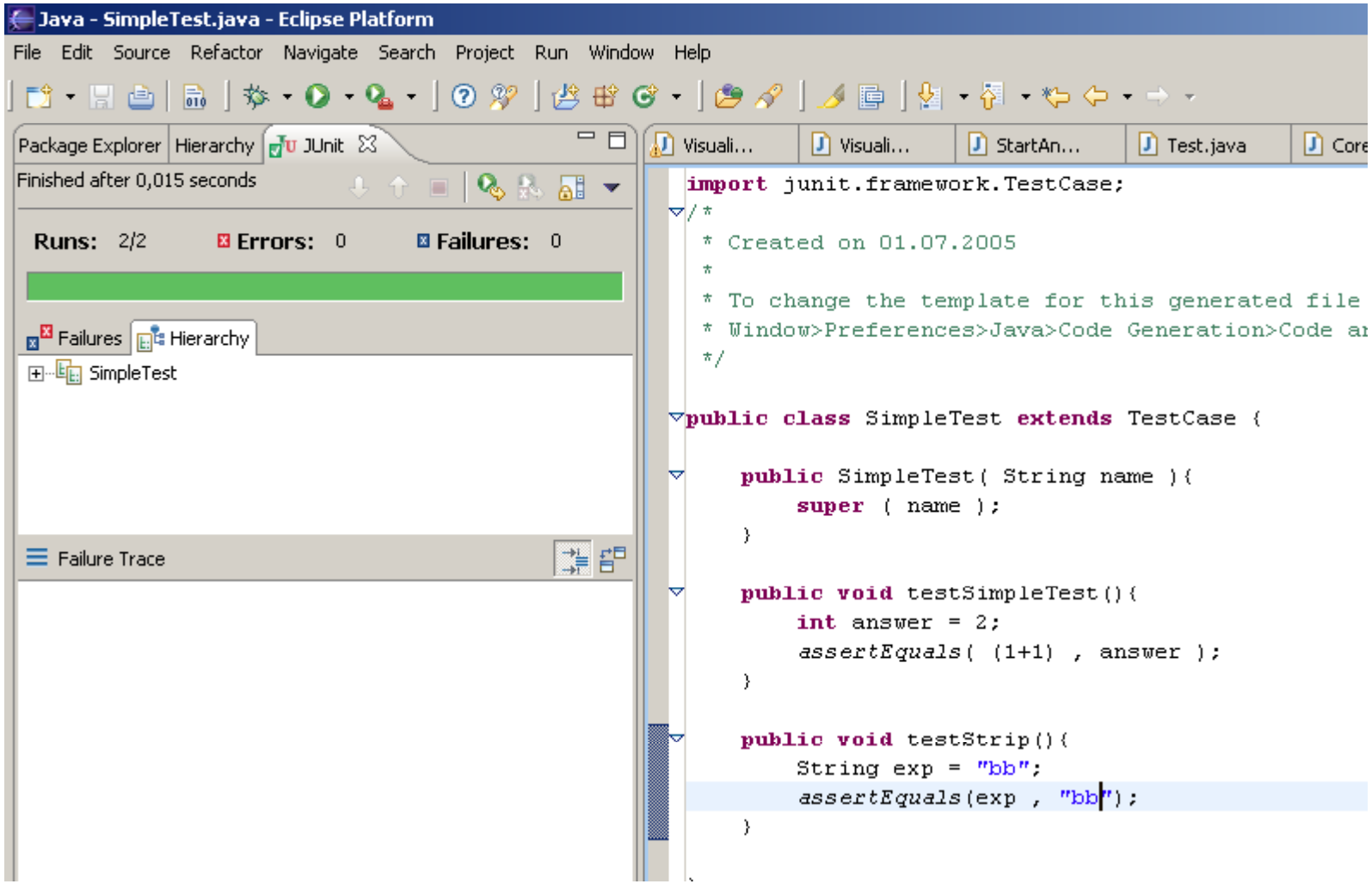
  - SwingUI (graphical representation using Swing components)
  - AwtUI (graphical representation using Awt components)

- Better: Use Eclipse ...

JUnit in Eclipse



JUnit in Eclipse



Lifecycle Methods

```
package org.example.antbook.ant.lucene;

import java.io.IOException;
import junit.framework.TestCase;

public class HtmlDocumentTest extends TestCase
{
    HtmlDocument doc;

    public void setUp() throws IOException {
        doc = new HtmlDocument(getFile("test.html"));
    }

    public void testDoc() {
        assertEquals("Title", "Test Title", doc.getTitle());
        assertEquals("Body", "This is some test", doc.getBodyText());
    }

    public void tearDown() {
        doc = null;
    }
}
```

TestCase lifecycle

1. **`setUp`**
2. **`test`*`XXX`*`()`**
3. **`tearDown()`**
4. Repeats 1 through 3 for each **`test`*`XXX`*** method...

Test Suites

```
package org.example.antbook;

import junit.framework.Test;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import junit.framework.TestSuite;

public class AllTests {

public static void main(String[] args) {
    junit.textui.TestRunner.run( AllTests.class );
 }
public static public Test suite() {
    TestSuite suite = new TestSuite();
    suite.addTestSuite(SimpleTest.class);
    suite.addTestSuite(HtmlDocumentTest.class);
    return suite;
  }
}
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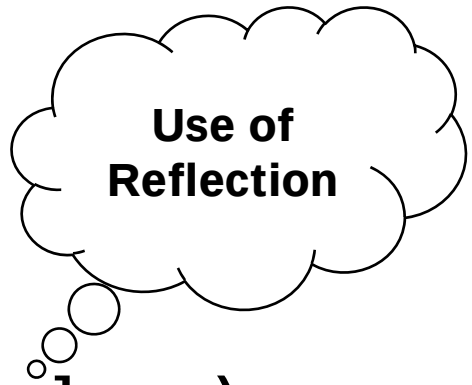

JUnit Best Practices

- Separate business and test code
- But typically in the same packages
- Compile into separate trees, allowing deployment without tests
- Don’t forget OO techniques

- Test-driven development
  1. Write failing test first
  2. Write enough code to pass
  3. Refactor code
  4. Run tests again
  5. Repeat until software meets goal

Summary

- Testing still needs intuition, but many rules and heuristics are available
- Testing consists of component-testing (unit testing, integration testing) and system testing
- Design Patterns can be used for integration testing
- Testing has its own lifecycle