

Object oriented analysis and modeling

Testable code

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Testing pyramid

- We need a lot of tests.
- It is good idea to automate most of the testing from the start of the project.
- We need a lot of test at the lowest level

OO design is based on objects that interact.

Dependency types:

- creates, destroys
- calls method
- modifies
- ...

Unit test

- Solitary - at lowest level we always test just one object
- Sociable - we may test an object together with a related object

Even if we use sociable unit tests, we want to severely limit the number of classes tested at once.

So how do the dependencies affect our ability to write tests?

- creates, destroys
- calls method
- modifies
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All these dependency types are just bad!!!

Dependency injection and dependency inversion

- An object should not create other object that is not closely related, it should get its collaborators via dependency injection.
- The object should not depend on collaborator's implementation, there should be an interface depending on the essence of the collaboration.

So what to do?

- creates, destroys - dependency injection
- calls method - interface
- modifies - interface
- ...

When we want to run tests we still need the collaborating objects.

Collaborations are behind interfaces. So we make an implementation of these interfaces for the purpose of testing - **test doubles**.

M. Fowler: Test doubles

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 - We may use test during the implementation.
- Before design.
 - Guarantees testable design.
- During specification by example.
 - Specification is unambiguous.
 - We avoid the step specification → test cases.
 - Harder to achieve readability for all stakeholders, but many tools emerge.

Executable specifications

- Example: Power
- Cucumber
- jnario
- nahodny link

Executable specifications

More readable:

- Easier to read for non-technical stakeholders
- Defines the object interface in a less readable way
- Requires non-trivial translation
- Guarantees testability of the object

Code:

- Hard to read for non-technical stakeholders
- Defines the object interface very clearly
- No or easy translation
- Guarantees testability of the object