

Unit Testing Basics

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based on ...

"the art of Unit Testing"

with examples in .NET
by Roy Oshero

... and  pythonTM

Outline

Getting started

- the basics. why unit testing ?
- what makes a good unit test

Core techniques

- Stubs and mocks
- Frameworks

... and for more check the book.

Definitely a must read!



What is unit testing?

" a unit test is a piece of code that invokes another piece of code and checks the correctness of some assumptions afterward "



We've all written (unit) tests.

... sort of



Integration Testing \neq Unit Testing

trying to test too much



Integration testing

"integration testing means testing two or more dependent software modules as a group"



Naked test (1) C#

```
using NUnit.Framework
```

```
namespace Sample {
```

```
    [TestFixture]
```

```
    public class MathTests {
```

```
        [Test]
```

```
        public void numberAddingWorks() {
```

```
            Assert.IsTrue( 1+1 == 2, "Math is broken");
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Naked test (2) Python

```
import unittest
```

```
def add(a, b):  
    return a + b
```

```
class TestAdd(unittest.TestCase):  
    def testAdd(self):  
        self.assertEqual(add(1,2), 3)
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    unittest.main()
```

What makes a unit test good? (1)

1. It should be automated and repeatable.
2. It should be easy to implement.
3. Once it's written, it should remain for future use.



What makes a unit test good? (2)

4. Anyone should be able to run it.

5. It should run at the push of a button.

6. It should run quickly.



What is unit testing?

"A unit test is an automated piece of code that invokes the method or class being tested and then checks some assumptions about the logical behavior of that method or class"

"A unit test is almost always written using a unit-testing framework. It can be written easily and runs quickly. It's fully automated, trustworthy, readable, and maintainable"

Stubs and mocks

"These are lies, lies, lies!"

What are stubs?

"Stubs provide canned answers to calls made during the test, usually not responding at all to anything outside what's programmed in for the test."

"Stubs may also record information about calls, such as an email gateway stub that remembers the messages it 'sent', or maybe only how many messages it 'sent'."

from Martin Fowler's essay: [Mocks Aren't Stubs](#)

What are mocks?

"The term 'Mock Objects' has become a popular one to describe special case objects that mimic real objects for testing."

from Martin Fowler's essay: [Mocks Aren't Stubs](#)



Sample code

Official book website:

<http://www.artofunittesting.com/>

Direct source code download link:

<http://www.manning.com/osherove/ARtOfUniTestingCode.zip>

Python version (still work in progress):

<http://github.com/andreisavu/log-analyzer>

Read the book ...

... for more informations about:

- what makes unit tests good
- how to write maintainable tests
- how to use stubs and mocks
- how to organize tests
- how to integrate tests into the organization
- and how to work with legacy code

"the art of Unit Testing" by Roy Osherove

Available in the agileworks.ro library :)

C# Resources

NUnit : <http://www.nunit.org/index.php>

Rhino Mocks: <http://ayende.com/projects/rhino-mocks.aspx>

The art of unit testing: <http://www.artofunittesting.com/>

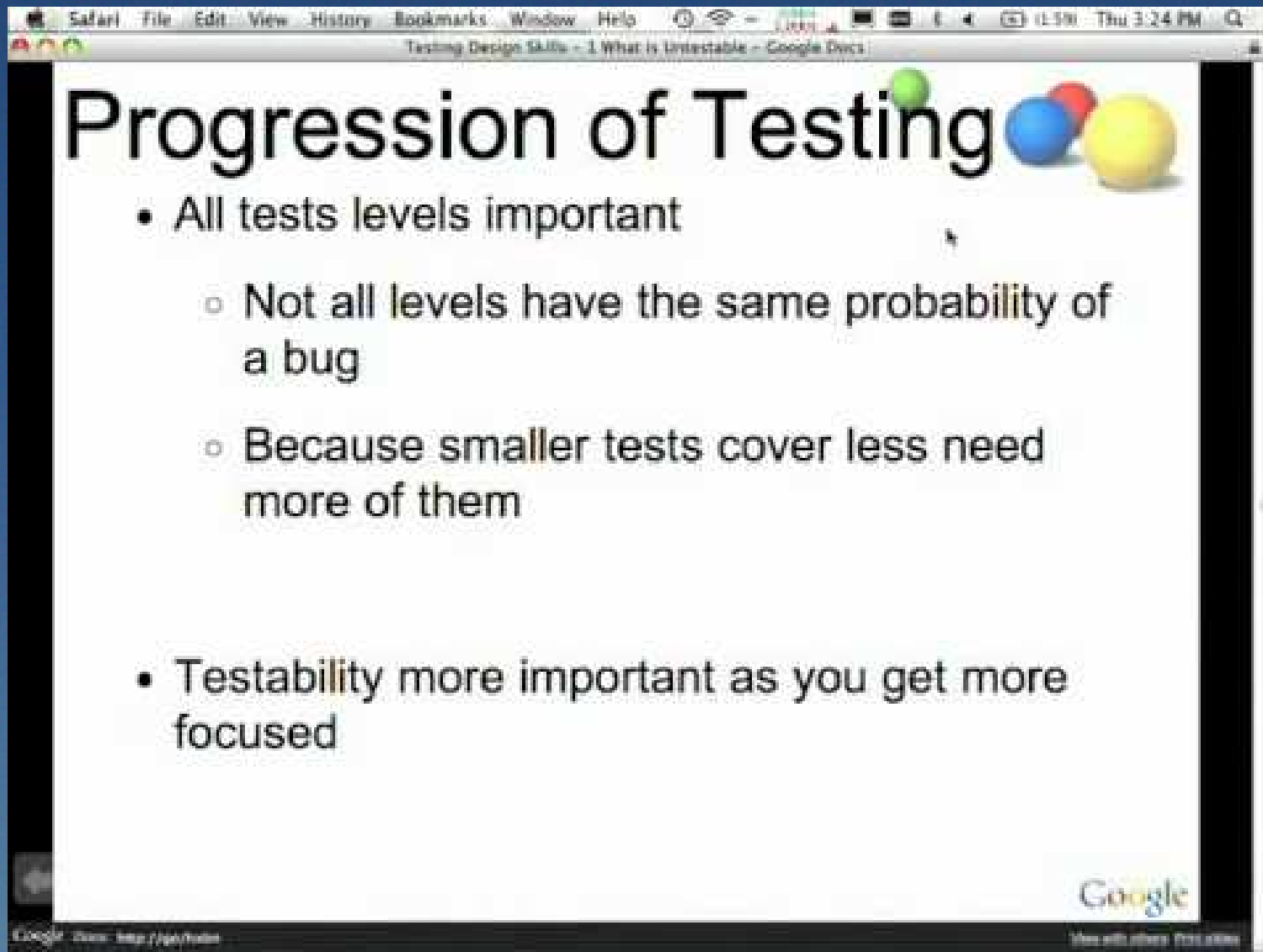
Python Resources

unittest: <http://docs.python.org/library/unittest.html>

pymox: <http://code.google.com/p/pymox/>



The clean code Talks - Unit Testing



The image is a screenshot of a Safari browser window. The title bar shows 'Safari File Edit View History Bookmarks Window Help' and the address bar contains 'Testing Design Skills - 1. What is Untestable - Google Docs'. The main content area displays a slide with the title 'Progression of Testing' and a graphic of four colored spheres (green, blue, red, yellow). The slide contains two main bullet points, each with sub-points. The Google logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the slide.

Progression of Testing

- All tests levels important
 - Not all levels have the same probability of a bug
 - Because smaller tests cover less need more of them
- Testability more important as you get more focused

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Thanks. Questions?

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