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# Acceptance Test-Driven Development

Better Software Through Collaboration

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*No code goes in till the test goes on.  
A journey of two thousand miles begins with a single step.*

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## Overall Rule



- There are exceptions to every statement, except this one.

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## Outline

- Introduction
- Acceptance Test Examples
- Test Anatomy
- Supplemental

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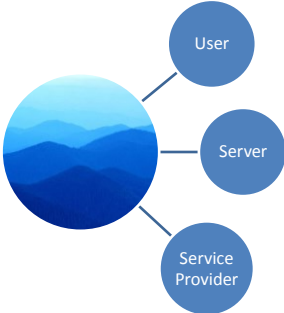
# Introduction

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## What Are Acceptance Tests?

- Acceptance Tests:
  - External view of system
- Examine externally visible effects
  - Inputs and outputs
  - State changes
  - External interfaces



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## Definitions

- Acceptance criteria
  - General ideas
- Acceptance tests
  - Specific tests that either pass or fail
  - Implementation independent
- Triad – customer unit, developer unit, tester unit

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## Fast Car Example

- Who wants a fast car?
- Criteria
  - Run on a closed course, measure acceleration
- Test
  - Detail acceleration (0 to 60 mph in X seconds)

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## Why?

- Rework Down from 60% to 20%
- Workflows Working First Time
- Little Room for Miscommunication
- Saving Time
- Getting Business Rules Right
- Game Changing
- Tighter Cross-Functional Team Integration
- Crisp Visible Story Completion Criteria
- Automation Yields Reduced Testing Time  
(See ATTD book for details)

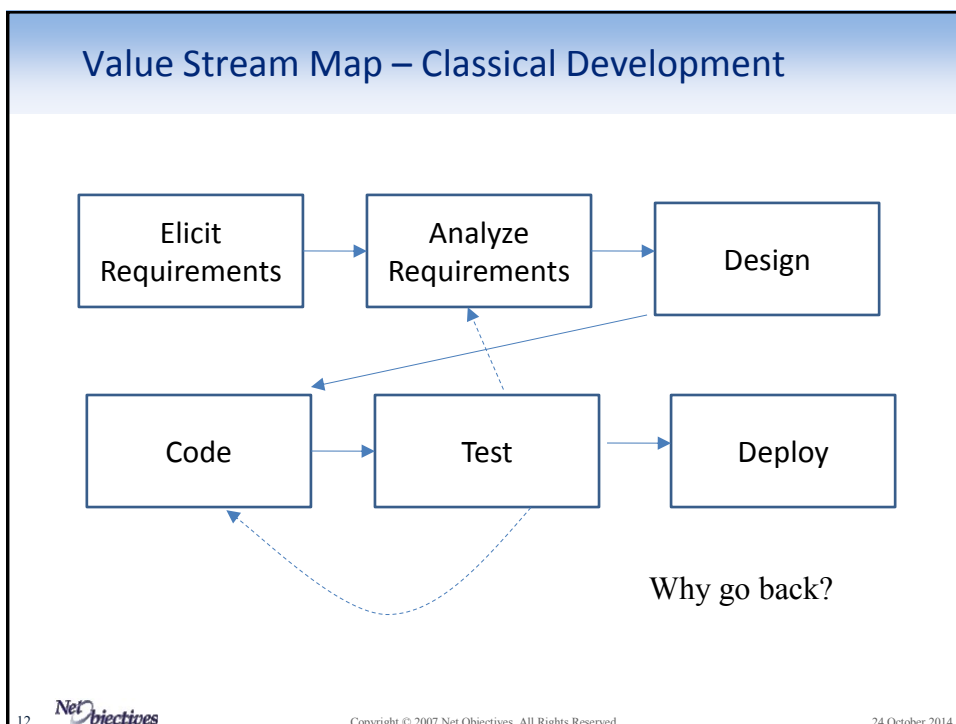
## Requirements and Tests

- Requirements and tests are inter-related
  - You can't have one without the other
- Failing test is a requirement
  - Passing test denotes specification on how system works

## The Team

- Customer Unit - develops the requirements
  - Product Owner
  - Business analysts
  - Users
  - Quality Assurance
- Developer / Tester Unit – develops the implementation
  - Programmers
  - Testers / Quality Assurance
- The Triad
  - Customer, developer, tester

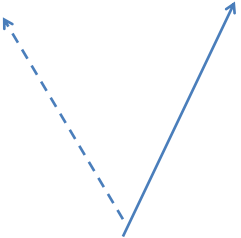
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### Why Mistakes?

- Misunderstandings, missed requirements, mis-communication
- Feedback helps to correct misunderstandings
- Quick feedback better than slow feedback

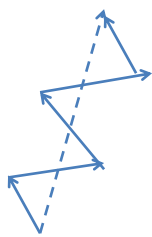
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Actual

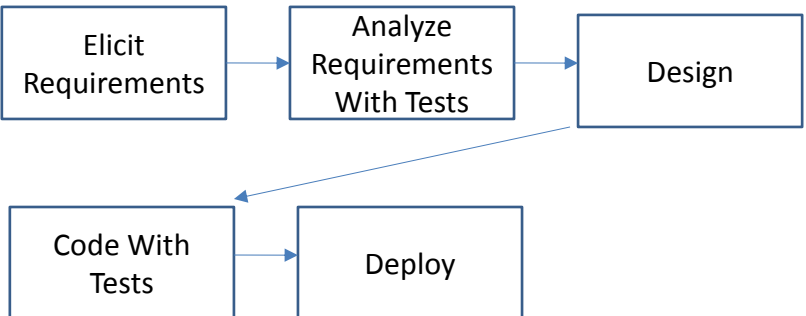


Actual



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### Value Stream Map – Agile Development






```
graph LR; A[Elicit Requirements] --> B[Analyze Requirements With Tests]; B --> C[Design]; C --> D[Code With Tests]; D --> E[Deploy]; C --> D;
```

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## Move Testing Forward


- Two types of testing
  - Attempting to find defects – is W/
  - Attempting to prevent defects – is ES!
- When are defects found?
  - Prevention is just early detection





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## Steps

- Author the tests (write)
  - Customer, tester, developer together
- Connect tests to system (bind)
  - Developer unit
- Run the tests (run)
  - Developers, testers, customers
  - Automated – part of build




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### Usually the Case

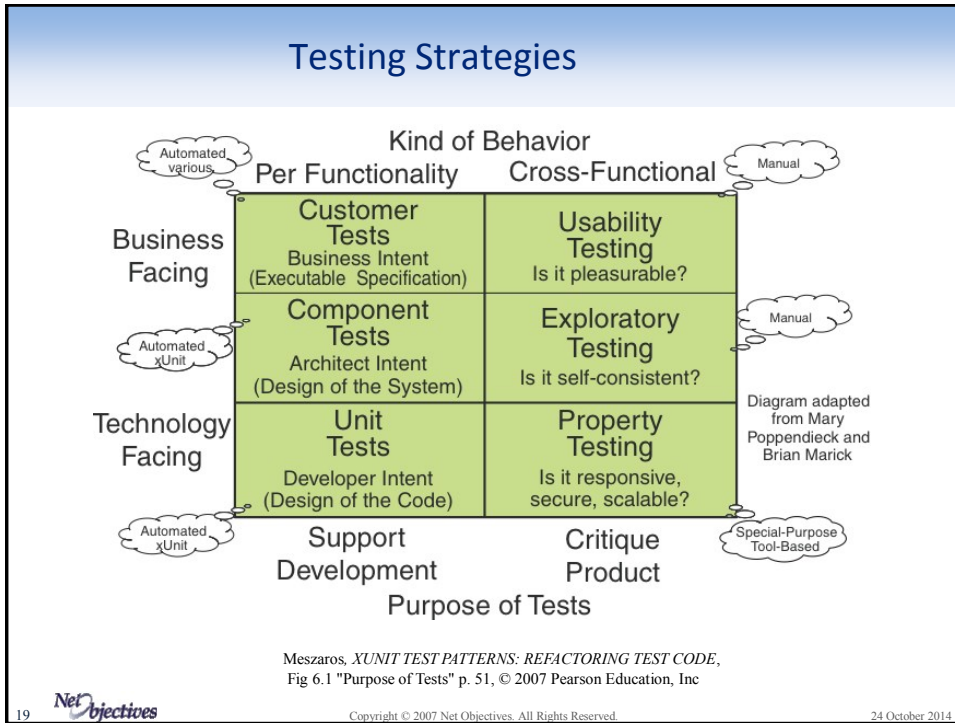
The diagram illustrates a linear process. On the left, a blue-outlined rectangle labeled 'Code' has a small arrow pointing to the right. This arrow points to the first of three green-outlined triangles. The triangles are labeled 'write', 'bind', and 'run' from left to right, representing a sequential flow of activities.

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### A Better Way

The diagram illustrates a different process flow. On the left, there are three green-outlined triangles labeled 'write', 'bind', and 'run' from left to right. An arrow points from the right side of the 'bind' triangle to the left side of a blue-outlined rectangle labeled 'Code'. This suggests that the activities are completed first, and then the code is produced or reviewed.

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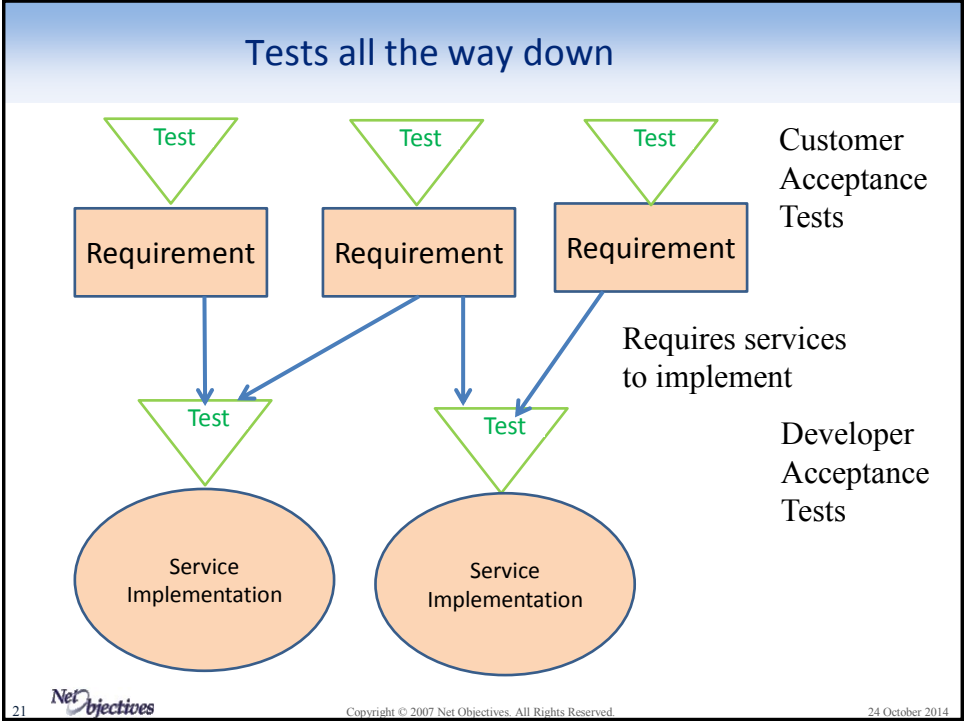


### Another Look at Testing Strategies

Focus of the tests (not exclusive)

	Customer Tests	Exploratory Testing
	Expected Results	Unexpected Results
Valid Input	Specified effects	Unspecified effects
Invalid input	Specified error message	Any side effects

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## ATDD Example

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## A Business Rule Example

If Customer Rating is Good and the Order Total is less than or equal \$10.00,

Then do not give a discount,

Otherwise give a 1% discount.

If Customer Rating is Excellent,

Then give a discount of 1% for any order.

If the Order Total is greater than \$50.00,

Then give a discount of 5%.

## Business Rule Table = Test

Discount		
Order total	Customer rating	Discount percentage?
\$10.00	Good	0%
\$10.01	Good	1%
\$50.01	Good	1%
\$.01	Excellent	1%
\$50.00	Excellent	1%
\$50.01	Excellent	5%

## Ways To Implement Test

- Testing script
- Program interface
- Xunit framework
- ATDD framework

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## Testing script

- Tester creates script (usually GUI based).
- Example:
  - Logon as Customer who is rated Good
  - Start order
  - Put items in the order until the total is exactly \$10.01
  - Complete order
  - Check it shows a \$.10 discount
- Repeat for other five cases

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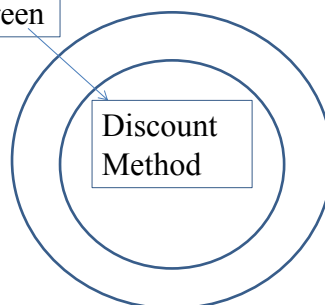
## Program interface

- Create a command line or graphic user interface

### Discount Percentage Screen

Customer Type: **Good**  
 Order Total: **10.01**  
 Percentage: **1 %**

Screen



```
C:>DiscountPercentage Good 10.01
Percentage: 1%
```

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## XUnit Test

```
class TestCase {
    testDiscountPercentageForCustomer() {
        SomeClass o = new SomeClass()
        assertEquals(0, o.computeDiscount(10.0, Good));
        assertEquals(1, o.computeDiscount(10.01, Good));
        assertEquals(1, o.computeDiscount(50.01, Good));
        assertEquals(1, o.computeDiscount(.01, Excellent));
        assertEquals(1, o.computeDiscount(50.0, Excellent));
        assertEquals(5, o.computeDiscount(50.01, Excellent));
    }
}
```


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### Fit (Table = Test)


Discount		
Order total	Customer rating	Discount percentage?
10.00	Good	0
10.01	Good	1
50.01	Good	1
.01	Excellent	1
50.00	Excellent	1
50.01	Excellent	5

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### Fit Test

Discount		
Order total	Customer rating	Discount percentage?
10.00	Good	0
10.01	Good	1
50.01	Good	
.01	Excellent	1
50.00	Excellent	1
50.01	Excellent	5

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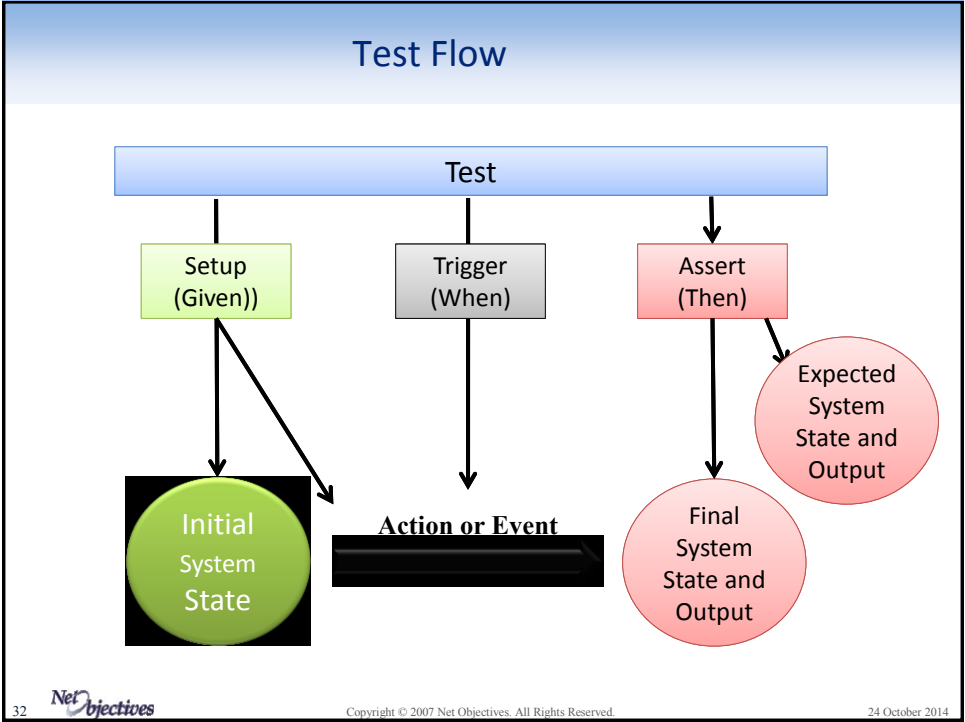


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# Test Anatomy

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## Recap

When

Discount		
Order total	Customer rating	Discount percentage?
\$10.00	Good	0%
\$10.01	Good	1%
\$50.01	Good	1%
\$.01	Excellent	1%
\$50.00	Excellent	1%
\$50.01	Excellent	5%

Given                      Then

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## User Story Examples

- As the clerk, I want to check out a CD for a customer.
- As the clerk, I want to check in a CD for a customer.

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## Use Case Example – Part One

- **Name**—Check Out CD.
- **Description**—Check out a CD for a customer.
- **Actor**—Clerk.
- **Stakeholders** – Inventory Manager, Security
- **Pre-conditions**—The customer has an identification. The CD has an identity.
- **Post-conditions**—The CD is recorded as rented. The rental contract is printed.
- **Main Course:**
  1. The clerk enters the customer identification and CD identifier into the system.
  2. The system records the information.
  3. The system prints a contract that the customer signs.

## Use Case Example – Part Two

### Exceptions:

- 1a. Customer identification is not recognized.  
Clerk repeats step 1.
- 1b. The customer violates the CD Rental Limit business rule.  
The clerk notifies the customer of the violation.  
The use case is abandoned.

### Business Rule:

- CD Rental Limit  
A customer can rent only three CDs at any one time.

### Alternatives

- 3a. The printer jams.  
The clerk fills out the contract by hand.  
The use case exits.

## Acceptance Tests Example

- **Rent a CD**—This is the main course.
- **Bad Customer ID**—Enter the customer ID wrong.
- **CD Rental Limit**—A customer has three CDs and rents another one.
- **Printer Jam**—Simulate a printer jam (maybe out of paper).

## Scenario

- **Given**
  - Set of conditions
- **When**
  - Something happens
- **Then**
  - Something results
- Can create scenarios from use cases

## Given / When / Then Example

- Given (Setup)
  - Customer has ID (initial system state)
  - CD has ID (initial system state)
  - CD is not currently rented (initial system state)
- When (Trigger)
  - Clerk checks out CD (action)
- Then (Verify)
  - CD recorded as rented (final system state)
  - Rental contract printed (output)

## Full Example (1)

### *Check Out CD*

- Given Customer has ID

Customer Data	
Name	ID
James	007

and CD has ID

and CD is not currently rented

CD Data		
ID	Title	Rented
CD2	Beatles Greatest Hits	No

## Full Example (2)

- When a clerk checks out a CD:

Check Out CD		
Enter	Customer ID	007
Enter	CD ID	CD2
Press	Rent	

## Full Example (3)

- Then the CD is recorded as rented

CD Data			
ID	Title	Rented	Customer ID
CD2	Beatles Greatest Hits	Yes	007

and a rental contract is printed:

Rental Contract			
Customer ID	Customer Name	CD ID	CD Title
007	James	CD2	Beatles Greatest Hits

Anything else on the contract?

### Full Example – Extended (3)

- Given
 

Rental Fee Business Rule
Fee
\$3

Rental Time Business Rule
Time
2 days
  
- When a clerk checks out a CD on:
 

Today
1/1/2014
  
- Then a rental contract is printed:
 

Rental Contract					
Customer ID	Customer Name	CD ID	CD Title	Due	Fee
007	James	CD2	Beatles Greatest Hits	1/3/2014	\$3



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### The Action

- Can drive a GUI
  
- Or a method
 

```
Rent(CustomerID aCustomer, CDID, aCD);
```

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# Guidelines

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## Business Rule Tests

- Usually many business rules in use cases or scenarios
- Create separate tests for each business rule
  - Do not use flow tests
- Note:
  - If you find yourself wanting to “cut and paste” a flow test
    - Then there is probably a business rule underneath

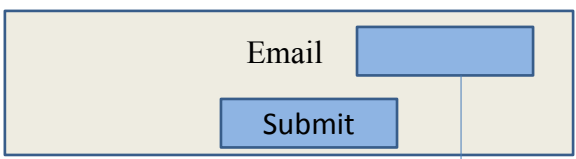
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### Example of Business Rule Test

CD Rental Rates  
 Regular \$2 / 2 days plus \$1 / day  
 Golden Oldie \$1 / 2 days plus \$ .50 / day  
 Hot Stuff \$4 / 2 days plus \$2 / day

Rates		
Type	Days	Cost?
Regular	2	\$2
Golden Oldie	3	\$1.50
Hot Stuff	6	\$12
Hot Stuff	50	IGBTYOT

### User Interface and Business Rules


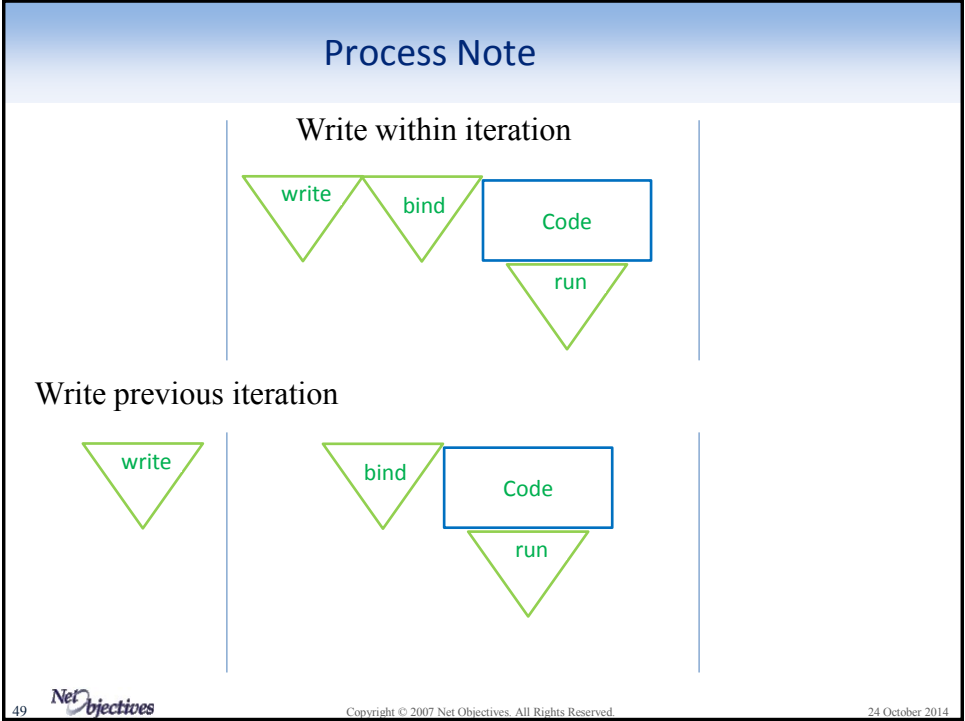


Middle-tier test

Call to middle-tier

Email Domain Term with Middle-Tier validation	
Value	Valid?
<a href="#">manager@sam.com</a>	yes
someone@@somewhere.com	no
!#\$%&*+/-=?^_{}~@sam.com	yes
<a href="#">fred+filter@somewhere.com</a>	yes





## Not an Ending, But a Beginning

## Recap

- Primary goals
  - Discover ambiguous and missing requirements
  - Create record of business/development understanding
  - Give feedback on quality
- Secondary goals
  - Executable regression test
  - Measure complexity of requirements
  - Use tests as basis for documentation
  - Measure progress toward “done”



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### Table Types

- Calculation Table
- Action Table
- Data Table

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### Calculation Table

<b>Title</b>			
<b>Input Name 1</b>	<b>Input Name 2</b>	<b>Result Name?</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Value for input 1	Value for input 2	Expected output	Anything that describes scenario
Another value for input 1	Another value for input 2	Another expected output	

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### Calculation Table Example

<b>Discount Calculation</b>		
<b>Item Total</b>	<b>Customer Rating</b>	<b>Discount Percentage?</b>
\$10.00	Good	0%

Given

When

Then

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## Data Table

- Exists (or should exist) – for Given and Then

Title Data	
Value Name 1	Value Name 2
Value for 1	Value for 2
Another value for 1	Another value for 2

## Data Table Example

Customer Data	
Name	ID
James	007
Maxwell	86

## Action Table

- *Enter* enters data into an entry field
- *Press* initiates a process, such as a Submit button on a dialog box
- *Check* sees if a result is equal to an expected value
- Roughly equivalent to method call with parameters and return values

Action Name		
<b>Enter</b>	<b>Value Name 1</b>	Value for 1
<b>Enter</b>	<b>Value Name 2</b>	Value for 2
<b>Press</b>	<b>Submit</b>	
<b>Check</b>	<b>Value Name 3</b>	Expected value for 3

## Action Table Example

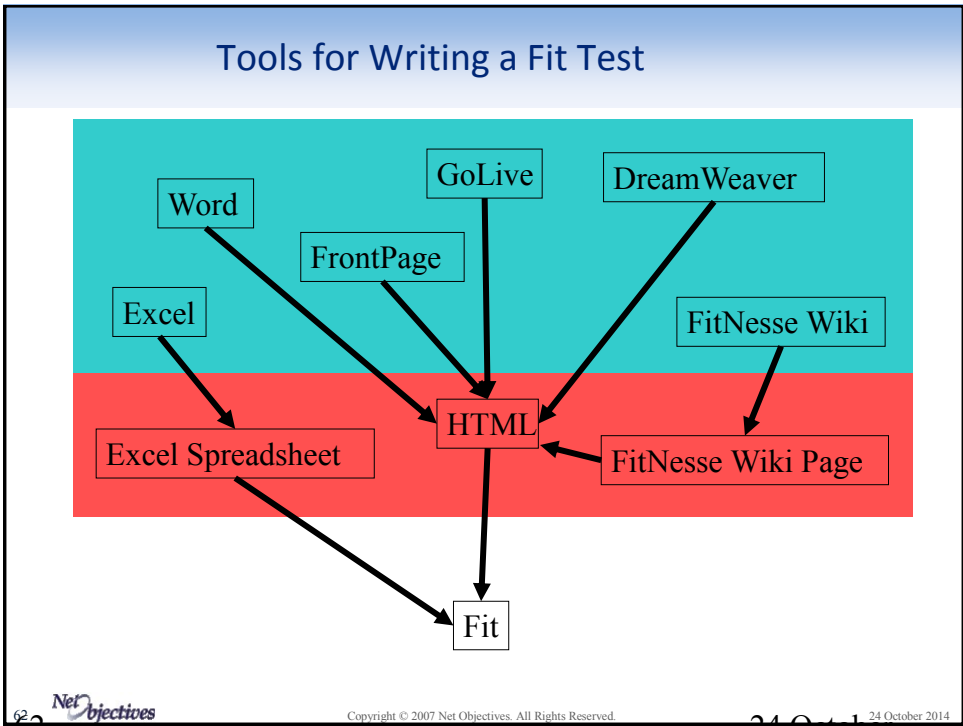
Can be just “When” or a stand-alone Given-When-Then

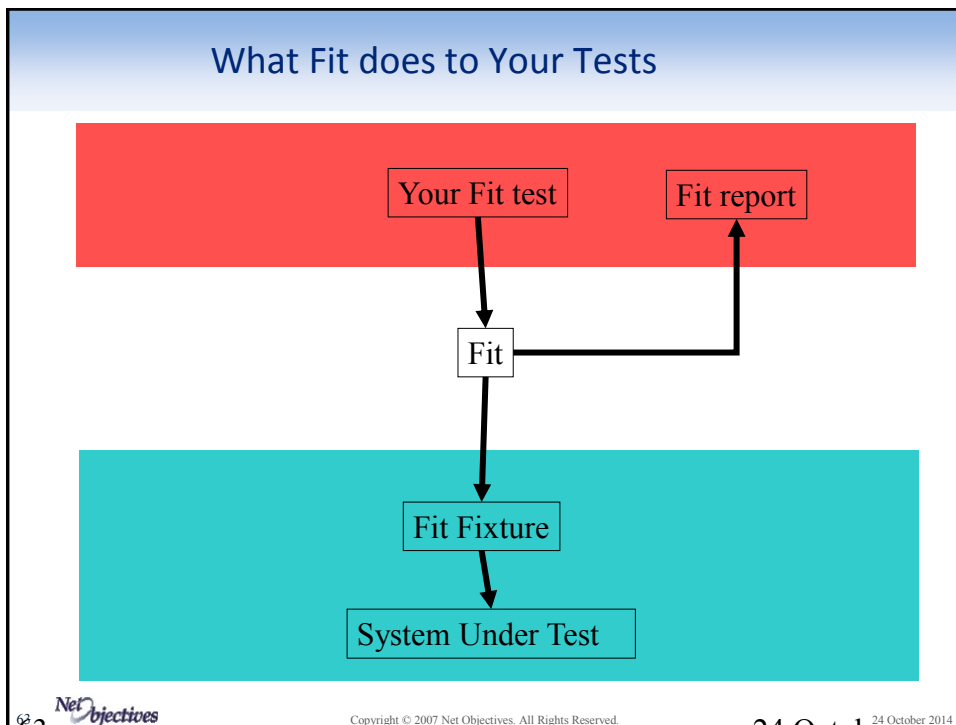
Check Out CD			
Given	<b>Enter</b>	<b>Customer ID</b>	007
	<b>Enter</b>	<b>CD ID</b>	CD2
When	<b>Press</b>	<b>Rent</b>	
Then	<b>Check</b>	<b>Rented</b>	True

## Fit Acceptance Test

- Fit (Framework for Integrated Testing)
  - Readable, writable tests
  - Usually does not exercise system at UI layer
  - Can test at any layer
  - Fit is simple
    - Does very little
    - Can do so much with it

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- ### Table Equivalents
- Calculation Table = Column Fixture
    - Looks the same as previous examples
  - Data Table = Row Fixture
    - Looks similar to previous examples
  - Action Table = Action Fixture
    - Slightly different appearance
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## Fit Test Example

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 Then give a discount of 5%.

Discount		
Order total	Customer rating	Discount percentage?
10.00	Good	0
10.01	Good	1
50.01	Good	1
other	...	.....

## Fit Code Example - Java

```
public class Discount extends fit.ColumnFixture
{
    // Names must match column heads (sans spacing)
    public double orderTotal;
    public String customerRating;
    public int discountPercentage()
    {
        DiscountCalculator d = new DiscountCalculator();
        return d.computeDiscount(orderTotal,
            customerRating);
    }
}

// customerRating could be type that is converted from a
// string,
```

## Fit Code Example – C#

```
using fit;
namespace FitExampleDotNet {
    public class Discount : ColumnFixture {
        public double OrderTotal;
        public String CustomerRating;
        public int DiscountPercentage() {
            DiscountCalculator d = new DiscountCalculator();
            return d.ComputeDiscount(
                OrderTotal, CustomerRating);
        }
    }
}
```

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## Fit Code Example - Java

```
public class Discount extends fit.ColumnFixture
{
    // Names must match column heads (sans spacing)
    public Dollar orderTotal;
    public CustomerRating customerRating;
    public Percentage discountPercentage()
    {
        DiscountCalculator d = new DiscountCalculator();
        return d.computeDiscount(orderTotal,
            customerRating);
    }
}

// Dollar, CustomerRating have from String methods (parse)
// Percentange must have to String and equals method
```

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## Fit Notes

- Values in tables could be file names
  - E.g. for complex data
- Fixture could execute a program, rather than call methods

## Context

### Context Diagram

- A context diagram shows scope

The diagram illustrates a central circle labeled "Process". To its upper-left, there is an external entity "User" with two arrows pointing towards the process: one labeled "Commands" and another labeled "Views". To the lower-right of the process, there is an external entity "Reports" with an arrow pointing away from the process.

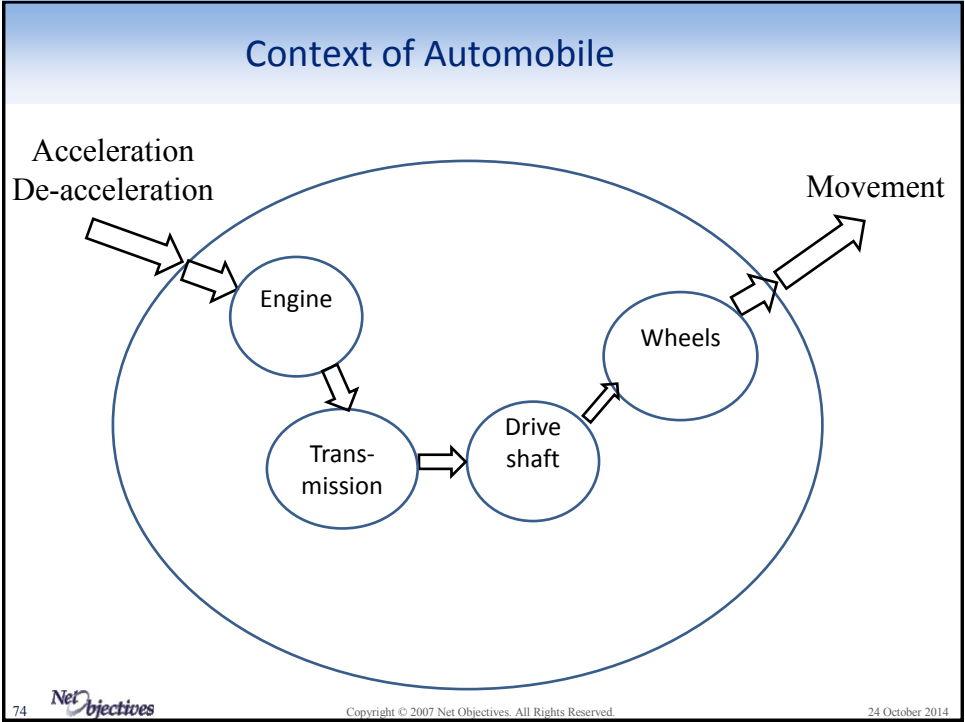
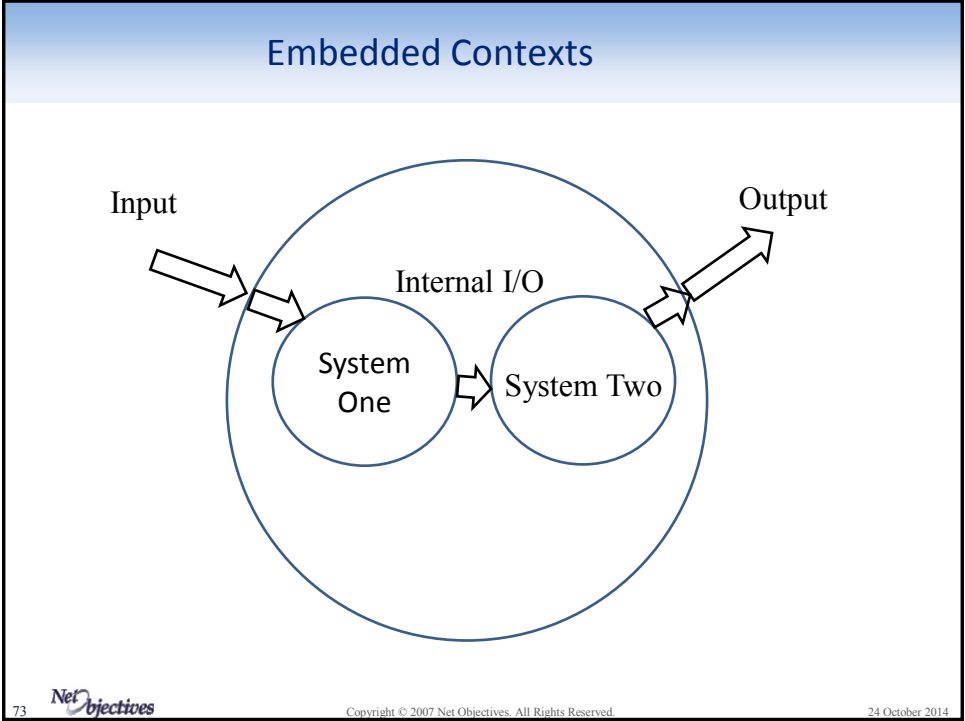
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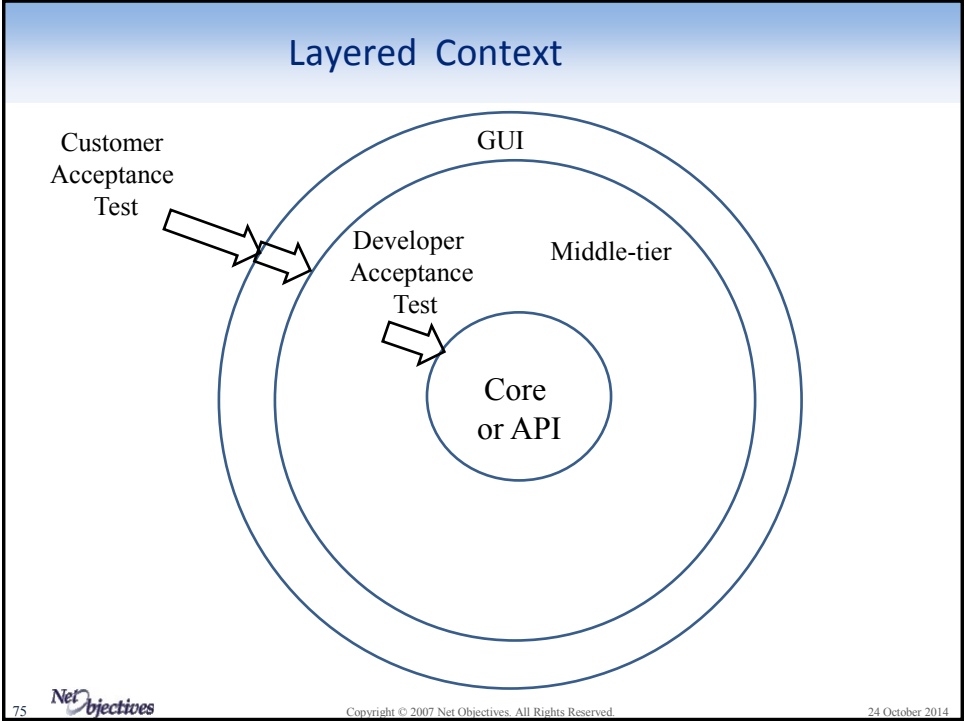
### CD Rental Diagram

The diagram illustrates a central circle labeled "Process". It is surrounded by three external entities, each with two arrows indicating bidirectional communication:


- Clerk**: One arrow labeled "Check-out/Check-in" points towards the process, and another labeled "Response" points away from the process.
- Database**: One arrow labeled "Update Rental Info" points towards the process, and another labeled "Retrieve Rental" points away from the process.
- Credit Card Processor**: One arrow labeled "Send Transaction" points towards the process, and another labeled "Response" points away from the process.

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## Another ATTD Example

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## First Example

- Input Temperature in Celsius, Output Temperature in Fahrenheit
- What tests would you run?

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## Input and Output Example (continued)

Celsius	Fahrenheit	Notes
0	32	
100	212	Needed?
-273.15	-459.7	Precision?
-273.151	Error	Below 0 Kelvin
500	932	Maximum – Needed?

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## Input and Output – “Unit Tests”

### Formula Tests

Celsius	Fahrenheit	Notes
0	32	
100	212	Needed?

### Precision Tests

Celsius	Fahrenheit	Notes
-273.15	-459.67	Precision

### Limit Tests

Celsius	Fahrenheit	Notes
-273.15	-459.67	0 Kelvin
-273.151	Error	Below 0 Kelvin
500	932	Maximum – Needed?