Testing throughout the software life cycle

Software Testing: INF3121 / INF4121

Summary: Week 2

Software development models

Sequential / Iterative-Incremental / Testing within a life cycle

Test levels

Component (Unit) / Integration / System / Acceptance

Test types

Functional / Non-functional / Software structure / Related to changes

Maintenance testing

Part I: Close-ended questions

Which are good practices for testing within the development life cycle?

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Question 1: Answer

Which are good practices for testing within the development life cycle?

Characteristics of good testing

Early testing

Every development activity has a corresponding testing activity

Each test levels has test objectives specific to that level

Test analysis + design should begin during the corresponding development activity

Testers should be involved in reviewing documents as soon as drafts are available

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Question 2: Answer

Which option best describes objectives for test levels with a life cycle model? Acceptance Is the responsibility of the customer - in general. The goal is to gain confidence in the system; especially in its non-functional characteristics. System The behaviour of the whole system as defined by the scope of the project. Integration Interface between components; interactions with other systems (OS, HW, etc.) Any module, program, object separately testable

Question 2: Answer

Which option best describes objectives for test levels with a life cycle model?

Unit testing

Test and verify the functioning software items

Integration testing

Test and verify the interfaces and interactions between components

System testing

Test the behaviour of the whole system as defined by the project scope

Acceptance testing

Establish confidence in the system | part of system | non-functional characteristics

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Question 3: Answer

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Non-functional testing

Measuring quality characteristics of software

HOW the system performs a certain task / function

ISO 9126 on Software Product Quality

Efficiency | Portability | Reliability | Functionality

Usability | Maintainability

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Question 4: Answer

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Functional testing

Testing WHAT a system should do

Considers the external behaviour of the software

Specification-based testing

Black-box testing

Structure-based testing

White-box testing

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Question 5: Answer

Which of the following is true regarding the process of fixing emergency changes?

Confirmation testing

Retesting of software after defect has been detected and fixed

Confirm that the original defect has been successfully removed

Regression testing

Repeated testing of already tested program after modification

Discover any defects introduced or uncovered as a result of change

Test effort extent is based on risk of finding defects in previously working software

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Question 6: Answer

A regression test ...

Regression testing

After fixing a defect; have we introduced new defects?

Checks unchanged areas of the software

Regression test suites are run many times during development

Evolve slowly

Regression testing is a strong candidate for automation

Question 6: Answer

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Non-functional testing

Testing quality characteristics -> Ability testing

Aspects of software not necessarily related to specific functions

Examples

Reliability testing: Fault tolerance / Robustness / Recoverability / Compliance

Usability testing: Learnability / Operability / Attractiveness

Efficiency testing: Time behaviour / Resource utilisation

Maintainability testing: Analysability / Changeability / Stability / Testability

Portability testing: Adaptability / Installability / Replaceability

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Acceptance testing

Responsible: Customers / Users of the system

Alpha testing

Performed at the site of the developing organisation

Beta testing

Field testing

Performed by people at their own locations

User acceptance / Operational / Contract and regulation testing

Question 8: Answer

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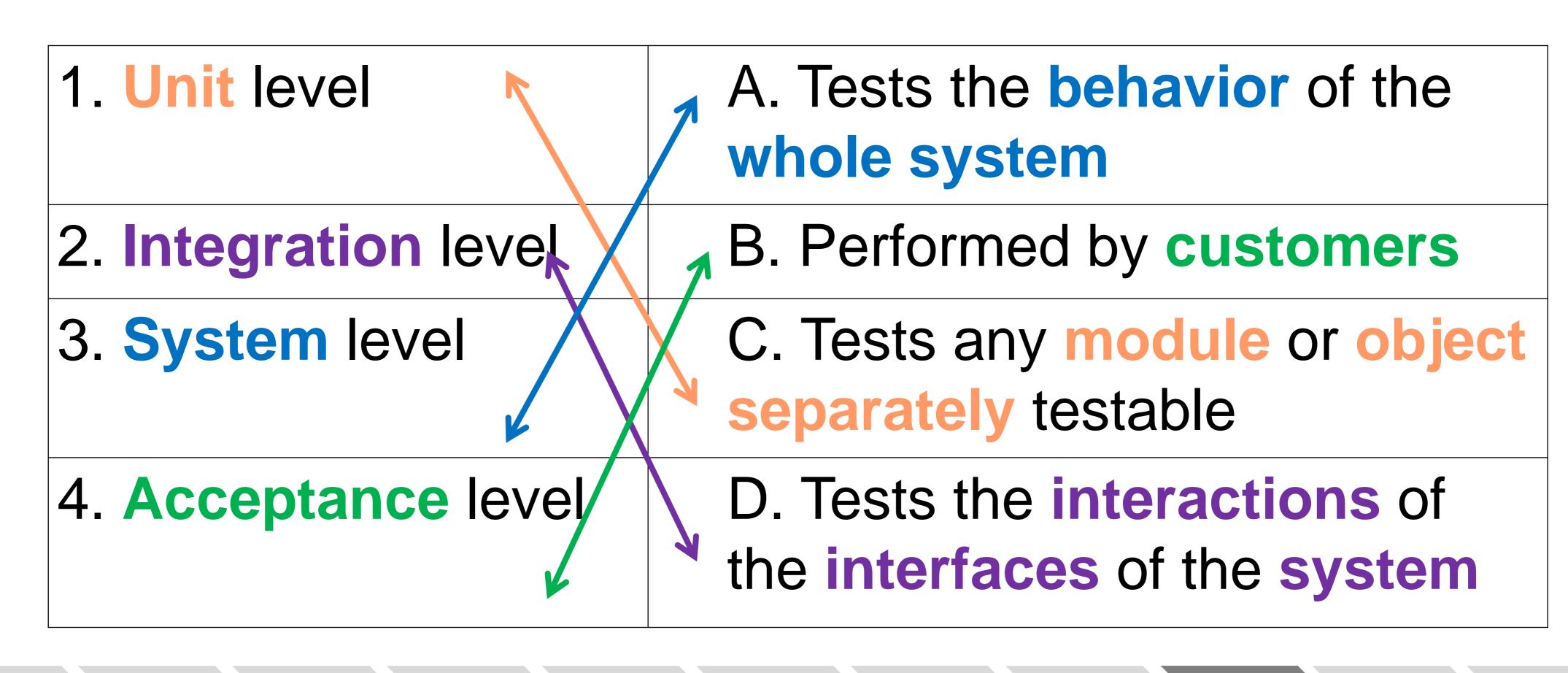
BETA testing

Pair the following test levels with their description

1. Unit level	A. Tests the behavior of the whole system
2. Integration level	B. Performed by customers
3. System level	C. Tests any module or object separately testable
4. Acceptance level	D. Tests the interactions of the interfaces of the system

Question 9: Answer

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- a. True
- b. False

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Acceptance testing

Establish confidence in the system | part of system

Examines non-functional characteristics of the system

Verify the fitness for use

Responsibility lies with the customers / users

Stakeholders may be involved in the testing process

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a. True

b. False

Part II: Exercises and Open-ended questions

Exercise: Different Types of Testing

Go to www.ikea.com/no/no/

Give examples of possible ...

- a. Unit tests
- b. Integration tests
- c. System tests

Unit Tests

Choosing a department



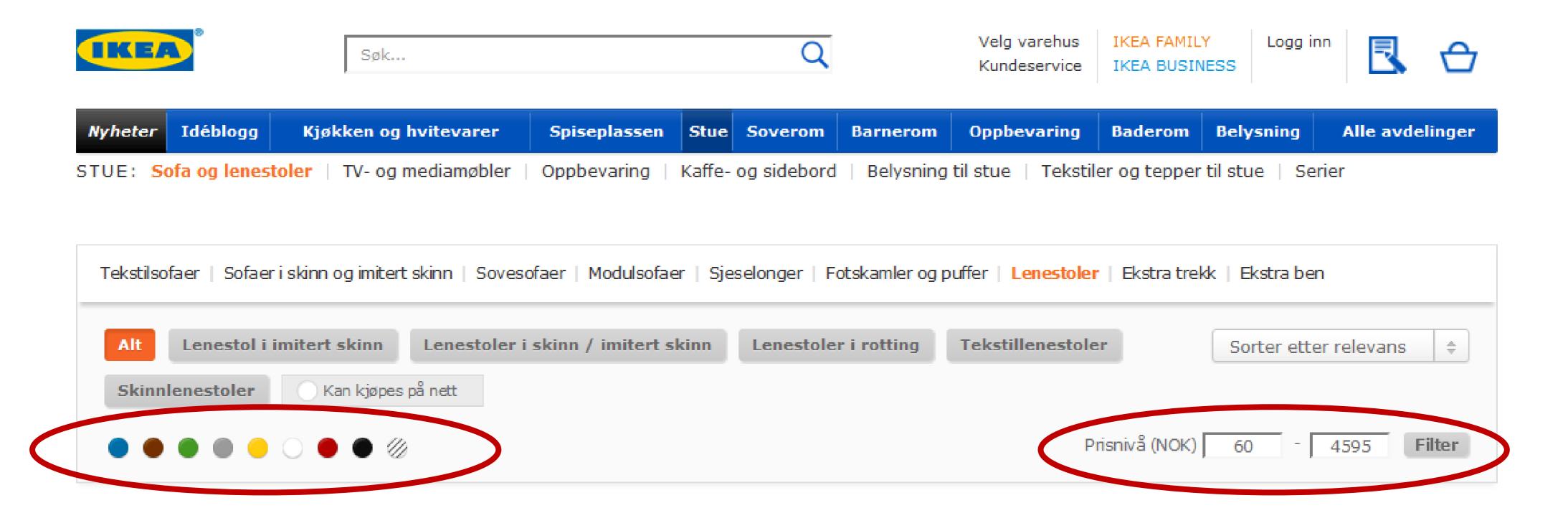
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Integration Tests

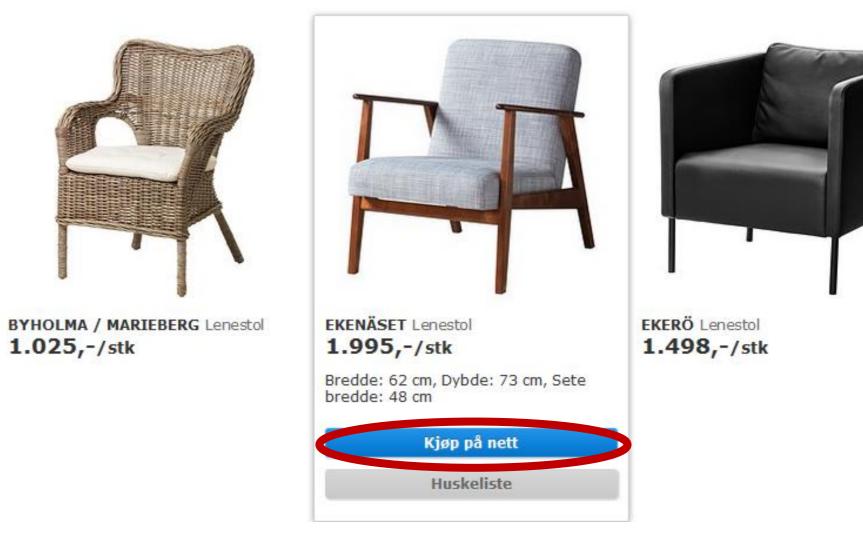
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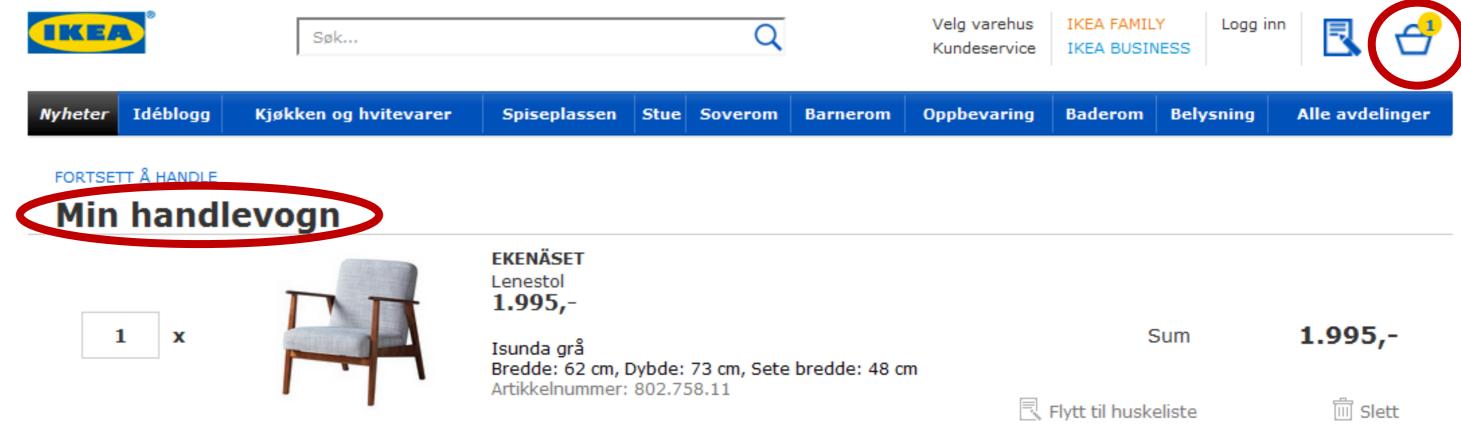


System Tests

Choose an item



Place into shopping cart



Open-Ended Questions

Why do you think we need to test at integration level top-down or bottom-up rather than big-bang?

Why is acceptance testing important?

Why do you think it is important to test on-site?

Top-down Testing

Top-down testing

Testing from top to bottom

From main module to sub-modules

Follows control flow or architectural structure

Stub1

Stub2

Stub3

Stub4

If lower-level modules have not yet been developed

Simulate the lower-level modules using STUBS

Temporary programs substitute components / systems

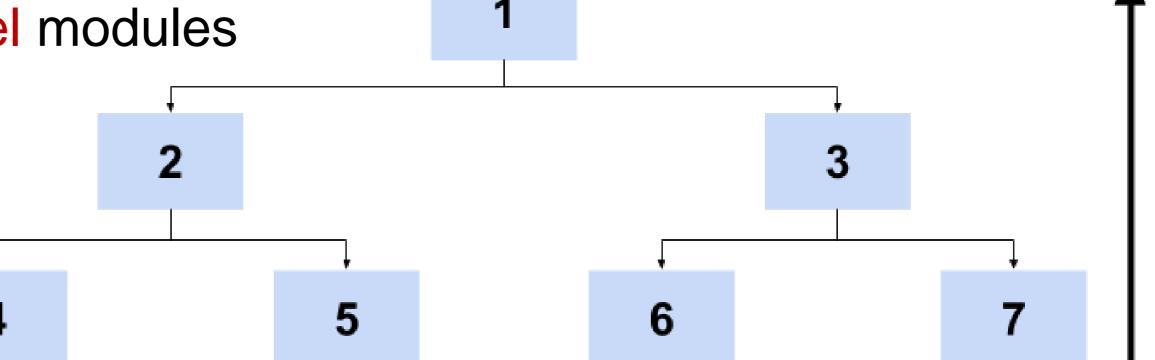
Bottom-up Testing

Bottom-up testing

Testing from bottom of the control flow upwards

From lower-level modules to higher-level modules

Each lower hierarchy component is tested



If higher-level modules have not yet been developed

Simulate the higher-level modules using DRIVERS

Temporary programs to substitute main components or higher-level systems

Importance of Acceptance Testing

Acceptance testing

Does the software product meet the customer's needs?

Does the software product comply with the specified requirements / documentation?

Last chance of the customer to discard an insufficient / inadequate product

Adequate testing protects customer from losses caused by poor software products

Compares results to expectations

Validation

Did we build the *right thing*?

Verification

Did we build the *thing right*?

Importance of Acceptance Testing



explained it



What the Project Manager understood



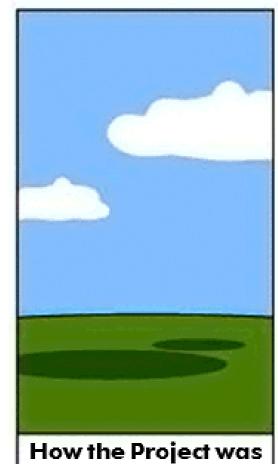
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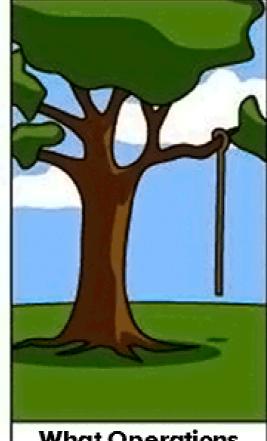
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What the Business Consultant presented



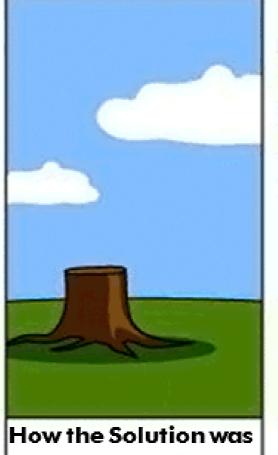
documented



What Operations installed



How the Customer was billed



supported



really needed https://i.stack.imgur.com/2YGV6.png

Importance of on-Site Testing

On-site testing

Get application into the hands of the customers

The people who will actually be using the software product

Provides a "real", overall experience of the software

Realistic environment to mimic actual use after deployment

Potentially more *honest* user feedback

Other benefits

Improve software quality

Bug detection

Cost reduction

The End

Assignments

2-4 people in each group

Alt. I: Register as an individual. We form the groups

Alt. II: Register the entire group at once.

Next week:

Static test techniques

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