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TP1: Testing APL Systems



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Goals



- Review what we know about existing tools and frameworks for testing
- Present some techniques that Dyalog is actually using
- Share our collective experience
- Discuss requirements for potential future frameworks or tools that Dyalog (or the community) might develop







Testing APL Systems

13:30-14:30 (ish, hopefully a bit less)

Session 1: Introduction (Morten)

- Define Terminology
- Review Some Existing Frameworks & Actual Tests

Exercise 1:

Use "Tester" package to write a test



14:45-15:45 Session 2: DTest (Michael)

- Basics
- Demo
- DIY
- Bonus: Automation
- Bonus: Code Coverage

Exercise: Write a test with DTest for coolStat's "Count" function



16:00-17:00 Session 3: Automation (Stefan)

- The case for automation
- Testing on the command line
- Running tests in Docker
- Automation with GitHub Actions

Exercise: Deploy test automation to GitHub

Terminology & Techniques

Types of Testing

- Unit
- Regression
- Integration
- Data Driven
- Code Coverage

Techniques

- Test-driven Development
- Mocking (fakes & stubs)
- Continuous Integration
- GUI Testing (Selenium)



Unit testing

Article Talk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In computer programming, **unit testing** is a software testing method by which individual units of source code—sets of one or more computer program modules together with associated control data, usage procedures, and operating procedures—are tested to determine whether they are fit for use.^[1] It is a standard step in development and implementation approaches such as Agile.

Procedural programming [edit]

In procedural programming, a unit could be an entire module, but it is more commonly an individual function or procedure.

Object-oriented programming [edit]

In object-oriented programming, a unit is often an entire interface, such as a class, or an individual method.^[5] By writing tests first for the smallest testable units, then the compound behaviors between those, one can build up comprehensive tests for complex applications.^[4]

Regression testing

Article Talk

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This article is about software development. For the statistical analysis process, see Regression analysis.

Regression testing (rarely, *non-regression testing*^[1]) is re-running functional and non-functional tests to ensure that previously developed and tested software still performs as expected after a change.^[2] If not, that would be called a *regression*.

Changes that may require regression testing include bug fixes, software enhancements, configuration changes, and even substitution of electronic components (hardware).^[3] As regression test suites tend to grow with each found defect, test automation is frequently involved. The evident exception is the GUIs regression testing, which normally must be executed manually. Sometimes a change impact analysis is performed to determine an appropriate subset of tests (*non-regression analysis*^[4]).



Integration testing (sometimes called **integration and testing**, abbreviated **I&T**) is the phase in software testing in which the whole software module is tested or if it consists of multiple software modules they are combined and then tested as a group. Integration testing is conducted to evaluate the compliance of a system or component with specified functional requirements.^[1] It occurs after unit testing and before system testing. Integration testing takes as its input modules that have been unit tested, groups them in larger aggregates, applies tests defined in an integration test plan to those aggregates, and delivers as its output the integrated system ready for system testing.^[2]



Data-driven testing

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Data-driven testing (DDT), also known as **table-driven testing** or **parameterized testing**, is a software testing methodology that is used in the testing of computer software to describe testing done using a table of conditions directly as test inputs and verifiable outputs as well as the process where test environment settings and control are not hard-coded.^{[1][2]} In the simplest form the tester supplies the inputs from a row in the table and expects the outputs which occur in the same row. The table typically contains values which correspond to boundary or partition input spaces. In the control methodology, test configuration is "read" from a database.

Introduction [edit]

In the testing of software or programs, several methodologies are available for implementing this testing. Each of these methods co-exist because they differ in the effort required to create and subsequently maintain. The advantage of Data-driven testing is the ease to add additional inputs to the table when new partitions are discovered or added to the product or system under test. Also, in the data-driven testing process, the test environment settings and control are not hard-coded. The cost aspect makes DDT cheap for automation but expensive for manual testing.



Test-driven development

Article Talk

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Test-driven development (TDD) is a software development process relying on software requirements being converted to test cases before software is fully developed, and tracking all software development by repeatedly testing the software against all test cases. This is as opposed to software being developed first and test cases created later.

Software engineer Kent Beck, who is credited with having developed or "rediscovered"^[1] the technique, stated in 2003 that TDD encourages simple designs and inspires confidence.^[2]

Test-driven development is related to the test-first programming concepts of extreme programming, begun in 1999,^[3] but more recently has created more general interest in its own right.^[4]

Programmers also apply the concept to improving and debugging legacy code developed with older techniques.^[5]



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Test-driven development cycle [edit]

The following sequence is based on the book Test-Driven Development by Example:^[2]

1. Add a test

The adding of a new feature begins by writing a test that passes iff the feature's specifications are met. The developer can discover these specifications by asking about use cases and user stories. A key benefit of test-driven development is that it makes the developer focus on requirements *before* writing code. This is in contrast with the usual practice, where unit tests are only written *after* code.



2. Run all tests. The new test should fail for expected reasons

This shows that new code is actually needed for the desired feature. It validates

that the test harness is working correctly It rules out the possibility that the new test is flawed and will always pass.

3. Write the simplest code that passes the new test

Inelegant or hard code is acceptable, as long as it passes the test. The code will be honed anyway in Step 5. No code should be added beyond the tested functionality.

4. All tests should now pass

If any fail, the new code must be revised until they pass. This ensures the new code meets the test requirements and does not break existing features.

5. Refactor as needed, using tests after each refactor to ensure that functionality is preserved

Code is refactored for readability and maintainability. In particular, hard-coded test data should be removed. Running the test suite after each refactor helps ensure that no existing functionality is broken.



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In object-oriented programming, mock objects are simulated objects that mimic the behaviour of real objects in controlled ways, most often as part of a software testing initiative. A programmer typically creates a mock object to test the behaviour of some other object, in much the same way that a car designer uses a crash test dummy to simulate the dynamic behaviour of a human in vehicle impacts. The technique is also applicable in generic programming.

Motivation [edit]

In a unit test, mock objects can simulate the behavior of complex, real objects and are therefore useful when a real object is impractical or impossible to incorporate into a unit test. If an object has any of the following characteristics, it may be useful to use a mock object in its place:

- the object supplies non-deterministic results (e.g. the current time or the current temperature);
- it has states that are difficult to create or reproduce (e.g. a network error);
- it is slow (e.g. a complete database, which would have to be prepared before the test);
- it does not yet exist or may change behavior;
- it would have to include information and methods exclusively for testing purposes (and not for its actual task).

For example, an alarm clock program which causes a bell to ring at a certain time might get the current time from a time service. To test this, the test must wait until the alarm time to know whether it has rung the bell correctly. If a mock time service is used in place of the real time service, it can be programmed to provide the bell-ringing time (or any other time) regardless of the real time, so that the alarm clock program can be tested in isolation.



In software engineering, continuous integration (CI) is the practice of merging all developers' working copies to a shared mainline several times a day.^[1] Nowadays it is typically implemented in such a way that it triggers an automated build with testing. Grady Booch first proposed the term CI in his 1991 method,^[2] although he did not advocate integrating several times a day. Extreme programming (XP) adopted the concept of CI and did advocate integrating more than once per day – perhaps as many as tens of times per day.^[3]



In software engineering, code coverage is a percentage measure of the degree to which the source code of a program is executed when a particular test suite is run. A program with high test coverage has more of its source code executed during testing, which suggests it has a lower chance of containing undetected software bugs compared to a program with low test coverage.^{[1][2]} Many different metrics can be used to calculate test coverage. Some of the most basic are the percentage of program subroutines and the percentage of program statements called during execution of the test suite.

Test coverage was among the first methods invented for systematic software testing. The first published reference was by Miller and Maloney in *Communications of the ACM*, in 1963.^[3]

Coverage criteria [edit]

To measure what percentage of code has been executed by a test suite, one or more *coverage criteria* are used. These are usually defined as rules or requirements, which a test suite must satisfy.^[4]

Basic coverage criteria [edit]

There are a number of coverage criteria, but the main ones are:^[5]

- Function coverage has each function (or subroutine) in the program been called?
- Statement coverage has each statement in the program been executed?
- Edge coverage has every edge in the control-flow graph been executed?
 - Branch coverage has each branch (also called the DD-path) of each control structure (such as in *if* and *case* statements) been executed? For example, given an *if* statement, have both the *true* and *false* branches been executed? (This is a subset of edge coverage.)
- **Condition coverage** has each Boolean sub-expression evaluated both to true and false? (Also called predicate coverage.)

What about primitives with switches "built in"?

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Test with y positive, negative and zero?

Code coverage is necessary but NOT sufficient.



Test Frameworks for APL

"Unit Test" Frameworks

- https://github.com/Gianfrancoalongi/APLUnit
 - A "classical" Unit Test framework, inspired by non-APL frameworks
- https://xpqz.github.io/learnapl/testing.html
 - A more pragmatic and APL-friendly approach.

Other Test Frameworks

- **DTest** (DyalogTest) an internal tool used at Dyalog, that is included with Dyalog APL
- **davin-Tester** A Tatin Package by Davin Church
- **aplteam-Tester2** Tatin Package by Kai Jaeger, used to test many of Kai's tools
- **aplteam-CodeCoverage** Tatin package for measuring code coverage

Do you/we know of others?



https://github.com/ Gianfrancoalongi/APLUnit

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Some Recent QA we have written...

- Ullu: Testing APL primitives
- Kamila's tests
- Link Testing
- Selenium

(Michael will show some examples based on DTest in the next section)









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Link Testing





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Test for expected errors



- The Link QA needs to test Link's responses to notifications of additions, deletions, and changes to files
- File System Watcher cause callbacks to APL from .NET. These are:
 - Not processed until the end of the current thread time slice (so if QA script keeps running, it may be some time before the callback runs)
 - Potentially simultaneous: If one takes more than one time slice to process, the next callback may start running before the previous one is completed
- This is usually not a problem for the normal use case of editing or moving a small number of files outside APL "by hand"
- However, for a QA that makes hundreds or thousands of additions, deletions, moves and copies, it leads to intermittent, unpredictable failures



Keep trying until Event arrives and is processed.

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This also helped a bit



Modified Function

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- The out-of-order processing meant that delaying was not enough
 - Create-Update-Delete notifications might not arrive in that order
- It was ultimately impossible to get the Link QA to run reliably when using a real File System Watcher
- The solution was to "Mock" the FSW by covering all file system operations and call the FSW callback function immediately.
- This simulated a "synchronous" FSW and finally made the tests deterministic (after three years of messing about)



Invoke FSW callback explicitly



Asynchronous Effects / GUI Testing

- Sometimes, a test will trigger an effect which will take time to materialise
- We have seen how Link "assert" waited in a loop
- Automated GUI testing will nearly always exhibit this behaviour


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WC – No idea how to test automatically



Driving Dyalog IDE



Testing APL Systems



Test Driven Development

 Write tests BEFORE fixing the problem or adding the new functionality

... or at least before you make the commits ⁽³⁾





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Observed APL Practices



(Small) Unit Testing is expensive

APL functions are more like complete modules in other languages





Data Driven Regression Testing is common

Generating lots of test data in APL is easy



Continuous Integration

On the rise in APL!



Framework Requirement Spec

Assert

- Bool rarg of built-in ≡
- How to identify failing test
- Async capability?
- Expect Specific Error
 - EN or DM text
- Logging levels
 - Error / Warning
 - Verbose / Quiet

- Stopping behaviour
- Record Random Seed
 - Log/report it on failure
- Temporary folder creation
 - ... And cleanup?
- Code coverage



Recommendations

- Design application to allow
 - Unit Testing
 - Mocking
- Write tests before coding commit
- (more to come)



A couple of Tatin Packages

aplteam-Tester2

- Kai Jaeger's own test framework for testing his own tools / packages
- davin-Tester
 - A very simple test framework

Tester2

C https://github.com/aplteam/Tester2

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Overview 2

The framework comprises two classes:

- Tester2 is a class required to manage and execute test cases.
- CodeCoverage is needed if you want to produce a code coverage report, something that is recommended.

The purpose of Tester2 is to provide a framework for testing all the projects of the APLTree library. Only with such a framework is it possible to make changes to any APLTree project with confidence.



Test cases in #.Tester2.TestCases
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✓ Test 010 (2/13) A Does not execute in batch mode but is okay otherwise
* Test_011 (3/13) A Fails
Test_021 (4/13) A Broken
√ Test_2 (5/13) A Successful test case
✓ Test_Grouping_001 (6/13) A Exercise just grouping [1]
√ Test_Grouping_002 (7/13) A Exercise just grouping [2]
✓ Test_Grouping_003 (8/13) A Exercise just grouping [3]
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2 test cases failed (flagged with ")	11	\checkmark	Grp1_003	Third in Grp1
Time of execution recorded on variable	12	√	Grp2_001	First in Grp2

Result

Failed

{Broken}

ОК

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OK

Looking for a function "Cleanup"... ...not found

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Second in Grp2

√ Grp2_002

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Start

davin-Tester



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This is a small set of utility programs to assist with function-level testing of applications using a very simple syntax and programming interface. Copy any or all of these routines into a namespace containing test case functions (or cross-referenced with them). These completely standalone testing-management programs (implemented as programmed operators) are then called from the application's test case function(s) to perform the call-and-return test(s) as written. Executing the test case function(s) will then perform all the coded testing and result validations.

If multiple functions are to be used to perform testing, the included Test cover function may be used to call them all in sequence. It is invoked with a list of function names (in almost any reasonable structure and format) as a right argument, the matching function names in the namespace will be executed. These names may include an * wild-card character, so Test '*' will execute all the functions in the workspace. An optional left argument may be specified to temporarily override the global StopOnError setting (see below). Test will return a completion message unless errors are being counted, in which case it will return that count.

This is a member of the APLTree project and is also available via the Tatin package manager.

Testing engine *∂*

The testing engine consists of three independent, stand-alone APL operators. These may be used individually for simple argument/result testing anywhere. The left operand of each operator is the function to be tested. The right operand is the expected result. The derived function uses the provided left and right arguments and passes them directly to the function being tested. The three routines are:

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Tester	Used to
Pass	Make sure the tested function returns the expected result, which is provided as the right operand value (<i>if a value is specified</i>). Alternatively a boolean function may be specified as the right operand which will be called monadically with the result to verify that the result is correct.
Pass_	Make sure the tested function does NOT return an explicit result in this case. The right operand must be a boolean function to determine if the tested function produced proper side-effects, or {1} or (1~) is sufficient if no explicit verification is to be performed.
Fail	Make sure the tested function exits with a SIGNAL as validated by the right operand. The right operand may be text to match DM, a numeric (array) for EN to be a member of, or a boolean function (provided up to both of these values) to validate that the failure was as expected.



Error handling during testing 🖉

These routines all respect the setting of an optional namespace-global variable named StopOnError, which may be set to any of the following values:

StopOnError	Function
0	Do not stop, just report invalid test results.
1	Stop in the testing function on the line that did not validate. [Default]
2	Stop in the tested function at the original error without any error trapping.
-1	Do not stop, and increment global variable "Errors" if it exists.

This error handling is performed as described if an APL error occurs during execution of the test or if validation fails.



Stopping during testing $\ensuremath{\mathscr{O}}$

These routines also respect the setting of an optional namespace-global variable named StopOnTest which may be used to place a DSTOP breakpoint in the code being tested. It should consist of a simple character vector (or a nested vector of such vectors to specify several stop points) that contains the name of the testing function (e.g. TestFoo) that is calling one of the above routines (not the name of the function actually being tested), followed by the desired line number in square brackets.

For instance, if testing function TestFoo runs 3 different tests on function Foo from its lines 1, 2, and 3, then you may tell the testing to pause for the test on line 2 by specifying StopOnTest+'TestFoo[2]'. The stop actually occurs on Foo[1] but only when it is being called from TestFoo[2].

If you wish to specify a particular line of the tested code on which to stop (instead of [1]), extend the StopOnTest breakpoint notation to include an @ followed by the function name and line number where the stop is to be placed. For instance, StopOnTest+'TestFoo[2]@Foo[17]' will cause the stop to occur on line [17] of Foo when it is called from line [2] of TestFoo. This method can also be used to stop on any other subroutine instead by specifying its name after the @. Any tested function not in the current namespace should be listed with an appropriate full or relative dotted name.

Remember that any D-fn must have multiple lines in order for it to accept a ______ setting.



Writing application testing functions @

Create one or more functions with any desired names (e.g. TestFoo) that uses these operators for each function call to be tested. For instance, if the Plus function is to be tested with:

3 Plus 4

7

Include in your testing function (e.g. TestFoo) the simple line:

3 (Plus Pass 7) 4

This means that 3 Plus 4 will pass the test if it returns 7 for a result.

Testing function notes 🖉

- These arbitrary testing routines may include any other code as needed to prepare the tests to be performed (and clean up afterwards), initialize testing arguments, loop through multiple tests, call subroutines, or perform any other desired actions that APL allows.
- A niladic function may be tested by enclosing it in a D-fn and passing a dummy right argument.
- Since these routines are actually operators rather than functions, remember to use parentheses around the operator and its operands or use another mechanism to separate the operands from the tested function's arguments.
- Also remember that when invoking operators, the right operand has short scope and probably needs to be enclosed in parentheses itself
 whenever an expression is being used as the right operand rather than a simple value.
- The ⊢ function may be used with Pass to perform a simple value assertion test, such as in (⊢Pass 7) 3+4, or a named function may be assigned to perform a logical assertion check with Assert←⊢Pass 1.

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Our Application

https://github.com/Dyalog-Training/DTest/coolStat/src/coolStat.apln

```
:Namespace coolStat
□ A A next generation statistics package
A ©2023 Humble Author
A in memoriam Ken Iverson, Kurt Gödel, Abu Dschaʿfar Muhammad ibn Musa al-Chwārizmī (أبى مزر اوخل الحين وم زب دمحم رضعج وبأ)
A with gratitude to Adám Brudzewsky and in respect of Steve Mansour
A dedicated to my lovely wife
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\begin{bmatrix} Median+{} & \\ & (2 \div \because 1 \perp \vdash [] \because \circ c \blacktriangle [2 \div \because 0 \ 1 + \neq) \omega \\ \end{pmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix} Count+{A counts the number of elements in a vector } \\ & \rho \omega \\ \end{pmatrix}
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:EndNamespace

Exercise 1

• Write a test for one or more coolStat functions using davin-Tester

]tatin.loadpackages Tester

... or ...

```
tester←'https://github.com/DavinChurch/Tester/blob/main/Source/Tester/'
{[]SE.UCMD 'get ',tester,' ',ω}¨'Fail.aplo' 'Pass.aplo' 'Pass_.aplo' 'Test.aplf'
```

 ... Or use code scraped from <u>https://xpqz.github.io/learnapl/testing.html</u> (or slide #18)





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]DTest

Michael Baas



Are you ready?

• Start Dyalog

Same version?

]DEVOPS.DTest -?	
]DEVOPS.DTest	
Run (a selection of) functions named test_* from a namespace, file or director	
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Scope of the workshop

Unit testing with DTest

...verify the functionality of a specific section of code...

(for APLers: "a function")

- there's more...
- Leave inspired! 😳



```
demo/
...
coolStat.apln
Tests/
coolStat.dyalogtest
setup_coolStat.aplf
test_Avg.aplf
test_Median.aplf
```



r demo/				
	- src/			
	c <u>oolStat.apln</u>			
	Tests/			
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	<pre>setup_coolStat.aplf</pre>			
	test_Avg.aplf			
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Writing tests

dfn/test_foo1.aplf

test_foo1←{

x←argL MyFn argR


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xpct Assert x: A bla

{res} ← a Assert b a≡b: returns 0 a≢b: returns 1, logs failed Assertion comment can also be in separate line or var ⊢ a Assert b "var" has explanation of failure



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1.1

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or
var ⊢ a Assert b
"var" has explanation of failure



{res}←a Check b

a≡b: returns 0 **a≢b**: returns 1

a ← **a Because b** returns a and appends b to global r

```
tradfn / test_foo2.dyalog

∇ r + test_foo2 sink

x + argL MyFn argR
r + ''

:if xpct Check x

→0 Because'test failed'

:endif
```



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.dyalogtest:

```
DyalogTest: 1.84
[SuccessValue: ...]
[Setup: ...]
Test: test_1
Test: test_foo
...
[Teardown: ...]
```

Test function

Test functions need to return an empty string to indicate success. If you want to use 0 or other values, have a look at the "SuccessValue" modifier or add it to the .dyalogtest suite.

Test DSL

```
[docvar]+x Assert y OR x Check y
```

Returns 1 if the assertion that x=y is wrong, 0 otherwise. If -halt modifier is set, halts execution if check fails. Additional comments on line or immediately before or after. If comments are computed, use docvar+x Assert y

```
x IsNotElement y test \sim x \in y and halts execution if it isn't.
```

```
x Because y
concatenates y to global "r" and returns x.
=> "Syntax sugar" to enable statements like:
:if 1 Check 2 ◊ →0 Because'1≠2!' ◊ :endif
```

```
n+[id] ##.RandomVal x [y]
generates y (default=1) random values identified by "id" (like [y]?x).
```

('Type' 'I|W|E')Log txt Adds txt to specified log (Info / Warning / Error)



Running tests

]DTest {.dyalogtest | .aplf | .dyalog | path} -modifiers

Modifiers:

-halt: halts execution when Check or Assert fails (so that you can examine the ws)

-trace: trace into setup(s) and tests()

-verbose: show text logged with Log. (test fns should access ##.verbose if they want to support this for [-..output!)

-quiet[=0|1]: only shows error messages (1) or all messages (0)

-filter=aaa: select tests to execute (supports * and ?)

- loglvl=n: controls the log files DTest creates. Value is a sum of the values.

1={base.log} - Errors

2={base}.warn.log - Warnings

4={base}.info.log - Informations

8={base}.session.log - Session log

16={base}.session.log - Session log ONLY for failing tests

32={base}.log.json - machine-readable results ("rc"=20: Success, 21=Failure)

-off[=0|1]: do (1) or do not (0) exit APL after running tests (also writes logfiles if required)

-order[=0|1|"numvec"]: order of tests. (0=random, 1=alphabetical, numvec specifies alternate order)

-SuccessValue=nnn: the value that successful tests need to return



Excercise

- Implement a test for the coolStat.Count function!
- Bonus points if you find a way to improve the implementation.
 (Is there a way to improve this (is that even possible?))



Test automation





Automating tests

- Classic or Unicode?
- Unicode
 - LX="SE.DTest"
 - LOAD=".../Tests" with Run.[aplf]dyalog]
- Classic
 - needs a .dws to start things
 - keep it small: □LX ← '□FIX"file:...Run.aplf"
- loglvl=32 to get a .log.json

Code Coverage

- Careful: 100% Coverage does not mean 100% Correctness!
- 100% Coverage means that all code was executed, all possible branches were excuted.
- So IF your test cases were designed to be be wide and general (and cover ALL requirements), chances are that your code is good ;)

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Part 3: Testing Dyalog with Docker and GitHub Actions



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Pre-requisites

- Docker installed
- git installed -- or GitHub Desktop
- A GitHub account
- Dyalog v18.2 + current(ish) DTest

GitHub Desktop

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Project Layout





A DTest Function

```
test_mysum ← {
    '1+1 should equal 2'⊢2 Assert 1 #.mysum 1:
    ''
}
```


Task: Run]dtest manually

]link.create # /{path}/2023-TP1b/src]dtest /{path}/2023-TP1b/tests



Running tests from the command line

Utilise the LOAD parameter



- On start-up, Dyalog will] l i nk the folder given
- If it finds a function called Run, it will run it

Task: Run tests from shell



% dyalog -b -s LOAD=src Linked: # ↔ /Users/stefan/work/testws/src All tests passed



Task: Make a test fail!



```
% dyalog -b -s LOAD=src
Linked: # ↔ /Users/stefan/work/testws/src
*** Errors logged
test_assert: ... = "Assertion failed: 1+1 should equal 2"
left arg = "3", □DR=83, rho=
right arg = "2", □DR=83, rho=
Time spent: 0.0s
-order="2 1"
```



The Run function

- Run locates the tests, and executes]dtest, and then
 OFFs appropriately
- The GitHub Action expects a command to return 0 on success, and non-zero otherwise: OFF 0 means success.







Docker



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#!/bin/bash

```
export DYALOG=/opt/mdyalog/{{DYALOG_RELEASE}}/64/unicode/
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH="${DYALOG}:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}"
export WSPATH=$WSPATH:${DYALOG}/ws
export TERM=dumb
export APL_TEXTINAPLCORE=${APL_TEXTINAPLCORE-1}
export TRACE_ON_ERROR=0
export SESSION_FILE="${SESSION_FILE-$DYALOG/default.dse}"
```

```
$DYALOG/dyalog -b -s
```

Task 3: Build container locally

docker build -t dytest .



Remove container on exit

docker run --rm 📈





docker run --rm \

- v

"\$(pwd)/DBuildTest/DyalogBuild.dyalog:/home/dyalog MyUCMDs/DyalogBuild.dyalog" \

-v "\$(pwd)/src:/src" \
-v "\$(pwd)/tests:/tests" \
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Task 4: Run it (Windows PowerShell)

```
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-v
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MyUCMDs/DyalogBuild.dyalog"

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```



```
% docker run --rm \
   -v "$(pwd)/DBuildTest/ {ooo} /DyalogBuild.dyalog" \
   -v "$(pwd)/src:/src" \
   -v "$(pwd)/tests:/tests" \
   dytest
Link Warning: []SE.Link.Create: .NET or .NetCore not availabl
   - watch defaults to 'ns'
Linked: # → /src
```

```
Rebuilding user command cache... done
All tests passed
```

GitHub Actions



name: Run Dyalog APL Unit Tests

```
on:
  push:
                                          ...pushes to the main branch
    branches:
       - main
jobs:
  run-dyalog:
                                          What kind of O/S should the Action runner use?
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
    - name: Checkout code
                                          Check out our repository
       uses: actions/checkout@v2
                                          Use GitHub's "checkout" action
       with:
         submodules: 'recursive'
                                          ...including submodules
         fetch-depth: 0
```

```
- name: Build custom Docker image
run: docker build -t dytest .
```

```
# ]dtest requires write access to /tests
```

- name: Set permissions for /tests
run: chmod 777 tests

```
Tweak permissions
```

```
- name: Run unit tests
run: |
docker run --rm \
-v "${{ github.workspace
}}/DBuildTest/DyalogBuild.dyalog:/home/dyalog/MyUCMDs/DyalogBuild.dyalog"
\
-v "${{ github.workspace }}/src:/src" \
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Task 5: Action!



Git cheat-sheet

git add src/mysum.aplf git commit -m 'Make a test fail' git push origin main



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