Distributed and Outsourced Software Engineering

Assignment 4: Testing and API Consolidation

Deadline: November 13th - 5 pm (Zurich time)

1. Testing and API consolidation

In this task you should develop test cases for your project. You will use these tests during the implementation (final project phase) to check the quality of your code. During this assignment, the tests will help you to understand the APIs of the other teams' components. You should provide feedback to the API developers on how the API could be improved.

1.1 Setup

Each team will develop tests for another team’s component. For example, you could have the following setup:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Develops component</th>
<th>Tests component</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Team 1</td>
<td>Logic</td>
<td>GUI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Team 2</td>
<td>GUI</td>
<td>AI + NET</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Team 3</td>
<td>AI + NET</td>
<td>Logic</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Your group should decide which team tests which other team's component.

1.2 AutoTest configuration

For the actual testing, you should write unit tests whenever possible. EiffelStudio has an integrated testing tool called AutoTest. It supports different kinds of tests (manual, extracted, generated). For this task, you should only write manual tests. A tutorial on how to use AutoTest and how to write manual test cases can be found here:

We also provide examples of test cases for the TicTacToe game. Check out the latest version from the repository (and read the explanatory comments in the code).

The tutorial explains how you can tag your test cases. In order to structure the tests of all the different groups, you should tag each test case using the pattern:

```
testing: “user/your_class_prefix”
```

For example, all test cases of the TicTacToe game are tagged with

```
    note    testing: "user/TTT"
    local
```

Using these tags, you can filter for the test cases relevant to your game within AutoTest. For example, all TicTacToe test cases show up when using the filter: `user/TTT`

Before executing the tests using AutoTest tool, you should **disable** parallel test execution (set preference value to 1):

### 2.2 Commit your test cases

Commit all your test cases to the repository at

```
dose2013/src/dose_tests/group_X_tests
```

where X is your group number. For this assignment, the tests cases can all be failing as there are no implementations yet. The tests should, however, pass by the end of the project.

**Suggested test coverage**

Assume you have requirements \( R_1, R_2, R_n \) which have been classified with different priorities (e.g. High, Medium and Low); and during the API design you created public routines \( pr_1, pr_2, pr_m \) and private routines \( r_1, r_2, r_k \).

Map the routines to their corresponding requirements. Based on the requirements' priorities, you can then distinguish how well a routine should be tested:
• **S1 (High)**: public routines for requirements of high priority
• **S2 (Medium)**: public routines for requirements of medium priority
• **S3 (Low)**: public routines for requirements of low priority

Note that it is sufficient to test public routines\(^1\) only.

You should write **about 2-4 test cases** for **most of the routines in S1**; **at least 1 test** case for **about 50% of the routines in S2**; and **at least 1 test case** for **about 10% of the routines in S3**.

### 3. Consolidate and enhance Acceptance Test Plan

Your group’s team from Australia or Brazil has developed an *Acceptance Test Plan* based on the requirements document. This plan should be available in the repository at:

```
dose2013/testplans/req_team_name
```

As unit tests are not well suited for UI and acceptance testing, the team in charge of UI testing should do the following: implement unit tests where possible and, in addition, study, consolidate and enhance the Acceptance Test Plan so it can be used to test the final implementation of the game.

Commit the updated test plan to the repository at. Create a new folder with your group’s name as follows (where X is your group number):

```
dose2013/testplans/groupX
```

**General note:** If the workload for the individual teams is too unequal, you can reassign team members to help out other teams.

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\(^1\) Tests of private routines are often useful for the implementer of a routine but not for the clients.